



"Really?" she asked, intrigued. Upon hearing his recommendation's convenience, Annie felt frisky enough to ask for confirmation. If the kindergarten was indeed close to her house, even if she didn't have the time to send her children herself, the babysitter could do this for her.

"That's true," Rain affirmed, "Let me take you there sometime to check it out." Rain had no idea why he was too eager to help. After all, the children weren't his flesh and blood. So why was he playing such an active part in Annie's personal affairs? His inner thoughts, however, couldn't help but be interested in anything that concerned her. Due to such a dangerous undertaking, he thought he must be going mad.

"Sure. But before we go, I need to put these things in the office." Taking her things from his arms, she walked to her office quickly to drop the documents and prepare her purse.

What she didn't notice was Rain's unceasing gaze after her as she went into her office. Seeing her pace in glee, Rain felt like his soul seemed to be captivated by her grace.

When she was ready, they made their way to the parking lot where Rain's car was parked. It was a bright-colored and eye-catching ride, standing out amidst other cars like a big frog in a small pond.

Just as Annie was about to head to her car, Rain held her back. Shocked at his own actions, he began talking before he was even aware of what he

wanted to say. "Let's just go together in my car!" he suggested. "After the visit, I can just drive you back here."

Annie hesitated, "Won't that be such a bother to you though?" As he was an important figure who - according to Belinda, was in charge of two companies, Annie didn't want to take much of his time. Having so much on his plate, the man must be exhausted from his work and thus, she felt obliged not to demand more than the generosity that he was already showing her.

For Rain, though, it was anything but not the trouble to be able to spend more time with her. So, he replied in an affable manner, "It doesn't matter. It shouldn't take much time." Opening the door for her, Rain waited for her to accept his proposition.

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"Why did you think that Leena was my wife?" he persisted, "Don't tell me that was the silly reason why you left me in the past?" With eyes fixed solely at Annie, he had the inkling that his guess might be true.

"I..." she said, her voice trailing into silence. She felt obliged to meet his gaze. The hot and sharp eye contact made it more difficult to admit the real reason why she left him many years ago. This simple reason, however, sounded so stupid and meaningless now. She wanted to laugh so badly at the irony of their fate.

Even when Annie couldn't complete her sentence, Rain already understood her words the next moment. Thus, he wanted to break the frozen atmosphere and said unwaveringly, "Well, I already know what you meant. Is it safe to assume then that you left me just because I let you down rather than the fact that you didn't love me?" A gush of sorrow overwhelmed him as he asked her. If that were true, both of them were simply the biggest idiots in the world. How

could they be apart from each other for so many years just because of a silly misunderstanding?

Finally, Annie opened her mouth and said, a sad smile on her face, "Rain, does this still matter now?" She bit her lips and lowered her head. No matter what reason, it seemed that they could never reverse the past. What happened back then was an unchangeable fact. It was simply impossible to undo several things that already took place.

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Chapter 1682 A Ferocious Quarrel (Part Four)



After hearing her words, Rain drew a heavy sigh. "That's true. You're right," he said, sounding a bit defeated. "I almost forgot that you're married now and have your own children." Despite accepting the harsh reality, he still found it difficult to forgive himself, and punched the steering wheel as hard as he could.

"But you've never considered to accept me, right?" Annie asked softly, ignoring the way he lashed out. At the age of 16, she fell in love with him. It never changed for the longest time. But how did he choose to respond to her love? Escape. In order to evade her, he even left the UK, a country he loved so much, and came back to S City. It was he who gave up on her love first. From the very beginning, it was his choice. The choice of leaving her.

"You're not me." Rain yelled, "How can you read my mind and know what I'm thinking?" Her accusation made him feel extremely insulted and pathetic at the same time.

"You're right," she was quick to agree. "I'm not you." She looked at him with such intense eyes, continuing, "So I always believed that if I kept insisting my love for you, that one day, you would be moved by my persistence. But finally, I discovered that you could be moved by anyone in the world except me. What an ironic reality!" Since the situation reached this point, Annie gave up suppressing her emotions and revealed her real feelings to him, pouring out all her sorrow, pain and grievance on Rain, the man she had loved for so many years. She resented him for thinking that he was the only one who suffered in this relationship. When in reality, it was she who bore the most pain in this relationship all those years.

