

## Chapter 44

"The person I like is here, but it's not you!"

When Connie heard Reuben's heartless words, her legs went weak, and she stumbled back a few steps uncontrollably.

Hearing that, the girls around couldn't help but widen their eyes.

Soon, some people's eyes flashed with joy.

Indeed, the power of psychology was truly remarkable.

Many people felt that Reuben had looked at them numerous times.

Right then, they had already guessed in their hearts that Reuben had fallen in love with them at first sight.

"Son, the person you like is..."

Before Mrs. Wilkins could finish her sentence, Reuben let out a gentle laugh.

"Let's talk about it when we get back!"

After that, he looked at Patrick, who had not yet gotten up from the ground.

"I just heard that you wrongly accused a VIP of being a thief without any evidence."

Patrick's body suddenly trembled.

However, before he could speak, Reuben looked at the guards behind him and said,

"Drag him away and punish him according to the family rules!"

"Master, Madam, please spare my life! We may not have done anything great for the Wilkins family, but we have worked hard. Please, I beg you, spare me!"

Mrs. Wilkins wanted to say something, but she didn't. In the end, she

didn't plead for Patrick.

She sighed helplessly.

Her son had grown up, and she couldn't control him!

If she could control, she wouldn't have thought of such a method to force Reuben to submit and be with Connie.

It was too bad that Reuben didn't like Connie at all.

After Patrick was taken away from the scene, many couldn't help but look at Dorothy.

Many speculated that Reuben's words about liking someone was just an excuse.

But as soon as he finished speaking, Patrick, who offended Dorothy, was immediately dealt with, which naturally led some people to speculate with reasonable guesses in their hearts.

Apart from the others, even Connie couldn't help but look at Dorothy.

However, when she saw Dorothy's ordinary face, she shook her head subconsciously.

Impossible!

Reuben wasn't blind.

Otherwise, it was impossible for him to fall in love with Dorothy, who had just come out of prison and who looked like any other plain Jane out there!

However, just as that thought emerged in her mind, she glanced at Reuben.

The next moment, her expression stiffened.

She was very sure that Reuben had just glanced at Dorothy.

Furthermore, Reuben's eyes were filled with extreme gentleness and affection!

Her eyes suddenly widened a little.

How...

How was that possible?

How could Reuben, the most outstanding person among the younger generation in the whole of Northon City and one of the best students in Imperial College, like a random woman like Dorothy?

She refused to accept this!

Connie absolutely refused to accept this!

Just as Connie's expression became more ferocious, Master Wilkins, who had been silent all this time, suddenly smiled and broke the increasingly eerie atmosphere of the scene:

"I mentioned earlier that the Wilkins family would choose a lucky individual during tonight's banquet to receive a spot at one of the mid-tier colleges in Imperial City, sponsored by Reuben," Master Wilkins said with a smile.

As expected, Master Wilkins' words immediately attracted most people's attention.

Many people came here that day with the purpose of securing a spot for their children in one of the mid-tier colleges in Imperial City.

At that moment, the crowd in the hall looked at Master Wilkins expectantly.

"Now, everyone, please sit down as soon as possible. Reuben will draw lots to pick a seat number. The guest number corresponding to the seat number will be the lucky chosen one today, and they can freely be admitted to the mid-tier college."

Upon hearing that, everyone in the hall immediately found a seat and sat down.

At the same time, Suzanna, who had not yet recovered from the shock, also subconsciously found a place to sit down.

Immediately after, she cast aside all the distracting thoughts and put her

palms together to pray, hoping that she or Dorothy would be chosen.

Soon, everyone in the hall was seated.

After Master Wilkins was sure that there was no other problem, he asked a servant of the Wilkins family to place the box with the lots in front of Reuben.

Reuben casually took out a piece of paper from the box.

Seeing the seat number on the paper, Reuben couldn't help but be slightly startled.

Then, he looked at Dorothy with a complicated expression.

Was this... the fate between him and Dorothy?

Later, Reuben showed the card in front of everyone under their expectant gazes.

