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“Lei, this house is my dream house. How did you know we had to compete for the houses?” Megan asked as she leaned against the balcony railing, her eyes gleaming.

If Megan knew that she had to compete with the others for their houses, she wouldn't have taken her time speaking to Skylar as they got off the boat earlier.

“It's what Mr. Jiminez usually does. I've been watching his reality shows, and I know that he loves to torture the guests with these tricks. I can't believe I'm seeing it in person now!”

“Ah, you're so lucky. You kissed Mr. Stuart on the boat, and now you have a beautiful house. You're practically the winner, aren't you?” Megan was full of jealousy.

“How... How did you know? Xavier and I...” Leia's cheeks turned red and she immediately looked away.

“Do you forget that it's a live show? Plus, news spread fast. Some netizens have already cut and edited the video of your kiss, and now it's the most trending topic on the Internet,” Megan said with a cheeky grin.

“Ah! I'm doomed,” Leia wailed miserably, wondering if Santiago had seen the video too.

Xavier must have done it on purpose, the wicked man!

At that moment, Leia saw Santiago walk towards them slowly. His eyes were filled with unhappiness, but he smiled at them.

“Mr. Dalton...” Leia looked at her feet guiltily, acting like a wife who had cheated on her husband.

“You're so lucky, Lei. This house looks just like the house you told me about before. It's a bright house facing the ocean.” Santiago's voice was gentle as he spoke to her.

“Yeah, it’s pretty nice.” Their conversation was awkward, and Leia pursed her lips.

“Where do you live?”

“Right next door, actually. You can come to my house if you’re free. I’m a great cook, and you’re more than welcome to come and eat with me.”

“I definitely will! I’m going to cling to you for the next few days because I don’t know how to cook,” Leia said eagerly because she really missed Santiago’s cooking.

The other guests also echoed Leia’s words.

“Yeah, we’ll try our best to please Mr. Dalton too so he’ll cook for us!”

Suddenly, Xavier’s cold laughter came from the doorway.

“You guys are pathetic. Just come to my cottage tonight-I’m having an outdoor seafood barbecue.”

“Wow, an outdoor seafood barbecue? I love it!” Megan clapped excitedly, always giving Xavier her full support.

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“You know how to cook a seafood barbecue?” Leia burst out laughing when she heard that. “Are you sure you won’t burn down your cottage?” She remembered how he had nearly blown up the kitchen the first time he cooked for her.

Despite her teasing, Xavier maintained his composure. He walked up to Leia with a sly smile and said, “If I don’t burn my cottage down, how else would I get to stay with you?”

“Dream on!” Leia scoffed as she pushed Xavier away,

"You're shamelessness is just getting worse! You can't stay in my house, so get out!" She knew how reckless and impulsive Xavier could be, so she wanted to keep her distance from him. If he kissed her again, she wouldn't be able to handle it.

She wasn't going to let him get away with his cunning schemes.

Grinning, Xavier said, "Remember what you said, okay? Don't come crying and begging me later."

The other guests watched Leia and Xavier excitedly and teased them.

"Wow, this is totally a 'dominant president falls in love' romance. Miss Osborne, stop running away and just accept him!"

"I think we should rename our show to something like 'She Can't Escape' ..."

"Mr. Stuart, you'd better stay here. After all, you guys are partners, so it doesn't matter where you stay!"

Leia sighed exasperatedly and massaged her aching temples. "Stop encouraging him. This guy is a ticking time bomb, and he just might come after you all too. Anyway, shouldn't you guys be siding with me instead of this creep?"

"Well, it is scary out here!" Smiling, Megan looked at Xavier dreamily.

"A perfect guy like Mr. Stuart wouldn't do anything to us, so we've got to cozy up to him, right?" Angel and Luna nodded vigorously.

"Exactly. Mr. Stuart is our Prince Charming, so it makes perfect sense to choose him." Luna gazed at Xavier fervently.

The usually aloof Angel had given in to Xavier's charms too.

"Only a real man is brave enough to pursue his beloved. I'm sure he's quite a sensitive person on the inside though."

Flabbergasted, Leia wondered if they had gone mad. How could someone like Xavier be their Prince Charming? Were they blind?

Xavier basked in their praises, then said to Leia smugly,

"I've tried to keep a low profile, but I can't help that I'm naturally charming."

His words made Leia grit her teeth. "Does anyone have a gun? I'm going to kill him!"

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Adam, who had been watching everything, sighed helplessly and said, "I knew the direction of this show would change the moment this rich heir became a guest."

