

Chapter 65: Hate Suzy More

After Sophia returned to the country, she stayed in a high-end residential area not far from Easter Bay.

It was the house that originally belonged to Liam's parents, but since they had all gone abroad, it was left to her.

In the eyes of Liam's family, this young lady was bound to marry into their family sooner or later.

Liam parked the car in front of the villa and called Sophia, "Come out, I'm at the gate."

"Sorry, can you come in and help me get out? I'm in so much pain I can't stand up."

"Is it that serious?" He furrowed his brows. "Then I'll call the ambulance right now and have them come over."

Sophia hesitated for a moment on her end before saying, "No need, it's just appendicitis. I'll take it easy and come out. Just wait for me."

"Alright, I'll wait."

Liam stayed inside the car, considering that meeting Sophia alone late at night might not be suitable. Therefore, he opted to have Clive accompany them to the hospital.

Clive was a close friend who cherished their friendship

deeply, and when he learned that Sophia was unwell, he promptly volunteered to join them.

Soon, Sophia, with her pale face, walked out of the villa.

She opened the passenger door and sat inside, glancing at Liam who seemed to have something on his mind but ultimately didn't say anything.

"Buckle up. Clive has already arranged everything with the hospital. If it's urgent, you can have surgery tonight."

"Thank you..."

Sophia sighed and moistened her pale lips as she leaned back in the chair.

Inside the car, it was just the two of them, and if she turned her head slightly, she could see his sharp and exquisite profile.

The light filtering through the windshield accentuated Liam's facial features, making them look as if they were meticulously crafted by a divine hand.

From the moment she first laid eyes on Liam, she had tasted the flavor of what it meant to be smitten.

Sophia still remembered that time when Melissa refused to divorce and even staged a suicide attempt. 1

It forced her and her mother to flee from place to place in West City, ultimately seeking refuge in the Park family due

to her father's past friendship with Liam's father.

She was only thirteen at the time, and Liam was already much taller than her, standing next to his parents, looking incredibly handsome!

However, it was also that year when she and her mother were forced to leave the country, under the pretext of going abroad for further studies, and were sent to New Bayland.

That was why she harbored resentment towards her biological father, Melissa, and most of all, towards Suzy!

How come, despite all her hard work, she had managed to secure a place by Liam's side, but Suzy could effortlessly enter his house?

For all these years, Sophia never had a chance to enter Liam's private space, not even once!

"Would she be upset if you left her alone at home?" Sophia couldn't bear to mention Suzy's name, so she referred to Suzy as "she."

Maybe it was due to her pain, her voice sounded a bit weak, but her tone was concerned about Liam's situation.

"That's why Clive has made the necessary arrangements to handle the situation."

Because it seemed like Sophia's situation required immediate attention, and her location was closer to Liam's, that was why Liam chose to help her.

In any case, Sophia had been occupied with the company's matters since her return to the country, and Liam noticed that her account was active on the company's internal system just now. Therefore, it wouldn't be courteous to decline her request.

"Oh... then you should have brought her with you, so she wouldn't have misunderstood anything."

"She's not feeling well today."

Liam felt that Suzy probably wouldn't want anyone to see the swollen side of her face after being slapped.

Chapter 66: Unfinished Conversation

Sophia's fingers slowly clenched into a fist, but she could only force a smile. "I'm sorry for the trouble, especially this late at night."

"No problem."

The car quickly arrived at the hospital, where Clive was already waiting at the entrance, attentively.

Unlike Liam, he immediately came over, opened the passenger door, and carried Sophia.

"Hey Liam, don't leave yet, come and help me! The doctor needs the patient's information for admission. I'll take her for a check-up, you handle these formalities."

"Okay."

He nodded coolly, parked the car in a nearby spot, and while walking towards the hospital, sent a WhatsApp message to Suzy.

"Rest well, if your face still looks swollen tomorrow, you can work from home. I'll talk to Alec about it."

After sending the message, he received no reply.

She must have already gone to sleep.

Liam, confirming that Suzy hadn't responded, finally entered

the hospital with peace of mind.

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On this night, without Liam by her side, Suzy surprisingly had trouble sleeping! In such a short time, she had already grown accustomed to having him around.

She received a WhatsApp message from Liam, but she chose not to reply.

