

Chapter 283

She couldn't resist teasing, "What's wrong? Don't tell me you're upset because you heard my cousin went out with a female colleague?"

Flustered, Selena plucked a grape and shoved it into Autumn's mouth. "Of course not! Stop talking nonsense. If you keep it up, I'll hit you."

The truth was, she didn't know why hearing Zack had gone out made her feel unsettled, but she would never admit it.

She told herself it was normal.

After all, she used to admire Zack quite a lot. It was only after hearing he had a girlfriend that she gave up on the thought. 1

She thought there was no chance for her, so she accepted Derek's pursuit instead. She had given him her whole heart, only to discover he was nothing but a hypocrite.

The thought left her feeling hollow. If she had chosen to pursue Zack back then, would things have turned out differently?

But on second thought, there had been no chance before, and now there was even less. After all, he had another girlfriend now.

That little secret, she had never told anyone, not even Autumn. She buried it deep inside her heart.

When Zack walked back in, she felt her long-silent heart unexpectedly skip a beat.



He carried a few shopping bags, and his eyes immediately found the two sitting on the sofa.

"Autumn, you're here. I bought your favorite fruit at the supermarket. I'll wash and cut it for you in a bit," he said warmly.

He had always adored Autumn.

Every time she came over, he would buy the things she liked. All these years later, he never changed and never wanted to.

A cousin deserved to be spoiled.

Just then, Henry came out of the kitchen, puzzled. "You rascal, weren't you out on a date? How come you're back so soon?"

Zack rubbed his chin as he changed his shoes. "Dad, I wasn't out on a date. A colleague just wanted to talk about work. Don't overthink it."

"I'm not interested in dating right now, and besides, she doesn't feel that way about me. You really don't need to worry."

His last relationship had hit him hard.

His ex-girlfriend had left because she disliked his family's modest background.

Because of that, he swore he wouldn't consider dating or marriage again until he had built a successful career.

He feared any girl would be scared off once she saw his family's situation.

Henry clapped Zack on the shoulder with a look of exasperation.

"You rascal, you're already twenty-seven or twenty-eight and still not thinking about dating. Are you trying to drive your mother and me crazy?"

"Look at your Mrs. Warren's son. He's the same age as you, and they're already planning their second child. And you're still single. Aren't you embarrassed?"

Just thinking about his son gave him a headache.

Years ago, that girlfriend dumped him for being poor, and ever since then, this stubborn boy refused to date.

He kept insisting he'd only think about marriage once his career was established. It was enough to make a parent furious.

Sure, that one girl had looked down on their family, but that didn't mean every girl would be the same!

Yet this hard-headed son wouldn't listen to anything, refusing every word about dating. It was driving the two elders insane.

Rubbing the arm his father had smacked, Zack frowned. "Dad, there are guests here. Can you not bring this up right now?"