
Cheating Lovers

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Chapter One

Dex Mattis couldn't understand why his girlfriend, Faith Lowe, loved staying over in Portmore so much. She attended a commercial college in Kingston. Sometimes, all three days for the week she would stop with her aunt. He would call to find out where she was.

"I decided to stay with Aunt Ruby tonight. Sometimes it's very tiresome on those buses."

"Do you want me to come for you?"

"You'd drive all the way from Keswick to Kingston? I'm safe where I am in Edgewater. Nobody is going to do me anything. I'll try and come up tomorrow."

He was helping his father, Ronald and his mother, Marion, run a wholesale and bar in their village which was in North-East, St. Catherine. He had several girlfriends, but she was his main woman. He suspected her of being too friendly with one of his friends, Oneil.

"Are you and Oneil, friends?" he had asked her one day two weeks later.

"Of course not, if you must know, we're only social friends."

A man from the community by the name of Basil, who went to Kingston regularly said to him one day a week later.

"I've seen Faith partying in a nightclub in Portmore with several guys."

Dex didn't know whether to believe him or not. He got several more reports from other people about her partying with men from Kingston. He had heard rumors that a minibus driver, Carl and his conductor, Roy, were seeing her. He asked her about it when next he saw her the Saturday after he spoke to Basil.

“Those two guys are after every woman they see. They want to sleep with every female passenger whether old or young, who travel on that bus.”

“Faith is staying in Kingston because she wants to attend movies and parties down there,” Calma told him the next day, Sunday. She was along with the bus driver, Carl and travelled on it to work in Kingston every day. Dex’s other girlfriend, Dorene also went to a commercial school in Kingston. Her school was in close proximity to Faith’s school.

“Faith has a man in Kingston,” she told him a week later.

“Do you have a man in Kingston?” he asked her that Sunday evening.

“Dex, how could you ask me such a question? I don’t know who could have told you that.”

The next day, Monday, she didn’t come home that night. He tried getting her on her cell phone but kept getting her voice mail. He drove to her house in Portmore. He knew her aunt, Miss Ruby. It was raining when he got there.

“Faith hasn’t come home yet. She must be in some night club partying. She’s going to come and wake us up in the late hours. I’m going to tell her to stay in the country. I’ll tell her that you came to look for her.”

He drove back home. He thought about what to do. It seemed as if she was intent on giving him problems. He wondered if she was sleeping around. He saw her the next evening when she came from school.

“Miss Ruby told you that I came to her house looking for you. I tried getting you on your cell phone, but all my calls kept going to your voice mail.”

“I was at a party with some of my friends.”

“You weren’t answering your phone because you were at some other man’s house. You take me for a fool, but it’s over between us.”

“What are you talking about? I know why you want to leave me. You want to go to Dorene, but that’s your business.”

She stormed out of his room.

Dex was outside the bar the next evening when Carl came up to him.

“Dex, I heard that you and Faith have broken up. Can I start talking to her? She expressed her love for me. But through I know that she’s your girlfriend, I didn’t want any trouble between us.”

“You’re a free man. I’m no longer interested in her.”

When Faith heard what Carl said to Dex and what his reply was, she flew into a rage and rushed up to his house.

“Carl is a dirty liar. And you, Dex, how could you be discussing me with him? You can go and be along with Dorene, I don’t care.”

So, he and she broke up and he began seeing Dorene. Dorene wanted a lot of money because she loved to spend and loved expensive things. Both Carl and Roy were after her too.

That Saturday night, Dex was at a party and was surprised to see Faith there with Oneil.

The next day he saw Oneil.

“So, you’re now going around with her?”

“No Dex, we’re just social friends. She just begged me to take her to the party.”

The next day, another of his friends, Tony, came up to him.

“Faith is along with Oneil. That girl is no good. Carl and Roy take turns sleeping with her. She has a surprise in store for you because she’s now pregnant.”

“What! I can’t believe it. She never said anything to me.

Maybe it doesn’t concern me. How do you know that she’s pregnant, Tony?”

"She told my girlfriend, Paula."

Two days later her mother, Miss Blossom, came to see him.

"You heard what happened to Faith?"

Dex had a small office and he took her in there.

"She's pregnant and said that you're the baby's father."

"The last time we slept together, I used protection."

"She said you're the only man she was seeing. You and she will have to work that one out," she told him and left.

