

Chapter 25 The Investor

Brianna's POV

I walked past Cain but he grabbed my wrist and pushed me against the wall. I groaned because of the impact and glared at him. My chest was moving up and down in irritation. He just has all the reasons to make me upset. This guy would never leave me alone. He would do everything it takes to get what he wants. But I won't let him.

His burning eyes shot me glares. "Tell me! Who was it, huh? Was it the guy last time? Or was it Blake Lucas? Fcking tell me, Brianna!"

I pushed him with all my strength. "I am not obligated to explain to you or even answer you nonsense and goddamn questions! Why don't you just leave me alone? Leave me alone, Cain. How hard is it to understand? Are you stupid or your ego just couldn't take it?"

He gritted his teeth. "You can't do this to me, Brianna! I will really pull my investments!"

"Do it!" I growled. "You are not manipulating me again, Cain. Why are you acting like it was my fault? Let me remind you, you were the one who cheated!"

"So that's it?" He laughed sarcastically. "You want to get even that's why you're fcking different men? Is that it, huh? You whore!"

I slapped him hard. "Leave before I call the police on you. Leave, Cain!"

He laughed sarcastically and punched the door beside my head. I looked at him, shocked but not scared. My fear has drained. He won't be able to shake me again.

"I will find your man and ruin him. I will bring him down with you!"

Suddenly, I felt nervous for Rogue. I don't know if he's capable of fighting. I don't even know if he has resources, but if Cain uses his money and connections, Rogue will be over.

"What? You're scared? You're scared for your lover?"

I gritted my teeth and fought his stares. "You will not touch anyone around me, Cain."

"Oh, beats me! I can ruin anyone's life!"

"What the hell do you want now? Your company has recovered. I filed a divorce and it's just a matter of time until you are finally able to marry Amber. What the hell do you want?"

He smirked and moved closer to me. He put his palms on both of my sides. I glanced at them before meeting his sharp eyes with the same intensity of glare.

"I want you...to suffer, Brianna. You humiliated me. Big time. So you have to pay for that."

I laughed and shook my head. "You just can't accept that I finally woke up from my stupidity, huh?"

He clenched his jaws. "You were so in love with me, so I don't really understand why you're doing this. You're even willing to give up on your grandfather's company and your own life so you could please me. What made you change your mind? What suddenly changed you, Brianna?"

I shot an eyebrow up. "I'm sick of you, Cain. That's what changed my mind."

I pushed him away but he grabbed me again and slammed me again on the door. It was harder than the last time and I really hit the back of my head.

"Argh!" I groaned when he grabbed my jaws and kissed me on the lips.

"Was it because I haven't been kissing you?" He asked as he gave me punishing kisses.

I tried pushing him away but he was holding me firmly. I bit his lip when I realized he won't let me go.

He groaned and cursed continuously as he took a step back and glared at me. He was touching his bleeding lip.

I spit on the floor. "You are so fcking disgusting!"

He stilled. I saw how shocked he was when he heard my sharp words. I gritted my teeth and wiped my lips using the back of my hand. I'm literally disgusted by him.

"What are you doing?" He asked aggressively. "What did you say?"

I rolled my eyes and took a step closer to him. Without further ado, I punched his stomach and kicked his balls.

"ARGH!" He shouted in pain and fell on his knees.

"FCK YOU, BRIANNA!"

I smirked at him. "You better not mess with me again, Cain. You can't defeat me all the time. You can't manipulate me all the damn time. And you ever press those disgusting lips of yours on mine again."

I turned my back and opened the door of my unit. I slammed the door closed and caressed my chest when I got inside.

Anger is overpowering me. How dare him kiss me?

My phone suddenly rang. I quickly answered it after seeing Levi's name registered on the screen. He must have an update about the investors.

"Hello, Levi?"

[Miss Bree. We have a total of three investors who agreed to set a meeting with us.]

I smiled. My mood lifted as a sweet smile curved in my lips. "Brief me about these investors, Levi. And please prepare detailed information about them. I'll check it later."

[Noted, Miss Bree. And about the RYD Estate...]

I nodded as I walked towards the kitchen. I grabbed a glass and poured cold water in it. "What about the RYD Estate? Did they agree to have a collaboration with us?"

[No, Miss Bree. The thing is, they're one of the investors.]

My eyes widened in fraction. "Really? But how? You sent them the collaboration proposal, right? We just need them to help us sell our units...though, an investment will help a lot."

[Well, the CEO of the RYD Estate wants to talk to you, Miss Bree.]

I chewed my bottom lip after drinking water. I sighed and swallowed hard. "Did you check the information about the CEO, Levi?"

[Yes, Miss. He actually scheduled a meeting with you later at 4 PM.]

I nodded and cleared my throat. RYD Estate is a top real estate company. The news about them investing in The Quinn's will attract other investors. Surely, that's a better idea. I just didn't think they would invest with us, so I just wanted a collaboration.

"Thank you, Levi. Please prepare the information I need. Put it on my table."

[Consider it done, Miss Bree. Please drive safely.]

I smiled and ended the call. My mood couldn't be ruined again. I went to my room and showered although I already showered in Rogue's bathroom.

I chewed my bottom lip. Rogue has been so good to me. He was always there to take care of me and he never took advantage of my weakness. I


should treat him next time. If I manage to get this investment, I'll treat him.



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Chapter 26 Confirmed Identity

Brianna's POV

"These are all?" I asked Levi after I sat on my swivel chair and saw the three folders on my table.

"Yes, Miss bree."

I smiled and nodded at him. "Thank you, Levi. I'll just check this."

