

Flirtacious 651

Chapter 651 He Looks Interested In You

Genevieve was about to lose her patience when a man walked through the crowd briskly and headed to her.

“Hello, Ms. Rachford.”

Genevieve turned around slowly to see a young man standing in front of her. He was wearing a wool turtleneck and gray slacks. His eyes were deep but gentle.

The man seemed to have naturally curly hair, for his hair stuck upward and lent him an artistic air.

An appreciative look appeared in the man's eyes when he saw Genevieve's gorgeous face.

He stuck his hand out and introduced himself. “I'm the owner of Luna Art Gallery, and my name is Yuvan Zeigler.”

That Genevieve knew, for he was the reason she came here today.

“Mr. Zeigler, nice to meet you.” Genevieve took his hand.

Glancing at the painting, Yuvan placed his hands behind his back. “Mr. Duncan Musvick's 'Winter' series are displayed in the art gallery today. Why did you pick this painting instead?”

After a pause, he added, “This painting is

My brother once brought me to the Lusterg Museum of Art, but I found the trip boring. This time, I came to your art gallery as one of my brother's friend's paintings is on display. This is the only

She explained, “This painting shows how evil humans can be, but it also shows

Yuvan turned to look at her. “The colors are warm and bright in this painting. Why did you say it shows the evil side of humans?”

be vivid and warm? Says who?” A smile appeared on Genevieve's lips. “Sometimes, they can be colder and darker than black.”

Her words struck

Without hesitation, he revealed, “I'm the one who painted this painting. It has been displayed many times, but you're the first one to understand what it is about.”

Genevieve seemed surprised. She then joked, “I must be lucky to be able to buy your painting, Mr. Zeigler.”

“I should thank you.” Yuvan's lips curved. “Thank you for donating an extra two million to the

Genevieve gave a dismissive wave.

The more they chatted, the more they got along with each other. As it was noon, Yuvan invited her to have lunch together at a restaurant nearby. Genevieve accepted his invitation readily.

After lunch, Yuvan hesitated briefly before saying, "Ms. Rachford, I have
"What is it?" Genevieve wasn't in a hurry to leave.

Chapter 652 Why The Sudden Question

"Of course." Genevieve massaged her sore shoulders and grumbled, "I searched for Yuvan's interviews online and watched them all. I also memorized his news until dawn..."

Leaning back into the chair, she added, "I wasn't even that diligent when I had to learn Nardorian."

"Stop it," Cooper chided. "I received news that Miles brought Coco back to meet Old Mr. Zeigler. His parents and Old Mr. Zeigler didn't like Coco, but Sylvie intervened by putting in a good word for her before Old Mr. Zeigler. Thus, he didn't treat Coco harshly."

Genevieve chuckled. "Looks like we have to thank Sylvie for helping to fan the flames."

They couldn't lay a hand on the Zeigler family for now, but once Coco's scandal hit the headlines, the Zeigler family would definitely be the laughingstock of the country.

"I struck up a relationship with Yuvan, so he'll invite me to a meal in the Zeigler residence one day," Genevieve explained as her lips curled. "Coop, do you think Sylvie will get nervous when she sees me there?"

Cooper promptly understood what she was getting at. "Of course, she will. Even if the Zeigler family doesn't trust you, they'll grow suspicious."

Sylvie couldn't stop Herbert if he were to investigate her background thoroughly.

"That was what I thought, too." Genevieve flashed a grin.

Sylvie was vicious enough to pretend to be the daughter of a soldier. The most satisfying way to defeat her would be to expose her true colors in public.

Genevieve was pulling her phone out when she spotted her

Turning at her shoulder, she asked, "Coop, were you the one

Cooper grunted in affirmation. "I wasn't the only one, for Steven and Timothy were also there. Why the sudden question, Genev?"

it's

Cooper had to head back to work, so he left after dropping Genevieve at Regality Gardens.

Inside the house, she saw the kids in the living room. Lucian was playing with his Lego blocks, and Amanda was watching television on the couch while

her coat and hung it on the rack. "Sweeties, I'm home."

As soon as Amanda spotted her, she jumped down from the couch and ran toward Genevieve to hug her

"Mommy, I missed

so Genevieve assumed he wasn't back yet. She picked Amanda up and headed to the living room.

"Sweetie,

"Of course!" That's because Lucian and I went to Mommy and Daddy's house today.

"Can you tell me about it?"

little girl promptly changed the topic. "Mommy, the takeaway food we got for lunch was really

"Good girl." Genevieve gave her a kiss on her cheek.

home this morning, she called Golden Restaurant and ordered lunch for the kids.

