

Chapter 80 I Have Fallen In Love With You

"How do you know so much?" Rhonda gazed at Eliam with admiration and respect. She used to hold a limited perception of him as a mundane programmer, unaware of his extensive knowledge in capital management and tax affairs.

"What's the matter? Have you fallen for me?" Eliam playfully questioned Rhonda.

"Don't flatter yourself!"

Rhonda blushed at the insinuation.

"Let's focus on the task at hand," Eliam redirected.

"What task?" Rhonda inquired.

"Grandpa desires for us to have a child as soon as possible," Eliam explained as he shut Rhonda's computer.

As Eliam leaned closer, Rhonda noticed the pleasant scent of his body wash and realized that he had showered.

Rhonda felt apprehensive about the sudden turn of events, stating, "I don't think I'm ready."

"Are there any other concerns?" Eliam questioned, sitting upright.

Rhonda voiced her apprehension about the problems that still existed between them. She believed they should be cautious, considering the significant impact of having a baby.

Eliam concurred with her opinion. "You are right. We should wait until we solve the problems between us but my grandfather can't wait any longer..."

A hint of sadness could be heard in Eliam's low voice.

Rhonda's heart sank at the mention of Richard. She knew that despite having an operation, his cancer could not be cured and he might pass away at any moment.

"Do you want a child only for the sake of Grandpa?" Rhonda expressed her reluctance to bring a child into the world solely for the fulfillment of Richard's wish.

"I want a child of my own," Eliam stated in a serious tone.

"Grandpa is the most important person in my life. If he ever left, I would lose the only person who truly loves me. That's why I long for a family of my own. I want to hear my child call me Daddy," expressed Eliam with a hint of longing in his voice.

Rhonda was moved by Eliam's words and she confessed that she shared his desire for a loving family with a caring husband and a beautiful child.

"If you just want a child, there are many women who would be willing to give birth to one for you," suggested Rhonda.

Eliam replied with sincerity, "But I want you to be the one to give birth to our baby."

Rhonda was taken aback by his request. "That was not part of our prenuptial agreement."

Eliam fell silent, contemplating Rhonda's response for a long time.

Rhonda thought the conversation had ended and she stood up to go to bed.

But then, Eliam suddenly grabbed her hand and asked, "What can I do to make you believe that I have fallen in love with you?"

Rhonda's body tensed with excitement, her heart pounding in her chest.

"I'm not sure when I fell in love with you. Maybe it was the night you appeared with the cake at the homestay. All I know is that I can't imagine my life without you," Eliam admitted.

Rhonda hesitated. "I don't want to be the third person in your relationship with Diana."

"You are not the third person," EIAM reassured her. "When I fell in love with you, I realized that my feelings for Diana were not love at all."

"Then what were they?" inquired Rhonda.

"I don't know what it is but I've never felt any sexual attraction towards her. I thought it was normal but after meeting you, I realized it's not," confessed EIAM with a hint of confusion in his voice.

After sharing an intimate moment with Rhonda, EIAM found himself constantly daydreaming about her and unable to focus on work.

"Are you saying that I am sexually appealing to you?" asked Rhonda, surprised by EIAM's admission.

"When I'm alone with you, I can't help it," EIAM struggled to explain. With Diana, he felt their relationship was purely platonic.

EIAM used to believe he had a pure heart and lacked desires. Diana even referred to him as the embodiment of abstinence.

But everything changed after he met Rhonda. The first time they shared a bed, he was tormented by lust all night long.

It wasn't until then that he realized the softness of a woman's body and the sweet scent of her skin could ignite primitive impulses within him.

EIAM held Rhonda's hand and placed it on his heart, promising, "If you'll trust me, I'll give you my heart."

Rhonda's heart raced with excitement as she felt the steady beat of EIAM's heart.

The next morning, during a daily meeting, Rhonda couldn't help but yawn.

It was then that others noticed the love bites peeking out from under her slightly open collar.

Last night, both EIAM and Rhonda were physically attracted to each other. However, Rhonda got cold feet at the last moment and made an excuse that she was on her period. Eventually, the two embraced each other and fell asleep.

Fiona nudged Rhonda to remind her to be mindful of her image.

Feeling the scrutinizing looks from others, Rhonda felt embarrassed.

People started whispering and rumors circulated about George being caught with a mysterious woman at a hotel.

"Did you hear that? George was seen entering the hotel with an unidentified woman last night."

"Did he cheat on his wife again?"

"Absolutely."

"Do you know who the woman was?"

"I heard she's a new female colleague in our company." With that, one person nodded in the direction of Rhonda and Fiona.

"What are you trying to say?" Fiona slammed the table and stood up. "If you have something to say, say it to our faces. Don't talk behind our backs."

"We didn't say anything about you. Why are you getting so defensive?"

"I can't tolerate nosy people, even if they're not talking about me. It's just infuriating," Fiona responded furiously.

"Well, that concludes today's meeting." Margret announced, standing up. "Rhonda, come with me to my office."

Rhonda followed Margret into the office.

"How's your tax-saving plan going?" Margret asked as she poured a cup of coffee for Rhonda.

"I'm almost done with it. I'll give you the plan later today."

"There's no rush. I received Ella's team's plan last night and found it to be quite impressive. Their team members are highly experienced and their plan is practical. Currently, it has successfully passed the company's preliminary review."

"So, does that mean our plan is useless now?" Rhonda felt a tinge of disappointment.

"No, not at all. I just believe that Ella's team has a good chance of succeeding. If, by any chance, their plan fails to get the approval of Sloan Corporation, then you still have a chance, although the possibility is quite slim."

"Alright, I understand," Rhonda responded, sounding a bit disheartened.

"By the way, there have been some rather unsavory rumors circulating around the company about you lately," Margret informed Rhonda.

"Rumors about me?" Rhonda hadn't been in the office lately, as she had been working from home on the tax-saving plan. Therefore, she was completely unaware of what Margret was talking about.

"Yes, I won't go into the specifics but a lot of them are quite distasteful. If this continues, it could affect your reputation within the company. I heard someone even suggested revoking your title as the top consultant."

Rhonda was baffled. What kind of malicious rumors could have been circulating about her?

As she walked out of Margret's office, she saw Fiona waiting for her at the door.

"What did Margret say to you?" Fiona inquired.

Rhonda relayed the news of the plan's failure to Fiona.

Fiona became incensed. "Didn't she say that everyone is equal? How could she approve Ella's team's plan without even reviewing ours?"

"Forget about it. We're still inexperienced." Rhonda resigned herself to the situation.

"I'm not convinced. There must be someone behind all of this," Fiona declared in a doubtful tone.

"I need to inform Mr. Hawkins of this matter."

"Let's not cause a scene. We should avoid making things difficult for



Margret, considering she is our supervisor," Rhonda advised Fiona.

"That's being too soft on those people," Fiona replied, unwilling to let the matter slide.

"We can't simply let this go."