"I'm the father of Faith's baby," a taxi driver, Errol claimed the next day.

"I have never been to bed with Errol. He's crazy if he thinks I would ever go to bed with him," Faith protested.

Dex's mother got involved in the argument.

"I can't force Dex to own up to Faith's baby if he feels he's not responsible."

Faith came to the bar and said.

"I have always been faithful to Dex. Yes, I love partying. Ask my aunt what time I'm usually home. It's maybe once or twice that I have ever stayed out late. I've always loved him. I'll fight that girl, Dorene, to leave him alone," she threatened.

Kathy, Dex's younger brother, Lerone's girlfriend, came into the bar and said.

"Faith is just fooling up Dex. She has a man in Kingston giving her money."

"I don't have any man down there giving me money, Kathy. You're the one who is fooling up Lerone, not me fooling up Dex. You're the one keeping man with Lerone."

At a party the next Friday night a guy by the name of Damian Prince came there. Kathy pointed him out to Dex as Faith's Kingston man. Prince danced with her the whole night and left with her.

The next day Dex called her.

"Is this guy, Damian, the man who got you pregnant?"

"You're the man who got me pregnant, not Damian.

Remember how the condom burst, or have you forgotten? I have never been to bed with him?"

Try as he might he couldn't remember what had happened the last time they slept together up at the Hill View hotel.

"So, is he your new man now? Where do you know him from? Where did you go after you left here last night?"

"Remember, that I'm no longer your girlfriend. You're now along with Dorene. I'm free to do as I please and to sleep with any man."

Dex and Oneil were talking the next day.

"Are you sure that the condom didn't burst? She told me that was what happened."

Again, try as he might, he couldn't remember what happened.

"Every other man is coming out of the woodwork, claiming to have slept with her. I don't even know what to believe anymore. Both Carl and Roy claim to have gone to bed with her."

"Nobody should take those two guys seriously."

A week later the two men came into the bar to drink separately. Dex took them aside and asked them. Both men denied ever going to bed with Faith. They were just joking to see how he would react. Two weeks later, Faith's parents shipped her off to live with her aunt in Portmore.

Chapter Two

Two young women came to teach school in Keswick as substitute teachers. They were Kerryan Goffe and Karla Dixon. Kerryan was a tall copper colored woman and was in her middle twenties. Karla was a few months younger than her and was also copper colored. She was an inch or so shorter than her. They rented rooms in separate villages. Both women had their boyfriends in Kingston. Easton Rowe was seeing Kerryan while Denzil Reid was along with Karla. Dex and Oneil were surprised at how beautiful both girls looked. "I want Kerryan. Dorene had better hold her corners. As for Faith, I'm glad she's living in Portmore."

"Did you see how beautiful Karla is? I'm dropping Bettina for her," Oneil declared.

Secretly, he wouldn't mind having both girls, but he didn't want to offend his friend. Easton and Denzil drove their own cars but couldn't get away from work commitments during the week to be with them.

That Thursday, there was a social being held at the high school and Dex phoned Kerryan. She was on her veranda when her cell phone rang. Dex was on the line to her. She wondered what he wanted.

"Kerryan, there's a social being held tonight at the high school. Do you want to go with me?"

"I heard that you have two women. Faith is now pregnant for you and is living in Portmore. You also have Dorene. Why don't you take her with you?"

"I agreed to own up to my responsibilities and accept the child, but we're no longer in a relationship. She's seeing another man. As for Dorene, that girl and I are no longer friends."

"Oh, how convenient, you just drop your baby mother and your girlfriend on the eve of a social just because you want to go with me."

"It's nothing like what you think."

"I'm only going with you because my boyfriend can't make it."

Karla was at her house when Oneil called her.

"Karla, you know about the social being held tonight? Would you like to go with me?"

"What about your girlfriend, Bettina? I understand that she's very feisty. Why don't you take her there? My boyfriend will quarrel with me if I go out without telling him."

"It's just a social, there will be music and table games. If you don't want to dance, nobody is going to force you."

"Okay, I'll go, but only because my boyfriend isn't here to take me."

Both Dorene and Bettina were at the social which was surprising to both Kerryan and Karla. Both girls could see that Dex and Oneil were seething with anger. Dorene was dancing with Kes Paul while Bettina was dancing with Dustin Blake. Dex went over to Dorene.

"You want me to leave Faith for you and I turn my back and you're partying with Kes."

