

Trapped by the Ruthless Billionaire by Lucia Love

Chapter 71

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Propose? The word sounded strange in Cathan’s ears. He hadn’t even thought about it. Most marriages among the Blades were arranged. He knew nothing about relationships, marriage and all but he knew that he didn’t want to lose the only woman he ever loved. Proposal meant setting a date for marriage as well, which meant that he had to inform grandpa first and see if Kate will be comfortable with the conditions. The Blades were weird.

“I will do that but I have to introduce her to my family as well before,” he said thoughtfully. What if he proposed and the Blades condition wasn’t favourable to Kate?

“That is well understood. In case you don’t know, her father is still unwell. You have to convince her to take over the business. My husband’s skills are very poor and the company is dying,” the woman’s expression saddened at the mention of her husband.

Cathan was somehow happy with the arrangement. If Kate agreed to manage the company, then she wasn’t going to be flying around the world. He had to help her. Afterall, everyone was selfish in the game of love. “Can I speak to her?”

“Ofcourse,” the woman said and went to the kitchen, dragging Kate out and leaving her with Cathan. It was a wrong move to think that her mother was going to help her to punish Cathan. Things turned in a rather opposite direction because Cathan was an honest and straightforward person.

Kate occupied her mother’s seat and stared blankly at Cathan. His heart ached. He missed the times when her eyes lit and her lips would meet his as soon as she saw him. Things had changed slightly but he was determined to make it better than before. Therefore, he decided to tackle the family affairs first. Perhaps if she was relieved of it, she could think about the future of their relationship. “What is the problem with the business? Don’t you want to save it?” Cathan made the first move. Kate’s lips parted but no word came out due to the surprise that swallowed her for the fact that Cathan was rather talking about the business and not trying to get her back, wondering why he cared. Even if he did, there was no way for him to help. It required a lot of money and seeing Cathan, he couldn’t afford it so she said indifferently, “It’s a dying business with debts. I have just around 100k in my savings and I need millions to save it. I can’t do it.” Cathan overlooked her suffocating attitude and asked calmly, “what if I help you?” Kate frowned with confusion. ‘How can he help? He is just a bodyguard. What did he know about business?’ “How can you help?” Kate was mocking him but the man was serious. “Will five hundred million be enough?” Kate’s jaw dropped. Then she recalled Casper and regained herself. He was going to ask for

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money from his cousin. “If you are thinking of asking Casper for money, please don’t. I will find my way.” Cathan wasn’t just let down with her utterance but also furious. Kate was nothing like her mother. Nevertheless, he spoke so calmly, allowing every word to sink in. “Kate, what do you take me for? Oh, I remember. You think I’m all sex and empty headed right?” Kate felt ashamed. Indeed. That was what she thought but it didn’t stop her from falling for him right? “I still loved you anyway. You don’t have to pretend,” she shrugged. Cathan smiled painfully. It seems they didn’t know each other well enough. “Caleb and I are not only Casper’s bodyguards. We also help him to run the company. Have you ever thought about why he doesn’t have a secretary or PA?” Kate shook her head as Cathan continued, “because that is our job. I don’t think anyone would know more about the affairs of a company than the secretary or PA.” Kate was so mortified that she couldn’t look him in the eyes. She fidgeted with the fork in the noodle that had already turned cold from not being touched. “I’m sorry but it’s all your fault. If you hadn’t…”

“Denied you?” Cathan interrupted calmly. He didn’t want to lose his patience with her. They were both at fault but as the man, he was ready to take all the blame. “I did it to protect you but since you want to ride with me through hell, I’ll arrange for us to meet grandpa. I will formally introduce you to the Blades. Is that ok?”

Kate was lost. She didn’t imagine things turning out this way. She thought for a moment that Cathan wasn’t serious with her but now she felt rushed. “No. It’s not done that way.” Cathan was about to ask what she meant and recalled what her mother said about the proposal. He could only remember vaguely from the movies he watched, how it was done. At that, he stood up and said,

“I’ll be back.”

Kate was baffled and ran after him. “Where are you going?” She was worried that she had gone overboard like her mother warned her.

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“You’ll see when I get back,” Cathan stopped, turned around and said. Without waiting for another word, he walked out of the door. This was the first time she saw him like this and couldn’t tell if he was upset. The guy never showed emotions on his face but she also realized that she knew nothing about him. If the guy could cough out five hundred million, did that mean, no she won’t over think it.

“You made him angry, didn’t you?” Her mum asked from behind. Kate could tell that the woman heard everything but now, she was upset with herself. “Mum, just stay out of it.”

“I can’t. If you don’t settle down with him, then live your life in solitude. I don’t want to see you with different men ever again.” The woman wasn’t all smiley anymore. Her aura was quite intimidating. At times like this, Kate wouldn’t dare to argue with her and searched for a suitable excuse.

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“He’s sleeping,” Lisa, Kate’s junior sister, was descending the stairs as she answered. From her all knowing look, she had also eavesdropped on their conversation.

“How is he?” Kate asked, flushed. There was no escaping her mum now. “Don’t worry about him. Is that man your boyfriend?” Lisa asked curiously. “What has it got to do with you?” Kate snickered. Lisa was nosy and wasn’t moved by Kate’s indifference, she continued to speak “You think he’s poor? You forgot he is a Blade bodyguard. I heard from a reliable source that when they start training as a child, they start getting paid. By the time they reach eighteen, they are already millionaires and when they start working, they reach billions.”

Kate’s brows knitted in confusion and even her mum was shocked. “Where did you get that information?” Kate asked. How could a bodyguard be a billionaire? It was unheard of.

“Her boyfriend is a friend of one of the Blade bodyguards but Cathan and Caleb are the richest among all of them because they are Casper’s direct cousins,” Prisca, the last of the sisters shrugged and said, as she descended the stairs after Lisa.

