

## Spoiled by Mr. Russell Chapter 426-430

### Chapter 426

“Tell us! What did you buy?” “That’s a big piece of furniture!”

Many colleagues gathered around curiously, and some even leaned in to look inside. However, the box was so tightly sealed that all they saw were wooden boards.

“I didn’t buy it!” Lily shook her head and put one hand on the wooden box. “Did the security say anything else about who had sent it?”

Her colleagues all shook their heads and said that they did not know.

Tapping her fingers on the wooden frame, Lily not only wondered who sent it but also how to open it. Who knew what was inside this enormous box?

Could it be that she had been in the limelight too much recently and someone sent her something to retaliate? When this thought flashed through her mind, she abruptly pulled her hand back as if she was afraid something inside the box would bite her.

“Wow, this box is huge!” Olivia rushed over with

pancakes in her hands. “What’s inside?”

Lily looked at her and casually said, “A bomb!”

Olivia instantly jumped back. Fortunately, she did not toss the pancake in her hands. Then, with widened eyes, she asked, “Really?!”

“Of course not. It’s a joke. How could we stay here if it’s real?”

One of the colleagues next to her laughed. “We have no idea what’s inside. We’re all very curious! Lily, if you didn’t buy it, it must be from a guy! Could it be your boyfriend?”

Lily suddenly thought it made sense in the face of their joking remarks. Could it be that Alexander sent this to her?

She took out her phone and looked for a quiet corner to make a call. After a few rings, Alexander picked up, and his magnetic voice managed to ease her worries. “You just left this morning, and you’ve missed me already?”

“Is that why you sent me a gift?” Lily asked.

Alexander was stunned. "Gift? What gift? Are you asking me to buy you something?"

"Didn't you send one?" Lily was even more surprised when she heard the tone of his voice. ' Then, it must not be him who sent it.'

"Huh? Did someone give you something? What is it? Flowers? Or is it... balloons?" Alexander was particularly sensitive to "balloons" after what happened last time.

"No, no, it's none of those. I was just asking around. Forget it!"

Just as she was about to hang up, his impatient voice rang through the phone. "What do you mean forget it? For you to call me and ask about this, it must be a big gift that you like very much. What is it? Do you not know who gave it to you?"

"I don't know who gave it or what's in it. How would I know if I like it or not?" She sighed. "It's a big wooden box that's sealed shut. I can't see what's inside."

Hearing this, Alexander kept quiet and pondered for a moment before saying, "Then, don't open it first. Get someone to move it to an open space before you try and open it."

Lily laughed. "You don't think there's a bomb in

there, do you? Don't worry. If it were a bomb, it would've exploded by now. I didn't hear any sound from inside either." "Whatever it is, you should still be careful."

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"Oh, I understand. Don't worry. It'll be fine."

After hanging up the phone, she worriedly stared at the enormous wooden box. She had no idea how the security guard brought it up. It was a struggle even to wrap her whole arms around the box. Alexander told her to get someone to move the box to somewhere spacious; who was she going to ask to do that?

While Lily was stressing out about this, Olivia, beside her, beamed excitedly. Olivia had already eaten her breakfast and cleaned up before she came over. When she noticed Lily staring at the box, Olivia went toward her and asked, "Why haven't you opened it?"

"I'm scared this might be a prank." Then Lily turned to look at Olivia helplessly and said, " Besides, how do you dismantle this thing?"

"It should be quite easy. You'll need a plier and a screwdriver to open it!" Olivia seemed to be well versed in this.

"Then, you do it!" Lily instantly took the

opportunity to ask for Olivia's help.

After rolling up her sleeves, just as Olivia was about to try to dismantle the box, she stopped and smiled. "My knowledge is limited to the theoretical part of this. I've never done this before. So, I think it's best to find a professional to do it."

That was not a bad idea.

Ultimately, Lily found a professional handyman who showed up at the door with a tool bag. After hammering around the box, he announced, "This is an easy task!"

In a quick second, the handyman had pried open the box. Everyone in the room held their breaths in anticipation. No one knew what was inside, and everyone was curious yet, scared.

However, after removing the box, everyone exclaimed, "Wow!"

It was not a prank or a joke. It was a well-made wooden sculpture of a crane with its wings outstretched. The crane was standing on one foot while contracting the other as if it was preparing to fly.

The sculpture retained the wood's original color.

The lines and carving on the sculpture were precise, giving the crane a dynamic appearance. Everyone could tell that this workmanship was top notch at the very first glance.

"Wow, what is this?!" Jenny, who had some business to deal with, appeared. She was taken aback by the large wooden sculpture that greeted her.

"Jen!" Olivia trotted to Jenny and exclaimed, "Someone gave this to Lily as a gift! Isn't it beautiful?"

