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Chapter 221 Give Him a Chance

Cora's despairing question made Lucas sigh helplessly.

"If I regarded you as that kind of woman, I wouldn't want to have a real relationship with you."

Cora turned around in shock, looking at him with surprise and disbelief.

"You... Do you want to be in a committed relationship with me? Really?"

Lucas released his hold on the steering wheel and looked at Cora.

"Is this hard to believe? You are excellent. Isn't it normal for me to fall in love with you?"

In his eyes, there was a seriousness and persistence that Cora had never seen before.

"But didn't you say that you just wanted to cooperate with me to avoid the trouble of blind dates?"

"I did say that, but I also like you. I was afraid that you would not accept my approach, so I made an excuse that you would not reject."

"I'm not a favorable woman. I have nothing that can attract you and deserves your like." Somehow,

Cora looked annoyed. She thought it was because she couldn't accept Lucas' change of his purpose

for a while or other reasons.

"Don't think so badly of yourself, okay? You are intelligent and beautiful. Quite a few people went to see you at the gate of your school before."

Lucas wanted to tell Cora that she was excellent. She shouldn't have denied everything about herself because of her recent experience.

But Cora caught the point in his words. "Did you know me before?"

"Of course. When I was in college, I heard that the belle of the Department of Medicine in your school.

It was said that you were more beautiful than a fairy. At that time, I was curious about what kind of woman would be so beautiful. So I skipped classes for a week and went to see you at the gate of your school..."

Recalling the days before, Lucas smiled unconsciously.

"Have you seen me?" Cora was also curious about it.

"Yeah. But you were arrogant. You didn't even glance at me."

Cora was surprised. "Really?"

"Of course. You had a man by your side at that time," Lucas said jokingly.

Even to this day, he still clearly remembered that afternoon when he saw Cora. The sun was shining

brightly that day. She wore a red dress. There was a charming smile on her face. Under the sunlight, she looked like a delicate rose. The moment he saw her, his heart beat fast. It made him feel the first love in his life.

After that, even though there were many women of different types around Lucas, he couldn't feel the throbbing from the depths of his soul when he saw Cora.

He couldn't find that kind of feeling of meeting Cora.

Until that day, Lucas went to the bar with Hayden and Sally and saw Cora. He felt his world brighten up at that moment.

To get Cora's WhatsApp contact information, he even mentioned his dead father and made an excuse.

Knowing that Cora would have a blind date, he gave gifts and money to the intermediary and finally got the chance to meet Cora through the blind date.

Cora paused for a moment, only to realize that the "man" in Lucas' words was Eason.

"I was still too young at that time. How could I fall in love with a bastard? I was so stupid."

Cora didn't want to complain about Eason. But when she thought that Mia was pregnant with his child,

and he was still thinking about herself, she felt disgusted.

"You have no relationship with him now. Are you willing to give me a chance?"

Cora turned her head and saw Lucas looking at her seriously.

There was an unusual heat in his eyes.

Looking at his eyes, Cora suddenly seemed to see her reflection in Byron's eyes.

She was also like Lucas. She used to long for Byron's approval and love.

"I... I'm ordinary, not as good as you think. And you probably guessed it. I had been with Eason's uncle..."

Lucas was eager for her response. She didn't want to lie to him. Unexpectedly, Lucas said, "That's all happened before. It's not easy for you to live alone after a family accident. Don't deny your excellence because of this."

Then, he looked at Cora. "Give me a chance, and give yourself a chance. Let me be with you, and you don't need to belittle yourself..."

Chapter 222 You Can't Forget Me

Cora opened her mouth, wanting to say something.

But Lucas feared getting an answer he didn't want from her. Before she could speak, he said, "You don't need to give me the answer now. I will give you time to think about it. Go home and have a good rest tonight. We can talk about it another day."

"But Jane's sapphire bracelet should be priceless. The Yoris family..." Cora regretted being too impulsive at that time. Otherwise, she would not have fallen into the passive situation.

"It is just a sapphire bracelet. I can afford it. My salary is quite high. In addition, I also invested in Moonware Games. I didn't spend my deposit. Now, I finally have the chance to spend it."

Lucas didn't say that to comfort Cora. His family background was good. Although it was not comparable to the Hansen family, his living standards were the best since he was a child.

"I'll write an IOU to you and repay the money in the future."

After all, it was the consequence of her impulsiveness. She couldn't let Lucas pay for the result.

"We'll talk about it later. It's late. Go to bed early. Good night."

