

## Spoiled by Mr. Russell Chapter 171-175

### Chapter 171

Ignoring Nathaniel's embarrassed expression, Frank gestured with three fingers, "Thirdly, what I dislike the most, is making friends." After speaking, Frank adjusted his jacket, stood up, and said, "I'll go get the bill. Enjoy your meal." That was a proper insult from Frank. Nathaniel was still full of hesitation earlier, trying to negotiate, but now he became furious. Considering their relationship, Nathaniel initially thought he could easily reach a consensus with Frank. Still, he did not expect Frank to be so callous and not give him any courtesy at all.

'Indeed, Frank is capable but does he think he's the only great perfumer? He's still far behind compared to the absolute top perfumers,' Nathaniel downed his wine with this bitter thought in mind. Wanting to see if Frank had left, he turned around and saw a familiar figure. 'Is that Lily?!

He had almost forgotten she was here too. On the first day Melanie arrived, she ranted to him about it. Nathaniel squinted and saw Lily's profile from where he sat. He noticed she was sitting alone, holding the phone as if she was texting someone since she was tapping on her phone.

After some thought, Nathaniel turned his head and glanced toward the bathroom. He got up and approached Lily before Melanie came out.

Lily was happily texting Alexander on her phone. She did not expect that when she came downstairs to eat something, Alexander would come along too. Although their seats had enough privacy, Alexander's status was extraordinary. Lily thought that he should have been more careful.

Lily could see Alexander from where she was sitting, and he could see her too, but it was difficult for them to be together in public places like this, so they could only chat through texting. "Beware of the dog. It might bite you." A text from Alexander appeared on Lily's phone. Seeing words on the screen, Lily frowned. 'What does he mean?!'

Looking up to see Alexander's reaction, Lily saw a familiar face approaching, "Hey, Lily!" Lily was startled and moved her body backward involuntarily. Nathaniel was a little pleased when he saw Lily's reaction. He would have been annoyed if she did not have any reaction when she saw him. Nathaniel thought it showed that she still cared and had him on her mind.

If Lily knew what Nathaniel was thinking, she would have felt pissed off. She was only startled by him and nothing else. "What a coincidence!" Nathaniel sat opposite her without asking for permission, "Are you here by yourself?"

Lily was annoyed as she rolled her eyes at Nathaniel, especially since he sat in a position that blocked her view of Alexander. Now she also understood why Alexander texted her that sentence. It meant that he saw Nathaniel walking toward her. "You should've given me a heads up." Lily quickly sent Alexander a text.

Her words were full of resentment as Alexander laughed and texted her back, "Were you bitten that quickly?"

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"No, but it's annoying. Still, you don't need to come and help me chase the dog." "Are you sure you want me to help? Then I'll head over." Alexander was more than happy to come and even more eager to announce their relationship to the world. "No! No thanks! I refuse!" Lily repeated three times, and he laughed out loud.

"I'll be there for you anytime!" Alexander replied.

of course, it was impossible to ask him to help, and Nathaniel would not dare to do anything in such a public setting. However, hearing those words from Alexander made Lily feel at ease, and she smiled sweetly.

Seeing her smile, Nathaniel was a little dizzy for a while. Given their long history together, he was used to having Lily by his side. He had grown accustomed to her busy schedule in the lab while dressed in work clothes daily, the peculiar aromas that permeated her body, and her unwavering expression and tone. However, these were the same reasons that made him feel very tired.

How could there be a woman as dull as her? She was neither charming nor sexy, neither romantic nor gentle. He had no interest in her at all. He would not spend so much time with her if it were not for her readiness to help him unconditionally or even her exceptional perfume-making skills.

However, her smile just now surprised him.

Such a sweet and playful smile. Was that really Lily? who was she joking and having a good time with? Lily was sitting right in front of Nathaniel, but she did not realize he was there. Why was she beaming so brightly while staring at her phone screen?

It shocked Nathaniel that she would completely disregard him. When he gave it some thought, he realized there was only one plausible explanation, she had done it on purpose. When Lily saw Nathaniel just now, her eyes were a little panicked. This would not be the case if she simply ignored him. Lily must be upset, so she acted this way. She was playing hard to get to win his attention. After clearing his throat, he tapped one hand on the table. The sound made Lily look up at him, and Nathaniel was satisfied.

'Look! Stop pretending!' Nathaniel cared, but he also pretended not to care. "Lily, I'm talking to you. Can't you hear me?" he said. Glancing at him sideways, Lily said, "We're not that close." "... " Nathaniel frowned as he was ridiculed. "Lily, why are you doing this? Even if we're not lovers, we can still be friends! Look, you got your revenge, and your grudge is over. Melanie and I did something wrong, but you're still trying to get revenge. We've already withdrawn the case, so just let go. Let's forget the past and move on, okay?" Lily was utterly amazed as she stared at him with wide eyes, as though she were looking at some rare animal.

