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Chapter 1651: Nox's Heartfelt Confession

However, when she realized what was going on, she pushed Nox away. As soon as she pushed him away, the oats in her hand spilled all over the bed.

Silence suddenly filled the room, and no one spoke. It was as if they were avoiding talking about something.

In the end, Nox opened his mouth and said, "Do you understand now?"

Shelly pursed her lips tightly. She felt that Nox was sick in the head to be toying with her like that. Was she really that fun to toy around with?

She looked at Nox and said word by word, "I don't know why you're suddenly behaving like this. Regardless of whether you're toying with me on purpose, I'm serious when I say I'll never be with you again in my life! To be precise, there is no way I'll be with you. After all, we've never been together before, so we can't get back together."

Nox's expression changed. It was filled with anger and sadness.

In any case, Shelly did not care. Nox meant nothing to her as a person, so she would not be affected by any of his emotions.

"I'll help you with the discharge procedures." With that, she planned to leave.

However, Nox suddenly grabbed her hand, and Shelly tried but could not shake him off. Hence, she could only turn around and look at Nox coldly.

"I told you, I'm not joking," Nox said coldly.

"I also told you that no matter what your motive is, I will not be with you again."

“Shelly, you better know what you're talking about!” “I know what I'm talking about!”

“Do you know what it means for you to reject me?”

“It doesn't mean anything.” Shelly was cold and even a little sarcastic. “I don't care about anything you have.”

“Shelly!” Nox gritted his teeth.

“If you understand what I just said, let go of me.” Shelly said, “I'm going to handle the discharge procedures.” “What's so good about Benjamin?” Nox asked.

Shelly frowned.

“I'm asking you, what's so good about Benjamin?!” Nox raised his voice.

His emotions were getting erratic, and according to Shelly's experience, that was the precursor to his outbursts.

“My rejection of you has nothing to do with Benjamin.” Shelly gritted her teeth.

She seemed used to dealing with Nox face-to-face.

“Nothing to do with him?” Nox sneered, and his smile looked a little despondent.

“Can you say you don't like him?” Nox asked.

Shelly really thought Nox was crazy.

“Answer me!” Nox's voice grew louder.

He unconsciously tightened his grip on Shelly's arm.

In pain, Shelly gritted her teeth and said, "Yes, I like Benjamin."

She admitted that she liked Benjamin. In fact, she had liked him since high school, but she did not dare to show her feelings for him, so she chose to suppress them.

Then, when they met later again in life, she also told herself not to like him.

However, the more she told herself not to like him, the more she liked him. Especially when compared to Nox, she realized Benjamin was the best man in the world, and Nox was sc*mbag!

"Heh." Nox laughed.

Even though he had expected to hear that answer, when he heard her say it out loud, his heart ached. It was so painful that he could not even breathe, and he had to hide it with a smile.

Shelly looked indifferently at Nox's smile, which looked a little scary.

"So, what's so good about him?" Nox calmly asked her the same question again.

"Everything about him is good!" Shelly said bluntly.

"What's so good about him?!" Nox roared.

Shelly's voice was also a little loud. "He's gentle, considerate, and kind. He also knows how to cook, do the laundry, and take care of children! He's the best man in the world!"

Nox looked at Shelly, his heart aching, but he endured it.

"You're nothing like that. Besides, we're not the same kind of people, so--"

"I'll learn," Nox interrupted Shelly mid-sentence.

His words surprised Shelly.

"Gentle, considerate, kind, cook, do the laundry, take care of children..." Nox looked at Shelly. "I'll learn!"

Shelly laughed sarcastically, mocking Nox. Some things were easy to say, but not everyone could do it.

Not to mention being gentle, considerate, and kind, just doing simple laundry, cooking, and taking care of the children were like Greek to Nox. There was no way he could do it.

"Give me some time. I'll show you." Nox could also see the sarcasm in Shelly's eyes..

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"No need, you can't do it." Shelly was very sure, and she just did not believe he could do it.

"You've never made me do it before, so how do you know I can't?!" Nox was angry.

He really hated that Shelly did not trust him.

"A leopard can't change its spots!"

"For you, I can f*cking bark like a dog. What else is there I can't do?" Nox was furious.

Shelly hesitated. For a second, she was still shocked by Nox.

Nox said fiercely, "Do you think I like to be embarrassed? Shelly, why do you think I've been humiliating myself in front of you? It's because I'm in love with you, and I despise myself for it. There are so many women out there, but why must I fall in love with you? What is it about you that made me fall for you? Why do I love you? I don't know when or why I fell in love with you, but I have fallen in love with you!"

To Nox, falling in love with Shelly was a momentous realization, and he despised himself for it, leaving him crushed!

He really did not want to fall in love with Shelly, but he could not control himself! That was why he put down his pride and prepared himself to be embarrassed when he came to ask Shelly to reconcile with him.

