

"Your home?" Fred raised an eyebrow to underscore his words. Irked by Rain's arrogance, he taunted, "Mr. Xia, you seem to have consumed too much liquor last night, but you should have recovered from your drunkenness by now. As I recall, this is Annie's home, where she and her children live. I don't remember it being your luxury mansion." He had no idea why Rain and Annie separated in the past, but Fred believed it was Rain's fault that resulted in Annie bringing up the twins by herself. But regardless of the reason, Fred believed that a man should never allow his wife to raise their children alone.

"Well obviously, Mr. Chen has an interest in my affairs. Otherwise, how did you know I was drunk last night? Or could it be possible that you had someone spying on me?" Rain sneered at him. He plastered a mocking smile on his face while thinking to himself, 'Is he trying to take my woman from me?'

"Mr. Xia, you're overthinking things. When would I ever have the time to do what you're accusing me of?" Fred attempted to be flippant. Inside, he was gritting his teeth, trying very hard to suppress his anger.

"So be it. I only wonder why you appear in my home at such an early hour," Rain challenged. He cast a glance at Annie, who was looking pale while watching their confrontation. He tried remembering what Annie said about Fred. 'She told me last night that there was nothing between her and this man. I can't wait to hear her explanation about this situation, ' Rain thought.

"I'm a good friend of Annie, and it's quite normal for me to visit her. Mr. Xia, I also want to ask you what do you come here for?" Fred shot back. Although

Rain's face remained impassive, Fred could sense a dangerous aura emanating from the man, which was difficult to ignore.

With one brow arched, Rain replied, "That's easy. I'm here to pick them up and bring them to our real house." In his head were happy thoughts. 'You won't have any opportunity to approach my woman and our kids once they live with me, ' Rain said in his mind.

"Really, Daddy? Is that true? We'll really be living together from now on?" Joyce asked eagerly. As Rain nodded, she let out a joyful shriek. "Hooray!" Joyce's high-pitched

brother's lead. "Joyce wants to stay with mommy!" she shouted. She echoed her brother's words and squirmed to get out of Rain's embrace.

"This is what you want, Annie, right?" Rain gave a bitter laugh. "It seems that in your eyes, I really am a bad father," he said sadly. He was so naive to believe that one night would be enough for Annie to figure things out regarding their lives, but that was not to be so.

Annie knew she had to be tough and remain strong in front of her children. "Both of you, be good, all right? Go live with Daddy for a few weeks. Mommy has a lot of things to take care of, and I won't have time to take care of you," Annie lied. She scrambled her thoughts to convince them to go with Rain. Annie had no idea the kids would be so unwilling to leave her, and she felt sorry when she looked at Rain.

"No! We don't want to be away from mommy!" Joyce burst out crying. The first thing that came to her mind was that her mother didn't love her anymore, and that was why she was giving them to their daddy, to stay.

It was partly guilt, partly annoyance that had Annie raising her tone with Joyce. "Be quiet, Joyce. I don't want to be angry with you," she told the sobbing little girl.

But the girl continued bawling. "Mommy doesn't love Joyce anymore!" she cried out miserably. "Please give me another chance. I promise to be obedient from now on," she sobbed. Annie raising her voice didn't pacify Joyce, so she tried another tactic.

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"If this is what you want, then you have won. I give up." Rain was so crushed that he had to close his eyes for a moment. He was really hoping that they would move into his house, but not in this way. Seeing his daughter cry struck the softest depths of his heart, making it too painful for him to continue.

"Rain, do you think that I am such a cold-hearted and calculating woman that would use my own children against you?" 'I never expected that they would behave like this. Judging from their earlier response, I have thought that they would love to live with you, ' Annie wondered.

"The truth is right in front of us. If you don't want to live with me then tell me straight. Don't use the children as a tool for your rejection," Rain said, enraged. To use one's own children against the other parent, struck a chord with Rain. It reminded him of his own family when he was growing up. His mother used to be denigrated for using him as a weapon against his father. This made him extremely sensitive when he saw that Annie was doing the same with their children.

"You can believe what you want. But I didn't do that!" Annie burst out. She felt wrongly accused by him. Her eyes were red with tears.

