

## Chapter 682 From Friends To Love Rivals

Celia retorted while blushing fiercely, "I don't want to kiss you! I'm still angry at you!"

Tyson apologized sincerely and held her even tighter.

"Stop being angry with me, okay? I promise I will never lie to you again in the future. But honey, you must help me hide my identity as Nolan Reyes. It cannot be exposed to the public. Also, there is still something that I need to explain."

Celia was surprised. She thought that his identity was the only secret left between them. Curious, she asked, "What else is left for you to explain?"

Tyson lowered his head sheepishly as he tried to organize his thoughts. After a few moments, he looked up at her and said firmly, "It's not that I don't want a child. It's just that I'm still in the middle of my revenge, and I will be constantly surrounded by danger. Recently, I haven't even been able to protect you, so I can't afford to be distracted by a child now. As long as you are safe and sound, I am satisfied."

Celia was moved by his words and overjoyed that he finally opened up his heart to her. However, she also felt sorry that he had to bear the burden of such an overwhelming secret for so long.

"Silly you. You should have told me about this earlier," Celia said tearfully. Tyson had finally cleared the misunderstanding about not having a child.

She hugged Tyson back tightly, overjoyed.

Meanwhile, in the Shaw family's house.

Hobson was a man of his word. He not only dismissed Mack from the company but also took back his shares. Mack was so angry that he started overturning everything he saw at home and cursing, "What a shameless bastard! I really don't understand why Grandpa sides with him. He should be run over by a car and die, just like his cheap mother!"

Just then, Danilo entered the house and saw Mack thrashing around. Danilo frowned as he went up to Mack and grabbed his shoulder, stopping him from further destroying the house.

"This time, you were the one that was dumb. You have no one to blame but yourself," Danilo said gravely.

Mack was shocked. He looked at Danilo wide-eyed and complained, "Dad! Not you too? Why do you even care about that bastard?"

Danilo lit a cigarette as he sat down. He puffed out a breath of smoke and analyzed the situation calmly for Mack. "I have never thought of Tyson as my son. He was just a mistake I made when I was young. Although your plan to kidnap Celia to spite Tyson was risky, it should have worked. Your downfall was that you kidnapped her and held her captive yourself. You were dumb enough to give Tyson a chance to get back at you!"

Mack frowned and said indignantly, "Originally, I planned to inform Tyson and Nolan about the kidnap and let them fight each other over Celia. I didn't expect that Nolan wouldn't show up!"

"How is that surprising?" Danilo snorted, "Nolan treats

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women like playthings. He doesn't care about women at  
all. Will you fall in love with a woman just because you have  
slept with her?"

"Of course not," Mack answered without hesitation.

"There's your answer." After Danilo said that, his face soon  
became stern, and he warned, "You'd better behave  
yourself and be more courteous to your grandpa these  
days. Don't mess around until he forgives you. If you offend  
him again, even I won't be able to protect you."

Mack cast his eyes on the floor and nodded obediently.  
However, soon after Danilo left, Mack immediately took  
out his phone and called his assistant. "Keep an eye on  
Nolan and Celia. Report to me if anything happens."

In the Semshy Group.

Tyson drove the car to the company with Celia as usual.  
After dropping Celia off, he had to attend to some  
business as Nolan in the company.

He parked the car in the underground garage.

Celia got out of the car after ensuring the coast was clear  
and told Tyson to wait a few moments before getting out.  
She didn't want others to misunderstand her and think she  
was having an affair with her boss.

After all, his identity was still a secret in the Semshy Group.

Tyson waited for Celia to text him that she was in her  
office before leaving the car.

Unfortunately, they didn't notice a figure in the car opposite  
them. That person saw their interaction clearly, and after  
they left, the person got out of the car slowly, in a daze.

As soon as Celia entered the office and put down her bag,

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a knock came on the door, and it opened before she could ask the person to enter.

It was Nora.

She smiled as she walked up to Celia and gave her the invitation to Orchi's new product presentation this Friday. She held Celia's hands and said excitedly, "Cece, the clothes you designed will make their first appearance at the event. You have to come!"

Celia nodded enthusiastically and replied, "Of course. I will be there."

After all, many colleagues doubted her abilities and were jealous of her fast promotions in the office. If the launch was successful, she could make a name for herself and improve her reputation in the industry. That way, even if people were still unconvinced by her abilities, she might be able to quell some gossip and rumors.

Suddenly, Nora changed the topic and took the opportunity to ask, "Cece, do you know if there are any girls by Nolan's side in the company recently? I asked someone to investigate him, and my investigator said that neither women nor scandals surrounded him at all. I'm beginning to doubt that he lied to me when he said he had fallen in love with someone. Maybe he just wanted me to back away."