Shelly suddenly fell silent. She believed Nox a little, but it was simply inconceivable that he had fallen in love with her. She thought that even if all the men in the world loved her, Nox would not. She even suspected that Nox lost his mind from being cuckolded.

Now, she did not know how to answer Nox. She definitely did not like him, but if she told him that, she was really afraid that Nox would die of anger. As such, she just watched as Nox have a mental breakdown because of the fact that he liked her.

He took a deep breath and tried hard to adjust his emotions. He said, "Shelly, let's get back together. I promise you that I'll change."

He would change and become whoever she wanted him to be, and he would put his words into action.

However, Shelly still rejected him. "There's no need. I don't like you, so even if you do change, I won't like you. Why waste your time and feelings? We should have nothing to do with each other."

Shelly's heartlessness made Nox's heart ache. It felt as if someone had stabbed his heart with a knife, and it was covered in blood.

He said humbly, "I know I didn't treat you well in the past and that you have complaints about me, but I'm begging you to give me a chance. Let me make it

up to you. Let me change. Let me love you properly. I will love you with all my heart."

At that moment, his eyes seemed to have turned red.

Shelly had never dreamed that she would see Nox treat her with such sincerity one day. However, other than feeling good about it, she was not moved at all.

She felt good only because he had bullied her for so many years, and now he had reaped what he sowed, which gave her a great sense of satisfaction. As for not being moved... She did not love him, so she naturally would not feel moved.

She said, "You won't change-I'

"How do you know I can't change it if you don't let me try?"

"Because kindness is innate." Shelly enunciated each word. "And you can't become kind in just a day.. If you could, you wouldn't be making things difficult for me now!"

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"You knew that I like Benjamin and I'm with him, yet you confessed and tried to snatch me away from him. This is enough to prove your character. How are you going to make me believe that you will become a kind person who won't make things difficult for others?"

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Nox simply looked at Shelly, speechless because of what she said.

“Let go of me. I'll help you with the discharge procedures.” Shelly did not want to waste any more time with Nox.

Nox sneered. He realized she had been talking about handling the discharge procedures because she would no longer have to care about him after handling the discharge procedures. Did she really not want to see him?

“Shelly, are you really not going to give me a chance?”

“No,” Shelly replied without thinking twice.

“I thought that as long as I asked, you would return to my side.” Suddenly, he said sadly, “Don't you like money? Aren't I rich? Shouldn't you come back to me?”

“I hate you more than I like money, and because I hate you, I think money is no longer important.”

Shelly's rejection of Nox every time could really drive him into a corner.

“So, you won't be with me no matter what?” Nox asked.

“I won't, no matter what.” Shelly was very sure.

Her decisiveness made Nox's throat move. It was the first time he had been rejected by a woman like that.

He suddenly let go of her and said, “Shelly, you'll regret this.”

Shelly knew she would not regret it, not for the rest of her life. When she felt Nox let go, she immediately left him.

Nox stared coldly at Shelly's back. He had a feeling that Shelly would regret it.

After all, no one would give up such great wealth and choose to live a poor life. Hence, he decided he would give Shelly more time to come back to him on her own accord.

With that thought in mind, he comforted himself. He was even crying because of how determined Shelly was about leaving. Nevertheless, that woman that he hated yet loved to death would come back to beg him one day!

After settling the discharge procedures for Nox, instead of returning to the ward, Shelly left the hospital and returned home.

When she opened the door, Benjamin was combing Bella's hair. It was obvious that he was not good at it, so Bella's hair was messy.

That scene made Shelly feel so touched that her eyes turned red. Sometimes, all she wanted was a person who was sincere and kind.

When Benjamin saw Shelly, there was a wide smile on his face. 'You're back so early! I'm combing Bella's hair.'

"Let me do it." Shelly composed herself and walked over.

When Bella saw that her mother had returned, she jumped with excitement and quickly went over to hug Shelly. "Mommy, I've missed you so much." "Aren't I back? Be good, don't cry," Shelly comforted.

"Promise that you will never leave me again, okay?" Bella said sadly.

"Okay."

"Mommy..." Bella continued to hug Shelly.

Shelly also hugged Bella.

Benjamin looked at them with a smile and said, "In that case, I'll head back now."

He did not want to disturb their mother-daughter reunion.

Upon hearing that, Shelly looked up at Benjamin, whose kindness sometimes made her feel guilty.

“Bella has had breakfast.” Before Benjamin left, he said, “I also bought some vegetables in the fridge. It should be enough for you to eat for two days. Try not to go out or open the door during this time.”
“Thank you.” Shelly nodded.

Benjamin smiled, changed his shoes, and left.

Just as he was at the elevator, Shelly suddenly called out to him from behind,

“Benjamin.”