"It doesn't matter to me anymore. Since you have rejected me so strongly, then I wish you well, good-bye!" Rain looked at his children longingly. He then turned and left with a heavy heart as he couldn't bear to see them crying because of him.

Annie's heart was full of bitterness. Once again Rain turned his back on her and walked away hurt and lonely. She knew that probably this time he wouldn't be back again, which meant that she had extinguished a good chance of them getting back together.

"Mommy, doesn't daddy love us anymore?" Huey asked, looking at her with a sad face. 'If he loved us, he wouldn't have left us, ' he thought.

"No, he will always love you two. He left because he's angry at mommy, not at you two." Annie felt nervous. Even she questioned what was going through Rain's mind.

"Mommy, you don't love daddy. Is that why you don't want to move to daddy's house with us?" Joyce asked in a little voice. Her eyes were full o
a chance to talk to her.

"Sounds good," Annie said, thinking for a moment and then agreed her offer.

"Annie, you are very good at keeping a secret. You never told us that Rain was the father of your children, why keep that from us?" Belinda gave her a stern look pretending to be angry with her, but inside she admired her courage.

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean to hide it from you all. I just didn't know how to tell you." 'If I had told them that Rain was the father of my children, they would probably all think that I had an ulterior motive, ' she thought.

"Well, I guess you are right. Anyway, have you two talked about when you are going to have the wedding?" Belinda asked directly, curious and worried about them.

"Well no, not yet," Annie said, frowning. 'Why do they all just assume that we are going to get married, ' she thought sadly.

"Well, you should both make the time to have the wedding. After all, your children are growing up very fast. It's not good for you both to wait for too long. Besides, Rain has been waiting for you for a very long time." Belinda couldn't understand the brotherhood that Rain had with his mates. But she could tell how much Rain was in love with Annie that she could see with her own eyes.

"Was he really waiting for me?" Annie asked a little surprised. She did wonder if Rain might look for her after she disappeared, but now to hear it with her own ears from someone else...

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"What do you think? When you wake up and find that the one you love is not there, how do you think you will feel? So, Annie, don't make him wait too long for you. In these last few years, he has been through so much, not to mention the KD business. All of his friends have married and have children of their own, while he is still single and so lonely. Maybe you feel like you are having a hard time, but there are two beautiful children with you and what about him? He has no close family members around him except for his friends." After getting to know men like Rain, you would find that they were not as perfect as

they might look. They all had their weaknesses which they preferred not to show on the surface for all to see.

"Belinda, do you really think that I am the one he is waiting for?" It was reasonable for Annie to question if Rain was truly waiting for her, especially after the way he had treated her.

"Are you kidding me? Annie, please don't ever let Rain hear those words from you. Otherwise, he would be deeply hurt," Belinda said, looking at her in disbelief. She thought that the misunderstandings between them were cleared up. But now, it seemed there were still some misunderstandings between them.

"I don't know. I just don't feel like he really needs me," Annie said flatly. In her mind, the only reason why Rain would propose to her was only for the sake of the children. Not because he was in love with her.

"Annie, what does your heart say? Don't just look at things on the surface, but feel them with your heart. I heard that you were in love with him for many years. You had even been courting him for years, so you are supposed to know him better than any of us. In regards to the question, if he needs you or not, we can't give you the right answer. You should look into your own heart for the answer," Belinda said sincerely. After hearing how Annie felt, she began to worry about Rain's future.

Annie thought for a moment in silence, thinking about everything that Belinda had just told her. Her children had taken up so much of her time and filled her with so much love, that she didn't feel that she needed Rain so

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if you have the goods to act like that. Did you really think that YS chose you because of your popularity? Of course not! It's just that you happened to have a lot in common with the range of accessories that we're about to launch, ' Belinda thought, irritated.

"Who are you trying to bluff? I just don't believe that you can do that." Eleanor started to feel uneasy after finding out all of the information that Belinda had just told her. In their circle, there were a lot of famous people with their own influence. Belinda, might just be one of them.