The next morning, Suzy, with slightly reddened cheeks, headed to the bathroom to freshen up. Due to the lack of sleep, she appeared somewhat tired in the mirror, with faint dark circles under her eyes.

Applying two layers of foundation, she managed to conceal even the fingerprints on her face.

As she changed into her clothes and stepped out of the bedroom, she unexpectedly heard someone in the kitchen.

Suzy slipped on her slippers and went over to take a look, only to find Liam wearing an apron and preparing breakfast.

When did he return?

"You woke up? I'll be done in a moment."

Suzy glanced at the neatly folded blanket on the living room sofa.

"You slept in the living room?"

"Yeah, I didn't want to disturb you."

Because the house had excellent sound insulation, Suzy hadn't heard him come back last night.

Liam brought out toast and scrambled eggs, only to realize that Suzy looked ready to head to work.

He furrowed his brow. 'If I didn't come back, were you planning to skip breakfast?'"

"I'm not really hungry. I'll go to the office early to organize some data."

"Suzy, your gastric issues are a result of irregular eating habits."

"Alright."

She didn't feel any warmth in her heart after hearing this. After all, these concerns should have been directed towards Sophia.

"Come, have a meal."

"Okay."

Both of them sat down in silence, without exchanging words, not even raising their heads.

Finally, it was Liam who broke the silence, "You didn't finish what you were saying last night. Did you encounter any trouble?"

"Last night? I said it all! You've already found the best doctor and the most expensive ward for my mother. Now we just need her to be in a condition suitable for surgery. What trouble could I have?"

"Really? Nothing at all?"

Suzy quickly waved her hand.

"Why would I lie to you? Oh, I'll tell you since you're interrogating me so mercilessly! It's just that my mom and I had a little argument over a small matter, and because she was in a bad mood, she hit me once."

Liam gazed at her face closely, sensing that she had managed to deceive him to some extent.

"What about Miss Burns? It seems like she's really committed to the company. I sent her some files at 2 AM the day before yesterday, and she came online to receive them."

"She's fine; she had an appendectomy."

"Oh! In that case, you should show her more concern at this time."

Suzy understood that in times like these, a woman's emotions are particularly sensitive. This should help her and Liam patch things up more quickly.

Chapter 67: You Don't Have to Do This

"If it's a work-related injury, the company has a dedicated department to handle it."

He had no reason to be concerned.

Liam's response was seamless, and his expression remained as composed as if he were discussing the weather.

If Suzy hadn't personally witnessed his tattoo and known the door lock code to his home, she might have doubted whether he truly cared for Sophia.

"But aren't you... her friend?"

"So, do you plan to visit her with me?"

Suzy shook her head vigorously, like a tambourine. "I've been quite busy lately."

"Is it because you're busy with that project led by that guy Jeffrey?" Liam paused while holding a glass of milk and looked at her.

"Not entirely, I'm also working on the SNS project with Mr. Lincoln."

She didn't feel guilty, despite Liam's apparent scrutiny.

"Well, do your best."

He didn't press the matter further, and after they finished breakfast, they both went to work.

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In the hospital, Sophia, who had just undergone acute appendicitis surgery, was slowly regaining consciousness.

When her vision was still somewhat blurry, she saw a shadow of a man in front of her!

"Lia..."

Upon hearing the voice, the man turned around.

It was Clive.

"You finally decided to open your eyes. If you hadn't, I would've had to call a doctor!"

Unable to spot her beloved, Sophia gently closed her eyes and moistened her dry lips.

"Is it just you?"

"Of course! Your friend here stayed by your side all night. See, I've even got dark circles under my eyes!" Clive couldn't help but keep talking.

Sophia felt a faint pain in her lower abdomen, but it couldn't compare to the pain in her heart.

She couldn't believe that even after working so tirelessly for Liam, it didn't guarantee that she would wake up and see

him by her side!

"Thank you..." Sophia had always been polite and somewhat distant with Clive.

It was because the Gray family and the Park family had been longtime friends.

If anyone found out about her close relationship with Clive, she worried that Liam's parents might disapprove. After all, no groom's parents would welcome a bride with a scandalous reputation.

Indeed, everything she did was in preparation to marry Liam.

"We're friends, so there's no need for such formalities!"

Clive may seem laid-back, but when it came to taking care of others, he was quite diligent.

