

When There Is Nothing Left But Love Chapter 1138-1142

Chapter 1138

With that said, I looked up at Mrs. Eriksen who was serving us and said to her, "Have the chef prepare a few western dishes. Mr. Blondell is about to return to his country soon so we should see him off properly."

"Understood," she replied with a smile and made her way into the kitchen.

She had just reached the door when Sean's voice stopped her, "Please don't trouble yourself."

He stood up abruptly and buttoned up the last button of his suit. Then, he said as he smoothed out his suit, "Your kindness has been delivered. I won't be eating as I have no appetite. Besides, it's time for my flight soon. Goodbye."

"Take care." He was still the representative of a large consortium after all. Even though our conversation earlier wasn't quite pleasant, Emery and I still sent him off out of decorum.

We watched as he got into his car and his driver drove away. Emery stared into the distance and it was obvious that she was worried when she said, "You and your husband have completely offended Sean and the people behind him."

I disagreed. "Is that so? I wouldn't have known that I have such great capability if you hadn't pointed out."

"Stop being so sarcastic. I gathered some information and found that GW has never failed to get their hands on a project they have their eyes on. This could be a bad thing so both of you have to be careful."

As she spoke, Emery took my arm and dragged me inside before changing the topic, "How's the IVF going?"

"It'll happen soon," I answered. "I'll be able to get the transplant the day after tomorrow. Then, I need to rest at home for half a month. We'll be able to know if I can get pregnant after that."

"Let's hope that there will be good news," she said with a sigh. "It was hard for you to get here. Let's hope there won't be any future trouble."

I couldn't help but laugh at her precocious manner. "Do you know that you sound like a grandma when you nag me like that?"

"Tsk. How heartless of you." She stopped walking and reached out to slap my arm. "If only I was a grandma. At least you'd listen to what I say. Never mind not listening to what I said about Stella's matter but you must never underestimate GW. None of those bank investors would've gotten to where they are now without being ruthless." Perhaps it was because Emery's face was especially eerie, or because Sean was being so adamant earlier, but I had a nightmare while waiting for Ashton to come home.

In the nightmare, I was crucified and the church was filled with men with blond hair and blue eyes. They pointed at me as they said that I was sinful and that they wanted to cut me up into a thousand pieces. I wanted to struggle and escape, but my limbs were nailed into the wood with nails as thick as a finger. It hurt so much even when I was just breathing in.

Suddenly, the men rushed towards me like they had gone crazy. They started to drink my blood and eat my flesh. I was in so much pain but I couldn't scream.

"Letty? Letty..."

A familiar, low voice sounded by my ear and I opened my eyes abruptly. I saw Ashton's worried face and I reached out to hug him instantly.

The scenes in the nightmare were so realistic and I could still feel the pain as my flesh was torn off my bones. I was still breathing heavily even when I buried my face in his chest.

“Did you have a nightmare?” he asked softly as he patted my back to calm me down.

After a long time, I finally relaxed a little and I let go of Ashton to look at him.

“What was it about?” he asked.

“It’s nothing.” I let out a long breath and I could still feel my heart racing with fear. However, I didn’t want to think of the dream again.

I turned towards the window and saw that dawn had come. Ashton must’ve just returned.

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“Come lie down and sleep for a while. There’s still time before we need to get to the hospital,” I said as I tugged on his shirt. I was always worried that his body couldn’t handle the work stress.

“It’s fine. I slept for two hours in the office earlier. That’s enough. I came home to take a shower.”

“Go ahead then. Heat the water a little. It can help you destress.”

Ashton patted my head worriedly before getting up to go into the shower.

I didn’t feel sleepy anymore but I wasn’t able to ease the anxiety as I leaned against the bedhead.

What is the world really like? Seeking progress was clearly what mankind had always advocated but no one had ever told me that while going forward in life, it would be walking on thin ice every day.

I suddenly remembered that when Ashton took over Fuller Corporation, he was almost always never home. Except for Rebecca's troubles, it seemed as though he couldn't relax for even a moment.

