

Returning from the Dead: His Secret Lover

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Therefore, Edmund had been working at the auditing bureau these two years as per the arrangement the Jadesons had made for him. Never once did he ever lay a finger on the assets that belonged to the Coopers.

As a result, his reputation as an heir who had suffered a downfall preceded him.

Sebastian poured himself a cup of tea and took a sip.

"The timing isn't an issue. It's all about an effective whitewashing."

"Whitewashing?" Edmund repeated. "How should I go about doing it?"

"The best way to turn it around is to prove that the money was legally earned. There's a cadre from the Air Force, whose family does some small business. I heard that his daughter has taken a liking for you. You might want to consider that," Sebastian hinted indifferently.

Hearing that, Edmund fell silent. His face went blank.

Consider? What does he mean? Does he want me to marry Ms. Zander?

His chest heaved rapidly while a downcast expression appeared on his face.

"So, you want me to go against my will and marry her?"

"I didn't. The decision is yours to make. I only asked you to consider. In fact, you've made your choice, haven't you? Apart from sending Riley to Yorksland, you also came looking for me. Didn't you do all these to make inroads for her to take over your former business?"

Sebastian looked up and narrowed his gaze, exuding a slightly hostile aura. He was displeased that his good intentions were misinterpreted.

Edmund said nothing. His face was all red.

After a while, he lowered his head and apologized in a hoarse voice, "I'm sorry, I was too emotional. I... I just couldn't accept it."

The reality was too harsh for him to face. At that point, the notorious man who possessed a cynical attitude to life was totally despondent.

He had no choice but to accept the hard facts. His eyes were void of even the slightest hint of hope.

Sebastian pursed his lips, feeling quite sorry for him.

"You can just let them be. Riley is a good person, but ditch the rest of them. There's no need for you to carry the Coopers on your shoulders. They're not related to you. You are free to get your assets back, return to Yorksland, and start anew there. I can guarantee that no one will ever come after you."

At the end of his statement, Sebastian gave him a promise.

Edmund looked down and remained silent.

When Sasha came over to serve them a new set of tea, he stood up from his seat.

"Are you leaving?"

"Yup, thank you for your time."

Shortly after, he excused himself.

Sasha did not sit down until she saw him left.

"What's the matter? He didn't look all right. Is there anything serious?"

"Yup, he has to clear the mess that Benedict's daughters have caused. He needed to use his fortune, but it was not made available to him. In the end, I shared with him another idea," Sebastian came clean with his wife and gave her a quick summary.

Sasha was curious. "What idea did you give him? He didn't look very happy. Was it a bad idea?"

"I guess so. I asked him to marry a woman."

A devilish smirk flashed across his face while he poured the tea leaves away.

Sasha was rendered speechless.

That's the worst idea of all.

It had been a year since Edmund returned. Although he vowed not to desire Sabrina nor get entangled in her life, he never moved on.

He did not pursue any other women in the past year. That action alone spoke volumes about his intention.

Upon mulling over quietly, Sasha continued, "So, what's the outcome then? We shouldn't force him if he's reluctant to take a step forward. Anyway, we ought to help him whenever we can."

"Yes," Sebastian agreed right away.

That was one of his valuable traits. Even though he was upset, he would still lend a hand if he could.

After that, the couple continued to enjoy the tea.

Right when they thought the matter was over, a piece of shocking news went viral in Jadeborough three days later. Rumor had it that Edmund was spotted hanging out in a shopping mall with Tillie Zander.

"Whoa! That guy has a girlfriend? This truly rare." That was Sabrina's reaction when she first heard about the news.

She could still remember the scenes in Yorksland vividly.

There would always be women having catfights to win Edmund over. Later on, unsure what happened, he was never seen with any girls ever again as if he had become a monk.

Ichika was overjoyed too.

"Should we invite him over and have a party to congratulate him?"

"That's a brilliant idea!" Sabrina concurred with her suggestion.

Sasha smiled without offering any opinion.

In the afternoon, Sabrina received a phone call when she was getting ready for the celebration.

"Ms. Hayes, I heard that my brother is getting engaged to Ms. Zander. Was he forced into it? Can you help me find that out, please? Is he in trouble?" It was Riley, whom she had not seen for a while now.

Bewildered, Sabrina questioned, "Hey Riley, isn't it great that your brother is getting engaged? What's wrong? Why are you so worked up? Shouldn't you be happy for him?"

"I would if that's what he wants. But, Ms. Hayes, I'm certain that this marriage isn't what he wants," Riley stated firmly over the phone.

Sabrina became even more confused. "Riley Cooper, are you insane? How can you be so sure about your brother's will? You're not him."

"Of course, I know him like the palm of my hand. The person that Edmund likes has been you all along, Ms. Hayes."