

THE RAREST THING
EP.18 - MISTAKE

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EXT. COURT HOUSE - DAY

We see ASHLEY emerge from the court house. She has tears streaming down her face, and is clearly shaken up and a little distraught about Jasmine having been sentenced to jail. She's feeling responsible for it.

As she walks down a large staircase away from the courthouse, we see LOGAN emerge from the court house too. He spots Ash.

LOGAN
(calling)
Ash!

He starts running down the stairs to catch up with her. Ash stops, hurriedly wipes away her tears, takes a deep breath and turns around to face him. Unfortunately, it's still very clear she's been crying as her MAKEUP has run from her eyes.

Logan catches up with her and frowns at the fact she's clearly been crying.

LOGAN (CONT'D)
Are you okay?

ASHLEY
(sarcastic)
Oh, yeah... I'm just fine.

Logan looks genuinely surprised.

LOGAN
What's wrong?

Ashley scoffs.

ASHLEY
What do you mean "what's wrong"?
What ISN'T wrong?

Logan looks sheepish, realising she's talking about Jasmine.

LOGAN
Oh, right.

Ashley sighs.

ASHLEY
What do you want, Logan?

Logan looks a little taken aback by her evident hostility.

LOGAN

Well, I was... wondering if you wanted to go back to your place, and... you know.

Ash gives him an annoyed look.

ASHLEY

Are you kidding me?

LOGAN

No, I'm not.

(beat)

I mean, if you want... you're welcome to come back to my place. I don't think that really matters any more, does it?

Ashely shakes her head in frustrated disbelief.

ASHLEY

Babe, you are unbelievable.

Logan smiles.

LOGAN

Well, thank you.

Ashley looks at him as though he is an idiot.

ASHLEY

That wasn't a compliment.

Logan loses the smile.

LOGAN

Oh.

Ashley sighs.

ASHLEY

We can't do this, Logan. Everything that happened between us... it was a huge mistake. Don't you see that?

Logan shakes his head, emphatically.

LOGAN

No. I don't.

Ashley sighs, and then moves over to a nearby park bench and takes a seat, and begins wiping away her smeared makeup on her face. Logan sits on the bench at the other end, but leans towards her.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

Ash... the damage is done. You're right. We made a mistake. But the mistake wasn't that we hooked up. It was... the way we went about doing it.

(beat)

You can't tell me that you don't miss what we had.

Ash looks at him sadly.

ASHLEY

I do miss it.

LOGAN

So... why is it now an issue?

ASHLEY

Because we... both of us betrayed Jazzy, babe. We - you and I - made a mistake, and she's the one paying for it. It doesn't seem right to keep this thing going.

Logan sighs and is silent for a few beats.

LOGAN

The thing is, Ash... I miss you.

She looks at him sadly.

ASHLEY

I miss you too, babe. But I don't think we can see each other again.

Logan moans.

LOGAN

C'mon, Ash! How can you say that? What we have is so passionate... don't you agree?

Ashley nods.

ASHLEY

Yes, I agree...

Logan pushes his point.

LOGAN

So why try denying ourselves?

Ash sighs and thinks about it for a moment.

ASHLEY

Well... how about we do it the right way, then?

(beat)

Let's go out for dinner or something.

Logan looks surprised.

LOGAN

What... you mean, like a date?

Ashley shrugs.

ASHLEY

Yeah, I guess.

Logan looks a bit put off.

LOGAN

Well... I don't know, I thought we could just... go back to your place and... well, get naked.

Ashley frowns.

ASHLEY

Wait... do you NOT want to...

She sighs, realising what's happening.

LOGAN

What?

Ashley gives him a serious look.

ASHLEY

I know what's happening here, Logan. It's not new to me.

Logan feigns ignorance.

LOGAN

What? I don't--

ASHLEY

(sadly)

You don't want to be seen in public with me. You're happy to fuck or be fucked... as long as no-one knows, right? God forbid you'd want to be caught going out with a tranny.

(rising anger)

Seriously.

(MORE)

ASHLEY (CONT'D)

I thought you were different,
Logan. All that shit you said about
missing me, and the passion we
share... it was just that, wasn't
it? Shit.

She stands up. Logan sighs miserably, but doesn't have the
heart to argue... probably because she's right.

LOGAN

Ash, c'mon...

She looks sadly at him.

ASHLEY

Congratulations, babe. You've
managed to fuck over two people
now.

She turns and strides off.