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As Heather moved away from Robert's shoulders, she looked at him with a sense of

confusion. Truth was, she understood the profound meaning behind his words but it was

just that she dared not delve deeper into it.

And so, she took the initiative and avoided discussing it further as she murmured, "Grandpa,

let's not talk about this matter anymore." When she was young, she would wonder about the

reason why she could not get the rights of inheritance with her strong capabilities. However,

as of now, she no longer cared about it anymore.

"So tell me—where have you been today?" Robert asked unreservedly. Heather left in such a

hurry that she did not even have the time to put on her makeup, so there must be something

strange and subtle behind her actions.

"I went to find Leon." As she spoke, she tried her best to conceal some parts that should not

be told.

Upon hearing her answer, he stared at her with a puzzled look. She was in such a hurry just

to find Leon. She clearly said that she has no feelings for him but her actions are the

opposite.

In order to not let Robert misunderstand, she then added immediately, "Well, the explosion

yesterday has affected him very much, so I should also care about him." However, the more she explained, the more it seemed suspicious to Robert, so he stared at

her with a mistrustful look on his face. There would not be an answer for this matter even if

he continued to ask about it, so he might as well just stop there.

"Alright. You young people's matters are out of my control anyway." And so, he pretended to

be helpless and skipped the topic.

As she heard his words, she chuckled and said in a pleasing manner, "What are you talking

about, Grandpa? That's not true—I'm the one who listens to you the most."

It was a stormy day and it was a little quiet in the Langston Residence. The ones who had to

head out had gone out earlier and those who did not have any occasions were staying in

their own rooms. Everly skipped her classes today and stayed in her room. In such weather,

she was worried about someone.

In order to relieve her worries, she came out of the room. When she walked to the living

room, she happened to see that Heather and Robert were chatting happily.

In this family, Robert had always been the symbol of majesty and house rules. Therefore,

there were not many people in the family who dared to get so close with him. As this

thought came to her mind, she looked at Heather enviously.

This was Heather's privilege and she was able to act recklessly in front of Robert. Looking

at the scene, Everly also hoped for an elder who could let her act like a child by his side.

However, they could only see how unrestrained Heather was with the presence of Robert,

but they never thought that they could actually do the same. As he aged, he became more

easygoing and gentle. Still, they would not dare to take the initiative to approach him, as

they would always think that Heather was the only one who had the privilege to act like a

child.

In the meantime, Heather saw Everly, who was just standing on the staircase. However, she

did not take the initiative to greet her just yet. As their gazes met in the air, Heather put on a

smile.

She did not know when it happened, but Everly had now grown up. When she left, Everly was

still a boisterous little girl and now she had grown into a young lady. Time was indeed

passing so fast and it would not wait for anybody.

"Everly," It was only when Robert called out to Everly that she came back to her senses, and

a hint of fluster flashed across her face as soon as she realized it. It was a little impolite of

her to wander away with her thoughts just now, so she immediately responded, "Grandpa."

She then moved her gaze to Heather and added, "Heather." In fact, she once wanted to try to

get closer to Heather but in the end, she did not have the courage to do so.

The whole family did not dare to approach Heather, so she wasn't that courageous to be the

first person to do such a thing. Moreover, she was not welcomed in the family; if she took

the initiative to get close to Heather, she was afraid that she would be isolated from the

whole family.

Everly was not as courageous as Heather and the former only wanted to be an ordinary

person. If it weren't for her meeting that person, she would never have the courage in her

entire life to break through the accustomed path of this world.

"Come down quickly." Heather felt that she should at least be more intimate with the

younger generation in the family.

There were indeed not many good people in the Langston Family, but there were a few

younger ones whose personality was still able to be corrected, and even some of them

could be trained. Though they were quite ordinary, at least they were not evil.

It was rare for Heather to be so easygoing, so Robert was a little surprised and he looked at

her with admiration. Everly felt astonished too so it took a while for her to react and

hurriedly went downstairs. After all, it was the first time Heather took the initiative to call her

over.

Pointing to the seat beside her, Heather said, "Come sit beside me." As she offered Everly to

be a step closer to her, Robert was guessing her intentions secretly in his mind.

Flattered, Everly sat beside the other woman timidly. Her body was a little stiff, as she

thought that she would never be qualified to sit at this spot.

"Everly has grown so much in a blink of an eye! You're such a beautiful girl when you were

still little but now you've become even more stunning!" Heather sincerely praised Everly.

Sometimes, she would also envy this pretty face of hers.