Rain laughed so hard as if it were the only way to release the pain that he felt. "Annie, what are you talking about? If you really cared about me," he dared to say, "How would it be possible for you to marry another man so quickly and bear his kids in such a short period?!" With such overflowing emotions, Rain decided to let it all out, and didn't even notice

if she didn't drive on the way there, it was going to be extremely inconvenient.

"You still act the way you used to. Often losing your mind and forgetful. Let's go pick up your car first." Shaking his head slightly, Rain smiled at her inattention. Although a sort of fondness remained in his heart, his voice seemed as cold as his stare. And it was these things that caught Annie's attention.

"If you're in such a hurry, I could just take a taxi," she muttered, as she truly did not want Rain to be angry again. As she found that he was more susceptible to tantrums today, it would be better, for both of them, that she didn't get into a situation where it was plausible to have another fight with him.

"Just relax. I still have enough time to send you back," he said, quickening his pace. Annie was compelled to follow him. She knew he was still angry and sighed inwardly. What a temperamental man he was!

After driving her back to the YS Group, he rushed towards KD Group. Had it been the meeting of FX International Group, he wouldn't have had to be in such a haste. For KD Group, however, it was crucial that he attended the meeting as so many people wanted to oust him from his position in the Group. Pulling himself together, he willed himself to be cautious. He took a deep breath, and then entered the front doors of the building.

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Chapter 1683 The Truth (Part One)



Morning light lit the living room, bathing the interiors with a soft warm glow. The house was quiet and calm. Annie stood by the door and scanned her phone. Leena had called and offered to pick her up. Although she wasn't familiar with S City, she politely declined Leena's offer. She didn't want to bother her and besides, she could always use the vehicle GPS navigation.

Soft footsteps were heard from the stairs. Annie turned around and saw Huey, who was dressed in his casual clothes. He rubbed his eyes sleepily and asked curiously, "Mommy, is the auntie who invited us your friend?" He hadn't seen his mother hang out with her friends before.

"Uh, sort of." Annie shrugged. She really didn't know it either. 'Is Leena my friend? We just knew each other the day before yesterday, ' she thought to herself.

"Mommy, will daddy be there too?" Huey asked hopefully and broke Anna from her thoughts. His eyes glittered with hope at the prospect of finally seeing his father.

"Maybe." Annie shrugged again. Truthfully, she wasn't even sure if Rain would be there. The thought made her feel uncomfortable and uneasy, and her stomach churned because if he was there, how was she supposed to tell or explain to him about the children?

"Will he accept Joyce and me?" Huey asked again, anxiety evident all over his little groggy face.

"I don't know either." This time, Annie shook her head with a frown. She honestly had no idea what Rain thought about. Perhaps he had changed a lot during the past four years.

Two little feet excitedly ran down the stairs and stopped in front of the two.

"Mommy, look! Am I pretty?" Joyce had gone out of her room and went down. She twirled around and flashed a big grin at Annie as she showed her the princess dress and white fur cloak she wore.

"Wow! Are you a little princess, Joyce? You look gorgeous!" Joyce was just like a little version of Annie. Annie couldn't help but remem

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Rain heaved a sigh and lay back on his comfortable bed again. After several minutes, he sprang up and rushed to the en suite bathroom.

After a nice hot shower, he wrapped the towel around his waist and went to his walk-in closet to get dressed. He decided to look great for Annie and scanned his expansive clothing and shoe collection. It took him about a dozen minutes just to select his clothes.

He finally picked what he wanted. He then pulled on the pair of dark pants and a casual looking dress shirt as he thought about Annie and her children. It made him quite nervous.

Even though he knew she was married and had two children with another man, he just couldn't move on and forget about her.

He shook off his thoughts and got out of the apartment as soon as he finished prepping himself up. He went to his car and drove to Leena's house. After a few minutes of driving quietly, he spotted his destination and turned to the curb in front of Leena's house. When he pulled over, he saw Annie's car approaching.

Annie had really set out earlier than Rain, but because she wasn't familiar with S City, she got a bit lost and arrived a little later than him.

Her heart pounded loudly in her chest when she saw Rain, and she almost crashed with another luxury car.

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Chapter 1684 The Truth (Part Two)



"Mommy, what's wrong? Can we go down?" Huey asked in confusion, his brows furrowing. He and Joyce were sitting at the back, so they didn't see Rain.

"Oh, let's get out." Annie's head rang as her biggest secret that she managed to hide all these years was about to be exposed.

