

Wolfless 77

Chapter 77 Recruitment Woes and Heroic Offers

Seeing Tessa, Lila's face twisted into an expression of impatience; she didn't want to bump into Tessa outside. She found it embarrassing.

Tessa noticed them too but didn't bother to engage, simply continuing on her way upstairs.

"Mom, Tessa's attitude has gotten so bad. She didn't even greet you. And to think, she was the one who messed up five years ago..."

"Let's not bring up that old story. If she wants to act superior, let her. I doubt she'll be smug for long," Lila didn't want to hear anything about the incident from five years ago.

"Winnie, you're still second in your class. Keep it up, and you'll definitely get into a good college. Then I'll organize another art show for you, Mrs. Lawson will surely grow even fonder of you."

Tessa grabbed her phone and went outside to find Landon and the others.

Nathaniel and Ysabel had already left. When Landon saw her approaching, he got out of the car and opened the door for her. As Lila and Winona were heading to meet a teacher, they saw Tessa getting into a car with a

man.

"Who's that?" Lila squinted her eyes, still bitter about the lingering gossip from five years ago which occasionally resurfaced, tarnishing her reputation. "Is Tessa messing around with men again?"

"I don't know him, but I've seen Tessa with him a lot recently."

“Hmm.”

“Mom, do you think Tessa has given up on herself? That guy looks wealthy. What if he’s just playing with her?”

“I’ll have a talk with Tessa soon. I don’t care what she does with her life, but she better not affect your future.”

Nathaniel had chosen a Michelin–starred restaurant not far from Navoris High for their dinner. When Landon and Tessa arrived, they unexpectedly ran into Charlotte.

Seeing Landon arrive with Tessa made Charlotte’s face fall.

“Landon, you’re dining here too? What a coincidence.”

Landon nodded, his face showing slight irritation.

“Why don’t we join you?” Charlotte suggested boldly.

“No, thanks,” Landon replied curtly and proceeded with Tessa into a private dining room.

Charlotte stood there, embarrassed, as her friends watched. She had hoped for at least a bit of acknowledgment to save face.

“Isn’t that Landon? And who’s that pretty young thing with him? She could be a model or even a star!”

“Pretty, isn’t she?” Charlotte’s voice was dull, her heart sinking.

“Just eat. I’ve lost my appetite,” Charlotte snapped, knowing her friends were aware of her feelings for Landon. Were they trying to provoke her?

One friend grabbed her hand reassuringly.

“Come on, she might be pretty, but she’s just a girl without a wolf. How could she compare to you, Charlotte? You awakened your wolf early, you’re strong, and you’re a renowned perfumer. Didn’t your latest fragrance sell out?”

Charlotte’s mood lifted slightly at her friend’s words.

“Let’s eat. We need energy if we’re going to chase after men.”

Reluctantly, Charlotte followed her friends to their table, her eyes lingering on the direction Landon had gone. She’s just a

normal girl, not even a wolf! I’m the one who’s right for Landon.

Inside the private dining room, Nathaniel was playing mobile games with Ysabel. Landon pulled out a chair for Tessa gracefully—he was always such a gentleman. Nathaniel had already ordered, so they just needed to wait.

“I’m going to use the restroom.”

Tessa excused herself and walked out. In the restroom, she ran into Charlotte, who was touching up her makeup.

Tessa nodded in greeting. Charlotte twisted her lipstick back down and capped it but didn't leave immediately.

When Tessa finished and saw Charlotte still lingering, she didn't bother with another nod.

Charlotte broke the silence. "You're Tessa, right?"

Tessa looked up at Charlotte.

"Do you like Landon, with his alpha status?"

Charlotte emphasized the word 'alpha' to underscore Landon's prominence, suggesting he was beyond the reach of an ordinary student like Tessa, who lacked his wolfish qualities.