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Chapter 713 The Classic Literature

Out of all the charitable things that Remus had done, he once spent a fortune purchasing a lot of stolen antiques from overseas and gave them back to the country for free. Because of that matter, the netizens gave the older man his blessings as a token of respect. In the meantime, Tessa was also aware of Remus' birthday feast but had no idea she should buy him as a present. Fortunately, she soon found out from the press that Remus had a liking for collecting vintage antiques. Thus, she began to wonder where she could buy some authentic antiques for him.

While Tessa was preoccupied with that matter, Mona was able to see through what was bothering her. Thus, the latter showed her concern and asked, "Are you alright, Tessa? What seems to be bothering you? You looked distracted in the past two days."

"Well, there is someone whose birthday is just around the corner in my family, and he is in love with vintage antique collections. However, I don't know where I could get my hands on one of those things. Do you know any place that sells antiques?" Tessa came clean with what was keeping her preoccupied.

At that moment, Scott, who happened to be walking in Tessa's direction, overheard what she was saying and replied, "You're in luck because I know a place where there will be an auction for antiques tonight."

"Mr. Brooks? When did you come here?" Tessa and Mona were both surprised when they heard the man's voice.

"When you both were busy talking to each other," Scott smiled and replied to the ladies, setting his eyes on Tessa gently. "If you're free tonight, I could take you there to have a look."

While Tessa had nothing else better to do, Mona couldn't make it because she was occupied by some other plans, even though she was interested in tagging along. Later that night, Tessa and Scott arrived at a five-star hotel where she was seen wearing a gray dress with a pair of furry shoulder laces. Besides that, her long dark hair, coupled with her beautiful make-up, only served to make her seem especially elegant and gorgeous as she smiled and stood beside Scott. As soon as the duo showed up, their unique appearances immediately turned many heads.

Soon, a few musicians, whom Tessa had known earlier in the bar, walked up to her and greeted her. "Hello, Miss Reinhart. We meet again."

"Greetings, fellas," Tessa responded politely.

In the meantime, Scott reacted to those musicians without any signs of awkwardness, smiling while nodding to them naturally. Not long after the few of them exchanged pleasantries, the auction began as Scott and Tessa sat in the first row of the seating area. Minutes later, the host officiated the event with his excellent sense of humor, successfully lightening up the atmosphere before he went on to introduce the first item to be sold.

It turned out that the first item was a piece of jewelry with a unique oriental design that immediately caught the eyes of many as soon as it was presented to the audience. The next moment, those rich women quickly raised their bidder card and shouted the price they were willing to offer, whereupon the item was eventually sold for three million.

As the host continued to introduce the antiques, each item was found to be more expensive than the previous one. Nonetheless, they were all rare jewelry that could never be found elsewhere. Therefore, the place was filled with excitement and thrill as everyone was delighted to witness those precious items.

Meanwhile, Tessa was in awe to see so many rare and priceless valuables but hadn't come across anything that caught her eye. Even so, she patiently waited, occasionally discussing the items onstage with Scott in whispers. Soon, Tessa finally saw something that attracted her when the host introduced it to the crowd. "Now, we're going to take a look at an ancient piece classic literature text from Xerthania. With centuries of history, I'd say it's an antique worthy of collection. For that, it's going to be for sale, starting from 700,000." As soon as the host finished his words, a lady standing on the stage held the book and showed it to the audience.

Unlike the previous items, the literature didn't receive the acclamation it deserved, with a handful of people who raised their bidder cards. After all, they were put off by its old and unattractive appearance, thinking it wasn't worthy of their collection at all. However, there were some those who understood its value as they began to name their price for the item. "One million."

"One million and two hundred thousand."

"Two million."

"Two million and six hundred thousand."

As the competition began to get intense, Tessa raised her bidder card and shouted, "Three million." Nevertheless, there were more and more bidders who showed their interest in the literature book when they saw how well received the piece was getting.

When someone offered five million to buy the book, the others stopped and gave up, except Tessa. "Five million and seven hundred thousand." As soon as her words were heard, the bidder who offered five million immediately gave up.