Hmm, Mandy didn't praise their food when we ate at the restaurant yesterday. This is strange.

Chapter 653 But Mr Valentine Likes You A Lot

Amanda snuggled into Genevieve's arms and realized the latter was observing Bruce's photo. A cheeky grin flitted across her lips as she asked, "Mommy, why are you looking at this man? Do you like him?"

Before Genevieve could answer, her phone rang.

It was a call from Jack.

Jack told her that he would be attending Faulkner Group's annual dinner at Xedells and wouldn't get to come home tonight. "If you and the kids want to join me, I'll send someone to give you a ride here."

"It's too cold, so we'll just stay at home." Genevieve didn't like to be photographed by the media with the kids.

They chatted briefly before she handed the phone to Amanda and went to the kitchen.

Rosa had left some ingredients in the refrigerator. Genevieve might not be a good cook, but she still wanted to cook for the kids occasionally.

A while later, Lucian joined her. "Mommy, let me help you."

"Thank you, my son." Genevieve gave him garlic to peel. Touched, she said, "Looks like my cooking is good enough for you to miss it dearly."

"That's not it." Lucian told her coolly, "I want to make sure the food is cooked so Mandy and I won't suffer from food poisoning again."

Genevieve recalled how the kids suffered from food poisoning after eating her cooking some time ago. Flashing a sheepish smile, she said,

Lucian

Soon, the delicious smell

"Mommy." Suddenly, Lucian broke the silence. "Do you like Mr. Valentine?"

and more composed than his peers. Grunting in affirmation, she didn't bother lying to him. "Yes, but I like him the same way you like him."

“But Mr. Valentine likes you a lot.” As Lucian was very observant, he noticed Jack only had eyes for her. Mr. Valentine has looked at Mommy that way ever since I can remember.

had never met. Jack was

Whenever he was free, he would bring the kids out to have fun. He didn't have other women or kids.

told them the truth, Lucian assumed Jack was their father.

her lips, at a loss

No matter how smart he is, he's still a

Seemingly understanding her dilemma, Lucian added, “You can choose not to answer me if you want. Mandy and I want to be with you forever, so we respect your

Genevieve was both amused and touched to hear her son's words.

She crouched down and kissed his forehead. Grinning, she said,

Lucian was speechless. “Mommy, is this a reward or punishment? Why do I have to work?”

Chapter 654 Familiar

Genevieve took a bite and noticed that it had been cooked for too long. It was difficult to chew and didn't taste great.

She told Amanda to spit out the steak she was eating and said with a smile, “I followed the recipe when I was cooking, so I have no idea why it turned out like this. Let's just get takeout.”

The woman had only just gotten to the living room to get her phone when the doorbell rang.

It was a receptionist in uniform standing at the door. Seeing that Genevieve had opened the door, she handed her the food container she was holding and said, “Ms. Rachford, this is your dinner.”

“All right. Thank you.” Genevieve took the food and saw Cooper's name and phone number on the receipt.

The container was filled with grilled meat wrapped in vegetables, along with steaming cheese sticks with pasta.

“Mommy, this grilled meat is yummy!” Amanda exclaimed after eating a piece.

Lucian's eyes had also lit up after he took a bite of the food.

Genevieve threw the meat she cooked into the trashcan. Then, she grabbed two bowls and filled them with chowder.

She took a sip and was stunned by how delicious it was.

This tastes

It was nearing New Year's Day, and the atmosphere was getting more and more festive.

Genevieve felt it would be too tiring to hold an anniversary banquet for a small company, so she booked a few tables at Lovely Heart Hotel to have dinner with her employees. She gave them and the artists who attended each a new year's gift and twenty thousand to celebrate.

As the guests ate, she was so busy welcoming and greeting the higher-ups of the company and the artists she invited that she

saw Bruce on her way back. He seemed to be talking to someone at the entrance. By the time she was done talking to one of the higher-ups, he was already gone.

Then, on her way home from dinner, Genevieve could vaguely remember the video.

of speaking surfaced in her mind, and she couldn't help thinking that it was completely different from the man's attitude in real life.

didn't he just con me of my money and resources? Why did he have to make a bet with someone else like that? Isn't he afraid that they would snitch, and I would not give him any work in a fit of anger?

A few days before New Year's, Jack finally returned from Xedells. Genevieve and the man brought the children to stock up on their holiday supplies.

Even though the man had not been in any new movies in a long time, he was still recognized by his old fans as they walked the streets. Seeing him, the fans started to scream and surround

place,

that the fans would upload pictures of them online, trending them on social media platforms. After getting into the car, she pulled out her phone and saw that there wasn't a single picture of the children on Twitter, nor was

The woman thought that Cooper had sent someone to help, and she couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief.