'What bizarre logic! Where did he get the nerve to suggest I just forget what happened? What right does he have to say so? Who does he think he is?'

"I'm sorry, I don't quite understand what you mean. Come back for revenge? Avenge what? What was my revenge? You make me sound like a superhero, but I'm sorry I did nothing!" Nathaniel leaned back with one hand on the back of her chair, turned to gaze at her, and said, "Lily, there's no point in staying like this. I'm sincerely making peace with you, yet you keep twisting and turning. Do you dare claim that you never touched the company's formula while you were there? Didn't you deliberately give a fake formula for the essential oil?" His words were confident as if he had evidence to prove her guilty.

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Lily sat up and looked at Nathaniel with an amused expression. She questioned him patiently, "Mr. Hall, if I remember correctly, you've been telling people that Ms. Thayer created your company's perfumes. Then, how could I have done something to your formula?"

"Besides, since Ms. Thayer created the perfume, she could just make alterations. How could I possibly be able to do anything to your formula? How was this my revenge?"

Nathaniel had expected her to react this way, so he lowered his voice, "Lily, there isn't anyone around, so could you drop the act? We all know what's the deal with the formula. I admit I've used you, and I'm sorry. Still, you've almost destroyed my company. Now that you've left for Rebirth and doing well there, I won't ask much of you. I hope we can forgive and forget. How about that?"

This was already his most significant concession. He would not press charges on what Lily had done, and she should not continue to hold grudges against him for his past mistakes. In his opinion, this was the best outcome for both of them. Lily was silent and looked at Nathaniel as if she had never known him. How could he be so shameless and entitled? He was not at all sorry for everything that he had done. Not only that, he even dared to act like the victim. Nathaniel was such a shameless man!

"Now you're admitting I created all of MN Inc.'s previous perfumes and essential oils?" She asked mockingly without responding to his previous request.

“I-I...”

When Nathaniel was about to refute, someone came up from behind and called out to Lily, “Lily, I’m back!”

He stopped talking as a woman approached to stand next to Lily. She placed a hand on Lily’s shoulder and announced, “Gotcha! Now, you have to introduce your boyfriend to...”

Her smile froze as she turned cheerfully toward Nathaniel, “It’s you!”

Of course, Jenny recognized Nathaniel and was startled to see him there. He was no boyfriend of Lily’s. Instead, he was her ex.

Jenny’s genuine smile turned into a smirk as she remarked sarcastically, “To what do we owe the honor of MN Inc.’s director being here?”

Nathaniel was shocked by how fast Jenny’s expression changed. He was also confused with her behavior. Last he checked, he had never crossed paths with Jenny, so why did she look at him like he owed her a million dollars?

Could it be because of Lily? That was impossible! Lily had only recently joined Rebirth, How could she be able to befriend someone so soon? She was not even a popular person to begin with

“Hi, I’m Nathaniel Hall, and you are?” Jenny looked familiar, but he could not tell who she was.

This didn’t faze Jenny. She gave him a hasty smile and turned toward Lily, “I’ve got something unbelievable to tell you!”

“What is it?” Lily smiled at her, Jenny’s appearance disrupted her original plan, but she was

still delighted to see Jenny as Lily wanted to escape the annoying pest. “Erm... Urgh, I forgot!” After giving it some thought, Jenny realized that her mind was blank. Jenny thought she could finally catch Lily with her boyfriend, but it was only Nathaniel. This exchange made her forget what she had planned to tell Lily. This realization made her angry. In annoyance, Jenny immediately turned to Nathaniel, “It’s all your fault!”

Nathaniel was speechless at her reaction.

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“Mr. Hall, shouldn’t you be accompanying your girlfriend? Why are you here bothering Lily? Lily is now our company’s staff member, and she doesn’t work for you anymore. If I were you. Mr. Hall, I would take care of my own affairs. You best be off before you lose something valuable.”

Jenny’s condescending tone surprised Lily. What did she even mean by taking care of his affairs and losing something valuable? Nathaniel was also taken aback by Jenny’s sudden mockery. He did not know her, so he did not know how to react.

“Ahh! I remember now. I wanted to tell you something!” After shutting Nathaniel up, Jenny finally remembered what she had wanted to tell Lily. Lily looked at her with curiosity. “What was it?” When Jenny was about to share her discovery, she noticed Nathaniel was still there. She turned toward him again. “Mr. Hall, don’t you have something else to attend to? We’re a little busy here, as you can see, so could you kindly leave?”

