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Chapter 351 Unexpected Rapid Progress

Fanny asked with joy and a hint of shyness. "Yeah. So you didn't know?"

When Yaxley inquired, Fanny immediately sensed that Angela had not mentioned her to him. This realization relieved her and strengthened her resolve to separate Angela from Yaxley.

Although Angela had refrained from speaking up before, slip-ups were bound to happen eventually.

She couldn't allow Angela to stay by Yaxley's side, nor could she stand by and watch Angela lead a peaceful life.

"No, I had no idea about it, but I will find out soon enough. Yaxley furrowed his brows, sensing that he had overlooked something,

Observing Yaxley's expression, Fanny felt a sense of foreboding creeping over her.

She couldn't shake the feeling that Yaxley's reactions were off. Moreover, his statement about knowing soon only added to her unease.

Just as Fanny was growing anxious, Yaxley suddenly inquired, "Angela said you're leaving the Kins Family?"

He wanted to hear Fanny's account before delving into further investigation.

Subconsciously, he hesitated to pry too much into others' affairs. Apart from the few questions he had asked Angela earlier that morning, he refrained from probing further.

However, a faint sense of discord between Angela and Fanny downstairs had caught his attention, prompting him to seek answers from Fanny first.

Fanny gritted her teeth, tears welling up in her eyes. She looked at Yaxley and said, "The truth is, I was mistakenly brought to the Kins Family, which is why I wanted to leave."

Her words hinted at her discontent within both the Kins Family and the Stuart Family, insinuating that Angela had mistreated her. It also served as a cautionary message to Yaxley.

Listening intently, Yaxley furrowed his brows, lost in contemplation.

Meanwhile, Angela ended her call with Yoanna downstairs, and shortly after, Mobius escorted Yoanna back.

Yoanna attempted to send Mobius away, but others gathered around, expressing their concern for her.

Some girls who understood her situation offered words of comfort, while the boys present remained perplexed, unable to grasp why Yoanna had suddenly left.

Among the confused was Mobius.

He believed that Yoanna had misunderstood Angela and had been trying to persuade her otherwise.

After dismissing those who had come to check on her, Yoanna approached Angela, ensuring they were alone, and asked, "About what you said on the phone. Is it true?"

Angela affirmed, "Yes."

Fanny had offended her, prompting Angela to seek retribution.

Moreover, as Yaxley's junior, Angela felt that Fanny was not a suitable match for him. She didn't intend to cause trouble but believed that Yaxley deserved to know the truth.

Yoanna grabbed Angela and questioned, "What should we do? She's going to get engaged to Yaxley!"

The mere thought of Fanny, an unexpected presence, filled her with anxiety.

Adding to her distress was Yaxley's stance. He had acknowledged Fanny as his prospective fiancée, indicating his acceptance of her.

"What are you worried about? They haven't gotten engaged yet," Angela comforted her friend. "Fanny has quite a reputation in Riverdon. Just buy a few old issues of the Riverdon Daily, and you'll see."

She didn't have a direct plan to talk to Yaxley. She simply intended to show them Fanny's past experiences as reported in the newspapers, and how they judged it would be up to them.

After hearing this, Yoanna looked at Angela and said, "Newspaper? Alright. I'll have someone buy them."

Information wasn't as readily available back then, so things like

newspapers had to be bought in person. But the Tuckson Family was not short of money. She could easily contact a few reporters in Riverdon and buy a few copies. As long as she went home and asked for her father's help, it would work.

"What does the newspaper say?" Yoanna couldn't contain her curiosity.

Angela shook her head. "I'm not sure of the specifics, but it's definitely exposing Fanny. She came to Northland because of this incident."

While she and Yaxley came to Northland for training, Fanny and Christopher differed: they had come to Northland to lay low.

The Martinez Family had made their affairs public in the newspapers so that they would be talked about in Riverdon for a while. Both the Sanders

Family and the Kins Family were influential, and they had sent people to Northland just to avoid the gossip.

She heard all these things from Cassie.

Without getting any specific information from Angela, Yoanna stopped asking and looked around. "Where is Yaxley?"

As soon as she ran out just now, the person she most hoped to chase after wasn't anyone else but Yaxley.

Not only did she not see Yaxley follow her out, but she also didn't see him when she came back.

Looking around again, she didn't see Fanny either, and alarm bells rang in her heart.

Both of them are missing. Where did they go?

Angela pointed to the spiral staircase of the villa, saying, "They went upstairs."

Yoanna immediately wanted to go upstairs, but she had only taken a few steps when Fanny followed Yaxley down.

Seeing the two of them coming down, Yoanna breathed a sigh of relief.

"Why did it take so long to go upstairs? What were you talking about?" Mobius ran up to them and joked, then sighed. "I didn't expect you two to progress so quickly. You two are getting engaged!"

"Yes. It did happen quickly." Yaxley remained calm, while Fanny looked shy.

“What happened to Yoanna just now?” Yaxley saw Yoanna coming back, but her eyes were a bit red.

Yoanna shook her head, biting her back teeth, and said, “It’s nothing. It’s just a misunderstanding. Angela and I have cleared it up.”

Yaxley nodded, about to say something, when his phone suddenly rang. Then he went to a corner to answer the phone.

Fanny was left behind, but she was not afraid. Instead, she walked a few steps towards Angela.

In front of everyone else, she spoke up, “Angela, I want to prepare a gift for Yaxley. Since you spend a lot of time with him, you must know what he likes. Can you please tell me more about what he likes?”

Angela remained silent, just watching Fanny playing her part.

Fanny was not embarrassed at all, and both of them continued their conversation.

Angela had no intention of staying here with Fanny, but since this was Mobius’s arrangement, she saw no need to dampen the mood by retorting. It was best to just leave.

After all, Fanny had already made a big deal out of something trivial earlier, and Angela was not in the mood to deal with her again.

Coincidentally, Jonathan had just messaged her, asking if she needed him to come in and pick her up.

She quickly composed a message, asking him to wait outside for her for a

minute.

Seeing Angela busy with her phone, Fanny clenched her teeth in frustration but decided not to say anything.

While waiting for Angela to finish her phone call, Fanny felt a surge of anger. However, her attention was soon drawn to Yoanna, whose gaze met

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Instantly, she recalled what Yoanna said when she left. A woman's intuition was often spot on, and Fanny suddenly realized that Yoanna had feelings for Yaxley.

She grew cautious and began to inquire.

"Hello. Are you a friend of Angela? What is your name?" Fanny greeted Yoanna with a smile, taking a step closer.

Yoanna furrowed her brow and responded, "Yoanna Tuckson."

She found Fanny's tone off-putting. Moreover, Fanny had proclaimed herself as almost engaged to Yaxley, which made Yoanna even more uncomfortable.

"Miss Tuckson, it's nice to meet you. You..." Fanny was about to ask a question when Angela suddenly rose from the sofa. She excused herself and walked past the two towards Mobius.

Fanny stood frozen, forgetting her next words. Yoanna completely disregarded Fanny and followed Angela.

"Mobius, I have some matters to attend to at home, so I will take my leave. Please inform Yaxley later," Angela said to Mobius.

"Alright. Should I walk you out?" Mobius set down his glass of water and was about to move.

However, Angela declined, saying, "No need. Thank you."

Yoanna, upon hearing that Angela was leaving, frowned and inquired, "Are you just leaving like this?"

"My ride is already here," Angela indicated. "I must head home now."

During their exchange, Fanny suddenly realized that Angela was about to leave. She hurriedly approached and said, "Angela, I just arrived a moment ago. Why are you leaving so soon? It's been a while since we last met. We can catch up and chat."

She attempted to draw Angela closer, but Angela evaded her directly.