Chapter 655 As If

The little girls exclaimed in awe upon seeing the tiara.

"This is a princess' tiara," the host said as he held the box close to his chest, seemingly afraid that it would fall onto the ground. "All you have to do is come up here and present your talents. Whoever gets the loudest cheer from the crowd will win this."

Before he even finished speaking, the children were already hopping in their spots as they raised their hands to get picked. The rest of the staff quickly let them draw lots to determine their order of performance.

Genevieve glanced at Cooper in a dumbfounded manner. "Coop, that's just too much! What if Mandy loses?"

"Our Mandy can defeat the other kids with just her beauty alone."

"Mr. Sutton's right," Jack said, his lips tilting upward into a smile. "He prepared a gift for Mandy, so I can't be empty-handed as a father."

With that, he waved and called for a waiter.

Father? As if!

Cooper rolled his eyes at him inwardly.

As the children were queueing up to draw lots, the host announced, "Just a few moments ago, another customer added a gift for first place. It's a blue diamond ring!"

As he spoke, he raised a hand to show the customers the prize.

at a restaurant instead of a place where rich people would normally gather, the customers assumed that the host was just exaggerating to get the children excited when he said

However, some of the customers started to cheer for their own children after hearing what the host said. Gradually, they also added prizes for the winner.

The customers provided a cash prize of up to ten thousand, a three-day-two-night ticket for a luxury cruise, a plush, and

Soon enough, there were at least thirty prizes for first place. The customers weren't even eating their New Year's Eve dinner anymore as they stood with their phones raised and cheered for the children.

Genevieve pulled out her phone, planning to take a video of Mandy later, and she asked, "Luc, do you want to take part too?"

"No," he responded expressionlessly. "I'm not a clown."

The next moment, the host announced that someone had added a prize for second place. It was a Rubik's cube with the

Hearing that, he instantly hopped off his chair and walked toward the stage.

Genevieve was rendered speechless at that.

few to perform five minutes to think about what they would be doing so that they could prepare the props and any music needed.

prizes to be won for first place, almost all the children in the restaurant participated.

as they made their way up the stage, doing anything from singing to dancing. However, some of the children with stage fright left after singing a few sentences.

Soon enough, it was Amanda's turn. She was wearing a bright red dress, looking especially lively and cute.

Chapter 656 I Thought You Climbed Out Of A Coffin

Amanda's eyes were red as she said in her sweet voice, "You worked hard in your ballet classes, but I worked hard in my dancing classes too. If you feel that it was unfair, then let's change it up. The person in charge of the music can play the piano for me, and the handsome man here can play for you. Is that all right?"

The girl wiped away her tears and nodded. The rest of the crowd also nodded in agreement at that.

Both girls played rock-paper-scissors, and it was decided that Amanda would be going first.

She put on her red hood and acted like she was Little Red Riding Hood. Amanda acted cute one moment and whimsical the next. Everyone was laughing their hearts out as they watched her performance.

On the other hand, the girl danced to "Swan Lake." Her moves were elegant, but they could never be compared to Amanda's.

She was about to cry again when she found out that she had lost again.

At that, Amanda pouted and said, "We're here to show off our talents. We can do whatever we want. There's no rule saying that we have to dance. Don't cry for small reasons like this. It's embarrassing. If you really want first place, then I'll give it to you."

The crowd felt outraged for her when they saw how big-hearted she was being.

One of them voiced, "Why should you give it to her? All of us saw that you performed better than her. Both times too!"

"That's right. Competitions don't work in your favor just because you cry. That's

Soon enough, all the customers were in support of Amanda getting first place. Even the host gave her all of the prizes for first place.

who did ballet the prizes for second place, but Lucian suddenly stated, "She's good at ballet, but am I not good at magic?"

okay?" Seeing that there were so many customers watching, the host didn't want the girl to cry again.

Lucian shrugged and put on an aggrieved look on his face. Even the way he spoke sounded pitiful as he said, "I would have let her have it if I

The crowd found what he said to be reasonable.

A second later, Lucian said generously, "Fine. I'll let her have

where all

by how the boy acted, but he quickly handed the girl the other prize and added a Disney plush for her.

When Lucian was finally back at the table, Genevieve patted his head and said, "You did well. You protected your rights."

When it came to competitions involving boys and girls, people would normally hope to see the boys giving girls the advantage. However, it didn't mean

should be fair in competitions. There shouldn't be any situation where someone had to give someone else an advantage.

more than thirty prizes. Her arms had gotten sore from opening them up, but her

"Thank you, Uncle Cooper," she said. She put her arms up

Then, Amanda leaned over to Jack and kissed him on his cheek. "Thank you for the blue diamond ring too! I like it very much!"