It wasn't money that Lucas wanted to get from Cora, so he quickly changed the subject.

"Okay. Let's talk about it tomorrow."

Cora got out of the car and went upstairs.

Lucas started the car and left until the lights on Cora's floor turned on.

After Cora returned home, her mind was still a mess because of that accident tonight and Lucas' sudden expression of love.

She wanted to take a shower to clear the irritability and mess in her mind.

Unexpectedly, before entering the bathroom, her mobile phone rang.

Cora thought it was a message from Lucas, but when she checked it, she found it was a message reminding. She received a transfer of one million dollars.

She checked the transferer's information and was sure that it was Byron.

After the last hug during the day, Cora thought they had no bond.

But this transfer still made her heart skip a beat.

She took a screenshot, sent it to Byron, and edited a message: [What do you mean, Mr. Hansen?]

Byron seemed to be using his mobile phone. He replied to her quickly: [The money for the bracelet.]

[I have nothing to do with you. Mr. Hansen, there is no need for you to give me the money for the bracelet. Who knows if I need to use my body to repay it?]

[I won't ask you to do anything. Don't let others pay for your affairs.]

Cora repeatedly read the message sent by Byron and understood that the word "others" referred to Lucas.

[He is my fiancé. He has the right to help me.]

Cora decided to end her relationship with Byron, so she didn't want to have any contact with him, not even in terms of money.

It would only make her unable to forget him, and she would always be stuck in that abyss and could never extricate herself.

Byron noticed something different in her repulsion. He sent her a message quickly: [Is it because you can't forget me that you refused my help?]

[I'm going to be his bride. I've forgotten you.]

Cora obstinately retorted Byron in the message. But only she knew she was embarrassed, as if her thoughts had been seen through.

The fallacy that Sally told her before still came to her mind. "The best way to forget the last one is to start a new relationship."

Cora didn't know whether she wanted to cover up her embarrassment after being seen through or

because of her impulsion. She opened the dialog box with Lucas and sent him a message.

[I promise.]

Chapter 223 Let Go of the Past

After that, Cora returned the one million dollars that Byron had transferred to her.

She sent the screenshot of the transfer record to Byron. Then, she also sent him a message: [It has

been a while since we broke up. So it is disrespectful to my boyfriend if I keep in touch with you. We'd

better blacklist each other.]

After sending this message, Cora took the lead in blacklisting Byron.

Then, she felt her sudden agreement with Lucas was a bit extreme. So she wanted to recall the

message.

It was less than two minutes since she sent the message, so she could still recall it.

Unexpectedly, her finger trembled, and she deleted the message.

When Cora came to her senses, Lucas had already read the message. She saw the word "Typing" on

the dialog box.

Then, she received many messages.

[That's great!]

[From now on, you are my girlfriend! Hello, Cora! I'm your boyfriend, Lucas.]

[Shall I meet you tomorrow morning? What would you like for breakfast?]

[I'll deliver lunch to you at noon tomorrow. We can have a big meal in the evening.]

[When you are free, we will treat Sally and Hayden. I wouldn't have met you if it weren't for them.]

Lucas kept sending messages.

[I start to think about where we'll hold the wedding and which city we'll live in when we have children.]

Lucas sent Cora a lot of messages in succession.

Cora originally wanted to explain that she sent that message out of anger.

But reading the messages from Lucas, she suddenly thought of herself when she was staying with

Byron.

It seemed that as long as Byron treated her a little better, she would be as excited as Lucas and even

thought about how many children she would have with Byron in the future and what the child's name

would be.

In love, Lucas was just as humble as she was. Cora seemed to have seen herself in the mirror.

She loved Byron menially, so she understood the pain of it.

Cora couldn't help thinking. "Maybe I can give Lucas a chance and try to accept him.

We are of the same kind. At least I can fulfill his wish and give me a little comfort..."

In the end, Cora didn't send her denial.

Early the next morning, she saw Lucas when she went downstairs and was about to go to work.

Lucas wore a suit, and his hair was neatly combed. There was a bouquet of roses in his hand.

When Cora saw him, she was stunned for a while before remembering that she had promised him to

be his girlfriend last night.

"Did you not sleep well last night?" Cora took the flowers in Lucas' hands and couldn't help but look at

the dark circles under his eyes.

"I didn't sleep last night." Lucas looked at Cora embarrassedly. "I'm afraid what you promised me last

night was just a dream. If it was a dream, I would rather not wake up for the rest of my life."

"You fool," Cora said gently.

