

SYNOPSIS

Her family history has more thorns than roses...

Lauren Steele has always been grateful for her adoptive family's love and support. So much so that she takes over the family floral business when her parents retire, despite her dreams of working on political campaigns. Instead of crafting clever speeches, she spends her days writing out romantic messages on behalf of her clients—a bittersweet reminder that she's never been on the receiving end of one of these orders. She's accepted her simple life, until the sexiest man she's ever met walks into her shop looking for a job.

Ben Specter fixes problems for a living, and he's been hired to investigate Lauren. His client is a wealthy, powerfully connected man running for governor, and Ben's research unearthed a massive skeleton in the man's closet—a secret older sister that his mother never mentioned. Getting closer to Lauren is strictly business, but the more time Ben spends with her, the more the lines between work and pleasure blur.

But when his deception is revealed, will Lauren be able to trust Ben and believe that what they shared was real?

DETAILS

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EXCERPT

"My sleeping bag disappeared."

"Seriously? What do you think happened?"

"I can't imagine someone took it on purpose. Probably just accidentally mistook it for theirs." He eyed her double-wide. "I guess I could just sit up against the wall over here." Guilt from his attempted deception settled in his stomach making him nauseous.

Lauren bugged her eyes at him. "You'd fare a lot better if you just asked instead of trying to manipulate me."

He rubbed a hand across the back of his neck. Stress settled there. "I'm sorry. You're right. Can I sleep with you?" Her eyes bugged for a different reason, he imagined.

"Absolutely not."

They were whisper yelling at this point. "Oh, come on, Lauren. You have that huge sleeping bag that's literally made for two. I promise not to touch you." In other scenarios, he crossed his heart plenty to fool skeletons into compliance, but it wouldn't work with Lauren. Crosses didn't mean anything to him and she likely knew it.



ABOUT ME

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