

## First Glance, Forever Love by Maria Xavier Chapter 19

### Chapter 19 Let Go of Me

Laila subconsciously turned around. At that moment, she was pressed against the wall by a man.

Laila

was about to give the man an overarm throw, but when she saw the man's face, she stopped doing that.

She blinked in shock and asked in surprise, "Mr. Kruger, why are you..."

Before Laila finished her words, Vincent interrupted her, "Why did you pretend not to know me?"

Laila looked at Vincent's eyes in confusion. His gaze was like that of a ferocious lion, and the forest king was enraged.

Laila had passed by Vincent but not greeted him. Was he angry?

That meant Vincent had recognized Laila, but he pretended not to know her at the airport and ignored her on the plane. Why did he do that?

"It was you who pretended not to know me. You are so busy. How dare I disturb you?" Laila said.

Laila did not know what Vincent was thinking.

Why did he pretend not to know her?

Is Vincent pretended he didn't know Laila, he should keep doing that. **However, he suddenly pushed her against the wall** and asked her why she pretended not to know him. Why did he do that?

Laila pushed Vincent and said, "No matter what, let go of me. People will see us."

Vincent, however, did not seem to hear her. He only lowered his eyes and carefully examined her eyes.

Laila's eyes were as clear and clean as a small stream but as deep as the bottom of a deep sea.

There

was no fear or flattery but only confusion in Laila's eyes. Her attitude towards him was just like that of an ordinary person.

Just like ordinary people...

**Vincent had long not been treated as an ordinary person.**

**“Are you angry? Because I did not recognize you at the airport?”**

**“I’m not angry.”** Laila curled her lips.

**Why was she angry?**

**Vincent was silent after he got Laila’s answer.**

He couldn’t tell what he was feeling right now.

**Vincent remained silent for a while. Suddenly, he let go of Laila and took a step back.**

**Then he asked, “What are you doing in Houston? Are you following me? Because I owe you an answer?”**

**“Following you? I don’t have that much time to waste on you. Also, what answer are you talking about?”**

**Laila curled her lips. In the next second, she suddenly remembered what Vincent said at the birthday banquet.**

**She widened her eyes and crossed her arms. “Don’t tell me you still remember my joke on that day?”**

**“I’ve said it before. True feelings are often hidden in a joke. Don’t worry. I’m still thinking about it.”**

**“I should be the one saying this to you,” Vincent said indifferently.**

**“What are you talking about?”**

**Just then, Laila’s cell phone rang.**

**She pressed the answer button. It was Drake’s voice. “Laila, where did you go? Your sister’s been waiting for you!”**

**“Wait?”** Laila didn’t see Erin at all.

**Laila put on a wronged voice and said, “It’s my first time on a plane. I don’t know where to go. Sorry, Dad. Where are you? I’ll go find you.”**

**“Go find the airport staff. We are at the consulting desk.”**

"Got it, Dad. I'll be right there." Laila hung up the phone and her **innocent look disappeared** after hanging up the **phone**.

**She waved the phone** in her hand at Vincent, "My dad is looking for me. I **have to go**. Look, this is the last time I say **this**. I was **joking!** You don't **need to care about that!**"

**As Laila spoke**, she lifted her foot and walked out.

**However, just as she took two steps**, she heard the voice of Vincent behind her. "How's **your relationship** with your family?"

**Laila didn't understand his question and turned to say**, "Family is family."

**Vincent said expressionlessly**, "But I don't think they see you as their family."

"What do you mean?"

"**My assistant** told me that you were the only one who didn't take **first class after boarding** this plane."

"Well." Laila **smiled and said**, "My relationship with my family is a bit complicated. I was **lost ten years ago and just found them**. I don't care if I sit in the **first-class cabin** or not."

**Vincent opened his mouth**, looking like he wanted to say something but hesitated. In the end, he directly handed over a **gilded business card** and said, "If you need anything, you can call me. Or, take this business card to the **Kruger Group** to find me."

"**No need...**" Laila **waved her hand and was about to turn it down**, but Vincent forcefully **stuffed the business card into her hand and left the pantry without looking back**.

**Laila took a look at the gilded business card**, on which it was written "CEO of the **Kruger Group**."

**Was he bragging?**

**The company that Laila opened abroad was not as big as the Kruger Group**, but it was also very famous.

**Laila raised her hand, wanting to throw the business card away**, but her hand withdrew **halfway**.

Just like Vincent said, what if she needed his help?

**After all, Washington was not her territory.**

When Laila thought of this, she put the **business card into her pocket and walked out of the tea room.**

**When she walked to the information desk, Drake looked angry. He was being impatient waiting for her.**

**“If we miss your sister’s ceremony, you can’t afford the consequences!”** Drake said.

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Beside

him, Rosemary said softly, “It’s still early. We can make it on time. I was just afraid that Laila was unfamiliar with the place and got lost. Laila, look at your sister. She was crying because she didn’t find you at the exit.”

Laila looked at Erin, whose eyes were red and still with tears. Erin sobbed and said, “It’s okay. Laila, I’m glad you’re *safe.*”

Laila looked **down and saw** that there were traces of pinched red on Erin’s thighs under her skirt.

To let Laila be scolded by Drake, her younger sister was hard on herself!

Erin felt Laila’s gaze and subconsciously covered her thigh with her hand,

Laila looked away as if she had not found anything. She did not defend herself, but said to Drake with a face full of self-blame, “I’m sorry, Dad. I made you worry. Next time, I will sit with you so that it won’t happen again.”

When Laila said this, Drake remembered that his family had all been promoted to first class, while Laila was sitting alone in the economy class.

Drake coughed. “Forget it, let’s go. If we don’t leave now, we’ll be late.”

“Yes.” Laila was docile and obedient, and she even took the initiative to help Rosemary and the others carry their luggage

Drake’s anger was quickly dispelled

But after this incident, he also realized that this eldest daughter he had found was shabby.

Drake thought lie should still focus on Erin.

Soon, Erin was favored again. Drake booked a hotel near the ceremony and gave the only suite to Erin.

In the room, Erin was extremely happy as she said to Rosemary, "Mom, isn't my plan good?"

Rosemary's face was not much better. She frowned and said, "I said not to take action without my knowledge!"

Erin saw that Rosemary was a little angry. She took Rosemary's hand and acted like a spoiled child. "Mom, don't be angry. I did a good job, right?"

Rosemary remembered that Drake had arranged for Laila to be in the cheapest room in the hotel. She looked a little brichter. Then she pointed at Erin's nose with her index finger. "You naughty girl. Next time, no matter what you do, you must let me know first."

"Don't worry, Mom, I feel that Laila is not as difficult to deal with as you say. Isn't it? Now she must be aggrieved to death!"