Soon, he came out of the bathroom in a bathrobe. He took me in his arms and leaned against the bed as he rested his eyes for a moment.

"Did Sean come in the afternoon?" he asked.

I had never thought of hiding it from him, so I nodded and said, "Yes. He wanted to bring me to M Country."

"He can dream on then," Ashton sneered sinisterly. "GW is no longer the partner I'm considering collaborating with."

He was an outstanding man so he wasn't exaggerating at all. As long as he had enough time, the Fuller Corporation would definitely be at the same level as GW. However, I was worried that I wouldn't be able to support him without caring about everything else like how I had been in the past. I closed my eyes as I leaned against him and pretended to fall asleep.

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The embryo transfer went successfully and I had been resting at home for the next half a month.

Emery and Rose would come and visit me from time to time so it wasn't too boring since I had someone to talk to. Besides, I needed to concentrate because I had to prepare for my bar exam. I had nothing else to do so I sent Stella back to the company.

There was only over a month left to the first round of exams so there wasn't much time left for me to study.

At five in the evening on the first Sunday we waited for our pregnancy results, which was also the twelfth of March in K City, Fuller Corporation announced that Ashton owned 30% shares of a company in Dartan. They also issued an acquisition notice in Dartan, hoping to acquire Eisen Corporation.

Fuller Corporation had proposed a contract of acquisition to Eisen Corporation and it would last for two months. Ashton was generous with the money and it was estimated that there would lead to an increase in the shares transferring not long after.

We were having dinner together when Rachel barged into our house.

We could hear the clacking sound of her stilettos on the floor before we even saw her and it suited her haughty personality so much.

She entered the living room and looked around. I noticed her first and I asked, "Ms. Zimmer, have you had your dinner? Would you like to eat with us?"

Upon hearing my voice, she turned towards me. Only then did I realize that besides her heavy breathing, she also had an expression on her face that told people not to mess with her.

Rachel walked over and instantly threw the folder she was holding at Ashton. "Why didn't you discuss this matter with everyone, Mr. Fuller? Our own AI research project is starting to show results. Why did you buy over the Eisen Corporation right now? Are you trying to get the whole team fired?"

Even though this wasn't the first time I experienced her temper, I was still shocked. I could tell that she had no ulterior motives so I quickly told her, "Please calm down. We can sit down and talk about it."

Rachel crossed her arms and was still furious. It didn't seem like she wanted to have a peaceful conversation at all.

Chapter 1140

She had never liked me and was quite agitated when she saw Ashton ignoring her while feeding me soup. She was so pissed that her face was red.

He was actually just worried about me but he had accidentally made me a vixen in her eyes. I quickly nudged him and gave him a look to say that there was business to take care of.

Only then did he put down the bowl of soup slowly. Ashton turned to look at Rachel with a cold expression and said, "This is a decision made by the senior executives of the company. You're only a technical staff, Rachel. Know your place."

His words were a bit ruthless, but it wasn't unreasonable. The woman was knowledgeable and had the skills, but she was only a senior technical staff. The way the company operated was indeed not within her scope of duties.

Ashton was already being really patient with her as she was just a technical staff who barged into her boss's house and questioned him. If it was someone else, they would have fired her already.

Still, Rachel was always eager to do well in everything. Instead of admitting to her mistakes, she said arrogantly, "Yes, it's true that I am only in charge of technical issues of the company. But Mr. Fuller, the company had invested several billion in AI technology last year, and multiple foreign enterprises earned a lot from it. It's because of this that Fuller Corporation was so anxious to set up our own AI department. Every worker under me has been working overtime every day and we finally got results. What position does that put us in now that you acquired Dartan's robots?"

I could understand what Rachel was trying to say. The company had a limited budget and it cost a lot to acquire a company. This meant that the budget of the company's AI project would be cut down, hence slowing down their progress and discouraging the researchers. If they were not careful enough, the money for the earlier research would be thrown down the drain too.

