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"So that's why you looked so sad yesterday..."

Henry muttered. 1

"Eh? Was it that obvious?" Kate asked, surprised that he had noticed so much. "I thought I hid it well."

Henry smiled apologetically, "You do. But I've come to know you quite well. So it's obvious only to me."

"You're so cheesy, God," Kate couldn't help chuckling, "We're not that close, Henry. You can just say that I looked like crap yesterday so you assumed I was depressed, no need to lie." 1

'But I'm not lying...' Henry insisted in his heart, but he knew that she wouldn't accept it. Kate was a tough lady who rarely showed her true feelings.

He doubted that anyone else could tell her true emotions. But Henry's full attention had always been on Kate these days, and the more he watched over her, the more he learned to read her body language.



But he knew that Kate wouldn't believe him, so all he could do was to assure her that everything would be alright.

Henry took a step forward and wrapped his arms around Kate's waist. He pulled her closer to him until there was no space between them. They looked into each other's eyes, searching for each other's true intentions.

Until Henry finally said, "Look, I'm sorry for giving you trouble. All I wanted was to show her that you have me by your side. I wanted to make sure that she wouldn't dare to do anything that would hurt you."

Kate sighed but shot him a smile in the end, "I understand. I'm sorry for overreacting. I know you meant well."

"However, that doesn't mean I will allow her to hurt you any further," Henry added as his face turned serious all of a sudden. "Tell me what I can do to help you get rid of her. I will do anything and everything for you."

Honestly, Henry thought that he didn't need Kate's permission to do so. He wanted to get rid of Erin, whether Kate would agree or not. But he



believed that Kate had the same idea as him. She would definitely ask for Henry's assistance to get rid of his sister. 1

Though he didn't wear it on his face, his heart was filled with fury right now. He wanted nothing but to kick that woman away from Kate's life so that it would lessen Kate's burden.

And, of course, he did all of this because Kate was pregnant with his child, not because of Kate herself. It was the reason he constantly used to justify all the things he had done for her so far. 5

However, Henry was surprised when Kate shook her head gently, "Thank you for the offer. But Erin is my sister, and she is my problem. I don't want to complicate things by bringing in an outsider." 1

Henry was offended when Kate considered him an outsider. He thought that they had a strong connection at this point.

But then he snapped the idea out of his mind, he realized that he was being stupid.

"Wait, what was I thinking? Why did I get hurt because she said I'm just an outsider?" Henry



asked himself. 'Was it because I realized I haven't made meaningful progress to use her for my plan, or was it because....' 2

Henry tried to ward off the other idea that popped into his mind. He knew he was stepping in dangerous murky waters right now. He better not let himself drown in a moment of temptation when he had a plan he had to execute.

"Then, if you don't need my help, can I compensate for my mistake in any other way?" Henry asked sincerely.

Kate smiled at him. There was an idea that lingered in her mind.

Since she had opened up about her problems to Henry, just like what they did that night, she thought it'd be justified for her to ask for a kiss, right? It was the least they could do since she couldn't ask for something wilder. 1

Thus, she lifted her hand, gently brushed Henry's lips with her finger, and said, "You can compensate me with a kiss."

Henry was stunned by Kate's request, then a grin slowly formed, "Say no more."



Henry grabbed Kate's hand and then lifted her by her waist effortlessly.

Kate was a little surprised, but her surprise soon disappeared when Henry gave her a deep kiss that made her heart flutter.

A gust of wind suddenly hit their body, making Kate's long red hair sway as they closed their eyes to enjoy the kiss even more.

They finally stopped after they were both left breathless. Kate and Henry stared at each other for a while. Their eyes flickered with heat as both of them knew they wanted to take things further.

Yet, at the same time, both were scared that they might have crossed the line far too often, to the point that things might actually get too serious between them.

So Kate tried to shift the topic, "You know, with the long drive to San Francisco, golden sunset, the sea, and also the wind. It makes me feel like we're on vacation right now."

Henry chuckled, "Your standard of vacation is a bit low, don't you think?"



Kate giggled in response, "Well, I don't really know what vacation feels like. Never had one before."

Henry's eyes widened, "Wait, seriously?"

"Mhm, I've never been on a long and far vacation before. I came from a small town with little to no entertainment around. And after I got to California, the best I got was a trip to the nearest restaurant or spa," Kate replied. "Whenever I leave the country, it's just a busy business trip that doesn't give me much time to enjoy life."

Kate saw that Henry was actually astonished by her answer, which was quite understandable. After all, Henry was born with a diamond spoon. He could go on a long vacation without any repercussions.

"Well, Mr. Grant, if we have more free time later on, can you take me on a long vacation somewhere? It would be nice if it's only you and I." 4

