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Chapter 587 My Heart Belongs to Someone

"Something's up between you two?" Victoria asked sharply and hit the bull's eye with her observation.

Immediately, Summer's face turned as red as her ears. "Victoria!"

## At the sight

of Summer's angry expression, Victoria knew that she was right on the money and laug hed. "Seems like I'm right. What? Did he visit your home during his leave?"

Summer fell silent.

While looking at the change in Summer's expression, Victoria continued mercilessly, "Not only did he go to your home, but he also brought gifts?"

Summer's eyes widened in disbelief.

Then, Victoria jokingly asked, "Don't tell me that he proposed too."

That was when the look in Summer's eyes changed, and it made Victoria silent as well as they both stared at each other on the phone.

After some time, Victoria found her voice. "So, was my last joke actually accurate?"

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You..." Summer pondered for a long time about how she was going to tell this to Victori

a and didn't

expect it to be out in the open as a joke. After a long time, she said dejectedly, "You got it all right."

Victoria was speechless and only questioned after moments of silence, "So, now what? What is it between you

two?"

"I don't know." Summer sighed. "My dad likes him a lot."

Victoria wasn't surprised since all parents want their children to find a suitable partner. If a man like Erik who

started off with nothing could bring the company to where it stood today, it meant that h e was capable and

had a strong heart.

However, she soon noticed that Summer only mentioned her father and not her mother.

"What about your mom?"

"My mom? She doesn't like him. At first, she was happy that a man came, but not anym ore when she realized who he was." Summer sighed lightly. "She thinks that people like Erik are out of our league since we are ordinary people. Our family backgrounds aren't on the same level. So, we'll not be happy if we are together."

Since ancient

times, many marriages required having equal backgrounds. Even though some didn't m atch, they usually didn't usually have a happy ending. Of course, there are couples with well-matched backgrounds, but happy endings still weren't common.

In the end, marriage was complicated and not something that could be explained easily in a few words. After some

thought, Victoria asked, "Don't care about what other people think. Most importantly, wh at do you think?"

It was obvious that Summer didn't expect the conversation to go this way as she was st unned and didn't react for a good few minutes.

"What's wrong?" Victoria inquired.

Summer shook her head. "Nothing."

Then, she pursed her lips and said softly, "I don't really know what to think about it. I'm s till in a daze."

Victoria couldn't help but laugh at her expression. "Why is that?"

Summer was a little worked up as she babbled, "I've always seen him as my boss all these years. How did it end

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like this? Why is he doing this? When we were working, I don't think he treated me any differently, though. He's only asked me to work and go on business trips like a slave."

Victoria was utterly speechless at this point.

"For a person like him to propose at my house, what do you think he's scheming?" Sum mer got even more agitated as her imagination started to run free. "Victoria, do you thin k it's because my resignation caught him off guard and he is trying to use marriage to tie me down? Does he think that I will work for him for free if I marry him?"

The sudden twist to Summer's logic stunned Victoria as she couldn't find the words to refute Summer's

argument.

"Victoria, if I'm his employee, he needs to pay my salary and bonuses every year. Howe ver, if I become his wife, I'll have to work for free and he won't need to pay me."

Then, Victoria asked about Summer's salary and bonus. She discovered that Summer e arned around 150 thousand before informing her, "People will be envious of you the mo ment they know just how much you earn per month. Maybe your blind dates aren't as ric h as you, but... I

think for someone who started with nothing and now owns the Ludson Corporation, he p robably considers 150 thousand as a small change."

The Ludson Corporation was a listed company, so its annual profit could shoot up to astronomical numbers. Even though Victoria didn't have the actual numbers, if one th ought about it, Summer's salary would only be

considered a small amount in Erik's eyes.

"Yes. He's loaded. Still, businessmen only talk about gains and won't do anything witho ut profit. Don't you think he proposed to me because of that?"

Victoria was momentarily dumbstruck before saying, "So, you're saying he only wanted to marry you to save on

that little cost?"

"What else could it be? Why would he marry me, then?"

"You probably don't quite understand. For someone of his status, he can easily settle do wn with a girl from a suitable family. Then, the companies of both families can work toge ther. Do you know just how much profit he could earn by then?"

Summer knew that as well. After all, she had worked in the company for many years. So , she could easily estimate the millions of profits a marriage like that could bring Erik after Victoria's analysis.

"So, do you still think he's doing this because he refuses to pay your salary?"

Summer pursed her lips and remained silent. After a while, she questioned hesitantly, "If he's not doing this to not pay me, what else can it be for?"

Victoria quirked a brow at her. "You're a smart girl. Do you really need to ask?"

Summer's face flushed crimson at that. "Y-You are a teaser!"

Victoria laughed. "Am I one? Aren't I telling the truth? You told me several times before t hat many celebrities and beautiful women always seek him out, but he wouldn't entertai n them. Remember that?"

In the past, Summer used to ramble on topics like that since she liked to gossip about *E* rik's love life.

Regardless, she found it hard to speak now that this had something to do with her. "I–Is that so? I don't really

remember."

"That is to say, maybe it wasn't that he didn't want to entertain them. It could be that he already had someone

in his heart."

"What the hell? Someone in his heart? What are you talking about? Argh!" Summer was shocked by that last sentence and hung up the phone before Victoria could react. Then , she threw the phone to the side and cupped her hot cheeks as she breathed heavily.

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