

Chapter 77: On the Way to the Hospital

The script deviated too much from the original plan, causing Suzy's heart to beat faster with anxiety!

Where would Jeffrey find two people to play his parents? And if this play continued, with her mother continuing to make things difficult, wouldn't it turn into a full-fledged soap opera?

Seeing him turn to leave the hospital room to make a phone call, Suzy furrowed her delicate brows. "Mom, this is going too far! His parents also have jobs, they can't just drop everything and come here, can they?"

"He was the one who said it. His parents really wanted to meet me, so I agreed. What's wrong with that?"

Melissa had considered numerous ways to confirm if her daughter had genuinely married or simply entered a sugar daddy relationship.

Suzy was in a difficult position at the moment. She glanced at the door.

"I'll check how he's talking to his parents. If it's not convenient, could you please not give him a hard time? Perhaps we can schedule it for another day when they can be more prepared."

"No." Melissa firmly refused. "If you two had ganged up to deceive me, scheduling another day would give you some time to find an actor."

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At the corner outside the hospital room, Suzy followed the sound and found Jeffrey.

Seeing her, he smiled and reassured her softly, "Don't worry, my parents said they'll come over once they get ready!"

Suzy was surprised. "Did you really call them?"

"Of course!" Jeffrey knew her worries and wanted to ease her anxiety. He didn't want to see her lovely face filled with constant worry.

"Since I promised to help you with this favor today, I will definitely see it through. When Wendy and I discussed your mother's situation, I anticipated how she might verify our relationship.

"I informed my parents in advance, and they gladly agreed. They even praised you for being filial."

"Mr. Palmer, I really don't know how to thank you."

Just a moment ago, there was a fleeting thought in her mind to just spill the truth to her mother!

"Please don't call me Mr. Palmer, call me Jeffrey! If you're not comfortable with that, you can call me Jeff, just like

Wendy does. I'm a few years older than you, so I'd like you to address me causally."

Suzy nodded, momentarily forgetting.

"Jeff."

"Good, for now, let go of your principles for the sake of the objective."

She lowered her gaze, her determination appeared both touching and heartbreaking. "Thank you, and... I'd like to apologize on behalf of my mother."

"Why are you apologizing for your mother? As a mother, it's only natural for her to want to know about her daughter's boyfriend. It's also out of concern for you that she's doing this, so I understand."

As an educator, he knew countless parents over the years and understood their concerns.

Suzy moved her lips but ultimately didn't speak. It was difficult for her to explain her complex family dynamics to others, let alone describe her mother's terrifying control issues.

Suzy and Jeffrey returned to the hospital room, and Melissa remained silent, folding her arms, looking as if she was only waiting for his parents to arrive.

Suzy fetched a chair for him and then took a seat by her mother's bedside.

Subconsciously, she took out her phone and glanced at it, only to realize that Liam had sent her two WhatsApp messages!

"Remember, don't come back to Easter Bay before ten in the evening."

This message was sent shortly after she got off work.

The most recent one was just five minutes ago.

"Who are you with?"

Suzy hesitated for a while as her fingertips hovered over the screen, then she edited a few words, trying to downplay the situation.

"With my mom at the hospital."

Soon, a message from Liam popped up.

"I'm on my way to the hospital now."

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Chapter 78: Liam Got Into An Accident

Liam was coming?!

Suzy almost dropped her phone and immediately stood up from her chair.

This surprised Melissa. "What's wrong again?"

"It's nothing, just a message from the company asking me to send some data. I need to make a quick call."

She didn't even have time to exchange glances with Jeffrey and hurriedly left the room.

Liam couldn't come now! They had just managed to cover up the lie, and if he showed up, who knew how the situation would turn out.

Today was Sophia's birthday, wasn't it?

Why did he have time to come to the hospital...?

Suzy frantically tried calling Liam, but her phone rang without anyone answering!

She felt like she was sitting on pins and needles, sending him several WhatsApp messages.

"Don't come now! Whatever it is, wait for me to get back."

"My mom is in an unstable emotional state right now."

Please, don't come!"

But there was no response to these messages either. Liam seemed to have disappeared out of nowhere!