Celia was about to think of an excuse when Nora added, "But if he really thinks that I will back away, he has greatly underestimated me. I won't give up someone I like so easily. I must win his heart!"

Celia felt conflicted by Nora's words.

She was really worried about how furious Nora would be if she knew that she was Nolan's lover.

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She didn't want to betray Nora, but she couldn't tell her that Nolan was her husband.

After much hesitation, Celia said apologetically, "Nora, I don't mean to disappoint you, but I think Mr. Reyes is really in love with someone."

"But that wasn't what you said before," Nora said with a frown. She crossed her arms and continued stubbornly, "Is there something you're keeping from me? Otherwise, you wouldn't change your opinion so quickly. Anyway, I won't give up unless Nolan shows me who his lover is."

## Chapter 683 Sowing Dissension

Celia didn't know the best way to deal with Nora. It didn't seem that Nora wanted to make things difficult for her, so they chatted for only a while and then Nora left.

As soon as she left, Nora went to the top floor to see Nolan.

She was stopped outside the door of his office by Emmitt. "Miss Aston, Mr. Reyes is not currently receiving guests."

Nora was not discouraged by this. She approached him quickly. She blinked her bright eyes and flashed a flirtatious smile. "Mr. Boyd, I'm not here for Mr. Reyes. I'm here for you."

"For me?" Emmitt was suspicious and took a few steps back.

Nora took a few steps forward and in a whisper said, "I want you to help me keep an eye on Mr. Reyes. I want to know who he is close with. Of course, I will pay for your services."

Emmitt refused her immediately, "No, I won't do it. I'm sorry."

"No matter how much your current salary is, I'll double it!"

"It's not about the money. I will not betray Mr. Reyes. If there is nothing else I can help you with, I kindly ask you to leave."

Nora didn't think she should push him any further.

She had no choice but to accept disappointment and leave.

When she got to the hall on the first floor, someone shouted at her.

"Miss Aston!"

Nora swung round to see a woman in her thirties.

"Hi. My name is Jamie Olson, and I'm a senior designer at Semshy Group. Miss Aston, you want to know who Mr. Reyes is close with, isn't that right? I can find out for you."

Nora was suspicious. "Thank you, but no. I have a friend here so I won't be needing your help."

She thought that Jamie had a conspiratorial air.

It was the way she looked at people. Nora did not feel like she was to be trusted.

Jamie was persistent and asked, "Miss Aston, is Celia the friend you referred to? You treat her as a friend but she does not return this."

Nora stood up for her friend. "Cece is my friend. If you are not a friend of Celia's, then you are neither mine."

At this, Nora left without looking back at Jamie.

Jamie looked at her receding figure, green with envy.

Celia was so lucky! Men liked her and women were willing to get close to her too.

Then she sneered. Celia's good life would soon be coming to a sticky end.

Jamie took out her phone as she thought about this. She

brought up a photo of Celia getting out of Tyson's car in the parking lot.

Jamie had the perfect plan.

Wait and see, Cece!

Celia's promotion had not been received well at Semshy Group. Her colleagues had been more and more unwilling to connect with her, ever since Celia had got her new role. This had made her work difficult and now Etta had to run around the office to chase up the files she needed.

Celia posted an announcement in the office group chat advising of a meeting at three o'clock in the afternoon. Only a few people bothered to reply to the notice and Celia just assumed that people were just a little lazy to confirm. It was only at the meeting room that Celia noticed she'd been mistaken and that only those who had acknowledged the notice, had turned up.

Celia could not tolerate this sort of unprofessionalism. She marched out of the meeting room, approached the workstations of the designers who hadn't attended the meeting and asked, "I asked everyone to attend a meeting at three o'clock. Why didn't you show up?"

Someone replied mockingly, "I'm sorry, Celia. We didn't see the announcement. Thank you for coming to invite us personally. We're coming now."

Etta was furious on Celia's behalf. "Come off it! I don't believe that you didn't see the message. You're doing this on purpose!"

Mara Cohen, who had a bad relationship with Etta, couldn't help but sneer, "Someone is acting funny. How did she get you to be such a suck-up? Are you trying to get a promotion? I wouldn't bother if I were you!"



Etta's face was bright crimson. She was about to retaliate, when Celia intervened.

She flashed a warning smile to Etta, reminding her to hold her tongue and then proceeded to put them in their place. "As you can see, a notice was posted in the group chat. If you missed the message, that does not concern me. I will however be deducting half a day's wage from anyone absent as per the company rules. As for those who have not handed their work in on time, they are no longer wanted at Semshy Group."

A grumble rumbled around the office. Mara stood up to say, "Didn't you get the promotion by climbing into someone's bed? You should look in the mirror before you criticize our abilities! You slept your way up to where you are now and yet you have the front to take the high road with us?"