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Chapter 271 Now This Is What I've Actually Done

When everyone was still confused by her actions, Kate returned with a bucket of water in her hands. When she walked to them, she had already raised her bucket. Camila was the first to see that, and she smiled. Sure enough. I knew that Katie is not someone who can be easily bullied. She nudged George and South quietly. Then, the three of them took a few steps back quietly.

Just after they had stabilized themselves, they heard a splash of water. The bucket of water in Kate's hands were splashed on both Melanie and Landon. "Ahhh... Landon!" Melanie quickly hid herself in Landon's arms. Meanwhile, he yelled loudly, "What the f*ck are you doing, Kate?"

However, Kate remained silent with a stony expression on her face as she threw the empty bucket away. The red bucket fell to the ground with a loud thud and rolled away on the smooth tiles. Everyone stood rooted to the ground when they saw this. They had expected for her to take something out-perhaps some evidence to prove herself. But they had never thought that she would bring out a bucket of water and pour it at Melanie. Is she initiating a fight, or is she objecting to them?

Just when everyone was confused, Kate had already reached Melanie and pulled her by the collar. After that, she slapped her cheeks twice quickly and fiercely. Both of them had not returned to their senses after being splashed by her, yet Kate had already hit Melanie. On top of that, she even spoke before Landon flared up. Looking at him, she announced in an arrogant and defiant tone as she pointed at Melanie, "Now this is what I've actually done!" Landon quickly hugged Melanie, who looked aggrieved, into his arms. Then, he pointed at Kate angrily. "Are you crazy, Kate?" When Kate looked at him, her eyes were so cold that it was as if she was looking at a corpse. "Landon! From today onward, there's nothing between us. We'll go our separate paths starting from this moment!" With that, she walked back to the parlor.

"Where are you going? Come back here and apologize! Have you gone nuts?" With that, Landon tried to chase after her.

However, Melanie pulled him back thoughtfully. "Forget it! Landon, you guys are close friends!"

Even though she asked him to let this pass, she still wiped the water from Landon's face, looking pitiful. "Are you alright?" Furious, Landon shook the water on his body angrily. Then, he told Camila, "You saw that, right? She has gone mad! What the hell is she thinking?" Camila looked at him and replied in a calm voice that didn't reveal any emotions, "What the hell are you thinking?" Landon frowned. "What's wrong with me?" Camila looked at him sharply. "You've known Katie for seven years. Don't you know her character? Do you really think that she would do this behind your back? To your girlfriend, no less?" Landon felt guilty. "If it wasn't her, could Mel have done this to herself?" "That's not impossible, is it, Miss Hopper?" Camila looked at her with a cold smile on her face.

Melanie's heart sank, but she quickly adjusted her attitude and showed a sad expression. "Camila, I didn't do that! Why would I hit myself for nothing? This is outrageous! I know that you are good friends with Katie, but you can't accuse me like this!"

Landon was brainwashed by Melanie again. "Camila, I know that you are close with Katie, but you have to be reasonable. You saw her attitude at the dinner table yourself. What was that? She said that she was nauseated by us, and she deliberately distanced herself from us. When she was ordering the dishes, she didn't even ask us. She is obviously boycotting us. Even though I might have hurt her with my words

before, she should just deal with me if she's unhappy with anything. Why did she take it out on Mel instead?"

Chapter 272 Everything Was Recorded

Infuriated by Landon, Camila took a deep breath. Landon deserves to be taught a lesson. Otherwise, it'll be an insult to his genius brain. Crossing her arms in front of her chest, she looked at him playfully.

"Right. Why did she attack Melanie alone, but not anyone else?" Landon replied, "That's because she wants to take revenge on me!" Camila was annoyed again. After looking at Landon for a while, she finally spoke, "Landon, I'm just letting you know in advance today-if you are suffering in the future, remember that you deserved it!"

Before Landon could understand what Camila actually meant, Kate had already walked out of the parlor holding her bag. After she walked out, she told George apologetically, "I'm sorry, George. I've embarrassed myself in front of you. I—" Before she could finish her sentence, a lump formed in her throat immediately. She lowered her head to stop herself from crying, and then she smiled.

"It's because of my disastrous personal life that this gathering has been ruined. I'll rearrange this another time. I have to leave now. I'm not feeling well."