The sisters were both not wearing any makeup, but it was obvious that Everly looked better

with her features. After all, she was still young and her face was still filled with collagen,

looking bright and youthful.

However, Heather had a kind of charm—a unique charm which was different from everybody

else, and which Everly could never be compared with. Moreover, there were also only a very

few people who could be as attractive as her.

After all, Robert still liked Everly but he did not like the younger generation who were too

noisy and troublesome. Unlike them, she was quiet and calm. Therefore, this side of her was

to his liking.

However, it was a pity that she was a little timid and she did not dare to take the initiative to

talk to him. Thus, he had no idea how to start caring for her.

Upon hearing Heather's praise, Everly lowered her head with a sense of embarrassment. At

her school, she was the center of attraction. No matter if it was a boy or a girl, everyone

thought that she was extraordinarily good-looking, as though her appearance was

otherworldly.

However, she felt inferior when she was at home. Firstly, almost everyone in the Langston

Family was very good-looking, so her stunning appearance was not as important anymore.

On top of that, the family's attention was mainly focused on Heather and Blake, so who

would even notice her?

Meanwhile, Heather reached out her hand and touched Everly's hair. She especially liked

that silky, dark hair of hers, as unlike her peers, there was not even once she tortured her

hair.

Up till now, Everly she had never once dyed or permed her hair so it was particularly smooth.

Moreover, her natural hair quality was very good indeed, and it could not be compared to

Heather's. This was because the latter liked to do something with her hair, and she would

frequently change her hairstyles when she was still abroad.

Everly's body became even stiffer because of Heather's touch. She sat up so straight on the

sofa, as though the other woman had cast a magic spell which would freeze her actions.

Noticing this, Heather giggled and murmured to her, "Why are you always keeping your head

down? This is nothing like the Langston Family. As a member of the Langstons, you should

be daring to have your chin up and hold your head high."

She had long noticed that Everly was a little self-conscious, so she wanted to try her best in

helping her to make a change. Besides, she did not know how much longer she would stay

at the Langston Family, thus she would not be so cold-blooded on something that she could

actually do.

Looking at such a scene, Robert had the urge to get to know Heather all over again.

Previously, she treated the whole family with an indifferent attitude and she even hated the

noisy little kids very much.

Right now, she had such a drastic change. Other than the power of love, he could not think

of any other reason that would soften her. She must have fallen in love unconsciously, which

was why she cared more about feelings. Even with the Langstons who she had always

hated, she could even face them pleasantly with a gentle and cheerful countenance.

Today was a new beginning for Heather. She had never thought that her actions today

would benefit her in the future. She would also never expect that her initiative in taking a

step forward to get close to Everly would save her from a disaster later on.

There were a lot of times when an act of benevolence would reward us with something

wonderful in the future. Therefore, it was certainly reasonable to always be kind to others.

After Heather returned to her bedroom, she recalled the things that happened the whole day,

and it seemed like she had done a lot of things which were usually impossible for her to do.

Laying on her large bed, she satisfyingly wore a smile on her face. Sometimes, it actually felt

good when she slightly lowered her stance.

Right at this moment, as though Matthias had actually pinpointed Heather's free time, he

called her just as she was about to rest for a little while.

Before this, Heather was unsure about the sincerity of his feelings toward her but now, she

was certain that he truly liked her.

Heather had also acknowledged from Nikolai that this was the first time Matthias took the initiative to chase someone, and he hadn't been in a relationship before. Later, she had also

talked about these things with Myra without letting her know that she was actually talking

about Matthias.

Myra told Heather affirmatively that it was certain that he did like her, but he was just bad at

expressing himself. At that time, Heather was pushing it off, saying that it was her friend's

matter. However, Myra knew what was going on all along, though she did not point it out.

In fact, Heather could not suppress her feelings any longer. She needed a safe corner to

pour her feelings into, so she could only go to Myra.

She remembered that Myra had also expressed her blessings in the end. As she was saying

that she hoped the pair could end up with a happy ending, Heather felt her heart skip a beat

after hearing her words. She would not dare to guarantee that when Myra had known

everything, would she still be able to bless Matthias and her with a smile?

As she was spacing out, she missed his first call. However, Matthias was a man full of

patience. He would normally call her three times before he gave up. When the second call came, she immediately picked up the phone. His voice sounded a

little hoarse as he was feeling a little unwell after being in the rain. "What are you doing?" He would always start their conversation

formally. Sometimes he

would want to be a little more intimate with Heather, but he had no idea how to put it into

words.

He admitted that he did not have any talent in this aspect. His words were not that moving

and the way he chased Heather seemed formal as well.

