

## Chapter 92 Utilizing Emotions And Reason

At that very moment, the two figures standing at the end of the corridor on the second floor of Ascent Complex were none other than Hannah and Jonathan.

Hannah wanted to call her daughter out to question her about her relationship with Jonathan, but just after she had turned her back to them, the person who came out turned out to be Jonathan instead.

Verily, she was both dismayed and gratified at his action.

She was relieved that he was so protective of her daughter that he didn't want her to suffer the slightest grievance. That was truly beyond her expectation. But on the other hand, she was unsettled because she had already tried her best to avoid discussing that subject with him. Judging from the situation at hand, however, it seemed that she could no longer avoid it.

During their few past meetings, her impression of the man was that of a gentle and polite individual. Hence, his domineering and forceful manner that day indeed came as a surprise to her.

Truth be told, she admired his actions if she were to put aside the complicated relationship between the two families.

The fact that he voluntarily stepped forward and said all that proved that he was at least serious about her daughter. If he were only planning to toy with her daughter, he probably wouldn't have gone to such lengths.

Truly, he was a reliable man.

However, admiration didn't equate with approval.

After all, there were still tons of insurmountable chasms between the couple apart from the issue of kinship. Hannah didn't wish to see her daughter facing embarrassing and difficult situations in the future.

Ultimately, men only craved novelty. Once it passed, all affection and love meant absolutely nothing.

When life returned to its usual calmness and family conflicts mounted, a marriage crisis would be awaiting them. Her marriage was already doomed, so she couldn't possibly stand idly by as her daughter repeated the same mistake.

Pressing her lips into a thin line, Hannah stared at Jonathan intently with a piercing gaze, seemingly hoping to see right through him. Cutting straight to the chase, she asserted, "Jonathan, Mich and Zack were once betrothed to each other. That aside, she even almost married him. You know all this!"

"I know, but I'm not dating her because of all this. It's not because I'm making up for Zack's wrongdoing. Instead, it's simply because I like her!"

Phew! Fortunately, he's not doing this as atonement on Zack's behalf! Hannah furtively breathed a sigh of relief before she again voiced the doubt within her. "But it's only been a short while. Don't tell me that you fell in love with her at first sight. I can't accept such a ridiculous claim!"

"Of course not!" Jonathan denied.

Then, he admitted the truth he had never revealed to anyone. "Actually, it was earlier than you imagined. Seven years ago, I met her for the first time in the teacher's office. Later, she often went to school to look for the teacher, so we bumped into each other a few times. But it was when I started tutoring her that I developed feelings for her."

"What happened next?" Hannah was rather surprised.

"I heard from my mother that she'll be marrying into the Xander family in the future. I thought it was me, but unexpectedly, it turned out to be Zack."

Following that, Hannah's brows furrowed. Out of the blue, she asked, "For that reason, you suddenly decided to go abroad at that time?"

Jonathan nodded in affirmation. "Yes. It wasn't until Zack made a misstep this time that I dared to follow my heart."

Good Lord! It turned out to be a touching story of love in its purest form?

Hannah's expression eased slightly, and she heaved a sigh. "Does Mich know about this?"

"I didn't tell her about it. Not only is she still young, but it was also an arranged betrothal between her and Zack, so she's ignorant about the matters of the heart. Furthermore, I hope she accepts me because she likes me, not because she's touched."

Hannah was a woman at the end of the day, so she was also moved after hearing his words. "Jonathan, you should know that this path will be difficult to traverse. Putting aside the question of whether your parents can accept it, it wouldn't be easy to handle the relationship with Zack and his family. I don't want to see Mich facing such a taxing situation in the future."

"I've never thought of having her face it! My parents like her a lot, and it's just a change of identity. As for Quentin and his family, I'll handle things myself and ensure that she's never placed in a difficult position. In the past five years, I'd never thought that God will bestow me with the opportunity to be with her. Now that my greatest wish has come to pass, I naturally can't bear to have her suffer the slightest grievance. Besides, I've long since made plans to register my marriage with her as soon as possible if you approve, Mdm. Simmons. At the same time, I'll transfer all the assets under my name to her as a promise to her."

