



Rain didn't wake up until noon time came. His mind was still in a whirl since he had drunk too much last night.

His hand moved to blindly find his cellphone which seemed to be lost somewhere in his bed. However, he didn't expect to see its battery drained. Frustrated, he threw it back onto the bed forcefully and staggered to the bathroom.

His knees were wobbly when he reached the wash area. A few seconds after and he was already looking at the gaunt face that was staring back at him from the mirror. He couldn't help but doubt if the man he was seeing was him. His reflection was just too far from the lively and high-spirited self he had always known.

'Annie, this is the last time that I'm allowing you to hurt me this much. From now on, I will go back to the life I had before you came. You have made me realize how worthless I am to you. Since you don't value me, I will put myself higher than you could ever reach. You can't hurt me anymore, Annie. I will not give you the chance to do it anymore, ' he thought.

There had been a lot of changes with Rain's perspective since last night. He was eager to live together with his children but he knew clearly that they loved their mother more than him. He would not be so cruel as to take them away from Annie by force. However, he hoped to at least have access to his kids. Thus, he called Annie right after he took a shower.

"Hello, Rain?" asked Annie as soon as she picked the phone up. She was a bit surprised to receive a call from him this early. Edward had said that Rain had drunk too much last night, thus, she thought that he was still asleep.

"Yes, it's me. Are you free today? I want to have a talk with you," Rain said in an unusually apathetic tone. He had controlled himself quite well that his voice came out cold and dry without any trace of emotions at all.

"How about we meet after an hour?" Annie checked her wristwatch. Little did Rain know that she was dying to talk with him too.

"I'm okay whenever you're free. Decide which place is most convenient to you," Rain said in a polite tone. However, the courteousness that he showed stung Annie's e

at you mean," Annie's voice trembled upon hearing what he said. She wasn't used to seeing him like this and his presence was making her anxious.

"Huey and Joyce are my children regardless of whatever is between us. I won't insist on making you live with me anymore since you refused it. However, I want to have the rights to see my kids anytime I want." A bitter smile cracked Rain's lips as he stared at her. God knew that he was trying to be as reasonable as he could. He was only proposing his idea to her after all. As always, the final call would still depend on what Annie would say.

Flustered, Annie wasn't able to open her mouth and just gazed at him blankly. She thought, 'What does that mean? Is he giving up on us?'

"Is it that hard to respond to my conditions, Annie?" it was Rain who broke the sudden tension that suddenly filled the space between them. Her silence made him frown a bit. 'You can't be this selfish to me, right?' his mind silently sighed.

"No, but can I give my opinion?" Annie was able to recover herself and evaded his stare. She had been told that he had fallen in love with her.

Furthermore, she had also been told that this man had never experienced at least a day of happiness without her. It seemed that those were just empty rumors and nothing more. He shouldn't be giving up this easy if those were true, right? She didn't think that Rain's reactions were making sense at all.

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Chapter 1702 Any Importance (Part Two)



"Of course you can give yours. I only gave my opinion. You can contradict me anytime you want," Rain never stopped looking at her face since he sat there. She had become pale but he didn't think too much about it. She probably didn't like what he just said, thus, he had to get his chest ready for another blow.

"It's quite impractical to let you see them at any time you want. You see, we both often have some things to do. I think it would be better to define a regular schedule for the kids. Let's say once a week?" Annie wet her lips unconsciously after she talked. 'That is it! Rain is only after the kids!' she thought.

"Okay. I'm taking what I said back. I'm not going to demand 'anytime I want' anymore. However, don't you think that once a week is too harsh for me? Let's adjust it and make it twice a week. What do you think?" Rain said his words as if he was debating for a business proposal. He had already reached his rock bottom and was ready to let her go. It wouldn't make sense to keep her into something she wouldn't be happy about anyway. Regardless of how long he had been loving her, doing so would only be a waste of time. He just wanted to let her go as fast he could.

