

Married At First Sight Novel

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Spencer felt conflicted, uncertain whether his feelings for Victoria stemmed from love or friendship.

His decision to return to Huyonville wasn't just about advancing his career—it was also a chance to reflect and untangle his emotions.

For over 20 years, he and Victoria had been childhood sweethearts, their bond as deep as the ocean. Yet neither of them could definitively label their relationship as either love or friendship.

Years ago, both families had hoped they would marry, as they seemed like a perfect match in both status and compatibility. However, their dynamic resembled that of close siblings more than romantic partners. Spencer had never even uttered the words “I love you” to Victoria.

When Victoria's family business started to crumble and teetered on the edge of bankruptcy, the Chouinard family's stance shifted. Suddenly, the idea of a marriage between Spencer and Victoria no longer seemed advantageous.

Fearing that Victoria's family might pull them into financial ruin, the Chouinard family began discouraging the relationship.

Even so, Spencer quietly supported Victoria's family.

Despite his reputation as a successful professional, Spencer's financial situation was precarious. Nearly all of his earnings had been funneled into loans for Victoria's father, helping keep their business afloat.

Business loans are always a gamble. If the recipient manages to recover and thrive, the lender stands to regain their money. But if the venture fails, the debt becomes an insurmountable burden.

Victoria's father's business was faltering. The likelihood of repayment grew slimmer by the day.

Spencer's parents were well aware of the situation. They knew how much money he had loaned Victoria's family and recognized how deeply the Chouinard family had already been entangled. Realizing the other side's business was unlikely to recover, they decided it was time to cut their losses.

Thus, when Spencer was assigned to oversee domestic operations in Huyoniville, his parents saw an opportunity to steer him in a different direction—toward Abby. They began orchestrating opportunities for Spencer and Abby to connect, hoping to realign their family’s interests.

To the Chouinard family, Spencer’s long-standing relationship with Victoria couldn’t outweigh their business priorities or his future.

“Abby, is this the Mr. Chouinard you always talk about?” Evan interjected, his tone casual but deliberate. Without waiting for an answer, he extended a hand toward Spencer. “Mr. Chouinard, nice to meet you. I’m Evan York.”

Evan had noticed the way Spencer’s gaze lingered on Abby, filled with emotions he couldn’t quite decipher. Feeling uneasy, he decided to assert his presence before being entirely overshadowed.

Spencer, caught up in the moment, hadn’t even realized Evan was there until he spoke. Abby, on the other hand, seemed oblivious to the tension.

Evan stepped closer to Abby, positioning himself beside her. After introducing himself, he reached out for a handshake, adding a cheerful “Brother” to his greeting.

Spencer eyed Evan skeptically but shook his hand out of politeness.

“Brother Spencer, Evan is my friend. Just a friend,” Abby clarified, her tone light and unassuming.

Spencer, however, could read between the lines. As he locked eyes with Evan, he quickly deduced the truth. Evan wasn’t just a casual companion—he was clearly pursuing Abby. And Abby seemed to reciprocate, at least to some degree, or she wouldn’t have brought him along to the airport.

The two men shared an unspoken understanding during their brief but loaded exchange. They remained calm on the surface, but the intensity in their gazes betrayed their thoughts.

After their handshake, Spencer said, “Ah, so you’re the Fourth Young Master of the York family from Wiltspoon. The York Corporation and our company have collaborated before, though not for long.”

Spencer’s tone was polite, but his words carried subtle weight. He wanted Evan to know he was no stranger to power or influence.

Evan smiled politely, though his thoughts were far less amicable. “If there’s an opportunity in the future, we should definitely collaborate again.”

Inwardly, Evan scoffed at the idea. There was no way he would ever give Spencer a chance to collaborate with the York Corporation. If anything, he'd make it his mission to block Spencer at every turn.

A rival like Spencer needed obstacles, not opportunities.