

Begging for a Second Chance

Chapter 20

"What are you waiting for?" Maloney offered a faint smile. "The plane won't wait."

Still shell-shocked, Sienna was pulled to her feet by Maloney.

Luna snapped out of her daze and quickly followed.

The hospital-appointed escort doctor rushed over shortly after, prepping for Owen's transfer.

Half an hour later, they arrived at a private airstrip.

Even as she took her seat on Maloney's plane, Sienna still hadn't fully processed what was happening.

The cabin interior was minimalist yet undeniably luxurious.

Owen was situated in a specialized medical suite, closely monitored by the accompanying medical staff the entire flight.

Maloney guided Sienna and Luna to the lounge area before heading off to coordinate the flight details with the crew.

Luna secretly gave Sienna a thumbs-up, mouthing the words, "So handsome!"

Once he was out of earshot, she couldn't help but gush. "My god, that is a true alpha CEO! Powerful but not arrogant, incredibly gentle, and his execution is flawless.

He's ten thousand times better than that blind idiot Jarred! Why didn't you choose him back then?"

Sienna just smiled and didn't reply.

After finalizing the flight details, Maloney returned to the lounge.

Seeing Sienna's haggard face, he asked softly, "Do you want to get some rest? The flight is about ten hours."

Sienna shook her head. "I can't sleep."

Maloney didn't press the issue. He signaled the flight attendant to prepare the meal service—gourmet cuisine, plush pillows, and an array of various snacks.

Luna was quickly drawn in and happily skipped off to browse the selection.

Sienna sat across from Maloney. The food in front of her looked appetizing, but she had absolutely no appetite.

Maloney noticed. The warmth in his eyes deepened, and he pointed to one of the dishes. "Do you know why the diced carrots in the side dish are all cut to the exact same size?"

Sienna was baffled for a second. "...To show off the chef's knife skills?"

Maloney nodded. "I thought the same thing at first and even made a point to compliment the chef. But guess what she told me?"

Sienna unconsciously shook her head.

Maloney kept a perfectly straight face. "She told me it was to ensure every single carrot piece had an equal opportunity to be eaten. Otherwise, the big ones would get picked first, and the small ones would feel discouraged."

"..." Sienna blinked, not registering the joke for a moment.

Maloney pushed a cup of pudding toward her, smiling gently. "Even the carrots know how to actively fight for what they want, so why the long face?"

"Pfft." Sienna finally let out a laugh. "...That was so cheesy."

Her taut nerves finally relaxed a little. Suddenly, she remembered something. "By the way, did you have business back in the country? Will this delay your work?"

Maloney shook his head. "I was just meeting an old friend. It's not a big deal."

He paused before adding, "I heard Jarred is in the Capital these days. Didn't you call him about Owen?"

Sienna's heart sank, but she forced a smile. "He's busy."

Sensing her evasion, Maloney didn't press further.

Right then, Luna stormed over, brandishing her phone furiously. "Sienna, look at Bro-Bait's social media!"

Sienna took the phone. The latest update was a group photo.

Celeste was beaming, and standing next to her was a familiar foreign face.

And at the edge of the frame, a familiar silhouette made Sienna's heart seize.

It was Jarred.

The caption read: "Thanks to a certain someone, I finally got to meet my idol, Professor Krueger! A dream come true!"

Boom—

Sienna felt nothing but a deafening ringing in her ears.