

# A FORBIDDEN KISS

Will Rafe's Passion for Alison Come between her and Jamal?

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On *Port Charles* this week [December 10-14], Rafe tries to suppress his feelings for Alison. But is he fighting a losing battle?

## **Alison Lies to Jamal!**

"Rafe doesn't want to have those feelings because he can't stick around, and he doesn't want to mess things up for Alison and Jamal," offers the angel's portrayer, Brian Gaskill. "But he's also starting to care about her, and it's not part of the job description - he feels like he's stepping out of bounds."

Suspicious of amount of time Alison's been spending with Rafe, Jamal puts her off when she tries to reconnect with him. Later, Rafe, who's determined not to reveal his desire, encourages her to be with Jamal. Mixed messages ensue when Jamal asks for time alone with Valerie to discuss their daughter.

"Alison insists there's nothing going on, and she's thinking the idea is ridiculous because she knows Rafe's an angel," Erin Hershey (Alison) explains. "But Jamal doesn't know that, and she can't tell him, so instead she says that Rafe is already spoken for."

## **The Angel Gets an Eyeful!**

When Jamal leaves for a trip, Ali vows to steer clear of her heavenly friend. But fate has other ideas. Reluctantly having agreed to deliver a package for Mary to Alison, Rafe walks through her door and finds her naked! "Rafe's totally embarrassed, but at the same time, he's trying to hold back the thought that maybe it wasn't such a bad thing to see," Gaskill grins.

After assuring Rafe that his innocent goof is forgiven, Alison is saddened to realize that Rafe's time on Earth is coming to an end. Their mutual regret leads to a spontaneous smooch that Jamal and Val happen to witness!

## **A Heartbreaking Farewell!**

Furious that he lost control, Rafe berates himself for his very human emotions and regrets that his time has past. "What he can't get over is the feeling that he's never fallen in love before," explains Gaskill, who notes that it was thanks to Caleb that Rafe's life was cut short. "Now he's met somebody who lit a spark, and he just doesn't know what to do about it."

Finally, after Rafe comes dangerously close to confessing his love, Alison bids him goodbye. "She's really sad," Hershey observes. "She starts to fall for him, then realizes that it was never possible."