Richards Ghost Page 1

**OSCAR**: While I'm out slaving away you have various lovers coming in and out of our home like you are running some sort of brothel.

ALEXIS: We have an agreement.

OSCAR: Yes, I know we have an agreement but...

ALEXIS: I do not love you.

**OSCAR**: Need you remind me?

ALEXIS: Don't forget the reason why we married.

**OSCAR**: I imagined over time that perhaps you could look past things and open your heart.

ALEXIS: My heart belongs to only one man.

OSCAR: But he's dead!

**ALEXIS**: There is no proof!

OSCAR: His absence is proof enough!

ALEXIS: He's coming back!

OSCAR: You are my wife!

**ALEXIS**: Do you think your ring will anchor me? Do you believe that I will be forced to live this miserable life with you forever?

Each day I grow with more resentment...it won't be long...I keep round because I pray that one day, one day he will return and pull me from the grips of you. I hang on, barely.

**OSCAR**: You disgust me!

**ALEXIS**: Hahaha, disgust? I am the greatest thing that ever happened to you. Without me you'd have nothing. You should worship the ground I walk on you lowlife prick. I despise your entire being.

**OSCAR**: If the love of your life were to come back and save you, as you put it to me, do you think for one moment he would still want you?

ALEXIS: There is no reason—

**OSCAR**: You are a whore! A man of his stature, so grand and impeccable as you claim, would never allow his name to be dragged in the mud. His reputation would be shot

ALEXIS: Richard will love me no matter what

OSCAR: Are you kidding? He would look down on you with discuss. You would be scum to him

**ALEXIS**: We have something you would never understand.

Richards Ghost Page 2

**OSCAR**: Keep reading your romance novels. Dream the great big dream. Lies! All lies! Lies of the mind. He is dead, I feel it in my bones.

**ALEXIS**: Never! If he is dead in the flesh, he is alive in spirit and that is all I need.

**OSCAR**: All you need? You would prefer Richard's ghost over my flesh and blood?

**ALEXIS**: Your flesh and blood are repulsive to me. You are repugnant. When I have my lovers come see me, I smile knowing that you cannot stop me.

OSCAR: Have you no shame?

ALEXIS: Have you no blame?

OSCAR: In time you will change.

ALEXIS: No.

OSCAR: Time heals all wounds.

ALEXIS: I will never love you.

OSCAR: You may never love me Alexis but one day you will accept me. I am confident of that

ALEXIS: Haven't you heard anything I've said?

OSCAR: I have heard it all.

ALEXIS: Impossible.

OSCAR: Patient.

ALEXIS: You are insane.

OSCAR: Maybe.

ALEXIS: I have no respect for you.

**OSCAR**: I will never allow you to leave.

**ALEXIS**: I have already left.