

SERENA SIDES

MATT

Can we get together tonight?

SERENA

Oh, I promised some friends I'd have dinner with them. I'll come to your room after, how's that?

MATT

Well, do you want me to join for dinner?

SERENA

That's so sweet. I haven't seen them in a long time so it would be better if I just meet up with you later.

MATT

You seem to have a lot of friends lately.

SERENA

But none of them are you.

*To assuage his concern
she gives him a more
passionate kiss.*

SERENA (CONT'D)

You are scrumptious. See you later.

Disappointed, he exits.

NATALIE

Matt's cute. Is he your boyfriend?

SERENA

Yep, he's mine. Most of the guys I see are older, it's fun to have a young one. He's like an excitable puppy. Plus he's great in bed.

NATALIE

Does he know you're seeing other...

SERENA

Please. They all think they're "the one".

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SERENA

I love it when she wants to have a pow-wow. I've been in need of a spa treatment.

NATALIE

She busted me when I took that business card.

SERENA

Thanks a lot. Now we're all going to have to hear about how we should stay away from the Oooohh... "customers."

NATALIE

It's only because she cares.

SERENA

Well, I don't need her to care *now*, especially for you. I need her to give me a raise. And I need you to not ruin it for us.

NATALIE

You know, I was thinking about you, wondering why with all this beauty and incredible talent you don't do something bigger, more, make something --

SERENA

Who are you to tell me what I should do? How do you know I haven't already tried to be bigger, more, something. Maybe, it didn't work. Or maybe it's too much work, and I don't want to work that hard.

A couple of the girls chuckle at that.

NATALIE

Then you're wasting your life.

TARA

God Natalie, give her a break!

SERENA

Hey, I think I saw you partying the other night, you're one to talk.

NATALIE

That won't happen again. I have ambition, I want for things, but I'm not afraid to work for them...

M'Liss enters from wing.

NATALIE (CONT'D)

...But you, you don't even try! And you could be a star. You could have so much more than this!

TARA

Hey! We are happy. Leave us alone!

SERENA

Stay out of my business. My life is just beautiful. Natalie, take a look at your life. Tell me who is the phony. I saw you proposition that guy.