

Marrying 281

Chapter 281 Are You Interested in Him.

It was eight o'clock in the evening.

Cherise and Lucy had had several glasses of water in New World Restaurant's lobby. They had been waiting for more than half an hour. Previously, their classmates had agreed to meet at the restaurant at seven o'clock, but only two of them showed up.

Aren't we supposed to have dinner together at New World Restaurant because Mandy is treating us? Why haven't the others arrived?

Finally, Lucy couldn't bear it and sent her classmate a message. 'Is the dinner location changed?'

Although Lucy was initially reluctant to join the dinner, Cherise managed to persuade her. Although New World Restaurant wasn't as expensive as Viopril Palace, the dishes were amazing. Of course, they wouldn't want to miss a free meal.

Lucy's classmate soon replied. 'Are you guys waiting at New World Restaurant?'

'Didn't Jessie inform you that the dinner is canceled? She's hospitalized, and Mandy is taking care

of her.

"I see.

Cherise was somewhat disappointed. "I thought the dinner would go on."

Lucy, too, was discouraged. "I thought we could annoy them while having a free meal."

But in the end, Mandy and Jessie gave up first.

“Why don’t we ask Lennon to buy us a meal.” Cherise took out her phone.

She came out in a hurry and didn’t bring the credit card Damien gave her. The cash she had on hand was insufficient, and she didn’t want to cause trouble if the restaurant staff failed to recognize her. So, she thought getting Lennon over to treat them would be better. Furthermore, Damien said that Lennon had been quite free lately.

“Forget about it.” The moment Cherise dialed Lennon’s number, Lucy stopped her. “I brought money. I can buy the dinner.”

Cherise pouted. “Lucy, the items here are pricey. I would rather not use your father’s hard-earned money. Moreover, we’re so close with Lennon. He wouldn’t mind for us to have a free meal in his

restaurant.”

She lowered her voice and continued, “Also, my hubby said that Lennon has been free lately. All he has been doing is attending blind dates arranged by Old Mr. Belcourt. I’m sure he’d like to take a break with us.”

Lucy’s hand, which was holding a fork, stopped midair.

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“Lennon is going on blind dates? Are you sure?”

She smiled awkwardly. “He’s such a decent man. There must be many girls who like him. Why would he need to go on blind dates?”

Cherise shrugged. “I have no idea. Perhaps there are some other reasons.”

Then, she gazed at Lucy and asked, "Lucy, why do I feel your expression changes every time he's mentioned? Are you interested in him? My hubby and I can set you guys up."

The glass that Lucy was holding suddenly fell to the ground. She apologized to the server who came to clean it up and said, "Please stop joking, Cherise. How could I possibly deserve him..."

She just thought that Lennon could be that person.

Cherise pressed her lips. "Why not?" She actually thought Lennon and Lucy were a good match. Moreover, Lennon was Damien's close friend, and Lucy was hers. If they ended up together, the four of them could have a lifetime of fun!

"I just... don't deserve him."

Lucy exhaled deeply and stared at Cherise. "Cherise, please stop making jokes like this in the future."

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Chapter 282 I Have a Boyfriend Already

"I have a boyfriend already!"

"Oh Congrats, Ms. Staber"

As soon as Lucy finished speaking, a deep male voice echoed in

This voice is so familiar....

Lucy immediately lifted her head and met Lennon's deep-set eyes.

Their gazes locked for a second before Lucy turned away. "Cherise, you don't have to make the call anymore. He's here."

Cherise turned around to see Lennon leaning against an ornate stone pillar while gazing at Lucy

She smiled and waved at Lennon. "Hey, we're just about to look for you. Come over here!"

Lennon chuckled and walked over to sit beside Cherise. "Here for a free meal again?"

Cherise blushed. "Don't put it that way. I-I'm just here with Lucy for a casual dinner."

Then, she looked at Lucy, hoping to get her support. After all, Lucy had a ready tongue that could outwit anyone.

But to her surprise, Lucy's cheeks were even redder than hers!

"Ms. Staber, are you unwell?" Frowning, Lennon habitually felt Lucy's forehead with his palm. "Looks like you're having a fever."

He snapped his fingers elegantly, and a server hurried over. "Yes, boss."

"Bring us some medicine for fever."

He arched his brows when he noticed the bottle of red wine in front of Cherise. "And some hangover medicine."

In no time, the server returned with the items. Lennon received the medicine with his slender fingers and placed them in front of Lucy gracefully. "Ms. Staber, can you take the medicine yourself?"

Lucy stared at him in a daze and pressed her lips. "I'm not sick."

Lennon lifted his brows. "Why is your face so hot if you're not having a fever? Could it be that you're shy seeing me?"

Lucy closed her eyes and did not respond.