"If you don't believe me, you can continue with your bad working attitude and find out what I am capable of doing. Or, if you don't want to find out, then I suggest you cooperate and don't let something like this happen ever again!" Belinda said flatly. She didn't return kindness for arrogance.

Eleanor pursed her lips, disgruntled. In the back of her mind, she worried that Belinda really could ruin her career so she dared not provoke her any further. She turned her eyes on Annie, giving her a hateful look. She blamed her for causing all of this commotion and embarrassing her in front of so many people.

Annie was grateful to Belinda, who showed up in time. She saved her a lot of trouble now and with any future dealings with Eleanor. Although Belinda was speaking on behalf of the company to keep Eleanor under control, it was also an indirect way of helping Annie out.

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Chapter 1694 All Hope Is Gone (Part Three)



At a restaurant, Annie sat, pushing the food around on her plate absentmindedly. She had agreed to go out to a restaurant with Fred and her two children for the first time. With a heavy heart, Annie was trying to enjoy the meal but anyone could see by the look on her face that her mind was in another place.

She was thinking about Rain, who seemed to have disappeared completely out of her life. Ever since the last argument, not a single phone call did she get from him. She was hurt that he didn't even come to see the children. It was as if he had completely forgotten about them. She had his cell phone number on her phone, but she didn't have the courage to dial it. She didn't know how to tell him the real reason why she didn't move in with him. 'How can I tell him how I truly feel? I don't want him to feel like he has to accept me unwillingly into his home just for the sake of the children? I don't want to be there if I am not wanted.

I want to tell him that I miss him so much, but I don't know how to start, ' she sighed, thinking sadly.

"Annie, what's the matter? Don't you like the meal?" asked Fred a little worried. Fred knew that Annie and the kids didn't move in to live with Rain and he was both happy and relieved about that. It meant that he still had a chance to date Annie. But now seeing her so unhappy, he couldn't help but worry about her.

"Oh, no. The meal is fine. It's just that I haven't had much of an appetite lately," she said, squeezing out a small smile.

"Are you exhausted from your work? You really shouldn't work so hard. After all, it's not like it's some big important corporation," he said, frowning, concerned.

"It's okay, you don't need to worry. How about you? How is everything going? I've seen y

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Annie's face went pale and suddenly she felt nauseous. 'Rain left angrily in his car a few days ago, not even allowing me to explain anything to him. He hasn't even bothered to call me nor come to see the children. Now I know why that is! He has already found another interest, ' she thought, crushed. After seeing Rain with another woman, Annie found it very hard to believe anything that Belinda had told her about the feelings that Rain had for her.

Fred looked at her very concerned. It was obvious that she still had deep feelings for Rain. Otherwise, she wouldn't have reacted in that way.

"Rain, do you know that family over there? Why are they staring at us like that?" Tiana asked, feeling very self-conscious.

"Yes," Rain answered flatly. He gave the impression that he didn't want to say anything more about it. 'Indeed, they are just like a family. It explains why she refused to move into my house with the kids, ' he thought bitterly.

"Why don't we go and say hello to them then?" Tiana suggested. Tiana smiled kindly at the two children. However, she felt a lot of anger and resentment sent to her from them.

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Chapter 1695 A Fuss (Part One)



"There's no need to say hello to them. Why don't we order our food?" Rain said in a low voice as he tried his best to not look at Annie and the twins. He was dying to go there and hug his kids, but he didn't want to make them cry again.

"Rain, don't you think the man looks familiar? He looks like Fred Chen, the Prince of Music. He is really popular these days." Tiana took a close look at the man and thought that he must be the artist.

"Hey! Focus on the menu. Are you here for food or man?" Rain cast a disdainful glance at Tiana. 'Oh really? My sister is a fan of my rival in love? God, are you kidding me? Why can't Tiana be as considerate as Leena?' he thought to himself. More importantly, he was afraid that Tiana would realize how much Huey looked like him. He didn't want the Ke family members to know about his children's existence.

"Oh sorry. Rain, the steak here is nice. Why don't you give it a try?" Tiana turned her gaze to her brother. She had begged him to go out with her many times and he had finally agreed. She didn't want to irritate Rain.

