

This Time, I Will Get My Divorce, Mr Chapter 971-975

Chapter 971 You Should Leave Instead

Although Sonia thought that, she didn't speak it out loud. Instead, she squeezed out some hand wash and replied in a cold voice, "Not really. We are in the main city of Seafield, and it's not the biggest city in the world. It's normal to see each other occasionally."

Rina didn't expect Sonia to answer so coldly, and the former's expression froze. "T-That's right."

Sonia raised her eyebrows and paused her hand-washing. She then turned around to look at Rina. "You seem... nervous since we met. Are you afraid of me?"

Rina's eyes widened and she shouted, "Of course not! I'm not afraid of you. Don't be ridiculous!"

After that, she lowered her head and quickly rubbed her hands.

Her movement was so rough that one would think she would scrap off her skin, and it looked painful.

Sonia squinted and sneered inexplicably. "Ridiculous? I don't think I am. Your expression and behavior are telling me that you're panicking and uneasy. Before you noticed me, you were calm even after you vomited. After you see me, you're suddenly panicking, nervous, and scared. I'm now starting to wonder if you did something to offend me."

"No!" Rina sharply raised her head and hurriedly replied, "Miss Reed, I have never done anything to offend you. If I did, Toby won't ever forgive me."

Rina's expression was sincere as she spoke.

Sonia could tell that Rina was not lying, which was why the former frowned. "Since that's the case, why are you still nervous when you see me? What are you nervous about?"

Even though Rina didn't do anything to Sonia, Rina's actions were suspicious. They made Sonia think that she was planning something terrible.

Facing the penetrating gaze, Rina felt guilty and her eyes kept wavering. She did not dare to look Sonia in the eye as she mumbled, "I'm not nervous—"

"Lies!" Sonia couldn't bear to listen anymore and she frowned, saying sternly, "I clearly said you are nervous when looking at me. However, you are still lying. Taylor Carey, you're a liar. You could rival Titus Gray, you know? As father as daughter."

These words hit Rina's nerves. She suddenly smiled sarcastically and looked into Sonia's eyes. With an inexplicable expression, Rina stated, "Thanks for your compliment. However, you are wrong."

I am not Titus' birth daughter.

Indeed, why am I not the Gray Family's birth daughter?

Why did God not let me be the Gray Family's birth daughter?

Looking at Rina's sudden burst of anger and jealousy toward her, Sonia was stunned.

She's jealous?

Why is Rina jealous of me?

Do I have something that she lacks?

The Gray Family is more wealthy and influential than me. I should be the one who is jealous of her.

However, Rina is jealous of me now.

She can't be jealous of my wealth. After all, her family is wealthier than me.

Is it about my looks?

Not to blow my own trumpet, but I am prettier than Rina. However, Rina is not ugly either. With her makeup, she is now a beauty. I don't think she is jealous of my looks either.

Since it's not about money or looks, it should be men.

Many care about wealth and looks. What comes after those two is love.

Toby has a broad chest and a narrow waist. He is handsome and a billionaire, so he is the best among men. Therefore, many women want him as their husband.

I can shamelessly attest that most of the rich daughters in Seafield definitely have a crush on Toby, so it isn't strange that Rina loves Toby too.

Thinking of Rina falling in love with Toby, Sonia's heart sank.

Sonia was convinced that Rina was flustered because she fell in love with Toby and tried to court him. So, she was guilty when Rina saw Sonia.

It's not impossible, and she will likely do that.

Otherwise, I can't explain her actions.

Thinking of that, Sonia didn't think much about what Rina had said. After staring at Rina and giving an icy chuckle, Sonia washed away the foam from her hand and left the washroom.

Just wait for me, Toby Fuller.

I'm okay with you attracting every woman in Seafield. However, you drew Rina too.

What in the world?!

Rina didn't know what Sonia was thinking about. However, Rina's heart tightened when she saw Sonia angrily walking out of the washroom. Rina was afraid Sonia would meet Titus and Julia along the way, so she quickly stopped Sonia in the heat of the moment. "Please wait a moment, Miss Reed."

