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Chapter 16

"But something feels off. That old lady didn't really seem like one of our company's top e xecutives. I heard this morning that the head of the company seriously ill. Maybe she's **a** friend relative." Michael said thoughtfully, shaking his head. Even he couldn't figure out what was going on

"other way, it don't really concern is right now. We're part of a big corporation. It's not go ing to go under just like that," he added with a sheug

After hearing what Amands saldearlier, Yarrick felt a bit more reassured. **Since** she me ntioned that there wouldn't be any problems for the time being, it was probably true. As a mid–level executive, she definitely had more inside knowledge than most.

"Yeah, that makes sense. Let's just go with the flow"

As the two of them charied, they noticed Ethan **walking** toward the elevators with a laptop in hand

"He's probably heading into a meeting. I bet he knows what's going on with the curethre n. But we just started working heir, so it's best not to ask too much

"Right It's better to stay out of it and just see how things play out-

They went back to reviewing the documents Ethan had handed them earlier, occasionall y exchanging a few words

Time passed quickly, and before they knew it, it was 4:00 pm

thing used from him

Drhan returned, his expression calm. It was impossible to tell if he was in a good or bad mood. After a short chat, they didn't manage to glean anything i

"Yarrick, are you heading to the hospital again?" asked Michal.

ah," Yarrick said with a smile as he started packing up his things,

"Alright, I'm gonna reach out to that woman I talked to radier. Maybe Eleven catch a movie with her tonight."

(manTMTM Yarrick laughed and gave **Michael** a thumbs up before heading out. He needed to grab something to eat. He had skipped hunch, **an** **d** now, he was really hungry Aher leaving the offic, Tarrick found by fast food **joint** and wolled down a quick meal. Then, he hopped on **a** bus and made his way to the hospital

The ride was smooth, and he arrived at the ICU in no time. He stepped into Halley's roo m.

"Warrick, you're be?"

He walked in just as a nurse was about to have

"Hey there!" yarrick greened her with a smile, then glanced over at the bed. "Did my wife eat anything this afternoon?"

"**She** did. Quite a bit actually. She's been asleep for a while. You two lovebirds have so me time to yourselves."

Think!"

Yannick pulled up a chair beside Hailey's bed **and** gently took her small hand in his. It w as warm and soft.

The doc closed quietly behind them

"Honey, I just got off work, I grabbed a quick bite and came straight here. Did you misa ma?"

was just the two of them in the room, Yarrick got a little bolder. He reached out and gent ly raressed Hailey's cheek, but there was no response **this** time. After a moment, Hailey grasped his hand in turn, her face turning a soft shade of pink. Her body even trembled slightly "Sweetheart, are you getting berser? iccare is really expensive. Let's work on ge tting you into a regular toxom soon"

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Even though Yarrick didn't have to pay her hospital bills, he knew how only the ICU was . A standard room would be way cheaper.

As spoke, he softly ran his finger **along** her neck and collar bone—then stopped himarit. He really wanted **to** keep going, but he managed to hold back

Hailey's complexion had improved, so much lately. Her pale face had gained a healthy fl ush, and she looked more radiant than ever. Not only was she beautiful, but there was s omething deeply captivating about her ow

Hailey let out a soft man from Varrick's touch, louder than usual this time. Her breathing goes

"Sweetheart_"

Yarrick's Heart Huntered Halley was clearly awake. She was just pretending to sleep.

He leaned down **and** kissed her gently on the check "Honey, let's go home once you ge t better, alright? i really want to hold **you** right now."

He kissed her cheek again and wrapped his aim gently around her slender and soft sho ulders. As he held her, another quiet moun slipped from her lips, hes bathing now shallo w and quick

"Honey, will you still want the proces

tane once you're fully recoveted! His voice was soft as he hugged her a little sight.

Hailey's breath hitched **again**, but still, she didn't open her eyes.

"Halls" Yarnick kissed her again. After a short while, the gently let has go

Time passed quietly as he sat beside her, holding her hand. Before he knew it, it **was** 1 0:00 **pm**.

"Hoary, it's prizing lain. 11's 10.300 pin now. I should head home. Fill come back to see you tomorrow, alight"

He gave her one last kiss goodbye

rwby like this for **a** few days

Each time Yannick visited, the nurses would tahim Halley had been awake and eating well, but where he was there, the **just** would't open her eyes.

Then came Saturday Yanick put up early in the

"khat?" His heart skipped a beat

No way! Did Halley po to the burlaoun by latud?

had a speich bewakfast, and **tushed** to the hospital. But when je **stepped** into ICU Hos en **6**, the bed was empty.

