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My hands remained on his chest, my fingers curled into the fabric of his black sweater. Curled into his warmth. Up close, I couldn't resist the opportunity to study Samir. His eyes were a dark coffee color, framed by ridiculously thick, long lashes. Dark curls of hair brushed against his collar. His skin was tan, certainly far tanner than my own pale skin. He was beautiful. Absolutely beautiful.

“Scared?” he teased.

Yes.

I was tired of being ruled by my fear and nerves. I closed the gap between our lips, lingering just a breath away from kissing him. My hand traveled north, releasing my grip on his sweater, moving up his neck. My fingertips brushed against his bare skin, the feeling silky smooth. My hand continued its upward path, growing bolder now, threading through Samir's hair, loving the feel of his silky curls beneath my fingers.

He stiffened.

Our gazes met. I held the force of his stare, shocked to see desire flaring in his eyes. It was all the encouragement I needed. My lips brushed against his— hesitant, exploring, hungry. Once, twice. Samir sighed, his mouth opening slightly. His breath tingled with mine, his tongue grazing my lips. He wasn't quite kissing me back but he wasn't moving away either. Clearly he was going to make me work for it.

“Kiss me.” He whispered the words against my mouth, taunting me with them, goading me further, pushing me over the edge.

“Shut up. This would be so much better if you didn't talk.”

He chuckled, his lips vibrating against mine.

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I opened my mouth, deepening the kiss, my tongue reaching out and grazing his. Suddenly everything exploded. The taste of him swirled in my mouth, the feel of his body against mine sent sparks through me. He kissed me back. He kissed me like he was drowning and I was his lifeline— mad, desperate kisses that had my body tightening in anticipation and my mind blown.

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