Before Nathaniel could react, Jenny added, “If there’s anything important you’d like to tell us, please make an appointment at our head office. First of all, we’re your competitors, and second, isn’t it rude of you to eavesdrop on our company’s confidential information?” Nathaniel was flabbergasted. When did he ever try to eavesdrop on their company’s confidential information? He was just trying to talk to an old friend! Since Jenny was so forthright about disliking him, he would not continue to sit there and be insulted. After all, there was always a next time!

“I’ll leave you ladies, then. Let’s get together and chat another time, Lily,” he bid them farewell and stood up to leave.

Lily could only roll her eyes. ‘Who said I wanted to chat? The nerve of him!’

After leaving the table, Nathaniel remembered Melanie was still not back. He hurried toward the bathrooms, but he saw her walking out slowly before he got there. Even though she was still moving carefully, she looked better than before. However, she was still slightly pale and worn out.

“Mel! Are you okay? Let’s go back and get you in bed!” Nathaniel quickly walked over and held onto her. He could not help but feel sorry as he assumed she was pale because of her morning sickness. Melanie did not put up a fight and just nodded as she let him lead her out of the restaurant,

“Can you tell me now?” Lily said to Jenny as their eyes finally left the couple. Lily had wanted to ask Jenny what she wanted to share, but Nathaniel and Melanie drew her attention until they left. She shook her head slightly as she shifted her focus back to Jenny.

“Haha,” Jenny laughed slightly as she took a sip of her lemon water, “Guess what I saw in the bathroom just now?”

Lily could only stare at her. She was getting to know a whole new Jenny. This lady, who was serious, efficient, and sometimes bossy at work, was just like any other woman when it came

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to spreading gossip.

### **Chapter 175**

Jenny lowered her voice and told Lily secretively, "I just witnessed a secret affair." Lily looked at her with slight disapproval and shook her head, "I didn't know you had such a hobby." "What's with that look? How could you just judge me like that? I was only noisy because it was somewhat related to you. Why else would I be interested if it was just some random person? Besides, they were quite unsightly!" Jenny reasoned heatedly. "What do you mean by 'related to me?'" Lily asked as she pointed to herself. "It involves your ex's current girlfriend. So isn't that somewhat related to you?" Lily did not even realize who Jenny was talking about, "Are you referring to Melanie?" Jenny nodded, "Do you have another ex I should know of?" "What did you see?" Lily was not exactly interested, but she felt like she had to ask as Jenny was excited about sharing this piece of gossip with her. "I stayed in the bathroom for a while since I had a tummy ache. While I was in there, I heard someone rushing into the bathroom and throwing up...."

"Could you please get to the main point?" Lily was getting frustrated. She had never noticed that Jenny was such a long-winded bore. "I'm getting to it!" Jenny tapped the table, annoyed with Lily interrupting her, "At first, it was normal that someone came in to throw up, but then I heard another voice, and it was a man. When I was just about to call the police to report this, the couple outside started kissing!" "So, you're saying that Melanie was the woman that rushed into the bathroom to throw up and that the guy that followed her was Frank?" Lily analyzed after listening to her story. "D\*mn! How did you even know? Is this not a secret? I thought I was the first to find out!" Jenny cursed unknowingly and looked at Lily in astonishment. Here, Jenny thought that she had witnessed something incredible, but never would she have guessed that Lily would be able to figure it out even before Jenny got to finish her story.

Jenny was disappointed in herself. Noticing this, Lily quickly remarked, "No, no, you were the first to find out. I didn't know at all. I—I just had a hunch."

"A hunch? But you were so accurate. Why didn't you guess that it was Nathaniel instead?" Jenny snapped and Lily rolled her eyes at her, "How could it be Nathaniel when he was sitting right in front of me? Besides, you said that it was a secret affair. If it's Nathaniel, it wouldn't be a secret." "Right," Jenny agreed after giving it some thought, then she continued, "But how did you know it was Frank? Why can't it be someone else?" "Firstly, the only person we know who had been friendly with Melanie was Frank. Secondly, they were acting strange at the sampling event yesterday. I had a hunch that something was going on between them. However, I had no proof; besides, whoever she chooses to mingle with has nothing to do with me, so I don't care," Lily said. "So, in the end, I was the only nosy one?" Jenny was puzzled. She had intentionally stayed in

the bathroom to witness what she thought was ground-breaking gossip, yet Lily did not care about it at all. "Well, at least you got to watch a free show," Lily teased as she stood up, "I'm leaving. I'll come back later."

"Who said I wanted a free show? It was disgusting! Where are you going? You're not going back, are you?" Jenny yelled after her retreating back. "Yeah, there's something I need to do." Lily saw Alexander leaving a while ago. He also left her a message on her phone. Lily wanted to see him before she returned to her room. "Are you seeing your boyfriend again?" Lily ignored Jenny's question while waving goodbye.