"No need. We aren't that close, are we?"

She showed no consideration for Fanny.

Fanny stood motionless, on the brink of tears. "Angela, if you're not happy because our brothers brought me home, I can refuse and keep my distance."

Fanny was playing the victim, but Angela found it distasteful.

Fanny always sought sympathy from others, and now that she had said this, those around her regarded her differently.

"Go wherever you please. I don't care. But remember, renegeing on promises may have consequences."

Fanny's expression changed, tears streaming down her face. She was about to speak, but Angela couldn't be bothered to witness her theatrics and simply left the villa.

Mobius was taken aback, not expecting the situation to unfold in this

manner.

Upon seeing Angela depart, he contemplated catching up and persuading her to stay, but upon seeing Fanny crying, he hesitated on whether to

console her or not.

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After all, one of them was Yaxley's specially cared-for junior, and the other was his fiancée. He couldn't make up his mind for a while.

Yoanna nudged Mobius towards Fanny and remarked, "I will go see Angela off"

Fanny watched the two depart, feeling secretly pleased but wearing a troubled expression.

As Mobius approached her, she adopted a sorrowful yet indifferent look and whispered, "I am fine. You should go after Angela."

Upon hearing her words, Mobius felt even more reluctant to leave, so he promptly led her to the sofa and attempted to console her.

"Angela must have had an urgent matter at home. Do not dwell on it."

Fanny hung her head, feeling disheartened.

Coincidentally, Yaxley returned after taking a phone call and was informed by Mobius that Angela had just departed.

Yaxley paused for a moment, intending to follow her, but Fanny pulled at his sleeve to stop him.

“What’s the matter?” Yaxley’s voice remained gentle.

“I was just thinking, I haven’t seen Angela for a long time, and she left as soon as she saw me. Maybe I shouldn’t have come?” She looked pitiful and aggrieved, appearing helpless.

Seeing that Yaxley was listening intently, she transitioned from pulling at his sleeve to hugging his arm. She held on tightly as if grasping at straws, looking as though she couldn’t bear to let go.

Yaxley felt a headache coming on but still comforted her. “It’s not your

fault. She must have something important to attend to.”

From his interactions with Angela and what he had learned from Terence, he knew that Angela wouldn’t fabricate excuses to deceive them.

Fanny felt resentment deep down but still replied, “Alright.”

Seeing her pale face, Yaxley was concerned about Fanny feeling upset, so he decided to stay and comfort her.

Yoanna returned to witness the two clinging to each other, and her heart began to beat uncontrollably. She walked a few steps closer to them.

“Yaxley...” When she reached Yaxley, she didn’t know what to say.

Yaxley stood up and looked at her, then gently removed Fanny’s hands from his arm. “What’s wrong? Why do you look so pale?”

“It’s nothing. I just hurried back after sending Angela off.” She felt relieved after Yaxley and Fanny separated.

Yaxley nodded, noticing her slightly flushed face, he touched her forehead to ensure she wasn’t running a fever before asking, “You escorted Angela out. Why did she suddenly leave?”

Yoanna was taken aback by Yaxley’s sudden movement, and she stuttered in response. “Jonathan came to pick her up.”

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Observing some intimacy between the two, Fanny became anxious on the side.

But Yaxley was still present, so she could only whisper, “Yaxley, I want to have some water.”

Upon hearing Fanny’s request, Yaxley nodded toward Yoanna and said to Fanny, “Wait. I’ll get it for you.”

After saying that, he walked towards the center of the crowded hall.

As soon as Yaxley departed, Fanny stood up and approached Yoanna.

Yoanna was standing in a favorable position. However, Fanny didn’t want Yaxley to notice Yoanna upon his return, so she felt she had to push Yoanna away.

“Yoanna, you seem to have a close relationship with Yaxley?” She casually nudged Yoanna and then gazed at her expectantly, inquiring.

Yoanna had never been fond of Fanny. When she was nudged by her, she nearly stumbled.

She was truly angry in that moment.

“Why did you push me?” Yoanna raised her hand and pushed Fanny.

She didn’t use much force, and never anticipated Fanny to stagger back like a kite with a broken string, taking several steps before finally sitting on the ground.

“Ah!”

With a soft cry, everyone in the room turned their attention to her.

Yoanna immediately panicked, staring blankly at her hand and Fanny a few steps away, stuttering, “I... I didn’t use much force...”

However, no one except Fanny heard her. Instead, everyone rushed to Fanny’s side.

Yaxley set down his drink and walked over to check on Fanny.

“What’s wrong? Did you get hurt?” Yaxley’s face showed no sign of nervousness, but his movements were swift as he lifted Fanny from the

ground.

Fanny, with tears in her eyes, said, “My leg hurts so much.”

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Fanny nestled in Yaxley’s arms, one hand on Yaxley’s arm and the other on her own leg, as if she had injured her leg.

Witnessing Fanny's pitiful appearance, a bystander immediately stepped forward and asked Yoanna, "Why did you suddenly push her?"

He had noticed the situation earlier and decided to ask at that moment.

Yoanna was initially stunned, then reacted and explained, "I didn't use force. She..."

She was at a loss for words and could only look helplessly at Yaxley.

Before Yaxley could respond, Fanny spoke up, "Yaxley, it's not Miss Tuckson's fault. I lost my balance."

Despite her words, she appeared distressed, and no one believed she was unharmed. Instead, she seemed to be unfairly treated but remained silent.

Upon hearing Fanny's statement, Yoanna quickly added, "Yes. It was her own fault for losing her balance."

However, a few individuals continued to observe her, their gazes shifting between her and Fanny, maintaining silence.

Yaxley glanced at Yoanna and suggested, "Let's discuss today's events later. I'll take Fanny to the hospital."

Fanny, nestled in Yaxley's arms, cast a timid glance at Yoanna, pursed her lips, and said nothing more.

Yoanna, however, could clearly discern Fanny's expression. She even noticed the smugness in Fanny's gaze and quickly followed suit.

“Yaxley, it’s my responsibility that she fell. I’ll accompany you to the hospital,” she said, directing a defiant look towards Fanny.

Yet, Fanny avoided eye contact, clenching her teeth tightly.

Yaxley remained unaware of the tension between the two and silently agreed for Yoanna to accompany him.

During the car ride, Yoanna suddenly inquired, “Yaxley, when did you start seeing her?”

Yaxley, driving the car, replied, “Not too long ago.”

Fanny bit her lip, wanting to speak, but refrained.

“Not too long ago? That explains it. But why rush into an engagement? Will your parents approve?”

Angela is from Riverdon, and Fanny claims to be Angela’s sister, so naturally, she is also from Riverdon. Yoanna doubted that the Kins Family would accept Fanny as a daughter-in-law.

Yaxley glanced at Yoanna impassively. “It’s not their concern.”

Observing his expression, Yoanna immediately held back the words she was about to say.

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Knowing Yaxley well, she sensed his impatience and refrained from speaking out of turn.

The car fell into silence.

Fanny observed the two of them, feeling frustrated.

Although Yoanna spoke only briefly, she could sense the Kins Family's views on Yaxley's choice of partner.

Yaxley's parents most likely would not approve of their relationship.

Yoanna also contemplated this and remained silent.

The three individuals in the car were lost in their thoughts, with Fanny being the most frustrated,

Fanny underwent a check-up at the hospital. Upon arrival, it was Yaxley who carried her inside.

Yoanna followed closely, wanting to speak but hesitating, only able to gaze at the two of them.

Seeing Yaxley carrying Fanny in, the doctor who recognized Yaxley hurriedly approached, wiping sweat from his forehead and cautiously inquiring, "Mr. Collier, what happened to this young lady?"