She was touched. After being with Byron, she never thought she would also have sweet love one day.

"I brought you breakfast. Get in the car, and I'll take you to work."

Cora took the breakfast and got in the car.

On the way to the hospital, she tasted a few mouthfuls of the oatmeal and vegetable salad that Lucas

brought for her. Lucas made them. They were delicious and fresh.

Cora couldn't help but think that it would be good to live with a man like Lucas for the rest of her life.

After a while, the car stopped in front of the hospital gate. Lucas suddenly said before getting out of the

car, "Cora, thank you for accepting me!"

He kept smiling in the morning. Even his brows and eyes looked very gentle. He was really happy to be

able to enter Cora's life.

"I also thank you for accepting me." Cora smiled and looked at Lucas.

She was not perfect, but Lucas' careful care made her finally remember that she had also been loved

like this.

It might be the first step for her to forget Byron and start a new life.

Chapter 224 Romance

After Lucas got together with Cora, he suddenly became high-profile.

He never posted photos on Instagram. But recently, he posted photos on Instagram every day.

The photos he posted were all related to Cora.

Like asking for help on which of the following hairpins was suitable for Cora to wear or simply posting

candid photos of Cora to express his deep love and happiness... His mind was full of his girlfriend.

Sally had a boyfriend. But seeing these photos, she envied it very much and complained to Cora.

"I never thought Lucas would be like this. When he stayed together with Hayden, he could always keep silent.

"But looking at his texts and photos on Instagram, I even want to have sweet love."

As soon as they finished working overtime and were about to leave, Sally held Cora's arms and couldn't help saying in a coquettish tone.

"Aren't you have a relationship with Hayden?"

"Yeah, but we are about to break up." Sally looked depressed.

"What? Could it be that his size doesn't meet your needs?"

Cora didn't say it jokingly. Sally summed up her breakup reasons in this way.

So Cora thought Sally was about to break up with Hayden for this reason. But Sally said, "It's not because of it this time. Hayden's mother thinks her future daughter-in-law should be a lady from a proper family. Her son shouldn't marry an ordinary girl like me."

"But your family background..." Sally's family background was good. But for some reason, it was inconvenient for her to disclose it to others.

"I can't tell Hayden about it." Sally looked carefree.

"Maybe you can use some luxuries to give them clues about your family background," Cora suggested.

Sally changed boyfriends frequently. Hayden was the first man who stayed by her side for a relatively long time.

Cora thought Sally had some affection for Hayden. She didn't want them to break up for this reason.

But Sally didn't think so. "If his love for me is based on the material foundation of my family, I would rather break up with him."

"But..."

"Cora, don't worry about me. If he likes money more, I can break up with him anytime. Then I can have

a new and better boyfriend."

Sally was still so big-hearted.

Then, she reminded Cora, "Come with me to the supermarket across the road later."

"Are you going to buy something?" Cora asked.

"Yeah." Sally didn't lack anything, but someone asked her to do so.

Cora didn't suspect anything and followed Sally to the opposite supermarket after getting off work.

When she walked to the supermarket gate, she saw Lucas standing in the middle of the heart-shaped candles on the ground, holding a bouquet.

The supermarket gate had a relatively dense flow of customs. Lucas attracted the attention of many people.

Some people even took out their mobile phones and were filming.

Cora was surprised when she saw Lucas.

Before she came to her senses, Sally pushed her in front of Lucas.

"My task is complete. Don't forget to treat me to a big meal later."

"Of course. I won't forget."

After greeting Lucas, Sally stepped aside.

Cora stood in the middle of the heart-shaped candles on the ground. Lucas smiled and gave her the bouquet.

"Will we affect the supermarket's business?" Cora took the bouquet, feeling a little touched but also worried.

"Don't worry. This supermarket belongs to my family."

"But so many people are surrounding here!"

"I used to think to express my love to you downstairs in your dormitory, but after I knew you were Eason's girlfriend, I had no choice but to give up. Now, I finally have the opportunity to be with you. I want to make up for all the previous regrets."

He had no chance to express his love to Cora in the past. So he chose to do it tonight. The customer flows at the gate of the supermarket was relatively huge, and the atmosphere was quite good.

Cora heard Lucas' words and was moved. She couldn't help poking his forehead gently. "You idiot."

Under the twinkling of candlelight, their behaviors were warm and romantic, which made the onlookers

envy.

But in the eyes of the man in the silver-gray Maserati across the road, it was dazzling...

Chapter 225 Ideal Partner?

