

The Unshackled Queen: Never Say Never

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“You gave me quite the scare.”

Relieved to see Hannah was okay, Bryson’s hand, clutching hers, trembled.

“You were grabbing at your throat!”

Quickly, Hannah released her hand from her neck, her heart still racing.

“It’s been ages since I had a dream like that..

Her mind returned to the dream, where it was Bryson who had saved her from the watery depths multiple times. She Looked at him intently and posed a question.

“Bryson, did you ever rescue someone from the ocean when you were younger?”

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Perched on the edge of Hannah’s bed, Bryson offered her a cup of warm water. He pondered for a moment, then shook his head, declaring, “No.”

Piecing together Hannah’s earlier words, Bryson realized she had been submerged in water.

“You ended up in the water when Grace was abducted in Muvrand. Have you ever nearly drowned before that day?”

Accepting the cup from Bryson, Hannah didn’t shy away from admitting her past drowning experience.

“It was a long time ago. I was just a kid. After being pulled out of the ocean, I developed a fear of it.”

“Did today frighten you?” Rubbing her forehead, Hannah admitted, “It’s been years since I felt like this.”

Drawing her into a comforting embrace, Bryson assured her, “I’m right here. You won’t suffer from any nightmares tonight.”

As she nestled closer to Bryson, Hannah found solace in his minty fragrance. Soon, she drifted off to sleep beside him.

Glancing at Hannah’s peaceful visage, Bryson gently caressed her cheek and whispered, “The time isn’t right for you to know what happened back then.”

Unaware of his words, Hannah remained in her tranquil slumber.

Come early morning, the ringtone of her cellphone jolted Hannah awake.

Groping blindly for the device, she answered the call, still half- asleep.

“Hello?”

“Hannah! Where are you? Grace and I can’t find you.”

Startled awake by Lydia’s urgent voice, Hannah rolled over, stifling a yawn as she responded, “I’m in Bryson’s room.”

Pausing briefly, Lydia’s tone mellowed.

“Did I interrupt something?”

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“I’ll hang up.”

“No.” Hannah sat upright and clarified, “I had a nightmare, so I spent the night in Bryson’s room. Nothing happened between us.”

Aware of Hannah’s traumatic past, Lydia realized the significance of the nightmare. She inquired, “Are you alright? Do you need to go to the hospital?”

“I’m a doctor myself. It was just a nightmare. No need to worry over me.”

“Alright then, get yourself ready. I’ll take Grace to breakfast downstairs.”

“Okay.”

After ending the call, Hannah freshened up in the bathroom. Emerging, she noticed Bryson engrossed in work outside.

“You’re up?” Switching off his computer, Bryson looked up at Hannah.

“Hungry? How about we grab some breakfast downstairs?”

Hannah nodded in agreement.

“Sure.”

As Lydia and Grace entered the hotel’s restaurant, they chanced upon Eliana and Ruby in what appeared to be a heated argument.

Intrigued, Lydia couldn’t resist. Grasping Grace’s hand, Lydia guided her closer.

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“Follow me!”

“Where are we going, Lydia?”

Lydia brought Grace near Eliana and Ruby, placing a finger on her lips to signal silence.

“Let’s eavesdrop on their conversation.”

Oblivious to their presence, Eliana and Ruby continued their dispute.

Frustration etched Eliana’s usually composed face.

“If you walk away now, all we’ve done is for nothing. Don’t you still have feelings for Mr. Mitchell?”

“I can’t focus on that right now. I just want to get back to Valmere!”

Ruby’s tone tinged with urgency.

“I’ll consider it when Bryson comes back to Valmere.”

Confused by Ruby’s sudden change of heart, Eliana challenged her.

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“If you’re quitting so easily, why’d you even come here? Why ask for my help? Go on then, leave. Mr. Mitchell and Hannah are getting closer by the day. Miss this opportunity and you can kiss him goodbye.”

Scoffing at Ruby, Eliana added, “Planning on stepping in after they’re married? If that’s how you plan, we’ve got nothing more to discuss.”

Tired of the pointless argument, Eliana stood up to leave. Ruby quickly followed her out.

Perplexed, Grace looked up at Lydia.

“They’ve left. Should we follow them?”

“Ahem!”

Lydia cleared her throat. If Hannah found out she wasn’t setting a good example for Grace, she’d catch hell.

Quickly, she cautioned Grace, “Don’t let Hannah know we were snooping.

If you do mention it to her, just say we overheard them. Got it?”

