

Chapter 78 Derek's Invitation

After making this statement, Brea took two steps forward and moved to Celia's side. She glanced at Derek and said, "Talk with Cece and take her around the workplace so she may get acquainted with it."

She then said to Celia, "I have to go now. One of these days, I'll take you out to dinner."

"Don't worry, Miss Duffy," Derek remarked when she finished speaking.

Having said farewell to Celia, Brea returned with Kelley to the performing arts department.

As soon as she departed, Derek addressed Celia with a grin and said, "Allow me to show you around the workplace."

Celia nodded, walked with him around the design department, and then went into his office with him.

Derek retrieved a stack of files, explained her job description, and gave Celia the thickest file.

"Brea's needs will be your primary emphasis going forward since you've been hired as her designer. All of Brea's makeup and clothing design sketches from the beginning of her career are collected here, along with her personal information and preferences. They're updated every three months. Hopefully, it will be of use to you!"

"Thank you, manager," Celia replied graciously as she took it.

Derek said softly like he used to do when they were in college, "Anytime, friend. We've known one another for a long time."

Celia only smiled and kept her mouth closed.

Derek inquired, his voice soft and kind, "How have you been these years?"

Celia gave him a quick account of what had transpired after graduation and respectfully inquired about his past few years. As if on cue, he inquired, "You and Alick. Are you still a couple?"

Celia was caught off-guard by the question. As a result, she was stunned. "We split up a long time ago," she said gently.

Derek was surprised, his eyes displaying a complex look. The muscles in his face contracted many times as he apologized to her, "Please forgive my manners."

Celia wasn't bothered by it in the least. "It's okay. The relationship is over."

Derek exhaled a sigh of relief as he saw how stable her emotions were and praised, "I am in awe of your creative abilities. As you know, the dress you altered for Brea has been on the hot searches list for some time, and many coworkers have been impressed. It's been on the table for the last two days."

Celia's grin was contagious. "It's mostly due to the fact that that designer from Evans Group is fantastic. I just made a few tweaks to enhance its aesthetic appeal."

Derek said gently, "You did a great job."

The two of them spoke pleasantly before returning to Celia's desk.

The jealousy in Kiley's body gradually increased as she saw the two individuals chatting and laughing.

'Celia will never have a pleasant time working here. Ever!' Kiley thought.

When Celia returned to her seat, Derek gave her a task right away so that she could get a feel of the job.

"The Semshy Group is planning a cocktail party in the next several days. Brea's outfit will be designed by you. I'll have my assistant provide you with the pertinent procedures."

Celia accepted the assignment with a confident demeanor. "I'll get it done."

Immediately after she sat down and was ready to start the computer, Derek leaned down and whispered in her ear, "Cece, would you want to have lunch with me later?"

