

Can't Win Me Back

Can't Win Me Back Chapter 1661-With a meaningful look, Winston shifted his gaze from Jonah to Julien.

Moments later, he rasped, "Jonah, let's have a private chat."

Winston and Jonah were alone in the room. Winston stared out the window with his back to Jonah without saying a word.

Jonah had expected a barrage of questioning and scolding, but they did not come. The silence, however, proved more agonizing than direct confrontation.

"Dad, everything you've read and seen is true. I'm sorry," Jonah broke the silence and apologized profusely to Winston. "I'm deeply sorry for all the time and energy you invested in me, only to end up being a disappointment. This is entirely my fault. I only ask one thing—please don't make things difficult for Julien."

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Winston remained silent. Seeing that, Jonah slowly straightened up and suggested, "I know my scandal has landed KS Group in a crisis. I will turn in my resignation tomorrow and kickstart the handover transition. I will also step down from the board of directors."

Hearing that, Winston finally reacted. He shot up from the wheelchair and had to grab the window sill to steady himself from the sudden movement.

"Dad, watch out!" Jonah wanted to offer help when Winston spun around to glare at him.

Winston questioned, "Are you throwing the towel in over a mere scandal?"

Jonah looked taken aback.

"Many CEOs of major corporations abroad have come out of the closet, and they're doing just fine. The society here might be slightly conservative, but

ultimately, this scandal is a personal matter that does not concern or hurt the public.” Winston slammed his hand on the wall, looking aggrieved.

He added, “The tabloids made many headlines out of my decision to take four wives, and they were harsh to me. But look at me. That didn’t stop my decades long tenure as the company chairman for a few decades. In the end, those who gossiped about me had to show me respect and take my orders.”

Jonah was dumbfounded. Gaping at Winston, he stammered, “Dad, I—”

“How could my son be so spineless? You’re not resilient enough. You’re not even half as strong-willed as Lyse!” Winston shook his head furiously and started musing, “That’s very odd. Who did you take after? Certainly not after me or your mom.”

“Dad, I’m different from you.” Jonah felt touched as he didn’t expect Winston’s support, but Winston’s response only added to his guilt.

“How are we different? Explain!” Furious, Winston marched up to Jonah despite his sickly body. “Are you inferior to me or anyone else? No. In fact, you’re on par with Jasper Beckett.

“Love isn’t a crime, nor is having a different sexual orientation. Those who ridicule and curse you are narrow-minded fools. Pay no heed to them, and remember just one thing—” Winston’s voice choked with emotions. He rested a hand on Jonah’s shoulder as he remarked, “No matter what happens, you are...

my finest son.”

Jonah’s eyes widened. Each word from Winston filled him with warmth, reigniting his spirit.

Winston, who had never displayed vulnerability, not even during Jennifer’s passing, unexpectedly teared up in Jonah’s presence.

“Dad, thank you.” Jonah had no more words except to thank his father.

As affluent and respected as Winston was, he was, above all, a father.

Can't Win Me Back Chapter 1662-Setting aside Winston's titles, he was first and foremost a father. He had promised Jennifer to protect their children as long as he was alive.

Following the expose, Jonah and Julien's relationship created a huge stir online.

One could only imagine the level of insults hurled at them by the public and KS Group's business rivals, who wished for the company's downfall.

Someone wrote, "What the fuck? That's revolting. Don't homosexuals lead a promiscuous life and are prone to getting AIDS?"

"How obscene! That's against the law of nature."

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"The homosexual circle sounds pretty messed up. They could sleep with anyone. True love doesn't exist for them."

"Jonah Taylor's image is irreparably ruined. He was once the perfect president of KS Group, but he's done for now!"

"I'm more shocked by his lover. It's Julien Lovelace of the Lovelace Group!

OMG! The rich certainly chase after thrills."

"What a waste of two hotties!"

The Taylor family was in disarray after the scandal. Lyla, Colene, Tatiana, and Cyrus joined Mandy in the adjacent room to offer comfort. Mandy was understandably upset because the scandal involved the Lovelace family as well.

Besides, she was one of the first few to learn about the relationship and keep it under wraps. Drowning in remorse, she wanted to punch herself in the chest.

Julien was her nephew, and Jonah was like a son to her. Both were family, and she shared their pain.

Standing alone at the end of the corridor, Jasper answered a call from Xavier.

Xavier reported, “Mr. Beckett, we’ve tracked down the user who spread the photos of Mr. Jonah and Dr. Lovelace. He’s in our hands now. That man is an infamous tabloid reporter who’d do anything for money.

“He claimed that he’d received the photo and tip-off from an anonymous sender and received the transfer via bank account. He had not once met with the culprit, claiming that he was just taking orders.”

“Get rid of this reporter. Teach him a really good lesson,” Jasper hissed, his eyes looking frosty.

“Roger that! You have nothing to worry about. I’ll make sure to make it hellish for him.” Xavier seemed equally enraged.

“Obtain any piece of information about the culprit from the reporter, no matter how small. I’ll personally look into it.” Jasper, a graduate of a military school, had taken lessons on cybersecurity and knew a thing or two about hacking. It was time to refresh his knowledge.

Xavier blurted out without thinking, “You? Forgive me for my bluntness, but wouldn’t it be faster for Madam to perform the hacking?”

“Are you looking down on me now?” Jasper clenched his jaw.

Inhaling sharply, Xavier replied, “I’m on it!!”

Jasper immediately received another call from an unknown number right after talking to Xavier, causing him to frown in suspicion. He never answered calls from strangers, not to mention it was weird for strangers to learn about his personal number, which only a few knew, unlike his work phone number.

Still, he picked up. “Who is this?”

“Is this a hotline? Do I have to spam it to get through?” Axel’s unserious voice rang on the other end.