Yaltid by the thought. But then, a momotions surged through him. I **Hailey** was truly recovering, then he'd soon have to face the reality of their **possible divorce**.

"Värdek, your wide's been moved to a regular 100m – Bloomi 20). You can go see bei thaje."

da hewan spiraling in thought, a nurse walked in

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g around two days ago. And of course, she can talk We moved her to a regular room this morning. Go take a look. You two are such

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"oh" Alter hearing! •morse, Yanick pave a small nod Hills emotions **suddenly** became h ard to describe.

He had been hoping Hadley would wake up, praying she'dusvnrat least three months, e ven more so that she'd fully rever

As the possibility of divorce, he hadn't really cared all that much. Selena **had** told him fr om the beginning that Hailey would definitely divorce him. He was just a stand—in groom, a good Jurkcharm There was never ampreal relationship between them.

And yet, after all this time spent by her side, Yanick **had** gotten used to having this beau tiful woman. his life. Especially whenever he held her hand, whispered teasing words, a nd touched

her cheeks

Schere along the way, she had found a **place** in his heart.

He couldn't even explain what he felt for her. Maybe it was because he knew that he wo uld never get the chance to have something like this again.

His thoughts were a mess as he walked out of the ICU. Soon, he arrived at the general mand area.

"oom 201" He headed up to the end floor and quickly found the room. Standing at the door, **Yarrick** took a deep breath. He was about to see Hailey awake.

He wondered if Hailey could recognize him.

Perhaps she was too embarrassed to see him. Would he still be allowed **to** call her "hon ey"? Would he still be able to hold her hand and is he? All these thoughts ran through hi s mind. Still, he raised his hand and knocked penily

There was a shuffle of movement from inside, then silence

*Come in." It was an older woman's voice-Selena's.

Yannick pushed the door open. It was a private room that was surpingly spacious

Hailey was lying in bed, her cheeks **a** soft **shade** of pink. A mysterious expression flicke red across her face. Beside her at Selena.

"In Selena "Varrick greeted politely.

moh, Yarrick, you'r here." Selena gave him

e him a warm s

warm smile and an approving look

"Yeah, I went to the TCU Trst, then found out she had already been moved. **That's** great news!" Yarrick walked over to the bed, but with Selen a present, he didn't "Varick, Hailey's doing very well. After **a** few more days here, she sh ould be ready to go home."

"Really? You mean she's almost fully recovered? That's incredible"

Tor Hailey's hand.

Terrick said nothing. He took the folder and opened it. The words "Divorce Agreement w ere printed in bold at the top of the page. He had known this day would matter what hap pened next, at least Hailey was going to be okay.

day would come eventually. But still, no

"Yes, **Yannick**. Thank you." Selena nodded, then reached hes bag and pulled out a fold er. "Here, take a look at this

"Warrick, once you sign the agreement, I'll transfer two million **dollars** to you immediatel y. Of course, if you want to think it over, I understand. You and Hailey are still legally ma rried, **and** the really could use someone by her side. But that's something you two need to discuss together," Selena said gently, Selena wanded himatay. Her gaze was calm y et hopeful

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Varrick had no idea what the might be thinking

"He looked at Hailey lyingthere in bed, and something unexplainable stined in his chest.

During the time they had spent together, even though she had never said a single word to him, she had left a deep impression on his heart—one that could be erased.

- "Selena, do you mind if I think about it for a while?"

"Yankk, fium what I understand, yom family background isn't great. Two

res dollars could really make your life easier. If you feel that's not enough, Tean offer thr ee. After all, you's done a wonderful job these past few weeks. Hailey's peevery had so much in do with your presence,"

"Hmm....... Technically, we already have a marijage certificate, so that meam she's my wife now. Lakon't know when she usedto be, but right now, she's iny wife. If we're goin g to divorce, I want

talk to her about it first. If she tells me bo pay Fi sign the agreement without hesitation b ut for now, Selena, you can hold onto the divorce agreement'

lena gave him a long look as he prothe shook his heat.

Selega's alles was tempting, no doubt. That kind of money could cl the menes just didn't seem as besportant.

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tre Varticles life. His parents would never have to stingr?

But somehow, when he looked at Hailey lying th

the gouldn't explain it. He just felt like heredest to beat her opinion on this matter. Alter

Lthey were legally mattint. It only seemed right to let her have a say tom.

If Halley agreed to the dressee, then he wouldn't hesitate. He knew this had always bee n just a deal. "Alright. No problem. Have a talk with Hailey. This is a maiter between hus band and wile, after all. And if you

two decide to stay together, well, I'd be overjoyed," Selena said with a soft smile. "Alright, Yanak 11 bave you nesto talk anything comes up, call me anytime."