Catching a glimpse of Yoanna following behind Yaxley, the doctor's gaze towards Fanny became somewhat puzzled.

Yaxley explained, "She fell, so she needs to be examined."

The doctor promptly arranged for Fanny to undergo an examination. Although the issue was not severe, there were visible marks on Fanny's legs from the fall.

She had always been delicate since she was young, and even a minor bump would appear serious on her. When she fell, she did not brace herself, making it look worse than it was.

After applying medication, she was once again carried to the hospital bed by Yaxley.

Yoanna had been by Yaxley's side throughout. While Fanny was being examined, she tried to explain to Yaxley that she did not push Fanny with force and that Fanny might be pretending.

However, upon seeing the marks on Fanny's legs, she fell silent.

She gazed in disbelief at Fanny's treated leg.

Yaxley remained silent, giving Yoanna a faint look before focusing on Fanny, asking with concern. "Are you still in pain?"

"Not anymore. Ouch... Fanny shifted slightly, wincing as if she had touched a sore spot accidentally, and quickly added. "Don't blame Miss Tuckson. She didn't push me on purpose."

Yoanna's expression turned even more incredulous.

"I didn't push you on purpose, and you were the one who bumped into me first!" Yoanna pointed at Fanny

If Fanny hadn't bumped into her, she wouldn't have touched Fanny at all.

Fanny seemed taken aback by the sudden increase in volume and moved closer to Yaxley.

"Apologize to Fanny Yaxley instructed Yoanna.

Yoanna looked at Yaxley in disbelief. "Why should I apologize to her? I didn't push her hard at all! She's pretending to fall like this."

Fanny softly interjected, "Yaxley, I didn't pretend. I'm really unwell. I wouldn't joke about my health

As she spoke, she clung to Yaxley, looking pitiful.

“You’re pretending” Yoanna blurted out, unable to contain herself. “Yaxley, she’s not as innocent as she seems. She came to Northland because her reputation in Riverdon was tarnished. Don’t trust her!”

Fanny’s eyes narrowed, convinced that it was Angela who had informed

Yoanna.

Yaxley. I’m scared. She needed Yaxley to remove Yoanna first, or she wouldn’t be able to explain.

Upon hearing Fanny’s words, Yoanna wanted to intervene but hesitated. Yaxley, wait for me to get the newspaper; then you’ll know what she has done!”

Fanny’s expression changed when the newspaper was mentioned.

Thankfully, Yaxley chose to defend her, telling Yoanna firmly, “Shut up. Apologize, or leave.”

Yoanna was stunned, frightened by Yaxley’s gaze and hurt by his cold words.

She was even more flustered when Yaxley, seeing her hesitation, carried Fanny away.

She wanted to follow them, but Yaxley scolded her, and at the same time, she caught Fanny’s triumphant and challenging gaze.

Yoanna’s mind was in turmoil as she watched Yaxley depart.

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As she watched Yaxley’s figure getting farther and farther away, Yoanna couldn’t help but burst into tears. At this moment, a doctor passed by and asked in confusion. “Miss Tuckson, what’s wrong?”

Yoanna, as if grasping at a lifeline, quickly asked the doctor, "That woman just now, is she seriously injured? Was she faking it?"

Even though she saw the bruises on Fanny's legs, Yoanna was still convinced that Fanny was faking it, simply because of the smug look in Fanny's eyes when she looked at her.

The doctor replied. "The fall wasn't serious, but that young lady's skin is prone to leaving marks"

When she heard this, Yoanna immediately chased after them, only to see Yaxley's car disappearing in the distance.

In the car. Fanny insisted on sitting in the passenger seat and Yaxley let her.

"Yaxley, do you believe what Miss Tuckson said just now?" She couldn't think of a better way to phrase it, she could only try her luck.

Yaxley gripped the steering wheel as he calmly replied, "Seeing is believing, hearing is deceiving."

Fanny breathed a sigh of relief and finally said, "If I really came to the capital to lay low, would you still be engaged to me?"

Fanny's question was distant and her tone was more formal, even her posture became more upright as she stared at Yaxley intently.

Just as the traffic light turned red. Yaxley stepped on the brakes and looked at her in confusion. "The main reason I got engaged to you is out of responsibility and the secondary reason is that I have a good impression of you. Do you think it will affect anything?"

Fanny breathed a sigh of relief and hadn't figured out how to respond when she heard Yaxley ask, "Why are you suddenly calling me Mr. Collier again?"

“Yaxley!” Fanny quickly changed the way she addressed him to go along with him.

At this moment, she felt extremely fortunate to have met Yaxley that night following Dylan’s arrangement. Over the past few days of getting to know him, she also discovered that Yaxley was a man of his word.

When she heard Yaxley’s response, Fanny felt that even if Yaxley found out about her and Christopher together at the café, he wouldn’t make a big deal out of it.

He was convinced that something had happened that night, so he would take responsibility without hesitation.

Whether it was a promise of engagement or a real engagement, Yaxley would definitely follow through.

As Fanny had guessed, Yaxley did indeed find out from Angela that Fanny had been at the cafe, but his attitude towards Fanny did not change much.

The two did not speak again and the atmosphere in the car was harmonious.

Yaxley dropped off Fanny at the villa where Dylan had arranged for her to stay and then left without lingering.

As soon as Yaxley left. Dylan arrived, accompanied by his assistant.

“Fanny, how was your day?” Dylan knew that tonight Fanny was invited by Mobius to meet Yaxley, so he waited until Yaxley sent her back home before asking about the situation.

Fanny was suspicious of how precisely Dylan always timed his inquiries. She couldn’t help but wonder if there were surveillance cameras installed in the villa.

But she remained composed and replied, “Yaxley told Mobius and the others that I am his unofficial

fiancée.

This was good news, both for her and for Dylan.

Indeed, as soon as Dylan heard this, he happily reached out to pat her head. "You are amazing! Progressing so quickly!"

Fanny dodged his hand and asked calmly, "Mr. Leigh, how is the transfer to a new school going?"

Dylan quickly replied, "It's in progress and it will take a few more days.

Fanny nodded. "I have another favor to ask you..."

Dylan said. "Fanny, tell me and I'll do my best to help you."

While these two were discussing something, Angela was still on her way home.

In the back seat of the black sedan.

Jonathan had his arm around Angela as he gently rubbed her head.

"What's wrong? Is something bothering you?"

Although Angela had partially adjusted her emotions when she got into the car, she still seemed different from usual, with a face full of melancholy almost as if she had written her troubles on her face.

Angela leaned against Jonathan as she listened to his reassuring heartbeat and whispered, "It's nothing, just encountered someone I don't like and it's upsetting."

Fanny becoming Yaxley's unofficial fiancée was truly unexpected for her.

“Can I help?” Jonathan asked.

Angela suddenly smiled. “How can you help? Get rid of the people I don’t like? I can handle this small matter myself, Jonathan, you don’t need to worry.”

When he saw her smile like that, Jonathan affectionately touched her face. “If you can’t handle it, you must

find me.

Angela blushed and smiled in response.

Not long after, Angela received a call from Yoanna, who was crying on the other end as she talked about how Fanny was acting and making her feel bad. After she comforted her for a few moments, Angela felt a little better.

After she hung up the phone, Jonathan knew why Angela was upset and asked softly. “Do you really not need my help?”

Angela sighed. “I really don’t, Jonathan. I can handle it.

A few peaceful days passed, and Angela had not seen Fanny.

She thought she wouldn’t be bothered by it, but Fanny gave her a big surprise.

Just as she and Yaxley left the training center, Fanny came towards them as she clung to Yaxley’s arm.