"Fine if that's what is convenient for you. However, I have to remind you that we will only stay here in S City for more or less three months. We will be back to living abroad after this. Are you sure that you can keep seeing them twice on that setup?" Annie's words sounded a bit defiant. His casual retreat hit her heart really bad, thus, she felt a need to defend herself. What he had said made her as indifferent as he was since she didn't want to look pitiful.

"Please know that I will not give up any of my right to love my kids no matter what," Rain raised his chin with pride and looked down at her. His expression was still blank when he added, "By the way, thank you for introducing me to the kids as their father. Please forgive me for all the financial damages they have caused you since I didn't know about them before. Anyway, I will be starting with my duties to them from this point and will be paying for the alimony." It was obvious that he had already planne

ove her value if she really wanted to work together with him.

"Eeeek! That... I haven't finished it yet," Tiana stuck her tongue out and thought, 'Damn it. I kicked an iron plate!'

"Then make yourself busy with it! You might as well do that rather than poke your nose on things that are not your business!" Rain didn't want his private affairs to be known by the Ke Family, including Tiana.

"Yeah! But Rain, is that kid actually your son?" Nevertheless, Tiana was unwilling to give up. She badly needed to hear what her brother got to say since she had been restraining her curiosity for a whole night and a whole morning now.

"Aren't you supposed to go now? Fine, Tiana! You are not allowed to work at KD Group anymore," Rain scolded her harshly. His stare on her went even colder than how it had been earlier.

"No! Don't say that! I'm going to do that market research now!" Tiana left the room unwillingly. Her disappointment was showing on her face since she hadn't found anything.

Meanwhile, a slight smile escaped from Rain's lips the moment he was left alone. He rarely smiled because of his family. However, he felt different for Tiana as his sister was the only one in the Ke Family who could make him happy. He was aware of how Tiana had stood by him during the years that he was going against all the members of the Ke Family. He might be reluctant of sharing things with her but still, Tiana was someone he trusted most.

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Chapter 1703 Any Importance (Part Three)



Annie didn't leave the cafe until more than an hour later. She had been thinking the whole time since Rain left. She had meant to tell Rain that she had agreed to move into his house together with the kids in order to see how they would get along with one another. Never had she expected all his vicious blow though. She hadn't even been given a chance to talk.

She made a call to YS Group and advised that she would be absent for the afternoon. Her heart was aching too much and she didn't think that she could work properly with how emotionally drained she was. Rather, she drove straight back home.

"Mommy, you're back. Why are you home so early today?" Both the kids were very happy to see her because she generally had only a little time to be with them. They had used to be together with the housekeeper for most of the time back when they had been in Phuket.

"Because you're going to kindergarten tomorrow! I want to play with you before you guys get busy," Annie answered. She had been working on making the kids familiar with S City. She believed that it was time for them to meet new friends.

"Really? Yey! We can meet new teachers and new friends tomorrow!" Joyce was quite happy to hear what her mother said. She was so giggling and it was easy to see that she wasn't even affected by all the things that had happened to them recently.

"Hmm! Are you happy?" Annie stroked her daughter's hair and forced a smile on her lips.

"Of course I am! It's boring at home," Joyce answered. Children always like being together with as many people as possible.

"Mommy, are we staying here in S City for good?" However, Huey was not so happy as Joyce. He had always been maturer than his sister and could read through situations well.

"No. We will probably go back to Phuket after the Spring Festival. Why? Do you want us to stay here?" Annie's eyes went milder as she stared at Huey. Huey looked exactly like Rain and looking at her son usually gave Annie the feeling that she was looking at Rain.

"I want it here because daddy is here!" Huey said. His sis

e! What's your real relationship with Rain? Why does your son look so like him?" Eleanor asked vulgarly. The manner she pushed Annie verbally made her look far from the star she was.

"I'm entitled of my own privacy and you don't have any say with that," Annie said with a cold smile. She suddenly thought that letting Eleanor wear her designs would be a great insult to her art.

"Why don't I have the right? Rain is the one I want to marry. How could that have nothing to do with me?" Eleanor said and thought, 'Since you're married, you should help your husband and bring up your children. Why are you even fighting for Rain?'