Byron never expected to see Cora with a sweet smile, playfully tapping someone's head.

The intimate interaction reminded him of the passionate nights he spent with Cora, her delicate and tender appearance beneath him.

So Byron couldn't help but wonder if she would have a passionate hooking up with Lucas tonight as well.

The scenes that involuntarily crossed his mind made his heart feel like it was being devoured by countless ants.

And at that moment, Carter said, "Miss Lane seems to have found her ideal partner."

Byron glared at him coldly on the spot.

Carter met Byron's gaze through the rearview mirror.

Carter suddenly realized that if looks could kill, he would have died several times just now.

He was considerate of the situation and kept his mouth shut, thinking that the matter would probably

end there.

But to his surprise, he saw Byron take out his phone and make a call, saying, "Police officer, I want to report that near the First Hospital, someone is obstructing the passageway with candles. I hope you can handle it as soon as possible."

Carter, who witnessed everything, was left speechless.

The police officers arrived quickly because their leader said the report came from Mr. Moneybags, Byron.

They didn't dare to delay the report from Byron.

So they dispatched a small team to the First Hospital supermarket's front entrance and extinguished the heart-shaped candles with fire extinguishers.

Lucas and Cora never expected that their first attempt at being romantic, even before it started, would be interrupted by someone reporting them, extinguishing the candles with a fire extinguisher, and finally

receiving a verbal reprimand.

"Some people just can't stand seeing others happy. Don't let it bother you."

Sally watched the whole process and could only console herself in this way.

Although Lucas compromised, he still felt frustrated. "I didn't expect people these days to be so envious."

"Forget it, don't be angry. I received your intentions, and I'm happy about it. Let me treat you all to a barbecue." Cora didn't even realize the report was related to her, still wearing a smile of joy.

"How can I let you pay? Today, I failed to create a romantic atmosphere for you, so let me treat you to make up for it."

Lucas looked at Cora guiltily.

But Sally chimed in, "Either of you can treat, but can we go now? I'm starving!"

"Alright, alright, let's go!"

The final three people enjoyed a barbecue that cost over a hundred dollars, and this imperfect confession was given a perfect ending.

Since starting a relationship with Lucas, Cora could always receive various treats every day.

Sometimes it was breakfast or dinner made by Lucas. Sometimes, it was exquisite pastries from take-

out, and more often, it was fresh fruits and vegetables he bought while out.

In addition, he liked to take her to various activities and introduce her to his colleagues and friends.

Even the upcoming company team-building event that allowed family members, Lucas wanted Cora to come with him.

"Company team-building events aren't too wild. Just come with me!"

"You've probably never stayed in a stilt house before, and it's really fun."

Unable to resist Lucas' persuasion, Cora agreed.

Lucas was overjoyed like a child, and he had been preparing their luggage for the team-building event since that day.

Watching Lucas's happy expression, Cora couldn't help but make some comparisons. Thinking back to when she was with Byron before, she hardly ever saw him smile.

In retrospect, Cora was glad she had agreed to Lucas to be with him.

In the meantime, Byron had also received news that Moonware Games would be hosting a large-scale team-building event.

Chapter 226 You Have No Family!

"It is said that Moonware Games has booked the entire Rainforest Resort this time so that all their employees can bring their families for a team-building event."

The Rainforest Resort was a simulated tropical rainforest system with tropical plants and some elevated houses for people to experience what it was like to live in a tropical environment.

After reporting this news, Carter couldn't help but remind, "I think our Hansen Group could also consider this practice and provide some benefits to their employees and their families."

In fact, he was indirectly telling Byron that he hadn't taken a vacation for a long time, and it was time for him to take a break.

Byron seemed to catch onto the important information, asking, "Team building with family members?"

Who do our regular employees usually bring?"

"Usually, unmarried employees will bring their girlfriends or boyfriends. Married ones will bring their spouses and children," Carter replied expressionlessly.

Hearing that, Byron narrowed his eyes and said, "Ask Moonware Games and request a spot for me to participate in the team-building event."

"Are you going?" Carter suddenly realized something.

"Yeah. The investor can be considered employees, right? So asking for a spot from them wouldn't be too much."

Carter suddenly looked lifeless. He was actually just trying to benefit himself and had no intention of indulging Byron's bad habit of wanting to sabotage other people's relationships.

"Everyone is bringing their families, but you don't have one, so you can't participate!"

In addition to pitying Cora, Carter also didn't want Byron to get involved in this any further, so he planned to refuse Byron.

