

PRT 354- "Princesses of Hope 7: Happily Never After"

We all went back to the loft.

"Everyone just relax. I'll get Flit and Lily to get us plenty of pizzas for everyone." RJ said.

"It is so good to be out of there." I said as I fell back in RJ's chair.

"Um, sweetie, baby girl..."

"Yeah?"

"The chair..."

"What about it?"

"My chair..."

"I sit here all the time."

"In my lap."

I rolled my eyes, "I was just held captive by Nemesis, don't even start with me over the chair right now."

RJ nodded, "Right. OK. I'll get those pizzas."

"Protective of that chair isn't he?" Hunter asked after RJ went downstairs.

"Yeah, just a bit." I said, "I'm fine. You should go back to Ronny or whatever now."

"Ronny is fine. I'll meet up with her later."

"Hunter, she's your girlfriend, not me."

"Oh come on Michelle, he risked his life for you. Be nice." Amara said.

"Amara, stay out of this." Michele said, pulling her back.

"Why did you risk your life for me? I'm not your girlfriend anymore." I said.

"I know, but that doesn't mean I don't care." Hunter said.

"It was so scary in there." Snow said as she hugged Ferdinand.

"It was, but we made it." Aurora said.

"Of course you did. You are all very strong women." Philip said as he kissed his princess.

"The important thing is that everyone is ok." Alex said.

Astrid nodded, "Yes. And now we need to get home."

"After you eat. Trista can get you all back to your own times." I said.

"Good, because we kinda had a crash landing with the Time Ship." Alex said.

"Time Ship? Where is the Time Ship? You didn't just leave it, did you?" Astrid asked.

"Oh crap, I did! I was so focused on finding you I forgot about it."

"Alex! If someone else finds that ship..."

"I know...we should go get it and make sure there's no future documentation in it."

Astrid nodded, "We'll be back."

"Pizza for all." RJ said as he, Flit, and Lily started bringing up a full buffet of pizzas.

"What is pizza?" Cinderella asked.

"The best food ever invented. Eat up."

"It smells good." Charming said.

"It looks a little strange. Is it a pie or a dinner?" Belle asked.

"I don't really care. I'm starving." Jasmine said as she grabbed a slice, "Wow, that's amazing."

Aladdin took a slice, "You're right!"

Everyone else took up and the reactions were similar. Evidently pizza was good no matter what time you were from.

Astrid

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Alex and I went to where the time ship crashed, but it was gone.

"Oh no..." Alex said.

"Are you sure this is where you left it?" I asked.

"I'm sure."

"Where could it be then?"

"I'm not sure, but we have to find it."

I looked around, "I think I know where to start."

"Where?"

I pointed to a building down the road. It was owned by Wesco.

"Wesco? As in Wes Collins?" Alex asked.

"According to the history books." I said.

Alex nodded and we headed to the Wesco warehouse.

We went in a garage area and saw the time ship. We also saw Jen and Wes examining it.

"Jen..." Alex said.

"Alex...Astrid..." Jen said, "I thought this ship was Time Force."

"Yeah, Astrid was kidnapped and brought to this time so I came to save her."

"You finally earned the Purple Morpher I see."

"Yeah. It's really good to see you Jen." I said. She had been my mentor and best friend before she left.

"Nice ring...wow you've grown up. You're an engaged woman now aren't you?" Jen asked.

"Yeah, I'm engaged...to Alex actually."

"Alex? You and Alex are...getting married?"

"Yeah. A lot has changed since you left." I said.

"Evidently. You took my fiancé."

"Your ex-fiance. You are the one that wanted to stay here with Wes." Alex said.

"You can't be mad at Alex for moving on." I said.

"They're right." Wes said.

Jen nodded, "I know. It's just weird to see my ex-best friend with my ex-fiance."

"We're happy." I said.

"And we're married Jen. Be happy for Alex. By the way, I'm Wesley Collins." Wes said.

I nodded, "I've heard a lot about you. I'm Astrid Drake...well, almost. I just like the way it sounds."

Alex smiled, "So you two got married?"

"Yeah, we did." Jen said.

"So everything worked out for everyone."

"I guess it did."

"OK, as much as I love this awkward exchange, we need to get back to our time." I said.