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Lennon put on a half-smile. I believe I've made it very clear the other day. Since you already have a boyfriend now, and I'm getting along well with my blind date today, you should your interest in me and cherish your boyfriend."

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After saying that, he poured himself a glass of wine and downed it. Then, he stood up and said. "This meal is on me, Cherise. You can order whatever you like. I have to go now."

With that, Lennon left.

Cherise wasn't a fool and had noticed something was off between Lucy and Lennon.

She looked at Lucy and mumbled, "Lucy, you guys..

She knew their relationship must be more complicated than it looked on the surface.

Lucy claimed she had a boyfriend, while Lennon mentioned he was getting along well with his date. However, neither of them appeared to be happy.

Lucy was drinking non-stop after Lennon left.

Cherise furrowed her brows and snatched the wine glass from her. "Stop drinking already!"

Lucy had lost her mother when she was young, and her father had been strict in raising her. So, she rarely drank. Even if she did, she knew how to control herself, unlike now.

"Didn't you say you have a boyfriend already? But look at you now. Why do you look like you've had a heartbreak?" Cherise asked.

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Chapter 283 Don't Touch Her

Lucy glanced at Cherise and smiled bitterly. "Cherise, I..."

She looked down and could not stop tears from falling. "I confessed my feelings, but he rejected me."

Cherise stared at Lucy in shock, unable to say anything.

"You... You confessed to Lennon?"

Lucy nodded. "I confessed my feelings to a guy for the first time... only to get rejected."

She still could not forget Lennon's cold expression.

He said, "I don't like having a wide age gap, and I hate women being so forward."

“Ms. Staber, what do you know about me? Do you know my background? What about my personality?”

“Besides, how can you know anything? We’ve only met twice. You only profess your love due to my looks.”

“You’re no different from those shallow women.”

At the time, Lucy grabbed his sleeve and desperately tried to explain, “That’s not true. I...”

She had confirmed that Lennon had her mother’s kidney in his body.

But...

Lennon pushed her hand away and left without another word.

Lucy opened a new bottle of beer as she recalled the humiliating incident.

Cherise pursed her lips. “Lucy, don’t be sad. Lennon is actually not that nice. Furthermore...”

She paused before continuing, “You’ve only met him twice. Are you sure... you’re in love with him?”

Did she love him so much that she set aside her dignity and reveal her feelings to him?

Lucy might not be the most beautiful girl on campus, but she was close enough.

She would have tons of suitors if not for her forceful personality.

Furthermore, she had always been serious and prudent. She would never accept someone into her heart so easily.

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A guy in the neighboring class had to pursue her for over a year before she reluctantly added him on WhatsApp.

Lucy was proud, yet she willingly set down her pride to confess her feelings to Lennon..

How could he be so stupid as to reject her?

Cherise did not know how she could comfort Lucy..

She knew she was ignorant in matters of romance.

If she didn't have to marry Damien due to her family situation, she would probably never have considered getting into a romantic relationship.

New World Restaurant

"Drink with me."

Lucy knew what her best friend was thinking.

She knew Cherise was sad about not knowing how to comfort her.

However, Lucy did not want to be comforted.

Instead, she wanted to vent her frustration.

Cherise pursed her lips. She knew it was pointless to say anything. Thus, she could only sigh and continue drinking with Lucy.

The two ladies ended up thoroughly wasted in New World Restaurant.

The manager had no choice but to call Lennon.

By the time Lennon arrived, Cherise and Lucy were slumped on each end of their table.

Lennon frowned. He went to Lucy and carried her. "I'm sending her home."

The manager asked nervously, "What about... her..."

"Don't touch her."

Lennon looked at the staff gathered. "Anyone who dares to touch her will die. Prepare a hangover soup and bring her a comfortable pillow and blanket."

"Damien Lenoir"

Lennon paused and continued, "Call Damien Lenoir."

The manager nodded and quietly accompanied him to the door.

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Chapter 284 You Mustn't Go to Her House

"If you do not want to wake up Mrs. Lenoir, we can... provide you two with the most luxurious lounge."

Damien smiled. He leaned down and gently carried Cherise. "Never mind, my wife is not that delicate."

Then, he suddenly recalled something. "Where's the person she drank with?"

"My boss took her away."

The manager smiled. "I've never seen my boss holding a lady until today. He carried her like it was the most natural thing."

Damien laughed. "He's probably still unaware of how much that person means to him."

"Rodney Savel"

That was why he was so frustrated by the news of Lucy having a boyfriend that he sought Blake for a brawl.

It was nearly noon the following morning when Cherise woke

Her phone was ringing.

She blearily grabbed the phone and said, "Hello?"

"Cherise, I'm Rodney Savel."

The man on the phone sounded anxious. "Do you know where Lucy is?"

Cherise's thoughts were hazy from a hangover. "Rodney Savel?"

Who?