At the sight of this, Genevieve couldn't help but feel that her daughter was a fair and just person even though she was so young.

Chapter 657 Why Are You Using His Identity

He took the bottle of whiskey from the table and poured himself a glass. Then, pointing at the man's face, he said, "Didn't you get plastic surgery to look like Bruce?"

"I don't have such a weird fetish," Armand replied as he paused the video.

He clinked glasses with Cooper and said, "I spent a lot of money and contacted a few doctors from a top research center to make me a hyper-realistic mask."

The latter was in disbelief when he heard that. "Aren't hyper-realistic masks really thick?"

He had met Armand with the hyper-realistic mask previously. His face looked like it was exactly like the original. There wasn't a single indication that it was a mask from his eyes to his neck.

"That mask is really thin. You would have to put on makeup and medicine once you put it on too." It was time-consuming and tiring to repeat the process every day.

However, the thought of Genevieve and the children made him a little less tired, and he was able to keep it up.

After finding out that the mask cost two hundred thousand and that he needed to change it every day, Cooper felt that it

Taking a glance at Armand's fair skin, he asked, "Was your skin bleached?"

of the whiskey. "I have to do it twice a month, and I have to take medicine before going to sleep every night."

"Can't you just use an excuse? You could have said you went to the beach or something."

"Do you think I didn't want to?" Armand sounded upset as he said, "Bruce is a celebrity. Everyone in the company has their eyes on him, and they need him to be fair and handsome. I can't even get the tiniest bit of tan."

his face, Cooper put his arm at the back of the couch and said, "I can't believe our Mr. Faulkner

Once he was done joking around, he got back to business again. "Why did you choose to use Bruce's identity?"

and that there was no way he would die just like that. He had secretly investigated this and right when he found out that the latter was the boss behind Earlgrandeur

He could already guess that Armand wasn't dead after hearing what Steven had said.

After that, he made an appointment with a producer so that he could meet up with Armand using a collaboration discussion as an excuse. Cooper wanted to

Who would have thought that both Genevieve and Jane were at the club? That was why they didn't have the time to talk at all.

Until now, that is.

Chapter 658 Because He Was About To Die

Bruce was framed by Coco for domestic violence, and the man lost the court case. Once the news was spread on the internet, everyone labeled him as a man famous for domestic violence.

In just a few days, he lost his resources and had to bear dozens of millions of debt.

Bruce deeply loved Coco and couldn't forget her. Knowing that Bruce suffered a lot mentally, his friend recommended a type of medicine called Curb.emotion to him.

It was an emotional inhibitor invented by a researcher from Oleigh, a world-class institute for medical research.

The researcher was naturally very sentimental, yet not many people liked him. Moreover, he always felt mentally tormented because he often failed to control his emotions.

After being recruited by Oleigh, he spent his free time researching an inhibitor that could suppress emotions.

After years of hard work, he successfully invented the type of medicine he needed.

At that time, he had a girlfriend and loved her very much. Given his deep feelings toward her, he decided to inject the medicine into his body to test its effects.

Once the medicine took effect, the mood swings he usually had when he saw his girlfriend reduced.

He was satisfied and recorded all

he realized that he didn't recall most of their sweet

As such, he thought he had successfully invented it.

the medicine penetrated his veins, it became a type of poison that hid in his body.

Later, when he fell in love with another woman, the hormones produced by his

The professor of the research institute only knew what happened when he read the man's record about the medicine. The poison could

However, one of his subordinates secretly took some medicine out of the laboratory after destroying the information.

to buy it. Unfortunately, he had to wait another two months before receiving the item.

During that time, he suffered a lot and had severe depression due to the non-stop bashing from netizens. Moreover, he violated the contracts of several projects and didn't have any money to repay his debt.

Somehow, Sylvie knew Bruce had bought the medicine and asked to meet him.

Now that Bruce didn't have any feelings toward Coco, he was more than happy to sell the medicine to Sylvie at a high price to repay his debt.

One day, Bruce stayed overnight in a hotel while Jack was coincidentally on the same floor as him. When Bruce came out of his room, he saw a hotel staff passing something to

Bruce recognized the box and could guess

A few days later, Bruce took the initiative to call Armand.

Chapter 659 How Dare You Criticize Me

Armand wouldn't have known anything about Curb's emotion if Bruce didn't reveal it to him. When Sylvie used the Zeigler family's influence to force Armand to submit to her, he planned his fake death with Steven.

Even though he had to hide, he secretly found the researcher from the institute to invent an antidote for Genevieve.