"Spacing out," Heather responded slowly with just two words.

"Oh—I'm really sorry that I bothered you while you were spacing out," Matthias said as he

chuckled, and his voice even sounded a little unpleasant to hear.

However, he was sick so

his voice would naturally sound off.

"Since you know that you're bothering me, why don't you hang up?" Upon hearing his words,

Heather teased him. Matthias was probably the most shameless one among those who

were chasing her.

Even Leo was not as thick-skinned as he was. Back then when Leon was chasing her, he

would still give her a lot of freedom and he would not fool around and act recklessly too.

At that time, she nearly accepted Leon's pursuit but there were too many girls surrounding

him. After getting along with him for quite some time, she initially decided to take a step

forward, but she then immediately backed down because of such a reason.

She would not confess to him that there was once she promised to go on a date with him,

but she happened to bump into him chatting so happily with another girl when she was on

her way.

She did not want to admit that she would be so overbearing toward love, and she wanted to

be the only one in that person's eyes. Though Heather knew that Leon did not have any

affair with the girl, she was still holding a grudge against it deep down. Therefore, she stood him up that time without giving him any reason.

This was not in line

with Heather's behavior and personality, as she was clearly a person who would always

keep her words. Later on, Leon had reflected on himself for a very long time, but he still

could not figure out the reason behind it. At last, they were defeated by the small details in

life, and they were unable to get together.

However, in this aspect, Matthias did a very good job. Ever since he said that he would give

up on Myra, he had hardly mentioned anything about her in front of Heather. Moreover, at

least when he was chasing her, he did not show that he was still emotionally attached to his

previous love at all.

Back then when she was at the hot springs, she had also finally figured out herself. She

figured out that Matthias just didn't want to break that pure and innocent promise he made

when he was young, and he understood that his feelings toward Myra was just him being

wistful of the wonderful moments of his youth.

As she thought this through, Heather found that attitude toward Matthias had changed a lot.

A suitable person had appeared in her life and she was clearly moved. Therefore, she

wanted to give it a try, as no one would want to end up leaving this world alone.

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568 Once one opened up the soft spot of their heart, a lot of stories would

unfold accordingly.

Besides, some new changes would also lead to a big difference in a person. Matthias'

words were still circling around her ears but as she was hearing his voice, she gradually

started to feel sleepy. Even if it was just himself, he could also talk eloquently.

After a long moment, Matthias did not get any response from Heather so he asked,

"Heather, are you listening?"

She had fallen asleep while she was breathing steadily, and her phone was also slid to the

side. She did not respond to him at all and it was as though Matthias was talking to the air.

Right at this moment, he wondered if he had upset her again to get such a consequence, so

he hurriedly reflected on himself.

"Heather, have I said something to irritate you? Are you angry with me right now?" This is all

he could think of at the moment. Well, he wouldn't have thought that Heather had actually

fallen asleep, because this was the first time for such a situation to happen.

Still, not a response could be heard. Matthias was so panicked and it was as if he was

walking on hot coals. However, Heather was now sleeping so soundly that even a sweet

smile had creeped up to the corners of her lips.

By the time she woke up, she felt astonished too. This was the first time she fell asleep

while she was talking to somebody on the phone. Moreover, she had forgotten the things he

had said and she fell deep asleep in an instant just like that.

As she found her phone, she took a glance at the screen and realized that their talk time

lasted for two hours. She clearly remembered that when it was one hour into the call, she

had already felt sleepy, and perhaps the following half an hour was all Matthias' monologue.

Thinking that he could talk to himself without getting any response for half an hour while

holding his phone, she burst out laughing as she was amused by the scene she had

imagined in her mind.

Besides that, he had also sent her a lot of messages on Messenger. As she roughly browsed

through all of them, she felt that Matthias was inexplicably cute. Though he would also look

easygoing in front of the others, after all, he was still the director of the Locke Group.

However, when it came to Heather, he would be so flustered as though he was still a little

boy.

As soon as she thought about this, she had an epiphany. Perhaps the kind of man that she

wanted was mature, steady and successful in his career just in front of everyone, but he did

not have to be so when he was with her. The man would still feel nervous, panicked and

even overwhelmed with her presence—this was what she actually wanted.

It was only then that she remembered to check on the time after waking up for such a long

while. She had missed dinner time, and it was strange that Robert did not send anyone to

wake her up this time.