"Row 1, seat number 8!"

Upon hearing that, the crowd immediately looked at Dorothy.

When everyone saw Dorothy sitting there quietly, many were startled.

Soon, a tall and thin girl in the hall, whose name was Adele, exclaimed,

"How is that possible? How could she be the one to get the spot in the mid-tier college?"

When Suzanna heard the voice, she immediately came to her senses.

She stood up.

Under extreme excitement, her voice trembled noticeably.

"Dorothy! It's you! You got the spot to enter the mid-tier college in Imperial City!"

"Great! We can go to school in Imperial City together!"

However, as soon as she finished speaking, Adele shouted again.

"Mr. Wilkins, she is not qualified to get a place in the mid-tier college. I suggest that we redraw the lots!"

Adele's words soon aroused the approval of the people around her.

"Yes! She didn't even finish junior high school before being sent to Northon City prison. She's a just-released convict from a labor camp. She doesn't have the qualification to enter the Imperial City's mid-tier college!"

"Mr. Wilkins, draw the lots again!"

Reuben's expression grew colder and colder as he listened to the piercing but pleading voices.

Before he could say anything, Dorothy looked at him and said,

"I don't really need the admission spot for the Imperial City's mid-tier college. Can it be given to someone else?"

Feeling Dorothy's gaze on him, Reuben's heart started beating faster.

"Hmm?"

When Dorothy saw that Reuben was a little dazed, she couldn't help but ask with a frown.

Reuben smiled faintly, and it was like a gentle breeze blowing into people's hearts.

"Of course! I just said that the selected person can get the spot at will."

Dorothy nodded slightly, and then she looked at Suzanna and said,

"The spot is yours!"

As soon as Dorothy finished speaking, the scene suddenly fell into dead silence.

Suzanna looked at Dorothy in a daze.

Soon, she furrowed her brows and looked at Dorothy's face with deep concern.

"If you give me this spot, what are you going to do?"

Dorothy smiled faintly. "I have a better school to go to."

"Pfft!"

As soon as Dorothy finished speaking, a sneer filled with sarcasm suddenly sounded.

"Better academy? There are no more than ten higher academies in the whole Imperial City. You wouldn't dare claim that you've been admitted to one of them, would you?"

"An ex-convict like you with a criminal record, even if you apply for a lower-tier academy, no one would want you. Stop pretending to be something you're not. Do you take us for fools?"

"If a good-for-nothing like you can enter a higher-tier academy, I'll kneel and call you 'Dad!'"

Dorothy tilted her head slightly and looked at Adele, who spoke.

"I'll remember what you said. If you don't keep your promise, I'll find someone to help you."

Adele sneered.

"Heh, even if you manage to get into an Imperial City higher-tier academy, forget about kneeling and calling me 'Dad'; you can even tell me to go die, but can you really get in?"

Just as Adele finished speaking, a tall figure in his thirties, dressed in the uniform of the Ministry of Defence, came in from outside the door.

Seeing the person coming, Connie opened her eyes wide and murmured.

"Charles?"

When the others in the hall saw the badge, they couldn't help but gasp.

"A Lieutenant Colonel? He's only one step away from becoming a Senior Commander!"

Master Wilkins immediately stood up straight and hurried to greet the man.

"I didn't know that you would be here today, Lieutenant Colonel Charles. I apologize for not welcoming you properly. I hope you can forgive me."

When he spoke, his voice was obviously a little excited.

That man was Charles Crawford, a 32-year-old Lieutenant Colonel! He was also the brother of Connie.

His potential in the entire Country Z's Ministry of Defense was second only to that of William!

Charles' presence at the Wilkins family's banquet that day was enough to bring glory to the entire Wilkins family!

However, Charles nodded and smiled at Master Wilkins.

Later, under the gaze of everyone, he quickly walked up to Dorothy and hesitated for a moment before deciding not to salute her. Instead, he respectfully spoke:


"Miss... Rogers, I'm here on the order of my boss to deliver your admission letter to the Imperial College!"



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