"Would you like some water? The doctor said you can't eat for now."

Sophia shook her head, her delicate face deathly pale, lacking any color.

"Then, if there's anything you want, just tell me."

"I want you to call Liam over."

Clive, while not the most perceptive person, grasped what Sophia meant.

"Is it really necessary? He truly likes that girl."

Perhaps in the past, Clive believed that when Liam mentioned having a crush, it was merely a way to dodge marriage.

But after witnessing how devoted Liam was to Suzy, he understood that Liam was genuinely committed.

"Don't you think the reason he likes that Suzy is because she looks similar to me?"

Clive blinked and recalled Suzy's face.

Well, it did seem to be the case.

"But he doesn't need to find a substitute."

Sophia had always been by Liam's side, and there was no need for any stand-in drama.

"Because he doesn't want to follow his family's arrangements."

Clive remained silent because he found this reason a bit far-fetched.

Setting aside the fact that Liam was respectful to his parents and had a strong bond with them, and considering his personality, he didn't appear to be the type who would readily develop feelings for a woman.

"Could you call him and tell him that I'm in a serious condition? I want to see him."

Chapter 68: Within Three Days

Her voice trembled with a desperate plea that was impossible to resist.

Clive had known Sophia for many years, and she always maintained a poised and elegant demeanor. This was the first time she had humbly begged someone.

He sighed and reluctantly agreed, "Okay."

Then, he left the hospital room.

In a corner of the hospital corridor, Clive lit a cigarette, took a puff, and called Liam.

After a few rings, Liam's deep and slightly grainy voice came through.

"What's up?"

"Yeah, things are pretty serious here with Sophia, and I can't handle it alone. If you're available, could you lend me a hand?"

"I need to get home early."

Clive knew he would say that, and he irritably took another drag of his cigarette.

"I hate to bring this up, but don't you think you're taking it too far when it comes to Sophia? She ended up with acute

appendicitis due to late-night work, and considering our long-standing friendship, as the head of the Park Group, shouldn't you come and demonstrate your support for such a dedicated employee?"

"I'm married now. My status doesn't really fit."

"Marriage again! You keep emphasizing this term. Are you willing to give up all other friendships for your marriage?" Clive raised his voice, his tone advocating for Sophia.

"Does it mean that without your wife's approval, you won't come to help me if I face difficulties in the future?"

On Liam's end, there was a noticeable pause, and after a few seconds, he replied, "I'll ask Suzy later. If she's available, we can go together."

Clive was speechless.

Watching the call being disconnected, Clive was starting to regret agreeing to Sophia's request. If Suzy came to visit Sophia, it might not be a good situation.

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In the meeting room of Park Group, Suzy listened as Alec explained, diligently taking notes to ensure she didn't miss anything. Sometimes, all that could be heard in the meeting room was the sound of her pen scratching against the paper.

After the meeting, Suzy meticulously organized her notes. Alec approached her, saying, "I have a feeling you'll make a

significant impact in investment banking."

Putting everything else aside, Suzy's dedication was something rarely seen in others.

Suzy narrowed her eyes and smiled. "That's because you've been a great mentor! Your case analyses are precise and detailed, and I've gained a lot of knowledge from them."

These are things she couldn't learn in the Transcend Enterprises' Team Three!

"I see you've taken a lot of notes, but grasping the concepts is what matters most. If you don't understand something, feel free to ask me."

"Okay!"

She began to pack up her things, planning to leave. However, just as she reached the door, her mother called.


Not wanting others to overhear the conversation, Suzy quickly found a secluded corner to answer the call.

"Hello, Mom."

"How long do you plan to drag this out? Is it so difficult to meet your husband? Does he work around the clock?"

Melissa's rapid-fire questions left Suzy unable to answer a single one.

"Not only is he busy... I'm busy too."

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"Alright, you both carry on with your busy schedules. I'll check out of the hospital today."

"Don't!" Suzy knew her mother well enough to know she could do it.

"I promise you, within three days, okay? I'll definitely bring him to see you! I talked to him before, and he said he's nervous and unsure of how to face you."

"He's nervous after stealing my daughter away without even formally informing me? Haha!"

"Look at you. Why do you have to use this tone? Isn't it good that he's busy with work? Must he be a pauper and we have to struggle financially for you to be satisfied?"

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