Before George could say anything, Landon, however, grabbed her arms relentlessly. "You're leaving? You're leaving just like that after you hit Mel?" Kate shoved his strong hands off. "Don't touch me! You disgust me!" She glared at him with hatred in her eyes, not unlike looking at her arch enemy.

At that instant, Landon suddenly felt that she looked like a stranger to him. A surge of fear rose within him unknowingly, as if he was about to lose something.

After exchanging glances with Camila, George said, "You don't have to leave in a hurry. It's still early, and everything is not settled here!" Kate looked furious. "I don't want to settle it anymore. Let's just leave it like this!" From now onward, we will go our separate ways. I don't have anything to do with him anymore! However, Camila pulled her back. "Since when have you become so kind? You don't have to go soft on the people who don't deserve your kindness!" Kate didn't want to talk about it anymore. She merely wanted to find a place to cry out loud. "I know, but I'm leaving now." Camila uttered again, "You can go ahead and leave. But give me my phone back first!"

Kate was confused upon hearing that. What phone? Before she could react, Camila had already fished out her phone from Kate's bag. Shocked, Kate asked, "Why was your phone in my bag?" While unlocking, Camila replied, "I left it there when you went to the washroom just now."

Kate was still surprised to hear that. Why did she put her phone in my bag?

Nevertheless, they knew the reason in no time as Camila played something on her phone.

Initially, the sounds weren't very clear-it merely consisted of footsteps, tap water, and sounds of doors opening and closing. Then, the conversation between Kate and Melanie was played. Melanie asked, "Why are you avoiding me?" Kate replied, "Because you disgust me." Melanie laughed gently. "I knew you were referring to me, yet Landon thought you were insulting him. Hahaha... Doesn't it hurt, seeing how sweet Landon and I are? It's such a pity you can't see us in bed. Landon's is the most sexy at that time. Maybe I'll record a video and send it to you some time."

. With that, everyone was shocked.

"Did you hear that? This woman is such a b*tch!" "A shameless b*tch! How disgusting!" "I think the injury on her face probably wasn't inflicted by the other woman!" Melanie immediately panicked and ran to Camila. "You guys actually recorded everything?" Camila held Melanie's wrists after she rushed here and smiled sarcastically. "What's wrong? You have the guts to do it, but you don't have the guts to admit it?" Melanie was flailing around in Camila's hands. "You guys are breaking the law!"

Chapter 273 A Perfect Match

Camila nodded. "What a pleasant surprise that you know the law. Do you know that slandering others is also against the law?" Landon was stunned upon hearing that. What's going on? Melanie actually started this first? Kate heaved a long sigh. Sure enough, Camila has predicted everything. Without the recording, she couldn't clear her name. The most she could do was to escape from here as soon as possible with grievances. Right now, everything's... perfect. In the past, she was always afraid of hurting Landon. Camila might actually be right-we can't grow without hurt! Different thoughts passed through each of their minds while the recording continued to play. Kate said, "You are so f*cking disgusting when you cry. Do you dare to talk like this in front of Landon?"

Melanie laughed. "Why wouldn't I dare? I'm flattering him now! Actually, before meeting Silas and George, I thought that Landon was pretty decent. However, after spending more time with him, I realized that he is too stingy. If he were a little more generous, I would've felt content. After all, he treats me really well, and he's very obedient. However, after meeting George today, I realized that God is really unfair. Why are there so many eligible men around Camila, treating her so well? Why is it so difficult for me to even have a decent man?" Kate retorted angrily, "How dare you compare yourself to Camila! You can't even match a strand of her hair!"

Melanie smiled. "You are really close with her. But can it be compared to your feelings for Landon? Unrequited love is the worst feeling, isn't it? Why don't both of us work together? If you help me in dating George, I can give Landon to you. Don't you want to show George around? If you bring me along and I successfully make him fall for me, I will leave Landon immediately. Otherwise, you'll never stand a chance with him!" Then, Kate replied fiercely, "You are so shameless! You'd better stop your plans right now. If you hurt Landon, I won't let you go!" Melanie's maniacal laughter rang from the phone to the entire hall. "Hahahah! You are such a hopeless romantic! But your feelings for him are useless, because the person he loves is me!" With that, there was no anger on Landon's face due to Melanie's betrayal. Instead, he looked at Kate blankly.

