

Chapter 388 Derek Gave Up

Celia was stunned for a moment. Of course, she couldn't tell Derek the truth about her marriage. So she said, "We met at an event, and we fell in love at first sight. The two of us happened to get along well with each other, and we have the same family circumstances. So we decided to get married in a flash."

When she and Tyson went back to the Shaw family's house, this was what Tyson told Hobson. So she told Derek the same story. In this case, there would be no problem if Derek dined with them on the weekend.

The thought of Tyson painted a smile on Celia's face.

Derek remained quiet, so she added, "We have just gotten married, and we're happy together. If nothing goes wrong, I think we will grow old together."

The expression on Derek's face changed slightly. He forced a smile and gave his blessings to Celia. "As a friend, I also hope you will be happy. Your happiness is important to me. By the way, you don't have to invite me to dine with your husband this weekend. I just remembered I have an appointment with someone this weekend. We can have dinner some other time."

Celia knew he was making an excuse. But since he said so, she had to respect his decision. She couldn't force him to meet Tyson, so she said, "Okay, we can set it for some other time. But thank you for taking care of me at work."

Derek shook his head and smiled. "Don't mention it. You're not just a friend but also my subordinate. Of course, I want you to do well in your job. Just work hard, and you have a promising future."

He was trying his best to restrain his emotions. "By the way, you can go back now. I still have work to do."

Celia immediately nodded, understanding what he meant. "Okay, I won't disturb you then. I'll go now."

She took the documents with her, waved goodbye to him, and was about to leave. But before leaving, she smiled and said concernedly, "Derek, you have to pay attention to your health while working. Take good care of yourself. Don't tire yourself too much."

Derek just nodded and watched her leave.

As soon as the door closed, he took out the photo from under the files and stared at it quietly. He was lost in thought.

Actually, his heart ached when he thought of the fact that Celia was already married. He must admit that he didn't expect to hear such news.

He couldn't help blaming himself for being too weak when they were in college. He should have taken the initiative to pursue Celia. Now he could only regret.

When he returned from abroad and met her again, he thought it was an opportunity given to him to confess his love for her. He didn't expect that she had already found someone to spend her life with.

Were they really not meant to be together?

Derek touched the photo and closed his eyes. He felt so heavy, but he told himself that since she was married, he should give up and stop dreaming.

Since they were in college, Celia had never had feelings for him. He couldn't force it. Maybe they were not suitable for each other.

He kept his eyes closed for a long time, trying to calm down and accept the truth. Then finally, he took a deep breath and opened his eyes.

He reluctantly picked up the lighter on the desk and lit the photo.

As he watched it burn little by little, he felt more and more downhearted.

When the photo turned to ashes, he finally accepted the reality that Celia could never be his. He took several sips of iced coffee to calm himself down. Then he decided to start working.

But he just stared at the computer screen for a while, not knowing what to do.

Derek sat still for a long time. He was in a trance, and he even shed tears unconsciously.

He had been in love with Celia for many years, but his love for her was unrequited. And this made him live in pain for a long time.

At this moment, he made up his mind that it was time to put an end to his love for her that had lasted since college.

When he wished her happiness, he was sincere about it. All he wanted was for her to live a happy life.

As soon as Celia returned to her desk, she sorted out the materials Derek gave her, preparing to draw the design draft of Vida's dress.

Derek's reaction just now flashed in her mind, and she felt a little relieved.

Knowing his character, she knew he would definitely keep a distance from her in the future after she told him she was married.

That was all in the past, and it was over. Now, she only wanted Derek to be her working partner.

