

PRT 375- “Chasing Diamond”

I woke up to the smell of bug spray and sweat.

“Ugh.” I groaned as I rolled off my cot.

“Good Morning Mia.” Kaya said.

I narrowed my eyes at her, “What exactly is good about it? I’m in a South American rain forest chasing a rebel that is still one step ahead of us and I missed being on SNL. When I find Diamond I’m going to torture him before I kill him.”

“Calm down Mia. We’ll find him. We just have to keep moving. I finally was able to pinpoint him about an hour ago.”

“Oh? You finally got a lock instead of a blip?”

“Yeah.”

“OK, where is he?”

“Austin, Texas.”

“OK, let’s get out of this humid bug nest and get to Texas.”

Mina

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“I can’t believe you’re taking her side!” I cried.

“Whoa! I’m NOT taking sides.” Lita said shaking her head.

“You sound like it.”

“All I’m saying is that you shouldn’t blame Serena. She did what she felt she had to do. This comes down to you and Michelle. You both started this and you both caused this.”

I sighed, “I hate Michelle.”

“You do not.”

“Yeah Lita, I do.”

“I still can’t believe you made a deal with Nemesis.”

“I did what I thought had to be done.”

“Yeah, and if Jon finds out you’re the leak then you’re toast.”

I rolled my eyes, “Oh please, I’m not worried about Jon. What’s he going to do to me? He can’t sue because the pictures are real, and if he so much as touches me I’ll call the cops and he knows it. He won’t do anything.”

“I hope you’re right.”

“Right now my biggest concern is Adam and how I’m going to get him back.”

“Well, making up with Mich would be a start.”

“No, I mean something actually doable.”

Lita sighed, “Then I have no idea. He’s pretty angry...and I can’t say I blame him.”

“Thanks a lot.”

“I’m sorry, but you did make a deal with Nemesis. Do you even get that? NEMESIS.”

“Yeah, yeah. I know.”

“I don’t get it. How did this happen? You and Mich were best friends and now you guys hate each other.”

“It was a long time coming.”

“You’re going to regret this. You two have been through too much to just throw it away.”

I rolled my eyes again, “Whatever Lita.”

Lita had come over and we were sitting on my sofa drinking iced tea and talking. I guess she thought she could talk me into forgiving Mich...that wasn’t going to happen...ever.

Mia

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Kaya and I arrived in Austin and headed in the direction that Kaya was getting a signal from. We tracked Diamond to a dumpy motel in South Austin. We went in the back way, following a patron, and Kaya managed to pinpoint his signal in room 418. I blasted the door open and found Diamond sitting on the bed.

“About time you found me.” He said.

“You knew we were tracing you?” I asked.

“Yes, it was my plan.”

“What plan?”

“Get you away from the princess. It worked didn’t it.”

“I left plenty to keep your princess busy.”

“You honestly think your minions can take on the princess and her guardians?”

“How did you survive Diamond?”

“Dumb luck. Wiseman left me for dead, but didn’t check to make sure I was dead. When Sailor Moon defeated the dark crystal I was expelled into the future. There wasn’t enough energy to take me back to the 30th century, but I did end up in the 22nd. I was found and nursed back to health. I saw the destruction of the future and knew I had to try to save the past so the future is strong enough to fight the threats. I also knew you would awaken and if you were to rule Nemesis then it would always be the dark, dismal planet it is and will be. I decided that when I was strong enough I would come back to this time and make sure you don’t have a chance to rule.” He said.

“Oh, and who should rule? You?”

“Yes. I would bring in a new regime of hope and peace.”

“Pathetic. You’re never getting my throne Diamond. Your days as a prince are over.” I said as I started to blast him. He dodged and returned with his own attack.

“Mia, be careful.” Kaya warned.

“Don’t worry about me Kaya. Diamond is the only one going down here.” I said.

“I wouldn’t count on it Mia.” Diamond said.

“You’re a rebel Diamond. You’ll never win.”

“I’m the future Prince of Nemesis.”

“Over my dead body.”

“I can arrange that.”

We fought for several minutes but neither of us ever truly gained the upper hand.

“This is going nowhere. You’re stronger than I thought. Maybe you would make a good prince. You could rule at my side.” I said.

“Are you serious? Me? Rule with you? Not a chance.”

“Your loss.” I said blasting again.

“When I get to the princess and tell her who you are it will all be over.” Diamond said as he blocked my attack again.

“You won’t get the chance.”

“Try me.” Diamond said as he teleported away.

“UGH! I’m going to kill that guy!” I shrieked.

“Calm down Mia, you’re of no use if you’re out of control. Relax.” Kaya said.

“Relax?! Diamond is probably heading to LA to tell the others who I am! I have to stop him!”

“It’ll be ok. Let’s go.”