Suzy waited at the hospital entrance for another ten minutes, but there was still no sign of Liam.

Could it be that Liam had seen her WhatsApp messages? Or maybe something urgent had come up at work, and he had to go back for a meeting or something like that?

Otherwise, he should have arrived at the hospital by now.

Once she confirmed that his car was nowhere to be seen, Suzy breathed a sigh of relief.

Back in the hospital room, Jeffrey's parents had already arrived, carrying even more valuable supplements than Jeffrey had bought!

Melissa carefully examined the faces of the family of three to make sure Jeffrey hadn't found two temporary actors to fool her. Her attitude improved, albeit only slightly.

"Please, have a seat. I apologize for not being able to get up to receive you. Suzy, could you prepare some fruit for our guests?"

"Sure."

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After all the commotion, Melissa was finally satisfied and

agreed to proceed with the surgery as scheduled.

After sending Jeffrey's family off, Suzy checked the time.

It was 9 o'clock in the evening.

She had one more hour left before the time Liam had asked her to return to Easter Bay.

She opened WhatsApp again but still hadn't received any messages from Liam.

Suzy found it a bit strange. Even if he had an impromptu meeting, it shouldn't have taken this long, should it?

Suddenly, her phone rang.

She thought it might be Liam, but when she checked the screen, it was Sophia's number.

"Hello, Miss Burns."

Although she didn't want to answer, she had to do it for work.

"Where are you?"

Suzy glanced at the hospital gate behind her. "I just came out from visiting my mother and was about to... go for dinner."

"Liam had a car accident. Come to City Hospital, I have something to ask you."

Liam had a car accident?!



Her heart sank, and she immediately hung up the phone, hailed a taxi, and rushed to City Hospital.

At this moment, she didn't seem to have the luxury to consider the awkwardness of meeting Sophia later.

Her sole concern was for Liam.

When she arrived at City Hospital, Suzy hurriedly entered the emergency room.

From a distance, she saw Sophia, wearing a patient's gown, with a tall man beside her.

Hurrying over, Suzy was about to ask what had happened when Sophia suddenly delivered a fierce slap across her face!

It struck Suzy's ear, causing an instant ringing sensation.

"If anything happens to Liam, I won't let you off the hook!"

"What are you doing?"

Clive was taken aback by her uncharacteristic behavior.

He quickly stepped forward to support Sophia, whose actions were unexpected, considering her usual grace and manners.

"Don't you know you've just had surgery? You shouldn't be laying your hands on her. What if you hurt the wound?"



Chapter 79: Why Haven't You Left Yet

"It's because of her that this happened to Liam!"

If it weren't for Clive holding her back, Sophia would have fought her without any regard for her ladylike image.

"Now that Liam is inside receiving treatment, we can settle this score later!"

Clive saw people around them staring and managed to persuade Sophia to leave.

When he returned, he was surprised to find Suzy still standing there with a visible palm print on her delicate face. Combined with her dainty appearance, she appeared somewhat pitiful.

This only fueled his anger even more!

"Why haven't you left yet?!"

Clive had never been particularly fond of Suzy, considering her a passing fancy. Now, with this incident, he had even less interest in her.

"Is it because of me that Liam had the accident?"

Suzy had picked up some clues from their conversation earlier but didn't know the whole story. Liam was supposed to be with Sophia, so how was the accident related to her?

"Heh, today is August 25th, don't you know?"

Suzy did know, but what did that have to do with anything?

Clive scoffed and coldly snorted, "Don't act all innocent and clueless with me! Think about what you just did! You're already married to Liam, and yet you're trying to seduce other men! Suzy, you're really something to cheat on Liam like that!"

Cheat on Liam?

"Liam knows about me taking Mr. Palmer to the hospital."

This statement wasn't a question.

"If you don't want others to know, don't do it."

"I can explain!"

She hadn't imagined that her actions could have led to Liam's accident. If Clive hadn't pointed it out, she wouldn't have connected the dots.

"You better leave quickly, or I might just lose my temper and break the rule about not hitting women."

Leaving those words behind, Clive walked away.

Suzy was left alone in the bustling corridor. After a while, she gently touched the swollen area on her cheek but didn't take her eyes off the red light glowing in the emergency room.