Sonia stopped and coldly looked at Rina. "What's the matter?"

Rina squeezed her palm but did not speak immediately as she hesitated.

Seeing this, Sonia frowned with impatience on her face. "I'll leave if you have nothing to say."

Sonia turned her head after speaking.

Rina hurriedly reached out. "Wait. I'll talk now."

Sonia stopped. Although she didn't speak, she still coldly gazed at Rina and waited for her to speak.

Rina bit her lip, took a deep breath, and met Sonia's eyes.

Although it gave Rina a lot of pressure, she could handle it for her needs.

"Miss Reed, can you leave this restaurant and dine elsewhere? Of course, I will handle your expenses for your meal."

"Pardon me?" Sonia was stunned by Rina and questions appeared in her mind.

Rina thought she didn't hear it clearly, so she repeated it.

Sonia smiled angrily at that. "Taylor, are you crazy?"

"What?" Rina's face twisted for a moment.

How dare she say I'm crazy?!

"You must be crazy to say those words. Why are you ordering me to leave this restaurant? You're really shameless!" Sonia crossed her arms and stared at the other woman coldly. She did not hold back.

I don't have to be polite.

Anyone sane won't make people leave the restaurant.

This isn't Rina's restaurant.

What else did she expect when her words angered me?!

Rina never thought that Sonia would insult her. The former's face turned pale with anger as she growled, "You little—"

"Stop it." Sonia rolled her eyes as she was getting impatient. "I don't understand and am not interested to know why you are making me leave this restaurant. However, I'm not wrong. You can't make me leave this restaurant. If you don't want to meet me in this restaurant, then that's your problem and you should leave instead. Either you leave or hold back reluctantly."

Saying that, Sonia ignored the crazy Rina and left the washroom.

On the other hand, Rina stomped her foot angrily.

However, she stopped quickly and caught up to Sonia. She wanted to know if Sonia would meet her parents.

It'd be best if they don't meet. If they do, I must divert my parents' attention and not let them overthink things.

Chapter 972 She Likes Zane

Sonia was aware that Rina was following her from behind. Not only that, Rina was also looking at her suspiciously, which irritated her as it appeared that she had done something shady.

However, why did Rina want to chase her out of the restaurant in the first place? This action of hers had only piqued Sonia's interest.

What was the reason behind that?

Though Sonia was dying to know, she did not explicitly ask Rina as she knew that Rina would not answer her.

Hence, she could only find the answer herself.

As she was in her thoughts, her steps slowed down and she cast a sidelong glance at the person behind her.

That person nervously halted her steps when she saw that.

Noticing that, Sonia sneered deep down. Can't she do it properly if she's determined to follow me?

When Sonia stopped, Rina did the same immediately. It was so obvious to everyone that Sonia was being followed!

Yet, Sonia did not expose Rina's act. She simply pursed her lips and resumed her walk.

Within minutes, she arrived at her private room and went straight away.

Rina saw Sonia entering it. Then, she took a look at the Gray Family's private room, which was opposite Sonia's room, before exhaling a breath of relief.

Luckily Dad and Mom did not come out from the room, she thought.

She wouldn't have to worry as long as her parents did not bump into Sonia here today.

Rina let out a light breath while thinking, and her tense expression finally relaxed. She then averted her gaze and proceeded to the Gray Family's room.

However, even though her parents did not leave the room and did not meet Sonia, they were all in the same restaurant. They could still run into each other later.

To prevent such a situation from happening, Rina now had to persuade her parents to leave this place. She then opened the door by twisting her hand on the door handle.

Just when Rina was entering the room her parents were at, Sonia's room door opened, although not in its entirety.

Sonia merely opened a small gap. And she was watching Rina enter the room opposite hers from behind the door.

She was already intrigued by Rina's earlier attempt to chase her out, and she was even more curious now after Rina trailed behind her the entire way.