"It's your life and that's none of my business. If you feel that I'm stopping you, oh please stop worrying. As you can see, I have a happy family," Annie told a lie in order to escape from Eleanor's inquiry. However, she should have chosen to be more domineering by telling her that Rain was indeed the father of her children. She was curious anyway of what Eleanor would say if ever she found out about that fact.

"That couldn't be better. You should know that Rain will finally be my man. Thus, you'd better not attempt to play any trick if you're wise enough," said Eleanor. What Annie said made her feel relieved. Even if Annie had Rain's children as she guessed, Annie was married to another man. Therefore, she wasn't of any importance.

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"Sorry. I am busy and I have some important work to deal with." What Annie said could not be more obvious. She was implying that Eleanor should go away now.

"Keep what you said today in mind. Humph!" Eleanor sneered at her with a disdainful look. Then she turned around and left arrogantly, being confident that her message was delivered and her warning was heard.

After Eleanor left, Annie felt so upset that she threw her pen on the table. 'That bitch! How shameless she is! Rain has never admitted that she is his girlfriend. Even if he did, why would she come over and brag to me in my face? I have nothing to do with their business!' Annie was simmering with rage.

She took a deep breath to suppress her anger. Because of what happened, she felt like she lost her motivation to work hard. So she just kept sitting on the chair, staring blankly at the wall.

Belinda knocked on the open door, trying to get Annie's attention. However, the latter did not come to herself, lost deep in her blank thoughts. So Belinda just walked in with a smiling face.

"Annie, are you okay? Annie." Belinda frowned and couldn't help wondering what she was thinking about. She seemed to be utterly lost in her mind. She had left work early yesterday. Was she bothered by something?

"Oh! Belinda, it's you! I'm sorry." Annie raised the corners of her mouth and a faint smile appeared on her face.

"Was that Eleanor? What did she come here for? Jeez! Did she come to you just to pick up a fight again?!" Belinda could ascertain that Eleanor came to find fault with Annie as long as she appeared in the company.

"Oh, no. She was just complaining a bit. Nothing serious. I can handle it." Annie smiled bitterly. People would not cherish things until those things were taken away from them. That was exactly what was happening to her now.

"You have to be strong and never back down when dealing with arrogant people like her. Otherwise, she would think that you are weak and she would keep bullying you. 'Bully the weak and fear the strong' is one of their life mottos." Belinda hated these kinds of people the



in the quickest and most efficient way possible. Wasting his time was just too costly to him.

"Yes, you are right. That's exactly why I feel sorry for Rain. I should have done nothing." Belinda felt that her strength was drained all of sudden. She leaned towards Duke naturally.

"Then, don't do that again." Duke reached out to hold her by her waist and led her towards the President's office.

"But I did it for their sake! Not for me. I'm really worried about them. Actually, they can end up with a happy marriage only if they have an honest heart-to-heart conversation. But their communications are always in a deadlock. No one is going to give in." Belinda had an impatient disposition. It was just such a pain seeing the two struggling without any sign of resolution.

"That's their business. And since they, themselves created this mess, they deserve it." In Duke's opinion, a woman's coquetry was acceptable. But when she had gone too far, she would only annoy the hell out of people.

"Haha! Are you sure you're Rain's friend?" Belinda giggled. Where did his strange theory come from? She seemed to be more on Rain's side, though.

"Oh wow, look at my wife, thinking about my friend's private life all day. Do you think I would be happy with that?" Duke rolled his eyes at her helplessly. He felt like that his own wife had gotten too keen on the relationship between Rain and Annie.

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Chapter 1705 Happy Hour For Dad And The Kids (Part Two)



"Oh my god! Are you jealous of that? You are even more childish than Spencer. I thought he was the only baby in this family!" Standing opposite him, Belinda reached out to straighten his crooked tie.

"Haven't you heard of the saying? Love makes people childish," Duke said and lowered his head. There were only a few inches between their faces. He could steal a kiss on her lips if he bent forward a bit more.