Jasper’s eyes lit up with joy. “Axel?”

“How’s Jonah?” Axel’s voice turned serious and filled with concern.

After a short pause, Axel questioned, "How's Winston doing? He didn't faint or anything, did he?"

Speechless, Jasper assured him, "No, he didn't, but we worried that the bad news might take a toll on his health."

Can't Win Me Back Chapter 1663-"I've looked into Winston's video that got leaked online," Axel muttered with a hint of menace.

Jasper lifted a brow in amusement as he pressed his lips unyieldingly.

He had wanted to quietly resolve the issue for Winston and Jonah without Alyssa knowing, but it seemed like Axel had beaten him to it.

Axel had tirelessly fought him for first place in class during military school. They often engaged in battles as students, but Jasper never anticipated that the competition would persist long after graduation. It appeared that Axel refused to give him a chance to prove himself.

Thankfully, Axel wasn't a female, or they might end up in an enemy-to-lover trope.

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Jasper's gaze hardened. "Dominic was behind this, right?"

"Awesome. Mr. Beckett, you seem to solve cases through guessing," mocked Axel with a grin.

"The angle of the footage clearly proved it was a camera in the meeting room.

After I sent Winston to the hospital, I immediately made Mr. Benton delete the footage. I believe someone had made a move before us by copying the footage." His voice dripped with ice.

Jasper continued, "Lyse told me after the video leak that she had forced all the company board members to sign an NDA, except for Dominic. She planned to trick him into exposing his true colors, but she didn't expect him to publicize the footage. He's risking it all."

“Hah! Dominic is flirting with death.” Axel curled his fists and cracked his fingers so loudly that Jasper could hear it from the other end. “I managed to track it back to him by locating the IP address from which the user posted the video.

“Looks like it’s time to get rid of our family member. Dominic is about to find out the consequences of hurting Winston.”

Jasper frowned. “No, we can’t.”

“Jasper Beckett, how dare you dictate what I can or cannot do? I’m your brother-in-law!” Axel raised his voice unhappily.

“Your dad is still sick. Besides, his condition is worse than what you could imagine.”

Axel went silent upon hearing that.

“He has received a severe blow after the video of his relapse was leaked, followed by Jonah and Julien’s scandal. I fear your confrontation with Dominic might be the last straw for him.

“After some time around Winston, I could tell that he cares deeply for his family.

Even after seeing Dominic for what he is, he dared not inflict harsh punishment on his little brother for the sake of their childhood memories,” Jasper patiently explained to Axel.

He added, “I know you’re seeking revenge; I share the same sentiments.

However, Winston’s health is our utmost priority at the moment.”

Axel snapped, “Ugh, don’t waste my time. Get to the point!”

“Haha! Jasper Beckett, you’re a real jerk, aren’t you?”

Looking exasperated, Jasper suggested, “You could have described me with many other adjectives—for example, smart or wise.”

“They mean the same. You get it.” Axel’s voice dropped to a sinister tone. “I can leave Dominic to you, but I will personally get rid of the culprit who messed with Jonah.”

Jasper grinned. "Sure."

"Don't waste your time if you're here to gossip."

Can't Win Me Back Chapter 1664-Jasper held back the urge to roll his eyes as he tapped out of the chat.

Alyssa, seated in another room, repeatedly scrolled through the malicious comments online. Heartbroken and tearing up, she nearly crushed the phone screen. Silas and Liam kept her company, not knowing what to do except to exchange looks because they'd never come across such a situation.

"Lyse, don't fret about it. Jonah and Julien aren't in the entertainment industry.

The scandal will die down after a while," Silas comforted Alyssa.

He sighed, feeling sorry for Jonah.

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"Sure, the gossip will eventually die down, but Jonah and Julien will be scarred forever." Alyssa closed her eyes, taking deep breaths to calm herself. "Jonah is the president of KS Group. We might own the company, but Jonah's reputation and public image have taken a huge hit.

"This is what the mastermind wishes to see—to tarnish Jonah's reputation so that he couldn't face the public.

"Julien isn't a public figure, but the Lovelace family is difficult. Now that they've heard about the scandal, I'm afraid Julien can't go back to them."

The thought of it upset her to no end. After hanging out with Julien for a while and going through ups and downs together, she had already considered him family.

Upon learning that Julien had suffered beatings by the Lovelace family, Alyssa felt an overwhelming urge to retaliate on his behalf. She nearly stormed to their residence.

Just like Jonah, she did not wish to see Julien suffer.

Liam immediately knelt beside her upon seeing the tears in her eyes. Holding her hand tenderly, he peered into her eyes. “Lyse, don’t worry. If the Lovelaces are ignorant enough to abandon a fine young man like Julien, we’ll take him in.”

“Liam...” Alyssa softly called out to him as tears welled up again.

Liam chuckled. “I always wondered who Jonah would end up with, given how perfect and arrogant he was. Now, I realize that Julien is his perfect match.”

Alyssa fell into a daze, recalling how Jonah and Julien always stayed by each other’s side—how Julian had always tried to fulfill all of Jonah’s requests to the best of his ability and the way they lovingly looked at each other like they’d found the universe in the others’ eyes.

There were signs all along.

“Liam was right. We should celebrate Jonah finding himself a partner.” Silas grinned cheerfully after shedding the gloom from before. “Hehe! One of the Taylor sons finally started dating. Jonah is a role model to us all.”

Liam replied, “Silas, you should follow suit, then. You’re not any younger.”

That prompted Alyssa and Silas to glare at him. “No. You’d better not!”

At that moment, they heard a dull knock on the door. Silas answered the door and looked flustered. “J- Julien?”

Alyssa shot up from the couch when she learned that Julien had arrived.