She loves me? How is that possible? D-Didn't she already have a few boyfriends? A few days ago, she even asked me to stay away from her so that I wouldn't disrupt her in looking for a boyfriend. How is it possible that she loves me? On the other hand, Kate was so embarrassed that she wanted to hide in a hole. She had never imagined that her feelings would be exposed in such a manner. She had even forgotten about this conversation when she was thinking about exposing Melanie's little drama. However, at this moment, it was impossible to stop. When Camila heard Melanie say that she had had her eyes on Silas and George, she flared up and pushed Melanie to Landon. "I don't blame Katie for saying that you guys are disgusting. Both of you are the perfect match for each other indeed!" Landon felt embarrassed after being insulted, but he instinctively pushed Melanie away and looked at her in disgust.

"You've really opened my eyes, indeed. You are actually looking for a few other backups while dating me. On top of that, you even have your eyes on the people around me! How impressive! Do you even have a bottom line?" After being shoved by him, Melanie fell to the ground and looked at him resentfully. "Landon, that's not how I actually think! Because she loves you, I deliberately said that to just infuriate her!" However, Camila ordered coldly, "Shut up and listen!" Hence, the recording continued. Kate said, "Since he loves you, you'd better stay with him loyally so that his efforts won't be in vain."

Chapter 274 He's Planning to Die with Me!

Melanie laughed out loud once again. "Hahaha! You don't have to worry about that! It doesn't matter

whether or not I treat him well. As long as he thinks that I've been treating him well, that's enough. Even though you have done a lot for him foolishly, he still thinks that I'm better than you." With that, she pointed at a red bucket that was half-filled with water. "Even if I claim that this bucket were blue, Landon would also agree with me that it is indeed blue. Katie, oh Katie, you are not my match completely." Her tone was arrogant and vindictive. "If you don't believe me, let's try this..." Everyone in the public exchanged embarrassed looks as they heard two slaps clearly, followed by the sound of water pouring down. "If I say that you did this to me, who do you think Landon will believe?" With that, everyone heard the sound of the door opening. At this moment, Camila hit the pause button and looked at Landon coldly. He was already frozen to the ground. "Do you have anything to add on?" "I-L..." Landon looked at Kate blankly. "I didn't know that she is like this." Kate replied impassively, "It's fine. It's not too late to know her now. Luckily, we have this recording. Otherwise, I wouldn't have been able to explain everything. Now that everything is as clear as day, I guess I don't have to apologize anymore, right?" Landon felt a surge of fear as he looked at her, his heart palpitating wildly. As he walked over to her, he said, "Katie, I'm sorry. The one who should apologize is me. I must have been blind to have fallen for this woman."

However, Kate took a step back instinctively. "It's alright, as long as you like her." With that, she looked at Camila. "Camila, George, thanks for helping me out today. Are you guys done with dinner? Shall we continue this elsewhere?"

Camila replied, "It's fine. We are already full. If you want to leave, just go. Since you have drunk some wine, it's better to hail a cab."

Kate agreed. "Alright, then. If you would like to visit anywhere, George, just give me a call!" George replied, "Sure. Be careful on your way home." With that, Kate nodded and left. Looking at her leaving figure, Landon did not retract his gaze for a long time. On the other hand, when Camila looked at him, there was no sympathy at all. Instead, her gaze was full of indifference.

"This is not the first time Melanie has picked on Katie. During the launching of my business, she also spoke to Katie, warning her to stay away from you. Her words were even more disgusting than what she said today. We kept telling ourselves that even though she doesn't like us, it's fine as long as she treats you well. However, it's unfortunate that she is not a decent person. Think about what you have done to Katie, and what you have said to her during this period. You pushed her away yourself!"

With that, she left the restaurant.

Finally, Landon looked at Melanie with a pair of red eyes. At this moment, he was not sure if he was more furious or more embarrassed. After throwing a card at the counter to foot the bill, he pulled Melanie, who was on the floor, out of the restaurant.