An hour passed, then two...

Suzy waited from night until dawn but didn't see Liam come out, nor did she receive any news about him.

It wasn't until Alec called, "Good morning. Why were you absent from the morning meeting?"

As she began to speak, Suzy realized her throat was so hoarse that it was difficult to talk. "Can I take a leave today?"

"Is there something important?" Alec paused upon hearing Suzy's raspy voice. "Alright, then. Come in tomorrow."

As Alec was about to hang up, Suzy suddenly asked, "Wait, Alec, did Mr. Park... come to work today?"

"Mr. Park? He seems to have had a car accident, and he didn't come to the office today. But I just received a notification that he will be on a business trip tonight as originally planned, so there shouldn't be any major issues."

"He personally called you?"

"Yes, why?"

Suzy bitterly bit her lip and replied, "Oh, nothing. Thanks."

It seemed that Liam had already left the hospital, and she was the only one still waiting here like a fool all night long.

She had been pondering how to explain the situation with Jeffrey to Liam. Now, it seemed that her explanation was

unnecessary; he didn't need it at all.



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Chapter 80: Guilty

Suzy felt her mind was in turmoil as if it had been stirred into a muddy mess, making it impossible to think clearly.

She stumbled out of the hospital, her legs swollen from standing all night, aching as if they were filled with lead.

It was difficult to walk, and Suzy noticed a breakfast cafe nearby. She went in and ordered something random, then sat down to take a break.

The café owner approached with scrambled eggs and milk, but when she saw Suzy's condition, she was shocked!

"Oh my goodness, dear, what happened to your face? It's bleeding. Quick, let me get some medicine and iodine for you!"

After saying that, she hurried back to fetch medication and iodine for Suzy.

Suzy heard the concern in her voice and decided to check her face using the front camera on her phone. It was indeed a mess.

The skin near her eye had been scratched by Sophia's nails, and perhaps due to her recent frowning, the wound had reopened, causing a bit of bleeding.

She thought to herself that her left cheek must be going

through a rough time lately, having been hit twice in a row.

"Oh, aren't you in pain? You're even smiling!" The cafe owner was genuinely concerned and continued to help Suzy disinfect the wound with iodine.

Although it would be painful, Suzy found herself smiling inexplicably. The cafe owner even began to wonder if this pretty girl had some sort of mental issue.

"Thank you, I can handle it myself." Suzy took the medicine from her and looked at the table where the scrambled eggs and milk had just been placed.

Liam always liked to make these two things for breakfast.

It seemed that habit was indeed a terrifying thing. She unconsciously ordered the breakfast that Liam used to make.

She didn't eat, nor did she continue to apply medicine to herself. She simply sat for a while, then left the money for breakfast and iodine on the table.

Suzy hailed a taxi and headed back to Easter Bay.

After all, all her clothes and belongings were there. Even if she decided to terminate her contract with Liam, she still needed to pack up.

Entering the passcode lock, she pushed the door open, and the first thing she saw was a floor covered in rose petals!

Suzy followed the trail of petals inside and was surprised to find the living room decorated with numerous fresh, bright red strawberries arranged to form a number.

"0825."

"Liam, you're really romantic..."

It seemed that this was why he had asked her not to return to Easter Bay before 10 o'clock. He wanted to surprise Sophia here!

Thinking about Liam's cleanliness and his dislike for others entering his house, Suzy realized that all of this must have been carefully arranged by him.

She couldn't help but feel like an ugly duckling in the middle of a fairy tale love story between a prince and a princess.

In fairy tales, the ugly duckling could eventually transform into a beautiful swan.

But what about herself?

From childhood to adulthood, she had been pushed by life to make countless choices she didn't want to make.

For the sake of money, she had to give up better schools.

For the sake of money, she had to do countless exhausting jobs.

For the sake of money, she had to sign this absurd contract

with Liam.

Then look at Sophia, with a casual move, she could handle a lawsuit and earn a sum of money that Suzy wouldn't even dare to dream of!

Suzy had to constantly remind herself of her identity, never to daydream, never to be overly sentimental, and never to have thoughts that didn't belong to her.

