

## Perfect Match: Irresistible Desire For You – Chapter 21

Ashley's words filled Joseph with discontent. In the first place, he had no intentions of discussing the contract with her. He was hoping that she would ask him for a favor once she remembered the events of that night, and he would take great satisfaction in granting that wish for her. To be sure, he did not expect that the woman would be so uncooperative. Even so, Joseph wasn't about to let her slip from his grasp.

With this in mind, Joseph went straight for the kill. "Miss Guzman, I don't intend to discuss the cooperation project between our two companies with you at this time. I want you to be my woman."

Hearing the words uttered in such a firm, dignified manner, Ashley felt a burst of anger flare within her. She clenched her fists to restrain herself and asked gently, "Mr. Marshall, can you tell me why you don't want to talk about the contract with me?"

Joseph saw Ashley's attempt to be kind despite the fire burning in her eyes, and the unhappiness in his heart dissipated. Still, he did not comment on it. "Be my woman, or I won't discuss anything else with you."

The obvious threat delivered in his glacial voice stoked the anger in Ashley. She wanted to hit him where it hurt, but she couldn't for the sake of her work. "If you're making such a ridiculous request because of that night, it's completely unnecessary. I'm not shameless enough to become your woman." Joseph did not deign to respond to her comment, so Ashley said in a business-like tone, "Our company will send another person to talk about this contract with you." Then, she picked up her bag and stood up to leave.

Joseph leapt to his feet and quickly walked around the desk to her side. His dark, unreadable eyes stared down at her bright eyes, and he demanded coldly, "What can make you agree?"

The man's frigid aura had chills running down her spine, and Ashley couldn't help the anxiety building up inside her. The man in front of her was a head taller and a lot broader and stronger than her. His heavy stare was intimidating. She keenly felt that she was in his territory. If he wanted to do anything to her, there was nothing she could do.

However, his face did not show any expression but persistence, as if he wouldn't let her go until he got an answer. For some reason, that expression reassured her.

"Mr. Marshall, I'll tell you what can make me say yes." Ashley beckoned for Joseph, who suddenly took a step back just then, to come closer.

Joseph smiled to himself, thinking that the arrogant woman in front of him was finally coming around. Slowly, he walked toward her until they were within an arm's length.

He bent forward slightly to peer down at Ashley, who was looking up at him. At that moment, the woman's faint scent wafted to his nose. This smell did not come from perfume—it was the scent emanating from the woman's body, which reminded him strongly of that unforgettable night.

As soon as Joseph's head approached hers, Ashley lifted a knee to hit Joseph's crotch and slipped out of his office.

Only his quick reflexes and constant vigilance developed over the years enabled Joseph to dodge what would have been an excruciating blow on his sensitive parts. However, he was lost in his memories that he did not escape completely unscathed, and Ashley's knee managed to land on his thigh. The pain had Joseph jumping to avoid the worst of the attack.

Staring at Ashley's tall, slim back as she agilely escaped his office, a smile played in the corners of Joseph's mouth. "Interesting. Woman, mark my words, I will collect what you owe me!"

Ashley did not say anything during the entire ride back to Synder Group. On one side of the vehicle, Lina was gloating over Ashley's failure to get the other party to sign the contract.

It took some time for Joseph to get back his senses, but then Zachary rushed into the CEO's office just as he was about to get back to work. The other man looked around as soon as he came through the door, but he didn't find anything special. When he saw Joseph's stony face, he calmed down and curbed his enthusiasm, sure that an interesting show was about to play out. "Joseph, I heard that you specially received a woman in your office. Did you get anything?" Joseph maintained his icy silence.

This morning, Zachary went out to work and missed the show, which came only once in a blue moon. When he arrived at the office, his curiosity was piqued when he heard the secretary at the CEO's office talking about Joseph meeting a woman in person. After picking up bits and pieces of gossip, he found out that the woman was the beauty whom he strongly recommended last time. With burning questions itching to burst out of his mouth, he rushed into the CEO's office to ask Joseph himself. It was a pity that Zachary didn't arrive in time to find anything odd going on in Joseph's office. Even so, the news was a good start, indicating that Joseph was definitely interested in the woman. Thus, Joseph's grandfather did not need to worry about this aspect of Joseph's personality anymore. He would be reporting these developments to the old man as soon as he could.

"Aren't you busy? Do you want me to give you a task or something?" Joseph's emotionless voice reached Zachary's ears, and the assistant instantly realized that he wouldn't be able to get any answers out of the man in front of him. However, judging from the faint gloomy tone in the other man's voice, he could tell that this matter was far from over. A wise man knew when to retreat. Sooner or later, he would find out everything.