She struggled against him. "Landon, I was wrong. I just spoke without thinking. I didn't want to seduce anyone." However, Landon merely ignored her and dragged her all the way before he threw her in the car. Then, he found a bundle of tape to tie her hands together. After sitting at the driver's seat, the car dashed straight ahead as he slammed his foot on the accelerator. It was at this moment that Melanie felt genuine fear. Having dated Landon for so long, she had never seen him lose his temper. His looks today were quite terrifying. "Landon, s-s-slow down! I'm afraid!" Her meek character was quite useful to persuade him in the past. But today, Landon seemed determined to ignore her, no matter what she said. She glanced at the dashboard furtively. He's already going 100 km/h! Even though it's evening, there are quite many cars around. On top of that, we are still in the city. He's planning to die with me!

Chapter 275 It Was All an Illusion

"L-Landon, where are you bringing me?" Landon remained quiet with a furious expression. Even though

the car had reached the outskirts, he had no intentions of stopping. Suddenly, he slammed on the brake, causing Melanie to swing forward uncontrollably before her head crashed into the windscreen in front. "Aaaahh!" she yelled loudly due to the pain. Landon did not fasten the seatbelt for her, and her hands were tied up. This emergency brake had knocked her against the glass, hurting her head. Landon did not even look at her. Instead, he merely stared straight ahead. After Melanie finally struggled to get up, the car started moving once more. Just when she had gotten used to the speed, the car suddenly stopped again. There weren't many cars at the outskirts of the city, so he could drive quickly and brake immediately. After a dozen rounds of similar treatment, Melanie's head was already bleeding. She felt that her body had bruises all over as she felt pain in her entire body, as if she had been run over by a car. Finally, Landon stopped the car and took out a pack of cigarettes from the glove compartment. Then, he took one out and lit it up. The smoke choked Melanie until she couldn't stop coughing. Before this, Landon would stop smoking immediately and ask whether she was okay. In fact, he was quite a heavy smoker. When he burned the midnight oil in front of the computer, he often smoked to stay awake. He tried to cut the habit off since Melanie didn't like it.

However, at this moment, he felt that he was an idiot. I was a complete fool. Why couldn't I tell her motives? "You got closer to me on purpose, didn't you?" he asked.

Melanie remained silent.

"Tell me!"

His roar had shocked Melanie, who instinctively replied, "Yes!" Landon took another puff of the cigarette before pinching her chin. "Tell me honestly. Otherwise, I'll kill you!" He looked quite savage at this moment, as though he really wanted to kill her. Melanie's heart thumped fearfully. Indeed, he had treated her so well until she had

forgotten that he was considered a part of the Nolan Family, and that Silas was his uncle. She had forgotten that he could torture her anytime until she wished she were dead.

I was too careless! I can't believe that Kate recorded that! No!

It's Camila who framed me!

However, at this moment, everything was too late. After looking at Landon's face furtively, she spoke carefully, "That day, I fell to the ground deliberately. Your car didn't knock into me, and I deliberately fell to the ground to cause the injury on my knee to get your sympathy. I didn't allow you to send me to the hospital because I didn't want you to think of me as a materialistic person. On top of that, you would owe me a favor. I even got your Whatsapp number because of that." Landon laughed out of intense fury. How smart! In order to get closer to me, she didn't mind hurting herself. "So you also planned the second meeting?" Melanie nodded. "The few men at the restaurant that day were hired by me to deliberately hurt me so that your protective instincts would kick in. Naturally, that became the second time we met. I bought you dinner to let you know that I'm someone who knows how to pay back a favor."

Landon smiled. Sure enough. That time, I thought of her as someone who had her own principles even though she was quite soft-spoken. I thought she was much better than the girls who had many demands right at the beginning.

In order to repay her meal, he treated her to a more scrumptious one.

After a few more interactions, they slowly developed feelings for each other.

He was flattered by her so much until he lost himself. He even thought that he was the sexiest and the most handsome man around.

It was only at this moment that he realized it was all an illusion.

