



1. THERE WAS YOU





KATE?

BUT ALL I WANT IS

YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

FEEL FREE TO TAKE ALL THE TIME YOU NEED.



I'M SORRY, I HOPE YOU KNOW I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING.

THE CONTRACT'S ABOVE AND BEYOND GENEROUS. IT REALLY DOES MEAN A LOT.

BUT AFTER DAD...



...I DUNNO.

I'D RATHER LEAVE MY PAST PASSED.

WELL, WHAT IF WE REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BOOKS?



MAKE THE DEAL FOR ONE TITLE, INSTEAD OF THREE? TAKE IT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS?

AND KEEP IN MIND THERE'S NO TIMELINE, YOU CAN TAKE AS LONG AS YOU--

I'M SORRY.



WRITING'S ...NOT MY THING.

NOT ANYMORE.

NOT FOR NOW.

WELL, OKAY.

ANY IDEA WHAT IS?

MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING WE COULD WORK WITH.



YEAH.

Y'KNOW.

MAYBE THERE IS.





AW, KATE!

YOU'LL SEE!

YOU'RE GONNA LOVE IT!

ALAIN, I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO, BUT SERIOUSLY.

I'D PREFER NOT TO.

MAYBE IN A FEW WEEKS.



KATHERYN KRISTOPHER.

LOOK ME IN THE EYES.

ALAIN.

EYES.

NOW.



WE ARE GOING TO PARTY.

SO HARD.

YOU WILL LOVE IT.

SO MUCH.



LOOK.

THERE WILL BE MANY CUTE GIRLS.

AND BOYS. AND MORE.

YOU CAN TAKE YOUR PICK.



OOF.

WHERE DO I CHECK THE BOX FOR "ALONE FOREVER" ...?

SHUT YOUR STUPID MOUTH, DUMMY.

C'MON!





PERFECT.





SIGH



OF COURSE!

CORKS!

I'M SO--

LM.

HOWDY.



YA HAVING TROUBLE WITH YER BOTTLE THERE?



"...HOWDY??"