"Yes, Dex, I noticed that you've been ignoring me from that female teacher came up here. You can go to her if you want, but you can't stop me from talking to any man I want."

She returned to dancing with Kes.

"Yes, Bettina, I just turned my back on you and here you're partying and carrying on with Dustin. Well after this, I'm leaving you."

"You left me already when you started pursuing that female teacher, but she doesn't want you."

She returned to dancing with Dustin. Three hours later both Oneil and Dex looked around for them and their dates, but they were nowhere to be found. It appeared that both sets of couples had gone to sleep at the Hill View hotel.

“Why are you so angry, Dex? Why did you bring me to this social if you knew your girlfriend would go out with another man?”

She refused to go the Hill View with him. Karla, however agreed to go there with Oneil.

They were entering the hotel when they saw Kes and Dorene leaving. She wasn't even home before Dex called her.

“Did you go to the Hill View with Kes?”

“We only went there to have dinner and drinks.”

“You know I don't believe you. You could have had any amount of food and drinks at the social.”

“Why don't you ask Kes?”

“If you went to the hotel to sleep with him, do you think he would tell me the truth? You can stay with him because I don't want you back.”

The next day, Oneil called Bettina.

“So, you and Dustin went to sleep at the Hill View?”

“Just like you and Karla did.”

“Well, you can go back to him. I don't want you again.”

“And you can stay with her, I don't want you ever again.”

The next day, Kerryan's man, Easton, called her.

“What's really going on? Didn't I tell you not to go anywhere without me? So how come I

heard that you went partying with this guy, Dex? After the party, you went to sleep with him at a hotel up there.”

“I'm not a child and I can go anywhere I please.”

“Does that mean sleeping with a man you hardly know.”

"I'll admit that I went to the social with him, but that was all. I didn't go to any hotel to sleep with him. I don't know where you got that from."

"If you can't control yourself, you'll have to take the bus every morning and evening."

"That's too much travelling. I'm comfortable as I am with my living arrangements."

The next day Karla's man, Denzil, called her. Outside it was slightly drizzling.

"Why did you allow this guy, Oneil, to sleep with you after going to that social with him? Don't lie to me because I know that's what you did."

"I'll admit that I went to the social with him seeing that you weren't around. We only went to the hotel for dinner and drinks. I'm not that cheap, to be meeting a man for the first time and jumping into bed with him."

"I have it from good sources, who saw you, and him coming from the hotel the next morning. You can stay with him because I'm not coming up there to look for you."

Faith was in her room at her aunt's house in Portmore when Dorene called her.

"What do you want, Dorene? I suppose you're glad to have Dex all to yourself now?"

"I have lots of news for you. We have two new female teachers up here now. They're both at the primary school. Both Dex and Oneil are along with them. There was a social up here Thursday night. Dex took Kerryan there and Oneil went with Karla. After the social they went to sleep with them up at the Hill View hotel."

"I don't believe you. I know you're a big liar. You mean teachers are so cheap. I'll have to speak with this girl, Kerryan. I wonder if she knows anything about me. So, he has left you for this girl, Kerryan and you want me to get him back for you?"

"I've left him, I'm seeing Kes now. If I was still seeing him, he wouldn't have dared taken her to that social."

"Don't those girls have boyfriends?"

"Yes, but I don't know why they weren't there with them."

Faith thanked her and ended the call.

Kerryan was about to leave school that Monday afternoon when her cell phone rang. She wondered who that could be. It was a number she wasn't familiar with. She pressed the call button.

"Hello, how can I help you?" she asked.

"My name is Faith. I'm having a baby for Dex. I understand that Thursday night you went partying with him and the two of you ended up at the Hill View hotel."

"Haven't both of you broken up? At least that's what he told me. He said you were seeing somebody else, and he was seeing another girl."

"Miss, you're a woman just like me and you just want to barge in like that. How would you like to be pregnant and hear that another woman was trying to take away your husband or baby-father?"

"I'm not after him and I never slept with him. It's the first time I'm meeting him. I'm not that cheap. And for your information, I have my boyfriend."

"Please keep away from him," Faith warned and ended the call.

Dex was in his office that evening when Kerryan called him.

"Why did you tell your baby mother that you slept with me up at the Hill View hotel, Thursday night?"

"Who told you anything like that? I haven't spoken to her for several days now, so I don't know who could have told her anything like that."