“Yaxley, you’re finally done with training. Fanny leaned against Yaxley as she looked pitiful.

Angela glanced at them and said. "Yaxley, I'll go first. You guys stay and talk.

She was only walking with Yaxley out of the school, so it was fine to part ways early. Yaxley nodded in agreement.

But Fanny, as soon as she saw Angela leaving, couldn't help but ask, "Angela, do you not like me? Why do you always leave when I come around?"

She spoke weakly as she clung to Yaxley's arm with a look of grievance and timidly looked at Angela.

Angela stopped in her tracks upon hearing this as she turned coldly towards her, "What's wrong, do you need something?"

"I-1 don't need anything, I just hope that you don't hate me..." she said as her eyes turned red as she spoke.

Angela looked at her speechlessly. "I don't have time to chat with you, if you don't have anything. I'll leave."

With that, she didn't give Fanny a chance and left straight away.

As she watched Angela leave, Fanny looked desolate as she clung to Yaxley's arm and asked, "Yaxley, why is Angela still like this? Didn't you say you would help me explain to her?"

Yaxley then remembered Fanny's request for him to explain to Angela and said calmly. "I forgot, sorry."

He and Angela only talked about training and project-related matters when they met, so he had forgotten. about Fanny's request.

When she heard this, Fanny's face turned slightly pale, but she quickly composed herself and asked, "If you don't want to say, then forget it. When should I go see your parents?"

The news of her engagement with Yaxley was not hidden, he even gave her an engagement ring, but he had yet to mention meeting his family.

Fanny was not in a hurry at first, but Dylan was; and his urgency made Fanny anxious as well.

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When he heard Fanny's inquiry. Yaxley paused for a moment before responding. "Then let's go today."

Fanny was pleasantly surprised by his agreement and her eyes was filled with excitement. "Really?"

She never anticipated that Yaxley would agree so readily to introduce her to his family, let alone decide to do it on the same day.

Yaxley nodded. "Let's go,"

Fanny wanted to say more, but she held back.

As they hurried towards the Collier Estate, Angela received a call from Yoanna and informed her that Yoanna had been involved in a car crash the previous night.

After she ended the call, they had already arrived at the school gate. Oliver took the bag from Angela's hand and inquired. Are you heading home or to the company?

Angela's routine had been quite consistent in recent days. After her training sessions, she would either return home or visit Jonathan, which was why Oliver asked.

"We're going to the Mercy Hospital to visit a friend, Angela replied.

Having learned about Yoanna's serious injuries from the phone call, Angela decided to visit the hospital as a gesture of friendship.

Shortly after, Angela reached Yoanna's hospital room as she carried the fruits and gifts that Oliver had purchased for the patient.

"Angela, you made it. Yoanna weakly smiled when she saw Angela.

Angela noticed that one of Yoanna's legs was securely bandaged and suspended on the bed, while additional bandages covered her body.

As she approached her bedside, Angela inquired. "How serious is it? Have they apprehended the person responsible? Was it truly an accident?"

"They caught him. The driver was under the influence and will face legal consequences," Yoanna responded.

The Tuckson family was not one to be trifled with. Despite the lack of fatalities in the accident, evading punishment was nearly impossible.

However, Yoanna couldn't shake the feeling that the car crash the previous night was deliberate. The driver appeared to have intentionally targeted her.

Angela probed further, "What did the doctor say? Is your leg severely injured?"

Yoanna's leg was tightly wrapped, so Angela couldn't gauge the severity. Despite her pallid Yoanna seemed emotionally composed.

Even during their phone conversation earlier, there was no hint of emotional turmoil.

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“It’s not too severe, but I can’t shake the feeling that it wasn’t an accidental collision... Yoanna hesitated before she voiced her suspicions.

She harbored doubts that the car crash was not a mere coincidence.

When she heard this, Angela grasped her meaning, but before she could respond, a knock sounded on the

ward’s door.

The two exchanged a glance and fell silent. Angela went to open the door.

As the door swung open, Ava stood before them.

Ava appeared surprised. “Angela? What brings you here?”

Angela stepped aside to allow her entry as she explained, “I’m here to visit Yoanna as well.

As she recalled the purpose of her visit, Ava set down the gift she carried and began comforting Yoanna,

Yoanna was delighted to see Ava, and as they conversed, Angela picked up an apple and began peeling it on the side.

Their conversation eventually turned to Yaxley. One was Yaxley’s sister, and the other harbored feelings for him, which provided ample discussion material.

Just as they delved into their conversation, Ava suddenly smacked her forehead and exclaimed, “Oh, I forgot to inform my brother. I’ll let him know to come visit you now...”

As she had rushed over upon receiving Yoanna's call, Ava had only just remembered to inform Yaxley about Yoanna's injury.

Yoanna tried to stop her, but Ava had already rushed out of the ward to make the call.

Angela handed the peeled apple to Yoanna and said, "I should go now too."

As she accepted the apple, Yoanna hesitated before she said, "Angela, wait..."

Confused, Angela looked at her and prompted Yoanna to explain. "I was in a car accident last night after

newspaper..." picking up the newspaper. I was taken to the hospital and I lost the

Yoanna had gone out late simply because someone had delivered the newspaper she needed.

However, she never expected to be hit by a car right after getting the newspaper, which caused it to slip from her hands..

When she woke up in the hospital, she had asked her friend to search for the newspaper at the scene, but it was nowhere to be found.

Angela inquired, "Do you want me to help you find the newspaper?"

Yoanna shook her head. "I had my friend look for it after I woke up, but it was already gone..."

As she understood her dilemma, Angela tentatively asked, "So you suspect the car accident is related to the newspaper?"

Or perhaps, the car accident is relates to Fanny

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Although Angela doubted Fanny's involvement, she recalled the middle-aged man she had seen with Fanny at a previous event.

Yoanna nodded, then asked, "Angela, do you think Emmy could have caused my car accident?"

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or "I'm not certain," Angela replied, "I we can investigate from the driver's side of the people following Fanny after she arrived in the capital.

When she saw Yoanna's continson, Angela elaborated, "She may not have the capability to do it alone, so she likely had assistance"

With that clear explanation, Visamma quickly understood and thanked Angela sincerely.

Just as she finished expressing her gratitude, Ava rimmed from the call.

"Sorry Yoanna, my brother can't come visit you now, he says he has more pressing matters..."

Although Ava was unsure of her brother's priorities, she disagreed with his decision.

Yoanna had been in a serious car accident and her brother's absence due to other commitments was hurtful.

When Ava relayed Yaxley's message, Yoauma could only nod and she said, "Okay, I understand, it's fine"

She had anticipated Yaxley's response, so she had not informed him of the accident.

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Their relationship had already been strained due to a previous incident involving Fanny

Yaxley still believed Fanny was seriously injured after a fall, despite evidence to the contrary,

Furthermore, Fanny wanted to be with Yaxley constantly, which made it difficult for him to find time visit Yoanna

Suspicious of Favolvement in her accident, Yoanna did not want Yaxley to come.

As she thought about the lost newspaper, she realized she would have to wait a few more days for a replacement, which made her impatient

She felt restless and asked the two to leave.

"I'm fine, you both can go, I need to rest.

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After Angela and Ava left the ward. Yoanna found herself unable to sleep as she grew increasingly restless.

Chapter 356 Angela, I implore you

Don't you feel conflicted Ava was particularly intrigued by Angela. As they exited the ward, she inquired. "Angela, where are you headed?"

Angela, who had saved her, earned endless gratitude from Ava. She had never had the chance to invite Angela out before, but fate had brought them together today.

Confronted by Ava's excited and hopeful gaze, Angela responded calmly. "I'm going home."