However, he never expected Byron to say, "You can just act as my family member."

Carter twitched at the corner of his lips and said, "It's strange for two men to participate in a team-building event together."

"It's fine. As long as we're not awkward, it'll be others who feel awkward!"

Carter was at a loss for words.

He couldn't argue with Byron and could only reluctantly play the role of Byron's family member.

In the blink of an eye, it was the day of Moonware Games' team building.

Lucas picked up Cora early and arrived at the company to gather.

It was already April, and the weather was neither cold nor hot.

Cora wore a slim yellow floral dress and white flat shoes.

With a gentle breeze, her long hair danced around her waist.

She didn't say a word, nor did she wear any extravagant accessories, but she instantly made everyone around her fade into the background.

"She's so beautiful. No wonder she captured Mr. Quinn's heart in an instant."

Many people couldn't help but admire her beauty and felt a sense of inferiority when they stood beside her.

But today, besides the male-dominated Programming Department, there were also employees from other departments attending the team-building event, including those from the Copywriting, Planning, and Operations departments.

Moreover, there were family members of the employees.

Where there were many women, there was bound to be some rivalry, and this statement was no exaggeration.

So, whether it was the female employees of Moonware Games or the wives of other employees, they couldn't help but feel jealous and worried that Cora would steal their partners' hearts. Thus, they constantly made snide remarks about Cora.

"Actually, she's just average. Who knows if she's been played around?"

"Marrying a woman like her means serving her all the time except for when you're sleeping. Look at all of you, at ease and carefree. Where's her man?"

In the midst of a group of women gossiping, Lucas carried a huge backpack on his back while also holding a thermos and a handbag for Cora.

Seeing Cora standing under the scorching sun, Lucas showed a worried expression as if he was afraid Cora might melt under its rays, and he quickly took out a sunshade umbrella.

Cora originally refused, but Lucas ignored her protests and insisted on carrying her things. In front of so many people, she couldn't scold him too harshly, so she could only compromise.

Unexpectedly, this also became a reason for others to criticize her.

However, in addition to being envious of Cora's beauty, women were more envious of her attentive and

considerate boyfriend. That's why they couldn't help but say hurtful words.

But what they didn't expect was the men's retorts, "If you looked like her, I would treat you like a princess too."

"Yeah, if my girlfriend looked like Miss Lane, I probably wouldn't even let her walk."

While a group of people were discussing, the president of Moonware Games, Jason Woods, arrived.

"Look, Mr. Woods also participated in the team building?"

"He never participated in previous team building events before."

As the employees chattered, Jason quickly spoke up, "Is everyone here? There's an important person joining us for the team building today. If anyone hasn't arrived yet, contact them immediately, and don't keep him waiting."

Jason had no interest in the team-building event, but he had no choice. Today, as the investor Byron was coming, he had to reluctantly participate.

"All our people are here. Mr. Woods, who is this important person?"

The team leader couldn't help but gossip.

Cora and Lucas were also curious about this important person, so they looked at Jason, waiting for his

response.

Just as Jason was about to speak, he caught sight of a silver-gray Maserati parked nearby and quickly walked over.

When Cora saw that familiar car, a sense of unease crept into her heart.

She realized this car seemed to be the one that Carter often used to pick up and drop off Byron.

Cora couldn't help but wonder if that important person could be Byron.

But she quickly dismissed her own idea because Byron rarely participates in activities even within the Hansen Group, so it was highly unlikely for him to come over to the partner company and join the team-building event.

Despite her reluctance to believe it, the man who stepped out of the car and was warmly greeted by

Jason was indeed Byron.

Chapter 227 Gain the Initiative

"Mr. Hansen, thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to join our company's team-building event."

Jason said all kinds of enthusiastic and polite words.

However, Byron remained silent after getting out of the car, his gaze coldly scanning the employees.

It wasn't until he spotted a familiar figure in the crowd that he withdrew his gaze.

"Our Hansen Group is also planning a spring team-building event, and we heard that your company is going to Rainforest Resort. So, I came here to see if there's anything we can learn from."

His indifferent and detached attitude gave off a strong sense of being in control.

"Mr. Hansen, you're responsible in everything you do. Your success is like a textbook for us..."

Jason continued with some flattering remarks, prepared to discuss the arrangements and procedures for the team-building event with Byron. However, Byron cut him off and said, "You can communicate with Carter about these matters."

Carter, who just took two suitcases out of the trunk, felt speechless.

