

Never Say 488

Before Hannah could say no, Johanna pressed on, "We'll have a car come get you tonight. How about it?"

"No need, I'm familiar with Quin Bar. What time does everything start?"

"I'll be there."

"Be there by 8, Hannah. Don't be late."

"Sure."

The call ended shortly thereafter. A friend approached Johanna, asking, "So, did she take the bait?"

"Of course, she did! I personally invited her. How could she resist?"

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A sly grin crept over Johanna's face.

"That classless woman has no business being part of our family. We need to make sure she learns her lesson tonight."

"Don't worry. She'll regret ever getting involved with us."

In the villa, Hannah had already gone through the data on the White family's company. Its ongoing crisis was rooted in past negligence of quality control, leading to a shipment of flawed machines.

This posed a serious issue; insufficient funds were affecting the progress of several projects. Unless they managed to offload this defective stock, financial bleeding was inevitable.

Hannah glanced over a spreadsheet she'd created. She felt grateful that Bryson was managing this partnership. Otherwise, the White family would be facing steep losses, if not bankruptcy, in no time.

It was only after wrapping up her work that Hannah realized she'd neglected to call Lydia for several days. She grabbed her phone and dialed Lydia's number.

"Wow, you actually remembered me. It's been ages since we talked, hasn't it?"

Lydia interrupted Hannah's attempted explanation.

"Let me guess, You've been busy? Well, I've also been tied up with work, and I'm heading to Hoijery soon. Want me to bring you anything back from Valmere?"

"Not really." Hannah chuckled and said, "Just having you visit is enough for me. I've missed you."

Lydia made a mock frown.

"You say you miss me, yet you can't even be bothered to call."

"Come on, I'm calling you now, aren't I?"

After their lighthearted banter, Lydia turned earnest.

“So, how’s life with the White family? Did they give you a hard time?”

“Actually, they backed off. My grandmother gave me her shares as well as my mom’s. So now, I hold 25% of the White Group shares.”