Chapter 276 Melanie's Schemes

Looking at her, he asked once more, "What did you tell Kate when Camila launched her business?" Melanie replied in a soft voice, "I-I have forgotten." Landon merely said calmly, "Think!" However, Melanie was taken aback that tears rolled down her cheeks again. "Landon, I really know my mistakes now!" she exclaimed guiltily. However, Landon merely looked at her coldly. "Cut the crap. Do you think it's still useful right now?" Melanie replied, "I honestly don't remember anymore. It's been so long! I saw that she kept looking at us, and then she drank a lot of alcohol to drown her sorrows, so I guessed that our intimacy had agitated her. Then, in the washroom, I tested her slightly." Seeing that she went silent again, Landon spoke callously, "I asked you what you told her. Did you not understand me?" Melanie remained quiet. How should I tell him? Can those words be spoken out loud? If I tell him everything, he will get even angrier. When she was hesitating, a palm landed on her face, giving her a loud slap. Then, Landon's cold voice rang again. "Stop playing tricks with me." Melanie immediately held her cheeks painfully as she tried to hold her tears back. "I just told her that you were not interested in her and that you loved me. I asked her to stay away from you..." "That's all?"

"T-That's all."

"You'd better think this through-if I find out that you are lying to me, you can't bear the consequences!" Landon's icy tone sounded like a demon from hell, causing Melanie to be so scared that she trembled. However, she was not sure if she was trembling because of the coldness due to her drenched clothes, or if it was because of fear.

"H-I said that we made love three times every night, and you kept going until I surrendered. I-I also said I loved the way you look in bed. I said that deliberately to agitate her."

Upon hearing that, Landon suddenly choked. It was a feeling he couldn't really describe. Amidst the rage, he also felt disgusted as a surge of nausea shot through him. Putting aside Kate's feelings after hearing that-even though it was a compliment, he still felt extremely disgusted. Then, he pulled Melanie's hair and knocked her head into the glove compartment in front of her. The loud thuds were mixed with her groans for help. "Landon, I really know my mistakes now. Ahhh! Landon!" After a long time, Landon seemed to have grown tired, and he seemed to have had enough of it. He finally stopped his mechanical movements and pulled Melanie's hair so that her face was facing him. The blood from her head and the tears on her face made her look very disheveled at this moment.

However, instead of sympathy, Landon only felt disgust for her.

"You are too f*cking disgusting! Who has slept with you? Who wants to f*ck you three times a night? You are pretty good at making up stories, huh? Aren't you even worried that I would be disgusted by you?" The pain Melanie felt when he pulled her hair was too much, so she could only beg for his forgiveness. "Landon, I was just bragging at that time. It wasn't true; I just said that to make Kate angry." Upon hearing that, Landon became even angrier. Pulling her hair, he knocked her head to the front once more.

"You have no right to come looking for trouble! So many of my ex-girlfriends have to impress her. But look at you! You even picked a fight with her using such a disgusting method! I must have been blind to have you as my girlfriend!"

His attacks were not hesitant at all, making Melanie dizzy from that. She was in a mess, with blood splattered all over her.

She believed that if Landon kept going, she would die.

At this moment, she suddenly understood something. Landon actually cares about Kate a lot, and he

probably hasn't realized it himself. He hasn't said anything about me seducing Silas and George, but he kept asking about Kate.

Chapter 277 What the Hell Have I Done?

"Landon, please forgive me. I can explain! I can explain to Kate that we haven't done anything." Upon hearing that, Landon finally stopped.

It was at this moment that he finally realized that he was actually most worried that Kate would think that Melanie was telling the truth.

On top of that, he wasn't really angry with Kate because of the fight. It was simply because Kate suddenly ignored him for nothing. For the dinner tonight, he had planned to bring Melanie over, but it was only because he was worried that Kate might bring her boyfriend over. If he went alone, he would feel embarrassed, as if he had lost the fight between them. He didn't care if he really loved Melanie. More importantly, he wanted to let Kate know that he was not affected when she ignored him. Even he himself had no idea since when he had started caring about her so much. However, he had been dating another girl, and she also had a boyfriend. Hence, it had never crossed his mind that Kate actually loved him.

In that case, all her abnormal behaviors were understandable! After my girlfriend's vicious words, I also said many things that hurt her. She has already given me face by not punching me! I guess she is secretly looking down on me already. How could I have been this blind? Looking at Melanie, a cold smile appeared on Landon's lips. Even his voice sent chills down her spine. "Call her to explain everything now. If you can't do that, you don't have to come home tonight." Crying, Melanie quickly nodded and fumbled through her bag to take her phone out to call Kate. After a few rings, the call was picked up. "Hello?" Her voice sounded slightly muffled, as if she had just been crying. Landon suddenly felt hurt. I want to punch myself to death! "Katie..." Melanie burst into tears immediately. "I'm sorry. Actually what I've told you is not true at all!"