Rain also got out of the car and trotted his way over to them. But when his eyes landed on the two children, he halted.

Were they Annie's children? Rain held his breath as his eyes darted back and forth between Huey and Joyce. His heart raced and beat wildly in his chest. Somehow, the boy looked very familiar to him.

"Did you just arrive?" Annie asked as she walked over to him. She stood in front of the kids to stop him from ogling at them. What would Rain do after he found out the truth?

"Yep.

Your kids look adorable," Rain said as his eyes looked away. Deep inside, he pondered on who the boy looked like.

"Huey, you look like this uncle!" A little girl's voice piped up from behind Annie's back.

Annie's face immediately blanched. She dodged Rain's questioning eyes and scolded her daughter, "Don't talk nonsense!"

Rain's eyes widened in shock. He pulled Annie aside and stared at the boy carefully. He finally realized that why the boy looked so familiar. He was a mini version of himself.

Rain turned to look pointedly at Annie. "Can you explain?" His eyes roamed across Annie's face, never missing a single expression. Her every move was now under his scrutiny.

"I..." Annie clenched her fists tightly into a ball, her nails digging into her palms. She wondered how she should explain everything. Four years ago, they had one passion-filled, romantic night and two months later, she found out she was pregnant. She panicked at the beginning and even considered abortion -- after all, it was very hard for a woman to raise her child alone. However, she eventually decided to keep the babies. If she couldn't be with Rain, it was not a bad idea to have his children.

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is softest. The little boy and he shared the same attitude -- they were both stubborn and adamantly refused to accept defeat.

"No! You bullied mommy. I won't tell you my name." Huey didn't know what was going on between the adults, but he could tell that his mother was having a hard time.

"I didn't bully your mommy. There were just some misunderstandings between us," Rain said mildly. He had mocked Edward before because the latter hadn't known he had a son until Daisy brought Justin to him. Now, he was in the same position. He suddenly had a son and a daughter! How amazing it was!

"Really?" Huey didn't believe what Rain said at all. He looked at Annie, waiting for her response.

"Your daddy is right. He didn't bully me." Annie heaved a long sigh of relief as the secret she had kept for four years was finally out and she didn't have to keep things in secret any longer. She didn't know what Rain would do next, but at least she didn't have to hide from him anymore.

"Fine! I forgive you. But I have to warn you, do not bully my mommy. Otherwise, I'm not talking to you," Huey said again with a pout.

"I'll settle things with you later," Rain turned to Annie and hissed in a hushed voice in her ear. 'How could she marry that damn Fred and let my children call him daddy?' he cursed in his mind.

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Chapter 1685 The Truth (Part Three)



Annie looked back at Rain. 'I thought everything was clear now. Why is he still angry?' she wondered.

"Come on! Let's get in," Rain said cheerily as he reached out his open palms after a few moments, and grabbed each of the twins' hands. The three of them walked into the house, leaving Annie behind.

The other people had already arrived earlier than them, and were waiting and relaxing in the courtyard with Leena's refreshments. When the sliding door opened and they saw Rain come in hand in hand with two children in tow, their eyes widened in disbelief, and jaws slacked.

"Oh my god! Rain, whose children are they?" Tom asked in a shocked voice as he looked back and forth between Rain and Huey, who closely resembled each other. The boy must be Rain's son!

"Am I daydreaming? Rain, are they..." Belinda murmured in an equally surprised tone. When Annie slid the door open and came to join them, they finally understood the situation.

"No, you're not daydreaming, as you can see," Rain said proudly. He previously thought that he was the only one who had no partner and children among his friends, but he was so wrong. His children were even older than Leena's, Tom's and Duke's.

"Good for you! You have twins!" Edward piped up from the lounge chair where he sat. He just came back from an overseas trip last night. Edward got up and gave his brother a playful punch on the chest. He was genuinely happy for him.

"Yes, I have twins! Are you guys jealous of me?" Rain felt extremely flattered at their reactions and compliments. He was the only one among his friends who had both a son and a daughter.

"Annie, come here." Daisy waved her hand from beside Edward. She cared about Annie very much. Daisy herself had raised Justin alone for several years, so she knew how Annie felt and how hard it was for her to raise the twins alone, without Rain's company.

"Hi Daisy," Annie said shyly as she walked up to her. Aside from Leena, she was only familiar with

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dly. She felt very embarrassed right now as she used to think that Leena was Rain's wife.