"Sure, why not?" Rain said and turned to stare out the window. He looked sad and dejected which gave him a unique sense of beauty that passersby couldn't help but notice him.

It was very difficult for him to let Annie and the twins go. However, as long as this was what she wanted, he would respect her decision. Regardless of how much it felt like a knife was cutting his chest, he was willing to let them go as long as she was happy.

Annie and Fred were talking and joking with the kids together, and they looked like a happy family. No wonder that she had been hiding from him all these years. It seemed that Rain was the only one who had been suffering. Even the twins loved Fred and chose him instead of Rain. Rain forced a bitter smile and mocked himself, 'I'm such a loser! I thought she loved me and wanted no one but me. It turned out that I was an idiot to believe so.'

"Rain, why haven't you dated any girl all these years? Are you too picky to date one?" Tiana asked with curiosity. Since he had taken over KD Group, Tiana had never seen her brother date a girl. Rain was a rich and handsome man. It was a piece of cake for him to find a girlfriend.

"I'm not interested," Rain answered shortly. He hadn't moved on from A
t Rain would change his mind at any minute.

Annie's face turned pale when she saw this.

'So, Eleanor is one of Rain's women. No wonder she was so arrogant. But if the two are both his women, how can they be so at peace with each other?' Annie thought to herself.

"Annie, how's your work?" Fred asked as he tried to draw back Annie's attention. The lady was blankly staring at Rain's table and the scene there got Fred confused. 'Rain did see Annie but why didn't he come to her? I thought Annie and the twins were moving to his house but then they didn't. What happened between them?'

"Oh, not bad," Annie answered. If Eleanor had been more cooperative, the work would have been much easier.

"Is there a possibility that you can finish your work and return ahead of time?" Fred asked again. The sooner Annie left the country, the more possible she would be with him.

"I don't think so. Why?" As Eleanor was not cooperating, Annie's schedule might be postponed. Actually, she also wanted to leave the country as soon as possible since she was feeling more depressed with the thought that Rain was just in the same city.

"Nothing. It's just an idle question." Fred stole a glance at Rain. He had searched for his information online but only knew that he was the VP of FX International Group and the CEO of KD Group.

A few minutes after and they lapsed into silence again. The atmosphere was becoming weirder and weirder every passing second.

On the other hand, Eleanor and Tiana were chatting happily with each other.

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Chapter 1696 A Fuss (Part Two)



"So, you are Mr. Xia's sister?" Eleanor asked in surprise. She thought that Tiana was Rain's girlfriend. It turned out that she was wrong. She was thrilled. Being close to Tiana would be as good as being close to Rain. She didn't even care that Tiana and Rain had different last names.

"Yes, I am," Tiana replied while peeking sideways at Rain. He had never admitted that they were siblings to anyone.

"Just eat. I don't like people who talk too much." In Rain's eyes, Tiana was too naive to realize Eleanor's intention. Thus, he urged his sister to stop talking even before Eleanor could inquire more.

"Oh." Seeing Rain's long face, Tiana shut her mouth and gave Eleanor an awkward smile. She didn't dare to offend him as he was by no means a kindhearted man. All the Ke family members knew it clearly.

"Mr. Xia, I heard the casting of the new TV series is in progress. May I recommend myself for the female leading role?" Actually, Eleanor had already known that the female leading role had been set. She was just pretending not to know about it as she hoped for him to give her a chance.

"It's the director's affair and not my concern." Rain had no interest in intervening in casting. He knew that the director was more capable of it and he didn't want to abuse his power to satisfy someone.

"But I think you have a say in it." Eleanor looked at him with a hopeful expression while waiting for his reply.

"Yes, I do have a say but why should I do that? If you want to take part in the TV drama, then why don't you go to the director? Am I clear now?" Rain snapped with a frown. He had completely lost his appetite.

"I'm really sorry, Mr. Xia. I was being impolite." Eleanor felt very embarrassed at Rain's reaction and her face flushed with shame. She lowered her head and ate her food quietly.

Tiana had thought that there was something between Rain and Eleanor. However, she realized that he didn't have a thing for her at all now and it was just Eleanor who kept pestering him.