Rachel was the one who built up AI in the company so it was no wonder that she had such a big reaction. However, Ashton had no intention of compromising.

“I can only tell you the same thing. This is the company’s decision. You have no right to intervene.”

Rachel snorted in disbelief. “No right to intervene? Is this the answer you’re giving me, Mr. Fuller? You’re telling me to appease my team with these four words?”

She was a high-achieving expert who returned from overseas. She was also an authoritative figure in the country’s AI field which was what caused her to think so highly of herself. However, Rachel failed to take note that the person before her was Ashton Fuller, a fighter who was about to enter the arena.

His face turned icy cold when he felt her aggressiveness. Then, he got up and walked towards her, stopping when there was only about a fist’s distance between them. He looked down at her with darkened eyes and his voice was cold as he said, “If one more word comes from your mouth, I will do as you wish and just make the whole of the R&D Department disappear.”

He could definitely do it.

The woman knew very well how ruthless Ashton was. She swallowed her saliva anxiously and avoided eye contact with him. In the end, she retrieved her folder and left hurriedly.

I couldn’t help but sigh as I watched her leave in such an upset state. He was actually quite gentlemanly with her but she didn’t know her place. If she had spoken properly, Ashton wouldn’t have been so ruthless.

Both of them were just looking out for the company so it was hard to say who was in the wrong. Rachel had innate intelligence and I was worried that Ashton would actually proceed with his ruthless acts so I couldn’t stop myself from asking, “Are you serious? Are you really going to disband the R&D Department?”

His face softened upon hearing my voice and he sat back down beside me. After picking up his fork, he answered as he continued eating, "How is that possible? We've already invested several billion into that department. None of them can think about leaving if I don't see the results I want."

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I smiled at that. Ashton had sharp-tongued but a soft heart. "Then, why didn't you tell Rachel the truth earlier?"

He paused for a moment before looking at me. "I have made it clear to her, a technical staff like her has no right to information like this."

"Then, what about me?" I put down my fork and crossed my arms on the table. I gave him a flattering smile and continued, "As a shareholder of Fuller Corporation, may I ask why you're neglecting your own R&D Department and bought over a foreign robotics company? Can you explain why you did that, Mr. Fuller?"

I had gotten news of this on Facebook and was originally going to ask him about it. However, Rachel managed to disrupt the atmosphere with her unfriendliness.

Ashton snorted and he didn't even look up as he said sarcastically, "The R&D Department receives an investment every two months. And each time, the amount they get is nearly ten million. They are basically burning cash. When have I not invest such a huge sum of money in them? But what happened in the end? A year has already passed but they still haven't made any progress. The people in the R&D Department are too comfortable with their situation now. Now that I've cut down on their budget, it should give them a little pressure."

Pfft! I couldn't help but laugh at that. "Alright, I understand now. Mr. Fuller doesn't want to be taken advantage of anymore. But what does this have to do with acquiring Eisen Corporation?"

When he heard my question, Ashton's face turned grim and he started to discuss the pros and cons of it.

It turned out that those people who despised him in K City had never stopped what they were doing. Not only did they sabotage the Fuller Corporation's projects, but they also gradually attacked the commodity trading chain under the company.

Fuller Corporation had been in K City for a few months now but they still couldn't get a hold of their own large warehouse. Many of their products, including building materials could only be located in J City. It was extremely unfavorable for their international trade in the network of international commodity trading.

Dartan's robots were always in the lead and Eisen Corporation was a company that specialized in the research on robots. However, they weren't good at management and it resulted in them operating at a loss. Ashton got involved with them because he wanted to use this to his advantage. He could possess the core technologies of Eisen Corporation and build a logistic network of his own. Robots could be used to identify and deliver goods and they could completely get out of K City's restrictions.

"But it won't be easy to get there. Dartan's government is worried that once this is possible, there would be an irreversible outflow of technology. That's why they have been encouraging local companies to try and acquire Eisen Corporation. Investors from other countries have already emptied their hedge funds. To both foreigners and the local companies, this acquisition doesn't look too good. The worst case scenario will be that the Eisen Corporation's stocks that I hold will eventually become a pile of worthless rubbish."