Furthermore, Sonia suspected that the restaurant had something that Rina did not want her to see, which was why she tried to chase her out or even followed behind her in case she discovered what Rina was trying to keep from her.

Hence, she went along with Rina's plan. After entering the room, Sonia intentionally opened a small gap to observe Rina's subsequent actions. From that, she was pretty certain that things were as she had suspected, as she saw Rina heaving a sigh of relief after she entered her room.

Rina did this obviously because Sonia did not encounter the thing that would make Rina anxious. Then, she noticed Rina looking at the private room opposite hers before her expression slightly changed.

Sonia couldn't explain the change, but she had an intuitive feeling that the things Rina wanted to keep hidden from her were in that room.

So, what was in that room?

Sonia lowered her eyes, something flashing through her gaze.

At this moment, the man who had been standing behind her since who-knows-when suddenly lowered his head and asked, while looking at her, "What happened? What are you looking at?"

When Sonia heard his voice, she retracted her gaze and shut the room door before turning around and saying, "Rina Gray."

"Rina Gray?" When Toby heard this name, his expression changed slightly. His gaze flickered with a different expression too.

However, Sonia did not notice his reactions as all her mind was on the room that Rina entered. "Yes, it's her," she replied, after letting out a low hum.

"Where did you see her?" he continued asking, his gaze darkening.

She responded directly and without hesitation, "The restroom. When I walked in, I noticed she was inside."

"Did she hurt you in any way?" Toby immediately grabbed her hands and began to examine them.

Seeing his anxious demeanor, Sonia laughed as she shook her head. "She did not. I am not someone who will be easily bullied, you know. However, she was behaving strangely."

"What do you mean?" Toby was relieved that Sonia had not been bullied, but when she told him that Rina was acting strangely, he frowned.

She did not respond right away. Instead, she took his hand in hers and led him to the table. The table was already filled with delectable food that the waiter had served before Sonia returned.

After Toby sat down, Sonia took her seat as well. "When I bumped into Rina in the washroom, she looked anxious and it was as if she was afraid of me," she said after taking a sip of water.

"Anxious? Afraid of you?" Hearing that, Toby furrowed his brows even more. He did not understand what Rina was feeling anxious about.

"Yes. I am certain that I did not sense it wrongly. There was also some guilt and jealousy mixed in with her anxious and fearful feelings! I'm not sure why she was feeling that way, so I tried to probe, but I got nothing. Then..."

Sonia abruptly stopped and grudgingly raised her head and looked at him.

"Why are you looking at me like this?" he raised his brows and asked.

Her gaze now was making him fearful as well. She then rolled her eyes and retracted her gaze before continuing, "Well, there are only a few things for women to be jealous of. It is either looks, figure, family background, or men."

With each of her words, Sonia tapped her fingers one by one. "Though the Gray Family is in jeopardy now, they are still wealthier than my Paradigm Co., so she won't be jealous of my family background. That's the same in terms of looks and body figure. Despite being slightly inferior to me, she is still attractive after applying makeup, and there is no reason for her to be jealous of me in these two areas as well. With this, the only factor remaining is men."

Sonia looked at Toby, who was sitting beside her, after she finished her words.

Pursing his lips, he responded, "So, you think that Rina is attracted to me?"

"Yes," Sonia replied, her chin raised.

Toby merely found it amusing. "That's impossible. I know I am captivating, but not to the point where every woman will like me. In addition, I know who Rina truly adores."

He stroked her hair while saying that.

Sonia was taken aback to hear that. "The man that Rina truly loves?" she asked, her eyes wide.

"Yes."

"Who's that?"

"Zane," he said slowly.

Sonia was in the midst of drinking water. The moment she heard Zane's name coming out of Toby's mouth, she couldn't stop herself from choking and spitting out all the water in her mouth.

Toby had not anticipated such a strong reaction from her. He regained his senses quickly after being stunned for a while and gently patted her back to soothe her. Then, he handed a tissue to her. "Here you go."