One of his assistants asked, "What do you mean?"

Adam replied wearily, "Xavier would be after Leia, Leia would be after Santiago, and everyone else would be after Xavier."

Adam's assistant clapped. "It's a perfect loop! How amazing!" At that moment, Billy's voice echoed throughout the island.

"Ladies and gentlemen, there's an issue with villager Jayden Parry's pig. It's time for action!"

Stunned, the guests looked at each in dismay.

"What kind of issue?"

However, Xavier's eyes lit up, and he immediately ran towards Jayden's house without saying a word.

Xavier had been targeting the farrowing task because he would earn 1000 points if he completed it. Once he got those points, he would be able to pick any house he wanted from the six houses tomorrow. He would then exchange his cottage with Leia's villa, and she wouldn't be so smug then.

Xavier soon arrived at Jayden's house at the edge of the village. Jayden was quite poor, so the village had given him that place to stay.

He was relying mostly on the country's financial support to keep him going, and he had also been given five pigs to earn his living. He worked hard and took great care of his pigs, and now it was finally the time to deliver their babies. Unfortunately, because of his lack of education, he had no idea how to help with the farrowing.

Coincidentally, the crew of The Choice of Love happened to come to the island for the show, and when Adam saw those heavily pregnant pigs, he smacked his thigh happily.

"Well, isn't this swell! I'll make the guests help with the farrowing. Helping deliver those piglets will surely deepen their chemistry!"

His assistant sighed and muttered, "Mr. Jiminez, I really have no idea how your mind works."

Hence, earning points by helping with the farrowing became an important part of the show. Adam had thought that the farrowing would be the first event to spike up their view count, but Xavier and Leia's passionate kiss had stolen the limelight instead.

"It's okay... The farrowing will be the second event to raise the view count!"

Jayden frowned in worry as he stood in front of the pigsty. When he saw Xavier approaching, his eyes lit up like he had seen his savior. Hurriedly, he ran over to him.

"Hey, are you the helper they assigned to me to help with the farrowing?"

Xavier looked awkward. Although he had come over quickly, he didn't know anything about farrowing. He had never even held a live pig before!

"Come quick! My pig can't hold on any longer; it's waiting for you to save it!" Jayden was practically in tears as he dragged Xavier to the pigsty.

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"I'm doomed if my pig dies, I wouldn't be able to survive! Mister, I'll leave our lives in your hands."

"Umm, well..." Scratching his head, Xavier allowed himself to be led to the pigsty. For the first time, he had to do something he wasn't sure of. The pigsty was about a hundred square meters wide, and was piled with weeds, pig manure, and pig food.

The pungent combination of disgusting smells choked Xavier, forcing tears out of his eyes and filling him with disgust.

"Bleugh... Wait. Let me catch my breath." The foul smell was making Xavier's head ache, and he didn't even dare to take a step forward.

The pig squealed pitifully, on the verge of giving birth.

"Hurry up! My pig can't wait any longer." Jayden pushed Xavier into the pigsty anxiously.

Xavier stumbled into the dark pigsty, and looked at the five pregnant pigs around him. His body stiffened, and the blood drained from his face. Surely this was a fate worse than death.

"I can do this. There's nothing I can't do. I'll go all out for those points!" Xavier swallowed and rolled up the sleeves of his white shirt.

However, this pig wasn't easy to deal with. It squealed and kicked at Xavier, and it was covered in mud, pig food, and pig manure. Xavier tried to suppress his disgust as he approached the pig, but he couldn't even get close.

“Mister, do something. My pig can’t hold on for much longer...” Jayden urged Xavier at the door of the pigsty, starting to get frustrated.

“Can you do it? If not, let someone else do it instead!”

“Calm down. I... I can do it!” Holding his breath, Xavier braced himself and approached the pig again. He knew he could do anything he wanted, and this was just a simple task. He took a deep breath, then fished out his phone to look up the necessary steps and precautions.

Firstly, he had to wash the pig’s body with potassium permanganate before laying it on the delivery bed to prevent infections after the delivery. Secondly, he had to get a pair of scissors to cut off the umbilical cord for the delivery. Thirdly, he had to get some old clothes and towels to help wipe the piglets’ mouths and noses clean. During the process, he could soothe the pig by talking to it, singing to it, or stroking it to calm it down.

Xavier swallowed nervously after he read everything. He, a certified ladies’ man and big shot of the entertainment circle, had sunk so low... It was ridiculous! He felt like leaving.