Carter didn't want to discuss team-building matters with that bald-headed president. The Hansen Group had dedicated staff to handle those things.

But since Byron had brought it up, Carter reluctantly approached Jason with pleasantries.

As for Byron, who distanced himself from the matter, he was now standing by the car, smoking.

Cora sneaked a few glances at him from behind the crowd.

Byron wasn't dressed in a suit and tie today. Instead, he wore a white polo shirt and white trousers, exhibiting a casual yet elegant demeanor.

His tall figure and extraordinary temperament made him stand out in the crowd. After he arrived, the young women couldn't help but talk about him.

Cora realized that her gaze unconsciously lingered on him and quickly retracted it, feeling annoyed with herself.

Although she had thought that Byron's sudden appearance at this small team-building event might have been because of her, she resolutely turned away.

They had already parted ways, and there was no point in getting tangled up again.

It was not like he would marry her just because he attended the team-building event for her...

"Hey, Cora, are you thirsty?"

When Cora was bowing her head, sorting out her thoughts, Lucas suddenly handed her an unscrewed thermos cup.

"Thank you, I happen to be a little thirsty."

Cora took the thermos cup, ready to take a sip of water.

But not far away, Byron extinguished his cigarette and coldly ordered Jason, "It's time to get on the bus."

Jason couldn't afford to neglect Mr. Moneybags, so he hurriedly urged everyone to board the bus.

As a result, Cora couldn't finish drinking the water. When Lucas put away the cup, he coldly locked eyes with the man next to the Maserati...

Cora and Lucas were seated in the front row of the coach, and coincidentally, Carter and Byron were also assigned to the same row.

Perhaps Byron was not accustomed to this type of car, so when he got in, his brow furrowed.

Carter knew exactly how Byron would react and raised an eyebrow to signal Byron to choose a seat.

In the end, Byron sat on the aisle side.

Even though he was by the aisle, there was still Lucas between him and Cora.

As soon as Lucas got on the bus, he took the initiative to offer his seat, saying, "You sit by the window.

The view is better."

In addition, he took out some snacks and a tablet that he had prepared in advance. "Here you go, and I downloaded a few movies that you might like."

"Let's eat and watch together." Cora handed one earphone to Lucas.

With the movies Lucas had prepared, Cora felt that although she was separated from Byron only by a seat, it wouldn't be too difficult to endure.

At least she could eat snacks and discuss the plot with Lucas.

On the other side, seeing the two of them chatting and laughing while watching movies and eating snacks, Byron couldn't help but give Carter a stern look.

Being oblivious to the situation, Carter handed Byron his phone, which was opened to a novel. "Shall we read the novel together?"

The icy coldness in Byron's eyebrows almost turned into frost. "What do you think?"

Carter felt speechless and thought, "Other people's bosses usually make their own decisions, but why does my boss always seem to enjoy asking rhetorical questions in situations like this?"

Chapter 228 The Water Fight

Cora and Lucas were chatting and laughing continuously while watching the movie.

Byron frowned several times, trying to use his imposing aura to make them quiet down.

But whether it was because the movie was too exciting, causing them to completely forget about their surroundings, or because both of them were intentionally challenging Byron, they seemed oblivious to his displeasure. They continued to giggle, watch, and chat away.

So, Byron had to resort to a trump card.

"Mr. Woods, it's a bit noisy."

He kicked the chair Jason, who was dozing off behind him

After Jason woke up, he looked at Byron in a daze.

Carter added, "Mr. Hansen stayed up past three o'clock last night and needs to catch up on sleep urgently."

Immediately, Jason shouted, "Quiet everyone, quiet down. This is not a meeting. Why are you all like loudspeakers?"

As a result, the bus suddenly became quiet.

Even Cora and Lucas, who were watching the movie together, stopped communicating.

Byron glanced at Cora and saw her looking back at him. He calmly put on his sunglasses.

Two hours later, the bus arrived at Rainforest Resort.

"Mr. Hansen, your and Carter's stilt houses are over here."

Jason, as always, personally guided Byron and Carter.

But Byron coldly glanced in a different direction. "What about them?"

Jason followed his gaze and saw Cora walking gracefully in a dress while Lucas followed with numerous bags.

Being able to reach Jason's position naturally required being perceptive.

He witnessed Byron standing up for the woman next to Lucas at the previous Moonware Games banquet, which made Jason suspect that Byron's unexpected presence at the team-building event might be related to that woman.

And now, Byron's direct gaze at the woman confirmed Jason's suspicions.

