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Chapter Two

Training Louise was easy; I mean the store was not a particularly complicated place to run and do the basics of and that is all I really needed. It certainly helped that I had someone to cover the shop on their own for a day or two so I had more time off and it definitely wasn't a bad thing in my eyes that I had a companion to talk to during quiet times and there was of course the fact that the eye candy was always great when she was in.

We were getting on with each other very well and I was very happy with her work. I offered her minimum wage to start off with but the money I was making with the more productivity that she brought to the shop I gave her some bonuses and even upped her pay in that first month.

She, of course, was very grateful. We made a good team, and I wanted to reward her for her contributions. She was very invested in the shop and the customers, almost as much as they were with her and her beautiful behind.

During the time with us I was getting more confident speaking to her, I

thought I was okay at first but I quickly realised that we only really had brief interactions and talking to a girl, one as beautiful as her, was not something I was used to. I'd probably rate her a solid 9/10 where I would struggle to rate myself over a 5. Even just talking to her about comics felt like I was out of my league and the first few weeks when she would help move stock around I would feel my face burn bright red when she would bend over.

Being in her presence was making me more natural and comfortable around her, as it would with anyone I suppose but when we started talking comics, which is when I felt a genuine spark of friendship there.

“Morning Boss.” Louise walked through the door.

I had opened a bit earlier to get ready for a trading card pack launch that was tomorrow. She knew I had been in early, so she brought me a coffee and a croissant. Her wide hips swayed from side to side, despite me getting used to having her around, I still would find myself noticing her womanly curves.

“Ryan is fine.” I laughed back at her.

I wasn't really fond of her calling me boss, it made me feel distant and I certainly liked the way that us working together felt like a team. I didn't want to add that extra layer between us.

“Brought you a coffee Ryan.” She said in an exaggerated way, it almost came out a bit sensual.

I tried to resist the burning sensation washing over my face, but it was no use. Louise noticed and she smirked at me.

“Well... Ahem... Thank you.”

“You’re welcome, hope the morning was productive?” We moved quickly on.

I nodded. “Yeah, I managed to get everything counted and verified, I need to set up some social media posts so the company can add our store as a verified day one launch partner.”

Louise had taken a seat next to the till, happy to watch me spread out the packs on the table with the card mat under them showing off the new limited edition mat featuring the new big bad monster on the cover of all the packs and promo material. I couldn’t help but notice her place a bag on the till and she started to pull out a pastry and a slice of cake to go along with her very sugary looking coffee.

Seems that she is treating herself with the extra money.

She sunk her teeth into the cake and let out a loud satisfied moan that drew my attention away from the card packs.

“Sorry... Just... Wow they make the best cakes...” She took another indulgent bite. “I need to be careful though... My butt is big enough as it is.”

What did she just say?

In all of my time with Louise she had never even referenced her butt, in any context. I don’t know why but it really struck me. I felt like I had been exposed, my blush had barely cleared from before, I glanced at her in the chair, sitting sideways I could see how her butt was spread on the cushioned base side. I looked back at the cards quickly.

What is wrong with me... Calm down.

“But they taste so good... At least I have something to work off at the gym tonight.”

Imagine seeing her doing squats...

I felt perspiration start to form on my brow.

Cards... Cards...

I set myself back to the task at hand, trying not to think of the noises that Louise was making behind me.

“I know why we do it, but I hate the card launches... I much prefer the comic stuff...” Louise said through a full mouth.

It was a sentiment that I agreed with but we both knew that cards were the flavour of the month so to keep afloat we needed to include cards as part of our inventory.

“Yeah, same. Shame that publishers don’t really do day one launch stores for their comics.”

“Maybe we could do events ourselves? Like just make some social media buzz, see if we can do some competitions and quizzes and maybe we can get things off the ground ourselves?” Louise said in a logical and nonchalant way.

I turned to her, frosting on her lips. I was stunned. “Why didn’t I think of that?”

We both burst into a fit of laughter.

“Well, what would we pick? There isn’t anything big coming up, is there? Not from the top of my head. Most of the comics are in mid runs right now

with nothing new announced on the horizon.” I pondered aloud.

“Let me tell you something Ryan.” She waited until I looked at her, with rosy cheeks “there is a new Penny Plunder coming out!”

“Really?”

“They’re bringing back the Justice! Series!” She was beaming. “Have you read the Justice! Penny Plunder series before?”

“Read it?” I paused for effect. “I’ve got the full series. I love the Justice! Series and the Penny Plunder spin off was amazing!”

It was strange that we hadn’t really brought it up before but we each quickly started to geek out about the two different series and how they came together into the cross over collab. We talked so long that we almost forgot about opening the shop.

“I think we should do an event for it. I didn’t realise just how much you loved the Justice! Stuff and seeing as I am the number one Penny Plunder fan. We could do a launch event, see if we can get a signed copy to raffle off, quiz and OH!” Louise gasped. “I could cosplay!”

Cosplay! As Penny Plunder?

There were so many choices of clothing to pick from if she went to the “Adventures of Penny Plunder” series but if she went to the “Justice!” version, then we’re talking about something else entirely.

In Justice! Penny Plunder there is a treasure that Penny finds that turns her into a superhero. She gains enhanced strength and speed at first. Although it is quite generic the fun comes in with how she is as a character, how she

uses the power. She isn't a hero per say, she is more of a real person who just gains these powers and she almost sort of carries on her normal life. In the world there are no super powered foes, so she just carries on treasure hunting. They were teasing more powers coming to her as the series went on, but they took an extended hiatus a few years back, to see it coming back was rather exciting. For the older series in the last arc before the hiatus she had a suit that she made as she tried to be a bit more of a crime fighting superhero, leaning into the Justice! Side of the collaboration.

It was that suit I was hoping that Louise would pick out.

The design was rather striking; she was in a black suit that utilised a lot of negative space around her body. Penny herself was very beautiful; her red hair was in a ponytail with a curly strand of hair that ran down the side of her face. The suit was from her neck to her toes but there were lots of shapes and cut outs from the suit that showed off a lot of her skin. Penny herself was pretty average in build, her boobs were small, she was thin and relatively curveless but the suit was a juxtaposition to her regular demeanour and there were a rather funny few panels about her freaking out about being so exposed where she broke the fourth wall. To see that suit on Louise would be amazing.

Especially seeing her ass in that...

My daydream was interrupted by Louise snapping me back to reality.

“What do you think?” I could see the excitement in her eyes.

“Oh absolutely. I know how much you love Penny, and I am loving the idea. When will it come out?”

“They announced it last night funnily enough, it’s due at the end of next month”.

“That sounds good, let’s see if we can drive up some engagement for it.” I smiled at Louise. “It sounds very fun.”

“I can’t wait!” Louise bounced in her seat before she went back to her cake and coffee. I saw her furiously scrolling on her phone, looking like she was trying to sort out her clothes for the cosplay.

Me neither...

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