"Joyce, this is Aunt Leena," Rain held his daughter out a bit and told her in a soft voice. He pinched her chubby face affectionately. His heart immediately melted at the sight of his angel.

"Hello Aunt Leena, I'm Joyce An." The little girl's voice was so gentle that everyone present couldn't help but flash a big smile at her adorable nature.

"Hello Joyce, nice to meet you. Wow, you look so adorable. I wish I could have a lovely daughter like you." Leena smiled as she stroked her soft cheek lovingly. She knew it would be very difficult for her to have another baby because of her previous complications. Having Richard was already like a miracle!

"It seems that Kevin need to work harder," Patricia teased with a mischievous smile from where she stood, a drink in hand. Eden had been pestering her all this time, so she was unable to play with the cute girl.

Joyce was the only girl among the children and as a result, she had won the affection of all the adults and boys present. The adults all wanted to have a cute daughter like Joyce, while the boys wanted to play with her despite Rain's long face. He was going to have so much trouble with his daughter already being a heart breaker at such a young age.

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Chapter 1686 Unopened Hearts (Part One)



"I'm sorry, work hard on what?" Kevin then walked in the scene with his son, Richard, in his arms. Whenever he wore his military uniform, there just seemed to be a strong and robust aura surrounding him.

"Work hard to have a sister for Richard." Everyone in the room started to break out in laughter. They had always been so fond of teasing Kevin ever since they had accepted him into the group.

"Oh?" Kevin raised a brow. "Is that what you want, Nana?" Kevin's ardent eyes then fell on his wife, Leena. A cheeky smile was etched on his face as the corners of his lips curved upward. He then made his way to Leena, placed an arm around her waist and pulled her closer to him. He turned his gaze to Leena and wore an impish smile. "As long as you want it, I would most definitely work hard."

Leena then took Kevin's hand off of her waist and averted her gaze away from Kevin. Her cheek stained red as she responded, "Kevin! Don't tease me! There are kids here!" Leena was embarrassed whenever they would banter regarding these kinds of things. She tried to look around, just desperately trying to avoid Kevin's gaze and eventually, her eyes fell on something much more important than everyone teasing her.

"Rain," Leena started, her eyes wide. "He..." Leena finally lifted her head up and looked at Rain. She had a surprised look on her face, "He looks just like you!"

"Ah, yeah," Rain stifled a chuckle. "He's my son, Huey." Rain didn't realize that he had placed all his attention on his daughter and somewhat had forgotten that he had a son until Leena had mentioned it.

"Oh my God!" Leena gasped, "So Joyce is your daughter?!" Leena was astounded at the new information. She then started to fan herself, "I... I need a drink." Leena then approached Edward, took the glass from his hand, and

started to gulp down the drink Edward had. "Ah!" Edward stretched his hand. "T-That's---!" But it was too late.

Edward saw that Leena had started to drink from the glass. He then proceeded to cover his eyes to avoid the incoming tragedy.

Then, Edward heard what he had expected from Leena. He then uncovered his eyes and saw Leena's revolted expression. Leena spat out the drink from her lips and screamed, completely appalled by the drink she just swallowed. "What the hell is this drink,

right and they wouldn't ever go against her word. But, if ever someone else were to tell them to do something, they would not even budge.

The men shot each other looks, asking themselves one question, 'Since when did we become the babysitters?'

They were central figures in S City who had great impacts on S City's economy or politics. But in front of their wives, they were nothing but husbands and fathers who were supposed to bring their kids up and take care of families. They couldn't refuse.

Annie was petrified that the man she saw the other day at the supermarket was a high-ranking military officer, and his ranking seemed to be higher than Daisy's. Annie couldn't help but lower her head in embarrassment due to her own misunderstanding.

Annie sighed heavily to herself, 'Oh God. Just let me disappear...'

Daisy planned on helping Leena prepare the lunch at an earlier time but, was inevitably delayed by Rain's arrival.

Then, a pleasant smell started to waft around the area which made Daisy lift her head up. She could also hear the sound of pans that clanged together.

"Hey, Leena." Daisy called out as she peeped from the doorway of the kitchen. "You done preparing lunch? I could help you out."

"Hey Daisy! Yeah, I'm actually almost done!" Leena replied. "So, just go around and have a good chat with everyone here! And don't worry, I can handle things here on my own, okay?" Leena had become a more mature woman. Leena found it easier to get along with people as well. It was a big, mental change.

