

Chapter 160 Isn't That Rupert's Car

"I was deathly afraid of the dark, while you were so scared of the dogs..."

Candy's words echoed in Rupert's ears.

Back then, Rupert was indeed afraid of dogs and Candy was afraid of the dark.

That was why when Rupert found out that Annabel was afraid of the dark, he thought she was Candy.

But later, it turned out that Annabel wasn't Candy.

Was the girl in front of him-Candace-the real Candy?

Candace stretched out her right hand and touched Rupert's face. He could feel her shaking hand. "Yes, Ron. It's me, Candy!"

Rupert could feel the warmth of her touch. Somehow, he felt a little unaccustomed to it.

He quietly reached for Candace's hand and gently put it down.

The small gesture made Candace's expression darken. "Ron, I still remember that it was three men and a woman who kidnapped us. The most ferocious of the three men lost a front tooth, and I think they called him Albin. We both feared Albin the most. Every time he went inside the small dark room, he'd scare us to death."

Rupert's heart started to beat faster.

Everything Candace said was right.

Seeing that she was beginning to make an impression on Rupert, Candace smiled slightly and continued, "One time, he came in with a knife. He wanted to cut my hair. But you tried your best to protect me. He

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ended up cutting your chest, and you bled a lot. Did it scar, Ron? Oh, and I remember that the woman was kind to us. She often brought us food. One time, she gave us a piece of bread. You wanted me to have it. You told me, 'Candy, I'm not hungry. Hurry up and eat it. Only after you eat it will we have the strength to escape."

Rupert frowned slightly.

She couldn't be making this up.

Only he and Candy knew about these details.

Candace had to be Candy!

She was the girl he had been searching for all these years.

"Candy, it's really you," Rupert said softly. Any trace of doubt had been dispelled.

"Ron, do you finally recognize me?" Relieved, Candace broke into a happy smile and threw herself into Rupert's arms. "Oh, my God! I can't believe I finally got to see you again. When I fell off the cliff, I thought that would be the last time I'd see you."

Rupert frowned as soon as Candace got close. There was something about her scent that threw him off.

She didn't smell like the Candy in his memory.

Well, it had been years since they last saw each other. Perhaps her scent had changed over time.

Rupert gently pushed Candace away. Recalling the past, he sighed wistfully. 'After you fell off the cliff, I was saved by the people my father sent to find me. Candy, I've been looking for you all these years. How come I wasn't able to find you? What happened after you fell off the cliff?'

Candace sighed heavily. "When I fell, I was seriously injured. Fortunately, I was saved by a hunter. At that time, my injury was so bad that I had to be taken to Australia by a foreign philanthropist. He had me treated and accepted me as his adopted daughter. I've been in Australia this whole time. After my adoptive father passed away, I came back to find my

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biological parents. It took a lot of effort, but I finally found them. It turned out that they were forced to abandon me when I was a baby. Over the years, I always thought that they abandoned me because they didn't love me."

At this point, Candace's voice cracked and she couldn't help but burst

Rupert handed her a tissue and said softly, "Shh, don't cry."

"Thanks." Candace took the tissue and wiped away her tears, sniffling pitifully.

"So you went abroad? No wonder I couldn't find you." Rupert nodded.

"Ron, were you looking for me this whole time?" Candace looked up at Rupert tearfully.

Rupert nodded solemnly. "Yes."

"I've been looking for you, too!" Candace said in a somewhat regretful tone. "Well, truth be told, I've seen you on the news before. But I didn't know it was you, because I know you as Ron, not Rupert."

After a pause, she continued, "I think today was a blessing in disguise. If I hadn't hit your car, I doubt our paths would've ever crossed."

"By the way, why were those two men chasing you? How come you owe them money?" Rupert asked suddenly.

The two men were obviously thugs. How did Candy get involved with them?

Candace lowered her head sadly. "My grandmother is seriously ill. I needed a million dollars for her surgery. There's no way my part-time job at the bar could cover it, so I had to borrow some money."

"I see," Rupert murmured, narrowing his eyes slightly.

Raising her head, Candace locked eyes with Rupert and said sincerely, "Ron, thank you so much for saving me. I promise I'll work hard to pay back the money you gave to them." "No need." Rupert shook his head. "Don't worry. It's not a big deal."

"What? Of course, it's a big deal!" Candace insisted stubbornly.

Just then, Rupert glanced at his watch absentmindedly. Only then did he realize that Annabel was still waiting for him at the hair salon. He stood up abruptly and said to Candy, "The doctor just told me that you're fine. Don't worry. Rest for as long as you can. I have to go now. I'll contact you tomorrow."

As soon as Rupert turned around to leave, Candace's feebly voice sounded from behind him. "Ron."

"Yeah?" Rupert looked at her from over his shoulder.

Wearing a pitiful expression, Candace looked down and twiddled her thumbs. "I don't want to stay in the hospital. Do you think you can take me home?"

"Where do you live?" Rupert asked after some slight hesitation. He found that he couldn't refuse Candace.

Candace pursed her lips and said in a low voice, "I live on Radiant Mountain."

Radiant Mountain was a little far.

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After mulling over it for a while, Rupert calculated that he should have enough time to drop Candy off at her place before picking up Annabel at the salon. Then they could head over to the engagement ceremony together.

He took out his phone to call Annabel, but to his surprise, it was out of power.

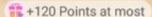
"Candy, can I borrow your phone?" Rupert suddenly asked.

Candace took out her phone and said, "Sure, but my phone's broken. It can't make calls, but it can send messages. Who are you going to send it to? Let me do it for you."

Rupert recited Annabel's phone number and asked Candy to text her that he would pick her up later because something came up.

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"Sent!" Candace waved her phone in front of Rupert with a smile.

"Okay, let's go." After signing the discharge papers, Rupert drove Candy back home.

In a taxi, Annabel and Anika and drove around Radiant Mountain in circles.

The taxi driver asked helplessly, "Ladies, please tell me where you want to go."

Eyes glued to the window, Annabel felt extremely uneasy.

Just as she was about to say something, Anika asked in surprise, "Hey, isn't that Rupert's car?"



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