She suddenly crouched down, hugging her own body, and started sobbing softly.

It turned out that people were really divided into different social classes.

And they were all at heights she could never reach!

It turned out that falling for Liam was a sin.

The spacious living room suddenly became very cold, and a sense of helplessness and loss engulfed her from all sides like a tidal wave.

However, this time, there was no Liam to hold her and say, "Don't be afraid, it's me."

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Chapter 81: It's Really Over

Wendy received a call from Suzy while she was at work, and she was genuinely shocked by her hoarse voice.

"What's going on with you? Didn't my cousin say your mom didn't find out?" Wendy asked.

"It has nothing to do with my mom," Suzy hesitated on the other end of the line before reluctantly saying, "Can I temporarily stay at your place for a few days? I'll find an apartment as soon as possible, at most in a week!"

Wendy was puzzled. "Are you not renting your place anymore?"

"Um, you can say that."

"Well, why don't you just move into my place? Why bother with temporary stays?" Wendy sounded exasperated.

"I suggested this before, but you refused outright! Like I said living together would be great. You could cook for me, help me tidy up, and keep me company! So, it's settled. You're moving in tonight!"

"Okay, we'll discuss it when you're off work."

After hanging up, Wendy sat at her desk, her eyes rolling for a moment, and then she immediately Jeffrey.



"Don't say I didn't warn you. Suzy is moving today, and we might need some extra hands to help with the luggage!"

Jeffrey, on the other end of the phone, chuckled. "You're quite cunning, aren't you?"

"Tsk! What's so cunning about it? I'm not the one pursuing Suzy. You don't have to come if you don't want to!"

"I'll be there!" He laughed. "I'll come over after work. Thanks for arranging this, alright?"

"Sounds good!" Wendy scoffed.

"Don't forget, even though Suzy is going through a tough time right now, with time, she's bound to make a big impact in her career. By then, you'll have a beautiful, talented wife to be proud of. You should enjoy it secretly!"

"Alright, alright..."

"That's settled then! See you tonight."

After putting down her phone, Wendy let out a sigh of relief. She was now eagerly awaiting the day when her best friend would become part of her family! If it really happened, she would be even closer to Suzy!

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Suzy had packed up all her belongings, cleaned the master bedroom, and carefully picked up the strawberries in the living room, placing them in the refrigerator. Even though

they didn't belong to her, it would be a waste if they spoiled.

Standing in front of the fridge, she looked at the full red strawberries and absentmindedly took one to taste.

They were really sweet.

Suzy suddenly realized what Liam had repeatedly emphasized about his obsession with cleanliness.

It meant that even as a substitute, she had to be pure in body and mind.

That was why he got so angry when he found out she had brought another man to her mother's hospital room and rushed to the hospital, even missing his date with Sophia.

So, this time, it seemed that she and Liam were truly over.

According to the contract terms, since he was the first to propose the termination, he wouldn't pursue payment for her mother's medical expenses.

Suzy thought that once she earned enough money in the future, she would definitely repay him, considering it a way to buy back her dignity.

In the evening at around six o'clock, she arrived at Wendy's place with her suitcase in tow.

The lively Wendy came bouncing down the stairs to greet her, with Jeffrey following closely behind.

"You finally agreed to stay at my place! My dearest Suzy, do

you know how happy I am?"

"I'm just staying temporarily. Once I find a suitable place, I'll move out," Suzy insisted, not wanting to owe too many favors to anyone.

She was afraid that if she stayed for too long, she would accumulate too many debts of gratitude towards Wendy.

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Chapter 82: She Said So Herself

"I won't allow it! You have to live with me!" Wendy pouted and was about to complain.

Jeffrey's gaze suddenly fell on her cheek.

"Suzy, your face..."

Upon his reminder, Wendy's eyes also shifted to Suzy's face, widening in shock.

"Oh my God! What happened to your face? Did your mother hit you again?"

"No, no, this time it's really self-inflicted." Suzy covered the wound with her hand, clearly unwilling to discuss it.

Wendy was about to accuse her of lying when Jeffrey tugged her from behind and signaled her with his eyes not to press further.

"Come on, let me help you with your luggage and since it's like a housewarming today, I'll treat you to a nice meal."