"Yeah, you're right. You know something? Probably your IQ is even lower than Richard at this time." Belinda thought that her son Spencer was much smarter compared with Duke, Spencer's father at the moment. When it came to mental age, Duke was behind by a mile, seemingly much naiver than the little cute Richard who was just a toddler.

"Hey, honey. Don't you think that your metaphor is a bit unpleasant and out of place while we're enjoying a tender moment here?" Duke felt a bit frustrated. The romantic atmosphere he had tried hard to create had immediately dissolved into thin air, thanks to her withering sarcasm.

"The tender moment only applies to you, not to me. All right. Now that you are here, take the chair at the meeting for me, please. I'd like to go and see Leena so would you, please?" Belinda had grown more exhausted taking care of the company's affairs and activities. She especially hated those standard routines and time killers such as meetings. If she had her way, she would reduce the meetings to once a week. Duke's arrival would free her from that burdensome daily affair.

"I am so sorry but I am going to have to refuse that. There's a brutal reality you have to face, that I just came here for a particular file, not to save your ass from a task that you hate. So, I'm afraid you need to take care of the meeting yourself," Duke said and walked directly to the desk. He bent over to check the file he had left here a few days ago. As a matter of fact, he could

have sent Janice to fetch it for him. But he eventually decided to come here in person in order to see his beloved w

time he was in his father's arms.

"Where's your sister? I haven't seen her." Rain craned his neck to see who else was coming out of the gate but did not find his little girl.

"She has short legs, so she walks slowly," Huey said in a sympathetic tone. Actually, that was not the case. The truth was that Joyce had made a few friends when she became a member of the class. She was saying goodbye to them now.

"Hey, Huey. Can I talk to you about something?" Suddenly, Rain looked at Huey with serious eyes.

"Sure, what's that, Daddy?" Huey became a bit uneasy. It seemed that his father was about to tell him something that he wasn't ready to talk about.


"I need you to do me a favor. In the future, wherever you go, you need to wait for your sister and stay with her at all times. You are the man between you two, right? You have the responsibility to take care of her as the stronger one. Don't you agree?" Rain explained gently and patiently, hoping that his son would come to know the responsibility as a young man.

"Yes, Daddy, you are right. I'll keep it in mind. Hey look, it's Joyce!" Huey felt it was a bit unfair that his father asked him to do that. He was a bit jealous of his sister because now, both their mom and dad told him to take care of her. He just didn't feel it was his job to babysit his annoying twin sister.

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Chapter 1706 Happy Hour For Dad And The Kids (Part Three)





"Joyce! Over here, my little princess!" Rain saw Joyce too. She indeed looked like a princess in the crowd when she came out with other kids. She was no doubt Rain's daughter. Judging by the number of girls surrounding her as she walked out the gate, she had become so popular at such a young age.

"Daddy." Joyce was also very happy to see Rain. She left her friends behind and ran towards her father excitedly, forgetting completely what she had said yesterday.

"Oh, oh, oh, slowly. Don't fall down." Rain put Huey down and held out his hand to the little girl who had jumped to cling to him.

"Where's Mommy? I don't see her anywhere. Didn't she come with you?" The girl soon noticed it. She tilted her head and asked in a confused tone.

"Mommy is still at work. So Daddy will play with you today, okay? Don't you two want that? Just us three hanging out?" Rain lulled Joyce carefully. Somehow he felt that Joyce was more difficult to get along with than her brother Huey.

"But, if we stay with you, won't Mommy get mad and disappear forever? She won't abandon us?" A child's words sometimes hurt the most, because they were readily blunt and didn't really know how to sugarcoat words. There was a moment when Rain paled. But soon he adjusted himself.

"No, of course not. What are you talking about? I'll drive you back to Mommy's place after dinner. So no, there is no way that Mommy will abandon you. I promise!" Rain thought that his baby girl might have said it subconsciously to hurt him, and he thought he was ready for that. But when he heard it in reality, he still couldn't help feeling a pinch in his heart.

"Really? That's great! Huey, did you hear? We are having dinner with Daddy. Isn't it great?" Joyce forgot things quickly. As soon as she heard Rain's words of reassurance, she became relaxed and delighted.

