

# Trapped by the Ruthless Billionaire by Lucia Love

## Chapter 62

62 – Casper Blade, are you in love with another woman? The auditorium fell into a dead silence, as grandpa glanced at Jenna’s direction, one corner of his lips lifting into a taunting smile. Not only Jenna but the whole squad caught it. “Is he targeting you? Was Casper aware?” Peggy asked with innocent dove eyes. She didn’t know the details of Jenna’s relationship with Casper but from what she saw in Rome, it was more than friendship.

“Does Casper look like someone who can be easily manipulated? Of Course he’s aware,” Kate said, adding salt to Jenna’s already injured heart. The day she dreaded arrived earlier than she anticipated. Kate knew it would hurt Jenna but also felt that that was the truth.

“Casper didn’t know.” Hunter said to Casper’s defense. He knew that all the investigation Casper burdened him with was because of Jenna. Why would he care so much if his intentions were to hurt her? It didn’t make sense to him but Kate was irritated. For as long as Jenna was hurt, she would hate Casper for it.

“Stop defending him because he is your boss. How would you know his intentions?” Kate didn’t hide her displeasure, her piercing gaze towards Hunter made Peggy uncomfortable but Hunter was unperturbed. If there was anyone worthy of his trust, it was Casper.

“I know what I know. Can’t you see how the old man kept Caleb and Cathan there against their will?”

Kate was still not convinced. “How do you know that it isn’t all part of Casper’s plan?”

Hunter shook his head, disappointment flashed in his eyes. “I know that Casper is innocent and from the way I see it, this evening is going to be very interesting,” he let out a wry smile, while sipping on red wine. He didn’t want to drink anything strong for what he perceived the night to be. He also had to be on high alert, knowing that Casper would not allow himself to be manipulated.

“If it’s grandpa’s plan, then why did he leave you here and out of it?” Kate asked. It just made sense that all Casper’s bodyguards would be together but Hunter was the only isolated one. “I’m not a Blade trained bodyguard so they have no control over me. I take orders only from Casper.”

Their bantering made Jenna uncomfortable, as she didn’t know whether to be comforted by Hunter’s words or take Kate’s stabbing words with boldness. “I need to use the ladies room.” Her voice Sounded hoarse like someone who had cried for days yet she hadn’t shed a single tear

“I’m coming with you.” Hunter stood up instantly. If anything happens to Jenna, he was sure that Casper would kill and feed him to the dogs.

“It’s the ladies room.” Jenna forced a smile to tell him that it wasn’t necessary. After all, they weren’t in Italy. This was their turf.

“Casper said to not let you out of my sight.”

Hearing those words, Jenna was deflated. She just wanted to escape their banter and the

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awkwardness with grandpa. “Alright. I don’t feel like using the ladies room anymore.”

“Grandson, come and welcome your wife to be?” Grandpa’s deep voice rang through the microphone, his taunting gaze focused on Jenna. Casper could pretend to not have heard him the first time but for the second time, it was impossible. Murmurs had clouded the soft music playing in the background as well. Casper stood up reluctantly and walked forward. His usual elegance wasn’t missed but internally, he was shaking from fear. The fear of losing Jenna,

Just as grandpa had paid the reporters, as soon as Casper reached the podium, they crowded around him.

“Mr Blade, are you going to have your wedding earlier than expected?” A female journalist who had also been bribed by grandpa asked without giving Casper the chance to breathe. Casper glared at grandpa, then at his supposed bride to be. All he felt for her was pity but his anger burned towards grandpa and he was determined to not let him win. Unfortunately, he had to offend the Wreaths as well but couldn’t allow himself to feel guilty, if they allowed themselves to be used as Grandpa’s pawn. He looked into the cameras coldly and spoke icily. “Announcing the bride to be before time doesn’t change anything. Our marriage is still scheduled for four and half months.”

A darkness of ruthlessness flashed in grandpa’s eyes and the Blade seniors were equally displeased. Donna had a complicated look on her face. If Casper wasn’t in agreement, then why did Grandpa invite her? Was it because of that so-called special woman? Instantly, the embarrassment she felt turned to loath towards Jenna.

When Casper mounted the podium, he didn’t kiss the back of her hand in greeting as expected before addressing the media, which was equal to not regarding her. If Casper knew that this would happen, he would have created an excuse for Jenna to stay behind but with her presence, he would never disrespect her. “Casper, apologize to your grandfather,” one of the Blade seniors, Rex, spoke in a hushed tone to the hearing of those close by.

“I will do no such thing,” Casper gritted his teeth and said. The cold aura emitted was so uncomfortable, Donna took a step back. A while ago, this man spoke lovingly to another woman but with her as his bride to be, he was so indifferent, her heart ached.

“The family will discuss things in private,” Rex announced to all. Then, away from the speaker, he said to Donna,

“Sit with your family. We shall be back.” He led them to one of the private rooms in the hotel. Before grandpa left, he cast another glance at Jenna, which was filled with contempt. She instantly understand that the old man was targeting her

Jenna might be in pain but she won’t let the old man win. Swallowing all the hurt in her heart, she let out a flawless smile, that made the old man’s face to darken instantly, it turned ashen.