Thank you, Selena

|"Alright then." Selena seeded and quintly let the nom...

"Uh Honey?" Yarrick pulleda chali up to Hailey's bedside and gently sat down hereache d out to hold her hand

Het eyes were closed. She still wasn't planning to wake up

Han her handcurled gently around his

There was no docht **about** in she **had** bake the whole time. She was just keeping her e yes shut.

"Honey, I know you're awake. And I'm guessing you board everything that was **just** sad for what it's worth, I'd really like to give us a shot."

Yarrick gently managed her hand, speaking **in** a voice that was as soft as **over**,

"I'm young. I've po merge I wouldn't mind taking care **of** you every day. I'm **a** great cook, and I could fatten you up in no time. Sure, we've got a bit of an

"Honey, I'm good-

looking and have a solid build. If you'd just open your type and look at me, I think **mayb e** you'd want to give it a shot too

As Vatrick, spoke, Halley suddenly let out a laugh. **Just** as quickly as it **came**, she clam ped her mouth shut again.

"Uh-huh." Yannick innen wide, no longer in any doute. Halley was definitely awake.

if an age gap. But honestly? I've always

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Trick found it quite interesting. It seemed Halley just refused to open her eyes and face him.

He couldn't help but smirk. til Hailey insisted on pretending to be asleep, he would just k eep talking like nothing had changed.

"Hal" From how she had reacted earlier, It was dear she didn't mind Yarrick at all. So na turally, he got bolder and bolder

The toothbrush, toothpaste, and face wash on the bedside table told him she was alrea dy able to get up and wash apron her own.

Tariceached out, brushing her cheek again with his hand. Then, Iraning in, his lips follo wed. The took in her sweet and enticing sent. He couldn't help but kiss her agato.. "Honey, when are you taking me home? I'm already yours anyway."

As he spoke, **hep** her another light kiss on the cheek. He still hadn't kissed her lips yet.

That in just that short moment, Bailey's cheeks thiched a dreper red, and her bexly mem bled slightly. Her grip on Tarrick glarend

Halley's breathing quickened, like a teenage girl being kissed by her crud for the veriydinst

1. ne. Her whole body was trembding with excitement

"Hails, honey, I know you don't hate me. I've made up my mind. That divorce agreement? I'm not signing it. Even though that three million dollars would change my life, autof m oney could compare to you. 1 don't care about your age, not even a line.

"Il fat bought us together, then why not go with it? So when you're dicharged, just take me home with you, okay?"

Tarrick gave her another kiss. He pressed his cheek against her and spoke genity. Their breath mingled in the small space between them, and the mood quickly em Then, while Haley wasn't paying attention, Varrick quickly kissed her lips.

The surprise hit her like a jolt, and her whole body tensed.

He wasn't going to give her the chance to dodge. He wrapped both dem around her neck and held her gently but firmly.

Haley knew that she had been led by a 20

younger than her.

She can't mind the kisses on her cheek, but this is on the lips completely threw her off. At that moment, s't know how to respond

Track endly upped her ned and ally led her With each breath deeper and more unstead y than the last, Hailey felt herself meiringer strength seemed to dra Embarrassed, she felt her mind go Mank

Although she **was** used to his tender volce and affectionate touch, she had never seen what he looked like

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ridiculously hand me, Solona **had** praised him to nurths were just words. And now, he w as kissing her before she had even seen his face, "Honey.."

Halley didn't respond. I was as if he had kid before. Even her tips didn't part. They just tr embled slightly with every shaky breath she took

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Halley kept het eyes shut. Perhaps it was because the had gotten used to listening to Y arides gentle voice in silence.

She was still dealing with her motion. To be honest, she was on.

Belena had gone **to** such extremes to sehen, even resting to superstitious methods. Sel ena had married alley off to a complete strange without her knowledge

Dating her time together with Yarrick, the had gradually poeten used to his companions hip.

Still, deep down, Hailey lew that Varrick was too young for her, and that left her feeling conflicted. She had no idea how to face this young man, who was now her legal husband

It wasn't the she was deeply in love or anything but she had grown so used is his gentle presence, Yarikk was kind-tempered and patient

Fin someone like Halley, who had never dated before, it was all a completely new exper ience. He wasn't just gentle. He was charming, funny, and sometimes flirtatiously bold. He even joked abhwng and energet he was, promising he could take care of all he need s

tatory, muld you maybe kiss me back next time? This This is my first kiss, you know," Y anick leaned over the bedside, his face inches away from Halley's

That was a lie. He had once been hired to be someone's fala boyfriend and potten kisse d during the

service. technically, this wasn't his first ut he had been paid sad it at the time, so he had n't minded it either.