"Enjoy your food. I'll take my leave first." Rain stood suddenly and was about to leave. He really didn't want to stay in the restaurant anymore.

"What? But you barely ate something," Tiana said with a frown. She finally managed to have the chance to dine with her brother but this was all ruined. She felt frustrated.

"I'm not hungry. By the way, I'll pay the bill." Aft

ect you're already married. Are they your kids? They look adorable." Eleanor eyed Fred from head to toe. She had to admit that he was a handsome man. Nevertheless, he was still no match for Rain. She snorted in her mind and looked back at Annie.

"It's not working hours, so please excuse us." Annie didn't want to argue with this woman before her children, so she just gently avoided her and was about to leave.

"Come on. Don't be so aloof. Are you not going to introduce your husband and children to us?" Eleanor taunted. She had been fully focused on the leading role of the new TV series recently, and hadn't paid attention to the latest news. As a result, she didn't recognize Fred and thought the man was just a nobody.

"Miss Xiao, please get out of the way," Annie said with a frown. If it weren't for Eleanor getting in her way, she would have just left without even talking to her.

"Oh my God! Eleanor, you see, the boy looks like my brother so much!" Tiana cried in disbelief. After taking a close look at the little boy, she realized that he was a mini-sized Rain. Her eyes widened as she wondered who this woman was and why she was with another man.

Annie was shocked by Tiana's words. 'Brother? Oh my God! Did I just misunderstand Rain again? I thought she was his woman. Oh, what a fool I was!' she thought.

Eleanor turned to look at Huey on hearing Tiana's surprise. Just as Tiana said, the boy closely resembled Rain. She had a bad feeling that this woman must have something to do with Rain. Suddenly, her eyes were burning with rage as she stared at Annie.

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"Miss, there's a saying that barkers are not biters. If you're done talking nonsense, can you please get out of our way?" Fred said sternly. Eleanor stood there, dumbfounded. Fred eyed Eleanor with resentment when he saw that Annie was starting to get uncomfortable.

"Mommy..." Joyce called out as she tugged on Annie, clinging to her closer out of fear.

"Let's go, Joyce," Annie said softly, patting her lightly on the head. She took her daughter's hand and walked past Eleanor while she was still distracted.

As Annie brushed past her shoulder, Eleanor finally came to her senses.

"Wait! So, does this child have anything to do with Rain?" she said, calling grumpily after Annie.

"Sorry, but I have nothing to say about that," Annie answered, not even bothering to look back. Eleanor took a step to follow Annie, but was stopped by Fred who already had his hand firmly on her shoulder. He shook his head,

implying that she should just leave them alone. He then turned and caught up with Annie.

"Damn it!" Eleanor said through clenched teeth. She frowned as she looked at them walking farther away -- her suspicions grew along with Annie's denial and evasion.

"Miss Xiao, I'll... get along now. Excuse me," Tiana said. She, too, was in shock. There was a strong, undeniable resemblance between Annie's son and Rain. Her thoughts raced as she tried to take everything in. She needed to calm down and think about the explanation, one that was reasonable enough to explain the relationship between them.

"Alright..." Eleanor mumbled. Tiana went on her way. When she was out of sight, Eleanor slumped down on the seat. It was a real blow to the chest for her -- like she had already lost the game before it even started. She could barely deny it to herself anymore; just moments before, she had thought Fr Drugged one night by her ex-boyfriend, a mysterious man took advantage of her in an ecstatic night filled with sex.

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self, I'll get a few pretty young girls to come and take care of me without any guilt," Edward teased while drawing the coat closer around him. He then wrapped his arms around Daisy's waist and pulled her close to him. But his

eyes were fixed meaningfully on Daisy's rosy lips, which were pursed out of displeasure and jealousy.

"Only a few? Are you sure that's enough for you? I bet your insatiable appetite won't be satisfied unless you get dozens of them!" Daisy sneered, squinting her eyes at Edward. 'So you think I'm not pretty now, eh? Am I getting too old for you now?' she thought to herself.

"Looks like our Senior Colonel quite approves of my capacity in...that regard?" Edward whispered in her ear, a mischievous smile forming on his lips. He pretended not to notice Daisy's slightly bitter tone. He had found it quite amusing to tease her with this sort of stuff.