"A gift?" Jenny asked in surprise as she circled the crane twice. "This is an extraordinary gift!"

Then, she suddenly thought of the trick Nathaniel had pulled by using balloons to confess and guessed, "Did that Hall guy send this?"

Lily was startled by her directness and shook her head.

Although initially stunned to see the crane, she quickly returned to her senses. She knew who had sent this to her the moment she laid her eyes on it. It did not matter that the sender did not leave a name or a message.

This wood, this craftsmanship; other than the young man, no one else would know how to do any of these.

'He didn't go missing after all! Maybe he didn't leave the country and is still living around here. Otherwise, how did he get someone to send this to me?'

Although Lily mentioned she wanted a meaningful sculpture for her grandfather's birthday, she had no idea what it would look like. She could think of all sorts of creative ways to produce a fragrance, but her mind went blank regarding sculptures.

Lily just had a rough image of how she wanted it. Aside from that, she had no idea what to order or what it would look like.

Her initial plan was to slowly discuss how she wanted it as the young man went along with the carving, but she did not expect the young man to quit so soon.

However, after a few days, he completed her sculpture, which he beautifully completed. She was surprised that he took her request so seriously.

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"If this isn't a gift from that b\*stard Nathaniel, then... it's from your boyfriend." Olivia smiled meaningfully at Lily.

She was the only one who knew who Lily's boyfriend was. Lily had wanted to deny it but changed her mind. If she kept denying it, the others would be even more interested in the person, and their curiosity about him might exceed the gift itself. Lily did not want people to keep asking about this matter, so she responded vaguely, "Yeah!"

"Wow, look at how creative her boyfriend is!"

"Yeah, I've seen people gift flowers, chocolates, make-up, and handbags, but this is the first time I've seen someone gifting a wooded sculpture."

"By the way, shouldn't your boyfriend send you rare spices or plants instead, Lily? A gift you'll surely like!"

Her colleagues chattered non-stop. Jenny saw their excitement and coughed, "Why don't I see you guys actively speak up during meetings instead?" Her sudden reminder woke everyone up. It was still

working hours, and they were still in the office. Everyone sat back in their seats and dared not discuss further.

Jenny glanced around before she retracted her gaze and looked at Lily, "Why..." She hesitated a moment, "Why don't you put it in my office first?"

Then you can bring it home after work."

Lily thought for a while and nodded, "All right!"

It was not difficult to move it around after unpacking. Lily just needed to be careful as the crane seemed fragile. The packaging was so big and cumbersome because it had a large wooden frame and a lot of packaging materials to prevent collision and damage.

Luckily the crane was not damaged when the handyman removed the packaging earlier. She moved it into the office and placed it in the corner. It looked lifelike, which made people like it even more.

Jenny glanced at it several times and felt quite happy with it, "Can you ask your boyfriend where he brought that from? I want to buy one too. It's

stunning!"

Lily kept quiet.

"What's wrong? Can't I even ask where he got it from? Don't worry. I won't buy the same one as yours. I don't have someone to gift it to me, but I can buy one for myself, right?" Jenny nudged Lily with her elbow and asked half-jokingly.

"I'll ask him when I get home."

That kid just sent things over and did not leave a word, so Lily still did not know how to find him. Besides, considering his temper, it was still unknown if he was willing to help others with their orders.

"Ms. Gray." Olivia's voice sounded as she knocked on the door.

Jenny answered, "Come in."

Olivia opened the door and entered the room. She looked at Lily and said, "Lily, Nathaniel publicly apologized."

"What?!" Lily was stunned and thought she must have misheard it.

"He apologized?" Jenny was also shocked. Her first reaction was to get up and turn on her computer. As expected, she found the apology statement that Nathaniel had posted. It was a long article similar to an essay. He had just posted it but quickly gained popularity.

"He admitted?" Jenny raised her eyebrows and looked at the other two. The two were also unclear, so the trio read the article together.

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The trio was stunned when they read the apology post.

How could this be called an apology statement? It was more like a shift-the-blame statement. Nathaniel wrote a long article, but the trio could only summarize it as follows:

Firstly, Nathaniel had spent the past few days carefully checking, scrutinizing, and researching the experiential records and could finally prove that the previous products were indeed Lily's work and not Melanie's.

The reason for the previous misunderstanding was because of Melanie's deception. He was also deceived and did not know the truth. Now that Nathaniel knew, he deeply regretted it and wanted to apologize to Lily.

Secondly, the relationship between him, Melanie, and Lily was a personal issue, and Nathaniel did not want to discuss it publicly. However, due to

everyone's concern, he wanted to make it clear that he had no regrets as he was in love.

Nathaniel wrote a long article with the conclusion that he was willing to apologize to Lily with utmost sincerity and would accept any of her decisions, retaliation, or do anything she wanted, to make up for his mistake. He was willing to cooperate and satisfy Lily as he owed her.

