## Hate To Love You

## Chapter 17

Too much was going on tonight, and Talia found herself having difficulty digesting them all for a short while. And thus, she could only drink her beer sip by sip.

Judith wanted to drink together with her, but Talia stopped her. "No, don't drink! If you have a heart attack, I can't save you in my drunken state."

Upon hearing that, Judith chuckled. "Hey, what's there for me to be afraid of? I got you, a doctor, by my side. Also, I won't get sick so easily. Based upon your enrollment in the cardiac surgery department for my sake back then, I must have this drink with you."

Yes, it was true indeed. Talia did enroll in medical school because Judith had congenital heart disease in the first place, and she enrolled in the cardiac surgery department. She only had this one friend; she was sick of losing those around her to the point she had developed an extreme fear of being alone.

Reaching the early hours of the morning, Talia was drunk to a confusional state. For someone who seldom drank like her, tonight was a headbanging night for her.

Meanwhile, Judith still had a trace of conscience, and she said, "I'll take you home..."

In a befuddled state, Talia took out her phone. "No, I don't want you to send me home.. I want to call Jasper..."

Angered yet amused, Judith said, "No offense, but you're like a leopard that cannot change its spots. How can you still be thinking of him in your drunken state? Fine. Call him, and ask him to come over to fetch you back."

Unable to clearly comprehend the words on her phone screen, Talia finally made a call after scribbling through her phone for a long time. The call was connected, and she said wholeheartedly, "Jasper, where are you? Come and fetch me home. I-I am here at Zero Bar... I can't go back..."

In the meantime, on the other end of the phone, Frank frowned and got off the bed. While changing his clothes, he said, "Hold on. I'll be right over."

It was obvious that Talia had made the wrong call. However, Frank was still worried that she was alone. I wasn't joking about my love confession back in college.

Upon arriving at the bar, Frank took a look around and saw two drunken women hugging each other in a corner booth.

Frank stepped forward and said softly, "Talia, I'm here. Get up. I'll send you home."

Upon hearing the voice, Judith looked up. She took a glance at Frank and said, "Frank? Why are you here? Didn't my Precious Pearl make a call to Jasper?"

Frank paused and explained, "She made a wrong call."

As of this moment, Judith could barely keep herself in check. Hence, naturally, she could not care much about Talia. She used to hear Talia talk about Frank, saying that he was a deserving student back in college. And thus, Judith was relieved to entrust Talia in the hands of Frank. "Then, you can send her back. I'm still fine, so I'll go home by myself."

Before she left the bar, Judith warned Frank. "Don't act inappropriately!"

Seeing Judith still had her conscience, Frank nodded. "Then, be careful on the road. Upon reaching home, remember to text Talia and inform her that you're home safely. I'll keep an eye on her phone.

Then, Frank carried both Judith and Talia outside. He watched as Judith got into the car, and he only felt relieved after he had passed a few words to the driver.

At that moment, Talla was almost completely leaning onto his body. Frank was in shock as he did not expect that the most intimate time between the two of them in so many years was actually now...

As a decent gentleman, Frank would certainly not take advantage of Talia. "Talia, I'll send you back to the Mills Residence."

Although Talia heard his words, she did not recognize Frank. She mumbled vaguely, "I-I'm not going back. Don't send me back. He doesn't like seeing me... He'll get angry with me..."

Right now, Talia was completely drunk. She forgot that Jasper was not home, and what she said subconsciously was something engraved deep in her bones.

Upon hearing that, Frank frowned. The girl I anxiously long for actually behaves so gingerly around Jasper?

Eventually, Frank decided to bring Talia back to his place regardless if it was out of an ulterior motive.