As she was starving, she slightly frowned, thinking that she had not eaten all day and her

stomach was aching a little because of that. However, there was no radical cure for

stomach problems. Back then when she was still abroad, her problems were even more

severe. As she returned home, Robert had forced her to eat three meals a day, so her

stomach problems had eased a little though it was not completely cured. She had to quickly get something to eat, as she felt that her stomach was getting more and

more uncomfortable. Moreover, it would get extremely painful if she continued leaving her

stomach empty. In the middle of the night, the stormy rain had finally stopped and the night

was so quiet that it seemed a little creepy. In the end, she sneaked into the kitchen, not

wanting to wake the others up.

The kitchen was so clean, as though it had just been cleaned and washed thoroughly.

Robert had very high requirements for the kitchen, so the chef was also conscious about

taking care of its environment. As of right now, Heather was contemplating whether she

should make fried rice or a bowl of noodles, as both of these were easy and fast to make.

The eggs were easy to find and she had also seen the tomatoes. It was great that the raw

ingredients that she needed were all available. After pondering for a moment, she decided

to go for the noodles, as eating rice with an upset stomach was certainly not good for

digestion.

She then started to cook, and she tried her very best to move as lightly as she could, as

though she was a thief who just barged into a residence, fearing that she would awaken the

owner of the house. Furthermore, the security guards were still patrolling outside. She did

not want to alarm them as she did not want this matter to reach Robert's ears.

He had always been paying great attention to her stomach problems, so she did not want

him to be worried about her regarding such trivial matters anymore. As this thought came to

her mind, she sped up her actions and she looked absolutely skilled in cooking.

During her time abroad, there were a lot of moments she craved for a decent home cooked

meal. Therefore, she had to cook it herself all the time and this was how she practiced and

gained her cooking skills.

Heather had a habit of carrying her phone with her wherever she went. Initially, everything

was progressing safely and soon, her noodles would be ready to serve. However, the phone

rang so loudly all of a sudden. Panicked, she immediately hung up the call in a hurry without

having the time to check on who was calling.

As expected, the ringtone had drawn the attention of the guards and she saw a beam of

light flashed through from the outside. As she was feeling helpless, she glanced at the

phone and it was none other than Matthias who gave her a call.

Well, it was already meaningless to continue avoiding the guards at the moment, so she

decided to make the first move. She walked straight to the door and opened it, and she

spoke to the guard who was still searching for the source of the sound directly. "It's my

phone ringing, so you don't have to look for it anymore."

The guard was originally acting aggressively but as soon as he saw Heather, his attitude

changed drastically in an instant and he then smiled at her in a solicitous manner.

"Miss Heather, why are you here?"

She swept a glance at the guard, knowing that they were just fulfilling their duties, so she

tried to keep her attitude as gentle as she could.

"I'm here to practice my cooking since Grandpa's seventieth birthday is approaching." She

came up with this reason within a split second.

Upon hearing her words, he could not come up with any questions anymore so in the end, he

was being sent away by Heather wisely. However, the guard certainly did not know when

Robert's birthday was coming up; at least, he had not heard any news about it yet.

In fact, Robert's seventieth birthday was still two months away, so it was indeed still very

early in time to talk about it. After the guard left, Heather hurriedly turned back to check on

her noodles. She had forgotten to turn off the fire just now, so the noodles became all

mushy and soggy.

She looked at the mess in the pot and it was simply not edible, so she could only cook

another pot all over again. The culprit of this incident is none other than Matthias Locke!

Fortunately, he did not call her again afterward, or else she would definitely teach him a

lesson.

Matthias was feeling gloomy, as he gave Heather a call just now but she hung up in an

instant. Since it was her who cut off the call, he dared not continue dialing again, as he

thought that she was still angry with him.

This situation had left him so worried that he could hardly eat and sleep. He even spoke to

Evan about this, wanting to get some useful advice from him.

However, upon hearing about his concerns, Evan kept shaking his head in confusion. He

pondered it over and over again, but he still could not figure out which of Matthias' words

turned out to be wrong, and he felt that Heather wouldn't be that enraged.

As he stared at Matthias face for a good while, he then asked firmly, "Are you hiding

something from me?" He was suspecting that Matthias had hid away something that was

rather bad.

"No, of course not! We were just having a small talk about some insignificant things. I really

don't understand why she got mad," As he spoke, his face looked very innocent. Ever since

he started to chase Heather, Evan had become his love guru.

After hearing his words, Evan merely waved his hands. It seemed that Matthias was really

not lying, so he could only tell him with a sense of resignation, "Oh well, I'm not able to help

you this time. A woman's heart is a deep ocean of secrets."

This time, he had met a strong opponent and it was the first time he met such a woman like

her. Evan had always thought that he knew women very well, but when it came to Heather

Langston, he was completely defeated. He felt that Matthias was not the only one who felt

frustrated, but he was also feeling the same.