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Chapter 1687 Unopened Hearts (Part Two)



Annie looked Leena earnestly and put on a small smile. She offered, "Why don't you let me help you? I did say I wanted to learn some things from you, after all." Despite Annie having seen Patricia and Michelle, there was still this lingering feeling inside her heart that she just couldn't enter their world.

Leena looked at Annie for a moment then responded, "Alright. Come with me." Leena then turned the stove off and took the pan with the dish she had just cooked with her to the dining area. Annie followed, "I've already finished cooking the dishes so... maybe you could help me out in setting the table. Or, if that's too simple for you then, I can free up some time to teach you." "Ah, no! Not at all!" Annie replied with a smile.

"I'm usually free when I finish my work these days so, I'm just really looking for something to keep myself preoccupied. And I appreciate your kind suggestion. After I finish my work these days, let's have some time so I can learn a lot from you. Thank you so much." Annie then started to make her way to the dining room but, something caught her attention. It was the view of all men in

the area, playing and laughing along with the kids. One child, Joyce, who was a girl, was also well protected. It was such a heart-warming view to see.

And it made Annie's heart ache.

'I wonder how long happiness such as these would last...' Annie thought to herself as she gazed at the view longingly. Annie bit her lip. 'When Rain told me he was going to talk to me later, his expression seemed so serious...'

Breaking Annie away from her trail of thoughts was none other than Leena's sweet voice. "Isn't it beautiful, Annie?" Annie turned to see Leena who was looking at the same view. Leena had a soft and delicate expression on her face. Annie knew that Leena felt blessed for what she had.

Annie then looked back at the view in front of them. "Hey... Thanks Leena... For inviting me." If Leena hadn't invited Annie over, her secret would still be in the shadows, and Rain would never have a chance to even know that he had children.

Living with a heavy secret was never easy.

Leena smiled at Annie. "You're welcome. And hey, don't act so distant with me. Also, correct me if I'm wrong but, you're not married, right?" There's a saying that goes that women would always be more

question. The last thing Annie would like to see was having Rain marry her just because of the children but not because of love. She would rather give up a marriage devoid of love.

Rain then looked at Annie in the eyes. "So, in your opinion, I'm a shallow human being?" Rain huffed, averting his gaze away from her as he wore a bitter smile. "I see how it is."

"It was my problem," Annie responded, her voice full of conviction. The last thing Annie wanted to hear was Rain blaming himself. "I just wasn't confident about myself." Rather, Annie was uncertain about him and their relationship.

"You wanna know something?" Rain looked at her with a sarcastic smile, though his eyes were full of deep sorrow. "You're an expert at knowing how to piss me off." "I--"

Annie's eyes widened at Rain's statement. She couldn't say anything thus, she just lowered her head and avoided his piercing gaze.

It hurt Rain to see Annie like this. He had to resist the urge to hold her in his arms and tell her he was sorry. But, Rain knew he wasn't the same Rain Annie had been with before. He was no longer a man who would easily be swayed with his emotions.

Rain would not move until he had confirmed that one thing he wanted from Annie.

That was if, she had continued loving him. Annie then took the courage to raise her head and meet Rain's gaze head on but only to find herself looking back down, unable to do so. Annie held her hands together tightly.

"So, tell me." Rain said, his voice barren of emotion. "What's your plan, hmm?"

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Chapter 1688 Unopened Hearts (Part Three)



Annie was puzzled and asked, "Plan?" She rattled her head at what Rain might've meant but, it drew a blank. "W-what do you mean?" Annie asked eventually.

"Don't play stupid with me," Rain demanded, his voice growing stronger by the moment. "Now that I know that I have children, there's no way I'd allow any other man to be called their father but me!" Rain's mind was completely somewhere else from the start. Things were getting confusing, even for Annie. How could Annie tell Huey that Rain was his father if she had let the children call another man Dad?

Annie blinked, "Y-You're not making any sense..." Even Leena could recognize that problem but, unfortunately for Rain, he couldn't. Rain's mind was consumed by his own thoughts that he couldn't think straight.

"I didn't get anything wrong," Rain responded, he seemed to be clenching his teeth in anger. "Didn't you marry another man with my children?." Rain took the glass of water from the table and gulped it down in one go, as if to die the fire that was burning inside of him.

