

To Be Yours Again by Taylor

Chapter 23 Whoever Pays Is a Fool

Faye noticed the subtle change in Alec's mood and started to feel very anxious. Jenny ignored Alec and Faye. She whispered to Gilbert, "I wonder when they're going to auction off the goods I sponsored."

She was pretty curious about what the bids would be.

"It's still early. Mr. Birkett hasn't released any new work on the market for so many years. Your painting is going to be the finale," Gilbert replied.

Afterward, he shook his head helplessly and said, "Are you sure it's not going to be a problem giving away Mr. Birkett's painting just like that?"

"He's my mentor. Surely he won't beat me up for this?" Jenny pouted. "Besides, he already gave me that painting. Of course I have the authority to deal with it.

"That's true. You're his mentee. I don't think he will blame you for it."

"Why, of course. Mr. Birkett adores me."

The two of them spoke softly, so Alec couldn't hear what they were saying. He could only tell that they were enjoying the conversation. Inevitably, he found it annoying.

"Brother? Ha," he thought.

As a man himself, he could tell from Gilbert's eyes that he had feelings for Jenny. He wouldn't believe it if Gilbert said he only had pure intentions.

Soon, the auction began. The hall went quiet.

The first auction item was a diamond necklace sponsored by some trust fund baby. When the emcee announced his name, he stood up and waved at the crowd. Gilbert asked Jenny if she was interested. Jenny shook her head. She had never fancied diamonds that much.

She didn't like it, but Faye, on the other hand, was obsessed. Her eyes lit up when she saw the large diamond.

"You like it?" Alec asked.

"Yup." Faye nodded. "I'm just admiring it."

That sounded a little too fake. If she was really just admiring it, why did she have to tell Alec that she liked it? Alec made a bid. Unsurprisingly, he got the diamond. He didn't even look at it and just handed it to Faye. This caused the people to doubt their genuine relationship.

Was she indeed just his little sister? They found it hard to believe.

The auction carried on. The following few auction items did not pique Jenny's interest either. She was starting to get bored.

“The next item is a pair of emerald earrings. We’re going to start at five million dollars”

The emcee had just finished his sentence when someone made a bid. It seemed that everybody liked this pair of earrings. When Jenny saw the earrings, her eyes lit up as well. She was suddenly wide awake. She also liked this pair of earrings. Gilbert sensed her enthusiasm. He raised his bidding paddle without hesitation.

“Ten million dollars!”

“Gilbert...” Jenny turned to look at him.

If you like it, then I’ll buy it. I may not have everything, but I do have money,” Ever since the auction had begun, this was the first item that Jenny liked. He was going to get it no matter what.

Upon hearing this, Jenny laughed. She didn’t refuse either.

The bid price of ten million dollars caused many to back off. Although those were a great pair of earrings, it wasn’t worth more than ten million dollars.

“Ten million dollars. Calling once!”

“Calling twice!”

“Ten million dollars...”

“20 million dollars!” Somebody made another bid. The crowd was in shock.

Nobody expected that Alec would go after the same goods as Gilbert. Jenny glanced at Alec beside her and frowned.

“Is this man intentionally trying to go against me? Or does Faye want this pair of earrings too?” she thought.

“Mr. Faust.” Gilbert gave a half-smile. Of course he could tell that Alec did this on purpose.

“It’s an auction, after all; the highest bidder wins. I’m sure you know the rules.”

In other words, he meant to say, “Fuck off if you don’t have the money”.

“Ha!” Gilbert chuckled lightly. He raised his bidding paddle the next second, “30 million dollars!”

“40 million dollars.” Alec was calm.

“50 million dollars!”

“60 million dollars!”

Gilbert wanted to make another bid, but Jenny stopped him, “It’s okay, Gilbert.

The earrings are great, but it’s not worth that price.”

“60 million dollars...whoever pays the price is a fool,” she thought.

She didn’t want Gilbert to be that fool. As for Alec, he didn’t lack money. She couldn’t stop him.