"That might be hard. This time ship is toast." Jen said.

"That's ok. Sailor Pluto can get us back. Can you destroy the ship so that no one can fix it and use it?"

"Yeah, are you sure?"

Alex nodded, "Yeah. We can't have the wrong people getting it and we don't need it. It would take too long to get in useable condition again."

"Don't worry, we'll take care of it." Wes said.

"OK, then I guess we should go. I'm glad you two are happy."

"Thanks. I'm glad you two are as well." Jen said.

I hugged Jen, "Take care of yourself."

"You too. Take care of him."

"I will."

Alex and I headed back to JKP.

"Are you ok?" I asked.

Alex nodded, "Of course. I have you now. Everything happened as it was supposed to."

I smiled and kissed him, "I love you too."

Michelle

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After everyone (including Alex and Astrid) had eaten we called Trista.

"OK, everyone ready to go home?" Trista asked.

"Oh absolutely." Aurora said.

“The sooner the better.” Mandy said.

“Ok then, let’s get this timeline fixed up. Here’s how it works. I’ll open a portal and you’ll walk through which will take you to my realm. Once we’re all there I’ll open the Gates of Time and you’ll each walk through and on the other end you’ll be in the correct spot on the timeline.” Trista said.

“Got it.” Ariel said.

“It was an honor to meet all of you.” I said.

“Likewise. It looks like our future is in good hands.” Aurora said.

“Thank you for everything.” Charming said.

“Thank you all.” Cinderella echoed.

“If you’re ever in the future swing by Corinth City and say hey...but actually, you should probably just avoid 2135 altogether.” Mandy said.

“I’ll keep that in mind.” I said.

“Everyone ready?” Trista asked.

“Ready.” Belle said.

“Then let’s go.” Trista said as she opened the portal and everyone went through. Once they were in Trista closed the portal and only those of us that actually belonged in 2009 remained.

“What a trip.” Serena said.

“No kidding.” Mina agreed.

“I wonder if Andrew is bored with Chad yet.” Lita said.

“Oh my god! Chad! I have to get home!” Raye cried as she ran out.

“Relax, relax. I’m sure Andrew has everything under control.” Lita said as she chased after her.

“I should get going too. I have a lot of sponsors to talk to for missing the race.” Amara said.

“I’ll go with you. You might need some moral support.” Michele said.

“Ok. Michelle, watch your back. Nemesis won’t give up.”

I nodded, “I know.”

Amara nodded and she and Michele left.

“I wanna go home too. I want a hot bath and a warm bed.” Serena said.

Darien nodded, “Then let’s go. See you guys later.”

“And I should get to work. I’m already late for my shift.” Amy said as she left.

“I guess we should go too Adam...see ya round.” Mina said as she grabbed Adam’s hand and tried to leave.

“Not so fast Little Miss Venus. I have a bone to pick with you.” I said.

“Oh? What’s up?”

“Don’t play innocent with me. I know what you did...and how dare you.”

“What did she do?” RJ asked.

“She told Rocky to stay out of my life. Mina, where do you get off deciding who my friends can be?” I asked.

“I had good reason to...” she started.

“Stop right there. I don’t care what the reason was. I don’t care what you thought you were doing. Stop trying to run my life.”

“Well someone had to. You weren’t doing a very good job of it.”

“That’s it. I’ve had it with you thinking you know what’s best for me! We’re partners, you not my life coach!”

“Someone has to be level headed and sane or nothing would ever get done!”

“I was going through a lot and instead of being understanding you tried to take over everything!”

“I was keeping everything going. The company, your life, the band, everything!”

“No one asked you to!”

“Someone had to do it and you’re not stable enough to handle it.”

“You don’t think I can handle my own life?”

“History says you can’t!”

“Oh bite me! You know what, screw you. I’ll buy you out of Starlight Records and release you from your contract then you’re free. Stay out of my life and I’ll stay out of yours.”

“You don’t mean that.”

“Yes, I do.”

“We’re still a team.”

“No, we’re not. The Outers are my team. We don’t have to do anything together ever again.”

