

Chapter 175 Living Together

"What's going on?" Annabel asked in confusion.

"Look at this! They are spreading lies about you again. This time they are lying against you and Rory." Anika gave the phone to Annabel, fuming. "These paparazzi have no morals. They're making up lies left and right."

Annabel leaned in and peered at the screen of Anika's phone.

It displayed a picture of her and Rory. In the photo, Rory was helping her out of the car while carrying her luggage.

It was taken the other day when Rory brought her here.

The angle made their body language seem suspiciously intimate.

"Rory has a new girlfriend who happened to be Annabel, the ex-fiancee of Benton Group's CEO. They spent the night together and it appears like they are even cohabiting."

Cohabiting?

Annabel was astonished by the paparazzi's wild imagination. They were willing to write anything to generate buzz.

"How about you have someone take down this rubbish news? This is getting out of hand!" Anika came to Annabel's defense.

At that moment, all Annabel wanted was to get away to Chilly Mountain as fast as possible. She shrugged it off and said, "Let's just leave it to Rory to handle."

Anika agreed and accompanied Annabel to the airport.

Rupert stood in front of the Benton Group building.

He watched Annabel disappear from his sight. He tightened his face and pursed his thin lips.

"Ron, you said you would take me to the hospital, didn't you?" Candace reminded him, bringing him back to the present.

Rupert glanced at Candace and replied, "Let's go."

He then headed toward the parking lot.

Candace limped behind Rupert and shouted, "Ron, don't walk so fast. Slow down."

Rupert turned around to see Candace wincing in pain. He quickly rushed over to help her up and asked, "Are you fine?"

"I'm fine but my knees hurt a little," Candace said, leaning against Rupert for support.

She licked her lips and rubbed her chest against his strong, muscular arm in a seductive manner.

Rupert didn't react to her advances.

Disappointed, Candace pouted and asked in a pitiful voice, "Ron, does Annabel really dislike me so much? I've brought myself low to ask for her forgiveness, but she not only declined but also pushed me."

Mentioning Annabel changed Rupert's expression.

He hastily loosened his tie and turned to Candace. "Candy, get in the car."

Candace climbed into the car, but he stayed outside.

"Ron, aren't you coming?" Candace asked, suspicion in her voice.

Rupert smiled faintly and explained, "I'll have the driver take you. I have an important meeting in my company."

He then brought out his phone and dialed the driver's number.

Candace clenched her fingers but forced a sweet smile. "Sure, Ron, go ahead and do your work."

"Okay." Rupert's flat reply did nothing to improve her mood. He just turned and walked away.

As he gazed at the tall and indifferent Rupert, Candace bit her lip hard and frowned.

Why was he that cold to her?

As she walked into the CEO's office earlier, she noticed the passion with which Rupert stared at Annabel.

Annabel... She was a seductive tramp, Candace swore she would do

whatever it took to keep Annabel away from Rupert.

After a quick visit to the hospital to get her wounds bandaged, Candace asked the driver to take her back to the Benton Group building.

As the first love of the CEO, Candace was easily recognized by the employees of Benton Group. The news of her relationship with the CEO had been hot on the Internet recently, and so she had no trouble entering the building.

In the CEO's office, Rupert slouched back in his chair and stared sternly at the screen of his phone.

His eyes were fixed on a photo of Annabel and Rory. 

They were in an intimate pose.

Below the photo were various comments.

"I can't believe that Rory's girlfriend is Rupert's ex-fiancee. He has no taste."

"I don't think it's that easy to jump into another relationship. Annabel and Rory have probably been together secretly for a long time."

"It all makes sense. Annabel is a woman who looks reserved but dates several men. I used to be a fan of her! Bah!"

"I feel bad for Rupert. Annabel has been cheating on him for such a long time!"

Rupert took hold of the glass on the table, looked at the picture on his phone again, and threw the glass across the room.

The glass shattered with a loud crash.

Candace was startled when she opened the door.

Her heart raced as she saw the shards of broken glass on the floor.

Candace's fear quickly turned to confusion as she saw Rupert looking upset. "Ron, what's going on?"

Rupert seemed caught off guard and asked, "Candy, why are you here? I told the driver to take you to the hospital, didn't I?"

"Yes, I'm back from the hospital. The doctor said it was nothing severe. My knees were just bruised." Candace smiled charmingly. "I came here to

let you know so you wouldn't be bothered about me."

Rupert nodded. "That's good to hear."

"So why were you so angry, Ron? What happened?" Candace prodded, still curious about his earlier outburst.

"Nothing." Rupert slipped his phone into his suit pocket.

But Candace caught a glimpse of the screen.

"Ron, are you annoyed because of Annabel?" This gave Candace mixed feelings. 

Candace was glad to see that there were so many rumors about Annabel on the Internet, especially those about her being with Rory. Even an average guy would have a hard time dealing with that kind of disloyalty, let alone someone as dignified as Rupert.

But she was troubled because Rupert still cared about Annabel, given how mad he was about the news.

Jealousy flickered in her eyes as Candace carefully observed Rupert's reaction. "Annabel has crossed the line this time. She ended the relationship with you just a few days ago and now she's living with Rory."

Rupert's face turned dark with anger.

Candace instigated even more. "I read on the Internet that Annabel dated Rory and many other men at the same time. Ron, if these stories are real, then I feel so sorry for you."