

## Love Slave 259

### 259 Temporary Truce

"No, but you should be because if he does turn up, you're going to be the only one left here to greet him," Ace replied before he grinned at me.

I bet he planned this. Something in the back of my mind just told me that he planned this. He was just going to abandon me here so that I would be the one to handle his father if and when he gets here.

"No...I am never doing that!" I exclaimed as I jumped off the bed and raced into the bathroom to get ready.

"It's still very early in the morning. You don't have to rush, and you'll still make it to work on time..." Ace said lazily.

I turned to see him leaning against the doorframe of the bathroom and I just wanted to roll my eyes at him. It was his fault that I was panicking like this. Of course, I had no idea if the chairman would really turn up here, but I didn't want to take the risk of running into him here when I was all alone. I bet my life that he must still be in a horrible mood right now because of Ace's sudden announcement last night.

"This is all your fault..." I muttered darkly as my good mood quickly clouded over.

"We don't have to leave at the same time so there's no need for you to rush..." he said casually.

"I'm not trying to leave early to catch a ride with you. I just don't want to run into your dad in case he decides to turn up here for a surprise visit," I said while trying my best not to snap at him.

"Then you better hurry. I'll be busy so let Jeremy know that I want you two to help out with the marketing side of things for Project Alpha too, ok?" he instructed.

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I wanted to roll my eyes at him and how he seemed to be giving me so much trouble.

"The workday has not yet started, Mr. CEO..." I pointed out.

"You can keep on calling me that because soon you won't have the chance to do so anymore," he replied before turning on his heels and walking away.

"Oh...please..." I muttered as I rolled my eyes now that he wasn't looking.

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I made it!

I made it to work on time and the best part was that I made it out of Ace's place before his father turned up. While I took the elevator up along with the other employees, I realized that Ace would have to talk to his father sooner or later about what he had in mind. Since I didn't know what he had planned for growing the company, all I could do was silently pray that things would progress smoothly between the two of them.

"Good morning, Karina..." Jeremy greeted me the moment that I entered the office.

“Oh...perfect...” I murmured as my eyes landed on his face.

“What’s perfect?” he asked with a confused look on his face.

“I have something to tell you so it’s perfect that I didn’t have to go looking for you...” I replied with a small smile.

“Ok. So, what is it that you have to tell me?” he asked with some interest.

“Ace is busy, but he told me to tell you that he wants us to help support the marketing team on the launch of the commercial for Project Alpha,” I said with a firm nod of my head.

“That’s quite unexpected...” Jeremy murmured.

“I agree. He told me that he thinks that it will be better for us to learn something on the marketing side because we both don’t have any experience with it,” I repeated Ace’s reasoning to Jeremy.

“Oh...I see...” he muttered as he nodded along.

“I have no idea where and how we’re supposed to start, though,” I admitted.

Ace did not give me any details and I didn’t have a lot of ideas on how the marketing team worked. I guess Ace was right about my complete lack of experience and also in-depth knowledge about marketing.

“That’s not hard. We just need to ask Julianna about it,” Jeremy replied with a great idea.

“Right...” I readily agreed.

Julianna was in charge of the marketing side of the project and I had to say that she truly lived up to her reputation. I didn’t think that she would need our help to do her work well at all; however, that also meant that it was a great opportunity for us to learn a thing or two about marketing from her.

“Ace sent you two to help me?” she asked with clear disbelief.

I wasn’t surprised at her reaction and the fact that she didn’t bother to hide her surprise. She stared at Jeremy and me as if she was appraising our worth and how useful we would be to her and her team. The answer that she arrived to was probably: Not much.

“Well, I’m not sure how much we’ll be of help given that we clearly lack experience in marketing. Maybe we should say that he sent us here to learn something from you and your team?” Jeremy replied, completely unfazed.

I felt thankful to Ace for sending Jeremy here with me instead of making me navigate this new field alone and I also appreciated Jeremy’s ability to handle everything so courageously.

“Well, I guess they’ll be somethings that you can help us out with. You two are supposed to be creative so that might at least be useful...” she said after a moment of thought.

I breathed a silent sigh of relief. Although she didn’t seem super pleased to have us join her team as temporary members, at least she wasn’t chasing us out.

“Thank you. We’ll really try our best,” I said enthusiastically before I smiled at her.

“You better...” she muttered.

We joined the marketing team meeting immediate and that was when we found out that the team was suffering from dealing with Ace and his ultra-high expectations. It was clearly a story that I was used to and had many personal experiences with. Ace was clearly demanding with every team that he worked with, and I wasn't surprised.