

The Breaking Point of Love

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Beck certainly wanted a chance to bring and introduce her to everyone. But...

"I'm still pursuing her. If I succeed, I'll let everyone know right away," he said. After saying that, he added, "I still have something to handle, so I'll head off first."

Miles also had other matters to attend to. He waved at Wynn and the others before getting into his car and leaving.

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Narcissa was at the right age for marriage, so her family was getting anxious about finding her a suitable match.

That very night, her family told her they had arranged a blind date for her the next day.

She wasn't particularly keen on blind dates, but in the end, she still went.

When she arrived and pushed open the door, she froze slightly at the sight of the person already seated inside.

Caleb stood up. "Ms. Lackspur?"

Narcissa nodded and walked over, taking a seat beside him. "Hello."

"Hello, what would you like to drink?" he replied politely.

"I'll order myself."

After a brief exchange of pleasantries, their coffee was served. Caleb spoke first.

"Ms. Lackspur, I'm sorry, but I already have someone I like. I only came today because this was arranged at the very last minute by my aunt. She's close friends with your mother, so it wasn't easy for me to refuse. My apologies."

Narcissa's smile paused for a moment.

The night before, when her family had described the blind date as someone who had a good career, refined demeanor, and an upright family background, she had assumed they were exaggerating.

Now, she realized that they hadn't. Caleb was indeed everything they said—well-mannered and good-looking. He was exactly her type.

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She set down her coffee and couldn't help but say, half amused and half resigned, "All of you already have someone you like it seems like I really came back too late,"

Her family had always said that there was no shortage of outstanding young men in Baumond Matthias and Beck had both once been on the list of potential matches her family considered.

But Matthias was already known to be with Celeste.

As for Beck, her family had only learned about his situation from her the previous night.

They told her that she should've returned to the country two years ago. At that time, she hadn't thought much of it.

But now, she finally understood what they meant last night.

Caleb didn't dwell on her remark. He simply said courteously, "Ms. Lackspur, with your caliber, finding someone suitable won't be difficult."

She didn't respond to that. Yes, it wasn't hard to find someone suitable given her background. But to find someone she truly liked? It was another matter entirely. Especially someone like Caleb or Beck.

Instead, she asked, "May I ask what kind of person you like?"

Caleb remained polite. "Sorry, that's personal. I'd rather not go into it. I hope you understand."

Narcissa paused.

At that moment, she saw something familiar in his eyes. It was just like that look Beck had last night—a kind of quiet certainty.

They both loved someone with unwavering conviction.

"I'm sorry. That was overstepping," she said.

"It's alright."

They exchanged a few more polite words before Caleb stood. "I have something to attend to, so I'll take my leave. Did you drive here? Do you need me to give you a ride?"

Narcissa could easily tell it was just courtesy. "No need."

Chapter 710

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Jordyn had been staying at the Rodriguez residence for the past few days. She showed no intention of leaving, even on the weekends.

Trevor hadn't said anything about coming to pick her up either.

Not long ago, Celeste had submitted another paper to a top-tier international journal.

It passed review with ease and was scheduled for official publication early Sunday morning.

But she didn't stay up waiting. She went to bed early on Saturday night.

When she woke up the next morning and turned on her phone, it was flooded with missed calls and messages.

Celeste glanced through them and returned Matthias's call first.

He picked up almost immediately. "You're awake."

Celeste hummed a response.

"You probably know why I called. Your latest paper caused quite a stir right after publication. Congratulations," he said with a smile.

"Thank you."

Matthias was genuinely happy for her and had just wanted to congratulate her personally. They didn't chat for long before hanging up.

Celeste then went through the rest of her missed calls and messages, replying one by one.

Soon after, Beck, Kieran, Caleb, Bryson, and others all called her to offer their congratulations to her. Celeste thanked each of them politely.

Then reporters from major media outlets reached out, wanting to interview her. She spent quite some time speaking with them and arranging possible schedules.

It took her more than an hour to finish the arrangements.

Jordyn had woken up earlier than Celeste. When she saw her mother busy with the calls, she quietly stayed out of the way.

Although she had been staying at the Rodriguez residence these past few days, Trevor still called her every day-as he did now.

"There are so many people calling Mom. She's really busy," Jordyn said.

On the other end, Trevor simply responded with a hum and chatted with her a bit before hanging up.

The Lockets and Shaws only learned that Celeste had published another paper that morning and that once again, it had caused a sensation.

Celeste's publications had earned her extremely high praise from experts both domestically and internationally this time as well.

Linda was furious after seeing the Internet practically worshipping Celeste.

"She's listed as the first author

again! She's so shameless! And et

Matthias too Has he never seen a Woman before? He's even giving up his own credit for her?"

She still believed that the real driving force behind Celeste's papers was Matthias.

And she wasn't the only one.

Aside from Wynn, the rest of the Lockets and Shaws thought the same.

There were voices echoing this

suspicion online as well. After all Matthias was Zachary's true protege in most people's eyes, vets,

somehow, he was never listed as the first author.

However, such doubts were in the minority. As Celeste had appeared frequently in public over the past year her capabilities had gradually earned widespread recognition.

Most people didn't believe that Matthias or Zachary would risk their own reputations and futures for the sake of a woman.

The Lockets and Shaws knew of Celeste's capabilities. But that didn't mean they could accept it.

Their resentment only deepened as they watched her rise higher in the industry while backed by Matthias and Zachary.

"If Wynn had come back earlier and not missed the chance to join YodaVision, everything Celeste has now would've been hers."

"Exactly! Wynn has a much higher starting point than Celeste," Linda chimed in.

And it wasn't just the Lockets and the Shaws having such thoughts. Quentin Yallop,

a former employee of YodaVision, had the same thought.

His expression turned extremely unpleasant looking at Celeste's newly published paper.

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