"Yes! So, where are we going, Daddy?" No matter where Rain took them, Huey was happy as long as he could spend time with his father.

"Let's go to my place, okay? Would you like that?" In order to accommodate them in his house and make sure that they were comfortable there, Rain had hired some servants such as a chef and a steward to look after Joyce and y for her mother was completely gone now. They might have even forgotten about her at that moment. Rain was right. If he wanted them to accept him as their father from the bottom of their hearts, he had to try hard to wholeheartedly love them first.

They played happily in the garden before they could even enter the house. Hanging out with his children, Rain felt like he had returned to the good old days when he was young and innocent. Although he and his mother had not lived a wealthy life, he felt that every day was full of hopes and dreams. He knew that there was going to be sunshine as long as he stayed with his mother. Those were the good old days.

Finally, they stopped after quite some time, feeling a bit tired. A big boy, a little boy and a little girl lay on the grass, looking at the faint glow of the sky as the sun had set somewhere far away. It just looked so beautiful, just like a painting.

"Daddy, can we come here again later? And again, and again, and again?" Joyce had completely forgotten that she had once said Fred was her favorite but not her Daddy, Rain.

"Of course you can. You can come here anytime you want." He had everything built for them and what he wanted the most was for them to visit all the time. If only they could already live here.

"Really? Wow! Daddy, I like you so much," the little girl said happily. She sat up and kissed Rain at his face loudly. Then the garden echoed with a lovely peal of laughter.

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Chapter 1707 Confess Everything (Part One)



Huey rolled his eyes at his little sister and thought, 'Didn't Joyce once say that she loved Uncle Fred the most?' It was just so typical of girls- they were capricious, no matter how young or old they were.

Since Rain had missed most of their childhood, he didn't know much about their eating habits. He had no idea what they liked, so he asked the chef to prepare all sorts of food for his kids to choose from. He honestly wished all kids were like Justin, who was such a foodie, and by no means, a fussy eater. Rain was planning to visit Daisy and ask her to share her experience of raising a kid.

When Joyce saw the extravagant food, her eyes slowly filled with tears of disappointment. "Humph! These are all food that Huey likes. There is nothing that I want here!" The little girl cried as she looked at all the dishes and didn't find any of her favorite food on the table.

Rain's eyes popped out when he saw her eyes fill with tears. He rushed to her side immediately and said, "Joyce! I'm sorry! I am so sorry! I didn't know what your favorite foods were, so I asked the chef to prepare all kinds of food for

you. But I didn't think that you had different dishes in mind. And I didn't mean to favor your brother either." Rain panicked when he saw that she wouldn't stop crying.

"No! That's not true! You must be mad at me because I said I liked Uncle Fred more," she sniffed and wrinkled her tiny nose. Joyce was stubborn and spoiled because her mother and brother always put up with her. She was nothing like her brother, who was way too mature for his age. They had completely opposite characters.

Rain's heart ached to hear his beloved daughter accuse him of favoring her brother. Rain smiled bitterly and scooped his little girl up in his arms gently.

"I don't care if you like someone else more, Joyce. You will forever be my little princess, no matter

n and get some rest?"

"I'm okay. The kids are tired. Let them go to bed early tonight," Rain said, with a stolid face. It was hard to tell what kind of emotions he was going through at that moment.

"Fine. Drive safe," said Annie. Disappointment was laced in her voice as she hadn't expected that Rain would turn her down.

"Thank you," he said to her and then smiled at his kids, "See you around, you little monkeys." He waved good-bye to them, and ignored Annie's pale face.

"Goodbye, Daddy!" they said together. Rain was reluctant about leaving. He had such a great day with the kids, it was pure bliss. He didn't feel like going home without them. Kids had pure hearts - as long as you cherished them, they'd love you with all their heart. There was no place for hatred and ego in them.

Annie watched him turn around and leave. She had the urge to stop him, to ask him to stay. But as Rain closed the door behind him, Annie knew it was too late.

Rain fought the urge to look back too and quickly walked away. No one knew how much Rain wanted to hold Annie in his arms when he saw her sad, pale face. But he was too proud to expose his soft side to others and so was Annie. That was the reason why they were at this point in life.