"I'm from the neighboring class."

The man explained patiently, "I invited Lucy out on a date, but she stood me up a few times."

Cherise closed her eyes and considered for some time. She vaguely recalled someone of that description. Still...

"How did you get my number? Why are you looking for Lucy?"

"It's about this."

Rodney took a deep breath and continued, "Around three to four days ago, when you were on leave, Lucy approached me and asked me to be her boyfriend."

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“So, we are now dating.”

“We agreed to meet in the library today for a study date. I’ve been waiting for her for half an hour.”

Rodney sounded worried. “I called her a while ago, but a man answered. I thought he was her father, so I called him ‘Mr. Staber’ and introduced myself...”

“But the man became angry and hung up.”

“I tried to call her again, but her phone has been turned off.”

Rodney sighed and continued, “I was too rash. I only realized afterward that the man sounded.

young.

“He could be Lucy’s brother or cousin... but I didn’t realize it then.”

Then, he added dejectedly, “Cherise, I got your number from someone in your class.”

“Do you

know Lucy’s address? I wish to go there and apologize to her brother or cousin. I also want to pick up Lucy for our date.”

The series of shocking information jolted Cherise wide awake.

Cherise thought back to the dinner with Lucy last night. Lucy had indeed told her that she had a boyfriend.

However, Cherise did not expect Rodney to be that boyfriend.

Cherise remembered who Rodney was. His appearance was far from pleasant.

Did Lucy really... ask him to be her boyfriend?

Also, Lucy doesn't have a brother!

She has a cousin, but he would never be with her. Since her mother passed away, her father has been estranged from all their relatives!

Cherise breathed in deeply. She may be confused by the situation, but she was not stupid.

Thus, she pursed her lip and said, "Please wait for a moment. I'll call Mr. Staber to confirm with him."

Rodney seemed impatient. "We can just go to her house. Why go through so much trouble?"

"We must call first."

Cherise felt annoyed. "As Lucy's boyfriend, you should know that you mustn't simply go to her house."

Chapter 285 The Dilemma

"Lucy and her father are close. If Mr. Staber dislikes you, your relationship with Lucy is over!"

Rodney was taken by surprise. He did not expect the usually absent-minded Cherise to understand the situation so well.

He pursed his lips. "Sure, I'll wait for your news,"

After hanging up, Cherise got out of bed and went to the bathroom. She pondered on the matter as she washed her face.

If I'm not mistaken, I drank with Lucy last night.

Lucy drank a lot. I did the same, too.

I don't remember how I got back.

Cherise looked down at her nicely buttoned pajamas.

Could Damien have carried me home last night?

Who else is patient enough to help me change into my pajamas?

She was warmed by the thought and headed to the study.

The morning light shone in from the window behind Damien, surrounding him with a golden

halo.

He sat down comfortably, reading a document.

When Cherise opened the door, he looked up with deep-set and unfathomable eyes. However, those eyes immediately crinkled with delight the instant he recognized Cherise.

“You’re awake.”

His voice was deep and charming.

Cherise pursed her lips and nodded. “Yes, I’m awake.”

“Did you bring me home last night?”

Damien nodded and waved his hand. “Come here.”

Cherise approached him tentatively and sat on his lap.

Damien embraced her and kissed her cheek. “Of course, it was me. Who else would bring you home?”

Cherise pursed her lips again. “Where is Lucy? Last night...”

Rodney said the man who answered Lucy’s phone sounded young. He can’t be Mr. Staber.

Furthermore, he was annoyed when Rodey called him Mr. Staber and hung up immediately.

I don’t dare to call Mr. Staber yet.

What if...

That was why Cherise came to the study. She wanted to ask Damien about what happened last night.

“You were already lying on the couch when I arrived.” Damien gently smoothed the messy strands near her temple. He kissed her cheek softly. “But the manager at New World Restaurant said Lennon had carried Lucy off.”

I knew it.

Cherise frowned. “I knew it was him.”

Lucy got herself drunk because he rejected her love confession. How dare he then show up and carry her off?

He even refused to answer my call. He has no right to get angry about Rodney mistaking him for Mr. Staber.

He deserves it!

But...

“He didn’t bring her home. Where are they now?”

Damien calmly kissed her cheek. “That’s between them. We better not get involved.”

Cherise shook her head. “It’s not that I want to get involved, but Lucy’s boyfriend called me. He’s looking for her.”

Damien chuckled. “I thought Lucy had always been single?”

“They just got together a few days ago.”

Cherise sighed. She told Damien about Lennon's rejection of Lucy's love confession and how Lucy got together with Rodney.

"Rodney is waiting for me to update him about Lucy."

Cherie frowned and continued, "I can't tell him that Lucy is now with another man."

"Since he's Lucy's boyfriend, it's understandable that he wants to know where she is!"

"That's true."