"And you don't go around making up stories about women, do you?"

"Of course not, I don't know why you should think so."

"I didn't say that you did, I'll see you around," she said and ended the call.

Dex put through a call to Faith.

"Why did you tell Kerryan that I told you that I took her up to the Hill View hotel to sleep with me."

"Isn't that what happened? I have it from good sources that was what happened. People saw both of you coming from the hotel Friday morning. Did you enjoy yourself? She didn't admit it, but I knew that after I spoke to her, she felt sorry for what she did."

"I don't know what she should feel sorry for. All we did was to go to the social. I don't know who told you that we were up at the Hill View. Who told you about me and her? I think you made up the whole thing."

"I got my information from a very reliable source which I'm not going to reveal. So, are you and her now having an affair?"

"As far as I know she has her man. She just came up here."

"I heard that you like her."

"You don't expect me to hate her. Because I like her, it doesn't mean I'm going to jump into bed with her."

"It doesn't seem fair, here you are, you've ruined my life, but you're free to run around with any woman you please. Are you still sleeping with Dorene?"

"She's seeing Kes now. She said that I didn't have any money."

"I don't believe you. She has left you, that's surprising."

"If you don't believe me, you're free to ask her."

"You can come into Kingston because there are several hotels we can go to. Aunt Ruby wouldn't object to me going to a hotel to spend time with you, my baby father."

"I'll think about it."

"Your reluctance shows that you don't want me again."

"Who said anything like that? Remember that you're carrying my child."

"I'm glad you realize that."

"Stop, calling people and make trouble," he told her before ending the call.

Chapter Three

A girl came to the shop that evening. She was one of Dex's long time girlfriends. Her name was Curline Kent. She was living in Portmore and working in Linstead but had now moved to Keswick.

"I had to take two taxis, but now it's just one."

She had a two-year-old baby girl.

"There are a lot of parties, dances and socials being kept up here almost every weekend. Wouldn't you like to attend some of them with me?"

"Sure, I would love to, if I can find somebody to look after my daughter for me. I don't hear you saying anything about your baby mother, Faith. I glimpsed her on the Portmore Mall one day last week. When is she due to have her baby?"

When he hesitated, she said.

"Don't tell me that you don't know. I know some men are like that. I hope you're not one of them."

"She's due in either April or May next year."

"So, you will be a father again. How excited you must feel?"

He laughed.

"But it's a lot of responsibilities."

"How are Heidi and her baby doing?"

"The last time I checked they were both doing okay. Say Curline, do you still love partying?"

"My boyfriend and I broke up about six months now. So, with Faith so far away and pregnant who are you dealing with?"

"Nobody in particular, I'm trying to be faithful to her."

"You, Dex, I can't believe it. I would really like to see that."

Dorene came on the scene and saw Curline.

"Curline, what are you doing here?"

"I'm talking to Dex of course."

"Well, he's my boyfriend. Go back to your man in Portmore and leave him alone, girl."

"It's you who should go back to Kes."

"He and I aren't lovers. I don't know where you got that from."

"You can go to hell, Dorene. You can't stop me from talking to him. I'll call you Dex," she said and left.

"I know you're after that teacher, Kerryan, but she doesn't want you," Dorene told him.

"Where did you get that from? I went to the social with her, that's all."

"You want the girl, but she has her man, already. I know that you're going crazy over her," she said and left.

Ten minutes later, Kerryan came on the scene in a taxi.

"Hi Kerryan, what a surprise," he greeted her.

"Hi Dex, how are you?"

They shared a short hug before pulling apart.

"My boyfriend is vexed with me because I went to that social with you."

"He must be a very jealous man. All we did was to go there together."

"You know how men are. He feels that something else happened between us than just going to the social."

"Something like what? Doesn't he trust you?"

"Of course, he does, maybe he heard about you and your reputation with women."

"Whatever he heard about me, it couldn't be so bad as to make him lose his trust in you."

"I just saw that girl, Dorene getting into a taxi when I was coming in. I don't like her. She's a little troublemaker. I heard that she and Faith are fighting over you."

"She's along with Kes. You know that Faith will be having a baby for me, but because of her bad behaviour we're vexed with each other. Dorene is telling her a lot of lies about me and you."

"Tell me about some of those stories."

"She's telling her that we're sleeping with each other."

"I'm going to put that girl in her place one of these days."

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