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After all, the person, who initially wanted the classic literature, was only willing to pay no more than five million for the book, thinking that was only so much it was worth. Therefore, Tessa became the eventual buyer, who would be the classic literature's new owner.

When the auction was over, she confronted the staff members and got her hands on her prize. She then carefully kept it and smiled at Scott in gratitude. "Thank you so much for taking me here tonight. If it weren't for you, I would still be scratching my head, wondering what I should buy for someone's birthday present."

"It's not a big deal, actually. You helped me a lot too when I needed you." Scott reacted to Tessa with a gentle look, but deep down, he didn't like her politeness in front of him, deeming her overly courteous.

However, Tessa didn't know what was on the man's mind as she was relieved to have taken care of what had been bothering her. She then decided to treat Scott to supper as a token of appreciation for his company throughout the night. On the other hand, Scott, who wanted to spend more time with her, of course, agreed to her suggestion.

When they arrived at the restaurant, they began to chat happily during their enjoyable meal. Since both of them were violinists, most of their topics revolved around music. For that, Tessa consulted Scott for guidance, asking him for help, particularly about some methods to improve her techniques when playing the violin.

"Well, your finger placements will get better and more precise with practice, but there is no way you can rush it. Furthermore, your current level is more than enough for you to play the violin, so just take it easy." Upon answering Tessa's question, Scott went on to remind her to take care of her fingers. "Besides, you might want to do your finger a favor by giving them some treatment or remedy every time you're done with your training, otherwise they're going to hurt over time."

“Yeah, I’m aware of that, which is why I always massage them when I’m done with my practice.” Tessa nodded with a smile.

Soon, they unknowingly changed their subject and talked about Kathleen as their conversation went on. “I heard Kathleen has been at odds with you lately. What’s going on between you both?”

“Well, there is actually nothing wrong between us, but I guess the reason she opposes me is that she has a crush on you. After all, you and I are friends, but she won’t have it at all.” Tessa appeared to be helpless when she talked about Kathleen.

While Scott knitted his eyebrows and frowned at Kathleen’s unpleasant attitude, Tessa was prompted by her curiosity to ask the former about his feelings for Kathleen. “Anyway, don’t you feel the same way for her, Mr. Brooks?”

Scott gazed at the curious lady and shook his head. “Well, as much as I’d like to spend time with the person I’m in love with, Kathleen is just a friend to me. For that, we’re not meant to be together,” he said, looking sentimentally at Tessa, but the lady failed to notice anything unusual with the man’s gaze.

Soon, Tessa nodded in agreement and replied with a smile, “You’re right, Mr. Brooks. Love can’t be forced, after all. Everyone deserves to be with the person they love.”

Although Kathleen didn’t do anything wrong falling in love with Scott, it seemed to Tessa that she had expressed her love for him in the wrong way. Instead of proving her worth and fighting for the love she craved, Kathleen was obsessed with pointing her finger at the others without reflecting on her own mistakes, much to Tessa’s disappointment.

Upon murmuring to herself deep down, Tessa eventually grew tired of discussing Kathleen. She then changed the subject and asked, “Well, judging from your reply, it seems that you have a crush on someone else. Aren’t I right?”

Scott was stunned for a second but somehow decided to admit it. “Actually, you’re right.”

Tessa couldn’t believe her ears. After all, she was initially just trying to pull Scott’s leg, only to be surprised by an unexpected answer from the man. Thus, she curiously pressed on with her question. “Is she among those whom we hang around with?”

“She is an outstanding violinist too,” Scott said with a sympathetic look on his face.

Tessa was surprised, smiling and saying, “I bet you must be in love with this girl so much, Mr. Brooks. I can tell that from your sweet smile.”

“Yeah, I like her very much.” Scott nodded at Tessa in a serious manner but with a brittle smile on his face. Too bad she doesn’t know I’m in love with her.

After their meal, Tessa got home and tidied up her belongings before giving Nicholas a video call. "You're back late tonight."

"I went to an auction and bought a book, which is about classic literature," Tessa revealed her plan earlier that night to Nicholas without hiding anything.