When she heard Angela's intention to go home. Ava immediately grew anxious and tentatively proposed, "Would you like to explore the capital? I'll take you! You rescued me in Riverdon, and I never had the opportunity to properly thank you."

Ava's idea of going shopping wasn't just a casual outing; she intended to treat Angela generously.

With the Collier Family's wealth, she had always wanted to express her gratitude to Angela. At that moment, she couldn't think of any other way.

Just as Angela was about to decline, she noticed someone approaching them from the end of the corridor. When the person caught sight of her, a flicker of surprise crossed their eyes.

Angela Kins was about to evade them, but Joseph Kins didn't give her the chance and walked directly towards her.

"Angela, are you here to see Zacharias? I was just considering reaching out to you," Joseph inquired as he approached swiftly.

Unable to avoid him. Angela halted in her tracks. Beside her, Ava gazed at Joseph with confusion and whispered to Angela, "Who is he?"

As she found Joseph somewhat disrespectful, she didn't hold a favorable opinion of him.

Joseph paid no attention to Ava beside him and disregarded her as he addressed Angela directly. "You suggested finding a psychologist for Zacharias before, but he didn't cooperate. After all the recent trouble. it seems his health has deteriorated"

His words carried a hint of blame towards Angela for the initial suggestion

Angela frowned as she looked at him and asked, "Not cooperating? In what way?"

She had never held high expectations for Joseph as he was accustomed to his inability to follow through on promises.

Meanwhile, Ava beside them furrowed her brow deeply. If she hadn't realized the connection between Angela and Joseph, and if Angela hadn't remained composed, she would have spoken up sooner.

"If you accompany me to see, you'll understand. And perhaps assist in Zacharias treatment." Joseph told Angela without any courtesy.

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This remark immediately incited Ava beside them. She stepped in front of Angela as she demanded. "Why adopt such an attitude? How can you speak to someone seeking help in this manner?"

As she had been saved by Angela previously, Ava naturally held her medical skills in high esteem. Witnessing someone approach Angela for help with such disrespect unsettled her.

Joseph glanced at Ava and casually retorted. "What's it to you?"

"It's absolutely my concern."

She couldn't bear to see Angela being mistreated.

As she sensed an impending argument between the two, Angela interjected, "You should adjust your tone when speaking to me."

Her words were directed at Joseph, of course.

Joseph's expression darkened immediately. "You?"

“Let’s go. Ava. I believe we should consider the suggestion of exploring the capital, Angela suggested casually to Ava.

“Fantastic! Let’s go!” Ava beamed with joy and she was almost on the verge of celebrating aloud.

“Are you planning to leave?” Joseph stepped forward to intercept them and questioned, “Zacharias is in a critical condition now, all because of you! Are you simply going to stand by and watch?”

Angela coldly addressed him, “Is it because of me? As his brother, are you willing to heed the advice of those who have harmed him and now you want the person who harmed him to come and treat him? Don’t you think you’re being contradictory?”

Joseph was on the verge of losing his temper due to Angela’s interrogation, but he managed to pinch the bridge of his nose in time to calm himself down.

Ava clicked her tongue. “Don’t block our way! When seeking help, one should do so with humility!”

Although Joseph only spoke a few words, it was evident that he needed Angela’s assistance in treating someone named Zacharias, yet he was speaking arrogantly.

As they were about to depart, Joseph suddenly said, “Angela, I implore you to go and see Zacharias.”

Angela looked at him in surprise. Before she could respond, Ava interjected, “What did you say? Speak louder so Angela can hear!”

“You!” Joseph’s face flushed with anger and he looked frustrated, but he refrained from saying anything further while pointing at Ava

“What about me?” Ava glared at him as she refused to back down.

Angela knew she couldn't push people too hard, so she gently patted Ava and said, "It's okay. Ava, you go home. I'll go and check on him."

Ava quickly composed herself and asked, "Can I accompany you?"

Angela thought for a moment before she said, "Sure, you can come with me."

Joseph wanted to say something, but a glance from Angela made him hold his tongue.

However, he couldn't tolerate Ava, who was very pleased with the outcome, and followed behind Angela as she gave Joseph a provocative look.

Soon, the group arrived at Zacharias's hospital

Angela was about to enter, with Ava still following behind. When he saw this, Joseph stopped her and said, "Do we really need to bring her in now?"

Before Angela could respond. Ava spoke up.

"Whether you see the doctor or Angela sees the doctor, Angela hasn't said anything, so why should you?"

Angela smiled lightly, she was actually quite fond of Ava's personality. Ava and her brother Yaxley were complete opposites, one mischievous and powerful, the other silent, reserved, and conservative.

Joseph didn't want to argue with Ava, so he turned to Angela and said, "If something happens to Zacharias when she goes in..."

"You don't need to worry." Angela interrupted him directly, then turned to Ava and said, "Come in

Ava was very curious about her medical skills and her as a person. As long as it didn't affect anything, she was willing to satisfy Ava's curiosity and there was no harm in it.

Besides, Ava could make Joseph lose reputation, which she found quite enjoyable.

Ava gave Joseph a mocking look and followed Angela into the hospital room.

The hospital door slammed shut behind Ava and Joseph's face darkened with anger, but he could only stomp his feet in frustration.

However, he didn't have the luxury of waiting around outside the ward, as his colleagues quickly called him for help..

Since he arrived in the capital, he had been busier than ever during his time in Riverdon, yet he still had to work tirelessly.

Because, among all the staff at Mercy Hospital, he was the newest transfer.

Moreover, Joseph had managed to get both of his family members admitted to the ward, which made him the least influential person there.

Inside the ward, Angela was unaware of Joseph's frustration as she immediately checked on Zacharias upon entering.

This time, Zacharias was not asleep but he was reading a

book.

When he saw Angela, he set the book aside and noticed another person behind her. He asked in confusion, "Who is this?"

Chapter 357 My Fiancée

Angela nonchalantly remarked, "She's my friend."

Ava also glanced at Zacharias and when she noticed that Zacharias was not as impolite as Joseph, her expression softened slightly

"You don't need to worry about me. Angela. I'll wait here. Ava said as she took a step back towards the ward door to avoid disturbing Angela.

Angela nodded and proceeded to examine Zacharias, who was very cooperative.

"Acupuncture, with similar intervals, Angela instructed.

Zacharias nodded and inquired. Has Joseph bothered you again?"

He had not anticipated Angela returning to treat him and he found himself at a loss for words.

As she inserted the silver needles, Angela replied. "No, I came to the hospital to visit a friend and coincidentally encountered him."

Although Joseph had not intentionally caused any trouble, this treatment session was not initiated by him.

Zacharias fell silent and the ward was enveloped in silence.

"I heard you have been resistant to the psychologist's treatment," Angela casually inquired as she finished. up with the needles.

Zacharias frowned as he responded, "He mentioned that you recommended the psychologist?"

If Angela had not brought it up, he might have completely forgotten about the psychologist.

“It was my suggestion. I noticed your sleep and emotions were unstable last time, so I thought seeing a psychologist would be beneficial,” Angela explained candidly.

As she finished the treatment and attempted to leave, Zacharias grabbed her wrist and his expression turned ugly. He tried to control his temper as he said, ‘Do I really need to see a psychiatrist? Please don’t make baseless assumptions!’

Angela’s demeanor grew cold as she tried to free her wrist from Zacharias’ grip, but he held on tightly and forced her to step back in an attempt to break free.

Despite his pale face, Zacharias possessed considerable strength and maintained his hold on her wrist.

As she witnessed the situation, Ava hurried over.

“What are you doing? Let go of Angela,” she intervened and forcefully pried Zacharias’ hand off and allowed Angela to step away.

