Chapter 16

"Do you all think I can't find myself a guy?" Natasha asked when she saw them all staring nosily at her.

"No way! While there isn't anything wrong with being single, you should give it a shot if you come across a suitable man! I'm not getting any younger, so it'd do you good to have someone who can look after you and protect you," Terence said.

"But I prefer to have you keep me company, Grandpa!" Natasha protested as she continued munching on her desserts. She absolutely refused to acknowledge the fact that Terence would someday be gone.

Knowing how much she feared the topic of separation, Terence chose not to dwell on that topic for too long. "I know, but I'd prefer for you to have one more person to keep you company."

Natasha understood full well what he meant. "Don't worry, Grandpa. I'll be sure to seize the opportunity if I ever come across someone suitable."

Although she didn't mention how things were between her and Zachary, Terence felt reassured when he heard her promise.

He feared that his mistakes would cause Natasha to lose hope in marriage. As he wouldn't be around forever, he really wanted someone who could take care of her in his stead.

"Now, now... Stop being so nosy, you three! I'll keep you updated if anything happens, okay?" Natasha said.

"Okay!" Clarice replied. Fine! If Mommy won't tell us

the truth, I'll just ask Mr. Lynch about it tomorrow!

The next day, Natasha had just arrived at the Programming Department when Ross called out to her, "Let's go. We have a meeting."

A meeting? This early in the morning?

Natasha was a little confused, but she didn't think much about it and left with a pen and notebook.

She frowned when she saw Kenneth sitting in front the moment she entered the conference room.

After everyone had taken their seats, Mark glanced at Xavier and said, "Mr. Hamilton has given you this opportunity, Xavier. Do your best to present your ideas."

Unsure of what Kenneth was playing at, Xavier

decided not to get his hopes up as he presented his reworked project.

Everyone frowned as they wondered why it was different from the previous one, but Natasha wasn't the least bit surprised.

"If I recall, this looks quite different from your previous work," Kenneth commented in a professional manner.

"That is right. I carelessly overlooked some details before, so I added them in to complete it," Xavier replied.

Xavier had indeed made changes to his project after hearing what Natasha said.

Although he didn't expect to present his work again, it was necessary for a programmer like him to ensure the completion of the project.

Kenneth nodded and turned toward Mark as he said, "All right. We'll go with this, then. Get ready to sign the contract."

Everyone else involved in the project was stunned, but Natasha simply maintained a poker face as she observed everything.

She had prepared herself for any stunt that Kenneth might try to pull.

I don't know if Kenneth was simply trying to make things difficult or if he's doing it for Natasha, but I'm glad it all worked out!

After taking a moment to regain his composure, Mark quickly arranged for the signing of the contract.

"By the way, I have another suggestion," Kenneth

said all of a sudden.

The manager looked at him cautiously. "Please go ahead, Mr. Hamilton."

"We could build a long-term strategic partnership. Your company will be in charge of our projects in the future," Kenneth suggested.

The manager was practically petrified after hearing that.

If our companies do end up in a long-term strategic partnership, then we would truly have struck gold. Putting the money aside, simply telling others that we're business partners with Hamilton Corporation will strengthen our reputation tremendously. We could do anything we want in the corporate world, and countless projects will come flooding in. Money will no longer be an issue for us! Everyone got a little excited at the thought of that.

Natasha, however, frowned slightly in response.

"M-Mr. Hamilton, do you really mean that?" Mark asked in disbelief.

To even collaborate with a company as powerful as Hamilton Corporation was something that many could only dream of, let alone establishing a long-term business partnership like this.

"What, you don't like it?" Kenneth asked.

"O-Of course not! It would be a great honor to work with you, Mr. Hamilton!" Mark exclaimed with tears of joy in his eyes.

"In that case, we'll get all the contracts signed in one

go," Kenneth replied calmly.

"That is right. I carelessly overlooked some details before, so I added them in to complete it," Xavier replied.

"Sure thing! I'll have it all prepared right away! It'll only take a minute, Mr. Hamilton!" Mark called out to him on his way out.

"Take your time," Kenneth said calmly as his gaze fell upon Natasha.

Mark couldn't care less about anything else and ran off to prepare the contracts.

Practically everyone in the conference room could see that Kenneth was only doing this for Natasha.

Even so, none of them dared say anything as

Natasha had indeed benefited the company greatly.

Mark soon returned with two sets of contracts and signed them on the spot, much to everyone's relief.

"Thank you very much for supporting our company, Mr. Hamilton! How about we have dinner tonight? Our boss is currently rushing back from overseas and would really like to meet you."

"No, I've already made plans for tonight."

"But..."

"Don't worry about it, Mr. Yondel. We'll most likely be seeing each other quite often from now on," Kenneth said calmly.

While maintaining the smile on his face, Mark shifted his gaze toward Natasha.

It's obvious that he's only interested in seeing her! He really will do anything for the girl he likes...

With that in mind, he said, "All right. Just let us know when you'd like to arrange for the meet-up, Mr. Hamilton."

Everyone then went back to work after that.

As Natasha was simply there to fill the empty seats, the signing of the contracts did not affect her in the slightest.

Obviously, Kenneth was the one behind the arrangement.

After exiting the conference room, Natasha was heading toward the restroom when Kenneth came after her and pinned her against the wall. "Is there something I can help you with, Mr. Hamilton?" Natasha asked casually while leaning against the wall. She had no issues with his advances as he did have a really handsome face.

"Aren't you going to comment on what happened today?"

"You are a very wealthy man, Mr. Hamilton!" Natasha replied with a sarcastic smile.

Kenneth stared deep into her eyes as he said, "Entering a long-term strategic partnership means you'll be the one to liaise with me from now on."

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