Then, Annie responded with a question, "Who told you I was married?" Annie felt upset with Rain's allegations towards her.

It was just like how an old saying went, "If you are out to condemn someone, you can always trump a charge."

That saying completely summarized what was happening between Rain and Annie.

"What?" Rain's eyes widened. Rain couldn't believe what he heard. He felt like his ears were playing tricks on him. Rain shot up from his seat. "Could you say it again?" Rain heard Annie the first time and he just wanted to hear Annie say it, that one line that would end all his suffering.

"I never said that I was married!" Annie exclaimed, she sighed afterwards. Rain always had his habit of always considering that whatever he thought was right and carelessly blamed her for everything but, in reality, she was in the white.

Rain's face immediately lit up at Annie's response. He just couldn't believe it. "You're telling the truth, right?" The colorless world Rain lived in then started to take on vivid colors. Rain hated being in such a monochromatic place. The atmosphere became lighter.

His body then began to move on its own as he moved towards Annie. Now he was lost whether he should embrace her tightly or not.

"Why would I lie to you?" Annie smiled

t get a fairy tale like proposal or a heartfelt confession. She would always understand Rain and forgive him. But, the last thing Annie wanted Rain to do was to marry her just for the children.

"You don't know me at all," Rain said in frustration, his tone dyed in sorrow.

"You wouldn't have said such things to me otherwise." The two had been apart for four years. Rain loved Annie and that was an undeniable fact and so did Annie. But, they never had the chance to open their hearts to each other.

This was why they always had tough conversations.

Both of them acted as if they had closed off their hearts to one another, acting indifferent despite their hearts screaming otherwise.

Silence dawned upon Rain and Annie, as if everything was still.

Then, Annie broke the silence with a simple statement.

"You're right." Annie then averted her gaze. "You're more like a stranger to me the more I talk to you."

She took a deep breath and looked up. " I've been wondering for the last few days, whether you are still the same Rain I have loved." Rain's statement immediately made Annie's heart sink.

Annie couldn't help but look back to the time when they just started to get to know one another. Rain kept on running away while Annie kept on chasing him.

Annie loved Rain dearly. But now, Annie grew tired.

She looked at Rain with agony inside her heart, 'Looks like I was wrong to hope things have changed...'

Time might have changed their surroundings and the people around them but, some people still remained idle, unchanged.

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Chapter 1689 Rivals In Love (Part One)



Blowing out a breath, Rain blurted, "Okay, you're right! I'm no longer the same person I was before. I'm almost a stranger to myself. I no longer have any interest in other women except for the one who stole my heart, and she doesn't even care about me!" Rain shouted out his resentment. It broke his heart to hear Annie doubting his love for her. She had no idea how he continued to pine for her, and only her.

She stared at Rain with astonished eyes, and her heart started to pound violently. Amid jumbled emotions, she thought, 'Is he serious about what he's saying? Is the woman he's referring to really me?'

"It's unbelievable, right?" Rain scoffed. "But as I said, you managed to steal my heart, and I'm laying bare my feelings for you," he said bitterly. Any proud man would be upset to give in to the woman in a relationship. But Rain had no other choice but to open himself up to her. After all, he was already in too deep with this woman, and it was nearly impossible for him to pull away from her.

"Are you saying that you've fallen in love with me, Rain?" Annie gasped. It was pleasure she felt once she realized his feelings for her. Happily, Annie thought, 'It seems that all my efforts through the years have finally paid off!' His admission was such a surprise that Annie wondered if it was all a dream.

Pouting, Rain grumbled, "I must say you're quite an insensitive woman. Did you really think that every woman who falls in love with me will be allowed to live in my home?" He thought he had already expressed his feelings for her through his actions, but it seemed he had overestimated her perceptiveness.

"I didn't know," Annie said helplessly. She looked stunned, never thinking that his actions meant he was in love with her. When Rain brought her home with him four years ago, Annie thought he was merely doing it as a favor to her parents. It never occurred to her that it was an expression of his love for her.

"Er... I think I need a little time to absorb all this," a confused Annie remarked. The man's sudden confession overwhelmed the woman. But with her answer so vague Rain at once fell silent, fear gripping his heart. What did she mean, he wondered.