“Fine, if that’s how you want it, you got it.” Mina said.
“Mina, you don’t mean that.” Adam said.
“Yeah Adam, I do.”
“MJ, she’s your best friend.” RJ said.
“She was my best friend. Not anymore.” I said.
“Fine. Come on Adam.” Mina said as she pulled Adam with her and they left.

Now it was just me and my ‘three princes’. I turned to Hunter.
“What are you still doing here? Go find your girlfriend.” I said.
“I think we should talk.” He said.
“Hunter, there is nothing to talk about. We’re not getting back together. I love my husband and you have Ronny. Just go.”
“Fine.” Hunter said as he turned to leave.

After Hunter was gone I looked at Rocky.
“Rock, thank you so much for everything.” I said as I hugged him.
“You know I’d do anything for you.” He said.
“I know, and I can’t thank you enough...even if it was incredibly stupid.”
“You’re worth it.”
“Thanks. Now you should get home and get some rest.”
“OK, I’ll call you later.”
“You better.”
Rocky kissed my cheek and left.

Once we were alone I fell into RJ’s arms.
“Oh my god, I am so glad to be home.” I said.
“We’re not home. Let’s get to the apartment and you can clean up and get some rest.” RJ said.
“OK, but only if you’re with me.”
RJ kissed me, “I’m not going anywhere.”
RJ and I headed home and I was convinced that I had my prince. Whatever Astrid and Mandy thought they knew in the future was wrong. I only had one prince and that was Prince Robert James.

Raye

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Lita was chasing after me.  
“Raye! Hold up! I just called Andrew! Chad is at my apartment!” she cried.  
I stopped, “Your apartment? Why?”  
“I’m not sure. Let’s go.”

We got to Lita and Andrew’s place and found Chad passed out on the sofa and Andrew sitting in a chair looking completely worn out.  
“What happened to you guys?” Lita asked.  
“You two owe me so much.” Andrew said.  
“Why? What happened?”  
“The longer it took you guys the more questions Chad asked. I took him to a movie, to eat, to watch a game at a sports bar, and to hang out at a club. I finally ran out of excuses and he wanted to find Raye.” Andrew said.  
“So what happened, you didn’t tell him the truth did you?” I asked.  
“No. I spiked his drink.”  
“You drugged him?!”  
“Yes. It was my last resort. He’s been out for hours but I’ve had to stay up and watch him in case he wakes up.”  
“Are you sure he’s ok?!” I asked feeling for a pulse.  
“Yeah, it was just a high dose of sleeping pills. Not enough to kill him or anything, just enough to knock him out for awhile.” Andrew said.

“Oh my god.”

“Well, if you told him the truth we wouldn’t have this problem.” Lita said.

“I’m not telling him the truth so forget it!” I said as I shook Chad, “Chad, baby, wake up.”

He opened his eyes, “Raye? What happened?”

“I think you had too much to drink.”

“I’m so tired.”

“I know baby. Let’s get you home and we’ll get some rest. I’ll help you to the car.”

Chad nodded, “OK.”

Andrew helped me load Chad into the car. I had a feeling he wouldn’t ask too many questions because he’d probably have no sense of time once he finally woke up...but I also knew Lita was right. Maybe it was time to consider telling Chad the truth.

Hunter

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I ninja streaked back to the hotel and went to Ronny’s room.

“How did you do?” I asked.

“We got rained out actually. The race got pushed until tomorrow.” She said.

“Oh, nice. Amara can still race.”

“Yeah, lucky her. Is Michelle ok?”

“She’s fine.”

“Are you ok?”

“Oh, yeah. I just managed to get kidnapped by Nemesis and the girls saved us.”

“Nemesis got you? Are you sure you’re ok?”

“I’m fine baby, really.”

“I don’t know what I would have done if anything happened to you.” She said as she ran into my arms.

“I’m fine. I’m right here.” I said as I held her.

“You must be so tired...or hungry....or do you want a shower?”

“I ate before I came back and I do want a shower but sleep ranks much higher right now.” I said.

“I’m off the rest of the day. Let’s take a nap. I want to be close to you anyway.”

I nodded and took my shirt off and got in bed. Ronny climbed in next to me and cuddled in my arms. I kissed her head and closed my eyes. I also felt horrible. I was lying here with an amazing woman that had been a really great girlfriend...yet I couldn’t shake the image of Michelle from my mind.