"You want a coffee or juice, Miss Bree?"

I nodded. "Juice please."

I opened the folder about the RYD Estate. It gave me an overview of their company. Their mission, vision, employees, awards and recognition and then their other achievements. The last page was about the CEO of the RYD Estate and my eyes widened after I saw a familiar name printed on the paper.

Rogue Adams Ryder? Huh? Rogue Adams? Was it the same Rogue Adams I know?

I gasped. If this is the same Rogue Adams I have in my mind, then he's not an ordinary person. He's filthy rich and...he didn't tell me? It's not like he's obligated to tell me everything. I didn't ask him either.

I cleared my throat when Levi entered and put the juice on my table. I quickly sipped on it and looked at him when he put another folder in front of me.

"What is this?"

"The information about Mr. Aiden Quinn's project, Miss Bree."

I nodded and massaged my temple. "Okay. I'll read it later."

He bowed and turned his back, but I called him. "Levi..."

"Yes, Miss Bree?"

I lifted the folder about the RYD Estate. "The CEO of the RYD Estate..."

"Yes, Miss? What about him?"

I paused and then sighed before I shook my head. "Nothing. He's personally meeting me later, right?"

He stood straight. "That's right, Miss. He gave me the address of the shooting range where he wants to meet you."

"Shooting range? Is he some kind of a police or agent?"

"I'm not sure about that, Miss."

Oh well, how would Levi know? I nodded at him and smiled a little.

"Okay. Thanks, Levi."

I was alert and anticipating the whole day. I can't wait to meet Rogue Adams Ryder not just because I want to confirm if the Rogue I know and the CEO of the RYD Estate are the same, but also anticipate the outcome of this meeting.

While I was driving my car, I was thinking of what I'd do to convince this investor to invest in our company. If this is really the Rogue I know, then I am confident that I can convince him.

I reached the shooting range 15 minutes earlier before the scheduled time of meeting. I roamed my eyes around as I entered the building. I took out my phone and dialed the number that was included in Rogue Adams Ryder's information. It rang for a few minutes but the call was rejected. I froze. For a while I felt my heart racing in worry.

This isn't the same as the fake meeting that Cain set up, right? I sucked my breath. Of course, it isn't. Levi assured me that it won't be the same as the previous meeting with Cain.

My phone suddenly rang and the number I was calling earlier is actually calling me back. I immediately answered the call. "Hello?"

[Miss Quinn...]

My forehead. The same familiar voice. Deep and sweet. I swallowed. "Mr. Ryder?"

[Yes. I'm sorry. I panicked and I accidentally pressed the reject button.]

He panicked? For what reason? "Y-Yeah. It's okay. I just want to inform you that I'm already here."

[Oh! That's great! I'm actually here already. I'll send someone to pick you up.]

"Thank you..."

I fixed myself after I ended the call. I combed my hair using my fingers and calmed myself down. I need to be more presentable to convince him.

"Miss Quinn?"

I looked at the man who approached me. "Yes?"

He showed me his ID. "I was sent by Mr. Ryder to pick you up. Please follow me."

"Okay."

I was walking with overflowing confidence but I slowed down when I saw the man waiting for me. He was standing tall inside the firing range while scrolling on his cellphone. Beside him was a familiar man whose arms are crossed while smirking.

I blinked numerous times. That's the man in the picture and the man who's waiting for me today is Rogue Adam, the man who always showed up whenever I needed someone.

"Bree!" Rogue smiled sweetly when he saw me.

The sexy smile on his lips made my heart skip a beat. I don't know how to react. I already expected this possibility but I didn't know I would still be this surprised.

Rogue stopped in front of me and scratched the back of his head.

"Sorry. I was unable to introduce myself properly last time. I'm Rogue Adams Ryder."

He offered his hand and I gasped. "Adams...isn't a last name?"

His lips parted and then he softly chuckled. "Yeah. I'm sorry for the confusion."

"And you are the CEO of the RYD Estate?" I swallowed hard.

He licked his bottom lip as if he's uncomfortable. He sighed and smiled worriedly. "Would that change your perception of me and your treatment?"

I quickly shook my head. "No, of course not. But... Well, you are an investor. I mean a possible investor..."

He smiled again as he tilted his head and watched me intently. "Am I cooler this way?"

I laughed nervously and that's when I noticed the man inside the firing range. He waved at me and smiled.

"And that's your friend..." I trailed off as I slowly brought my eyes back to Rogue.

"Yeah. My best friend. My childhood friend."

My lips parted as I gasped. "I'm sorry..."

"For what?"

I massaged my temple. "Look, Mr. Ryder—"

"It's Rogue, Bree. I want to call you by your name and you calling me that would make me feel sad."

I sighed. "Rogue, I'm sorry I judged you."

His forehead creased. "What do you mean?"

I glanced at his friend. "You can't blame me, I saw your photo together and I thought..."

"You thought?"

"You're gay," I said and squeezed my eyes closed. Damn! There I said it!

"WHAT?" His eyes literally widened when I looked at him.

I pressed my lips together. "I'm sorry..."

He gasped and looked at me in disbelief. "Oh, babe! I've been flirting with you and here you thought I'm a gay?"

A laugh broke so loud and I realized it was Rogue's friend. His face was so red as he walked towards us and looked at me in amusement.

"Woah! This is fun to watch. You are very interesting, Miss Quinn. You really thought he's a gay?"

I nodded as I stared back at him. "Yeah and I thought you're his lover."

His smile faded and his jaw dropped. Now it was Rogue's turn to laugh like crazy. Shit! Will I lose this investment?



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