

Unfinished Business with You novel

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“About two hours,” the salesperson replied.

Ben looked at his watch. “That won’t work. I have things to do later. Can you talk with that lady and see if she can let us buy the car first? We can compensate her for it.”

The salesperson went back to Olivia to pass on the message.

As expected, she declined. She was buying a car to pick up someone and waiting another two hours would have defeated the purpose of it.

When the bargaining failed, Ben held the woman in his arms and comforted, “Sweetheart, why don’t we buy it together when I come back next time?”

She pouted. “You’ll be away for a week this time.”

He coaxed, “What can we do? I have to work so I can marry you! Here; let’s do this. I’ll pay for it first, and you can call a friend over to wait with you for the car to arrive. How’s that?”

She whined, “But I want to send you off too.”

“You don’t have to. I can take a taxi there myself and you just wait here for the car to arrive. You have to drive it today.”

The woman looked happy again and teased, “Then don’t say I don’t love you later!”

He cuddled her. “Okay, you naughty!”

They did not speak quietly. Hence, Olivia heard everything they said. He does not look very likable, but he’s pretty skilled at coaxing a woman.

Olivia did not concern herself with them any further and followed behind the salesperson to pay.

The salesperson quickly settled the transaction.

4S Shop was quite efficient. By two in the afternoon, she was driving her new car out.

First, she went to get Kate, then the two of them made their way to the airport. After rushing all the way there, they were able to make it before three.

When the car stopped, Kate had gone pale with fear. “Olivia, can you please go a bit slower? Do you think you’re on a racetrack? There are cars everywhere here.”

Olivia looked at her with a baffled look. “You’re just too timid. Look at the time. Nathan will be out soon.”

Kate supported herself against the car as she got down with quivering legs. “Let him wait when he comes out later. It’s not worth wasting our lives for him. He was only gone for a few days and now he’s back again.”

Olivia shot a glance at her. “I told you not to come but you insisted on coming.”

Kate snorted. “Did you think I came to pick him up? I came to give him a good earful.”

“Okay, okay. Let’s go in and give him an earful now,” Olivia said as she pulled her along.

They went into the main hall of the airport and waited. Time continued to tick by and it was already past three. They only found out later that the flight was delayed.

Kate looked at her. “I told you we didn’t have to rush. When has Nathan ever been reliable? Look; even the flight he’s on isn’t reliable!”

“Both of you are like water and fire—born to be in complete opposition of each other!”

After that, they went to the restroom. Just as Olivia came out, she saw a familiar face—Anna.

She frowned. Who is she here for?

While she was racking her brain, she saw another familiar figure enter her line of vision. It was familiar because she had just seen him a few hours ago.

It was the man she met at 4S Shop—Ben Roberts.

He had not even changed out of his clothes from before, but he had a suitcase in his hand now and he walked straight to Anna when he saw her.

“Sweetheart!”

Olivia was bewildered. It was ‘sweetheart’ again. If she remembered correctly, just a few hours ago, he was calling that woman sweetheart too. Didn’t they say they were going to get married? No wonder he’s so good at coaxing; he’s a scumbag!

She knew just by the infatuated look in Anna’s eyes. If Anna claimed that she had nothing to do with this man, then Olivia’s name was not Olivia Maxwell.

She sneakily took a few steps back and pulled out her phone. Calmly, she started to take a video of them.

However, what she saw next completely destroyed her worldview.

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As though they had not seen each other in a long time, they started running toward each other.

Before he even arrived in front of her, he dropped his suitcase and reached his arms out to embrace her. Then, he picked her up and spun her around.

Anna was grinning happily with both her arms wrapped around his neck like she had clearly missed him.

The man held the back of her head with his hand and kissed her roughly.

A while later, he let go and hugged her. “Did you miss me, sweetheart?”

With a bashful look, she said, “Yes. Did you just get off the plane?”

Ben answered, "Yeah. I just went to the restroom and you happened to arrive. Couldn't wait to see me?"

As he said that, he pinched her nose and looked at her affectionately.

Anna's forehead was pressed up against his. "I missed you so much."

Olivia was at a loss for words, but she felt like laughing for some reason.

There was a certain degree to scumbags as well as women who pretended to be pure.

To her surprise, she was looking forward to the day everything fell apart and seeing what they would do about it.

After waiting for a long time in the restroom, Kate still did not hear Olivia's voice. When she came out, she realized that Olivia was peeping in the direction of the men's restroom.

"What are you looking at?"

Olivia showed the video to Kate and whispered, "Let me show you something amazing!"