"However, there are a lot of things that can't be explained clearly over the phone. If the girl is

indeed angry, then she needs to be coaxed in person. Find a chance and go meet Heather.

It's better to make things clear face to face." Looking at Matthias feeling so distressed, he

then gave him a suggestion. Moreover, this is also the only way that could work for now.

"Evan, am I a failure?" All of a sudden, Matthias changed the subject and asked such a

question.

Evan blinked, looking as though he did not understand the meaning behind his words.

"Matthias, you are a successful person. Look at me—a person like me should only be called

a failure," replied Evan as he mocked himself. All these years, he had not been revitalizing

his family business, and he even intended to continue abandoning himself. He was even

called a 'cowardly loser' by his own family.

"Hey, I am actually pretty envious of you because you can do anything that you want to do.

Don't bother about the prejudices of the world, Evan. You'll be the most successful only

when you're being yourself." After listening to his words, Matthias comforted him. He could

not even put himself to say such a thing back then, but now the words came out of his

mouth so naturally.

Love could change each other, as it not only made Heather begin to value feelings, it also

made Matthias become gentle and kind.

Evan was not used to Matthias being like this, but after listening to his comforting words, he

put on a bright smile on his face.

"You know that I don't care what others think. You don't have to encourage me and also, don't feel remorse. Though you encountered a lot of problems when chasing Heather, you

even became not like yourself anymore. You've even put your pride aside." Evan knew best

about the process of Matthias' pursuit toward Heather. Back then, he had also encouraged

him many times to take the first move, so he understood naturally what he meant by his

'failure'.

"So?" Matthias felt that he had already worked so hard, but the progress was still very slow

and sometimes, the situation would even become unstable.

However, the person who first fell in love in a relationship was destined to suffer the pain.

Moreover, Heather's attitude was ambiguous; it would be good sometimes, but it would also

be bad sometimes. Therefore, he was feeling less and less confident in such a volatile

situation.

What Matthias was experiencing right now was exactly what Leon had been through back

then. Leon also once had such a tormented journey, and it was also true that not getting

something successfully that you had been longing for would really destroy a person's

confidence.

In the end, Leon did not persevere with this journey, and it was also still an unsolved

question on whether Matthias would keep himself going on this same path.

After the thunderstorm, the sky was being washed thoroughly, as it was no longer grey and

gloomy. It was a sunny morning with a clear blue sky, and the fluffy clouds were hung up

high. What a beautiful day!

As Heather pushed the window open, she stretched out her head to gaze at the scenery. She

was blindly repelled by the luxurious style of the Langston Residence back then, but now it

seemed like this residence had a different kind of beauty. The people in the business world

also like to jokingly say that the Langston Residence was a landmark of Bradfort City.

With such beautiful weather, and with the colorful flowers blooming in the garden, it felt like

being in an ancient medieval castle. Heather took a deep breath of the fresh air, and the

corner of her lips lifted slightly. Today will be a good beginning, she thought.

It had been cold for a very long time and she even experienced a cold winter yesterday.

However, the sun was shining so bright today and as the warm sunlight was sprinkled down,

it would make a person become soft.

Her mood had turned great in an instant too. If there was anyone who would date her out for

a spring outing at the moment, she would definitely agree without any hesitation. Though it

did not have any green scenery for now, she could at least go out for a walk at a place full of

golden leaves and with stunning landscapes.

Just like a caged bird which was finally set free, she could not wait to spread her wings and

soar freely in the sky. Perhaps her thoughts were too strong, thus Matthias had pulled her

back to reality with a phone call.

She then picked up the phone immediately. Right at the moment, he was sitting in his office,

also with his window wide open. He felt that the weather today was just right for a date.

"Dear Miss Langston, may I ask you out for a date to talk about some business matter?" He

was still keeping a secret on the previous matter of cooperating with the Langston Group.

Robert had also given him an exception, saying that he could select any person in charge as

he wished from the Langston Family to discuss the cooperation.

He sounded so relaxed that one could never tell from his tone that he was still in frustration

yesterday regarding the matter of an angry Heather. He had already made a plan and in

order to cheer a girl up, he should also prepare more surprises for her.

"Well, I'll have to think about it." She was secretly feeling happy deep down. Just when she

thought about going out for a walk, Matthias then appeared

coincidentally, as though it was

specially arranged by fate.

Listening to Evan's advice, Matthias wanted to become an interesting person in front of

Heather, as an interesting soul had always been exceptionally attractive.