

## CRYSTAL'S ONE NIGHT OF LOVE

### Chapter 17

There Was Nothing as Agonizing as This!

After Crystal's break, it was time for her to take the stage.

Seth didn't bother her. He waited until Crystal got off work, then found a spot where they could discuss the details.

Since Sophia was good and obedient, Crystal agreed to teach her.

Seth offered Crystal a sizable amount' in tuition fees, and he even paid for two months' worth of lessons in advance, so Crystal had slightly more money to get by.

She knew that Seth was using this as an alternate way to help her out. If it were before, Crystal might've declined the offer, but she had to let go of her pride at times like this.

When Crystal got off work and went back home, she found that Anna wasn't around.

Crystal gave her a call, and Anna said that she would be returning soon.

About half an hour later, Anna finally came back. Crystal was about to serve the woman some supper when she noticed that half of Anna's arm was swollen.

"What happened to your arm?" Crystal helped Anna to a seat.

Anna said nonchalantly, "I'm getting old. I can't believe my arm became swollen from doing simple work,"

Crystal felt a chill in her heart, and she immediately checked Anna's palms.

Anna's palms, which used to be slender and delicate from attentive care, now had shiny blisters on them.

Crystal stared at them in shock.

A while later, tears fell from her eyes. She carelessly wiped the tears away, but she couldn't suppress her emotions. She treated Anna's wounds, then went back to her room and took out 1,500 for Anna's daily expenses.

She refused to let Anna work outside.

At night, Crystal sobbed for a long time.

When she woke up in the morning, there were obvious circles under her eyes, and no amount of concealer could hide them.

During breakfast, Anna said, "Just lessen your workload if you can't handle it. Worst comes to worst, I'll just sell that small apartment of mine."

Crystal comforted her by saying, "Things will get better after this. I'll take care of myself, Aunt Anna."

-Anna didn't say anything else.

After breakfast, Crystal gathered her things, then went to work at the music center.

She had just clocked in when a colleague whispered to her, "A certain Miss Miller is looking for you. Crystal, if you don't want to see her, we can tell her that you've taken the day off."

Crystal was stunned, and she quickly caught sight of Melora right after.

Crystal didn't hate Melora, but she didn't want to get involved with the woman either. She could only ask her colleague to help her out.

However, Melora had already spotted her.

Melora walked graciously over to her, a delicate expression on her face as she asked, "Crystal, can you tell me why you've declined to play the piano at my birthday banquet? Is it because you don't like me?"

As soon as she finished asking the question, everyone fell silent.

All the colleagues at the music center knew about Crystal's history with Robert.

But now, Robert's fiancée was asking Crystal to like her. This was simply too cruel for Crystal.

Crystal felt even worse when she saw the looks of pity from her colleagues.

She said to Melora in a low voice, "I have something going on that day. I'm sorry, Miss Miller, but you should ask someone else."

Melora refused to give up.

She had coffee outside while Crystal was at work, and she waited until Crystal clocked out at noon to talk to her.

"Crystal, let's have coffee together!" Melora kept bugging her.

Crystal was generally good-tempered, but she couldn't calm herself when it came to Melora. She walked straight to a cheap restaurant she frequented.

In her branded clothing and high heels, Melora followed right behind Crystal as she prattled annoyingly. "If you can't attend my birthday banquet, why don't you help me pick out my wedding dress? Seth says that you have good taste, and I'd like to see it, Crystal. When Robert comes over later, we can have lunch together. You can give us some ideas, right, Crystal?"

All the color drained from Crystal's face.

She had been betrayed by Robert; her father was forced to go to jail; and now, Robert was forcing her to be his secret lover.

However, Melora knew nothing about it all, and she was even asking Crystal to pamper her like everyone else.

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