Kate's eyes widened once she saw it. "Isn't this Anna? Who's this man? Why does he look so familiar?"

"I think he's called Ben or something. I bumped into him when I was buying the car earlier. He had another woman beside him. He told that woman he was going away on a business trip, but he told Anna that he just got off the plane." Olivia could not stop herself from giggling. "This is too funny. I admire this guy. He's been lying to these two women, but he hasn't gotten caught yet."

Kate frowned as she asked, "Ben... Ben Roberts?"

Olivia did not seem to care. "Do you know him?"

"Ben Roberts is the young master of Roberts Group. He is the nephew of Eugene's stepmother!"

Olivia took some time to process it. “Oh, no wonder. He should be quite powerful. He bought that woman a sports car that costs several million like it was nothing.”

“That goes without saying. The Roberts can’t quite compare to the Nolan Family, but they are still part of the powerful and rich. If they have an arranged marriage with the Smiths, then they would be unrivaled. Was the woman you met at the 4S Shop Jessica Smith?”

Olivia pondered for a moment. “I don’t think he said her name. He only calls them ‘sweetheart’. I have a feeling that it’s not just these two; otherwise, he wouldn’t call them both ‘sweetheart’. I think he’s just scared of calling the wrong name, so he sticks to one.”

Kate laughed and nodded her head in agreement. “I think so too.”

When the two of them came out of the restroom, Nathan’s plane had also landed.

Olivia said, “It’s only been a few days. I’ve returned to pick you up at the same time and the same location.”

Kate also went up and helped him with his suitcase. She berated, “You come and go every couple of days. Why are you putting yourself through this?”

Nathan grasped her shoulders in a manly way. “Don’t worry; I won’t leave anymore.”

She asked, “Do you mean that?”

“Of course.”

They got out of the airport and got in the car.

He started to tease Olivia, “Looks like you’re planning on staying in the country since you bought this car.”

“It’s all because I had to pick you up!” Olivia shot him a sidelong glance. “You have to reimburse me for half of it.”

He declared, “Okay. I’ll reimburse you for the wheel on my side. Kate can reimburse you for the two at the back.”

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“Speak for yourself. Olivia did not ask me to reimburse her,” Kate pointed out.

“If you’re not going to pay up, then be a bit more self-aware and get out of the car now.”

“Who do you think I came here for? If it wasn’t just to pick you up. When we came earlier, we thought we were going to be late so Olivia sped all the way here. My heart was literally up in my throat the whole time. She got here in less than 40 minutes when it’s supposed to take an hour. My soul felt like it almost left my body. You should be more considerate and also pay for my portion.”

Olivia looked at her through the rear-view mirror. “You should just tell him if you want him to pay for you. Don’t beat around the bush and talk about my driving instead of your own cowardice. You’re the first one to criticize my driving skills.”

He chimed in, “Exactly; and you still want me to pay on your behalf? Do you think you’re very pretty?”

Kate immediately lunged forward from the back and gripped his neck with both hands. “Say that one more time.”

Her grip was making it hard for him to talk. “I think you’re... the most... beautiful.”

After that, she let him go. “At least you’re not tactless.”

Massaging his neck, he said, “You’re so ruthless. I almost died here because of you.”

She snorted, “Whose fault is that?”

Olivia shook her head quietly.

It’s a love-hate relationship!

“Olivia, come with me to see my great-grandpa later! You can check on him too. He’s always in my thoughts. I can finally present myself in front of him now,” Nathan announced happily.

“Sure,” Olivia agreed.

They dropped Kate off first, then went to pick up the child and headed to the Nolan Residence.

Olivia was not expecting Eugene to be there too and explained bashfully, “Nathan was worried. He insisted that I should come along and have a look.”

Eugene gave a slight nod. “Yes, thank you.”

“Uncle Eugene!” North tilted his head as he greeted him. There was an unrestrained delight on his face.

Eugene walked over and caressed his small head then asked warmly, “Has your leg injury recovered?”

North nodded. “It doesn’t hurt anymore.”

“Uncle!” Nathan called.

Eugene nodded at him. “Did you just come back?”

“Yeah, I came here as soon as I got off the plane.”

“Go on and see Great-grandpa. He’s always talking about you!”

Nathan let out a murmur then looked back at Olivia. “Let’s go, Olivia.”

Thus, they went into Old Man Nolan’s room.

Old Man Nolan had gotten noticeably thinner. Wrinkles had appeared all over his dull and yellowish face. A small pinch of a goatee had grown on his chin that looked rather cute. He looked quite aware of his surroundings and was brimming with energy.

He immediately burst into tears when he saw Nathan.

