

Chapter 19: Lose Control

He reached out his hand and held her hand. "Baby, it's for your protection. I want you to enter our relationship with ease of mind, knowing that I'll take care and protect you." He winked and rubbed her upper arm. "I hope you will soon trust me for the rest of your life too."

"Gabe" She took a deep breath and pointed at the contract. "I know you are a rich man, but giving me millions after what you already gave me" She licked her lips. "I ... I don't know"

Gabriel gazed at Rosalind for a while, then he stood. He offered his hand to her. "Come, let's talk elsewhere." He smiled at Katerina. "Will you excuse us for a moment? I need to talk to Rosalind."

"Sure, Mr. Da Costa. Take your time."

Then Gabriel and Rosalind left the living room. He escorted her to her bedroom and then went to a small garden on the balcony. It was cold outside and Rosalind shivered and hugged herself. Gabriel took a thin blanket on the couch and wrapped Rosalind's body with the blanket while he directed her to sit on his lap.

He rubbed her upper arm with another hand while holding her waist with a hand. "Baby, do you change your mind?"

"No" She shook her head. "It's just that By mentioning this and that with millions, I felt like ... I felt like"

"I bought you?" he tried to finish her sentence.

"Yes! But also as if I'm a hooker! I'm not, Gabe!" Her body was shaking. "I know I owe you a million, and I don't know when I can return it, but I'll surely do it."

"No need, baby. It's yours."

"Gabe"

"Rose, I don't use my money to buy you, but to protect you. Can you accept it?"

"Protect me?" Her voice was caught in her throat.

"Yes, my lovely one. We have a huge age-gap, but more than that, I ..."
He stopped for a while and smiled. "I care about you. The last thing I want is to leave you unprotected. I imagine as soon as we start our relationship, you may have my child, even children. I want to protect you from the start."

Her tears fell to her cheek. As she licking her lips again, she bent her head to his shoulder. "Oh, Gabe How can you be so good to me?"

He didn't reply. Instead, he bent his head and kissed her forehead. Then he stroked her back gently. Her eyes closed, and she let out a long sigh as she enjoyed the kiss. It was warm and safe with him.

But when she felt his lips on her neck, Rosalind opened her eyes. "G-Gabe?"

"I want you, darling. Say yes and be mine. Let's enjoy our time together starting from tonight." His hand touched her bosom and rubbed the peak.

She ran her tongue to wet her lips, but then she couldn't think straight as his hand on her body didn't help at all. She should be grateful Gabriel was a good man who prepared everything for her. So she finally said, "Yes."

"Yes?" he asked, trying to confirm what she said.

"Yes, I agree, and Gabriel?"

He stared at her. "Yes, baby?"

"Thank you for everything." She blushed and hugged his neck while bending her head to avoid his eyes, as she was shy. "Let's start everything tonight."

He laughed and tilted her head so he could gaze into her eyes. "My sweet, wild Rose, you will find I'm a generous lover. You will be satisfied. I'm sure of that." Gabriel took a deep breath. "Though you are hard to decide and love debating with me, I wonder if it's a side of yours that I will enjoy to tame." He grinned as his thumb rubbed her breast. "I can't wait to pluck my sweet Rose and drink your sweet honey."

She blushed and put her hand on his chest as if she tried to stop him. Then, pushing his hand, Rosalind sat straight. "Not now."

"Another fight? You have agreed to be mine, darling." He reminded her.

"I know, but not now." She grinned, but then pretended to pout. "With your forceful style versus the persuasive one, I can't survive no

matter what kind of tactic you choose." She took a deep breath and shrugged. "So why should I delay what will happen? But we mustn't let Miss Katerina wait longer. There's a contract I must sign."

Gabriel laughed aloud. As he bent his head to kiss her for a few seconds, he only stopped when he needed to breathe for air. Rosalind's breath was ragged. Then he lowered his head to her chest, opening her dress in a swift motion and then licking her cleavage. Because she still said nothing, he moved his head to lick and suck her nipple. She wriggled and moaned. He sucked more and pinched her another peak.

"Gabe, don't!"

"Why not?" His voice wasn't as calm as before and his breath was deeper. His hand moved to her thigh too and massaged her inner thigh.

Rosalind licked her lips and held both of Gabriel's hands. "I agree to do anything but after Katerina has gone."

He grinned and took a deep breath, trying to calm himself. "See what you've done to me, my Rose? You made me lose control. It's the first time, and I don't think it'll be the last." Gabriel shook his head and gazed into her eyes deeply. "If only you knew how much power you have on me." He kissed her forehead. "But fortunately, you are not like any women out there. I'm lucky to have you."

"What do you mean by that?" She frowned as what he said was confusing.

"Let's continue talking later. We must get rid of Katerina. The sooner,

the better."

She giggled to hear what. He winked and rose. Then he offered his hand to her, which she accepted. Her mind was full of what he said before, that he wanted to protect her, not to buy her with his money. Her heart swelled with the warmth of his care.

Somehow, Rosalind wondered if it was the first time she felt something for Gabriel. It might be love though it was still too early to say. It wasn't like what she felt with Jeremy, a butterfly feeling in her stomach. This one was more gentle, but it's even sweeter than the love she felt before.

After they returned to the living room, Rosalind signed her contract. She also signed the first one that Gabriel already signed and he did the same with the one she signed. Then, both put the contracts on the table.

Katerina collected the contracts, checked for Gabriel and Rosalind's signatures, and nodded as she put them back into a folder. "Thank you, Mr. Da Costa, Miss Miller. I'll send the copies of the contract for both of you tomorrow. Enjoy your day!"

Gabriel shook hands with Katerina. "Thank you for bringing us the contracts today. It's Sunday. I hope I don't bother you on your day-off."

Katerina only smiled and shook her head. "Since I'm a new assistant and still learning about my job, it's an honor for me to deliver such an important contract. I hope you can say good things to my boss."

"Sure! Take care, Miss Katerina," Gabriel said.

Rosalind shook hands with Katerina too. "Thank you, Miss Katerina."

"It's my pleasure." She wanted to say something, but then she shook her head and smiled. "Enjoy your day, Miss Miller, Mr. Da Costa."



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