Benjamin stopped in his tracks and turned around. “What's wrong?”

Worry filled his face as he was worried about her, and the words that Shelly wanted to say were stuck in her throat.

“What's wrong?” Benjamin started getting more nervous.

He was worried that something had happened to Shelly.

“Did Nox do something to you?” Benjamin was a little agitated.

“No,” Shelly said, “I've made it clear to Nox, and if Nox has some self-respect, he won't come looking for me again..”

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The way Shelly saw it, a man like Nox would never look for her again.

"I just wanted to say..." Shelly bit her lip. "If you don't mind my past with Nox and that I have Bella, let's date."

Benjamin thought he had misheard. He had prepared himself for the possibility that he could not be with Shelly or even for Shelly to reconcile with Nox after tonight.

In fact, Shelly may not be able to tell, but as a bystander, he could tell that Nox did not deliberately pick a fight to make Shelly sad. He just liked Shelly but could not find a way to express it. That was why he chose such a childish method.

He thought that Nox would confess. Considering that Shelly wanted to marry NOX DaCK then, It NOX contessea, sne11Y nmngnt return to NOX'S side. Even It ne could not see Shelly's love for Nox, anyone could compromise when it came to money.

Moreover, he did not want to force Shelly to be with him because he was not capable enough. Shelly had been through so much, and other than keeping her company, there seemed to be nothing else he could do.

That was the difference in status. In that aspect, he could never compare to Nox, and he would not stop Shelly from pursuing happiness. Therefore, when Shelly came back today, he planned to leave quietly.

Sometimes, he felt that as long as Shelly was happy, he was fine with his decision. Besides, when one like someone, all they wanted was to make the other party happy.

However, he had never expected Shelly suddenly to suggest they started dating. He really could not believe it.

Shelly looked at Benjamin's sudden silence and said calmly, "Think about it. You don't have to give me an answer now, or you don't have to give me an answer at all."

After all, any man would care about her innocence and whether she would be a burden.

The moment Shelly turned to leave, Benjamin suddenly hugged her tightly as if he was afraid that she would run away, and that sudden action made her heart flutter.

Just like that, the two of them hugged for a long time before Benjamin said, "Shelly, did I hear wrongly?"

Shelly pursed her lips tightly.

"Did I hear wrongly? Are you willing to go out with me?" Benjamin asked her.

Shelly nodded shyly.

"I don't mind. In fact, I'm very excited. I didn't expect you to agree to date me. I..." Benjamin was so excited that he could not articulate his thoughts.

For the first time, Shelly felt happy to be loved and held so tightly.

Benjamin finally let go of Shelly after a long time.

When their eyes met, Benjamin said, "Shelly, I can't promise you anything right now, but I'll definitely work hard. I'll earn money to support you and Bella in the future. I'll treat you very, very well."

Shelly nodded silently. Although she did not need Benjamin to support her, she was very happy that Benjamin wanted to do so.

As Benjamin's hand caressed Shelly's flushed cheeks and lifted her chin, Shelly closed her eyes, looking forward to the moment with the person she liked. Then, she felt Benjamin's lips on hers, and their lips melted into each other's.

While the two of them were kissing passionately, they did not notice that the elevator door behind them had suddenly opened, and Nox was standing inside.

He clearly wanted to make Shelly regret and take the initiative to look for him. However, the moment the nurse told him to leave the hospital, he could not help but come to look for Shelly in exasperation!

Why did that woman leave him at the hospital without saying a word? Was he so easily abandoned? The answer was yes! He was left behind and abandoned by Shelly!

Seeing them kissing and how Shelly was enjoying herself so much... He could not understand why she look disgusted when he kissed her but so happy when Benjamin kissed her.

In his mind, he screamed, 'Damn it, Shelly! You forced me to do this! You f*cking forced me to do everything!'

Nox pressed the elevator button frantically, and the elevator closed. When it opened again on the first floor, he took out his phone and walked out while saying, "Make sure Benjamin loses everything!" After that, he abruptly hung up the phone.

The person who received the order was dumbfounded..

Chapter 1655: Nox's Despicable Behavior

Who was Benjamin? When did such a person appear in Harken?

Nox returned to the car and told the driver to send him back. His expression was so ugly that the driver did not even dare to breathe loudly.

Suddenly, Nox's phone rang.

He took a look and answered the call. "What's the matter?!" Frightened, the other party quickly reported, "Zoe is missing."

“What?!” Nox's expression turned even uglier.

“I told Zoe that the surgery would be performed yesterday, but when it was time for the surgery, she disappeared. I wanted to look for her myself, but I didn't see her for the entire day. But don't worry, I've blocked all the exits of South Hampton City, so Zoe can't leave. I'm just reporting the current situation to you.” The other party was extremely respectful.

“There's no need to report. Just tell me once the abortion is done.”