Tugging at Nathan’s hand, he started to ask a lot of questions. How had he spent all those years overseas? How was the food? How was life there?

On the other hand, Nathan was worried about Old Man Nolan's health and feelings.

The two of them held onto each other and talked for quite some time.

A while later, Old Man Nolan spotted Olivia and North. "These two are..."

He gave Nathan a questioning look and thought they were related to Nathan in some way. Nathan quickly introduced them, "Great-grandpa, this is the doctor that has been treating you, Doctor Maxwell, and this is her son. You've never met before?"

With his hands in his pockets, Eugene answered Old Man Nolan's questioning gaze, "When Grandpa woke up last time, he was surrounded by the family right away so there was no time to introduce them."

Old Man Nolan nodded his head after comprehending the situation. "Thank you, Doctor Maxwell!"

She smiled. "It's my pleasure. I only did what I had to do."

His gaze fell on North. "Come here. What is your name?"

North peeled his lips back as he inched closer. "Great-grandpa, I'm North Maxwell."

His greeting filled Old Man Nolan with happiness. Old Man Nolan grasped North's small hands with his wrinkled ones and asked, "Good child. How old are you? Have you started school yet?"

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North replied, "I'm six and a half years old now, Great-grandpa. I'm attending school at a noble kindergarten."

Old Man Nolan stroked his goatee beard and laughed happily. "Well, he's very eloquent and quick-witted. Doctor Maxwell, your son is amazing!"

Olivia chuckled. "Yes, but he's just too mischievous."

Old Man Nolan then looked at North carefully before muttering to himself, "It's good to be mischievous. All mischievous kids are smart."

North looked at the little gray beard on Old Man Nolan's chin and was eager to touch it. "Great-grandpa, may I touch your beard?"

Old Man Nolan stretched his chin forward and answered happily, "Go ahead!"

Upon hearing North's request, Olivia frowned. "Don't be rude, North."

However, Old Man Nolan was generous and replied, "It's fine. The child is curious. Go ahead and touch it!"

North's eyes were filled with excitement. His small hand gently touched Old Man Nolan's beard before he smiled happily. "Great-grandpa, your beard isn't prickly at all."

While he said this, North even touched his own chin and continued, "Why can't I grow one?"

After saying those words, the room was filled with laughter, and Old Man Nolan had the happiest smile on him. "Your beard will be long once you've reached my age."

"Then we'll see who will have the longest beard by then?"

Old Man Nolan laughed out loud. "Alright. I'll work hard to live longer so that we can compare when the time comes."

North patted his chest and assured him. "Don't worry. Mommy's here. She'll cure your disease!"

Old Man Nolan laughed out loud while his face was glowing and his cheeks were ruddy.

Meanwhile, Olivia's face turned dark. She could not understand how North was so confident. Even Olivia dared not to speak a word about this.

A soft layer of light shone on Eugene's face too. He was pleased that this little guy was able to make his grandfather so happy.

Nathan, too, could not hold in his laughter. "You're always advertising about your mom no matter when and where you are."

North gave him a look and explained, "That's because my mom is really great."

Nathan did not care much about him and said, "Great-grandpa, you should let Olivia examine you."

Old Man Nolan agreed to it.

Later, Olivia took out a small pulse pillow and checked his pulse. She also inquired about his recent diet and sleeping patterns. After ten minutes, Olivia replied, "Your recovery is going well. Try not to be angry and overly excited, Grandpa. No matter what you're facing, try not to get anxious and try to stay positive. Also, try to have a balanced diet. Don't overeat, but try having small, frequent meals instead."

"Alright." Old Man Nolan nodded in agreement. "I didn't expect that you'd be so good at this at such a young age."

Olivia smiled and answered, "I'm just good at traditional Chinese medicine and it just so happens that I was able to cure your disease."

Old Man Nolan chuckled. "You don't have to be so humble. I know my illness very well. It's thanks to your capabilities that I was saved from the gates of death. Rocky, have you properly thanked Doctor Maxwell?"

Upon hearing this, Olivia wanted to laugh. Is Eugene's nickname 'Rocky'?

On the other hand, Eugene's face turned dark and whispered, "Grandpa, there are still outsiders here!"

Old Man Nolan froze for a while as he stroked his goatee beard awkwardly. "You little brat. I'm already used to calling you by this name. I'm asking you if you had thanked her? Can't you listen to the main point of my sentence?"

Eugene facepalmed at his words and looked toward the other three who were trying hard to suppress their laughter.

"Grandpa, can you ask them if they heard anything else besides the nickname?"

Old Man Nolan looked toward them and asked, "Did you all hear anything else?"

