

Chapter 162 Breaking Off The Engagement

There was both sadness and determination in her eyes as Annabel made up her mind. She took one last look at Rupert before turning around and leaving.

Her steps were unusually heavy, and every step she took was so difficult. It was as though her legs had turned to lead.

Somehow, Annabel managed to walk out of the house. Anika was walking in her direction just then. "Annabel, I've looked for Rupert all over, but I didn't see him..."

"No need to look for him anymore," Annabel said coldly.

She clenched her fists so tightly that her fingernails dug into her palms. However, she didn't feel a thing.

The pain in her heart was a thousand times worse!

Seeing that Annabel didn't look so good, Anika asked with concern, "Are you okay?"

"Let's get out of here." Annabel came back to her senses. She took Anika's hand and started walking to the road.

Fortunately, the taxi was still there. It turned out that the driver had gone to the toilet just now and had just returned to his car.

Just as he was about to start the engine, Annabel opened the door and got in. "Imgrund Hotel, please."

Imgrund Hotel was owned by Benton Group, and it was also the venue of tonight's engagement ceremony.

"Annabel, what's going on? Did you find Rupert?" Anika's forehead was creased with worry. Annabel did not look well at all.

Wearing a cold expression, Annabel simply nodded.

"Really? Where is he? Why isn't he coming with us? Is he going to the hotel on his own?" Anika asked anxiously.

She had known Annabel for a long time, and she had never seen her behave like this before.

Something terrible must have happened.

Annabel closed her eyes and cracked a bitter smile. "There won't be an engagement ceremony tonight."

"What? Did you postpone it?" Anika was shell-shocked.

Taking a deep breath, Annabel said flatly, "I've decided to break off my engagement to Rupert. That's why I'm canceling tonight's engagement ceremony."

Anika's jaw went slack. "You're breaking off the engagement? You've got to be kidding me, right? Annabel?"

"Do I look like I'm kidding?" Annabel snapped.

Anika faltered for a moment. "Why?"

Annabel's heart sank to her stomach as she said, "Because the girl he truly loves has come back. He has been with her all day. That's why he went missing."


"Girl? What girl? Are you talking about Candy? How could this be?" Anika asked in disbelief.

She had heard about Candy from Annabel. All she knew was that Rupert had loved a girl named Candy in the past.

Candy had fallen off the cliff, and nobody had heard from her. Everyone thought she was dead.

Now, on the day of Annabel and Rupert's engagement, Candy suddenly showed up. What a coincidence!

Anika didn't know how to comfort Annabel. "Well, even though Candy's

back, that doesn't mean Rupert wants her now. Please don't do this, Annabel. Talk it over with him first." 

"What Rupert did just now proved that he chose Candy. Why should I chase after a guy who loves someone else?" Annabel's tone took a bitter turn.

"But—" Anika knew what kind of person her boss was. Annabel was an independent woman who could be arrogant and proud at times. No one could change her mind once she made a decision.

Anika wanted to say something more, but Annabel cut her off rudely. "Just leave me alone."

Leaning back against her seat, Annabel turned her face away from Anika and looked out the window absent-mindedly. She couldn't get rid of the image of Rupert hugging Candy.

It felt as though her heart had been ripped out of her chest.

She felt so much pain.

It was a feeling Annabel had never felt before.

Her heart ached so much that it was difficult to breathe.

But no matter how bad it hurt, she had no choice but to endure.

At this moment, she had to be strong.

Now that Rupert had chosen Candy, there was no need to proceed with the engagement ceremony.

It would be better if she broke things off before Rupert did.

Annabel needed everyone to know that it was her who broke up with Rupert, not the other way around!

In Imgrund Hotel

In the most luxurious banquet hall on the first floor, guests gathered around and chatted merrily. The scene was very lively.

Today was the grand engagement ceremony of the CEO of Benton Group.

Naturally, all the famous people in Dourburgh were in attendance.

There were also many reporters who showed up early for fear of missing something newsworthy.

Everyone, except Heather, was looking forward to the festivities.

She glared at the stage in the front of the banquet hall with hatred. Soon, Rupert would announce his engagement to Annabel onstage, and everyone would bless them.

Why? Why did it have to be Annabel?

"Heather, calm down. It's just an engagement, not a marriage." Seeing the rage written all over Heather's face, Bella tried to comfort her.

Heather took a deep breath and said shakily, "You're right. It's just an engagement."

"We'll find a way to get rid of this bitch in the future!" Bella said while looking at Rory in the distance. She already had a plan in mind.

Perhaps Annabel would stop pestering Rory after getting engaged to Rupert.

As time went by, the venue was soon filled with guests. But tonight's protagonists, Rupert and Annabel, were nowhere to be seen.

Confused, Bruce tried to call Rupert, but his phone was turned off. So he called Annabel, but she didn't answer either.

"Jaxen, find Rupert." Bruce frowned. He felt a little uneasy.

He knew his grandson very well. Rupert was always punctual.

Moreover, today was such an important day. He should've arrived long ago.

Why didn't he show up? He couldn't even be contacted.

"Sir, don't worry. He must've been delayed by something," Jaxen tried to comfort his boss. After all, Bruce was old and had heart problems; he couldn't afford to get stressed.

While they were talking, Erica and Cathy strutted toward them, their high heels clicking against the floor.

"Where's Rupert?" Erica complained.

Ever since Erica took Cody's side at the press conference that day, her status in the Benton family had declined greatly.

And Rupert even moved out to live in Water Moon Community. He hadn't been home for so many days.

Bruce cast a sidelong glance at her and asked, "He's your son. Why're you asking me?"

Erica was speechless. Just as she was about to say something, Cathy squeezed her hand secretly.

"Grandpa, Rupert wouldn't be late to such an important event. I think he's on the way," Cathy said in a sweet voice. However, she made sure to drag Annabel's name through the mud while she was at it. "Rupert's phone is out of power, whereas Annabel simply isn't answering her phone. What's her excuse?"

Bruce was opening his mouth to say something when someone suddenly shouted, "The bride's here!"

Immediately, everyone looked to the door.

Annabel, in a red dress, got out of the taxi and strode to the door of the banquet hall.

Seeing her from a distance, Bruce finally breathed a sigh of relief, but then he soon realized that something was wrong.

Why was Annabel alone? Where was Rupert?