“You are not as innocent as you look,” Hunter commented. No one understood what he meant because no one had seen what grandpa did. Jenna was a little surprised.

“You saw it?”

“It wasn’t obvious but I did.” Hunter confirmed in good spirits. Jenna wasn’t weak, which was

enough for him.

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“I hate that oldman,” Jenna said between gritted teeth.

“That makes two of us,” Hunter supported,

“Three then,” Peggy added.

“Make it four,” kate concluded and the table turned lively again, with all the melancholy pushed to the corner.

“Hi,” a male voice bellowed beside Jenna. She turned to meet a familiar face but couldn’t tell where she saw it.

“Gibson Ford, we attended the same college,” the man introduced himself with his right hand stretched towards Jenna, while he bent slightly and spoke in a velvety tone. “Oh, you, the nerd. You’ve changed.” Jenna was surprised. They indeed attended the same college but Gibson never spoke to her before.

“I guess. I’ve been wanting to talk to you but never got a chance. Can we go somewhere private?” He blushed slightly as he asked. Jenna had been his long-time crush and it was quite difficult for him to master the courage to speak to her, though he worked on his looks and was quite attractive now. A lot of ladies would have died for the opportunity to speak to him because he was the renowned CEO of a multinational company.

“No,” Hunter responded before Jenna could even consider it. Gibson’s face fell but he soon regained himself.

“I was talking to Miss Nova, not you.”

“And as her bodyguard, I said No.” Hunter had spilled the truth but no one understood. They just felt he was doing it for Casper and was trying to scare the man away.

“Allow her to socialize. It’s not as if she’s taken.” Kate gulped down a glass of wine and said. Casper had his bride so why couldn’t Jenna meet other men? Kate was bound to make it happen

“I said no,” Hunter growled when Jenna was about to stand up. His contoured angry face exhumed some dominant aura, which made Jenna to sit back and even Kate was silenced. Peggy decided to stay out of it. Soon it was time for the first dance,

“Alright. If she can’t talk to me, I’ll beg for a dance then,” Gibson said. It was his first time he had the opportunity to speak to Jenna and she was nice to him so, why shouldn’t he take things to the next level? Hunter instantly sent a quick text message to Casper with a picture of Gibson

“If you want to die, then keep standing here,” Hunter warned Gibson.

“Hunter, it’s just a dance,” Jenna said to Gibson’s defense, she just wanted to avoid the dark gaze coming from the woman in red. Perhaps, dancing with another man would help the woman to relax Jenna didn’t want to steal another woman’s man. It hurts but the pain will go with time

In another room, Rex spoke to Casper in a displeased tone. He was a man in his early fifties but looked very attractive, carrying similar features like Casper.

“How dare you disrespect your grandpa? You know what you have to do so why do otherwise?”

Casper met him with an equally displeased tone. “I know what to do, yes. But this wasn’t part of it. As a man in my capacity, don’t you think that I have to the right to know in advance if the woman I have to marry will be here?”

Surprise crossed Rex’s eyes and he felt slightly ashamed. He should have asked, “You didn’t know?”

The corner of Casper’s lips curled but it wasn’t a smile. “Grandpa should answer that.”

If Casper knew, how would grandpa’s plan work? The oldman was manipulating any available vessel. “It doesn’t matter. You will still marry her anyway,” Grandpa was defiant but Casper’s response made him grim.

“Then it shouldn’t matter that I disrespected you.”

“You.”Grandpa was furious but paused. His grandson was becoming smarter or courageous everyday. Perhaps it was just Casper’s nature but he hadn’t seen it early. He turned to Rex.” My grandson is conflicted because he has fallen in love with another woman.”

Bam! Grandpa let everything out, the atmosphere tensed. This wasn’t how Casper wanted to make his intentions known. What grandpa said sounded like a taboo so Rex was shocked. The Blades are not meant to fall in love. Their marriage was a mere obligation for an heir. It was widely accepted if the couple didn’t love each other but the marriage was well to proceed.

“Is that true?” Casper was about to answer when his phone beeped. Since he had left Jenna, he was already worried so he checked his phone. His eyes darkened with a murderous intent when he saw the picture and message attached. ‘He wants to dance with her since I won’t allow him to speak to her in private.’

From those words, Hunter summarized everything that had transpired. It also meant that Jenna had not objection to the man’s request so Casper was furious. He could only feel that Jenna wanted to get back at him for the announcement grandpa made.

“Casper Blade, are you in love with another woman?” Rex’s voice echoed through his thoughts, stealing his attention. Casper’s heart burned as if it was being roasted

He removed his sunglasses. His eyes were red from the information he just got but with the brightness of the light, they began to water. It was as if he was shedding tears but grandpa knew it was far from that. He caused the damage to Casper’s eyes.

Casper stared at Rex with his blood shot eyes, Rex shivered. The little boy he once mentored was now a scary monster. His gaze could send someone to the grave. Casper would not lie. He would say the truth and dare the consequence. “Yes, I love someone else.”

As soon as the words left his mouth, he put his sun shades back on and stormed out of the room. This discussion would continue later but he had to deal with that dead man before he got the chance to dance with Jenna,