‘Yes.’”

Just as Nox was about to hang up the phone, the person on the other end of the phone sounded troubled. “Mr. Winter.”

“Is there anything else?”

“Who is this Benjamin you mentioned?” The other party mustered up his courage and asked.

“Can't you investigate if you don't know who it is? F*ck!” Nox cursed.

“But you have to give me some context, right? I just checked. There are more than 20 thousand people called Benjamin in Harken—”

“Benjamin is a third-year student at South Hampton University!” With that, he hung up.

The other party was dumbfounded again. Since when did Mr. Winter refuse to even let a student off? What could he do to make a student lose his reputation and everything?

Shelly and Benjamin had been officially dating for a month.

However, Benjamin had his final exams, so he rarely came to Shelly's place in the past few days. Although they did not see each other as much, the two of them spent a lot of time calling each other and texting. They would call at least three times a day and send countless messages.

Sometimes, Shelly would stare blankly at their messages. That was the first time she was in a relationship, so it was a little confusing.

Recently, Shelly encountered a lot less online abuse. After all, once a piece of news became less popular, not many people would be paying attention to it.

As such, Shelly had started bringing Bella to the neighborhood to play. She even took Bella to the supermarket to buy groceries. Shelly also thought that maybe she could send Bella back to school again next year.

She felt that her life had been great recently, mainly because Nox did not show up in front of her since then! Without Nox, she felt that everything was perfect.

When Shelly was at the supermarket with Bella, she received a call from Benjamin. "I'll come and look for you after my last exam." "Alright." Shelly said, "Don't fail."

"Don't worry, dear wife. I'll definitely do well in the exam." "Who's your wife?" Shelly's face was flushed red.

"Whoever talks to me."

"Benjamin."

"Okay, honey, I'm going to enter the exam hall. I'll rush over to see you after

the exam."

As Shelly hung up the phone shyly, Bella looked at her mother and was a little curious. "Mommy, is Uncle Ben coming over?"

"Yes," Shelly patted Bella's little head. "He'll come over in a while." "I knew it. Every time Uncle Ben comes over, you will be very happy."

Shelly was speechless.

"I also like Uncle Ben very much." Bella hurriedly said, "He'll be my dad in the future, right?"

Shelly had no idea how to answer Bella, so she quickly changed the topic. "I'll allow you to pick a snack you like today."

"Really?" Bella's eyes lit up like diamonds.

"Yes, go." Shelly let go of Bella's hand.

Bella hurriedly ran over to the candy section and happily began to choose her snacks. Shelly looked at Bella and smiled, feeling content with her life now.

After buying some daily necessities and snacks with Bella, Shelly went to pay the bill with Bella. While she was paying, she saw the condoms next to the counter.

In the past month that she had been with Benjamin, neither of them took the initiative to do anything more, even though they both had thought of it.

She gritted her teeth and secretly took a box, thinking that no one had noticed. From afar, a man picked up his phone and made a call. "Mr. Winter."

"Yes."

"Ms. Carter just bought a box of condoms.."

Chapter 1656: Nox's Despicable Behavior

“Why are you telling me that she bought condoms...” Nox suddenly paused.

The man did not dare to say anything more and just listened to Nox's sudden silence. After a moment of silence, Nox abruptly hung up, and the man also put down his phone.

He had been following Shelly for a month, supposedly to protect her from cyberbullying, but he did not expect he would be reporting Ms. Carter's daily life to Mr. Winter instead. He was a dignified, top-class bodyguard in Harken, for crying out loud! When did he become a paparazzi?

On the other end of the phone, Nox smashed his phone to the ground. At that moment, he was sitting in his office, and the president of the company was reporting to him.

The man was so frightened by Nox's sudden outburst that he did not dare to speak or get up and leave. He was stuck in Nox's office, in a dilemma.

“Get out!” Nox suddenly ordered.

The president hurriedly left, not daring to be slow for even a second.

When the office door was closed, Nox kicked the desk in front of him hard, and it flipped. He was so angry that he wanted to kill someone. At the thought of Shelly buying a box of condoms, he...

'F*ck!' he cursed to himself.

In fact, he had never thought of having someone follow Shelly around. It was just that one day when he was having a business dinner with the boss of the news agency, he overheard him talking to someone on the phone who asked him if he wanted to expose the news of Shelly having suffered from cyberbullying. Only then did he know that Shelly had been subjected to Internet abuse recently.

After careful investigation, he found out that Shelly had indeed been subjected to Internet abuse. Shelly had been through so much, but she did not say a word to him, nor did she scold him for it; she just endured it.

While he was angry at Shelly, he also made sure that the people who had exposed Shelly were dead. He was afraid that he could not catch them all, so he sent someone to protect Shelly. Although he said it was to protect her, he ended up tracking Shelly's every move instead.