Although still a bit puzzled, Grace nodded vigorously.

“Understood.

I won’t say we were eavesdropping.”

Upon hearing this, Lydia grinned, saying, “Well done. How about we grab some breakfast?”

They spent some time enjoying a meal in the ground-floor dining area before Hannah and Bryson finally made their appearance.

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With a wave of her hand, Lydia beckoned them to take seats next to her. Observing them both, she inquired, “What’s kept you two? Have you been...”

“Watch it, or I’ll poke your eyes out!”

Waving her fork playfully, Hannah cut her off.

“Eat your breakfast, will you?”

Midway through the meal, Bryson’s phone buzzed with a video call. He excused himself to attend to work matters, leaving the trio behind.

Shaking her head, Lydia let out a sigh.

“The guy’s so busy. Even with Brayden back in Valmere lending a hand, he’s still overwhelmed.”

Hannah simply smiled and took a leisurely sip of her milk.

“Speaking of which,” Lydia began, sharing what she overheard with Hannah.

“See? They showed up here intentionally. I told you so, didn’t I? No way it’s a coincidence that they’re at the same resort as us.”

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“It’s no big deal if they did. I have complete faith in Bryson,”

Hannah assured her.

Grace chimed in, supporting Hannah.

“If my brother ever does you wrong, know that I’ll stand by you. But I can’t believe how awful they are! Who would’ve thought Ruby would turn out this way?”

Gently patting Grace’s head, Hannah remarked, “That’s not the main issue though. Last night, I discovered some safety concerns here at the resort. The beach area lacks security cameras, and they haven’t hired any

professional lifeguards. I'll need to report this to the relevant staff at White Group."

Resting her chin in her palm, Lydia sighed and turned to Grace.

"Looks like you and I are the only ones actually vacationing. These two are all business since they got here."

Pinching Lydia's cheek, Hannah warned, "No leading Grace down the wrong path, you hear?"

After finishing their breakfast, the three of them headed back upstairs, all smiles and laughter.

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However, they were stopped by the receptionist.

"Miss Moore, there's a fireworks display by the sea tonight. Don't miss it."

"Fireworks display?" Grace bubbled with enthusiasm.

"What time does it start?"

Wearing a professional smile, the receptionist replied, "The show commences promptly at 7:30 this evening. It's our first fireworks display since the resort opened by the sea. The manager specifically wanted me to inform you, Miss Moore, in case you have any suggestions for improvement."

"Got it," Hannah responded.

"We'll make sure to be there on time."

The three of them retreated to their rooms. At the French window, Hannah gazed at the sea beyond.

The night before, she had spotted two figures in the water. Today, however, the sea teemed with swimmers. Had anyone perished, their body would have surely been discovered by now.

“What are you staring at? Ready to head downstairs?”

Lydia came over and gave Hannah a gentle pat on the shoulder.

“I saw an amusement park listed in the brochure. How about we go check it out?”

Snapping back to reality, Hannah shouldered her backpack.

“Sounds good, let’s go.”

Once they reached the amusement park, Hannah thought of jotting down some notes but couldn’t locate her pen.

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“Why not just use your phone? Scribbling in a notebook is such a hassle.”

“Sometimes I end up deleting work files. I’d hate to accidentally erase my observations,” Hannah explained, tucking her notebook back into her bag.

“Can you help me keep track of things today? Share your thoughts later.”

The sprawling amusement park had clearly been well-constructed. Lydia and Grace stayed until sundown.

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“I only urged you to try more rides so you could get the full experience,” Lydia said, munching on some bread.

“I’m absolutely famished.”

“I’m amazed at you two, Hannah said.

“Playing non-stop from noon till night.”

Lydia grinned, still relishing the experience.

“Though it’s not packed with visitors, it’s a charming spot. The vibe is fantastic too.

I'm confident it'll draw larger crowds down the line."

Hannah nodded, then hesitated.

"I'm just concerned about their fire safety measures."

"There you go again, all business," Lydia joked, giving Hannah's shoulder a playful shake.

"Shall we draft you a formal report on our day of fun?"

"If you're keen on writing one, be my guest," Hannah retorted.

"Oh no, I completely forgot!"

Grace checked her phone, eyes widening in panic.

"It's already 7:10!"

"We'll miss the fireworks if we don't hurry!"

Hannah pulled out her phone and announced, "I'm going to call your brother and tell him to join us right away."

"Alright, let's get moving!"

"Don't worry. We'll arrive in about ten minutes."

The firework display lured numerous tourists into the night.