“Hey, Mr. Stuart. Can you do it? Let me do it if you don’t want to. I took animal husbandry in college, so I know how to do this,” Skylar said eagerly as he leaned over the pigsty. He would be happy to do it because his house was the second worst of the six, and he wanted to change it.

“Yes, I can do it.” Taking a deep breath, Xavier braced himself and grabbed a relatively gentler pig to wipe with potassium permanganate.

The pig whimpered in pain, and Xavier realized that the pig’s water had broken, and the piglets would soon come out.

“Come on, pig. You can do it. They’ll be out soon!” Xavier urged excitedly, trying his best to encourage the pig. He remembered that singing could help calm the pig, and started singing passionately. “It’s really hard to forget about you. Your pretty eyes, your innocent love... I want them all. I’ll be sad if you cry... Push hard!”

The camera crew and the guests were gathering outside. When they heard the pig squealing and Xavier singing, they were dumbfounded.

Leia exclaimed, "Is he out of his mind?"

Santiago said amusedly, "Mr. Stuart really isn't picky since he's willing to sing a love song to a pig."

Adam grinned and said, "That's brilliant! What's the view count like?"

His assistant replied enthusiastically, "It's soaring again! In fact, it's even higher than the time Mr. Stuart kissed Miss Osborne on the boat!"

Meanwhile, the netizens couldn't stop talking about Xavier.

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At last, the pig gave birth to its first piglet as Xavier sang love songs to it.

"Yes, it's out! You're doing great, keep going!" Xavier said encouragingly as he held the sticky little piglet, feeling himself tear up as he stared at the tiny creature. In the past, he always felt that children were horrible demons, but when he held the little piglet in his hands, he suddenly felt like he wanted to have children.

Oh, yes. He would have children with Leia when this show was over.

Eventually, all the chaos ended, and a few dozen piglets were sprawled across the pigsty. Jayden grinned happily knowing his future business was secured.

Xavier had swiftly prevented the other guests from interfering, and had won 1000 points in the end. Additionally, Jayden and the village secretary awarded Xavier with a red flower and a banner declaring him the 'best midwife for sows.'

Xavier proudly looked at the red flower pinned to his dirtied expensive shirt, and swaggered over to Leia as if he had just secured a million-dollar contract.

"Look, I did it. I told you not to be so smug! Looks like our situations are reversed now."

Leia stared at his filthy clothes and messy hair, and hesitantly gave him a thumbs-up.

"Mister, you definitely went all out. I'm convinced."

At night, Xavier set up an outdoor seafood barbecue party. Everyone sat around the bonfire and chatted happily, and Xavier gave Santiago some tasks so he couldn't escape and go to Leia.

Leia, however, didn't attend the party. She leaned on the balcony railing in her villa, watching the serene sea quietly. It was dark, and she couldn't see anything, but for some reason, she felt at peace.

Xavier had come to stand behind Leia at some point, and he asked her softly, "What are you looking at?"

"Ah! How did you get in here?" Leia gasped as she spun around and glared at Xavier.

"Didn't I prohibit you from coming into my villa without my permission?"

"Stop being so stubborn. This villa will be mine tomorrow..." Xavier checked the time and smirked.

"In four hours, actually. When that happens, you won't have this beautiful sea view unless I allow it."

“How mean,” Leia muttered, controlling her words but silently cursing him in her heart. If she really did get the cottage, she had to rely on his kindness to get a room here to survive.

“Good. You’re nicer now.” Xavier nodded in satisfaction. He had sacrificed a lot today just for this small moment of victory. Suddenly, his expression turned serious, and he turned to Leia. “Hey, do you want to see the most beautiful view on this island?”

“Seriously?” Leia asked suspiciously.

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“Yes!” Xavier nodded and held his hand out to her. “It’s the perfect time to. Would you like to go with me?”

Leia looked into his eyes and saw sincerity in them. After a brief pause, she nodded firmly. “Okay.”

“Let’s go then, my princess.” Xavier’s eyes sparkled in delight, and he acted like a prince leading his beloved princess to his secret spot. To his surprise, she had actually agreed to his request. Looks like those pigs were good for something, after all.

After a while of walking, they arrived on the other end of the island where Xavier’s cottage was. There was a large space in front of the cottage where the barbecue was going on, and some people were whispering to each other while others sang and played guitar. The atmosphere was rather romantic.

“Don’t tell me the most beautiful view on this island is this barbecue?” Leia asked in disbelief. She should never have trusted that trickster Xavier!