"Yeah! You're the most generous, Jeff! Let's go, Suzy, upstairs!"

Suzy nodded and followed them.

Out of habit, she took out her phone to check WhatsApp.

Still no message from Liam. He hadn't sent a message, made a call, or shown any sign of activity.

But Alec said he had called in the morning, which meant he was awake. He just chose not to contact her.

Well, she wasn't that important. Why should Liam bother to get in touch with her after waking up from the accident?

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In the VIP ward of the hospital.

The doctor was changing Liam's dressing on his wounds.

Fortunately, his face had not been severely injured, just a minor concussion due to the impact on his forehead and some scratches on his arm and leg.

"My phone, where is it? Give it to me."

He furrowed his brow slightly, possibly due to the medication affecting his wound.

Clive handed over the phone, watching as Liam opened WhatsApp and checked his conversation with Suzy. The last message she had sent was displayed.

"My mom is emotionally unstable right now. Please don't come!"

"You can read it a thousand times, but it won't change the fact that she never really cared about you."

As soon as Clive said this, Liam abruptly raised his head, his dark and brooding expression instantly cooling down the surrounding temperature.

Clive instinctively shrank his neck.

"I'm just speaking the truth. She's obviously feeling guilty, that's why she's afraid of you coming over! I've sent you the surveillance footage from the hospital corridor. She told someone that the guy she brought was her boyfriend! Liam, did she ever introduce you to her mother like that?"

Clearly, she hadn't.

She had always been cautious and kept her distance.

It was as if she was afraid of getting involved in anything beyond their contract.

"She knows that I had a car accident?" Liam asked, his voice terribly hoarse as he spoke.

"She knows. Sophia was quite upset on your behalf, so she called her."

"Did she come over?" Liam inquired further.

Clive furrowed his brows, hesitated for a moment, then changed the subject, "Yes, she did, but she left quickly! She didn't even wait in front of the emergency room."

Liam kept quiet upon hearing Clive's words.

"So, what I'm saying is, she has no feelings for you at all. No matter how much you invest, all you get in return is your own heartache!

"You're the CEO of Park Group, you can have any woman you want. Why keep getting hung up on her?" Clive rambled on, but Liam clearly wasn't listening.

After a long pause, Liam spoke slowly, "Did she really leave quickly?"

Clive hesitated for a moment, then nodded. "Yes! When you were wheeled out of the emergency room, did you see her?"

No, he didn't.

Of course, it was because he had been transferred to the emergency room midway, but Suzy didn't know that.

"Let's not talk about this anymore! Just tell me, has she actively contacted you so far? Liam, if she had any feelings for you, how could she not send you a message!"

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Chapter 83: Must Have a Wedding Ceremony

Clive's words struck a chord deep within him. Indeed, from the time of the accident until now, Liam had not received any messages from Suzy on his phone.

"Snap out of it, Liam. There are people around you... more suitable for you. At least, she cares about you."

Clive was only a step away from mentioning Sophia's name directly.

However, Liam remained silent, tightly pressing his lips together, his gaze fixed on his phone screen, not moving for a long time. ¹

Seeing him like this, Clive sighed. "Alright, I won't say more. You need to figure this out on your own! Should I help you pack your things? You have a business trip tonight."

"No, I'll drive back to Easter Bay myself."

"Are you planning to see her again?"

Clive knew that Suzy was staying in Easter Bay.

"My clothes are all there."

"In that case, let me go fetch them for you."

"No need," Liam's reply was decisive.

At this moment, his thoughts were all over his face. Liam thought, "Perhaps... all of this was just a misunderstanding? As long as Suzy could explain it clearly."

"Liam, just listen to me this time. Don't go back on your own! You should test her and see if she'd contact you! You can't keep deceiving yourself."

Liam did not utter a reply.

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Meanwhile, even though Jeffrey had hosted a dinner to celebrate the housewarming, Suzy remained quiet throughout the meal, occasionally glancing at her phone.

It was already 7:30 PM. Liam should be on his way to his business trip, right?

Did he not notice that she had left Easter Bay?

Or... perhaps for Liam, this matter wasn't worth calling to discuss the contract cancellation amidst his busy schedule.

