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Annabel was stunned.

The picture of Rupert tightly wrapping his arms around Candy at Radiant Mountain suddenly popped up in her mind.

Candy's sole reason for being here was Rupert.

Rupert hadn't allowed her to visit Bruce because he was expecting Candy.

"Annabel, do you know her?" Rory asked curiously when he noticed Annabel staring at the woman with a frigid expression.

With narrowed eyes and a small smile, she replied, "That is Candy."

"Candy?" Rory followed the direction of Annabel's gaze and saw Candace's back disappear at the gate of the hospital.

"Let's go," Annabel said in a flat voice. She looked away and tried to rein in her emotions.

After making some inquiries, Candace made her way to the eighth floor of the in-patient department carrying an insulated bottle.

"Excuse me, is Bruce Benton in this room?" Candace walked over to the innermost room, which she saw was heavily quarded.

One bodyguard dressed in black waved his hand impatiently. "Miss, please leave."

Ever since Bruce had fallen ill, several unscrupulous reporters had come in disguise to shoot some scoop.

The bodyguard didn't know Candace, so he assumed she was also a disguised reporter.

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Candace pursed her lips and said with a smile, "I'm Rupert's friend. I have some important matter to discuss with him. My name is Candy. Can you pass on that message?"

Candy?

Rupert's bodyguard knew that one woman had always held a special place in Rupert's heart, and her name was Candy.

Besides, today's entertainment news also announced that he had found Candy and spent time with her yesterday.

Photographic evidence was also present.

Although the face of the woman was blurred in the photo, the bodyguard studied Candace carefully and noticed that she looked similar to the woman in the photo.

The bodyguard didn't dare to neglect her. "Please wait a moment."

"Mr. Benton, a woman named Candy is at the door. She said she has something important to tell you." The bodyguard opened the door and told Rupert about it.

"Candy?" Surprised, Rupert got to his feet and walked to the door.

"Ron." Candace smiled sweetly at the tall handsome man standing in front of her.

Rupert lowered his head to look at her and asked, "Are you here for a check-up? I'll ask someone to accompany you."

He had accidentally hit Candy yesterday. Although he had taken her to the hospital for a check-up, she suddenly complained of chest pain when she got home. At that time, he was in a rush to reach Imgrund Hotel, so he didn't have time to pay attention to her.

"No." Candace shook her head. "I'm fine."

After a brief pause, she added, "Ron, you left in such haste yesterday. I was very worried about you. I didn't know it was your engagement ceremony until I read the news today."

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As she spoke the words "engagement ceremony," her eyes darkened. "I'm sorry. It's all my fault."

Rupert was a little surprised. "Why do you say that?"

"I didn't know Annabel was your fiancee." Candace bit her lower lip, looking timid and remorseful. "Am I the reason she misunderstood us and canceled the engagement ceremony? And did your grandpa faint because of that?"

"It's none of your business." Rupert's expression became icy and his thin lips were pressed into a tight line.

Candace dropped her eyes to the floor and said, "If necessary, I can clarify this with her. Ron, I'm willing to do anything for you."

"Ron, I'm willing to do anything for you."

Candy had uttered these same words in the small dark room.

Rupert's heart skipped a beat. "Thank you, Candy."

Candace handed the bottle to him and said, 'Ron, I know you're worried about your grandpa, but you need to take care of yourself too. I have cooked you some soup. Taste it."

Candy's caring words warmed his heart. Rupert accepted the bottle from her.

A faint smile played on Candace's lips when something suddenly struck her and she removed five hundred dollars from her pocket. "Ron, this is my pay from last night. I want to return it to you. I will pay back the rest of the money slowly."

Rupert pushed away the money Candace was giving him. "No need. Candy, we are best friends. You don't need to be formal with me."

Best friends?

Was this the way Rupert described the relationship they shared?

A hint of disappointment flashed through Candace's eyes.

She didn't want a lifelong friendship with him. She wanted his love. She desired the heart of the most dazzling man in the world, Rupert.

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However, she needed some time to accomplish this. She wasn't in a rush.

They already had a good start.

"Take it, Ron." Candace stuffed the money into his hand. "I have to return to the bar. I won't take up any more of your time. You must take good care of yourself."

Then she turned around and left.

Staring at the five hundred dollars, which were still slightly warm from Candace's touch, Rupert frowned and called Finley. "Help me transfer Candace's grandmother to the best hospital and locate the best doctor to treat her."

"Yes, Mr. Benton," Finley agreed without hesitation.

After disconnecting the call, Rupert returned to the room.

Bruce was still in a coma.

After tucking Bruce properly in, Rupert looked down at his pale face. His heart clenched painfully as he observed Bruce, who was covered in tubes.

He grasped Bruce's hand, as if he was trying to transfer all his strength to Bruce. "Grandpa, you will be fine."

"Mr. Benton." Harley entered the room and stood behind him.

Rupert looked up and asked, "When will my grandfather regain consciousness?"

"That's why I came here. To tell you about it," Harley answered.

"Tell me the truth. How is my grandfather?" Rupert asked eagerly.

"To be honest, I'm not sure," Harley said honestly. "I guess there is one person in the world who can cure your grandfather."

"Who is it?" Rupert asked in a hurry.

He was willing to find anyone to cure his grandfather.

Harley cleared his throat and said, "I've researched everything

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about this condition and I've finally contacted my tutor abroad. He said that only Chayce Finch can cure him." "Chayce Finch?" Rupert was taken aback. He had never heard of this man before.

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"Who is Chayce Finch?" Rupert asked with a hint of sternness in his eyes.

