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Henry was stunned.



He felt like this was a trap because he'd be at fault no matter the answer.

If he lied and said he had been in a long-term commitment before, Kate would say that she was probably just a rebound.

But if he told her the truth that he was a playboy who changed his partner once every two weeks, she'd probably leave him instantly.

He was caught between a rock and a hard place,

Kate could already guess his answer from his facial expression, "You switch your partner often, don't you?"

Henry sighed. He wished she was easier to fool, so things wouldn't be so complicated. Though, he doubted he'd be so interested in her like this if she was a foolish, easy woman.

"Yes, I had a lot of flings and one-night stands before I met you," Henry admitted. He reached for Kate's hands and wrapped them tightly with his warm palm. "But you are different, Kate. I feel things I have never felt before, I only feel them when I'm with you."

"This feeling is so weird, and I'm not used to it,"
Henry confessed as he opened his heart. "Is this
what they call love? Or am I just so selfish that I
desperately wish to have you by my side for a
very long time? I'm not sure either."

"But I can assure you, as long as you're willing to have me, then I will be the most wonderful man you'll ever meet in your life."

Kate was about to cry again. His sweet words tore her apart because she didn't know whether she should follow her heart, and give another man a chance, or let her logic rule her, so she wouldn't fall into the same trap like an idiot.

"Henry, every man on earth can say those things, be it a good or a bad man," Kate said. "And I don't know if I can trust you or not."

"Then what should I do to gain your trust?" Henry asked. He squeezed Kate's hands as he

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became serious. He wanted to know if there was a way to thaw her now ice cold heart.

Kate shook her head, "I don't know. Maybe I just need time. After what Matt did to me, maybe I just can't trust men anymore." 2

Henry's heart sank after he got his answer.

He was actually eager. For the first time in his life, he was eager to date a woman of his choice. He actually thought of dating Kate and even marrying her someday, settling down with her and their child and maybe having more with her.

"We shouldn't go too far, Henry," Kate said. "I just can't be complacent. I just can't trust you."

Henry had a bitter smile on his lips. Obviously, he refused to end things just like this.

He wouldn't give up once he had a goal, not until he got what he wanted. Since this was the first time he ever wanted a woman, he would do everything to have her.

'Maybe I have to take things slow first. I'll let her know what kind of person I am, and show her that she can trust me,' Henry thought.

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"Then, let's keep things physical for now," Henry offered. "We can have fun, no strings attached since our bodies are very compatible. But you have to keep yourself exclusively for me because I will do the same for you."

Kate paused for a moment, considering the idea, and then nodded, "Any of us can leave once we find the right person for ourselves. We should also forget about each other when that time comes."

Henry clenched his jaw in silence.

He couldn't bear to imagine Kate with another man.

His heart would burn in a fury, and he couldn't wait to punch whoever dared to stand by Kate's side except for him.

But he still nodded to appease her, "Okay."

Kate smiled.

Of course, she wouldn't find another man after this. She already planned to live as a single mother, raising her child and cutting contact with everyone in Los Angeles after this. She wanted to move to another city, which could be New York, Boston, or even Chicago. 2

Any place other than Los Angeles or Tennessee would be good because she was looking for a fresh start.

But this was a good way to let go of Henry, eventually. She guessed that he'd eventually get bored of their physical relationship soon anyway. Thus, rather than leaving her heartbroken for the second time, she should just let him go and continue on with her life without too much damage to her heart.

However, Henry had a different idea in mind.

He knew that he was being too much. Maybe his past self would call himself crazy for doing so much just to get a girl's attention.

But he already planned to check on every man in the office and the people around Kate. He wanted to stop any potential threat. He wanted to monopolize her, making sure that Kate wouldn't see another man other than him.

'You underestimated me, Kitty,' Henry said in his heart while his deep viper-like eyes continued to

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watch her, savoring the sight of her. 'My eyes have always been on you since my brother's death, and nothing will change. My eyes will always be on you, but I have a different idea about you now.'

'I don't understand why am I being so eager for you, and I don't know if I can keep this feeling forever. But I still desperately want to have you, and that is absolute.'

Knowing she couldn't keep showing this weak side in front of Henry forever, Kate decided to suppress her chaotic heart and return to her cold self.

"Anyway, I think you already guessed why I'm here, right?" Kate asked, snapping Henry out of his daze.

Henry smiled, "No, I don't."

Kate rolled her eyes, "Don't tease me like that. I came here to ask you something regarding my sister, Erin."

"And what do you want me to do to her?" Henry asked.

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He expected Kate to say something along the lines like how he should forgive Erin for all the shitty things she did and give her a proper job even though she was incompetent and unqualified.

After all, Kate spoiled her sister rotten to the point that she became unbearable.

"I want you to keep her in check," Kate said.

"Keep her in check?"

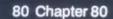
"Yes, give her a job that will stop her from doing too much damage to the company, but satisfying enough so she won't report anything to my mother."

Henry scrunched his brows. He was glad that Kate seemed to have had a change of heart. It was delightful to see her finally doing something against that bitch.

But he was dissatisfied with her request because that was too mild!

"You don't want me to get rid of her?" Henry asked. "I can do so much more than that."

"Getting rid of her is the end goal," Kate



confirmed. "But I want to get rid of her entirely, to the point that my sickly mother won't even think of her anymore. I want her to be completely forgotten."

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