Zacharias appeared ghostly pale as he leaned against the hospital bed.

“Angela, are you alright?” Ava asked with concern as she checked Angela’s wrist.

Angela shook her head as she sensed that Zacharias’ behavior was abnormal.

“It’s fine, it’s fine. This guy, you treat him, and he actually...” was at a loss for words.

“Let’s go.” Angela said.

Ava quickly took Angela's hand and led her out.

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Just as they reached the door, Zacharias spoke again, "Don't mistreat Faye's innocent."

Angela nearly burst out laughing.

She had believed Zacharias to have a conscience among the Kins brothers, but it seemed he was just as heartless as the rest.

Angela chose not to respond and simply turned away. Was she still mistreating Fanny? She was growing weary of Fanny,

In confusion. Ava muttered. "Fanny? That name sounds familiar."

As they exited the ward, she suddenly recalled that her brother's girlfriend was named Fanny.

"Angela, when he mentioned Fanny, could he be referring to my brother's girlfriend?" Ava asked as she was puzzled.

Angela nodded. She was unsure if Ava had any interaction with Fanny, but she had been irritated by Fanny on several occasions, especially when Fanny came to visit Yaxley.

Ava inquired, "Is that her? Why did he mention her?" She noticed Angela's change in expression and quickly suggested, "Let's not dwell on this. How about we go shopping?"

Ava had originally planned to take Angela shopping as a gesture of gratitude, but now she saw shopping as a way to lift their spirits amidst the current situation.

This time, Angela didn't decline. It was indeed a good time to relax during the holiday.

As she followed Ava's lead, the two swiftly made their way to the capital's largest shopping mall.

Meanwhile, Yaxley drove Fanny to the Collier family estate.

As he had been staying at a hotel for a while, Yaxley had no intention of staying at home or asking Fanny to do so.

He simply wanted Fanny to feel comfortable and to introduce her to the family.

"Mr. Yaxley, you're back! I'll inform Mrs. Yaxley!" The butler was thrilled to see Yaxley's car and eager to share the news with the rest of the Collier family.

Yaxley grabbed the excited butler and inquired, "Is my father at home?"

It was already Friday afternoon, so if everything was as expected, his father should be home.

The butler shook his head. "Old Mr. Collier hasn't returned yet, but Mr. Yaxley, rest assured, if he knows you're back, he'll rush home immediately!"

Despite Yaxley's absence from the Collier family in recent days, Mrs. Collier and his father were still searching for suitable blind date candidates for him, so he would return home on time.

If his father learned of Yaxley's return, he would hurry back home, as ultimately, Yaxley would have to make his own choice.

As he pondered, the butler noticed a girl exiting the passenger seat of Yaxley's car and was surprised as he asked. "Mr. Yaxley, who is this young lady?"

Fanny was lost in thought as she paid no attention to the butler and Yaxley's conversation. Her gaze remained fixed on the vast estate since they entered.

The wealth of Yaxley's family far exceeded her expectations, which she hadn't sensed from Yaxley at all.

It wasn't that Yaxley lacked nobility; he was just very modest.

In response to the butler's question, Yaxley simply said, "Inform my father to return early, don't worry about anything else."

With that, Yaxley took Fanny's hand and led her into the house.

Caught off guard by his sudden pull, Fanny bumped into Yaxley. Luckily, he caught her in time and prevented any embarrassment.

"Did I hurt you?" Yaxley asked.

Fanny shook her head and leaned into Yaxley's arms as she held onto his arm as she inquired. "Are we just going in like this? I didn't bring a gift"

She felt nervous and hesitant as they approached the door.

Earlier, Dylan had mentioned Yaxley's prestigious background and raised her expectations. However, upon entering the Collier Family estate, she realized their background far surpassed her expectations.

The estate exuded wealth and nobility, with Yaxley's car casually parked next to an elegant fountain and they were attended by a long-serving butler.

Such a sight was unfamiliar to her in Riverdon which left her slightly overwhelmed.

When he noticed their intimacy, the butler hurried to inform Mrs. Collier.

After he informed Mrs. Collier, he promptly called Old Mr. Collier.

Therefore, when Yaxley brought Fanny inside, Mrs. Collier was already seated elegantly on the luxurious sofa.

“Yaxley, you’re finally back,” Mrs. Collier said as smiled before she turned her attention to Fanny. “Who is this young lady beside you, Yaxley?”

Fanny nervously bit her lip as she held onto Yaxley’s arm tightly without speaking.

Yaxley calmly stated, “She is my fiancée.”

“F—fiancee?” Mrs. Collier was shocked by this revelation and couldn’t help but rise from her seat to inquire. “How can an engagement be treated as a joke? How can it be taken so lightly?”

Chapter 358 I Will Only Get Engaged To Her

Tyra stood up and spoke in a domineering manner. Although her expression looked kind and not very scary, it still frightened Fanny by her side

Fanny trembled and Yaxley protected her. “Don’t be afraid.”

“Okay” Fanny nodded timidly, but still shrank into Yaxley’s arms.

Yaxley also leaned against Fanny and looked at Tyra, who still had a frown on her face. "Sit down and talk." Tyra also knew she had lost her temper, so she sat back on the sofa and sighed inexplicably.

At just a glance, she was not very satisfied with Fanny's performance, especially Fanny's easily frightened behavior like a deer, which she really didn't like.

Their mother-son relationship was not close to begin with, and just with Fanny being frightened like that, she suddenly appeared more fierce as a mother.

Yaxley ignored Tyra's sigh and pulled Fanny to sit on the other side of the sofa.

He asked Fanny softly, "Feeling better?"

After a few days of getting along, Yaxley knew that Fanny was timid and innocent. After Fanny got scared, he would be concerned.

This was something that hadn't happened before, or it was only after Fanny complained to him privately that he started paying attention.

But Yaxley didn't have much feelings about doing these things at the time, he just did what he thought he should do as if following orders.

However, this scene looked different in Tyra's eyes.

She couldn't help but reconsider Fanny's attitude in Yaxley's heart; she speculated how long the two had been together and what Fanny had done to make Yaxley care so much.

After the butler finished the phone call and came back, he saw the three of them sitting facing each other and quickly instructed the servant to prepare tea.

"Mrs. Collier, Mr. Yaxley, Old Mr. Collier will be back within half an hour," the butler said respectfully.

His words broke the silence and the thoughtful individuals all came back to their senses.

Tyra softened her voice and asked, "What's your name and which family's young lady are you?"

Fanny replied softly. "My name is Fanny Kins and I am from Riverdon."

The Kins Family in Riverdon was no longer as prestigious as before, and compared to Northland, it was even more insignificant. She felt embarrassed to mention it and risk being laughed at.

Tyra immediately frowned as she did not hear Fanny mention her family background, but heard that she was from Riverdon...

Yaxley had disregarded their wishes to go to Riverdon before, and now he brought back a woman from Riverdon. She couldn't bring herself to like it.

"So you're from Riverdon, how long have you known Yaxley?" She guessed that the two must have met in Riverdon and got together, otherwise Yaxley wouldn't be so protective of Fanny.

"Not long, we met when we came to Northland," Fanny replied softly, with a smile on her face and a visible sense of happiness.

If it weren't for Christopher, and if she hadn't invested so much affection in Christopher, Fanny's happiness might have been more genuine.

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t now, she knew in her heart that she truly loved Christopher. With Yaxley, she was mostly using him.

Besides, Yaxley didn't really like her at all!

Yaxley was just being responsible. If it had been someone else that night, Yaxley would have been just as responsible to that person as he was to her.

As she thought about this, Fanny lowered her head and felt inexplicably low,

Tyra looked at the two of them in surprise; when she saw Fanny bow her head, she began to doubt Fanny's words.

