Moving On from a Cheater



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Iris walked over and sat down across from Mike.

"What's the matter?" she asked, going straight to the point.

Mike was three years younger than Yvonne. Yvonne said she liked that because young men have stronger hips.

Mike was handsome and had a boyish charm. Yvonne had spent a lot of money on him.

"There's nothing between me and that girl, I swear. She likes me and confessed to me, but I didn't accept her. Yvonne thinks I'm cheating on her..." Mike explained.

At this point, Iris felt no desire to hear more. Having experienced betrayal herself, she could not tolerate unfaithful men. She trusted Yvonne's judgment and knew she wouldn't have ended the relationship without solid evidence.

"You don't have to explain to me," she said coldly, her tone devoid of

Mike pressed his lips together. "I know it's none of your concern, but Yvonne refuses to see me or listen to me. You're her best friend; can you help me talk to her?"

Iris replied firmly, "No."

She would not interfere in other people's relationships, even if Yvonne was her best friend. Besides, Yvonne was an adult capable of making her own decisions.

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The light in Mike's eyes dimmed. "Did she tell you to say that?" he asked.

"Nope. I didn't call her or meet with her before coming to see you. Everything I say comes from me," Iris clarified.

"So you think I cheated on her too?" Mike looked at Iris, helplessness filling his eyes.

Iris was touched by the look on his face. If he wasn't truly innocent, he certainly had a talent for acting.

"I should go back," she said, standing up.

"Wait," Mike stopped her. "Yvonne blocked me and deleted all contact with me. I have a lot to explain, but no way to tell her. I wrote a letter; can you deliver it for me?"

Iris hesitated for a moment. "Fine."

"Thank you," Mike replied.

"No need to thank me; I haven't really helped you," Iris said.

"I understand. You're Yvonne's best friend after all, so of course you have to prioritize her feelings," Mike remarked. "She's lucky to have a friend like you."

"No, I'm lucky to have a friend like her," Iris said with a smile as she took the letter. "I'm leaving."

"Not even a glass of water first?" Mike offered.

"No, thank you," Iris declined.

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After leaving the cafe, Iris sent Yvonne a message: [Can we meet whenever you're free?]

Yvonne quickly replied: [Girl, I'm at your doorstep. Where are you?]

Iris responded: [I'll be right there].

Upon returning to her apartment, Iris found Yvonne leaning against the wall outside.

"Where were you?" Yvonne asked.

Iris opened the door. "I went to see someone."

Yvonne leaned in, her curiosity piqued. "Who?"

"Mike," Iris replied.

Yvonne's expression immediately dimmed. Then she adopted a casual tone. "What did he say?"

"He claimed he didn't cheat," Iris said as she entered the house.

Yvonne pursed her lips. "Do you believe him?" Looking around the room, she added, "You've made the place quite cozy."

"I believe you," Iris said.

Yvonne sat on the couch, contemplating. After a moment, she said, "He didn't cheat."

Iris was speechless. "Then why did you break up?" she asked.