"I'm sorry, but I am never one of those perverts, so I don't know anything about capacities and the like. Go and ask people of your kind!" she snapped. 'What a sleazy man!' Daisy thought in disbelief. 'How can you say things like that so freely?' Although she was getting really a bit annoyed, she still couldn't help blushing.

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"How could you! You ARE of my kind! How could you call yourself a pervert?" Edward feigned seriousness and said. Then, before Daisy knew it, his mouth pressed lightly on the edge of Daisy's ear, sending uncontrollable vibrations up and down her spine. After that, he pulled away from her, and looked at his wife with a devilish smile. He lifted up his hand and placed a finger over her lips.

Daisy's mouth twitched. 'God damn it! Don't try to lump me in with you!' Daisy thought, quite ruffled. Without a second thought, she opened her mouth wide and bit Edward's finger.

"Ouch! It really hurts, lady! What are you? A dog or what? Hey, okay stop! Let go now, baby," Edward exclaimed, stamping his feet. But no matter how desperately he struggled, Daisy showed no intention of letting go. Daisy enjoyed his torment. She then proceeded to nibble on Edward's finger, sucking and licking it like a lollipop. She looked at Edward suggestively, her eyes shining with excitement.

"Did I say let go? I take it back, please continue. You have no idea what this looks like to me," Edward said with a smirk. He was very much aroused now at what Daisy was doing, even more so by the looks she threw at him.

At first Daisy didn't understand. She stopped and thought fast without letting go. But the moment she realized what he was thinking, she spat out his finger. To further express her disgust, she spat over the side before lashing out at him, "You filthy pervert! I can't believe that you think this way!"

"It wasn't my fault! You were the one acting all sexy!" Edward said defensively, bowing his head like a scolded child. 'Typical!' he lamented to himself. 'Women like her would always do this! I don't understand why she has to lure me into a dead end. Ahh, this is driving me crazy!'

"Why won't you just admit that you're the one who has a dirty mind? It takes a vulgar person to talk and think dirty!" Daisy retorted

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"Shut up. Don't be a wet blanket, dude. Let's talk about anything else but her," Rain said. He raised his glass in the air. "I propose a toast!" Rain cheered. But Duke's words had gotten to him, especially when he heard Annie's name. Her return was like a stab in the chest. While she was away, he could still dream about meeting her once again. But now that she was here, and seemingly with another man, he felt as if his heart had shattered into a million pieces. At this point, he had completely lost all hope.

"You shouldn't keep running away from your problems, Rain, I'm sure you're aware that Fred is in S City. There's no way he'd go out of his way to attend some small-time talent show. It's pretty obvious what or who he's really here for," Edward said. He took a sip from his glass, looking intently at Rain to see how he would react.

"And so? Why should I care?" Rain forced a smile. 'Tch. Of course they'd side with Fred. He looks more of a family man than I'll ever be, ' Rain thought, a wave of pain running through his chest. He filled up his glass and lifted it to his mouth, emptying it with one swift gulp.

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Chapter 1699 Anyone But Her (Part Three)



"Stop acting like you don't care, dude. You wouldn't have asked us out if you didn't feel upset about all this," Duke said, rolling his eyes at Rain. He had seen right through this friend, and he didn't think that he could maintain the pretence for long. 'Let's see you keep at it, ' he thought.

"Why are you all ganging up on me? This isn't the first time we come out here for a drink. I don't need an excuse to get drunk. I'll drink whenever I want!" Rain refuted. What he was doing was what people called "to be more nice than wise". The throbbing pain in his chest wouldn't go away. Rain grunted, tightly gripping his glass. There was no chance that he would admit how he felt about Fred... how he felt about Annie. It would just hurt him even more.

"You are really something, eh? If you never planned on telling us anything, you shouldn't have dragged us out here to watch you sulk," Duke snapped at him. In truth, although Duke was getting angry at Rain, he was deeply concerned for his friend. 'Come on, Rain, ' he had wanted to say. 'Annie's just a girl for crying out loud!'