With a serious face, Nathan answered, "I heard that you want Eugene to thank Olivia."

Olivia also added, "That's right. You're most welcome, Grandpa. Mr. Nolan has already paid me!"

North grinned and continued, "Great-grandpa, mommy says that it's her responsibility to treat and save people."

"See; everyone heard something else!" Old Man Nolan exclaimed.

Meanwhile, Eugene was so angry that he became speechless. Were they all lying through their teeth?

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Eugene looked at Olivia and said, "Alright. Then tonight it is. I'd like to treat Doctor Maxwell to dinner to thank her properly."

However, Olivia hurriedly replied, "You're most welcome, but you don't have to. I'm fine, really."

Eugene then added, "I'm not joking with you. I really want to treat you to dinner, and I can treat Nathan, who's visiting from afar, too."

Olivia still refused his offer. "It's fine. Both of you can go ahead."

Suddenly, Nathan stood up and urged, "Don't be such a wet blanket. Can't you welcome me with dinner since I'm visiting from afar? Eugene even promised to bring me to the Ruby Palace tonight!"

"I'll treat you to dinner another day!" Olivia replied.

Old Man Nolan also joined in and added, "Olivia, I really like your son. Can you let your son accompany me to chat for a while more?"

Olivia was slightly stunned. Before she could answer his question, her son swiftly replied, "That sounds nice. I'd love to play with Great-grandpa too!"

Nonetheless, Olivia still frowned and commanded, "Stop fooling around, North. Grandpa needs to rest."

“But mommy, didn’t you ask Great-grandpa to stay positive? I can accompany Great-grandpa to have a chat.”

North then nudged his mother. “You should hurry up and go. I want to play chess with Great-grandpa. You and Uncle Eugene can come and pick me up later!”

Upon saying this, North winked at his mother playfully.

Olivia knew that he probably wanted to set her up with Eugene, but she was still worried about North.

However, Ruby Palace was a crowded and chaotic place, so she could not bring North along too.

After much thought, Olivia remained her stance and refused their offer. “Why don’t we meet another day?”

“Are you worried about your son, or are you worried about me?” Eugene asked.

Nathan also added, “Yes. Let’s go, since I’ve just returned. If you don’t go, I won’t go either.”

Hearing his words, Olivia became speechless.

Hence, the three of them went to Ruby Palace by car.

Ruby Palace was the largest entertainment venue in Summer City where one could eat, drink, and play—all under one roof. There was nothing one could not do, even if it was unthought of. Needless to say, only the wealthy were able to visit this place.

Just as the three of them arrived at the main hall, they met Alex, Hayden, and the others. Altogether, there were four to five men and women gathered in the hall.

Everyone greeted Eugene warmly, and by the looks of it, they were quite close with each other.

Suddenly, a man in a maroon-colored suit addressed the group, “Hayden, all of you can go ahead. I’ll catch up with you later.”

After Hayden and the others went upstairs, Alex wrapped his arm around Nathan's neck and asked, "Since when did you come back?"

Nathan then greeted him with a smile and said, "I just returned today, Alex!"

"That's great. I can treat you to dinner together with the others too," Alex replied.

Nathan wanted to go, but when he glanced at Olivia, he became worried that she would feel uncomfortable and was just about to refuse Alex's offer. However, Eugene suddenly asked, "Are you even able to pay for dinner?"

Alex clicked his tongue and said, "You can just foot the bill."

"I'm not willing to do that for you!"

Alex glared at him and replied, "No one would acknowledge you if it wasn't for the beautiful lady you have right here!"

Alex was a friendly and approachable person, and as he was talking, he walked over to Olivia. "He's afraid that you won't be used to all this. Friends are meant to be made; as the saying goes: strangers at the first meeting and friends at the second, right? I believe this is our second time meeting each other?"

Olivia was slightly taken aback. How did she not have the slightest memory about him at all?

She then gave an awkward smile. "I'm sorry. I seemed to have forgotten about it."

Eugene gave an impatient kick toward Alex. "Shoo. Hurry up and go away."

However, Alex managed to dodge his kick. "This is a public venue. Please have some manners!"

Eugene laughed out of anger. "How dare you talk manners with me when you're the one with none?"

Olivia looked at Eugene and thought that he was not the cold and unapproachable person he was. In fact, he was able to joke around with his friends in private too.

Alex was not calculative with him and came to Olivia's side. "We met at the Rakuten Bar that time when you made a bet with Eugene; remember? I was upstairs that day and I was totally impressed by you. No! I admired you. You're the first person to make him suffer such a heavy loss!"