# Never Late, Never Away Chapter 1491

"Ms. Watts, will you accept our interview?"

The reporters somehow knew she was inside and kept insisting on questioning her.

"Ms. Watts, do you have any comment about Mr. Norton and Ms. Ward's marriage problems?"

"Someone alleged that you came in between their relationship, can you tell us if that's true?"

Joan stood behind the door, covering her mouth as tears streamed down her cheeks.

She could hear everything being said outside clearly. Face with the damaging accusations, she couldn't think of a single reason to defend herself with.

Unfortunately, Larry had no idea what was going on. When Joan sent him a message telling him that she wasn't coming home the night before, he didn't think too much of it.

At that moment, he was busy working at Norton Corporation.

Ring... Ring... His private line suddenly rang. When he saw that it was his father calling, Larry quickly answered.

"Dad, why are you calling me so early in the morning?" Larry asked.

"Why? Where are you now?"

The voice over the line sounded exasperated.

"I'm at the office, working. What happened?" Larry asked when he senses the concern in his dad's voice.

"Something has happened to Joan and yet you don't know a thing? How irresponsible can you get?" Finnick barked in rage.

"What? Joan is in trouble?"

Larry sprang to his feet as his tone darkened.

"Turn on the television and see for yourself," Finnick replied.

"Also, what is this about Gabriella? I'm warning you, Larry, you'd better clean up your mess and not hurt Joan's feelings!"

Doo... Doo.... Doo...

The call ended abruptly. It was obvious that Finnick thought Larry was somehow involved with Gabriella. Therefore, he was furious at his son's actions.

As for Larry, he quickly found out about everything that had happened.

This is all my fault!

Larry blamed himself. Ever since Joan moved in with him, he reassigned Caspian from his duty of protecting her.

Furthermore, he didn't suspect anything when Joan didn't come home the night before.

If he had known about this in advance, he could have prevented Joan from getting hurt.

But now, Joan must have found out about everything.

With that thought in mind, he had the urge to rush toward Joan's home.

When his car stopped in front of her house, Larry saw a huge group of reporters.

Worried that Joan would be in danger, he rushed toward her house.

When they saw that Larry was approaching, the reporters turned their attention and swarmed toward him.

"Mr. Norton, are you here to see Ms. Watts? May I know what your relationship with her is?"

"Mr. Norton, is it true that you and Ms. Ward are engaged? How do you plan to deal with this matter?"

Surrounded by reporters, Larry had no choice but to reply, "Please let me pass. This is all just a misunderstanding. In a short while, the Norton Corporation will organize a press conference and the truth will be revealed."

With that, Larry pushed his way through the crowd. Arriving at her front door, he called out, "Joan, open the door, it's me."

The door opened quickly, and Larry slid in before closing the door behind him.

"Joan, are you alright?" Larry asked with concern.

"Why don't you ask your fiancée? Why are you even here?" Joan replied coldly without even making eye contact.

Realizing that she must have misunderstood the whole situation, Larry quickly explained, "Joan, listen to me. This is just a misunderstanding. Gabriella and I are not engaged. Furthermore, she has never ever been my girlfriend."

"Why are you still lying to me? If she isn't, why has the matter blown up to this extent? I'm just an ordinary girl and not worthy of the president of Norton Corporation. Stop tormenting me and go away!" Joan yelled with tears glistening in her eyes.

When he saw how devastated she was, Larry was heartbroken as he gave her a hug.

# Never Late, Never Away Chapter 1492

"Let go of me! Let me go!"

Joan pounded her fist on him forcefully to keep him away.

However, Larry refused to let go as he held onto her tightly.

After struggling for a while, she stopped moving when she realized it was futile. Allowing Larry to hug her, she continued sobbing in his arms.

"Joan, please believe me. I love you for who you are and I don't care about your background. In fact, my parents feel the same way too. Have you forgotten that they told us to take care of each other?"

Holding Joan in his arms, the sound of her sobs broke his heart.

Nevertheless, Larry's embrace managed to give Joan strength. The images of his parents advising them to stay strong together and handing her the bracelet began to emerge in her mind.

Once she began to calm down, Joan considered the matter thoroughly.