Kate had never expected that Melanie would call her. Immediately, she braced herself like a cat preparing for a battle as all her hair stood on their ends.

"Hah! Why did you suddenly apologize? Or have you changed tactics? Don't worry; it's none of my business no matter what you guys are up to from now onward, as long as you don't show up in front of me. Otherwise, I'll hit you each time I see you! Also, stop calling me. I don't want to hear your voice." "Katie... Hello? Katie?" Melanie yelled frantically, but the call was hung up. She looked at Landon tentatively. "Landon, Katie has hung up." Landon narrowed his eyes. "I. Asked. You. To. Explain. Everything. To. Her." Having no other choice, Melanie tried calling again. However, after one ring, Kate hung up immediately. It was apparent that she had blocked her number. "Landon, can I borrow your phone? Katie seems to have blocked my number," she spoke tentatively. Landon threw his phone to her and warned her, "Get straight to the point." Melanie quickly replied, "Got it." However, after Landon's number called her, the phone kept ringing. She didn't hang up, nor did she block his number. The call dropped automatically. Landon smiled mockingly. This is the Kate I know. No matter how harsh she is, she won't ever not pick up my phone. She must be really sad now. Landon thought that he loved Melanie. However, after knowing that she had been looking for backups while dating him, he also felt similar disgust as Kate, apart from feeling slightly angry. Instead, guilt, remorse, and fear had swept him off his feet. His heart still hurt because of this.

What the hell have done?

Chapter 278 Exhausted After Seven Years

Maybe he did not like Melanie after all, but she gave him a different feeling because she was good at coaxing and soothing others. She had a sweet mouth, and so he would always have the feeling that he was needed when he was with her. On the other hand, Kate would pinch him the moment they met. In fact, she would even hit him, and they just didn't seem like a couple. But why do I have the urge to cry when I hear the beeping sound over the phone? I feel that... I have truly lost her...

On the other side, Kate was staring at the familiar name across her phone screen. Her gaze was numb and hollow, and she didn't want to answer the phone call. During this period, she was becoming more and more repulsed by his phone calls after each time. What does he want this time? Is he going to apologize? I don't need that. Is he planning to explain himself? That's not important either. I've been in love with him for seven years, and I've seen him having countless women by his side, one after another. I've been trying to convince myself that he will notice how wonderful I am one day. However, today... I just honestly do not want to hold onto him anymore. I'm exhausted. I wonder if people become unreasonable with age. He has had girlfriends in the past, but I had always felt that he was just fooling around. I'm guessing he is really in love with Melanie, huh? The situation is just like the touchstone of his true state of mind. If it weren't for Melanie, I'd still be daydreaming about him. So what if we share a seven-year-long relationship? It collapsed at the first blow in front of his girlfriend!

The phone rang for the longest time, and it went on until it exhausted her battery, and her phone switched off automatically! The room finally quietened down.

Kate lay on the bed while having her eyes shut. Tears rolled down her tightly-shut eyes, and they trickled across the bridge of her nose before soaking into her pillow. Her eyelids were so swollen that they looked like walnuts within her eye sockets. Nevertheless, her memories were like upturned hooks. A gentle tug would have ripped her skin and flesh off her bones!

She wasn't sure when she fell asleep, but she realized that the constant doorbell woke her. Kate listened to it for some time and realized that it was indeed her house doorbell. Hence, she got out of the bed to open the door. She was surprised that someone would drop by so early in the morning. Upon looking through the peephole, she saw that it was Jasper. She ran her fingers through her hair before opening the door. Shocked, she asked him, "Why are you here?"

Jasper seemed anxious. "I phoned you, but my calls did not get through, so I thought something happened to you."

Kate was slightly embarrassed. "I forgot to charge my phone."

Jasper stared at her and regarded her carefully. "What happened to you? Why were you crying?"