With her thoughts in a mess, Annie casually said, "Be careful on your way home." While Rain had

eally funny?" Kevin shot back. He tried to keep a straight face because while he was annoyed by Leena's laughter, he was also amused. Kevin was

flattered by the intimate way she called him, so he decided not to punish his wife for interrupting his passionate urge.

"I'm so sorry," she said in between giggles. "I just couldn't help laughing," Leena said apologetically. Her lips curled into a smile. Seeing the disappointed look on her husband's face, she wound her arms around his neck, pulled his face down towards her and pressed her lips onto his.

A seductive glint came into Kevin's eyes as he started kissing Leena back. Gradually, it was he who was dominating the kiss that became heated.

The next morning, Annie was shocked to see Fred at her door. She didn't expect him to fly to S City and suddenly appear on her doorstep, but there he was.

"Fred! How did you know where we live?" she asked. Annie stepped aside to let him enter.

"Did I surprise you?" he replied with a smile. It wasn't difficult to learn where Annie lived because all it took was a phone call to Joyce. The girl was quite fond of Fred and would willingly answer anything he asked without reservation.


"Well... It's more shock than surprise, actually," Annie murmured. She checked to see if Fred had heard her. What caught her off-guard was not that Fred found them, but that he found them rather quickly.

"Uncle Fred!" Joyce squealed upon seeing the man. "I've been dying to see you," an excited Joyce ran up and jumped on Fred.

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Chapter 1690 Rivals In Love (Part Two)





"Hey there, my little princess! Now that's what I call a really warm welcome," Fred remarked happily. He gathered the little girl in his arms and hugged her tightly. Fred was very fond of Joyce. He had taken an overnight flight to S City after hearing from the girl that she had seen her daddy.

"Hello, Uncle Fred." Compared to his excitable twin sister, Huey was more reserved in greeting Fred. The boy only gave the man a slight smile to welcome him, unlike Joyce, who quickly jumped into Fred's arms.

"Hey, Huey! I brought you your favorite model toy. Do you want to see it?" Fred announced. He settled Joyce on the floor and dug into his bag for Huey's gift. The boy was usually indifferent when Fred was around, and the man didn't know how to connect with him.

"Really? Let me have a look!" Huey demanded. He beamed with pleasure as soon as Fred mentioned about his favorite toy.

"Fred, you know you don't have to get them gifts. You embarrass me when you do that," Annie complained. She felt awkward to see Fred spending money on her children, for Annie's sake.

"Oh, come on, Annie. We're friends, aren't we? So there's nothing to be embarrassed about. Besides, it's just a little something. Nothing expensive, so don't mind it." Pretending to be exasperated, Fred knitted his brows. He hated it when Annie would stand on ceremony with him.

"But really, you don't have to bother bringing them presents. And it's not the first time you've done that," she argued. The young mother didn't want to spoil her children, so she usually didn't buy them stuff.

"Well, forget it," Fred said dismissively. "Uh, don't you think this house is too small for you?" He was looking around and noted that the place was not only small, but its general appearance was unsatisfactory.

Annie quickly retorted, "Not at all. I like it, and the place is just suitable for the three of us." There was a smile of satisfaction as she answered Fred. While the house wasn't very large, it was completely equipped.

Suddenly, he felt a tug on his shirt. "Uncle Fred, aren't you forgetting something?" an
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Huey snorted in envy. "Hrmp! What an apple polisher!" he snapped. The boy pursed his lips in discontent. Despite his complaints, Huey was envious of his sister. His daddy had never held him in his arms, and he was longing for a warm hug as well.

"Hey Huey! Come over here so I can give you a hug, too," his father invited. He put Joyce down and opened his arms for his son to come to. Rain had noticed the glint of envy in the boy's eyes.

There was a hint of shyness in Huey's face, but he eventually walked up to Rain. Once enveloped in his father's arms, an innocent grin replaced the usually stern expression on the boy's face.

A faint bitter smile crossed Fred's face. He had always been around for Annie's family for years, but Rain quickly managed to captivate the children in just one day, something he was never able to do. He looked downcast now.

Meanwhile, Annie, who stood between the two men, was faced with an embarrassing dilemma. She never imagined Rain and Fred would appear in her house at the same time.

"Mr. Xia! What a strange coincidence to meet you here," Fred said in greeting. He wanted to be the first to greet Rain so he could initiate their conversation.

"Well, I wouldn't call it a coincidence since I am coming back to my home," Rain said aggressively. He had no intention of making any concessions with a perceived rival standing before him.