The whole article sounded sincere but was full of lies. The general public did not know if it was true or not and was even more oblivious to how much of it was the truth. For example, it was true that the previous products were Lily's, but did Melanie deceive Nathaniel?

"F\*ck!" Olivia cursed out loud. That was the only response she had for Nathaniel's apology statement.

"I'm starting to admire him!" Jenny shook her head and laughed.

"You admire him?! Why? He's a shameless person!" Olivia felt enraged, "He's also a liar!"

"He does have the talent to lie with a straight face! Also, he's quick to take action and knows he must pretend to be weak when he meets a strong enemy. Nathaniel knows he can no longer hide the truth and thus mixes it up with lies.

"The most difficult thing to distinguish in this world is when things are half-truth and half-lie. Lies within truth and truth interlaced with lies, who knows what's the truth and what isn't?"

Lily nodded in agreement with Jenny's words.

"I'll go and expose his lies," Olivia said and was about to go to her computer and retaliate on Twitter. We should expose such a shameless person to everyone so he can no longer deceive others.

"There's no need," Lily stopped Olivia and added, "What are you going to expose? He said he didn't know and got deceived by Melanie. Nate was also a victim. If you were to say he did know. Who would the public believe?"

"Melanie is still in prison, so she can't fight for herself. Nate blamed her because he knew about this. Melanie has no way to prove otherwise."

Lily shook her head. She had thought about this when she was reading the post earlier, "Let's first put aside whether or not it's worth it to go all the way to Westwood to look for Melanie regarding this. Even if we go, it's still unsure whether or not we can meet her. Even if we do meet her, will Melanie testify for us? Will she go against Nate?"

She won't!"

Indeed, Melanie would feel angry with Nathaniel's slander. Even so, she hated Lily even more, so Melanie would never help her.

"We should at least tell everyone the truth. It's up to the public to choose whether believe it or not." Olivia felt unwilling to swallow this grievance.

"No rush. We'll wait and see." Lily's words remained the same.

However, Olivia could no longer hold her anger, "We still need to wait?"

"Why haven't you learned to be patient? You've been by my side for so long. We often need time to refine the essential oil and distillation of the fragrance and be patient. Since I decided to fight back, I must hit Nate with one blow. This will fail if I rush the work and give him a chance to struggle."

"Oh well, it seems Lily is treating this as work."

Olivia thought for a moment and pointed at her eye, saying, "If so, I should pretend I didn't see it?"

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"Yes, pretend you didn't see it." Lily turned around and looked at the standing wooden crane sculpture, "You can consider it a break. There's not much time for you to relax as the new work is about to start."

"We have a new project?" Olivia was eager. She had not worked in a while, and her hands were beginning to itch. Even though working in a lab might be exhausting, it was gratifying.

"Soon!"

It shocked Alexander when he saw the wooden crane sculpture in the living room as soon as he got home.

It stood out!

"This is..." He said hesitantly.

Lily had just cleared up some space and was about to move the sculpture when she saw him return. She waved at him, "You came back just in time. Come help me move it."

'Do you still need help moving this?' He took off his coat, rolled up his sleeve, and waved her away. He lifted the sculpture and moved it to the spot she cleared up.

"You bought it?"

"Someone gave it to me." Lily shook her head and looked at it carefully.

The artistry was exquisite, the lines were smooth, the sculpture was lifelike, and even the eyes were charming. She liked it very much as she examined

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"That's what you mentioned on the phone this morning?" Alexander pointed his finger at it in surprise. He thought it was someone's prank and did not expect it to be this. It was pretty novel. Still, whoever sent this to a girl showed a lot of originality.

"Yeah." She held her chin with one hand and nodded again.

Alexander felt jealous when he saw her thoughtful look. He narrowed his eyes, "Is it a guy?"

"Yeah." She continued nodding her head..

She was thinking of something else. Since Benedict sent this over, he did not plan to disappear entirely and would appear again, right?

Alexander rolled his sleeve up further, turned around, and carried the wooden sculpture again.

Lily returned to her senses, "Hey, what are you doing?"

"Throwing it away!" He said righteously.

"Don't. I want to give it to someone!" She grabbed his arm and prevented him from touching it. She feared he would have the same thought again and held his hands too.

"Give it to someone? Who is it?" Upon hearing this, he became even more vigilant.

Lily felt helpless but found his guarded face funny, "Giving it to someone elderly, okay?"

"Elderly..." He looked back at the wooden sculpture. It looked like an angelic creature, and it was appropriate to send it to an older person. He calmed down and asked, "Who? Why have I never heard you mention it?"

Lily's expression darkened upon hearing this, and she looked distressed.