This was all just a gamble. Even I couldn't help but frown upon hearing that so it wasn't surprising that Ashton didn't want to reveal this to Rachel.

Once everything was successful, Fuller Corporation would be able to gain a strong foothold in K City. She was only focused on the AI field, so even if she knew the truth, she would never have understood the big picture.

However, appeasing the R&D department was still a big deal. After Ashton went back to the company, I had personally called Rachel.

She was probably still mad at Ashton as she only answered after hanging up on me twice.

“What do you want, Mrs. Fuller?” Rachel’s tone was not pleasant.

“Don’t be so hostile towards me. I mean no harm.”

“Spit it out,” she said.

Her hot temper made me feel rather uncomfortable but I took in a deep breath and tried to calm myself. “Do you know that I’ve been preparing for my bar exam recently, Ms. Zimmer?”

Chapter 1142

“What?” Rachel was stunned. I bet she didn’t expect me to tell her that. “Why would I wanna know stuff about you?”

“True. But I have a feeling that fate brought us together, and that’s why I wanna tell you.” I must’ve hung around too much with Ashton and somehow became shameless. “Last year, I was supposed to enroll in a law school. Unfortunately, too many things got in the way, and I missed the entrance exam. The Fuller Corporation will only grow bigger in K City, and dealings involving laws and contracts will increase. That’s why I was thinking of obtaining a practicing certificate so that I could be Ashton’s right hand.”

On the other end of the line, there was a moment of silence. “So, you called me just to tell me how lovey-dovey you two are? Scarlett, have you forgotten something? I’m married and have absolutely no interest in Ashton. What are you trying to do here?” She sounded annoyed.

“Of course not,” I chuckled, trying to let her taste her own medicine. “Ms. Zimmer, haven’t you always thought that you and Ashton would make a better pair since I was nowhere as pretty and capable as you?”

“Can you stop beating around the bush? Are you trying to settle a score here?” Rachel probed.

“Please don’t get me wrong. What I meant was, you’re right,” I composed myself and added with an earnest tone, “and that was why I wanted to obtain a lawyer’s practicing license so I could match up to Ashton and help him as much as possible. On the same note, I hope that Ms. Zimmer understands how much Ashton had invested in the R&D Department and what he expects from it. You get what I mean, don’t you?”

Rachel was all about personal interests and gains. As the cream of the crop in AI technology, she’d do anything to defend her dignity. It’d been a while since someone talked to her about whether the quality of the products met the standard. I need to let her see that they hadn’t been up to par lately.

She needed to be brought back down to earth. There was another pause. It showed that she pinned her ears back.

As the saying goes, if you lie down with dogs, you’ll end up with fleas. Thanks to Emery, I became more decisive. “We believe in you and the R&D Department, but we’re doing business here. If the profits didn’t hit the mark, as the boss cum investor, we will have no choice but to put these losses to an end. Be on your toes, Ms. Zimmer.”

I then hung up.

Honestly, it was unlucky for anyone to have Ashton as their boss. All he cared about was the final result. He’d never look into the process and put effort into deciphering any issues that occurred along the way. As long as the targets weren’t met, the parties involved would be struck off from his list.

Yes, Rachel was a valuable asset. But that didn’t mean that she was the only AI technology genius in this whole wide world. On the contrary, it was the Fuller Corporation that’d endowed her the respect and status she currently held. I trusted that she knew what was best for her.

It had been a week since Ashton tried to acquire Eisen Corporation. Fuller Corporation had gained 5% shares through share transfer. But with the meddling of Dartan's government, Dartan's top air-conditioner manufacturing company showed its interest in acquiring it too. With that, they became a competitor that had the edge over Fuller Corporation in the aspects of market positioning and policies.

Ashton and Joseph decided to head over to Dartan, in the hope of winning the acquisition.