



Against **ALL**
OBSTACLES

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“Because I feel like there’s something going on here.”

Rachel had been aware of his closeness since she’d first sat. She was aware she was sitting where he’d lie down to sleep. She was aware they had very little to keep them warm, to keep them safe, to keep them fed. It felt like their lives had been stripped down to the basics. Intimacy was a basic, and it swirled around them both now.

“Unless I’m reading this totally wrong,” Evan said. “In which case, I apologize. You might be thinking about your bodybuilding boyfriend right now and I’m way off base.”

“I’m not thinking about my bodybuilding boyfriend.”

“Ah, so there is one.”

“There is not. No boyfriend. An ex-husband long gone, and some boyfriends after that, but no current boyfriend. It’s been a few years since I was in anything serious.”

“So there’s something? Here, I mean.”

Rachel’s body felt tingly and alive in several private places. She was sure Evan could hear her heart beating; it was almost all she could hear. “You aren’t a fan of scandal,” she managed to say. “And this is one, if anyone sees me with you in your tent late at night. I need to go back to my own.”

“I guess that’s your way of letting me know there isn’t something.”

“Oh, there is,” Rachel said. She didn’t want to raise her voice, so she lowered it to an insistent whisper.

“There’s a something. You said it, and I won’t bother denying it. But here’s what’s in the way of that something. I need to beat your butt this weekend, as you know. And as you know, you’re not a commitment guy. And also, as you know, your love life is of national interest to your home country, or has been. That’s so many red flags waving, I’m surprised a bull doesn’t come charging through here.”

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