

## Love Slave 250

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"I met Elizabeth that day," Ace replied without betraying any emotions.

My heart just sank at his words although I should have felt a little better for the fact that he still told me the truth. Ace didn't show any signs that he was going to explain himself or his actions to me and I wasn't sure if I wanted to hear any more truth from him. Suddenly, it felt like my frail little heart wouldn't be able to take it after all.

"Why did you meet up with her? You told me that something urgent happened at work. Why did you lie?" I asked as I tried to suppress the tears that were threatening to well up in my eyes.

"I wasn't lying. Something did happen at work," Ace replied flatly.

"Why didn't you just tell me that you were going to meet up with her?" I asked as I glared at him.

"Rina, if you're going to get all emotional about this, I suggest that you stop this and go to bed," Ace advised sternly.

"No! I cannot and I will not stop until I learn the truth about what is going on. Why did you end our holiday like that just to come back to see her? Why did you do that, Ace?" I demanded to know.

I knew that my emotions were taking over me and maybe I wasn't able to think anything through anymore. However, wasn't that what relationships should be about? Relationships and love have something to do with emotions for sure, so how could he expect me to just keep a straight head and handle everything rationally without getting my emotions involved?

My heart clenched so tightly in my chest, and it started to get more challenging for me to breathe. Ace brows visibly furrowed as his eyes stared at me with displeasure. I could tell that my sudden outburst didn't sit well with Ace. I must have seemed extremely immature to him but what else am I supposed to do when I can't stop thinking of the possibility that there could be something going on between him and Elizabeth?

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"Why did you follow us?" Ace asked after a pause.

What did he just say?

His sudden question truly caught me off guard. I never knew that Ace realized that I had followed him that day. He never told me anything about it and I never sensed that anything was amiss. My chest clenched even tighter than before as my hands started to feel cold. If he knew that I had followed him then he probably also knew who I was with.

"I...I happened to see you two leaving together so..." I replied before trailing off.

Ace just shook his head at me like he didn't want to believe what I had just said or what I did. I had no idea why he seemed so disappointed because I didn't see any glory or righteousness in his actions either.

“Never mind me for a second. Why did you meet up with her? I keep...seeing you two together...” I said before biting down hard on my lower lip to keep my tears from falling.

I wondered if Ace knew how much this was upsetting me. Sometimes I wondered how heartless he could be towards me. Ace did not offer me any words of comfort and he did not touch me. Instead, he took in a deep breath and then let out a loud sigh.

“I already told you that we met up for work...” he repeated his short and unanimated response once again.

“That’s all you ever tell me. Why couldn’t you have discussed business with her in the office? Why did you have to go to the hotel with her?” I asked before I could stop myself and perhaps that was because I didn’t truly want to.

What more did I have to lose?

“I don’t know why you’re acting so suspicious of me when you’ve got plenty of things to hide yourself,” Ace pointed out coldly as his hazel eyes narrowed at me.

“What do you mean?” I asked while trying my best not to avoid his gaze.

“Who have you been meeting up with in secret, Rina? Whose idea was it for you to follow us to the hotel? Who was with you, Rina?” he asked calmly but the look in his eyes demanded for answers.

I hated when he tried to turn the tables on me like this. Suddenly, it felt like I was at a disadvantage and I had no idea why that had to be so.

“If you weren’t with his wife, then there would be no reason for me to be with him,” I replied loud and clear.

I felt like my logic was right. If only Ace hadn’t been sneaking around in secret with Elizabeth, there would be no reason for me to meet up or communicate with Kyle in any way.

“I told you to stay away from that guy. Why don’t you ever listen to what I tell you?” Ace asked accusingly.

“So, it’s fine for you to meet up with Elizabeth but I can’t meet up with Kyle?” I asked as a keep frown formed in between my brows.

I had no idea how Ace found out but if he knew that I followed him then Elizabeth must also know by now that Kyle had been following her.

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“I told you to stay away from him and you promised me that you would. What happened to that promise?” Ace asked coldly.

“I...” I murmured although I didn’t know how to reply to that.

Why did this have to suddenly seem like it was my fault?

“No matter the reason, I don’t want you associating yourself with him anymore. Do you understand, Rina?” Ace asked sternly as his eyes searched my face.

“What about you? Can you stop meeting Elizabeth? You told me before that there is nothing going on between you two and that you never shared any romantic feelings even though you were engaged before. Is that still true?” I asked in a shaky voice.