She had initially found the matter to be strange, but it was what happened later that caused her to lose her rationality.

After giving it some thought, Joan felt that she had reacted childishly.

"Do your parents really not care about my background?" Joan asked skeptically as she buried her head in his chest.

"Of course, you silly gal. Isn't that obvious to you too?"

Larry's voice was gentle like the breeze.

"What about Gabriella? What is your relationship with her?"

At the mention of Gabriella, Joan couldn't help but feel guilty.

"There is nothing going on between Gabriella and me. The Nortons and the Wards have always been business partners. Therefore, when Gabriella insisted on working at Norton Corporation, I had no reason to refuse. She had tried to ask her dad, Landon, to arrange a marriage of convenience but my parents never agreed."

He continued, "Ever since what happened last time, I kicked her out of Norton Corporation. I didn't expect her to cook up such a drama now. This time, I'm not going to let her off!" Larry's gaze darkened.

Gabriella, after challenging my threshold repeatedly, don't blame me now for being merciless.

"Last time? What do you mean?"

Joan chose to believe Larry but her curiosity was piqued when she heard him mention what Gabriella did last time.

This gal is simply too naive to see Gabriella as nothing but a good friend. It's time I break the news to her.

After pondering a moment, Larry asked, "Do you remember when you were kidnapped, brought to the outskirts, and drugged?"

Obviously, she would never forget such a traumatic experience. One of the reasons she left for A Nation was because she couldn't put the incident behind her.

"I'll never forget it," Joan replied as she could feel the lingering trauma.

If it wasn't for Larry arriving in the nick of time, I would have been...

In the event the worst happened then, she would likely have committed suicide.

"What does that have anything to do with Gabriella?" Joan inquired.

"It has everything to do with her because she was the one behind it," Larry asserted with conviction.

"What?"

Joan widened her eyes in shock, "That's impossible! We are best friends."

Never in her wildest dreams did Joan think that Gabriella would do such a thing to her.

"Larry, did you make a mistake? Gabriella is a good friend of mine! This isn't something to joke about." Joan felt that Larry had got it wrong.

"Joan, don't judge a book by its cover. Gabriella may be nice to you on the surface but you will never know what she is thinking. If she really sees you as a good friend, how do you explain everything that has happened today?"

Larry's voice was solemn as he hoped Joan would be able to see the truth after this incident.

"But, why is she doing all this?"

Joan was devastated upon the realization that her best friend had been scheming against her.

"Because she thinks that you have taken something that was rightfully hers. That you have stolen the position of Mrs. Norton, wife to the president of Norton Corporation. But it was never hers to begin with. It was her narcissism that convinced her otherwise, and then you coincidentally appeared," Larry explained patiently.

# Never Late, Never Away Chapter 1493

Although Joan might feel disturbed by it, he still had to tell the truth to prevent her from being hurt again.

Joan fell into silence after having heard Larry's words.

Even though she refused to believe it, the facts spoke for themselves.

She realized the friendship that she treasured was easily cast aside in the face of a conflict of interest. She couldn't help but sneer at herself in a self-deprecating manner.

When he saw how disappointed Joan was, Larry gently kissed her on her cheeks and comforted, "Don't be sad, you still have me. I'll always be by your side."

When she heard Larry's affectionate words, Joan's nose twitched as she tried to hold back her tears desperately. She leaned into Larry's chest. "Larry, thank you. Thank you for always staying by my side."

"Silly gal, why are you even thanking me?"

Both of them hugged each other tightly and immersed themselves in the rare emotional moment.

"Larry, what do we do now?" Joan couldn't help but ask when she thought about the swarm of reporters outside.

"Don't worry, just leave it to me."

Larry knew it was time for him to take charge of resolving the matter.

On the same day afternoon, he organized a press conference at Norton Corporation.

The office entrance was swarmed with people. Other than a huge legion of reporters, there were also hordes of curious onlookers. They were all interested to know the latest developments of the scandal.

Larry brought Joan to the press conference. After all, she was the scandal's biggest victim as her reputation was ruined by it.

To redeem her name, Larry had to clarify the truth and announce something at the press conference. Therefore, he forced Joan to come along with him.

The moment both of them appeared at the press conference holding hands, it caused a stir among the reporters present.

