

All Her Secrets

Chapter 7

At dinnertime, the maids led Catherine to the dining room of the Swanns’.

She heard that Liana was not in the mood for dinner as she was too angry at Catherine, so Liana was not there at the dinner table.

The rest of the Swanns were all there. They were all waiting for Catherine!

At Catherine’s entrance, Johnathan taunted her rudely and immediately.

“People from the countryside are so uncivilized. She only came to eat after being asked to for so many times. Does she really think she is the boss of us all?”

In the face of Johnathan’s taunts, Catherine’s face remained indifferent. She turned her head and looked at Johnathan coldly.

Her calm eyes shone with bone-chilling coldness.

Johnathan was caught off guard at the look of her eyes. He shivered in fear and choked on his food with his mouth still stuffed. He broke into a violent coughing fit then.

After coughing a while, Johnathan felt he had coughed so hard that he had almost coughed his organs out.

Staring at Catherine from the other end of the table, Johnathan was so angry. He gritted his teeth and waited for his chance to regain the upper hand.

He blinked and had a sudden idea.

Johnathan said to Catherine lightly, “I heard that you made Liana so angry she wouldn’t even eat because the family donated money to build a library so you can go to school. Is that true?”

His father had always favored Liana. Catherine was so arrogant to bully Liana even when it was just her first day here. Johnathan was sure his father wouldn’t turn a blind eye to this.

Catherine raised her eyes and looked at Johnathan lightly. “I heard that you came bottom of your class in the exam. You didn’t have to repeat the year of studies only because the Swanns donated a thousand computers to the school. Is that true?”

Johnathan couldn’t believe that Catherine knew about him coming bottom of his school in the exam. Didn’t his mother take care of this matter already?

How did Catherine find out?

Before Johnathan could figure out how Catherine had found out about this, Korbin’s voice rang.

At the news, Korbin furrowed his brows.

“Johnathan, what is that about? When did you come bottom in your exam?”

Johnathan’s face turned pale at Korbin’s question.

He was most afraid of Korbin. Despite being busy, his father always checked on his studies personally.

Johnathan didn’t dare to admit to it, nor did he know how he should answer Korbin’s question.

Seeing how trouble was brewing, Rachael spoke up.

“We’re having dinner. Don’t talk too much. The food is turning cold. Hurry and eat!”

After that, Rachael even shot a warning look at Catherine.

In the face of Rachael's warning, Catherine remained calm. She reached out to pick up her fork and started eating.

Korbin dropped this matter for now, for Rachael's sake. Only then did the family eat in peace.

After dinner, Korbin did not leave the desk, so everyone else remained seated too.

It was a rule of the Swanns. If the head of the family had not stood up yet, the others would not either.

Catherine didn't care about this. She put down her cutlery and was ready to leave the table when she was done eating.

Seeing that Catherine had stood up, Johnathan was about to scold her for this.

But at a look from Rachael, Johnathan closed his mouth.

Rachael wasn't doing this to help Catherine.

Instead, she knew that with Vicente gone, Korbin was the head of the Swanns.

As the head of the Swanns, Korbin would never allow anyone to challenge his position. It would be better to leave Korbin, instead of her dear son, to discipline the country girl who had caused trouble for the family.

As expected, when Catherine stood up, Korbin's face darkened.

Johnathan understood his mother's intention then. He might be bad at everything else, but he had always been good at reading his father's expressions.

Next, Johnathan only needed to sit back and enjoy the show!

Just as Korbin was about to lose his temper, he remembered that Catherine might not know the rules as she had just returned from the countryside. So, he took a deep breath to suppress his anger.

Korbin raised his head and called out to Catherine, "Wait!"

Catherine turned. Her eyes slowly fell on Korbin.

Korbin pointed at the seat Catherine had just emptied and said to her, "Sit down. I have something to talk to you about!"

Catherine did not get back in her seat immediately. Instead, she said lightly, "But I'm full!"

She meant that she did not plan to return to her seat. Korbin did not like children that would talk back to him.

But thinking about what he would talk about, he held back his anger.

Rachael and Johnathan felt it was strange for Korbin not to lose his temper at Catherine. One had to know that Korbin was known for his hot temper.

Just as Johnathan was about to speak up for his father, Rachael stopped him again.

Rachael did not only rely on giving birth to four children to maintain her place as Mrs. Swann for all these years. She managed to do so because of how well she knew Korbin.

As expected, Korbin said his intentions out loud next.

"Catherine, even though your grandfather had left the Swanns' fortune to you, you are still young. You should focus on your studies for now. Why don't you sign an Authorization Agreement to give me the power for administration so I can manage the entire Swann Corporation for you?"

At his words, the maids on the side handed over a contract as though she was waiting for Catherine to sign.

Rachael and Johnathan finally understood now that this was what Korbin wanted.

As soon as Catherine had signed the agreement, she would lose her power to handle the Swanns' fortune.

She wouldn't be a threat to them anymore, then.

Johnathan squinted his eyes and looked at Catherine with a smile. He was confident that Catherine wouldn't dare to refuse to sign the agreement when his father had ordered her to do so in person.