Every time he heard that Benjamin went to Shelly's house, he wanted to go and smash the door down. Fortunately, Benjamin would leave before 11 p.m. every night. That way, he could lie to himself that Benjamin and Shelly might not be at that part of the relationship where they were intimate with each other.

Yet now, Shelly was buying a box of condoms! What did that mean?

Nox picked up the phone. "I told you to make Benjamin lose everything. Why aren't you doing it?"

"Mr. Winter, it's not that I don't want, but I just don't know how to make him lose everything. I've investigated and found that his family is poor, and there's nothing left for him to lose, so..."

"Can't you make him lose even more? For example, get him expelled or something. "

"Actually, expelling him won't affect Ms. Carter's relationship with him," the other party said bluntly.

He truly felt that Mr. Winter was being very childish, whereas Nox, on the other hand, was fuming.

"Actually, I have an idea." The other party said in a trembling voice, "Isn't your goal to destroy Ms. Carter and Benjamin's relationship so that she can be with you?"

"Why are you talking so much nonsense? Get to the point." Nox was a little impatient.

The other party quickly said, "We can give Benjamin a chance to study abroad through the school to get him overseas. Then, Benjamin will have two choices. One is to reject the offer and the other is to accept. If he accepts it, they would live separately. That way, once Benjamin leaves, you could pursue Ms. Carter freely."

“What if he rejects the offer?” Nox asked.

Although very few people could resist the temptation to study abroad, what if

he did reject the offer?

“If he rejects the offer, we'll expose Benjamin and Shelly's relationship to Benjamin's parents. We'll say that Shelly is affecting Benjamin's future, and naturally, Benjamin's parents will destroy their relationship. I figure that with Ms. Carter's personality, she definitely wouldn't want to ruin Benjamin's future, so she would take the initiative to break up. Once they break up,

Benjamin would definitely choose to study abroad.”

“You should be an editor for a tabloid, not an assistant!” Nox cursed.

Nevertheless, he was tempted by that plan.

“Well, I've been racking my brains to come up with an idea just so you can pursue your true love, Mr. Winter!” The other party smiled and asked, 'What do you think, Mr. Winter?’”

“Let's do it!” Nox agreed immediately. “Alright. I'll make the necessary arrangements.”

“Oh, right.” Nox suddenly thought of something.

“Mr. Winter, do you have any other orders for me?” “No matter what, we cannot allow Benjamin to go to Shelly's house tonight.”

The other party was put in a difficult position.

“Did you hear that?”

“I'll think of a way to make it happen.”

With that, Nox abruptly hung up the phone. That was the first time he was behaving so despicably for a woman!

Shelly cooked Benjamin's favorite dishes and waited for him to come for dinner. He said he had set off from campus, but why was he not here even after two years?

Worried, Shelly quickly called Benjamin. However, it took a long time for the call to get through.

“Shelly.”

“Ben, why aren't you here yet? Did something come up?” Shelly asked nervously.

“No, no. Listen to me and don't be frightened.” “What's wrong?” Shelly was extremely nervous.

“I was in a car accident.”

“What?”

“It's not serious, and I'm not injured at all. However, for safety reasons, the doctor is having us stay in the hospital for a night. If everything is alright, I'll come to see you after I get discharged tomorrow,” Benjamin quickly said.

He was also puzzled by that car accident.

He was on a bus when the bus suddenly crashed into the railing beside it. In fact, no one on the bus was injured, but they were forced to go to the hospital and asked to stay for a night.

Most importantly, they were all placed in a high-end ward! The treatment they got was simply too good to be true!

How afraid was the driver of being sued? With this treatment, would the driver not go bankrupt overnight?

Chapter 1657: Shelly's Smart Response

Shelly was slightly relieved after hearing what Benjamin said. Even though she and Bella were left with a table full of food, as long as he was fine, all was good.

Shelly and Benjamin exchanged a few more words before hanging up reluctantly.

"Is Uncle Ben not coming?" Bella asked.

Shelly nodded. "He'll come over tomorrow. Let's eat."

"Oh, okay." Bella nodded obediently. "I really miss Uncle Ben."

Shelly smiled. 'Yes, I miss Benjamin too.'

The next day, at 10 a.m. in the morning, all the passengers underwent a physical examination again. After confirming that they were all fine, they left the ward.

Benjamin had planned to take a bus to Shelly's place, but he received a call from the school. Hence, he had no choice but to return to school, where the counselor and the dean were waiting for him in the office.

After saying a bunch of stuff, the dean could not suppress his excitement anymore and told Benjamin, "Benjamin, congratulations! You have a chance to go abroad to further your studies!"

Benjamin was surprised. He had never applied to go abroad, so how could there be such an opportunity all of a sudden?

