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Chapter 1

By the time Drake arrived at the door to Sophia's room, it was clear that something very wrong was occurring. But Drake didn't really know what it was yet. He saw Scarlett holding Sophia's hand, and Sophia was pale and moaning. Victoria was on her cell phone and talking to what Drake assumed was The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) a 911 operator.

Although Scarlett had been the one who screamed The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) for help, she was now totally in control of the situation. Her calm demeanor instantly calmed Drake down, but he could tell the situation was serious. Sophia's

face was pale, and she looked ghostly as she held onto her stomach The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) and cried softly. It was obviously she was in horrible pain. Sophia didn't seem to realize her room was filled with people and instead was latched onto Scarlett, holding The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) her hand.

"What happened?" Drake said as he moved in closer to Sophia.

It was vividly clear she was not herself. She didn't turn toward him, her eyes remained closed, and she held onto her stomach and moaned in pain, The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) with Scarlett's hand intertwined with hers. His hands reached out to her, but there wasn't anything he could do.

"I think it's her appendix. Victoria has the ambulance on the line. The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) Can you go open the gate and make sure they get up here alright?" Scarlett said calmly and definitively.

"Yes."

It was clear that Scarlett had taken charge of the situation. Whatever fear she had originally had when she found Sophia had died down, and her sense of control had The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) taken over. Scarlett handed out tasks for everyone in the The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) room as she tried to comfort Sophia while they waited for the ambulance.

Drake didn't hesitate at all and quickly made his way out to the front gate and waited for the ambulance. It felt odd not to be in control. His whole life was about control, and at that moment, there was absolutely nothing he could do to control the pain that Sophia was feeling. Even when Drake had made wild decisions to do things like Skydiving, he had still controlled where and when he would do it; he liked to remain in control in his life. But Scarlett was very in control in that The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) situation, her calm voice and ability to give directions to everyone were impressive.

It didn't take the ambulance long, The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) and they were soon upstairs and loaded Sophia onto their gurney. She held on tightly to Scarlett's hand, but as they came downstairs; Scarlett grabbed Drake's hand and put it into Sophia's. His eyes grew wide as he gazed at Scarlett.

Drake wasn't prepared to be the calm one in this situation. He had never taken care of someone who was in so much pain and didn't know what to do.

"Go with her, she's scared," Scarlett said softly.

Drake didn't hesitate, but he certainly didn't feel confident The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) in his skills at comforting Sophia. If being with Sophia would make her feel better, then he wanted to be there with her, that was all he could think about. She was a vibrant and funny woman, and Drake hoped nothing bad was going to happen. He truly had never seen someone in so much pain, though. The look on her face showed something that Drake had never seen The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) a woman go through before. His heart ached for Sophia, and he held her hand to try and comfort The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) her as much as he could.

Without a second thought, Drake stepped into the The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) ambulance and continued to hold onto Sophia's hand while they drove to the hospital. She continued to writhe around in pain, and the medic got an IV going and pushed some medication through it to make her more comfortable.

"I'm here Sophia. I'm here," Drake said as he gently stroked The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) her hair.

But Sophia seemed oblivious to the fact that anyone else was there with her at all. The pain was all encompassing, and she didn't open her eyes to look at Drake. The drive to the hospital was one of the most uncomfortable few minutes of Drake's life, which he felt bad about because obviously it was The Billionaire's Hunt: Lauren (The Billionaire Bachelor Book 7) much worse for Sophia. Drake wasn't used to being out of control. He wasn't comfortable with providing emotional support for someone. Everything about those moments made him uncomfortable, but he knew he needed to be there for Sophia.

As they arrived at the hospital, Sophia was quickly whisked away and Drake was left standing in the waiting room. He looked around feeling lost as he tried to figure out what he was supposed to do next. He wanted to stay with Sophia. Drake wanted to hold her hand and let her know that everything was going to be okay.

“Are you family?” a nurse came and finally asked him.

“No. I’m a friend.”

“Stay here,” she said, starting to turn away.

“She is staying at my house. I came with her in the ambulance. I think she would want me to be with her. Can I please go back there with her?”

“Wait here,” the unsympathetic woman said and then turned away.