Kate touched her face while trying to brush it off by commenting vaguely, "Nothing happened. Why were you looking for me?" Jasper explained, "I come bearing good news. Haven't you been trying to invite Jane Hays to shoot the cover for your watch? I have a friend who knows her, and it turns out Jane is currently in Mastar. She promised to give us two days for the photoshoot, and it's free-of-charge. I was in a hurry to look for you; I was out of ideas, and so I had no choice but to come knocking on your door." Kate was surprised when she heard that "Are you saying that Jane Hays agreed?" Jasper answered, "Mm-hmm, and it's free too. However, you might have to make a trip to Mastar with your shooting team." Kate smiled. I might be disappointed in the love department, but succeeding financially more than makes up for it. "These are small matters. In that case, when are we leaving?" "It's best to leave now because she is free tomorrow. We should grab the chance and arrive today, and we can start the photoshoot tomorrow. We'll even have enough time to rest!" Jasper suggested. Kate agreed. "Sure, we can do that. Come in and wait for me for a while. I'll get changed!" Jasper grunted in

acknowledgement. Kate had always been pretty, and she usually wouldn't take long to dress up. However, she cried too much last night, and so she spent a lot of time on eye make-up today. After that, she packed a suitcase for herself. An hour had passed by the time she was done packing. She then broke the silence apologetically. "I'm sorry I took a while!"

Chapter 279 You Don't Owe Me Anything

"No worries; you are quite fast. Girls usually take at least two hours of preparation before leaving the house." Kate teased him, "You seem to know women well!" Jasper guffawed. "Haha, I'm alright. Anyway, my older sister takes at least two hours before leaving!" Kate commented, "In that case, she must be a refined woman." "I can't tell if she's refined or not, but she is rather vain!" Jasper remarked. Then, he took her suitcase from her.

Kate followed him out of the door. She locked the door and added while smiling at him, "Are there even girls who aren't vain these days?" Jasper turned around to glance at her and grinned. "Well, you aren't vain." Kate was dumbfounded when she heard that. Isn't he saying that I'm not a girl? Do I truly look like a man? "Are you criticizing me to my face? Do you still plan to cooperate with us?" Jasper laughed while answering her, "Why are you in such a rush? I'm not done speaking." The two entered the elevator while chatting along the way. Soon, the elevator shut its doors.

Jasper explained very casually, "Girls like you are truly beautiful; you aren't vain!"

Kate was rendered speechless when she heard that, but she also had to fight the urge to burst out laughing. Then, she snorted proudly. "Although it took you long enough to come up with an excuse, you managed it well anyway. I'd say you've passed the test somehow!"

Jasper acted as though he was scared witless. "I was terrified; thank you for not penalizing me for speaking slowly!" Kate cackled loudly. "How was that slow? You were just exaggerating! Let me tell you; you have finally met someone who isn't calculative, like me. Have you watched this sketch before? It's a story about a man having a drink in the bar. The server asked him if he would like to open a bottle that cost 19,800. The man was so shocked when he heard it that he started stammering, 'You S-s-s...', as the server popped the bottle of alcohol open. Finally, the man blurted out the rest of the sentence, 'You shouldn't.'" Coincidentally, the elevator doors opened at the end of the story, and the two of them doubled over with laughter. Jasper regarded her with loving tenderness. "Thank you for saving me 19,800!"

Kate laughed out loud, and she was just about to humor him when she saw a familiar figure from the corner of her eyes. His hair was messy, and he had a stubble. The figure was staring at them fixedly. Kate's heart skipped a beat, and she felt her breath catch. We hadn't seen each other for a night, but he looks like a completely different person now. Landon did not sleep the entire night, but he didn't have the courage to meet Kate. Hence, he figured that he would wait for her downstairs, just so that he could see her the first thing when she got out of the building. I didn't expect two people to show up. They are both leaving together early in the morning. Did they spend the night together? His heart throbbed painfully, and he finally understood what Kate felt when she saw him together with Melanie. I suppose she must have wanted Melanie dead. However, I was so protective over her at that time.

Landon stared at Katie while speaking tentatively, "Katie, I have something to say to you."

However, she took a step toward Jasper in silence. "Do we... have anything to discuss?"

Landon answered her, "Mm-hmm, I have some things I need to speak to you about in private. I won't take too much of your time. You just have to give me ten minutes. I'll be done in ten minutes."