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Chapter 715 An Important Place in Her Heart

After hearing about Tessa's night, Nicholas asked in confusion, "Why would you go to an auction?"

"Your grandfather's birthday is just around the corner, and I know he is in love with antique collections. So, I went to the auction to see if there was anything I could find, which I did, to my surprise."

Upon listening to the lady's explanation, Nicholas was happy on the inside. In fact, he did mention Remus' birthday feast to her in the past but hadn't discussed it with her, thinking they both had a tacit understanding about the matter. While Tessa hadn't brought Remus' birthday up since then, he didn't expect her to keep that in mind despite his grandfather's dislike for her.

I can't imagine she took the time and trouble to learn what Grandpa likes so that she could prepare him a present, although she isn't exactly his favorite all the time. At that moment, Nicholas was delighted, thinking he had an important place in Tessa's heart. "That's so sweet of you." He looked at the lady with a sentimental gaze.

Meanwhile, Tessa, who appeared to be slightly bashful with the man's loving eyes, pursed her lips and smiled. "I'll get someone to deliver the present tomorrow, so please don't forget to sign for the package when it arrives."

Nicholas nodded. "Alright, I'll tell Edward to keep an eye out for its arrival."

As the couple continued their chat, Gregory's unhappy voice was suddenly heard. "You're such a naughty boy, Daddy. Why do you always leave me out when you talk to Miss Tessa?" The child then forcibly made some space for himself so that he could see Tessa on the screen. "I miss you, Miss Tessa."

"I miss you too, Greg. Have you been a good boy recently?"

"Of course I have. I haven't forgotten what you told me, Miss Tessa."

While the child and the lady wouldn't stop going on and on about how much they missed each other, Nicholas began to feel annoyed with his son. I guess I must call Tessa only when I'm in the office next time.

However, Gregory had no idea that his father had other plans to keep him from interrupting his call with Tessa ever again. Enjoying his conversation with Tessa, he wouldn't stop bringing up new subjects with her and even played her a song on the violin. Needless to say, Tessa also corrected the mistakes he made at the same time, but as the night was getting late, she started to feel sleepy.

Seeing Tessa repeatedly yawning, Nicholas felt sympathetic toward her. Thus, he snatched the phone away from Gregory and said, "Alright, that's enough for today. Miss Tessa needs to rest now, so you can talk to her next time."

While Gregory's smile on his face faded immediately, Tessa couldn't bear to let the child down. "It's alright. I can sleep later."

"No way! That's going to take a toll on your productivity the next day, and more importantly, it'll break my heart." Nicholas stared at Tessa in a commanding manner.

When Tessa heard Nicholas' words, her heart melted. Not long after that, Gregory came closer to the camera and sensibly said, "Hurry up and take some rest, Miss Tessa. I don't want you to tire yourself out."

"Alright, I'll go to bed now. Remember, Gregory. Be a good boy." Tessa hung up the call as soon as she finished her words and lay in bed.

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The next day, Tessa left home early in the morning. Upon delivering the classic literature book to Nicholas, she made her way to her orchestra training and resumed her hectic days as usual. On the other hand, Nicholas was also occupied by his work every day like he usually was. As time went by, the day on which Remus' birthday feast was held finally arrived.

The birthday feast was held at a six-star hotel that belonged to the Sawyer Group because there was a banquet hall that could house over five hundred people. For the sake of the grand occasion, the place had been beautifully decorated ahead as the Sawyer Family took the event seriously. While everyone in the family was there, Tobias and his wife were the first to enter the banquet hall before the rest of the family members did.

In the meantime, the waiters, who were each wearing a tuxedo, appeared to be busy with the arrangements in the banquet hall. While some of them were going through the silverware, the others were inspecting the place to ensure nothing would go wrong during the feast.

On the other hand, the chefs in the kitchen were occupied with the food preparation as all of them were top-notch cooks and bakers who were specially hired from overseas. Apart from that, all the ingredients and wine were also freshly delivered from overseas by air.

Before the clock even struck ten, the hotel was already crowded with guests and luxury cars, along with the press and reporters.