“Well, not exactly...” Holding Leia’s hand, Xavier gently led her away from the crowd, and they entered the cottage through a side door.

Leia’s eyes widened and she scoffed, “Your cottage? Even the outdoor barbecue is a better option! Can you be serious for once?”

“Relax, we’ll get there soon!” Suddenly, Xavier covered her eyes and turned off the lights.

“Xavier, what are you doing? I’ll scream if you do anything stupid!” Leia thought he would kiss her again, and her whole body tensed up.

At that moment, Xavier removed his hands from her eyes and snapped his fingers. “Look up!”

“Look... Look up?” Her surroundings were dark, but when Leia looked up, her gaze landed on a beautiful starry sky. Her eyes widened in awe, and she covered her mouth in disbelief. “Oh wow... This is... This is amazing!”

The roofless cottage gave them the perfect view of the stars shining brightly in the night sky. Leia’s eyes lit up as she started counting the stars, smiling excitedly like a child.

“You’ll have a better view if you lay here.” Xavier led her over to the bed, and was happy when she didn’t refuse and laid down with him.

Leia watched the stars, thrilled that she could stare at them without even lifting her head. It looked so magical!

Leia and Xavier laid next to each other and marvelled at the view silently, their shoulders and heads touching. It felt peaceful and soothing.

“You know, it’s been a while since I saw this many stars...” Leia murmured, feeling rather melancholic.

“The last time was when Liam, Ren, and I drove to The Golden Hills at Springfield. Everwell Hills, The King of Hills is right opposite The Golden Hills. When night fell, the dark sky was full of bright stars... It was as if I could see the whole galaxy.”

“I can imagine,” Xavier said longingly. He had always wanted to stargaze on a hill because the view would be clearest, but he never could find the time. Now that he heard it from Leia, he felt like he was experiencing it himself.

“We had such a good time, and we worried about nothing. We would go on road trips when we were free, and we climbed a lot of mountains and went to a lot of beaches. Now, even though the stars haven’t changed, we have. There are always things to worry about.” Leia sighed as she thought about her college days.

Xavier looked over at her and smiled. “I didn’t expect you to have a deep and cynical side considering how carefree and optimistic you usually are.”

Leia didn’t respond, but tears rolled down her cheeks like shooting stars in the sky.

“Do you think everyone is like you? You have the looks, but you’re not a deep thinker at all. Don’t you know that people will get emotional when they see breathtaking views like this?”

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“Hey, princess, why are you shedding pearls?” To Xavier, Leia was more beautiful than the stars in the sky. He laid on his side and gently wiped away her tears.

“Don’t shed pearls so easily. It makes me sad.” Leia huffed and turned to him angrily.

“Why do you always have to ruin the mood? Can you stop it with the cheesy lines?”

“I’m serious.” Xavier looked at her fervently under the bright stars. “I feel happy when I see you, and sad when I don’t. I nearly went mad when I saw you get close to Santiago. Do you think I’m joking?”

Leia pursed her lips and didn’t dare to look at him because she didn’t know what to say. They had been playing this game of cat and mouse for a very long time, and when they had finally become a couple, they had quickly broken up with each other because of a conflict. The stress of it weighed heavily on Leia, and she didn’t know how to handle such an unstable relationship.

“I really don’t know you...” Leia sighed deeply and added, “Why do you have to pester me every time I decide to move on? When I wanted to get to know you better, you acted like you didn’t care at all. Do you think it’s fun to play me for a fool and mess with my mind again and again?”

“I didn’t do any of those things...” Xavier protested, feeling wronged.

“You didn’t?” Leia clenched her fists and asked him hoarsely, “What about Shirley? How are you going to settle your relationship with her? You wavered between Shirley and I when I wanted to be with you, so why should I have to go through that pain again?” Her enthusiasm and passion had quickly faded when he couldn’t commit.

“Yes, I didn’t handle it maturely back then, but things are different now. I just want to know... Do you still like me?” Xavier asked nervously, waiting for her answer with bright eyes.

“I...” Leia bit her lip, feeling conflicted. To be honest, she didn’t know how she felt about Xavier now. Maybe some of those feelings were still there, but their brief relationship had been rocky and unpredictable. On the other hand, Santiago’s gentle warmth always put her at ease, and she could even imagine having a family with him.

If something did happen between her and Santiago during this filming period, she would choose him over Xavier, without a doubt.

Xavier was like the sun, passionate and magnetic, but she’d get burned if she got too close. Santiago, meanwhile, gentle and reassuring like the moon. She could imagine being in a deep and lasting relationship with him.

