

Chapter 428 The Dinner

The members of the design department got off the car one after another. Alick and Shirly walked a few steps forward, and everyone greeted Shirley with a respectful smile.

"Hello, Miss Carter."

Shirley also glanced at everyone with a smile, and finally, her eyes fell on Celia. There was a strange expression in her eyes.

"You're new, aren't you? I thought you were pretty the last time we met, but I did not expect you to be more beautiful today." Shirley flashed a subtle smile and continued, "Brea is beautiful herself, but she even hired such a pretty designer. It would be such a treat to see someone like you in the design department. Beautiful women are like flowers. Even if they don't do anything, people will still find it pleasant to look at them."

Celia sensed that her smile was a little weird and she could not figure out if she was complementing her or mocking her.

Anyway, she had no choice but to greet her politely.

Sensing that something was off, Alick walked over to them, smiled at Celia, and put in a good word for her.

"Miss Carter, I've heard a lot about Celia from the other colleagues. They all admire her a lot and think that she is a good professional. Even Vida wanted to cooperate with her."

Shirley looked away from Celia and said with a nod, "Yes, I've seen her designs lately, and I think that they're good."

Kiley also walked up to them and said flatteringly, "Her designs are not just good, they're novel. Moreover, she is very skilled at using all kinds of elements with ease. Even a senior employee like me could not find any flaws in her works. I think she's ready to take on the design competition and win an award."

Celia could not tell if Kiley meant it or not, but she was clearly embarrassed. After all, it was scary for a new employee to be suddenly praised by so many people. Besides, she knew that it was not appropriate for her to say anything now and was hoping that someone could save her from the awkward situation.

Noticing her embarrassment, Derek smiled at Shirley and said, "Everyone, let's not block the hotel entrance. We should go in."

Shirley nodded in agreement and stopped talking to Celia.

Relieved, Celia let out a sigh as she glanced at Derek with a grateful look and headed into the hotel with them.

Alick's father was the owner of the Terry Hotel, which was very luxurious and one of the best five star hotels in the city. Although the wealth of the Juarez family could not be compared to that of the Shaw or the Evans family, they were still quite rich. However, because Alick was a playboy, he might not inherit his family's fortune due to his reputation.

When Celia and Alick were in college, they had come to that same hotel for many dates. At that time, Alick had even asked the chefs to prepare all of her favorite dishes.

Looking at the lobby, Celia felt like it was more magnificent than she remembered. It was as resplendent as a palace.

Her mind inevitably drifted back to the times when she had been on a date with Alick there, but she remained calm.

She had always felt that she would never be able to forget how he had betrayed her, but now, it was a thing of the past, and she disdained looking at a disgusting man like him.

Soon, everyone walked into the private dining room, and Shirley was the first to sit down. Derek sat down beside her.

Shirley then motioned to Alick to sit beside her.

One by one, everyone sat down in their seats, and Celia found herself a spot that was far away from Alick.

The moment she sat down, Kiley took the seat next to hers.

"Cece, do you mind if I sit here?"

Celia smiled in reply.

Once everyone was seated, Shirley smiled. "Don't be too cautious, and just help yourselves."

As soon as she finished speaking, the waiters began to serve the dishes.

Most of the food there was seafood dishes, which surprised Celia.

Seeing that, Kiley leaned closer to Celia and whispered, "Cece, you love seafood, right? I specifically asked Mr. Watson to order more seafood dishes because you like them so much."