After taking their seats, the reporters scrambled to asked questions.

"Mr. Norton, can you tell us the real reason for holding this press conference?"

"Mr. Norton, why are you here together with Ms. Watts? Is it true what they have alleged on the internet about your relationship?"

"Ms. Watts, many people accuse you of being the third party. Do you have any comments on that?"

When the reporters had fired away most of their questions, Larry began to speak.

After he answered most of the key questions, he began to clarify the matter to everyone present.

"Gabriella isn't my girlfriend, and we have never been engaged. As for her desperate attempt at spreading such rumors, I have hired a lawyer and will be taking legal action against her for slandering both myself and Joan."

He continued, "At the same time, I hope everyone can see this matter rationally and not spread further lies about us. Or else, I will not tolerate any of it."

Larry's voice was firm and emitted a domineering aura that cowed all the reporters into silence.

Larry's parents were also present at the press conference. After Larry had finished, Finnick began to speak.

"I would like to reiterate that the Norton family never agreed to a marriage of convenience with the Wards. I can guarantee this upon my honor. Please do not dwell on this matter any further and more importantly, do not trouble the victim, Ms. Watts, anymore."

With the honorable Finnick, who was the previous chairman of Norton Corporation, clarifying the matter, everyone was convinced that Gabriella was the one who fabricated the whole incident.

Now that the truth was revealed and having recovered her reputation, Joan smiled in relief as she thought that the matter had been resolved.

However, Larry still had something important to announce. "There's one more thing I would like to share with everyone. I, Larry Norton, would like to officially ask Ms. Watts for her hand in marriage. Joan, will you marry me?"

The moment Larry popped the question, he caused an uproar at the press conference.

The reporters had planned to rush back to their respective publishers to publish the contents of the press conference. However, they didn't expect the momentous surprise at the end.

## Never Late, Never Away Chapter 1494

The next moment, cheers erupted everywhere.

Just like an elegant prince, Larry walked up to Joan and brought out the ring he prepared. Kneeling with one knee on the ground, he gazed longingly into Joan's eyes.

"I love you Joan, marry me!"

"Marry him! Marry him..."

With everyone immersing themselves in the romantic moment, loud cheers rang out through the crowd.

Face with Larry's affectionate gaze, Joan couldn't help but cover her mouth in shock.

Everything before her felt so much like a fantasy that she couldn't believe it herself.

She was already thankful that she could redeem her reputation at the press conference. Hence, she didn't expect Larry to come up with such a surprise at all.

"Joan, will you marry me?"

When he saw how emotional she was, Larry popped the question again.

"I will love you for the rest of my life and I will not allow you to come to any harm. I..."

Before he could finish, he was interrupted by Joan's sobbing voice.

"I will! I most definitely will!" Joan replied aloud as tears streamed down her cheeks.

After having gone through so much, nothing was more important than staying by each other's side.

As she had never been this happy before, Joan looked at Larry and felt that he was the world to her.

"That's wonderful!"

The moment was so beautiful that even the reporters were touched by it. Cameras began to flash incessantly as they recorded the romantic moment.

Larry slowly stood up and lifted Joan's right hand. He then helped her put on the ring while gazing passionately into her eyes.

Joan, from now on, you will be known as Mrs. Norton.

Surrounded by anticipative stares, Larry kissed her on her tender lips.

The raging passion within his kiss spilled onto her endlessly, as if to show how strong his feelings for her were.

Larry, from now till the end of time, till death do us part.

Showered with thunderous applause, Larry and Joan hugged each other affectionately.

Just when both of them were relishing the beautiful moment, something unexpected occurred.

Gabriella had just arrived at the press conference.

She was feeling quilty as she didn't expect the matter to have escalated to that extent.

When she heard that Larry had organized a press conference, she began to panic and rushed to the scene to see what was going to happen.

She had regretted her actions as the moment she was exposed, she would be spurned by the public.

Now, the only thing that gave her courage was the business relationship the Wards shared with the Nortons.

She felt that Larry would restrain himself in order to preserve their partnership.

Obviously, Gabriella had overestimated the importance of her own family. Larry exposed her with total disregard for the business relationship both families shared.