“Do you find it unbelievable? We've kept it from you for a long time. We were afraid you would be disappointed, so we decided to tell you now that we've confirmed everything. Instead of going for an internship next year, you'll go abroad for a year. And when you come back, the value of your graduation certificate will be different from others.” The dean was very excited. “Currently, there is only one spot for the entire university. After thinking about it, we have decided to give this opportunity to you.”

Benjamin was still shocked.

His grades were usually not bad, and he could be considered to be in the top ten achievers in the university, but he was not ranked first or second. Why did they not give such a good opportunity to someone more outstanding, and why would they give it to him?

While he was in disbelief, he still felt grateful. He said, “Thank you for your affirmation, Dean. I'm also very happy to have the opportunity to further my studies overseas. However, with my personal situation, I really don't have the means to go abroad, and my family's financial situation can't support my expenses to study abroad. I'm really grateful to you for giving me the opportunity, but I'm really sorry to disappoint you. This opportunity should be given to others.”

“Benjamin, do you know why I gave you this opportunity? It's because of your family's situation, or I could have given it to someone with better results. The main reason is that this study abroad program is almost free, and you don't have to spend a single cent. The cost of studying abroad is all covered, including air tickets, accommodation, and three meals a day. As long as you study hard and don't embarrass our school, you don't have to consider the other expenses.”

The offer attracted Benjamin's attention. Firstly, he could study abroad for a year, which would definitely help his future as companies nowadays value candidates who had studied abroad. Secondly, he did not have to pay for his

studies, making it a once-in-lifetime opportunity. If he did not take it, he would miss out on the opportunity for the rest of his life.

“Benjamin, go back and prepare yourself. Make sure to also tell your parents so that they are mentally prepared. You'll set off in a week. Because there are many research projects happening during the summer at the University of Celte, we hope that you can join them as soon as possible.”

“University of Celte?” Benjamin could not believe it.

It was one of the top universities in the world, and it was really hard for him to reject such a school.

“Yes, the University of Celte's Department of Finance. Once you return from this school, you can enter any financial company in Harken.” The dean said excitedly, “Benjamin, this is a once-in-lifetime opportunity. Cherish it!”

Benjamin pursed his lips tightly. To him, the temptation was indeed great. If he went abroad to further his studies for a year, it might save him at least five years of hard work. Who would say no to a shortcut to success? He even thought that when he returned a year later, he could give Shelly a better life.

He gave it a lot of thought before he took a deep breath and rejected the offer. “I'm sorry, Dean. I don't think I'll go.”

As soon as he said that, the dean was shocked. He did not think that Benjamin would reject his offer. In fact, when he received that offer and saw the conditions, he believed that no student would reject it.

The other party had also mentioned Benjamin by name, and based on the dean's understanding of Benjamin, he believed Benjamin would not reject him..

Chapter 1658: Shelly's Smart Response

“Benjamin, is something wrong? It would be a pity to lose out on such a good opportunity.” The dean tried to persuade him.

“I know, but I have something important to do, so I can't go abroad. I hope you understand, Dean.” Benjamin was really grateful to the dean for giving him the opportunity.

“There's no rush. You can think it through and get back to me tomorrow. You should go back and discuss it with your parents.”

“There's no need to consider it. Thank you, Dean. I'll be leaving now.” Benjamin rejected the dean outright.

He was afraid that he would go back on his decision, so he left immediately after saying that, not giving himself any chance to reconsider his choices. After all, how could he leave at a time like that? He knew that Shelly needed him the most right now, and he could not leave just like that.

Moreover, he had made plans for their future. Now that he was done with his third year, he would be able to get out of school for an internship in his fourth year and have an income. All he wanted was to start earning as soon as possible so that he could take care of Shelly and Bella. Nothing else mattered.

When Benjamin left, the director called the man back helplessly and asked if they could send another person instead since Benjamin did not want to go. Naturally, the man said no. As the dean did not want to lose that opportunity, he quickly said that he could persuade Benjamin again.

Then, the person who received the news immediately reported it to Nox.

“Benjamin rejected the offer.”

Sitting in his office, Nox's expression darkened again.

“I didn't expect him to be so stubborn. According to my understanding, most people can't refuse such temptation. I can only say that Benjamin's feelings for Ms. Carter are really...”

As if he could sense Nox's coldness, the man quickly asked, “Mr. Winter, should we go with the second plan?”

“Cut the cr*p! I just want the results!”

“Alright, I'll arrange it immediately! By the way,” the other party quickly said, “the total cost of stopping Benjamin from going to Shelly's house yesterday was 28 thousand dollars. Please don't forget to transfer the money over.” “You spent 28 thousand dollars to stop Benjamin?” Nox roared.

...Didn't you say to stop Benjamin from going to Ms. Carter's house at all costs?"

"F*ck!" Nox cursed.

He abruptly hung up the phone.