"They are assigned regular stilt houses without beds. I thought you and Carter might not be accustomed to sleeping on the floor, so I arranged a luxurious suite with a bed for you."

"Since we came together, there's no need for special treatment."

Byron's words once again confirmed Jason's thoughts, so he didn't bother with formalities and said,

"Alright, I'll arrange another room for you and Carter."

Soon, the rooms were arranged, right next to Cora and Lucas' room.

Even Carter couldn't help but admire Jason's sharp eyes after seeing this arrangement.

After a short rest, they were called out for team-building activities.

It was unclear whether it was intentionally arranged by Jason, but several activities involving family members and employees were suddenly canceled.

As a result, only the company's staff participated in the team-building activities.

The family members were arranged to participate in the water fight activity at Rainforest Resort, and even Byron and Carter were included in the arrangement.

When Lucas saw this arrangement, he realized that someone had manipulated things behind the scenes.

"Cora, if you don't want to participate, you can stay in the room and wait for me to come back."

But upon second thought, this was his first time taking Cora out, and he shouldn't leave her alone in the room.

"How about I don't join the team-building activity and stay here with you?"

Seeing Lucas hesitating, Cora pushed him out of the room and said, "It's alright. I'll join the water fight.

I won't be bored. Hurry up and go team-building with your colleagues."

The members of the Programming Department were eagerly waiting outside the door for Lucas to join them in the team-building activity, so Cora couldn't let him stay by her side.

After her repeated persuasion, Lucas finally compromised. "Alright then. I'll be back soon, and when I return, I'll take you to try the specialty skewers here."

Once Lucas left, Cora was called to join the water fight.

Water fights were typically more enjoyable when played with familiar people.

Cora wasn't very familiar with these family members, so nobody played with her for the time being.

She walked alone on the periphery, feeling like there was a barrier separating her from those frolicking in the center.

She thought this state would continue until the end of the activity. But suddenly, she was splashed with a ladle of water.

It didn't hit her face, but it soaked the upper part of her body.

Annoyed, Cora raised her head and saw Byron holding a water ladle, looking as if it had nothing to do with him.

Chapter 229 Does He Regret?

Cora gave Byron a cold stare and intended to turn around and leave, unwilling to engage with him any further.

After all, she had a boyfriend now!

But to her surprise, just as she was about to walk away, Byron swiftly scooped up a ladle of water and splashed it at her.

And this time, her face got soaked too.

Her long hair, draped over her shoulders, was also wet halfway down.

She became instantly furious, disregarding everything and shouting at him, "Byron Hansen, what are you doing?"

Ignoring her, Byron scooped up another ladle of water and poured it on her, saying casually, "Splashing water!"

Cora exploded with anger, grabbed a nearby ladle, and splashed water back at Byron.

Her retaliation stirred up Byron's playful nature, and the two adults started chasing and playfully fighting like children.

Jason looked from a distance as the aloof and wealthy Byron and Cora laughed and played together. In his heart, he gave himself several thumbs up and whispered to himself.

"I'm really smart! I came up with such a brilliant water fight activity that made Mr. Hansen see what he wanted and have fun. It's really difficult for someone like me to not be successful."

However, while Jason highly praised his cleverness and pondered how he would politely accept additional investment from Byron, he received a disdainful look from Byron.

Jason was confused and thought, "What did I do wrong? Why is he looking at me like that?"

As Jason looked confused, Byron paid no attention to Cora's struggle and pulled her into the depths of the jungle.

Cora had only intended to take the opportunity to pay Byron back for leaving her so heartlessly when she was deeply in love, which almost drove her to the brink of a breakdown.

But she didn't expect to be dragged into the depths of the jungle during their playfulness, which made

her panic.

"What are you doing? Stop fooling around!"

Both of them were soaked, and their clothes stuck to their bodies.

Byron's intentions were becoming clear.

Fortunately, Byron stopped when he pulled her to the shade of a large banana tree.

"Should I let you be exposed to others if I don't take you away?"

As Byron said this, his gaze fell upon Cora.

Following his gaze, Cora saw that her wet skirt had become nearly transparent, leaving her exquisite

curves exposed without any cover.

Cora suddenly felt her face burning, and she also noticed the fervent heat in Byron's eyes.

"Whether I am exposed or not is my own business," she quickly turned around, planning to go back

and wait for Lucas.

But Byron pulled her back, pressing her against the trunk of the banana tree.

As their bodies came closer, their breaths became heavy.

