

Chapter 281 The Dinner

Melissa took a deep breath before saying, "You're too young to understand."

"Who says I don't understand? I've had boyfriends. I know about love," Leilany retorted.

"It's very complicated. It isn't something I can explain, and I don't want to discuss it."

Melissa felt like a passive observer in her relationship with Everett.

Deflecting, Melissa brought the conversation back to Leilany.

"Enough about me. How are things between you and Dr. Wilde? You went together back to the university to meet old teachers, right?"

"I guess things are okay." Leilany blushed. "I'm not sure whether Dr. Wilde likes me, but there's still time for his feelings to develop. I've often been pursued by other people, but he is the first one I liked straight away."

"You're not giving up, and that shows strength and determination. Good luck to you." Melissa flicked her forehead playfully. She chuckled gently when she saw Leilany's pained frown. "But no matter how much you like him, you must take care of yourself."

The words came from the bottom of her heart. She feared that Leilany might make the same mistakes Melissa had.

Leilany was like a younger sister, and Melissa didn't want to see her get hurt because she liked someone.

The taxi stopped.

Melissa got out of the taxi. Her eyes widened in surprise.

It was a street she'd frequented during her college days. A profound sense of nostalgia filled her.

Noticing the playful expression on Leilany's face, Melissa understood. "Did you and Lukas choose this place deliberately?"

"Yes. Surprise! You'll understand when we get there."

"What?"

They reached a small restaurant at the center of the district.

Melissa blinked back tears; her eyes gleamed. "I used to eat here back then. You..."

"Let's go in."

Leilany pulled her inside.

The restaurant was filled with college students and young couples.

Many of the young girls seemed to be checking out Lukas in the corner.

Lukas wore a simple white T-shirt and jeans. He looked like a young college student; a very handsome undergraduate. Melissa wasn't surprised that he attracted attention.

Melissa noticed the person sitting next to Lukas. Excited, she hurried over and said, "Ms. Acosta?"

"Hello, Melissa. Have a seat." Florrie was dressed casually, and her eyes were kind. "I was giving a lecture at the school today. I met Lukas and Leilany, and we talked about you. All good things, of course."

"Ms. Acosta..."

The only thing that had changed was that the teacher had a little more gray hair.

Melissa was too excited for words.

Lukas seemed to understand this and summoned the waiter. "Let's order first."

While they ate, they talked about recent events.

Melissa didn't mention those dangerous things that happened to her.

Florrie squeezed Melissa's hand after dinner.

"Melissa, I will always be by your side. If you need anything, please come to me."

"Okay, Ms. Acosta."

With tears in her eyes, Melissa saw the teacher off.

The affection between them was familial.

After thanking Leilany and Lukas, Melissa left. She hailed a taxi to take her home. She was lost in her thoughts.