Seeing that the call had ended, the man did not dare to disturb Nox anymore.

However, he wanted to add that Zoe had not been found yet! She had not left South Hampton City but was nowhere to be found. It was as if she had suddenly vanished from the face of the earth.

On top of that, he had been spending too much of his energy on Shelly recently, and Mr. Winter did not even ask about Zoe at all. It made him a little lazy to keep up with the search!

After Benjamin rejected the director, he took a bus to Shelly. They had not seen each other for at least a week, so he was a little excited.

He sat on the bus and stared out at the streets of South Hampton City, which had developed very well. In fact, there were many opportunities in such a big city, and there was no need to go abroad for further studies — or that was what Benjamin made himself understand.

Just then, he lowered his head and took out his phone, which had suddenly rang. Seeing that it was his mother calling, he quickly picked it up. "Mom." "Benjamin, come home," his mother said seriously.

"I'll be back in two days. I have something to do these few days," Benjamin refused.

"What is it? I want you to come back immediately." "What's wrong? Did something happen at home?"

"Come back now!" There was no explanation from her end at all.

"Tomorrow. I'll be back tomorrow."

“I said now!”

“Mom!” Benjamin was getting a little angry. “I said that I have something to do and will be back tomorrow!”

“Your dean just called to say that you rejected an opportunity to study abroad,!” His mother stopped beating around the bush.

Benjamin pursed his lips. He did not expect the dean to tell his parents, and he had forgotten to remind him not to contact his family. He knew very well that his parents would not be able to accept him rejecting such a great opportunity. “I have my own plans.” Benjamin said, “Don't worry about it,”

“I haven't had to worry much about you since you were young, and you've always been obedient. The only time you rebelled was when you got into a fight with a female classmate in your class and the school called us in, but I never took that to heart. Since you're all grown up now, I will respect your decisions. However, I won't let you give up on this opportunity to study abroad. You have to accept it! I just told the director to give you the chance, and you will go..”

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“Mom, how can you make decisions for me without me knowing? I won't go!”

As Benjamin was agitated, his voice was much louder, and everyone on the bus looked at him.

“I don't care what you think. Anyway, this matter has been decided.” Mrs. Bacon said firmly, “It's okay if you don't come back. Your father and I will go to your school to look for you immediately and send you abroad in a week.”

Benjamin was really on the verge of breaking down from his mother's sudden unreasonable behavior.

He gritted his teeth. “I'll be right back!”

With that, he hung up. Then, he got off at the nearest bus stop and went straight to the intercity bus station.

His family did not live in the main area of South Hampton City but in a relatively remote town in South Hampton City. Due to his excellent grades when he was young, he was directly accepted into the best school in South Hampton City. After that, he continued his studies in South City and became the role model of that town.

Once Benjamin was on the intercity bus, he gave Shelly a call.

The other party asked happily, "Are you here?"

"Shelly, I have something to do back in my hometown, but I'll be back tomorrow," Benjamin said apologetically.

"Oh, okay." The disappointment was obvious in her tone, but she did not make things difficult for him.

"Um, I'm sorry." Benjamin apologized.

"It's okay. You can finally go home now that your exams are over, so you have to go back first. It doesn't matter if you go back for a few more days. I'll be home anyway." It meant that she would wait for him at home.

Benjamin was really touched, and at that moment, he did not have any regrets about not going abroad.

After he hung up the phone, Shelly sighed heavily. She suddenly felt that it was not easy to be in a relationship. She had never felt that way about anyone before, but now, she was really disappointed because Benjamin did not come.

Moreover, for some reason, she had a feeling that something was going to happen, and it made her feel uneasy! However, she had to admit that a woman's sixth sense was really strong sometimes because she received a call from an unknown number one afternoon.

The person on the other end said, "I'm Benjamin's mother."

It was three days after Benjamin returned to his hometown. On the first day, they often sent messages and called each other, but on the second day, the number of messages decreased. On the third day, she did not hear from him at all.

She assumed Benjamin was busy because he was back at home. However, now that she had received a call from Benjamin's mother, she knew that things were not as simple as they seemed.

She said, "Hello, Auntie."

"You don't have to call me that. I'm in South Hampton City now. Where do you live? I want to talk to you about you and my son face to face." The other party was straightforward and had a rather domineering attitude.

"Where's Benjamin?"

"Don't worry about where he is. I want to talk to you in private."

Shelly hesitated for a moment before saying, "Okay, I'll give you the address."

The other party hung up the phone abruptly, and Shelly knew that Benjamin's mother had come with ill intentions.

In fact, she had not thought much about it since she and Benjamin were just dating. As long as they had a good relationship, everything else was not important, so she had never thought about what his family would think. To any family, a woman with a child would not be the best candidate for a daughter-in-law. Hence, Shelly waited nervously, and an hour later, there was a knock on the door.