That came at the perfect time. Sonia grabbed the tissue and wiped the water on her lips before staring in disbelief at the man in front of her. "Is that true? Rina has feelings for Zane?!"

"It's true." Toby nodded with his gaze solemn.

Seeing that, she had no other options but to believe him, although she was still stunned. "How is this even possible? You said she has feelings for Zane? Since when?"

He shook his head in response. "I have no idea."

Toby truly had no knowledge on this.

Biting her lips, Sonia continued her probing, "How did you know she likes Zane, then?"

Chapter 973 Who Is in That Private Room?

"I didn't know it at first." He placed some dishes on her plate and went on, "When Zane came to discuss a government project with me, he received a gift from Rina about halfway through, and that day happened to be White Day. While opening the gift, he told me awkwardly that it wasn't the first time he'd received Rina's gift. She had done it several times before, even on ordinary days, and she frequently finds opportunities to meet him. It's easy to understand where she's coming from."

“Wow...” Sonia was taken aback and took a deep breath. “I had no idea about this at all.”

“We had not yet reconciled at that point in time. And because this isn’t about us, I didn’t tell you anything else after that,” Toby responded while raising his head.

When Sonia heard that, she fell silent, unsure what to say. She wasn’t sure if she should feel sorry for Zane for being adored by Rina.

On the other hand, she found it amusing too.

“From what you’ve said, she’s been in love with him for a long time.” Sonia then had the food that Toby had placed on her plate earlier.

Toby sipped his red wine and replied, “That should be the case. Rina had taken the DNA test with Julia about two weeks before White Day, and she had been trying to meet Zane at random even before that. So I’m guessing she had a crush on him not long after they met.”

“Would it be when they were constantly in contact with each other?”

Toby’s action was halted by her words. “Do you know about it?” he asked, looking at her.

She nodded to that. “As you know, we wanted Rina to be our insider in the Gray Family, so we needed her to go through some training to learn more about them. Zane was in charge of training her. They saw each other almost every day during the training. It is very likely for her to fall in love with him after all those days together. Frankly speaking, Rina had never had the opportunity to meet outstanding guys like Zane before she met us, and once she saw him, she was naturally tempted.”

“That should be it,” Toby said, raising his chin.

“I never imagined that our plan would undergo such drastic changes. Not only did we discover the Grays’ biological daughter, Rina is now harassing Zane. I’m sure he’s now regretting the entire plan.”

Even Sonia, let alone Zane, regretted the plan.

Her original plan was to put an insider into the Gray Family to find ways to beat them down.

However, it turned out that she had, in fact, lent them a hand.

Sonia felt regretful thinking about it.

Toby, on the other hand, did not say anything and silently added more food to her plate.

“Zane didn’t tell me about this either, not to mention that I’m his coworker!” She exhaled a sigh.

“He doesn’t want you to feel bad about it. After all, engaging Rina was your mutual plan,” Toby said this while putting food in his mouth.

Sonia only gave a bitter smile in response. "True. That's why I'm regretting it now."

"You don't have to. Nobody could have predicted that things would progress to this point." He stroked her hair and attempted to console her, but she only pursed her lips and remained silent.

Setting his utensils down, Toby then supported his head with his hand and smilingly asked, "So, do you now believe that Rina isn't interested in me?"

When Sonia heard that, she looked at him coquettishly and said, "Based on her actions earlier, I suspected she has a crush on you. I assumed she was jealous, or even anxious and afraid of me when she saw me, because she intends to court you. I was prepared to deal with you on that!"

That stunned Toby for a while. Then, he laughed. "I am so aggrieved!"

Sonia was flushed with embarrassment. "That was my initial thought. However, after I left the washroom, Rina followed me from behind anxiously until I entered this room, where she stood outside and appeared to be relieved. That's when I realized she wasn't feeling guilty or anxious because she loves you, but rather because she has something she wants to keep from me, which is why she followed me and tried to monitor everything I did. Toby, what do you think is in this restaurant that makes her so nervous that she wants to chase me out and then has to follow me all the way?"

