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## Locked Into Something New

by Margarita Valle Santikos

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MAKE YOUR MARK

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**1 INT. OFFICE - AFTERNOON****1**

Yoli is at her desk, admiring a sheet of postage stamps.

ESMEE

I don't get it. You look at that sheet of postage stamps like it's a gourmet food magazine. Are you drooling? What gives, Yoli?"

Yoli looks up at Esmee with a guilty smile.

YOLI

Ok. Ok. I went to the post office during my lunch break and got the newest postage stamp design. See? robots. Aren't they awesome? I can't wait to use them.

ESMEE

For what? A love letter.

YOLI

Perhaps. These little sticky squares do more than you think. They're kind-of my trademark. When people get a letter or card with a unique stamp, like this one, they know its from me.

ESMEE

OK. If you say so.

Yoli's phone rings. She answers.

YOLI

Hey Hawthorn. What's up. Are you calling me for money or did you meet your fundraising quota this month?

HAWTHORNE

I'll do you one ever better! You know how I told you Mighty Mentors is having its campaign wrap up party tonight? Well, I just learned the City Manager is going to be there to make a special announcement.

YOLI

What?! I've been tracking her for weeks, trying to find the right time

and place to make my pitch. This is perfect! What are the deets?

HAWTHORNE

She's only going to be there 10 to 15 minutes, tops. I can't introduce you directly, or else it'll seem like a set up. So just come early to position yourself, and make your move. Got it? I'll text you the details.

YOLI

I can't think of a better way to spend Friday night. Thank you! Thank you! I'll see you later.

Yoli walks outside the building to make a call.

YOLI

Carrie. You're not going to believe this. Tonight, I have a shot at making my pitch to the City Manager. I got a tip about where she's going to be tonight, and I'm going for it. I'm excited and nervous at the same time. Like, she doesn't know me. We haven't met, but I feel confident she knows my name. You know, from the holiday cards I've been sending her for the last few months.

CARRIE

Remind me again. What do you want to pitch?

YOLI

Landscaping for the new city park. Remember how I told you that the City will soon be taking landscaping proposals on the new city park that'll be developed? I have the perfect design, and if this work order goes through, then I can use the new irrigation valve I invented.

CARRIE

So, what does that have to do with the City Manager?

YOLI

She's on the eco sustainability committee, and she has the final

word on who gets the work order. This is my chance to make a name for myself. My boss has me doing little, piddly jobs, and this is my chance to do something wicked. It's a trifecta! A win for me, a win for Bluegrass Landscaping and a win for the community.

CARRIE

I know, on the surface this might seem like the perfect opportunity, but the timing is actually bad. Really bad. Don't do it.

YOLI

What? Why? This just magically landed in my lap. How can that be bad?

CARRIE

Mercury is retrograde right now. It's a bad time for communication and contracts, written or verbal. Don't do it. The timing is bad. Approach her another time. Maybe when Mars is in your 12th House of Career and Work.

YOLI

What? You've got to be kidding. You don't really believe that stuff, do you?

CARRIE

Remember last year when you wanted to change cell phone plans during Mercury retrograde? I told you not to; to wait, but you did anyway, and your new phone company kept dropping calls for weeks and billed you for two phone lines instead of one, for several months? And before that, my sister got engaged during a Mercury retrograde in the spring, and by winter, she was single. I'm just saying, don't do it.

YOLI

Darn it. You're right. Ah! This is terrible. I just can't let this go to waste. What am I going to do?