She couldn't understand how the relationship between the two of them could progress so quickly. Tyra, unable to figure it out, didn't continue to inquire. Instead, she asked about the topic Fanny had avoided before, "Fanny, what's the situation like at home for you?"

When she heard this, Fanny looked up cautiously at Yaxley beside her.

Unable to see Tyra's dissatisfaction, she didn't know whether to tell the truth or not. The situation at her home was not something to be proud of, whether it was the Stuart Family or the Kins Family.

Yaxley comfortingly rubbed her head. "You don't have to say if you don't want to."

"Sorry, Mrs. Collier, the situation at my home is a bit complicated and I don't really want to talk about it." Fanny lowered her head in sadness as her face showed sorrow and pain.

She had previously mentioned to Yaxley that she had been switched at birth and hadn't lived well in either the Kins Family or the Stuart family. She wasn't sure if Yaxley had verified this, but the fact that he was still protecting her now meant that her lies hadn't been exposed.

Besides, she hadn't actually lied.

A little investigation would reveal how miserable she had been in Riverdon and those "slanders" and "defamations" were all evidence of her pitiful state in Fanny's mouth.

Tyra wanted to, say something else, but Yaxley directly interrupted her.

He said, "There's no need to ask, I will only get engaged to her."

He brought people back not to have his family test Fanny, but just to introduce her.

Tyra was speechless. Then shall we have dinner at home? I'll have someone prepare it?

Yaxley lowered his eyes and asked Fanny beside him. Do you want to eat here?

Fanny was about to shake her head, but suddenly caught sight of Tyra's gaze and nodded involuntarily.

"Then you have someone prepare it. I'll take Fanny upstairs to rest for a while, call me when father comes back." Yaxley finished speaking and took Fanny upstairs directly,

Fanny was completely bewildered and she only came back to her senses when she was brought to a room that didn't seem to be frequently used.

"Is this your room? Fanny looked at the expensive decorations in the room and asked softly.

Yaxley casually replied, "Yes, but I don't live here now."

He was exhausted dealing with Tyra, but had enough patience for Fanny.

"Oh? Where do you live now? Every time she looked for Yaxley in the past few days, he would always send her back to where she lived, she had no idea where he lived when he wasn't at the Collier Estate.

Yaxley was puzzled, but still responded, "At the previous hotel?"

He did have properties in Northland, but staying at a hotel was more convenient, with a variety of food options. He felt that the hotel was more suitable for him.

Fanny nodded without further questioning

Afraid that Fanny would be bored, Yaxley took a book for her to read. Fanny took the book, which was full of astronomical codes to her and fell silent instantly.

She was a little afraid that Yaxley would interrogate her and then realize that she couldn't understand the book he gave her at all.

The room fell silent for a moment, and Yaxley noticed Fanny's silence, so he began to focus on his own

tasks

On the other side. Ava was out splurging with Angela. Although she was supposed to take Angela around, Angela wasn't interested in many things, so most of the things she bought were for herself.

As they strolled, Ava suddenly received a call from Sophia.

After she hung up, she excitedly said to Angela, "Angela, Sophia is in Northland now and is coming to my

house!"

Angela recalled and remembered Sophia, the poor girl who had been deceived by Christopher.

"Let's go home then. After they circled the mall, her mood had improved significantly.

Ava, however, was conflicted and asked, "Angela, why don't you come to my house too? My parents have been wanting to meet you and my mom has been wanting to thank you for saving me."

As she looked back, it was all thanks to Sophia that they were able to locate Angela initially! Moreover, as for Sophia, Angela had also assisted her.

With Sophia now in Northland to unwind, she also expressed a desire for the three of them to reunite.

Chapter 359 We Broke Up, Didn't We?

“Is it convenient Angela teli conflicted when she was suddenly invited.

Ava quickly responded, “It’s definitely convenient! My mom doesn’t usually have anything else to do.”

As she warmly invited Angela, Angela didn’t hesitate for long before accepting her invitation.

“Angela, wait for me. I’ll call my mom to prepare in advance”

Angela nodded and also planned to buy some gifts.

Although it was a sudden decision, since she was going to visit, she naturally couldn’t go empty-handed.

As soon as Ava left, Angela entered a store and had the stall pack several gifts.

Just as she was about to leave, she unexpectedly ran into someone.

“Angela Christopher’s first reaction upon seeing her was to call out to her, but when he saw the person behind her carrying bags, he looked displeased.

Angela turned to him. “Is there something you need?”

She didn't expect to run into Christopher there. There was also a girl next to him, who shyly clung to his.

Christopher was provoked by Angela's gaze and whispered angrily, "Are you always this wasteful? Is this how you squander Jonathan's money?"

Angela found it amusing and asked indifferently. "What does it have to do with you?"

Not to mention that most of the things behind her belonged to Ava, even the things that belonged to her was a gift from Ava

She came to the mall that day and the only thing she spent money on was the gift that the store clerk had just wrapped for her.

"What does it have to do with me! He is my friend whom I see as a brother."

"Oh? If there's nothing else, I'll be on my way." Angela interrupted Christopher directly as her face warned. him without fear, "Since you think he is your brother, and your brother is my husband, the next time you

see me, you better address me as your ever-in-law

Christopher always played by his own rules and she used to be too tolerant, which allowed Christopher to be so arrogant for so long.

"Angela, don't get too cocky."

Before Christopher could finish his sentence, he saw Angela turning to leave, so he quickly blocked her way with his people.

Angela looked at him coldly. "When did you see me being cocky?"

The girl next to Christopher noticed the tension between the two and with people around starting to pay attention, she whispered, "Should we find a place to sit and talk? A lot of people are watching."

"No need." Angela smiled kindly at the girl, then suddenly asked. "Are you on a blind date with Christopher?"

The girl hadn't spoken before and Angela hadn't paid attention to her, but now that she had spoken. Angela understood that the girl had just recently met Christopher as well.

When Christopher heard Angela talking to the girl, he immediately became serious and stood in front of the girl, saying, "Angela, don't try to influence people around me again!"

If it weren't for Angela meddling before, things would have worked out between him and Sophia! Now just thinking about Angela made him feel a surge of anger.

Angela chuckled as she ignored his threat and said to the girl, "Make sure you know the person well before getting involved with them."

Christopher was so angry that he wanted to cover Angela's mouth immediately. "Angela! Shut up!"

"Angela, who is he?" Ava came back from the phone call and found Angela confronting someone, so she hurried over to Angela.

She looked at Christopher and then glanced at the man and woman next to him. She didn't know either of them.

Before Angela could speak, the girl next to Christopher spoke first, "Miss Collier? It's you!"

She let go of Christopher's arm and quickly approached Ava with excitement.

"May I ask who you are?" Ava gently pulled Angela back a few steps, as if she was cautious of something.

The girl quickly stopped and introduced herself, I'm Jane from the Coolidge Family. Miss Collier, it's understandable if you don't recognize me, but please rest assured, we have no ill intentions. Christopher was just catching up with your friend. Your friend happens to be my boyfriend's sister-in-law,"

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trying to Jane was unaware of the situation between Angela and Christopher, but that didn't deter her establish a connection with Ava through this link.

Christopher was merely her blind date for the day, not her boyfriend. However, in the presence of Ava, this mediocre blind date was insignificant.

When she saw Ava's expression slightly soften, Jane continued, "Miss Collier, please forgive us. My boyfriend overstepped earlier. I will bring him away now, so as not to disturb you and your friend any further."

As she stood behind Jane, Christopher's expression darkened when he heard her words.

Although Jane claimed him as her boyfriend, it was evident that he was using his status to get closer to Angela to potentially form a relationship with the new woman!