"Did she chase you out?" Toby wore a solemn expression when he heard that.

Sonia responded with a light hum. "Yes. She asked me to leave when we were in the restroom earlier. Isn't it amusing? This isn't her restaurant, yet she has the audacity to chase me away!"

Upon hearing that, Toby was even more glum. "She is the one who should leave. Since when does she have the authority to drive people away?"

And it was his woman she did this to!

Is Taylor Carey tired of living?

Sonia had no idea that Toby was already displeased with Rina. When she heard his words, she nodded and said, "That's correct. I told her as well and her expression was priceless!"

"What happened next?" Looking at Sonia's smile, Toby finally relaxed his brows before taking a tissue and gently wiping her mouth.

Sonia then took a spoonful of soup and said, "I left the washroom after that and headed here, and she followed me all the way. From that, I realized that she wasn't anxious or afraid of me because she likes you, but that there is something here that she doesn't want me to run into. She entered her room, relieved, after seeing that I had not encountered anything on my way here. When she looked into her room, her gaze seemed strange as well. I can't put my feelings into words, but I believe the thing she doesn't want me to come across is in her room. What do you think she's hiding?"

However, Toby merely lowered his gaze and remained silent.

What was it in Rina's room that made her so terrified?

In the entire Seafield, only Titus and his wife could do that.

It was such a coincidence that Sonia was craving Norfolkian cuisine today, and Titus and Julia were also here.

It was most likely Julia's idea. Since she was from Norfolk, it wasn't surprising for her to adore Norfolkian cuisine.

Hence, it was perfectly natural for them to appear here.

Sonia, however, wasn't the same. She was from Seafield, and it was surprising that she loved Norfolkian cuisine, though this could be attributed to her personal preferences.

After all, there was no hard and fast rule that Seafield residents couldn't prefer food from other places.

But then again, Sonia shared many similarities with Rina. Titus and Julia would be suspicious of her identity if they saw her here and learned that she adored Norfolk's cuisine.

Perhaps Rina wanted her to leave the restaurant because of this. She did not want Sonia to run into Titus and Julia.

However, Sonia refused. Rina did not dare to forcefully chase her out, so she could only follow closely behind Sonia to see if she would happen to run into Titus and Julia.

She did not, which was why Rina felt relieved.

"What are you thinking about?" Seeing that Toby was immersed in his thoughts, Sonia gently nudged him.

"Nothing much." His gaze flickered. Trying to suppress his thoughts, he smiled nonchalantly and continued, "I think the one in Rina's room is Titus and his wife."

"Titus and his wife?" Sonia exclaimed in shock.

Chapter 974 Dispelling Her Doubts

"Yes." Toby then set his utensils down and said, his eyes flashing, "You know that Titus and his wife once suspected you were their daughter, right?"

Sonia nodded in response. While recalling this, a tinge of annoyance flashed across her face. "I know. I recall publicly admitting during Jessica's press conference that I am not my parents' biological child and was instead discovered by my father three days after he took Rina away. Titus and Julia began to suspect that I was the real 'Rina'. It's amusing how they continue to suspect other people as their daughter even after Rina has been found and a DNA test has been performed to confirm her identity. In this regard, I sympathize with her."

Toby felt a tinge of guilt when he saw Sonia's disdainful expression, but he didn't show it. "There's one thing you don't know about," he said, his face expressionless.

"What's that?" Sonia asked curiously.

With his gaze lowered, Toby answered, "I happened to hear that during the time when both Titus and Julia suspected you were the real 'Rina', Julia expressed that she did not have any feelings towards the current Rina. Rina heard it and from what I've heard, her reaction was massive."

Though Toby dismissed it as a coincidence, he had obtained such information from the people he had sent to spy on Rina.

That's why he knew this piece of information and Sonia didn't.

"What?" Sonia was stunned by his words. "Julia said she doesn't have any feelings towards Rina?"

"Yes."