To this very day, Jonathan's net worth was still a mystery.

Two years ago, someone conservatively estimated that his net worth was approximately forty billion. And last year, a rumor surfaced that he ranked top ten globally in terms of wealth.

Someone also found out that the software mogul who ranked tenth had a net worth of sixty billion, so it meant that Jonathan's net worth exceeded sixty billion at the very least.

After that piece of news got out, it sparked great controversy and debate.

Therefore, Hannah was exceedingly surprised that Jonathan blasey declared that he would transfer all the assets under his name to her daughter at that very moment. Consequently, even if there was a crisis in their marriage and they ended up divorcing, Michaela would be getting half of his wealth or even more.

Not everyone could make that decision, so she had no choice but to reevaluate the couple's relationship.

Undeniably, he's right in that Mich only got engaged with Zack back then because of our wishes. It had nothing to do with personal feelings. But on second thought, how could she not be tempted when there's such an outstanding man by her side? And that's not something I can stop.

Gazing at the man's determined expression as he sought her approval, she knew all too well that he was only doing so out of respect for her. Considering his capabilities, he could get his hands on anything he wanted.

When Hannah remembered that the two of them had been living together for the past half a month, her heart clenched, and she queried, "How far... has your relationship with her progressed?"

"Don't worry, Mdm. Simmons. Before I have a legal relationship with her, I'll never cross the line. Moreover, I've waited for seven years, so I naturally won't simply mess things up. However... there's something else I'd like to say, but I hope you don't take offense at it, Mdm. Simmons."

"Go ahead."

Hannah was touched by Jonathan's loyalty, and she also trusted his character.

She was once young as well, so she was really gratified that he cherished her daughter so much.

Despite having expressed his sincerity, Jonathan still decided to add more reason to propel her into making a decision as soon as possible.

"Although the blame for the canceled wedding between Zack and Mich laid on Zack, it still inevitably positioned Mich as the target of public opinion. I admit that even without me, she'll still date, get married, and have children as usual. But then, it's unavoidable that she'll miss out on her. However, it's different for me. I've loved her for many years, so I'll only cherish her doubly. My parents will also adore her all the more. I'll protect her from getting hurt again, supporting and keeping her company unconditionally as long as it's something she likes. I think no one is more suited for her than me!"

Hannah couldn't deny that all he said was the truth.

Nonetheless, she couldn't make a decision right then since it was too sudden. After a brief hesitation, she finally murmured, "Let me think about it."

"Sure!"

Jonathan didn't continue pressuring her. Instead, he understood her feelings very well.

In his opinion, her attitude was no longer as dead set as it was earlier though she didn't give him a definite answer.

Thus, it was only a matter of time before she gave them her blessings.

Hmm, from the look of things, that idiot's idea is pretty good!

After reaching a consensus, the two of them headed back to the private room side by side. But when they walked past a private room with its door ajar, the conversation within snagged their attention.

"Quick, try this mushroom in abalone sauce, Mr. Lingard. It's very fresh, and the sauce tastes good as well. Here, I'll feed you."

Hannah altered in her tracks. Through the crack in the door, she glimpsed Jacob with his arm wrapped around a woman dressed seductively, and the woman was sitting on his lap in a suggestive manner.

Holding the woman's hand, Jacob ate the delicacy on the spoon before he seized the opportunity to yank her closer and feed it to her by mouth. At the same time, his palm wandered around her waist without restraint.

Wholly ignorant to the fact that Hannah witnessed the whole of their intimate exchange outside the door, the woman played hard to get and smiled sultrily.

"Mdm. Simmons." Jonathan's gaze was dark, and he regarded Hannah worriedly.

"I'm fine." Shaking her head, Hannah resumed walking toward their private room. But she then stopped at the door and turned to Jonathan. "Don't tell Mich about the incident just now. Also, she'll still be staying at your place temporarily tonight. I've got something to handle."

She didn't put things plainly, but Jonathan understood her meaning. He didn't miss currying favor with his future mother-in-law, asserting, "I'll worry if you're alone, so I'll send someone to go with you."

"Okay!" Hannah agreed meeting she put on a smile and stepped into the private room.