Casper was popular because of his position so it wasn’t difficult for people to know him but Cathan and Caleb? Late felt so hot with the news that the room became uncomfortable, she wanted to pass out. It seemed that men gossiped even more than women when they were alone.

Cathan returned after a few hours. When he saw the two girls, he could tell that they were Kate’s sisters from their demeanor.

“I don’t know how to do this,” he said with a forced smile that captured the attention of the four women before he went to kneel in front of Kate.

By the time Kate could ask what, Cathan asked, “Will you marry me?”

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“Yes!” Kate’s sister’s exclaimed together. Their excitement could light up the sky. Cathan looked at them and smiled. It was a genuine one and he was happy to be welcomed into their family but then,

“Thank you but I still need to hear it from her,” he said politely, and opened the small transparent glass box he held in his hand.

“You want to marry me?” Kate was shocked. She thought he was angry but rather, he returned with a diamond ring. “Do I look like I’m joking?” Cathan asked sternly. Kate’s heart was thumping in response to his proposal. “I’ll marry you.” He maintained his smile and slipped the ring onto her finger, capturing her lips in his afterwards. The sisters and mother excused them, washed with excitement. “So, will you save the company?” Cathan asked after they broke from the kiss. “I don’t know how,” Kate honestly said. She didn’t want to owe Cathan so much. How would she pay back?

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“I said I will help you.” The way the man cupped her face in his big palms and spoke with seriousness and desire, she couldn’t refuse him. “OK. I will do it.”

Instantly, Cathan transferred the money into her account but Kate was worried. “I can’t take it for free.”

Cathan scoffed. “Who said I’m giving it for free?” Kate was relieved that they had the same mind. They should draw a payment plan or something. Relationships were different from business. They shouldn’t mix both. If not, it would only be one-sided.

“We should sign to it then. How much shares will you take?” Kate seriously asked. She already had in mind to give him seventy percent.

Cathan’s brows knitted. It wasn’t what he was expecting. “Shares? I don’t want shares.” He shook his head.

“Then what do you want?” Kate was disturbed when Cathan let out a mischievous smile.

“You forever. You can never leave me in the future okay?” His words were gentle but possessive. Kate responded with an equal mischievous smile. “Well, you can’t also leave me in the future, okay?”

“How can I leave you if you can’t leave me?” Cathan stared her warmly in the eyes and asked, warming Kate’s heart. “I think it’s time to introduce you to my dad,” she said and began to drag him upstairs.

At Casper’s manor, Jenna couldn’t sleep. It wasn’t because of the cast on her right leg but something that seemed to eat her raw. Casper noticed it and asked, “What is the problem?” He also couldn’t sleep and his voice carried care. “I have to go Casp, nothing can work between us,” Jenna spat out. She had thought through everything. It was pointless trying to hope for anything. She had to let go. Meanwhile, Casper was furious.

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“No.”

Jenna was unsettled with his response and yelled, while tears began to brim in the back of her eyes. “It’s not up to you. This is my life. Besides, you are not my boyfriend or anything?” Casper felt his heart broken into tiny pieces. Her words were like gold to him so it hurt badly when they weren’t what he wanted to hear. “I’m not your boyfriend or anything?”

The aura around him was so deadly but the lights were off so Jenna couldn’t see. Yet, she could feel the air around them uncomfortable. “Is that what you think? Well you are mine Jen, and you are going nowhere.”

Jenna was so scared that she shivered but she wasn’t going to back down. Her mind was made up. If she hadn’t showed up, Casper would have had no problem getting married to Donna. Everything was just because of her. “It’s my life. I don’t want this anymore,” she tried to be

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bold. She couldn’t even get off the bed and could only use her voice. Casper sounded hurt when he responded to her. “Well then, it’s too late. I already told you. If you want out, then there’s just one way.”

Why did Jenna feel like this wasn’t going to turn out well? “Which way?” Casper lifted himself from the bed calmly and pulled the knob of a drawer attached to the bed. Jenna never knew of a compartment like that attached and what she saw alarmed her.

There were different types of guns and knives. Her heart began thumping so hard, beads of sweat formed on her forehead as Casper took out a shiny dagger and gave it to her. Her fingers trembled as he spoke in a deadly calm tone. “The last time, you couldn’t handle the gun. Perhaps this will be easier. You can drive it through here,” he pointed at his heart. “I promise I won’t flinch.”

“But you will die,” Jenna allowed the tears to fall. She just wanted him to be happy. She couldn’t bear to live without him. She gasped with tears as he spoke in a calm but dangerous tone, “Didn’t I tell you? Death is the only way.” The dagger fell from Jenna’s hand as she pressed her hands to her mouth to muffle the sound of her tears. “You are insane.” Her voice was a whisper. “I know. But I’ll never let you go,” he concluded. Jenna didn’t want to leave him but it was the right thing to do. For as long as the Blades could be happy again, she was ready to sacrifice herself but the truth was, she wasn’t strong enough to handle Casper. His love was so hot that it burned her heart badly. “But your family will never let us be. In five years, you have to marry Donna.” Casper studied her features in the dark and wiped her tears with his thumb. “I thought you were smarter than that. Do you think I’ll wait for five years to get married and have kids?

Think again.”

Jenna was lost for words. She didn’t understand the game Casper was playing. “What? You, you tricked them?”.

“How else can I keep them off my back? Donna hurt you. I just took advantage of the situation but even if that hadn’t happened, I still give myself a maximum of two months to settle down.

Jenna’s heart warmed. So he had everything figured out but soon, worry invaded her again. She couldn’t take him away from his family.

“What about your family?” “I told you not to worry about them. You just have to trust me,” his lips sealed hers.