A little frightened, Shelly took a deep breath to calm herself down before opening the door to see a woman and a man in their fifties standing at the door. They looked very imposing, and she could tell at a glance that they were up to no good.

At that moment, Shelly still kept her manners. "Hello, Uncle and Auntie."

Mr. and Mrs. Bacon just looked at Shelly coldly and did not respond to her enthusiasm. They said, "We just want to talk to you about you and Benjamin." "Please, come in." Shelly invited them in.

The two people at the door did not refuse and swaggered in. The moment they entered, they saw Bella.

Upon seeing them, Bella looked curious.

"Is this your daughter?" Mrs. Bacon asked with obvious disdain.

"Bella, say hello," Shelly hurriedly called out to Bella.

Bella was just about to speak when Mrs. Bacon mocked, "Don't say it. I'm not lucky enough to have such a big granddaughter!"

Although Bella was young, she could feel the unfriendliness of the person in front of her, so she hid behind Shelly in fear.

Shelly patted Bella's head. "I have something to discuss with these people. Bella, be good and go to your room to play.."

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"Okay." Bella nodded.

Then, she quickly left, probably because she did not like the person in front of her. Seeing that Bella had returned to her room, Shelly went to the kitchen to make some tea.

"Don't try to please us. To me, it's useless no matter how well you do." Mrs. Bacon did not appreciate Shelly's gestures at all.

Nevertheless, Shelly still placed the tea in front of them, one cup for each of them.

Mrs. Bacon did not even look at it. "I came with Benjamin's father today to talk about your and Benjamin's relationship. No matter how good your relationship is, his father and I will never agree to the two of you dating."

Shelly had expected that outcome.

She said, "Benjamin and I are truly in love. Even if our relationship is to end, Benjamin will be the one to tell me, not you guys. This is the least I expect from Benjamin and our relationship."

"Don't beat around the bush. When it comes to a relationship, the parents will definitely be involved. Since his father and I don't accept you, your relationship with him will end here!"

"In that case, I need Benjamin to tell me personally." Shelly was very determined. "Otherwise, I won't end our relationship!"

"Shelly, how shameless are you? Why don't you take a look at yourself? Do you think you're worthy of Benjamin? Why? Do you think you are worthy because you're good-looking?" Mrs. Bacon suddenly flew into a rage and mocked Shelly.

Shelly endured it and said, "Benjamin and I never got together based on looks. If he cared about looks, he wouldn't have taken a fancy to me."

After all, Benjamin knew how ugly she used to look.

"I don't care why the two of you are together. Just break up immediately! Our family will never accept a woman with a child into our family." Mrs. Bacon kept her stance.

Shelly, on the other hand, kept her cool. "Bella is not my biological daughter. She's my sister's child. Due to some unique situation in our family, I'm the one raising Bella..."

“Only Benjamin would be deceived by such a lie!” Mrs. Bacon did not believe her. “Who would believe that you dropped out of school for a child that isn't your own? Shelly, just based on this, I can see what kind of person you are! It makes you less worthy of being with Benjamin!”

Shelly was also embarrassed by Mrs. Bacon's words, but she tried hard to control her emotions. “We can do a paternity test.”

“I don't want to talk to you anymore. Anyway, I won't agree to your relationship with Benjamin!” Mrs. Bacon did not seem to want to waste her breath on Shelly. “I have 2000 dollars here!”

As she spoke, she placed a bank card in front of Shelly, whose eyes flickered.

“Take the money and leave my son!” Mrs. Bacon said bluntly.

Shelly pursed her lips. Not to mention how little 2000 dollars was, that kind of behavior was simply insulting.

She said, “Auntie, I respect you because you're Benjamin's mother. However, respect goes DOLL ways. Please have some self-respect?”

“Are you telling me to have some self-respect? Why didn't you have some self-respect when you seduced my son? You vixen, do you know how much you've affected my son's future?!” Mrs. Bacon was furious.

Shelly looked at her and said firmly, “Auntie, whether Benjamin and I break up or not is between us. I won't break up with him just because you said so. Our relationship can't be broken up just like that. Unless Benjamin comes to tell me personally, I won't break up with him.” “Slap!” Mrs. Bacon slapped Shelly's face.

Shelly's eyes narrowed.

Mrs. Bacon pointed her finger at Shelly and scolded, “You vixen! You shameless vixen!”

“Since you don't want to talk nicely, let's not talk.” Shelly stood up and sent them off. “You don't have to come to me anymore. My relationship with Benjamin is between me and him. I won't be affected by anyone.” “Y-Y-You...” Mrs. Bacon was so angry that she could not speak.

“This is my home. Please leave.”

“Shelly, how dare you treat me like this!” Mrs. Bacon gritted her teeth.

“I'll naturally treat you the way you treat me!” Shelly said coldly..