

## Chapter 427 Cottoning Up To Alick

When Derek saw the beautiful Celia, a hint of admiration flashed in his eyes, but then he immediately realized his mistake and lowered his gaze to avoid letting her notice his expression.

He spent an entire day, forcing himself to accept the fact that Celia was married. Although he had been confident that he would be able to accept it, seeing her dressed so beautifully made it a struggle for him.

Derek had planned to say goodbye to her and leave, worried that she might find that something was wrong with him.

However, when he noticed the tears in her eyes, he could not help but feel concerned for her. "What's the matter, Cece? You seem to be in a bad mood. What happened?"

Shaking her head, Celia replied, "It's nothing serious. Just family drama."

Derek clearly knew that she was not telling the truth, but he also knew that he could not force her to speak up, so he said, "Hey, you know you can always talk to me if you're having any troubles, right? We... We are still friends."

Celia hesitated for a moment before she smiled. "Thanks."

"It's time to head to the hotel now," said Derek.

"Yeah," said Celia.

By the time they returned to the office, all their colleagues already gathered together, waiting for instructions.

After arranging the cars, Derek asked them to get in them, and leave for the hotel.

Kiley squeezed through the crowd and held Celia's arm when Celia was about to get in the car. She flashed a friendly smile and said, "Cece, I want to go in the same car as you. Do you mind?"

Knowing that no good would come out of refusing her in front of everyone, Celia let her follow her.

As soon as Celia got in the car, she leaned against the window in a daze.

Nolan's reason for acquiring the Kane Group was still too puzzling for her.

Although she was not sad to know that Nolan had acquired the Kane Group, because Adrien did not deserve to manage her mother's painstaking efforts, she still wanted to know why Nolan had to be the one to buy the company.

Anyway, she was fine with it because she knew how skilled Nolan was, and believed that he would be able to run the company well.

If Nolan could develop the Semsby Group from an unknown small company to one of the biggest companies in Hosworth in just a few years, then he could certainly make the Kane Group flourish.

"Cece, what do you usually do on weekends? Why don't you hang out with us when you're free?"

It sounded as though Kiley was just looking for topics to talk to Celia about. Although Celia was not that thrilled about talking to her, she was worried that Kiley might think that she was rude, so she responded from time to time while also being immersed in her own world of thoughts.

Noticing that Celia didn't want to talk to her, Kiley rolled her eyes and said all of a sudden, "Oh right, Cece, Mr. Juarez should have arrived at the hotel by now. He works with the director, but since he is also working in the design department, he would also attend the dinner party. You can cotton up to him later. He is just a team leader now, but the director thinks highly of him, so he will soon be promoted. He should be interested in you because you're so pretty. Don't forget to help me out after you are promoted, okay?"

Celia was a little surprised, but she nodded indifferently.

She could not even imagine cottoning up to Alick, because she only wanted to stay away from him.

Kiley was about to say something more, but then Celia noticed that they had arrived at the hotel, so she said, "Let's get out of the car first."

"Okay, Cece." Kiley pursed her lips as a hint of anger flashed in her eyes.

Celia did not notice it at all. Through the window, she saw several people standing at the entrance, including, Alick and Shirley, the creative director whom Celia had met once.