"How can that be?" She shook her head, feeling stunned. "Julia had a serious illness after my father took Rina away, and it is still affecting her emotionally. Logically, she should be overjoyed and lavishing Rina with her love now that Rina has returned. Julia can't possibly have no feelings for Rina! Furthermore, from what I can tell, they get along well."

"Julia is just putting on a show for the outsiders." Toby put his utensils down and leaned back against his chair. "She is well aware that such an attitude is wrong, so even though she has no feelings for Rina, Julia accepts her responsibility as a mother and pretends that she adores Rina."

"Oh my." Sonia believed everything Toby had said. After all, he had no reason to lie to her.

She then sneered coldly and continued, "That's unusual. How could a mother have no feelings for her daughter? I don't understand that."

Toby did not say anything to this, as he knew there was nothing wrong with Julia.

Rina wasn't her biological daughter; that was why she had no feelings for her.

Truth be told, Toby was also shocked and had the same doubts as Sonia had now when he first heard about it.

But Toby knew something that Sonia didn't—the current Rina was an imposter. She was not Titus and Julia's biological daughter. After all, Sonia was the true 'Rina'!

Hence, he understood why Julia did not have any feelings toward Rina.

This was her natural instinct as her mother.

Despite not knowing that Rina, who was in front of her now, was an imposter, Julia's maternal instinct prevented her from having any feelings for an imposter.

Sonia, on the other hand, did not know what Toby was thinking. She bit her lips for a few seconds and as if she had suddenly realized something, she opened her eyes widely and exclaimed, "Wait a minute... So, Rina was afraid of me meeting Titus and Julia, right? Rina wanted to chase me out because she is still bothered by the fact that they both once took me for their daughter, and Julia even once hurt Rina's heart over this. This is also why Rina followed me all the way, fearing that I would run into Titus and Julia and confirm their suspicions that I am their daughter, right?"

Toby responded with a light hum. "This is possible."

In fact, he initially did not plan to tell Sonia that Titus and Julia might be in Rina's room. He was also concerned that something unexpected would occur when they all met.

But, after giving it some thought, he decided against it and told her directly about Titus and Julia.

If he did not do so, Sonia would be left wondering why Rina acted so strangely, and she would inquire about who was inside Rina's room. After receiving the answer, she would begin to wonder why Rina was so afraid of allowing her to meet with Titus and Julia.

With that doubt planted within her, Sonia would undoubtedly pursue the matter. It would be a disaster if she managed to get the whole truth out.

That being the case, he told her right away that the person inside was Titus and his wife, followed by him purposefully leading her astray. This would clear her doubts and prevent any further investigation.

And he was right. Based on Sonia's reaction and her next words, he knew that he had succeeded in doing so.

With her lips pursed, she said dismissively, "Is there a problem with Rina's mind? A DNA test confirmed that she is their daughter. I just happen to share some characteristics with their daughter, but that doesn't mean I'm her! What does she have to be concerned about?"

Sonia really could not fathom Rina's thinking.

In her opinion, Rina simply wasn't someone normal.

Noticing that Sonia was no longer interested in Rina's room, Toby relaxed his brows and stood up.

Sonia saw what he was doing and reflexively asked, "You're going to the gents?"

"Yes." He nodded. "Sit here and don't run around."

She merely rolled her eyes in response. "I am not a child. You don't have to remind me of this. Besides, what's the big deal if I go out? I can't possibly get lost, can I?"

“You’re always a child to me,” he said with a warm smile on his face.

Toby, of course, wasn’t afraid of her getting lost.

He was terrified of her running into Titus and Julia!

Though she would not overthink, the same couldn’t be said for them.

Hence, he had to remind her to stay in this room, to be safer rather than sorry.

“I know. I won’t go anywhere,” Sonia waved her hand and replied.

Her face was blushing as well.

He dares to say that I’m a child to him?

I have never seen anyone who would do all those things to a child.

Sonia’s face flushed when she thought of that.