"Suzy, please eat! This dish is delicious." Wendy kept piling food onto her plate, and at this table, she seemed to be the happiest.

"Alright." Suzy forced a small smile, trying her best not to let them see that her mind was elsewhere.

Suddenly, her phone, placed next to the table, lit up with a notification indicating an unread WhatsApp message.

She immediately picked it up and realized it was from her mother...

"After the surgery, the two of you must hold a wedding ceremony. Just registering your marriage isn't enough to make it official."

It wasn't from Liam.

Suzy took a deep breath and replied, "I understand."

Everything would be settled once her mother was out of surgery.

She hadn't thought about taking the play to that point.

"You seem to have something on your mind. Are you waiting for someone's call?"

Now even Wendy noticed.

Jeffrey quickly gave Wendy a look, signaling her not to ask further questions.

However, Wendy ignored all that; she just felt surprised that her best friend was keeping something from her!

"Is it work-related? Or is your mom giving you a hard time again?"

Suzy shook her head and smiled. "No, it's just that I'm thinking about finding a place to live."

"Why bother looking for a place? Just stay comfortably with

me! If you insist on paying rent, then pay it to me!"

Suzy sighed quietly. When it came to money, Suzy took out a stack of cash from her bag. It was the money she had withdrawn from a nearby bank after packing her luggage in the afternoon.

She handed it to Jeffrey, who was sitting across from her.

"Thank you for helping me out so much. I'm not sure if this is enough to buy all those supplements, but if it's not, I'll make up for it next month when I get my salary."

Wendy immediately glared at her cousin when she saw the money.

"Jeffrey, do you have no shame? You actually asked Suzy for money for supplements?!"

Jeffrey looked falsely accused. "Suzy, what's going on? Those were gifts for your mom."

"No, you've already helped me so much by acting, and I can't let you spend money."

Suzy placed the money on the table. "Wendy, if you still want to be friends with me, please allow your cousin to accept it. Otherwise, our relationship won't work out in the future."

Chapter 84: He's Already Boarded the Plane

Jeffrey still wanted to push the money back, but Wendy stepped in first, stuffing it directly into his arms.

"Okay, then Jeff will accept it!"

"Huh?"

Suzy chuckled, picking up her phone and standing up. "I'm going to the restroom, you guys can continue eating."

As soon as she left, Jeffrey looked at the stack of money with a helpless frown. "What does it mean if I accept this money?"

"You don't understand Suzy! She's always so cautious, wishing to account for every penny. If you want any future with her, you can't be so impulsive," Wendy said helplessly when she spoke of her friend.

Having known her for so many years, the most vivid description Wendy had of Suzy was that Suzy lacked a sense of security.

Yet, she often pretended to be strong.

"She really needs money now, her mother's surgery costs a lot. Does she really need to be so calculative?"

Jeffrey realized that Suzy was not the girl he had imagined.

It seemed like she was always distancing herself, cutting ties with any relationship.

As if she was afraid of getting too close and intimate.

"Just accept it anyway, is this money enough?"

"More than enough, I didn't spend much." Jeffrey pulled out a few bills. "Return the rest to her."

"Okay."

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In the restroom, Suzy washed her face with cold water, trying to awaken herself.

Perhaps due to the lack of sleep last night, she felt lightheaded, as if she might faint at any moment.

Looking at her swollen and bruised face in the mirror, Suzy clenched her fists and suddenly took out her phone to call Liam.

She told herself it was just to discuss ending their contract, nothing more!

But as soon as she called his number, Suzy held her breath for that very second.

Until a voice came from the other end.

"Hello, the number you have dialed is not available..."

With that momentum, Suzy then called Alec.

"Hello, Mr. Lincoln, I would like to speak with Mr. Park."

"Mr. Park? He's already boarded his flight. I dropped him at the airport and am currently on my way back."

Suzy was speechless.

"You can send him a WhatsApp message. He'll see it once he gets off the plane."

Suzy pursed her lips. "May I know where he's traveling for business?"

"He's going to Ashington to attend a technology development cooperation exchange conference."

Liam went abroad...

Alec finally sensed something amiss in her tone. "Do you have an urgent matter to discuss with him?"

