

Chapter 37 The Hero

Eliam frowned and put a piece of gum into Rhonda's mouth to relieve the pressure on her ears.

Eliam's considerate gesture warmed Rhonda's heart.

She blushed and looked away. She didn't dare to look at his handsome face again. Rhonda had managed to restrain her feelings for Eliam. She feared she would fall for him again.

It was a long journey. Rhonda, who was excited at first, gradually became tired.

Her eyes became heavy, and she eventually drifted off to sleep.

Eliam was reading quietly beside her. Suddenly, he felt something fall on his shoulder.

He turned and saw Rhonda resting her head on his shoulder. Her long, brown locks cascaded down and rested on his wrist.

The morning sunlight shone on Rhonda's pristine, clear face. A sense of peace swept over Eliam as he stared at her.

His heart skipped a beat, but he soon snapped out of this strange feeling. He frowned in disgust and tried making Rhonda sit upright in her seat. However, soon her head slid down and rested on his shoulder. After several tries, Eliam finally compromised.

Rhonda was a lousy sleeper. Perhaps it was because she

lacked a sense of security since childhood that she liked to hug something while sleeping. Therefore, she held Eliam's arm and leaned against his chest like a kitten.

Eliam's expression gradually changed from disgust to helplessness, and finally, he became numb.

Rhonda was exhausted that she slept for almost four hours. When she opened her eyes and saw herself holding Eliam's arm and leaning against his chest, shame and embarrassment consumed her. She wished she could vanish into thin air.

"Why didn't you wake me up?" Rhonda muttered in embarrassment.

"You slept like a log. I tried waking you up, but you didn't even move." Eliam snorted.

Although Eliam mocked Rhonda, she couldn't be mad at him. She recalled dreaming about her grandmother when she slept in the same bed with Eliam. She dreamed of jumping into Nora's arms.

A blush flamed Rhonda's cheeks.

She couldn't bring herself to think further.

Fortunately, the plane landed soon.

Eliam had already contacted the driver to pick them up. They went to the hospital as soon as they got off the plane.

After completing the admission procedures for Richard, Eliam and Rhonda left the hospital and took a taxi to the hotel.

It was raining heavily. Rhonda held an umbrella for Eliam, and they hurriedly entered the hotel.

Just then, Eliam realized his most important suitcase was still in the taxi.

There was a project proposal in the suitcase he had prepared for the meeting with an important client in a few days. The proposal was a commercial secret, so he couldn't ask his assistant to send it via e-mail due to confidentiality reasons.

Noticing Eliam's anxiety, Rhonda hurried to the reception desk and asked for help in fluent German.

She asked the receptionist to check the surveillance video at the gate and give her the license number of their taxi. If she got the license number, she could contact the driver with the help of the police.

Soon, the receptionist got the license number of the taxi. Eliam immediately went to the police station after reminding Rhonda to wait for him in the hotel.

Just after Eliam left, the receptionist pointed at the driver in the surveillance video and said she knew him. The man lived in a civilian apartment near the hotel.

After finding the specific location of the apartment, Rhonda rushed out of the hotel with an umbrella.

The downpour grew intense. Rhonda struggled to walk in the rain and asked the people on the road for the way to his apartment. Half an hour later, she finally saw the taxi in front of a seven-story apartment building.

Rhonda happily ran over.

The driver was not in the car, but she got his phone number, which was stuck on the windscreen.

Rhonda immediately called the driver. After negotiating,

the driver agreed to give the suitcase back to her if she gave him one thousand euros.

Rhonda agreed.

Soon, the driver appeared at the door of the apartment building with a suitcase in his hand. It was indeed Eliam's suitcase.

The driver didn't know what was in the suitcase because he couldn't open it. But seeing Rhonda's desperation and anxiety, he felt he should have asked for more money.

He looked at her and showed five fingers.

Rhonda became furious. They had made a deal. How could he break his promise and ask for more money?

Rhonda warned him that she had called the police and that if he didn't return the suitcase right now, he wouldn't even get the one thousand euros.

When the driver heard the police were on their way, he turned around to run away with the suitcase.

Rhonda darted forward to grab the suitcase in his hand.

"Verpiss dich!" the driver cursed in German and kicked Rhonda in the shin. Rhonda fell to the ground and yelped in pain.

But she held onto the suitcase with all her might.

The driver raised his hand to punch her.

"Stop!" Just then, someone lunged forward and kicked the driver's wrist.

The driver groaned in pain as several punches landed on his chest.

Two policemen rushed over and pinned him to the ground.

Rhonda was still in shock, staring blankly at Eliam's livid face.

"Do you realize how dangerous that was?" he roared. "If I had come a little late..."

Soon, the police found half a bag of heroin and a knife in the driver's pockets.

Rhonda was taken aback.

"Are you afraid now?" Eliam helped Rhonda up.

She was soaked in rain and was shivering with fright. Even so, she clutched the suitcase tightly.

Eliam grew angrier when he noticed it.

He kicked the suitcase away, carried Rhonda in his arms, and strode to the hotel. ²

The rain poured on Eliam, and he soon became completely drenched. But he didn't care about it. He strode faster, hoping to reach the hotel soon.

Rhonda leaned against Eliam's chest and listened to his strong heartbeat. She felt safe and warm. His protective embrace felt like safe haven.

At that moment, Rhonda realized she had fallen utterly and hopelessly in love with Eliam.

He had captured her heart when he kicked the suitcase away, looking like a gallant hero. It had taken Rhonda half an hour to arrive at the apartment building.

But Eliam reached the hotel in ten minutes whilst carrying

Rhonda in his arms.

Rhonda was in awe of his strength.

As soon as Eliam returned to the hotel room, he asked the hotel servant to bring him the first-aid kit. Fortunately, Rhonda only suffered from mild injuries.

The two policemen picked up Eliam's suitcase and sent it to him.

During the following days, Eliam left early and came back late. Rhonda went to the hospital during the day to accompany Richard for various physical examinations and returned to the hotel for dinner in the evening.

One day, after dinner, Rhonda received an offer from a renowned financial service company.

She was ecstatic.

This financial service company was ranked number one in the industry for three consecutive years. It primarily offered financial consulting services for big enterprises.

Rhonda had applied a job for the position of online training instructor with a monthly salary of five thousand dollars. Besides, she could get a commission based on the number of customers participating in the online training.

The target customers were predominantly CEOs of enterprises. Therefore, only senior financial experts with profound working experience were qualified for this position.

Rhonda didn't expect to get this job. It was a jackpot for her.