However, Toby did not realize that as his mind was elsewhere. When she waved her hand earlier, he had already moved forward and walked outside.

The moment he stepped out of the room, he took a glance at the row of private rooms opposite him.

He had no idea which room Rina was in but according to Sonia, he knew it was one of the rooms in the row opposite theirs.

He then locked his gaze on two rooms that were most likely to contain Rina, before pulling out his phone and texting, ‘Take Titus and his family out of this restaurant.’

His tone in the message came across as authoritative, but not at all offensive.

After all, Toby was a natural leader with the authority to rule over everyone.

He took a cigarette from his pocket and lit it after sending the message. Then, he leaned against the wall next to him and began smoking.

Every other man smoked the same way; it was nothing special at all.

But Toby was unique. The way he smoked was captivating, with his actions revealing a delicate sense. When he puffed, it almost felt as if there was more to what he did.

Those who looked at him would sense that he had been through a lot.

And that was what made him attractive.

Meanwhile, the Gray Family was eating in the room across from him.

Rina was preoccupied while eating the food Julia had placed on her plate. She didn't even notice Julia calling to her.

It was until Titus gently pushed her arm that she regained her senses, thereafter dropping the food that was in her spoon and onto her plate.

Chapter 975 Leaving The Restaurant

"Dad, what happened?" Rina asked while looking at Titus.

While gesturing at Julia with his lips, Titus replied, "Your mother was calling you."

Once Rina learned that Julia was looking for her, she looked at Julia and asked, "Mom, why did you call me?"

"What were you thinking about? You were so lost in your thoughts that you didn't even hear me calling you," Julia explained while frowning. There was a look of concern on her face as well.

Although she didn't have much feelings for Rina, she wasn't stingy about her responsibilities toward her daughter, including being concerned for Rina.

"It's nothing," Rina mumbled with her head down.

As Julia and Titus glanced at each other, they knew that Rina was lying.

Sighing, Julia comforted, "Rina, are you still mad at me for what I said in your father's ward? If you are, how about I apologize to you again? It wasn't my intention to hurt you with my words. I said those words because I'm still not used to your return. Once we've spent more time together, I'll get used to having you around and won't act like that again. So, Rina, can you forgive me?"

With her head still lowered, Rina didn't answer Julia.

Wouldn't act like that after getting used to it? I don't think so.

She wasn't their biological daughter, so it was normal for them to reject her because they weren't related by blood, and because of that, both adults wouldn't have feelings for her no matter how long they spent time together. At this moment, they treated her nicely mostly because it was their responsibility.

Ironically, they took up that responsibility because they thought she was Rina Gray.

Once they had discovered that she wasn't their daughter, apart from their feelings for her, they would probably stop being responsible for her too.

Seeing that Rina wasn't talking, Julia grew anxious, while Titus frowned and commented, "Rina, your mother has apologized to you. Aren't you going to forgive her?"

As Rina noticed the unhappiness in his voice, she knew that she had taken a wrong move. Just as she was about to make amends, her phone on the table suddenly started vibrating, which made them all glance toward it.

Being the one closest to Rina's phone, Julia saw the contents displayed on the screen and asked in shock, "Mr. F? Rina, who is this? Is he your boyfriend?"

Once Titus heard that his daughter had a boyfriend, his expression changed drastically. "What? Your boyfriend? When did you have a boyfriend and why didn't you tell me? What if he's a scammer?"

Although he disliked the way his daughter was treating his wife, she was his daughter and his only descendant. Besides his wife, she was the person whom he cared most about in the world.

How could he not be anxious after discovering she had a boyfriend?

Their family had been separated for over twenty years, and it hadn't been long since her return, but now that she had a boyfriend, it wouldn't be long before she would have to get married. How would the two parents be able to cope with that?

After all, the two hadn't spent much time with their long-lost daughter, so how would they be willing to let their daughter leave their home and live at another person's place?

Even if they had to let Rina leave, they would like to spend a few years with her first.