As Armand explained everything, Cooper couldn't help but feel sympathetic toward Bruce.

After all, he loved Coco, a scumbag who would do anything to achieve her goal, and died because of it.

Later, Cooper told Armand the information he obtained and his arrangement. "Coco is about to be engaged with Old Mr. Zeigler's grandson, Miles."

When Armand heard about the time they went to the art gallery, he couldn't help but frown deeply. "Did you idly watch as she acted recklessly?"

Immediately, Cooper sneered, "Armand, how dare you criticize me! You knew Genevieve's condition but still stayed by her side every day. You almost took her life!"

Armand's guilt caused him to stay silent.

Cooper poured a glass of Whiskey for himself and sighed. "Anyway, I pity you because you can't hug your two kids even though they are by your side. Moreover, you can only ask me to deliver gifts to Mandy on your behalf."

When Genevieve returned from Dartan and was always by Armand's side, Cooper thought they would get back together.

No one could have expected the dramatic turn of events in just a few months.

already satisfied just from having the chance to chat with them occasionally." Genevieve and

Then, Armand gazed at Cooper and said, "I'm sorry

Cooper's smile faded away, and his eyes darkened. "It wasn't your fault. After all, I'm the

Jane could've lived a long life if he had been cruel enough to reject her.

The new year had officially arrived when the bell outside rang.

Looking at the beautiful fireworks display out the window, Cooper stated, "I had initially planned to accompany Amanda to play

Then, he clinked glasses with Armand. "I hope you and your daughter can reunite soon in the new year."

Armand put on a faint smile.

After putting down his wine glass, Armand said, "There is something related to Jermaine that is not convenient for me to investigate. Can you do it for me?"

"He's already dead. Why do you want to investigate his matter?" Cooper asked curiously.

Armand flashed him a smile and replied, "He's not dead."

exhausted after conducting a surgery that lasted almost five hours.

The new year had arrived just when he walked out of the operating room. The nurses on duty gave him some presents and wished him a happy new year.

"You too. Happy New Year." Timothy forced a smile while tiredness filled his eyes.

After marrying Johanna, they would go home for a reunion dinner on the eve of every new year. Then, they would stay in their room and make new year wishes together.

Chapter 660 Who Is Your Dad

Timothy put Johanna's hand on his forehead and said disappointedly, "Darling, when will you wake up? It's already the new year. Dr. Gibson has arranged your surgery for the seventh day after New Year's Day. If you still don't wake up after the surgery, I'll look for a stepmother for our baby—"

Before Timothy could finish, a hoarse voice sounded above his head. "Try it, and you'll know the consequences."

Timothy quickly looked up and saw that Johanna was lowering her head and staring at him coldly.

When Genevieve wanted to prepare breakfast for the first day of the new year, she received Timothy's phone call.

Genevieve was shocked and delighted upon knowing that Johanna had woken up. She stopped preparing the food and quickly woke her children up in the room. When they were about to leave, they bumped into Jack, who had just gotten out of bed. Hence, she briefly told him about it and left.

Amanda felt a little confused while on the way to the hospital. She rubbed her eyes and asked, "Mommy, where are we going?"

"Your Aunt Jojo has woken up. We're heading to the hospital now."

Mandy exclaimed and said smugly, "See, Aunt Jojo wakes up after I gave my good luck to her!"

Genevieve flashed her a smile and nodded. "Yes, Mandy is indeed our lucky star."

When they arrived at the ward, Genevieve saw Johanna lying on the bed through the half-closed door. At the same time, Timothy was wiping her hands and face.

After a while, she pushed the door and knocked on it.

A glint flashed across Johanna's eyes once she saw Genevieve. She lifted her hand and waved at Genevieve. "Genev,

a warm cloth. "Darling, you must avoid overstretching your arm since you've just woken up. Besides, Genev heard you when you

Meanwhile, Genevieve could finally put her mind at ease when she confirmed Johanna was awake. Soon, tears streamed down her face.

"We've waited for you for so long."

Timothy." Johanna glanced at Timothy and continued, "He cried in front of me

She put on an exaggerated expression when she spoke.

Timothy explained calmly, "I couldn't control my tear glands back then. Anyway,

Johanna rolled her eyes at him and

As the husband and wife bantered, Genevieve couldn't help but chuckle.

After they finished, she took her kids closer to the bed. "Mandy,

Without hesitation, Amanda greeted, "Uncle Tim, Happy New Year!"

Even though Genevieve had brought the kids back for some time, Timothy was busy working

Timothy's heart melted when he saw Amanda's dainty face.

He held her up and kissed her face. "How adorable. What's your name?"

"Mandy!"