Strangely, he had a begging tone, and Kate's heart softened at that. She inhaled deeply while turning to

look at Jasper. "Can you wait for me for a while?" Jasper glanced at Landon while nodding in response. "Sure, I'll wait for you in the car!"

With that, he walked away with the suitcase in his hands, and he made his way in the direction of his car. Kate regarded Landon. "What did you want to talk about?" He closed his eyes slightly. "I'm sorry. I didn't know that you..." Kate felt embarrassed for some reason when she heard that, but she maintained the last shred of her dignity. "No need for that. You don't owe me anything. Compared to your girlfriend, it's only natural that she is more important than I am. I can't fault you for defending her. It's just that I don't think I can be like before."

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Upon hearing that, Landon felt his heart throb in pain, and he explained hastily, "No, Katie, no. Deep down in my heart, you are much more important than she is. However, you have ignored me all along, and I've been feeling lost. I said many things without thinking them through, but it's not my intention to hurt you. I just want you to pay attention to me, and I want you to treat me just like before. In fact, I'd be fine with it even if you were to hit or scold me. I just can't accept it when you ignore me! In all honesty, last night was mostly about taking revenge against you and not about defending Melanie. I was taking revenge on you for acting strange around me with your sarcasm and pointed remarks during this period. However, I wasn't aware that Melanie said so many disgusting things..."

For some reason, Kate inhaled deeply, and she answered in a panic, "Stop speaking. If it's about that, I am aware of the truth. I do not blame you, and you don't have to explain repeatedly because I don't want to hear it!" With that, she wanted to leave straight away. Landon then grabbed Kate, who struggled reflexively. She did not even bother disguising the disgust across her face. Upon noticing that, he stood rooted to the spot suddenly. She most probably finds me disgusting, doesn't she? "I've never laid a finger on her. She said all that just to anger you!" Kate's lips curled into a smirk, and her gaze gleamed with disgust. "You don't have to inform me about matters between the two of you because I don't care at all how you two get along!" "Katie, are you done?" Jasper called for her while standing beside the car. She answered straight away, "Yeah, I'm done." Landon asked in a hurry, "Where are you two going?" Kate answered, "Mastar!" She turned away immediately. Landon chased after her a few steps. "Is that your boyfriend?" Kate stood rooted to the spot when she heard that. After a pause, she turned around to face him while hissing coldly, "Yes!" "Oh," responded Landon in a daze. He stared at her cold and distant back view while feeling his heart break into pieces. To understand now that Kate is the only one I love. However, I've hurt her so much that

she's leaving me At a country roadside, Melanie had a hand covering half her face, and her head was covered with blood. At a quick glance, she looked like the walking dead. She did not expect Landon to be so ruthless. I can't believe he slashed a knife across my face, and he even threw me out here in the middle of nowhere. Initially, she wanted to make a phone call, but her phone was out of battery. She walked until she was exhausted and starving. However, there wasn't even a car in sight, and Melanie felt as if she might die anytime soon. Just then, a car drove past, and she waved at it frantically while screaming at the top of her lungs, "Help! Help!" Nevertheless, the car did not even slow down; instead, it sped past her. She cursed in the direction of the car driving away. "Do you think you're great just because you have a car?!" However, the car reversed unexpectedly. Melanie calmed down immediately, and she stared at the car when it reversed all the way to stop beside her. The car window lowered, exposing a person who looked like a thug. He asked her defiantly, "Would you like to repeat yourself?" Melanie bit her lower lip softly, and she bowed deeply at the man in the car. "I'm sorry. I was thrown

out here last night, and my phone's battery is out. I've walked so long that I'm exhausted and famished. I've tried waving down cars for the whole day, but they were all like you, and they just wouldn't stop for me. I lost my cool in that instant, and I'm sorry!" The man's anger seemed to have lessened upon hearing that, and he asked her, "Who tossed you here?" "My boyfriend, but he's no longer my boyfriend now." Melanie explained while trying to adjust her appearance. She looked pitiful and aggrieved while licking her wounds. The man remarked, "Your boyfriend is too cruel." Melanie did not answer him, but tears started rolling down her cheeks. "Mister, would you please drive me back to the city? I will repay you." The man's eyes gleamed brightly with intrigue. "Oh? How are you planning to repay me?"

Melanie blushed with shyness. "Anyway you want!"