

Chapter 105 A Message From Eric

Janessa and Alana quickly found a quiet guest room to stay in while they chatted so they wouldn't be disturbed again.

They had already encountered a total of five men who wanted to chat and have drinks with them in the hall.

Alana couldn't stand the sight of any of these men.

When Alana entered the room, she tried to call Eric a few times, but he never answered.

She was beginning to get anxious, as she had something prepared for Eric.

All of a sudden, she received a text message. Her eyes blurred with tears by the time she finished reading the message.

"Alana, what's the matter? Who sent you a message?" Janessa was also trying to have a break here but was distracted by Alana's crying.

"Janessa. He..." With tearful eyes, Alana handed the phone to Janessa. She then pushed her head against a pillow and began to sob.

Janessa quickly took the phone and saw Eric's name on the screen. She quickly read the message and immediately knew why Alana was in tears.

"Alana, you're a great person. I don't think a woman like you would struggle to find an excellent man to marry. Sadly, I'm just a poor man. I'm not deserving of your love. When I saw you injured on the mountain, my initial reaction was to save you no matter what. After spending more time with you in the hospital, I started to feel like we could be together. In the days that we spent together, I began to have feelings for you. Tonight, I was planning on confessing my love to you.

However, your family made it clear that I'm not qualified to be with you. If you stay with me, all I can give you is a hard life. Your parents would never let their beloved daughter suffer like that.

I hope that you can find a good man to marry. Please don't try to contact me anymore.

I don't deserve you."

Eric's words held an air of finality to them. After all this time, he did have feelings for Alana. However, it wasn't until he came to the Shen family that he realized who Alana was. She was the daughter of a wealthy family.

The men around her were all wealthy and powerful. Even though he dressed in his finest suit, he still paled in comparison to them.

As Alana's father was giving his speech, Eric couldn't help but look at him. Based on the dignified look on her father's face, Eric immediately knew that a man like that would never let his daughter be with a man like Eric. It would be best for both of them to end their relationship now. Maybe if some time passed, Alana could move on and start a new life.

Eric felt that he had no choice but to leave. The two of them belonged in different worlds, and he could never fit into her world. Given Eric's identity and social status, Alana's peers would never accept him.

"Alana, please don't cry. You still have to entertain the guests later." Janessa had no idea how to comfort Alana. Eric made a strong point. It would be arduous to be in a relationship with someone who had come from a whole different world from yours.

However, Janessa could also sympathize with Alana. Their love for each other was genuine, and people were eager to keep them apart just because of their social status. It was an unfair situation.

"How could he give up without even trying? He's an intelligent man, and he also sings well! I know that he will make a name for himself soon enough. How could he..." Alana was afraid of this happening, and her worst fears came true tonight.

Janessa texted Amy so she could retouch Alana's makeup. Alana still had to take care of her guests downstairs. Even though Alana was in no condition to continue the party, she still had to maintain a good image.

Amy immediately came to the room. When she saw the defeated look on Alana's face, she didn't ask any questions. Amy handed Alana a tissue and instructed her not to cry while she was reapplying Alana's makeup.

At that point, Alana's makeup was ruined, so Amy had to redo her whole face.

"Cheer up, sweetie. You still have to put a brave face for your guests downstairs. Tomorrow, I can look for Eric and try to talk some sense to him."

Alana looked up at Janessa in disbelief. The look in Janessa's eyes convinced Alana, and she soon calmed herself down.

There was a knock on the door of the guest room. Janessa walked up to the door and asked, "Who's there?"

"It's me!" Gordon said from the other side of the door.

Before Janessa could answer, he continued, "Is Alana with you? I need to speak with her."

Janessa looked back at Alana to see if she was comfortable with letting Gordon inside before she opened the door for him.

As soon as Gordon entered the room, he noticed Janessa standing on the side. The fragrant smell of her hair suddenly overwhelmed him.

For a moment, he lost his train of thought.

"Gordon, is something wrong?" Alana said in a hoarse voice. Her mouth quivered as she spoke.

"What's wrong, Alana? Your eyes are all red and swollen. Did someone hurt you? Tell me if someone did something to you! I'll teach them a lesson." Gordon couldn't bear the sight of his dear sister in tears. When they were children, he always made Alana cry as a joke. Now that they were grown up, he wouldn't let anyone upset his sister.

"It's nothing, Gordon. Why are you looking for me? Are the guests leaving?"

"No, don't worry about that. I came to speak to you about the young master of the Zhao family. Did you refuse him?" Gordon was still concerned about his sister, but he was relieved to see the calm look on Janessa's face. She was able to get things under control.

"Oh yes, him. He told me he liked me. I know that he's a playboy. I don't want to date a man like him." The main reason why Alana refused Jake was that she spotted a red lipstick mark on the collar of his shirt.

He could've been flirting with another woman moments ago. How could she go on a date with a man like that? Did he think she was cheap?

Eric was a much better man than him!

"Alana, father asked you to meet with the guests downstairs. There is a man around your age who just returned from abroad. His father is a close friend of our father's. We should show our respects to him." Although Gordon would've preferred not to have Alana meet with the man, he had no choice but to obey his father's orders.

'I never knew I was an asset to ensure our family business' success!' Alana thought to herself. Gordon's reason wasn't enough to convince Alana. The last thing she wanted to do was to meet men for her family's interests.

If she had the freedom to choose her own partner, she would go for a man who genuinely loved her.

This way, she could spend the rest of her life happily with a man she loved. Alana didn't want to marry a man she didn't love and have their relationship end in a painful divorce, just as Janessa had experienced.

"Fine. You don't have to go out later. Leave it all to me. I'll take care of it." Gordon turned around to leave when Janessa suddenly caught his eye. He hesitated and then restrained himself from speaking out.

'No, this is not the right time to talk to her.'

"Please take good care of Alana. I'll come by later to check on her again," Gordon said. He wanted to protect Janessa, so he hadn't seen her in a long time. The two of them needed to stay away from one another. This way, they could at least still be friends.

Gordon quickly left the room. By that time, Amy was almost done with Alana's makeup. She smiled in satisfaction as she put away her makeup tools.

"I've done my work here. I'd better leave now. Have a good night."

After she walked Amy to the door, Janessa came up to Alana and held her hand tightly. "Don't cry, or else your parents might think something is wrong," Janessa warned.

Alana forced a small smile on her face as she nodded to Janessa.