"Calm down, Duke. Stop putting him down. Let's just drink the night away," Edward interrupted. He had no idea what had happened between him and Annie. But right now, the best thing to do was to give him the company he needed.

"At least Edward gets me. Cheers to that!" Rain grinned. It was dim in the bar -- nobody had noticed that tears were already welling up in his eyes.

Edward clinked his cup to Rain's. He wondered what was going on in Annie's mind. He knew for a fact that Annie was hopelessly in love with Rain at first. What else did she want now that she finally won his heart and had his children? What was behind all her hesitation?

They no longer touched on that topic for the rest of

already had his heart at the palm of your hand, and yet you still left him just because he didn't love you right away," he said coldly, his gaze piercing through Annie. Edward might have sounded rude, a bit too harsh even. But he had always been like that. Edward was never the type to beat around the bush.

"What? How drunk was he? Is he all right?" Annie burst out, meeting Edward's eyes. Her face was full of surprise and worry. It was as if she didn't hear everything else Edward had to say when she had learned that Rain wasn't doing okay.

"What do you think? How would you feel if you were the one who got rejected?" he asked. Edward had thought it would have been hopeless if Annie's first instinct was to defend herself. But here she was, asking how Rain was doing. It was obvious enough that she still had feelings for Rain.

"I'm so sorry. It seems that our relationship has caused a lot of people so much trouble. I'm really sorry," she replied. She didn't expect that she would be so transparent about her feelings towards Rain. She still loved him, but found it hard to bring herself to confront those emotions. And before she could, she found it hard to accept him frankly.

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Chapter 1700 Anyone But Her (Part Four)



"You're scared that Rain is still a womanizer, aren't you? Speaking as someone who's been down that road, I can assure you that he's no longer that type of person. The looser and easier a man appears to be, the more serious he would be about love. Once he has found the girl he knows he wants to be

with for the rest of his life, you can guarantee that he will unconditionally give you his loyalty and love. No matter how many temptations there are in this world, no matter how enchanting and attractive other women might be, his attention would only revolve around you," Edward said matter-of-factly. He was quite confident about that, for he himself was one of this kind of men, and was best qualified to pronounce on such a matter

"That's not what I'm worried about, honestly," Annie meekly said, feeling a little embarrassed. She wanted to speak out her true feelings, but she was worried that Edward might not understand.

"What is it, then? Are you worried that he won't marry you? I think he'd go marry you without any hesitation, if only you want him," Edward pressed on. He didn't leave any room for Annie to defend herself. This was probably the only chance he was ever going to get.

"I don't want him to marry me just because of our children!" Annie shouted. Edward was taken aback. He had not expected that answer. Annie's hands were balled up to fists on her lap.

"Yes, I'm a mother," she continued in a quieter tone. Her voice was shaking. "But don't you think it's wrong if he marries me solely because he's the father of my children? I know it may sound a bit selfish, but I want to marry someone who loves me for who I am -- I do not want to marry someone just because he feels obliged to do so." Tears threatened to roll out of Annie's eyes.

Edward looked at her, his expression softening. "Annie, have you thought all this time that he only wants

women might have, and never let her experience the sense of loss.

Annie blinked. "Yeah, of course," she said. For a while, she had completely forgotten about the jewelry Edward requested to get commissioned. "I'll let you know as soon as possible. I'll get going. If you will excuse me..." Annie

replied. She now thought it a must to take some time and think over Edward's words, in case she failed to see important things

"Alright, then. Please consider everything I have said. Be nice to Rain, he is your Mr. right, a companion worthy of you," Edward pressed. If everything he had said to her still wouldn't change her mind, then god knows what would. If so, they had better make a clean break and call an end to the torment.

Annie nodded, and walked unsteadily out of the door. Her head spun, her face looking pale. She was still unsure of Belinda's advice to her, and now Edward's words made her feel overwhelmed.

When Annie had closed the door behind her, Edward gave a sigh of relief. 'The things you make me want to do for you Rain, you stupid brat!' he thought to himself. 'You'd better not mess this up. I hope you know that you've made the president of a multinational company your own personal matchmaker. How annoying!'

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