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In Love, Never Say Never Chapter 1163

It was rare for us to be this open and honest with one another.

When we are on the same page talking things through calmly, fate once again gave us the opportunity to deepen our love for one another. Even God had hinted at us to hold hands and walk through life. What else couldn't we accomplish together?

I clutched his hand tightly and rubbed it in anticipation of his response.

We sat in silence like that for close to a minute. "I've told you the answer to this question before. Why else do you think he's here?"

Ashton jerked his chin towards Holden.

I breathed a sigh of relief at that. The old adage of taking a step back had never been more applicable than it did now.

Men had to be coaxed. As long as a woman was willing to put aside her ego, everything would naturally fall into place.

"But, business isn't for the fun of it," Ashton suddenly interjected. "Even if you had a letter of authorization from Marcus, it's not the same as replacing him. Ultimately, this is the White family business. His prolonged disappearance had caused his staff to worry. If it gets to the point of his company being acquired,

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then it'll be the only way out for White Corporation. What I am doing now is just bringing that eventuality forward."

Ashton spoke with the conviction that Marcus would not return.

I felt uncomfortable. "Do you mean to say that you would buy White Corporation and return it to Marcus when the time comes?"

As soon as I had said that, Ashton scowled. He withdrew his hand from my touch. "Currently, White Corporation has some competition amongst the industry. I could compel the shareholders to begin the acquisition of the project. If I delayed any longer to ensure that all competitors have given up, I may not be able to lobby for any more changes. Upon acquisition, the shares will be diluted. It is an unavoidable outcome; the only consolation of which would be that White Corporation would not fall into the hands of foreign companies."

Aside from me and Ashton, the shareholders of Fuller Corporation comprised Joe and several elderly executives who had reached the age of retirement. They only appeared during festivities or corporate events and they virtually did not care about how the company was run. But when it came to money matters, the swiftness of their response was astonishing.

Upon completion of the international acquisition of Eisen Corporation which involved the transfer of tens of billions, the shareholders who planned on having an uneventful retirement may not approve of another massive risk of acquiring White Corporation within such a short time frame.

What Ashton meant was that Marcus would forever be a shareholder in his company, but the company may not belong to his family forever. The decision to return the company to Marcus was no longer within Ashton's control. It all

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depends on whether Marcus had the ability to match the price that was paid. I retracted my hand, not quite knowing what to say.

Ashton did all he could, so I couldn't nitpick. The fate of Marcus and White Corporation could only be unveiled one step at a time. All we could do right now was to be optimistic about Holden's success in tracking down Marcus.

The atmosphere was dense with an impasse. Ashton's phone suddenly rang. We could see that it was a call from Joseph. Ashton glanced at it and went out to the balcony to answer the call.

I watched his back, suddenly filled with a sense of foreboding. Instinctively, I rubbed my belly and felt calmer.

The men who had treated me the best in my life were Marcus and Ashton. For them to be experiencing difficulties at this critical time, I believe that God would not deny them the due success, for all the kindness that they had done for me.

I heaved a slow sigh of relief. Suddenly, I felt Holden nudging my arm with his elbow; I had forgotten that he was still here. "Scarlett, would you like to go into a business with me?" he asked, with a brisk businesslike expression on his face.

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Business with Holden?

My first instinct was Holden bringing over some call girls into the office and basically destroying my innocence.

Instantly, I was on high alert. “What business could we even do together?”

“Don’t say that.” Holden tapped his chest lightly with a fist where he had just placed the dictaphone. “I may be helping Ashton find someone as of right now, but if you have anything to tell Marcus in private, I can ask my subordinates to pass on the message. I can even ensure an instant reply. How does that sound?”

While the person mimicking me was technically a real human being, there was no way they could copy all my mannerisms and my way of speaking. Marcus was smart enough that he would definitely realize after just a few sentences. If Holden really could get me to talk to Marcus directly, things would go much more smoothly.

Still, I kept in mind that there was no such thing as a free lunch. “What do you want in return?”

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Holden's glad eyes suddenly creased into smiling crescent moons. "I just want some of your help. You're the general manager of White Corporation after all. A nod from you is all I need."

I knew from experience that a smile like that from Holden simply meant there was much more to his words. My frown deepened and I asked in suspicion, "Are you sure it is just some help?"

Holden smiled and sat down next to me. He turned to face me with an almost sensual attitude. "To be honest, it will sound a little complicated. The White Corporation tried to take over the phone industry a few years ago and got approval from the communication base station. Since things are quite strictly guarded over there, I was hoping that the White Corporation's workers could take some of my own technicians over so they can learn a thing or two."

I looked at him in shock. That wasn't just 'some help'. He was clearly trying to worm through a loophole in the system. I hadn't even taken my bar exam yet, but Holden was being so obvious that even a rookie in law could tell what he was planning.

After a moment of surprise, I shook my head. "That's impossible. Don't even think about it. Ask for something else."

Holden's expression immediately darkened at my answer. His pale, slender fingers toyed with the glass on the table. Almost nonchalantly, he said, "I guess it's a no-go then. Business should always be a win-win situation, you see. If you can't give me what I need, then I suppose we should call it off. Just take it that I have never said anything."

I knew very well he was trying to trick me using reverse psychology. Despite that, I was still worried for Marcus while being annoyed that Holden practically

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had me exactly where he wanted. My brows were almost knotted together in my anger.

Ashton came back from the balcony with his phone in hand. He frowned slightly at the sight of my angry expression but quickly rearranged his features into his usual calm mask. He said, "That's business. There's no such thing as doing someone a favor. You worked hard to get where you are today too. We can't change anything between just the two of us. Something happened at the company and I need to make a stop at the hospital. Don't wait up for me."

After that, he put his phone into his pocket and picked his jacket up from the living room before walking toward the door.

He stopped right before walking out and looked back. "If you want to actually get your benefits, then come with me."

That was directed at Holden. He scoffed before following Ashton out. Before he left, he even whispered a reminder to think about our possible exchange.

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