Those memories of intimacy seemed to resurface all of a sudden.

Especially for Byron, he was almost losing control. He held onto Cora's waist tightly, and his lips started to approach hers.

But Cora still had some rationality left. Just as the man's lips were about to touch hers, she quickly turned her face away.

So, his kiss landed on her cheek instead.

But Byron didn't give up. He actually continued to kiss downward from her cheek.

She could feel herself trembling and her heart racing faster.

But she couldn't bear to see herself sink into another loveless abyss with no future. She forcefully pushed Byron's face away from her body and questioned him.

"Mr. Hansen, have you gone insane? I have a boyfriend! If you didn't worry about being talked about, I'm still afraid!"

She attended the team-building event as Lucas's girlfriend. If people saw her fooling around with

Byron, how would they view her? And what kind of rumors would circulate about Lucas behind his back?

Seeing her so rational and composed, Byron had a sense of losing control.

He controlled her hand forcefully that was pushing him away and once again brought his thin lips close to her ear.

Whispering in a hoarse and alluring voice, he said, "What if I said I regretted it?"

Chapter 230 Falling in Love with Him?

Cora was somewhat surprised by the remorse expressed by Byron.

"So, is that why you followed us to attend the team building?"

Byron disliked her using the word "us" to describe her relationship with Lucas. Instead of answering, he bit her ear with some force.

He exerted too much force, causing Cora to cry out in pain. He quickly changed his actions to a gentle kiss as if trying to soothe her.

He believed that his pursuit tactics should be enough to win her back.

And he felt Cora might still be angry, but she would probably return to him.

However, to his surprise, Cora pushed him away again, and this time with even more force than before.

Caught off guard, he was pushed several feet away.

"Are you childish? We have all moved on. To whom do you express your regrets?"

If Byron had said these words to her before she started with Lucas, she might have changed her mind.

When she mustered up the courage to start with Lucas, she had prepared herself to cut ties with Byron.

"For you to hear." novelbin

Byron smirked and wanted to lean in to kiss her again, thinking that since reason did not allow her to

turn back, he would leave his mark on her first.

It was said that women could not accept other men shortly after being intimate with one.

In this way, Lucas would be daydreaming if he expected anything from her.

But Cora resisted fiercely and fought back.

She even bit his lip fiercely while he was kissing her.

Due to the pain, he had to let go of her.

And she didn't stop there, giving him a slap.

Cora didn't expect herself to be impulsive enough to hit Byron.

Seeing his extremely dark face, she felt a bit panicked, but she still felt it necessary to make things

clear.

"I don't want to be with you anymore. Please respect me!"

She was a practical person. She would only pursue a relationship when she couldn't live without someone. Once she became sober and calm, she realized that it was better to let go of a relationship with no future.

But Byron seemed to misunderstand something. "Are you rejecting my closeness because of Lucas?"

He questioned her, and the coldness in his eyes almost turned into blades, intending to take both her and Lucas's lives.

But Cora met Byron's cold and stern gaze, showing no fear at all. "It has nothing to do with him. I just don't want to struggle in a relationship without a future."

As soon as her words were spoken, Byron sneered and said, "You haven't even tried. How can you know there is no future? In the end, you're just afraid that I'll make a move on him."

Cora was worried that if she admitted that, Byron might lay hands on Lucas, and she didn't want Lucas to be wrongly implicated.

But more than that, she didn't want to be suddenly pushed away and fall into self-doubt and self-denial

when she was deeply infatuated, just like before.

Furthermore, Byron shifted all the blame onto her...

Cora finally gave up holding back. "Yes, he is my boyfriend. Isn't it natural for me not to want him to get hurt?"

But this affirmation only fueled the fire in Byron's heart. He suddenly grabbed her chin, forcing her to meet his eyes.

"Are you in love with him?" While waiting for Cora's answer, he searched for the answer he wanted in her beautiful eyes.

But Cora smiled, seductive and charming, and said indifferently, "He treats me well, takes care of everything for me, and handles everything for me. Unlike certain people who always make me guess and wait. Comparatively, it's not difficult to fall for him."

She didn't directly answer Byron's question, but it sounded no different from an affirmation.

As a result, Byron tightened his grip suddenly, causing Cora intense pain. She struggled and broke free from his control.

"Mr. Hansen, I believe someone as prominent and respectable as you would not stoop to being someone else's paramour."

After leaving these words behind, Cora ran toward the room with determination.

Byron looked at the back of the woman running away, and the gloomy look in his eyes almost condensed into reality.