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Chapter 1708 Confess Everything (Part Two)



Rain pressed the elevator button and waited. When the door opened, he frowned. Fred walked out of it, with a surprised look on his face. They weren't expecting to see each other at Annie's place at such an hour.

"Mr. Xia, what a coincidence. Are you also here to visit the kids?" Fred asked with a casual smile as if Rain was, by no means, a threat to him.

Rain was in no mood to exchange pleasantries with him. "It's late. What brings you here, Mr. Chen?" Compared to Fred's enthusiasm, Rain's voice sounded cold.

"Well, it's not that late. We often meet at this time." Fred ignored Rain's reproachful tone. He kept his voice cheerful, trying to show off how decent he was, unlike Rain, who seemed narrow-minded.

"Oh, do you? I forgot that you guys were close. Well, have a nice time," Rain said with a bitter smile and walked into the elevator. He pressed the button and left without hesitation.



Fred snorted in smug satisfaction and walked swiftly to Annie's door and knocked.

Annie had just asked the children to take a shower when she heard the knock on the door. She ran excitedly to open it. She assumed that Rain had come back. She threw the door open quickly, but her smile froze when she saw that it wasn't Rain.

"Why do you look so terrified after seeing me?" Fred noticed the smile on her face disappearing in a flash. He could tell that she was expecting someone else at the door instead of him.

Annie wasn't terrified. She was just disappointed. She forced a smile and said, "Come on in. What brings you here at this hour?"

Fred walked in and asked, "Where are the kids? Have they slept already?" He was surprised that Joyce and Huey were not around. They usually got excited when they heard his voice. But today was somehow different.

"Not yet. They are taking a shower. They just came back home." Annie poured him a glass of water and put it down on the table in front of him. She was feeli

g Fred would stay at Annie's. He snorted when Fred left only a few minutes later. Rain drove away without a word as he already had the answer he was looking for.

Time flew by and a whole week passed in an instant. It was Saturday, and just as Annie had expected, the kids were not interested in the show. So she turned down Fred's offer. But the kids were into the idea of having a picnic. So they took off to the countryside on Sunday morning.

"Mommy, don't we need to take a tent for the picnic?" Joyce was a fun-loving kid and she had a keen interest in everything new.

"No sweetie. We are having a picnic, not a camp," Annie answered. She was looking out the window and enjoying the landscape alongside the road.

"Oh... I thought we will be having a tent." The little girl pouted, her little lips turning upside down.

"Joyce, do you want a tent? We can get one later," Fred comforted her when he saw her sad face in the rear view mirror.

"Really, Uncle Fred?" Joyce's eyes popped out in excitement once again. She felt like she was the happiest kid in the world at that moment.

"Of course, I would never lie to you!" Fred said. He was relieved that he had already prepared a tent in advance. She would be surprised if he pulled out the tent at the picnic spot.

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Chapter 1709 Confess Everything (Part Three0



"Great! Uncle Fred, you are the best. I love you the most!" Joyce was like a little chameleon. She unconditionally loved anyone who fulfilled her every request. Huey shook his head at his sister.

"Huey, why the face? Aren't you excited about the picnic?" Annie asked when she noticed that her son had remained silent throughout the trip. She turned to look at him.

"I am. I just miss Daddy." Three days had passed since they had last met. Huey could tell that his Daddy was a busy man and that he didn't have time to visit them.

Annie didn't know how to comfort him. So she told him the truth, "Daddy is very busy with work, Huey. He doesn't have time to meet us now." Belinda had said that Rain had gone out of town for some business purpose. It was odd that he hadn't said when he would come back or hadn't even called the kids in the past three days.

"I understand that he is busy. I am not blaming him for ignoring us. I'm just worried about him. We live together and can take care of each other. But Daddy lives alone. What if he gets sick?" Huey asked with a concerned look. He was very mature and considerate, almost like an adult.

"Umm..." Annie was at a loss of words. Even she hadn't thought of such a thing, while her little son had.