Thus, if this Mr. F was truly their daughter's boyfriend, he would do anything in his power to have Rina break up with him!

"Your father's right, Rina. You should have told us about this. What would we do if something happened to you because of this boyfriend of yours?" Julia agreed with a nod.

When Rina noticed the reaction from them, she blushed out of awkwardness as she assured, "Dad, that's not my boyfriend. He's just an acquaintance."

How could she let that terrifying man be her boyfriend?

Moreover, the person she liked wasn't him, but...

When Zane's face appeared in her mind, her face blushed even redder as a trace of shyness emerged in her eyes, which her parents noticed. However, they misunderstood her reaction, thinking they were right, and that the person who had just sent a message to their daughter was her boyfriend.

Titus felt sour and his face turned red as he slapped the table while stating, "Rina, tell me who he is. I want to know who dares to flirt with my daughter under my nose. This is driving me crazy."

"Yes, Rina. Tell us, who is he? Let me help you take a look at his character and see whether he is the right man for you," Julia hurriedly agreed while nodding.

At that moment, Rina blushed even harder as she took her phone and stood up. “Oh, Mom, Dad, what are you guys talking about? I said I don’t have a boyfriend, and I mean it. He is just an acquaintance.”

“Oh? Are you telling the truth?” Titus narrowed his eyes.

She answered with a nod, “Of course I’m telling the truth.”

After discovering the seriousness in their daughter’s expression, the two fell into silence. Then, Julia elaborated, “Titus, I think we’ve misunderstood Rina. Maybe she really doesn’t have a boyfriend.”

“Even if she doesn’t have a boyfriend, she must have someone she likes, right?” he asked.

Rina’s shyness didn’t seem fake, so if she didn’t have a boyfriend, she must have been thinking about the man she liked. Otherwise, why would she feel shy?

As expected, once Rina heard his words, her expression paled as she became anxious.

Watching the scene before her, Julia knew that what Titus said was true. “Rina, do you have someone you like?” she asked as she pulled Rina’s hand.

Rina kept quiet while having her head lowered. Then, she withdrew her hand after a few moments and said indifferently, “Alright, Mom, stop asking. I need to reply to the message.”

After that, she took a breath and walked to the window as she was afraid of bumping into Sonia if she went out. If they were to meet each other again and get into a fight, it might attract her parents’ attention and lure them out.

As Julia watched her daughter’s back, she looked at her husband and whispered, “Honey, what do you think Rina meant by that?”

Glancing at Rina as well, Titus shook his head and replied, “I don’t know.”

After a moment of silence, she asked, “Who do you think is the person Rina likes? I noticed her expression was not right when I asked her about it. I think maybe that guy doesn’t like her back.”

Titus’ expression darkened when he heard that. “He should be honored that my daughter took a fancy to him. How can he not like my daughter? Just wait until I find out who he is. I’ll skin him for not knowing chalk from cheese.”

In his eyes, his daughter was the best in the world, and all men were out of her league. Yet, now she had someone she liked, but that man hadn’t returned her feelings.

Thinking about that made his blood boil.

While Julia listened to his aggrieved speech, she didn’t have much opinion on that matter. Instead, she was looking at Rina, who had her head down while standing beside the window. She couldn’t help but feel curious about who Mr. F was and why Rina had to reply to his messages behind their backs.

Also, she remembered Rina's shocked and anxious expression when she mentioned Mr. F. Could it be that he was a bad person?

On the other hand, Rina had come to the window and immediately opened the message Toby had sent, but when she read its content, her grip on her phone suddenly tightened.

He told her to leave the restaurant with her parents!

It seemed like Sonia had told him about their encounter and Toby guessed that something was up.

Since things had come to this, she couldn't stay here any longer.

Although she didn't like it, she had to accept the reality that if Sonia wasn't leaving, she would have to leave.

Moreover, she didn't have the guts to go against his orders because he would definitely cause more trouble for her.

She took a deep breath, sent him a reply before storing her phone away, and returned to the dining table.