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Get Ready to Play Rough

Shay Beckham grew up idolizing her brother's best friend, star quarterback Joe Reilly. There was no one in their Texas town who had the moves to match Joe on or off the field. Years later, he's still a player who has what it takes to drive any hot-blooded woman wild. But Shay isn't a kid with a bad case of hero-worship anymore. She's grown-up and independent, with her feet on the ground and a serious head Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) on her shoulders. If she could just say the same for Joe.

It's been fifteen years, but Joe Reilly hasn't forgotten the skinny little kid who used to follow him Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) around like a shadow. What he can't get over is that the skinny shadow has grown into one hell of an incredible woman. One any man in his right mind would kill to get his hands on. And one who seems to be completely immune to him. He knows he and Shay could have something special together. If he could only convince her he's about more than just the game.

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Dedication

First of all to my late husband, David, who said "I really want a wife who loves to watch football with me," then decided Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) he should be careful what he asked for. All those games we watched, all the bets we made are stored in my memory banks.

Author's Foreword

A writer's life cannot move forward without the help and support of a lot of people. Many thanks to my son, Steven, who is willing to discuss sports with me for endless hours despite the fact he really does have a life of his own. Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) When I wanted to go back to Michigan Stadium to see Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) a game after so many years, he made it happen. Thanks for the memories and training to The Michigan Daily where I Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) got my start as a sports reporter. Even sending me out on assignment riding a guy's bike or freezing my rear end off at hockey practice didn't deter me. I still love reading and writing about sports. A special shout-out to my sister, Sonya Langdon, the first person who taught me that watching football games could be fun. I'm so glad she roots for the

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Chapter 1

"Damn it, Hank. Why don't you answer?"

Shay Beckham pressed End on her cell phone yet again and sighed. She and her brother had been playing telephone tag for two days. When he called, she was in meetings. When she called, he was out of signal range. The only voices talking to each other were their voice mails. How godforsaken could it be in Wyoming, anyway? It was still in the United States, right?

And why was he trying so hard to reach her? They exchanged texts now and then, but they were both so busy they only called each other in case of emergency. The places he went, cell reception was spotty at best and talking to him was like playing leapfrog. Wait! Was he okay? Her heart stopped for a moment at the thought Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) he might be hurt, but then she relaxed. If something had happened to him, his boss would have reached out to her. So what was on his mind that had generated this flurry of aborted phone calls? Obviously, he wanted something because he was the one who'd initiated this current game of phone tag.

She leaned back in the taxi as it turned from the airport access road onto the interstate. Less than half an hour and she'd be home, thank God, and she could get out of her sweatshirt and jeans Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) that wore the remnants of her diet cola from the plane.

With the way her luck was running, maybe she shouldn't have accepted her complimentary beverage. On the flight out to New York a week before, a little turbulence had been responsible for her arriving with a huge coffee stain on her favorite yellow sweater. Maybe

she should carry a bib with her. Or a large tarpaulin.

On Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) today's flight, she had just set up her iPad and lifted her glass gingerly to take a sip when the plane hit an air pocket and everything bounced. Her iPad. The purse beneath the seat. Worst of all, her drink. Her hand flew up, with it her diet soda and, most importantly, the ice cubes. Up in the air. Over the back of her seat. Into the seat behind her.

She could Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) still hear the man behind her growling. "Shit!"

Then, "Damn it Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) anyway."

She'd used the miniscule courtesy napkin Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) to blot up what she could from her sweatshirt and jeans. Shay had cringed as the man behind her continued to mutter under his breath.

"Hey, you in front. Didn't you ever learn to pay attention on a plane? You got your damn drink all over me."

He hadn't seemed impressed Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) with her mumbled apology so she'd just slid down even farther and buried her nose in her iPad again. And been damn glad to get to the end of the flight without further incident. When it was time to deplane, she'd avoided even looking back at the man, hustling up the Jetway into the terminal as fast as she could. Getting home was all she could think of.

Sighing, she brushed a few wisps of hair away from her cheeks and tugged on the brim of her red ball cap. A lean cougar prowled across the red background, a new graphic she'd created for Dazzling Designs. The company she worked for produced merchandise for college and professional sports teams. Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) This prototype had been waiting for her when she flew in for four days at the main office and she'd decided to wear it on her trip home.

She was worn out from the long, intense days of discussions and brainstorming. This was her third round trip to New York since she'd made the move back to Texas. After five months, she was piling up plenty of frequent-flyer miles, which she hoped to use one of these days.

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She realized with a start the taxi, which had slowed a moment ago, had come to a standstill. The driver's two-way radio crackled in the front seat, but she ignored its staticky sound as she checked her phone again. Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) Still no answer from Hank. She leaned forward, seeing rows of vehicles stopped in every lane of the interstate as far ahead as she could see. Shit.

"Is there an accident ahead of us?"

“Yes, miss.” The driver was nothing if not polite. “Dispatch radioed me a moment ago. Sorry, miss.”

Well, crap. Just what she didn't need. She wanted a hot bath, a glass of wine, and pizza delivery.

She checked her watch again. Was it really Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) only two minutes since she'd tried calling Hank? Maybe a text would reach him. Sometimes Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) she had better success with that.

“In cab on way home from airport. What's up? Try a tin can for reception.”

She hit Send and waited to see if Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) he answered. In less than two minutes, her phone chimed.

“Good trip?”

“Yes. What's up with you? What's with all the phone calls?”

“Just wanted 2 let you know Laura had 2 vacate condo for repairs for 2 days. Told her she could stay at house. She knows where extra key is.”

That was what was so important?

Shay snorted and wrote, *“I'll bet.”*

“She'll be gone sometime 2day. Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) Just a heads up.” Shay ground her teeth. Damn it. Why couldn't the damn woman have gone to a hotel? And what was with giving out the location of the key? She loved her big brother and was grateful to him for sharing his house with her but she definitely needed to Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) find a place of her own. She didn't need his females driving her crazy when he wasn't there.

“She'd better be out of there when I get home. Want peace and quiet.”

“I'll text her now. Just wanted to get yr flight info.”

“On my way home from airport now.”

“Thx. I'll tell her. How was NY?”

“Same old same old. U home soon?”

“Maybe. Don't know. Take care.”

“You, too.”

Traffic was still not moving. Shay bit down on her frustration, sighed again, and unzipped the front pocket of her carry-on. She'd grabbed a sports magazine in the airport, planning to check the ads her company was Forward Pass (Game On Book 1) running, but hadn't bothered to read it on the plane. Maybe she could use it to pass the time now.

Flipping it open, the first thing she saw was Joe Reilly's face smiling at her in full living color. Crap. Joe Reilly. Her childhood hero, her teenage crush, and the star of her adult erotic fantasies. The same Joe Reilly who'd called her squirt and pest when she tagged after him and Hank. The football idol who had been a babe magnet since his voice changed.

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