Mina

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“So can we stop talking about Michelle, please? I’d much rather discuss your engagement!” I said.

“Oh, ok. I didn’t think you’d want to talk about it because of...you know...” Lita said.

“Lita, just because my engagement is on the rocks doesn’t mean I’m not thrilled for you and Andrew. It’s about time you two get married.”

Lita laughed, “I know, I know. And I’m so excited!”

“You should be! Have you set a date yet?”

“No, but Andrew isn’t wanting to wait so I think it’ll be before the end of the year.”

“I don’t blame him. It took forever for you to say ‘yes’.”

“Yeah, I know. But I’d like to get rid of Nemesis before the wedding. The last thing I want is to have to run out in the middle of my own wedding to fight Nemesis or her latest scheme.”

“Yeah, I understand. I guess I don’t have to worry about that now.” I sighed.

“Hey, don’t start. You did this to yourself Mina. What was Serena supposed to do? Let you go wild with your power?”

“I didn’t do anything wrong!”

“You used them against Michelle and were about to go after Rini and Harley.”

“Michelle was asking for it and Rini and Harley are EVIL.”

“I won’t argue Michelle is partly to blame, but Rini and Harley are brainwashed. We need to try to save them, not kill them.”

“Oh I wasn’t actually going to kill them, just injure them enough to capture them.”

“Sure you were.”

I rolled my eyes, “Whatever.”

“The point is, Serena felt she had no choice. It tore her up to do that to you.”

“Yeah, she seemed SO broken up.”

“She was Mina, you have no idea how hard that was for her.”

“Forgive me if I lack sympathy but I’ve lost my fiancé, powers, company, record deal, best friend, and I feel alienated from the rest of my friends now too.”

“That’s your doing Mina. You did all of that on your own.”

“With some help from Michelle.”

“Yeah, but you kept the war going too.”

I rolled my eyes again, “Yeah, whatever.”

Mia

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Kaya and I got back to LA and started trying to find Diamond. We tracked him to an abandoned warehouse.

“Nice try Diamond. You’re not escaping this time. Nemesis Spirit Power!” I cried as I transformed. “Nemesis Dark Blast!”

The blast hit Diamond straight on and he flew back into a wall.

“Ready to surrender?” I asked.

“Surrender to you? Not in a million years.”

“Then prepare to suffer!” I screamed as I blasted him again.

He was clearly hurt badly, but he still managed to get up and blast me back. It was unexpected and by the time I got up and went to finish him off, he was gone...somehow.

“UGH! Where did he go?” I cried.

“He’s too injured to go far.” Kaya said.

“So track him!”

“Unfortunately his life force is also weak. I can’t track him.”

“We have to find him. Maybe he’ll die from his injuries and he’ll make it easy on us.”

“We can only hope. We have to find him before he blows your cover.”

“I know that Kaya...but you can’t track him, what do I do?”

Kaya sighed, “I don’t know Mia. I guess we start looking for him.”

“LA is a huge city!”

“Yeah, so we better get to work.”

Mina

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“Thanks for coming by.” I said as I walked Lita out. She needed to get home.

“Anytime. You know we’re friends no matter what.” She said hugging me.

“Thanks. See you later.” I said as she left. I closed the door and grabbed my keys. I needed to go pick up some things from the store.

I got in my car and was driving when I noticed a white lump in the road. It looked like a hurt human. I slammed on my brakes and after the car squealed to a stop I threw it into park and got out. I ran to the lump and saw it was, in fact, a person.

“Sir, are you ok?” I asked as I knelt next to the man.

The man looked up, “Venus, help me.”

I looked at the man, wide eyed, it was Prince Diamond! “Prince Diamond, who did this?”

“Princess Mia.”

“Princess Mia?”

“Sailor Nemesis.”

“Nemesis is Princess Mia? Mia? Why do I know that na...Mia Blackwood? Prince Diamond, is Sailor Nemesis Mia Blackwood?”

“Yes.” Diamond said right before he passed out.

I needed help fast. I pulled out my cell phone and dialed Adam’s number.

“Hello?” he answered.

“Adam, it’s me, please don’t hang up.”

“What do you want Mina?”

“I need help. Prince Diamond is back and he was attacked by Nemesis. I need help. I think he’s dying.”

“Whoa, I thought he was dead.”

“Me too, but he’s not...not yet anyway. Please, I’m begging you.”

“Where are you?”

“South Cedar Road.”

“I’m on my way.”

I knew Adam would help me with Prince Diamond, which was good. I had so many questions...but the biggest was what to do with this new information. Mia had replaced me as Michelle’s best friend and Michelle had no idea she was Nemesis and trying to destroy her. Part of me wanted to tell Michelle but another part felt she deserved what she was getting. I had no idea how to handle this.