"Sweetheart, if you don't kiss me back, I might just start undressing yo

Yarrick knew deep down that Hailey had already accepted him these, she wouldn't have rated solely to his kisses. If she really wanted **him** gone, she would have pushed him

He kissed her **again**, this time parting his lips so slightly. To his delight, Bailey responde d obediently.

Trick warjoyed. It seemed that Halley hub accepted him.

Annej a long, deep kiss, Hailey collapsed gently into his arms, completely breathless. Het cheeks were flushed red

Warrick had already kicked off his shoes and climbed onto the bed, mapping her fully in his embrace,

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Het bostymas incredibin,

Even though she was **a** little thinner than he **imagined**, he still got a feel of her borty dating the Hat curves were unmistalaide,

She was thin probably from being bedridden for so long Once she fully recovered, slo'd e abarbuitely stunning

"kweetheart, can you call me daling?"

Hailey stayed nailed against him, pretending to be asleep. Her eye were tightly shut as she remained allent.

nokay, honey. Then, what do you think about the divers? Since we're ready married why don't try being together for real? Let's just give it a shot. What do you say? If you agree, **them** don't fight me on the next time as you, olay!"

Tarrickmited as he spoke. He law she wouldn't fight him. With thar, he leaned in and kis sed her again.

He didn't need to say anything She opened her lips and led him back. He is slowly wrap ped around his waist,

Even though she had never seen Yarrick's face, she had already fully accepted him. Be sides vas experiencing something entirely new with it. It was a feeling she couldn't ress e

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At the same time, the diet opened slowly. A pang, perile mouse diepped into the room

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"Trafi Just come quickly, alright? We need to get the allot up and tested. I'll take a while"

canpilling about being his nor did he refuse Ethan.

chuelto can help out," Dilan informed

chapter 20

"oh, get it, Mr. Duarion. I'll head over right **away.**" With that, Yarrick **quickly** hung up the call.

As the new gar in the company, **Varrick** had no **way of** rebuting **Ethan's** order. He got up, walked to Halley's bedside, and gently took her hand in his

"Um... Hailey, that was 4. Dawson from work. He said a new batch of computers jest ge t delivered, andthey need help setting them up. I've got to head over now, I'll come back to see you once it's all **done**, probably in the afternoon."

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Because these still in the room, Varrick too shy to call her "hey", he just d her name. She low how things were. She'd understand

Ah, he gave her **hand** a gentle spese, said goodbye to the nurse, and left the room.

"Hey, Micharl, Mr. Daverion just called and asked me to help with the new compines. W here you right now? Yarrick immediately Michal message as he walked out of the

A few seconds later, Michard replied with a message of his poem.

"Ugh, man, don't even get me started. I was just about to ask out that girl I was chatting with last night, but Mr. Dawson had to go and ruin it.

"Why didn't you jasts you had something going on at home and couldn't make it Yarrick erplied

"Weah right. We've beth on probation. One wrong more and Mr. Dawn rould decide to fire us.

"You've got a point. Institerally at the hospital taking care of someone, and the second be called, I dropped everything to gover."

The two of them lept chatting as Terrick made his way out of the hospital and onto **a** bus heading toward the company. Not long after, Tarrick arrived at work and hea ded straight to Ethan's

"Hey, Mr. Dawson

Hey, Varrick You got her fast," than sail with a nod and a plased smile. It was clear he a ppreciated Tarrick's promptness.

"walt at your deck. El call you when the computes arrive. ***

"Alright, Mr. Dawson Trick nodded and nimed to head back to hided

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Michael came things as it down

Yeah he's in his office**

I'm gonna gə say in real quick" Michael was quick-

As soon as heard that Ethan was in, he made **a** beeline for his office. After all, showing **t he** right attitude mattered. Teneminunua lança, Michael returned to his desk.

"What now? sul bummed about the date taling duaigh Yarrick asked with a chuckle, giving Michael a friendly pat on the **shoulder**.

"Yeah Jarmally like her, with all like this, you how to move fast Wait too long and some he will match her up,

"Well, even if you can't mest in person, you can step the covetration ping in test. Once y ou get talking gully, it'll build up naturally"

"Yeah, we've band being all morning, but **it's** just not the time as hanging out in person. I was hoping spot something up this weekend, **maybe** get things **going**" Tude, slow do wn!" Yamrick laughed.

way. I need to stake my claim belare someone else slides in cell sighed, clearly fred. "ur you off **than** me, man You're at the hospital every don't even have anymore. What a w aste." "Yeah, you're right," Yanick agreed, chuckding as he nodded.

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