Leia took a deep breath. “Xavier, actually, I-” However, before she could say anything, Xavier stopped her with a kiss, as if he knew what she was going to say.

“Mmph!” Angry, she tried to push him away, but it was the first time he was kissing her so softly and tenderly. She could feel his humility and nervousness in the careful way that he kissed her, as if he was begging her not to refuse him ... For some reason, Leia stopped fighting him and pushing him away, and hesitantly started responding to his kisses. No woman would have been able to refuse such an alluring and captivating man.

Xavier’s large hands caressed her skin gently, and Leia’s body burned underneath his touch.

“Your answer isn’t important... What matters is that you’re by my side,” Xavier murmured hoarsely as he stared at the woman beneath him. She looked at him dazedly, her lips red from his kisses.

“You’re cunning, Xavier. You’re so good at manipulating women’s hearts... I hate you!” Leia’s pupils were dilated with desire, and she was frustrated with herself for giving in to him.

“Go ahead and hate me then; it’s better than you ignoring me.” Xavier smirked victoriously and kissed her again. In a matter of seconds, the both of them were lost in a haze of passion with the starry sky as their backdrop.

Suddenly, someone tried to open the door.

“Huh? We could enter just now, right? Why is the door locked now?” It was Megan. She was feeling a little hot after dancing, so she wanted to wash her face in the cottage.

“Knock on the door. Maybe there’s someone in there,” Santiago suggested. He had been feeling lonely watching everyone enjoying themselves earlier, so he had gone to Leia’s villa to chat with her. However, he couldn’t find Leia in her villa, and Xavier had also gone missing, so he figured they might be together. Concerned, he had gone to the cottage with Megan.

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“Stop!” When Leia heard Santiago’s voice, she came to her senses and grabbed Xavier’s wandering hand. She didn’t want Santiago to find out she was with Xavier.

“What are we doing? We can’t do this...”

“Why not?” Xavier demanded, having already taken off his shirt.

Xavier leaned close to Leia’s ear and whispered teasingly,

“Are you sure you want me to open the door for them now?”

“No!” Leia shook her head vigorously and grabbed his arms, stopping him from moving. “I’ll kill you if you make a sound!” She’d be doomed if Santiago saw her in bed with Xavier like this. She didn’t want things with Santiago to end so soon. She knew it was selfish of her, but she couldn’t help it... Humans were greedy by nature.

“Is there someone in there? We’re coming in if not!” Megan knocked more forcefully, and the fragile door looked like it was on the verge of breaking.

Leia held her breath and clung to Xavier, shutting her eyes tight and wondering how she had gotten into this mess.

Though he was feeling uneasy, Xavier couldn’t help but be amused by Leia’s guilty expression. Feeling cheeky, he decided to tickle her armpits.

“Ah! Haha!” Leia burst out laughing, then immediately clamped her mouth shut in horror. However, the damage had already been done as the two people outside the cottage had heard her.

“Who’s in there? Can you say something? I would like to use this cottage!” Megan called out.

Flabbergasted, Leia covered her mouth and glared at Xavier, who was grinning mischievously.

“Forget it. Let’s go since there’s someone in there. Don’t trouble them,” Santiago said finally.

“Okay, Mr. Dalton.” Although Megan was reluctant to give up, she left with Santiago.

A sigh of relief escaped Leia when she heard their footsteps fade.

After that, she punched Xavier hard and hissed, “Are you out of your mind? Why would you do that?”

“Everyone knows about our relationship, so why is it so embarrassing that you were alone in a room with me?” Xavier said unhappily, knowing that Leia just didn’t want Santiago to find out.

As far as Xavier was concerned, he and Leia were a couple, so he couldn't understand why Leia was acting like she was cheating on Santiago. He had never experienced this dynamic in a relationship before, and it was certainly quite humbling.

"Yes, it's embarrassing! I don't want to have anything to do with you!" Leia pushed him away and smoothed down her clothes. She was wondering how she should explain it to Santiago later... or whether she should explain it or not.

"Is that pretty boy so important to you? Don't tell me you've taken a fancy to him!" Xavier scoffed as he watched her get off the bed.

"It's none of your business." Leia turned to look at him challengingly.

"If you can enjoy the best of both worlds, why can't I?" After that, she snuck out of the cottage using the side door.

Watching her leave, Xavier chuckled bitterly. "I've never done that to you, silly girl."

