## **Love Slave 277**

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"Are you nervous?" I asked even though I guessed that that probably wasn't the case.

"Me? Of course, not..." Ace replied dismissively.

"That's good, I guess. I'm really hoping that everything would go well. We've put in so much effort and time into this..." I said as I started to feel nervous instead.

Why wasn't Ace getting to the point just like he always used to? It felt like he had something to tell me. Why else would he pull me into a private meeting room just when the press conference was about to start like this?

"Rina..." Ace called my name softly.

"Yes?" I replied in such a soft whisper that I almost couldn't hear myself.

My throat suddenly went dry and my heart began racing in my chest as I waited anxiously for his next words. Instead of going on right away, Ace reached for my hands and held it a little too tightly in his as he stared deeply into my eyes. Although I knew that he wasn't going to formally propose or anything like that, it felt like he might. I plastered the best smile that I could muster on my lips as I quickly banished that nonsensical thought from my mind. I could tell that Ace was serious as he kept on staring deeply into my eyes and I couldn't look away from him.

"Hang in there. This will all be over soon. From now until the end of this project, try to learn as much as you can, Rina. Learn what you like or don't like to do. Think about what you want or don't want to do in the future for your career, ok?" he advised before he smiled warmly at me.

"Ok..." I murmured while feeling completely lost inside.

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Did he really pull me all the way here just to give me some career advice?

"Ace..." I called his name softly as his hold on my hands relaxed a little.

"What is it?" he asked casually.

"Is everything...ok?" I asked while trying my best not to show my extreme worry and concern.

"Of course, it is. We'll make this launch a success. We'll make this commercial a success and we'll make sure to take the prize home with us," he replied with clear confidence.

His confidence was infectious as always and it gave me courage to believe that everything would go well just as he believed that it would. There was not a moment that I doubted Ace's success. The fact that we all worked so hard for this and the extreme dedication that I've witnessed everyone on the team put into this project also gave me even more confidence in our victory.

"I'm doing fine. In case, you know...in case you're worried about me," I told him with a firm nod of my head.

I could have been off about it but the way he acted made me feel like he was probably just as worried for me as I was for him. I tried my best to smile bravely so that I could ease his worries even if it was just a little bit. Everything was still confusing for me, and many things were still kept a secret from me; however, I had decided to believe in him, and I have decided to wait as patiently as I could.

"Thank you, Rina. After this is over, let's have dinner at my place..." Ace said before he flashed me a very inviting smile.

"Are you cooking?" I asked hopefully.

"If you don't mind breakfast for dinner, then I can cook..." he replied with a soft laugh.

Breakfast for dinner doesn't sound so bad but I guess there comes a time when you stop pushing your CEO.

"Let's order something easy in. You'll probably be too tired..." I suggested.

"I'll leave it up to you," he replied before he smiled at me again.

"Sure. Leave it to me," I stated before smiling brightly up at him in return.

I felt Ace's hands on my shoulders and then he was pulling me into his embrace. My body immediately stiffened, and I pressed my hand softly against his chest to halt his actions. Ace stopped almost immediately before he glanced down into my face with a questioning look.

"Umm...let's try not to get my makeup on your shirt or your suit..." I

"I'll settle for a kiss instead..." he said with a hint of annoyance.

I felt the heat of his hand against my cheek and then his lips were on mine before I could think of a way to reply to him. His lips on mine felt warm and his kiss was passionate yet gentle. His lips moved lovingly on mine as he planted soft kisses against my lips from various angles.

At least, I wouldn't risk running his outfit this way just when the press conference was right around the corner.

Every kiss felt sweet and so unrushed like we had all the time in the world to enjoy this together in our private little world. I moaned into our kiss as our kiss slowly deepened. The tip of Ace's tongue dipped between my lips as he urged me silently for me to part my lips for him. I did as he wanted without any hesitation as I parted my lips to allow his tongue entry into the wet depths of my mouth. His tongue immediately found mine and began engaging it in a fervent dance of desire as our kiss got wetter and more demanding. His large hand travelled down my back to my waist before progressing even lower to the curves of my hips before he squeezed my ass boldly as his tongue continued teasing mine.

"Ace...Ahh..." I moaned his name in a breathless whisper after I managed to free my lips from his hot kiss.

I pleaded with him with my eyes for him to stop as I struggled to catch my breath. The effect of his passionate kiss left my head feeling light and my body feeling so heated. I was scared that if we kept at it, this would quickly escalate into something more.