"What are you implying, Jane?" Christopher angrily shook off Jane's hand as he walked away.

Jane scoffed. "What am I implying? If I hadn't intervened just now, you would have offended the Collier

Family! Someone like you from a small town, if you offend the Collier Family, you won't be able to stay in Northland."

While the influence of the Collier Family may not be as formidable as Jane portrayed, it was enough to intimidate Christopher, who was from out of town.

Christopher indeed felt a sense of dread which prompted him to ask, "Do you know Yaxley?"

As he had met Yaxley a few times before, he was familiar with the name but hadn't paid much attention at the time. Now, when he heard Jane mention the Collier Family, he felt uneasy.

Fanny was dating Yaxley and he couldn't help but worry even more for Fanny.

"Yaxley is the eldest son of the Collier Family. You didn't know that? The lady you just met, Miss Collier, is Yaxley's sister, Ava," Jane said with envy evident on her face.

She had only seen Ava once at another event, but her appearance had left a lasting impression. Among the elite ladies in Northland, who wouldn't want to befriend the daughter of the Collier Family? However, they had heard that Ava was in poor health, so she rarely ventured out and it wasn't easy to befriend her just by trying.

After the interruption by Christopher, Angela and Ava decided to head straight to the Collier Family instead of continuing their stroll.

Christopher called Fanny parting ways with Jane.

Fanny didn't answer the first time, so Christopher called again. Fanny glanced at Yaxley, who was studying at his desk, before she greeted him and stepped out onto the balcony to take the call.

"Fanny? Where are you?" Christopher sounded anxious as soon as the call connected.

Fanny instinctively furrowed her brow and though her tone was gentle, her words were slightly chilly, "Haven't we already ended things? Why do you care where I am?"

Christopher felt a pang in his heart and said, "I'm a bit concerned about you. I just learned that the Collier Family is not to be underestimated. You and Yaxley may not be a good match, and you..."

He wanted to mention that the Collier Family would surely find a suitable match for Yaxley, but he realized that this would bring back memories of their past to Fanny.

Although the Sanders Family was not highly esteemed in Northland, they still held a respectable position in Riverdon. Christopher himself had been a sought-after individual before.

Fanny had been hurt by his engagement to Sophia before and he didn't want her to experience that pain again.

Chapter 360 Why Are You Here?

"What's wrong with us?" Fanny looked down from the balcony at the vast estate of the Collier Family. She admired it greatly and eagerly anticipated becoming the mistress there.

Although; she didn't feel loved by Yaxley, she was aware that Yaxley would take responsibility for their past actions, which was sufficient for her.

If she could secure Mrs. Collier's position in the Collier Family, even without taking direct action, there would be plenty of people willing to teach Angela a lesson!

Christopher was unaware of Fanny's thoughts. After he hesitated for a while, he finally spoke, "The Collier Family won't agree to Yaxley marrying you. Fanny. Why not come back to me?"

As she was taken aback. Fanny also recalled Tyra's disapproval of her after Christopher's reminder,

Just as she was about to respond, a car drove into the estate. When she thought it might be Yaxley's father returning, she had no desire to continue the conversation with Christopher.

While it was true that Tyra disliked her, the decision-makers in the Collier Family were not limited to just Tyra. She might even win favor with Jacob.

"I have to go now, let's talk later." With that, Fanny hung up the phone abruptly.

On the other end, Christopher stared at the disconnected phone as he felt dejected.

He walked towards the school with a wry smile, only to receive a call from Michael.

“How did it go today? Although Jane’s family isn’t wealthy, they still hold some influence in the capital,” Michael inquired about Christopher’s blind date.

Christopher shrugged nonchalantly. “It was a disappointment.”

“Another disappointment?” Michael, with his hair that turned white from worry, assumed Christopher was feeling disheartened by the failed blind date, so he suggested, “I will find someone else for you to meet

tomorrow.

“No, I don’t want to go on blind dates anymore, Christopher stated firmly.

In recent days, he had been on blind dates with several girls, but the girls in the capital were very selective.

The girl he met today, Jane Coolidge, was relatively mild compared to others. There was a girl before who bluntly stated that he was nothing.

“Why are you refusing to go on blind dates? Michael became serious and asked, “Do you understand the current situation of the company back home?”

He still held hope that Christopher could find a mutually beneficial partner in the capital while avoiding trouble. How could Christopher give up now?

T..." Christopher struggled to convey his bitterness but resolutely said, "Dad, I will handle it. I don't want to meet anyone else in the coming days.

He was aware that his relationship with Sophia had tarnished the Sanders Family's reputation in Riverdon, and he also knew that the situation of the Sanders Group was more critical than ever.

"Not interested in meeting anyone else? Suddenly, Michael had an idea, "There is another option, you should consider it."

Christopher asked him to elaborate.

After a brief pause, Michael suggested, "Sophia has arrived in the capital."

Christopher questioned, "What does Sophia have to do with my presence in the capital?"

Impatiently, Michael reminded Christopher, "It concerns you! Despite the troubles between the Martinez family and ours, Sophia still has feelings for you. If you're not interested in meeting anyone else, you could try to reconcile with Sophia and bring her into the family through marriage!"

One of the reasons Michael had initially encouraged Christopher to interact with Sophia was because she was the only daughter of the Martinez family. Marrying Sophia would mean gaining access to the family's wealth, which was a highly lucrative opportunity.

Christopher fell silent.

Michael gently advised him, "Take your time to think it over. You can either try to win back Sophia or continue going on blind dates until you find success."

At the Collier Estate, a car pulled in slowly. Angela sat beside Ava as she listened to her talk, but she sensed that something was off.

Ava had informed the butler in advance, who was waiting at the front gate. When she learned that Sophia was visiting, he had arranged for someone to pick her up.

Upon their arrival, the butler respectfully greeted Angela and Ava, then informed them. "Miss, the person picking up Miss Martinez will be here shortly."

Ava nodded and inquired, "Where's my mother?"

The butler led the way and explained, "Mr. Yaxley had returned with someone and Mrs. Collier is upset. I'm sure seeing you would elevate her mood."

"Yaxley brought someone home? His friend?" Ava was puzzled as her brother rarely did so, not even close friends like Mobius.

What made her brother change?

The butler hesitated, "I..." He was confused as that was the reason Mrs. Collier was upset. He was unsure whether to refer to Fanny as Yaxley's friend or girlfriend due to their disagreement over her identity.

Ava, unfazed by the butler's uncertainty, took Angela towards the front door.

"Angela, my brother is home, so there's no need to be nervous since there is someone you reassured Angela as they walked.

know," Ava

Angela smiled and accustomed to Ava's guidance.

Earlier, while shopping. Ava had held her hand throughout which made them quite familiar with each other.

As they entered, Tyra greeted them warmly as she recognized Angela as Ava's savior.

Ava introduced. "Angela is a fellow university student with Yaxley, they're both training in Northland." Tyra praised Angela as she said, "Yaxley brought a friend too. Let me call him down."

Angela nodded. But when she saw Fanny coming down behind Yaxley, she froze. No wonder she had a feeling of dread, Fanny and Sophia was about to meet.

Yaxley was about to greet Angela as the butler led Sophia through the doors.

"You!" Sophia's expression changed when she saw Fanny. "Why are you here?"

Fanny's unexpected presence in Ava's home as she stood beside Yaxley, in her best friend Ava's home, was a shock to Sophia.

Fanny, taken aback by Sophia's reaction, suggested, "S—Sophia, we shall discuss our misunderstanding privately later."

Despite her initial reluctance, Fanny hoped to resolve the situation with Sophia without bringing up the Riverdon incident.