Fred frowned and began to worry as Huey's words showed that the kids really loved their father. They had only been reunited a few days back and they were already so close. Was it because Rain was his biological father?

Joyce looked confused by her brother's words. "Huey, Daddy has a butler. Don't you remember? We met him the other day," said

a happy home together." Fred finally let it all out. He said what he had always been wanting to tell her for such a long time now. He couldn't afford to wait anymore. If he did, he would lose the game. He seized the chance to confess his love to her and make sure that he had a fighting chance.

"I'm sorry, Fred. I'm not ready for this yet," Annie bit her lower lip and lowered her head to avoid eye contact with him. She blushed under his gaze. His confession had taken her by surprise.

"I won't force you to give an answer right away. But I hope that you would take what I said seriously and think about it. I love you and I mean it," Fred said. He believed that Annie would choose him in the end as long as he didn't give up.

"Fred. I'm not a young girl anymore. I have two kids. I'm not good enough for you. You deserve someone better, not a single mother like me." She was already hurt by the failed relationship between her and Rain, and hadn't recovered from that pain yet. Besides, she still loved Rain and there was no space for others in her heart.

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#### Chapter 1710 An Engagement Ring (Part One)



"Annie, come on. Please don't be so hard on yourself. You're beautiful, unique, really one of a kind." Fred looked at Annie straight in the eye. He held her hands in between his own. His hands even trembled a bit from all the emotion he was feeling. Without a doubt, Fred loved Annie with all his heart. He had also grown to love the twins. He'd treat them as if they were his own children -- if only Annie could find it in her heart to let him inside her life.

"Fred, please stop. I'm already in love with somebody else. I'm so sorry." Annie lowered her eyes, feeling embarrassed. She couldn't bare to look at Fred as he confessed.

"Is it because of Mr. Xia?" Fred asked, his voice sad and low. 'If only I had met Annie before that bastard Rain did, ' Fred thought to himself.

Annie flushed, her face got hotter. "I'm so sorry. I should have told you," Annie looked up at Fred through her lashes. She gave him a weak smile as some comfort at the very least. But right after she had finally told him the truth, she couldn't help but feel a sense of relief. The weight of the burden she carried was finally lifted from her entirely.

"But how can you even be sure that he'll love you back! What if he becomes unfaithful to you, Annie? Have you ever thought of that? That maybe he doesn't love you as much as you love him?" he cried. He let go of Annie's hands, and ruffled his hair in his frustration. 'Come on, Annie. Think! If he really loved you, he wouldn't have left you and the kids!'

"I-I..." Annie stammered. Fred's questions had her stumped. She herself did not know why she was still so drawn towards Rain.

"See! You can't even back him up. But you can count on me." Fred held on to her hands once again. "I can assure you that you will be the only woman I will ever need and want in my life. Please..." Fred was not about to give up. This was the first time he had been so vocal about his feelings; this, to him, was his chance to take the next

step by putting on his coat and had grabbed his car keys in one swift movement. In just seconds, he was already running out his apartment.

"We're at home. We don't know what to do," Huey explained. Just like Justin, Huey was ahead of his years, a lot more mature than he should be for his age.

"I'll be right there soon. Wait for me." Rain hung up and got in his car. He started the engine, and in no time, was on his way to Annie's house. He drove as fast as the traffic would allow him, intent on getting there as soon as possible.

'Daddy said he'll be right here soon. Does it mean he's in S City now?' Huey thought as he ran towards his mother.

"Mommy, Mommy! Daddy said he'll be right here soon and asked us to wait for him," Huey exclaimed in a cheerful voice.

"Really? He's back?" Annie said, surprised. She let out a long sigh of relief. Although she wasn't so sure why, she trusted Rain. She was confident that he would know what to do.

"Yeah. I told him Joyce has a fever, and he said he is on his way." Huey was elated. From their short phone conversation, Huey could tell that Rain loved him and Joyce very much.

Annie said nothing more, and continued to give Joyce the cool sponge bath. Although she didn't want to bother Rain, she felt happy that he seemed to still care for them.