"No, not really. I just heard he had a car accident. As his ex-classmates, I should show some concern, right?"

She smiled, though a hint of self-deprecation lingered in her voice.

"Oh, don't worry. I just saw him, and he's perfectly fine! By the way, can you come to work tomorrow as usual?"

"I can. See you tomorrow."

"Alright."

She hung up the phone, feeling as if all the remaining strength had been drained from her body.

This was her last ounce of courage.

In fact, even Suzy herself didn't know what she would have said if Liam were to pick up the phone.

Should she explain why she and Jeffrey were together at the hospital or should she really talk about terminating the contract, or perhaps... express some concern about his health?

Even now, standing in front of the mirror in the restroom, she couldn't help but think that it was a good thing the call hadn't gone through!

This way, she could pretend she hadn't made the call at all and wait for Liam to come to her, either to discuss contract termination or... something else.

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Chapter 85: They Went On a Business Trip Together

After finishing dinner, Jeffrey drove them back to their place and made sure the doors were locked before he left.

Suzy was utterly exhausted; she took a quick shower and went to bed.

That night, she had a troubled sleep, staying curled up with her hands gripping the blanket tightly.

The next morning, Suzy was jolted awake by the alarm clock.

She opened her eyes, gazing at the unfamiliar ceiling. It took her a moment to remember that she was staying at Wendy's house.

She got up, got dressed, and finished her morning routine.

Wendy walked out of her bedroom with her phone in hand, saying, "Wait a moment. I just ordered breakfast on my phone. Let's have breakfast together before heading to work."

Suzy checked the time and replied, "I can't wait. It's quite far from here to Park Group. I need to catch the subway now! I won't have breakfast with you."

"Well, then just take a taxi! It's not that expensive."

Wendy blurted out casually before realizing that Suzy would

never spend money on a taxi when there was a subway available.

"No worries, I'll have lunch later. I'm off now. Goodbye."

Suzy grabbed her laptop and bag and then left the house. It took her a bit of time to figure out the route to Park Group, but luckily, she arrived on time.

"Good morning."

As soon as she entered the office, she saw Alec standing at the door with a package in her hands.

"You look like you haven't eaten. Is that right?"

Suzy smiled. "I'm not hungry. I'll eat lunch later."

"Well, I bought extra. Try this strawberry toast I bought from this popular store," Alec said, placing the package on Suzy's desk.

"I can't! The food there is expensive!"

"Even though it's expensive, I thought it'd be a waste to throw it away, so I got it for you," Alec commented and didn't wait for her response, heading straight to the elevator to return to his office.

Suzy sighed and sat down in her chair, opening the beautifully wrapped package.

It was the L&H brand toast, even a single slice costs over twenty bucks! Alec had the audacity to leave more than half

of it to be thrown away?!

As she looked at the toast in her hand, a sudden thought crossed her mind – could it be that Liam had asked Alec to buy this for her...

But in the next moment, she quashed that idea!

How could that be possible?

Lately, she had been indulging in baseless assumptions. 1

Suzy opened her computer, nibbling on the toast as she organized the documents and sent them to the Legal Department for review.

After the morning meeting, she returned to her inbox but still hadn't received the reviewed documents.

Normally, at this time, the Legal Department should have checked them.

Suzy used the internal line to call the Legal Department.

A female colleague who had liaised with her on previous SNS contracts answered, and they were quite familiar with each other.

"Hello, it's Miss Suzy. I heard that Miss Burns is on a business trip with Mr. Park, so we can't get the signatures and stamps right away. I'll let her know, and once she's back, she should proceed with the review."

"Oh."



They went on a business trip together.

"Um... Didn't Miss Burns just have surgery?"

She remembered that it was Liam who had taken Sophia to the hospital.

"Yeah, she's really dedicated! Truly deserving of being Park Group's General Counsel."

Suzy was now certain she hadn't misheard.

She had been quite persistent earlier, pressing for answers!

After hanging up the phone, she rubbed her temples and glanced at the toast bag on her desk.

She couldn't help but find it amusing that she had briefly entertained the whimsical notion that Liam might have asked Alec to get it for her. How funny that was.



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