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After Leia left from the side door of the cottage, she purposely took the long way around the beach before coming to the outdoor barbecue area. Everyone was excited to see her.

"Leia, there you are. We've been waiting for you!" Luna and Leia had become good friends because their houses were next to each other.

Luna had tried to persuade Leia to come to the barbecue earlier, but Leia had refused, so she was happy to see her now.

"Hi! Yeah, I figured everyone would think I'm pretentious if I didn't show up," Leia laughed awkwardly, feeling guilty.

“Haha! That’s right-the more, the merrier. By the way, Mr. Dalton has been roasting chicken wings for you all night because he knows how much you like them,” Megan said, sounding slightly jealous as she gestured at the rows of chicken wings on the grill.

“Thanks to Mr. Dalton, you get to pick from wings with New Orleans sauce, honey sauce, salt and pepper, and so on... If only we were so lucky!”

Leia looked at Santiago, feeling touched. At the same time, she felt guilty. “You’ve been working hard, Mr. Dalton. I should be the one roasting the chicken wings for you.” She walked over to Santiago and picked up a basting brush, trying to add more sauce to the chicken wings.

“Be careful!” Santiago noticed that she was too close to the fire, and quickly stood in front of her. He winced as sparks from the fire fell on the back of his hand.

“Ah! Are you okay, Mr. Dalton? You can’t afford to have scars on your hands, it would ruin your modeling jobs!” Megan gasped, feeling bad for Santiago.

“Mr. Dalton, are... are you okay?” Leia asked fearfully.

“It’s okay. I’ll just wash it, it should be fine.” Santiago frowned when he saw the burn, then walked to a sink nearby.

Leia followed him, looking like a guilty child, and whispered, “Mr. Dalton, are... are you mad at me?”

Santiago turned on the tap and let the cold water run on the back of his hand. He smiled at her and said lightly, “I want to be mad at you... but I can’t, and I don’t have the right to do so either.”

Leia glanced at him and asked hesitantly, “So, you... know what happened just now?”

Santiago turned around and looked at her intently. “What do I know?”

“No, it’s nothing.” Leia immediately looked away, feeling ashamed when she met his clear gaze.

"I figured you were stargazing at the beach just now. I actually wanted to invite you to take a walk on the beach..." Santiago smiled sadly. "But it seems I was too late."

"No, you're not." Leia immediately looked up at the starry sky and said excitedly, "Look! All the stars are out now, so we can enjoy the view together if you want."

"Really?" Santiago stared at Leia with bright eyes. "Yes, we can go right now!"

Leia held her hand out to Santiago. In her mind, Santiago had always been like an unreachable star in the sky that she could only admire from afar, but after actually spending time with him, she found he was even more bewitching up close.

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She admired him even more now and fantasized about spending a peaceful life with him, holding hands as they took long walks on the beach.

Santiago looked at her hand, and all his unhappiness from earlier instantly faded.

However, before Santiago could take her hand, Xavier appeared from behind them and grabbed her hand instead.

"What are you both doing here? There's an important session tonight, and everyone is waiting for you." Xavier said, gave Santiago a challenging look, and pulled Leia to the outdoor barbecue area.

"Let go of me! I don't want to hold your hand!" Leia yelled and glared at Xavier, furious at him for always ruining her time with Santiago.

He always spoiled her efforts to get closer to Santiago, and she was getting very frustrated with him.

"It's not like I wanted to drag you here; the crew asked me to." Xavier let go of Leia's hand when he noticed everyone watching them curiously.

He turned to Billy and said, "I've brought her here. Shall we begin?"

Billy waved at Santiago, who was standing in the back.

"We're waiting for you, Mr. Dalton. We can start tonight's confession now."

The confession session was a time where guests wrote a love letter to their crush and put them in a box, and those letters would then be picked randomly to be read in public.

Although it was usually quite awkward, the audience was looking forward to it.

After a day of getting to know each other, everyone was eager to know who the guests would choose.

Besides, it was rather romantic to read handwritten love letters out loud.

"Ladies and gentlemen, you can start writing your love letter now with the paper we've given you. The guest who gets the most love letters will win a mystery gift..."

Billy checked his watch and declared, "You have thirty minutes, starting from now!"

Leia stared at the pen and paper in her hands, in a dilemma. Sitting beside her, Xavier tilted his head and smiled.

"Follow your heart, or you'll get into trouble if the crew makes random arrangements."

"I know!" Leia glared at him and immediately covered her paper like a schoolkid.

Half an hour later, everyone handed in their love letters.