The moment she arrived at the press conference, she coincidentally saw Larry helping Joan put on the ring followed by their affectionate hug.

At that moment, Gabriella charged forward hysterically as she couldn't tolerate how happy Joan and Larry were in front of her.

Larry is mine and can only be mine!

Just when she was making a commotion, her mouth was suddenly covered by someone.

Mmm... Mmm... Mmm...

Despite struggling vehemently and trying to shout, all Gabriella could manage was muffled screams.

The person who had caught her was none other than Caspian.

Evidently, Larry had expected Gabriella to cause trouble at the press conference. Just as a precaution, he had arranged for Caspian to monitor the event so that Gabriella could be stopped the moment she appeared.

Naturally, his fears turned out to be true. When Caspian noticed the maniacal Gabriella, he covered her mouth and dragged her away.

Despite her desperate attempts to free herself from Caspian, her struggles were futile as the difference in strength was just too big.

# Never Late, Never Away Chapter 1495

Caspian easily dragged her to the entrance of Norton Corporation and threw her out of the building.

Gabriella almost fell to the ground from the shove. After regaining her balance, she became hysterical as she had never suffered such humiliation before, especially as a daughter of the prominent Ward family.

"You dog of the Nortons, do you know who I am? How dare you touch me!"

Gabriella continued to roar at Caspian, "Let me in, or else I will get Larry to fire you!"

Staring at Gabriella who had lost all senses, Caspian remained expressionless and replied calmly, "I'm sorry Ms. Ward, my boss has told me that everyone is allowed to enter except for you."

"That's impossible! Larry would never treat me that way. How dare you keep me out?"

Caspian's words had only served to infuriated Gabriella further.

"You must have decided to not let me in on your own accord!"

Gabriella refused to give up as she charged forward again, screaming.

"Let me in! Let me in!"

Standing in front of her, Caspian's body was like an immovable mountain.

"You're just a dog of the Nortons!" Gabriella was so outraged that she hurled a slap at Caspian's face.

However, Caspian managed to catch her hand and glared coldly back at her.

You crazy woman. I had wanted to show you mercy but it seems that you are not appreciative of it. Don't blame me for being rough, then.

"You deserve this!" Just as he spoke, Caspian returned her slap.

Slap! As the crisp sound rang out, a palm print appeared on Gabriella's face.

"You... you dare hit me?"

Gabriella looked at Caspian in disbelief. A mere bodyguard dared to slap me!

"My boss had ordered me to teach you a lesson if you continue to cause trouble. He said that he will shoulder the responsibility of whatever happens."

After slapping Gabriella, Caspian was filled with a sense of gratification. However, he dared not push his luck. After all, she was a daughter of the Wards.

"Ms. Wards, my boss would like to warn you that if you continue to be difficult, he will expose you as the mastermind of the kidnapping incident. When that happens, I'm afraid you will have to go to prison."

Running thin on patience, Caspian issued her an ultimatum.

Evidently, Caspian's threat of sending her to prison shook her back to her senses.

However, unwilling to leave quietly, she glared at Caspian and scowled, "Just you wait, I'll get back at you one day!"

Not wanting to be humiliated further, Gabriella quickly got into her car and drove away.

When she arrived home fuming and wanted to return to her room, she coincidentally ran into Landon.

She didn't feel like talking to him, so she turned in another direction to avoid him.

"Stop where you are."

Noticing that she was trying to hide, Landon called out to her. "Now that you're back, I have something to ask you."

Realizing that there was no avoiding it, she turned around and replied with her head lowered, "What is it, Dad?"

"Gabriella, I heard that the Norton Corporation has organized a press conference. Does it have anything to do with you?"

Landon was just informed that his daughter was now in an awkward position for fabricating lies. Storming downstairs in rage, he had wanted to find out the truth and didn't expect to run into Gabriella.

"Dad, it's nothing. Don't worry."

Unwilling to tell him, Gabriella planned to hide the truth from her father.

"Gabriella, I have heard some rumors. You must tell me everything truthfully. If you have gotten yourself into any trouble, I will definitely help you."

Landon looked affectionately at Gabriella. Given that she was the only child, he couldn't tolerate her being hurt in any way.