Harley took a look at Bruce's ECG monitor before answering, "He was renowned for his superb medical skills, having treated patients with incurable diseases in the past. While in his prime about twenty years ago, he suddenly disappeared."

"What do you mean by disappeared?" Anxiety was evident in Rupert's voice. But he did his best to keep his cool. "Can we find him now?"

"I'm afraid I don't know." Harley shook his head. "No one has seen him ever since."

Just when Rupert was beginning to feel optimistic, his hope was dashed to the ground. This made his heart sink.

He pressed his thin lips against each other for a short while. Then he broke his silence. "What exactly happened twenty years ago?"

"Well, I am not sure." Harley let out a sigh. "But whatever it was, it must have dealt him a huge blow. Many people tried to find him over the years, but none of them succeeded in doing so. No one even knows if he is still alive."

Rupert's face darkened and his dashing eyebrows furrowed.

Rupert furrowed his brow and bent his head slightly as he looked at Bruce, who was still in a coma. His fists clenched subconsciously.

Even if Chayce was at the end of the earth, he would find him.

Time was of the essence. He couldn't just fold his arms and do nothing while his grandfather was in such a terrible state.

The feeling of helplessness was terrible.

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Without further ado, Rupert brought out his phone to ask Finley to search for the missing doctor. Just then, the door was pushed open.

Jaxen walked in and asked with concern, "How is Bruce doing?"

"Not much has changed," Rupert replied in a low tone. "He's still in a coma."

From the look on his face, Jaxen could tell that Rupert was very sad. So he walked over and comforted him. "Don't worry too much. He is blessed. Just give him some time. He will wake up."

"I know he will," Rupert replied calmly.

"You have been with him for over a day now. I think that's pretty exhausting, even for someone as strong as you. Let me take it from here. You need to have a rest."

"That won't be necessary. I want to stay with Grandpa." Rupert shook his head.

"I know how you feel. But if you continue this way, then it's very likely that you'll break down. I don't think your grandfather would want you to ignore your own health, would he? So you've got to rest. I'll call you as soon as there is any development."

"Thanks a great deal." Rupert finally agreed.

Jaxen had been working for Bruce for decades and had a good relationship with Bruce. Rupert was relieved, knowing full well that his grandfather was in safe hands.

He talked to the bodyguards standing by the door before finally exiting the ward.

Annabel was sitting in Rory's car and stared at the window with mixed feelings.

She took a deep breath and looked down at the ring on her finger.

It was a gift from Rupert when he proposed to her.

Memories of the times they shared together suddenly overwhelmed her.

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Rupert stood in front of her to block a knife, risked his life to save her, and proposed to her in a romantic way.

But why did he do so many things for her if he didn't love her?

Was it really just because she reminded him of Candy?

Annabel rubbed the space between her eyebrows, hoping the thoughts would go away the same way they came.

At the moment, Bruce's health was the most important thing to her.

Rupert didn't allow her to see his grandfather, so she had to think of another way to make that happen.

Annabel took off the ring silently and turned to look at Rory. "Can you do me a favor?"

"Of course!" Rory replied.

"I need you to help me find a house," Annabel said in a hushed tone. "When you find any, buy it immediately. I want to move in as soon as possible."

What was the point of living in Water Moon Community now that she had canceled the engagement to Rupert?

'That shouldn't be hard," Rory answered smilingly. "I have an apartment in East Garden. If you don't mind, you can move in there right away."

"Very well then." Annabel narrowed her eyes slightly and leaned back against the seat. "Thank you."

Neither of them said a word for a while. Rory then said, "I thought you would leave Douburgh for some time."

For all he knew, Annabel would leave the city after she was betrayed by her fiance.

But that wasn't the case. She was bent on staying.

Could it be that she was still into Rupert?

Hearing what Rory said, Annabel hold her breath. After a while, she explained, "Rupert's grandfather is in the hospital, and I am

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to blame for his illness. I'm not supposed to act as if nothing happened, am I?"

"Don't worry." Rory's eyes dimmed. "He will be fine."

But was it really because of Bruce that Annabel insisted on staying?

Both of them kept silent while Rory drove to Water Moon Community.

"Is this the place?" Rory stepped on the brakes, and the car moved slowly until it finally stopped.

Yes, it is," Annabel answered. "Wait for me."

She opened the door and got out of the vehicle. Judging by how quiet the house was, she guessed that no one was home.

Rupert should be in the hospital by now.

When Annabel got to her room on the second floor, she became lost in thoughts again.

It was just a night since she left, but it felt like she had been gone a lifetime.

In the course of living here for over a month, she had created many beautiful and unforgettable memories.

Was she supposed to leave them behind, like they never happened? How could she even do that?

Somehow, going away for good was harder than expected. Annabel couldn't just breeze in and out. In fact, she became downhearted.

Every single thing in the room reminded her of Rupert. They had spent some quality time together within these walls.

Each of those lovely moments flashed back in her mind, one after another. They were so vivid, it felt like they happened yesterday.

No one had made her fall in love like Rupert did.

Annabel gave him her heart, hoping to spend the rest of her life

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Apparently, that was a dumb thing to do. He wasn't the right one for her.

Candy was the woman of his dreams. His heart had chosen her. Perhaps, they were already together.

It was pointless for her to dwell on the past now. Therefore, Annabel told herself that she wouldn't be sad anymore.

Without further delay, she snapped out of her thoughts, packed up her things, and put them into a suitcase.

After grabbing her small luggage and hurrying downstairs, she got to the living room. All of a sudden, she heard the rustling of keys. Someone was opening the door from outside.

This caught Annabel unawares, so she stopped subconsciously.

Her heart began to race in her chest.

Could it be that Rupert had returned?