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Chapter 161 Eventually They Will Return to You

It was Jamie's turn to be shocked this time around. "Boss, he didn't recognize you, did he?"

Elise replied, "No, but I guess we will definitely meet during the competition, but it's not a big issue."

After all, in Alexander's eyes, she already had a new identity as Joy, so she assumed that he would not relate both women as one.

She immediately headed to her room after taking a cab from the airport and checking into the hotel. Spending two hours on the flight had rendered her exhausted, after which she immediately crawled into bed and fell sound asleep after a shower.

Her nap lasted until the evening.

Elise reached out for her phone and unlocked the screen. However, she saw two missed calls from a local number that she was extremely familiar with, which shocked her. My schedule this time is a complete secret. Who would have called me?

However, she did not take it seriously and placed her phone aside. It was at this moment when the doorbell of her room rang.

"Hi, room service," the voice greeted.

Elise then opened the door and allowed the waiter to push a tray of scrumptious dinner into her room. After that, he elaborated, "Miss Sinclair, Mr. Keller has prepared this dinner for you. Please enjoy this."

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As she looked at the scrumptious food in front of her, she couldn't help but think, Jamie is such a good assistant since he settles everything nicely for me.

"If you need anything, feel free to call us anytime. See you."

It was after the waiter exited the room that she walked over to close the door. The room opposite her coincidentally opened at the same time and Alexander's tall, slender figure entered her line of vision. As they locked eyes with each other, they saw their shock being reflected in the other's sight.

She was growing slightly anxious by now. What kind of room did Jamie book? Forget the fact that we're staying in the same hotel, but I can't believe that our rooms are directly opposite to each other!

"Hi, Mr. Griffith!" Elise greeted with a perfunctory smile. People who knew her well were definitely aware that it was a forced smile.

Alexander slightly frowned. He had never believed that there were such coincidences in the world; not only did they board the same plane, they even booked the same hotel. On top of that, they even stayed in opposite rooms.

It was exceptionally unlikely for such occurrences to happen, but it did in real life nevertheless. "I didn't expect to meet you again in such a short time."

His voice was neither slow nor quick and it was void of all emotions. She couldn't tell whether he was happy or exasperated by the coincidence.

As such, Elise could only bite the bullet and said, "It's a coincidence indeed." Then, she added, "Mr. Griffith, you haven't eaten anything, have you? I have just ordered dinner. Would you like to have some together?"

However, Alexander directly rejected her invitation. He was already used to such obvious tactics and to him, Joy was no different from the other women who wanted to get closer to him. To think that I thought she was quite special! I guess I overestimated her.

"It's okay. I'm heading out anyway."

It was just a casual invite from Elise as she didn't have any intention to have dinner together with him. Hence, she waved and responded, "In that case, goodbye for now, Mr. Griffith."

With that, she directly closed the door.

Alexander's gaze slightly darkened, but he didn't utter another word. After closing his room door, he walked along the corridor to the elevator and took it to head downstairs.

Meanwhile, Elise returned to her room and had dinner before she went out alone.

She immediately hailed a cab to Julius' pub. Since it was only 9:00PM, there weren't many customers in the pub. Then, she walked around the main hall before she sat down to order a glass of whiskey, after which she popped Julius a text.

He walked out of his rest area almost immediately. Although he was quite surprised, he had more or less expected it. He had already heard the news in Tissote—it was breaking news that Sue was returning to the industry by participating in the racing competition.

"You really are here."

Elise hummed in agreement. "Julius, I remember that I left something at your place. So, I'm here to pick it up today."

After he sat down, he responded, "I'll bring you to retrieve it later. Let's have a couple of drinks first."

With that, he gently knocked his beer bottle on hers. "I heard that Noel went to Athesea to look for you. Are you guys alright?"

Elise merely shrugged. "Nothing much. It's the same old."

"Noel is an impatient and impulsive person." Julius smiled. "His way of speaking is straightforward; he doesn't know how to insinuate. I bet he had a tough time with you."

"Your business is not as good as usual."

Although she attempted to change the topic, he raised his eyes and maintained his gaze on her.

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"Did you cause the matter that befell Charlene?"

Even though it was a question, his tone was normal.

Elise hummed in agreement and didn't deny his words.

Julius nodded. "H, I know she was in the wrong for the incident back then. However, do you know why Noel chose to defend her even under those circumstances?"

It was the same question that Elise was puzzled on too. However, certain things became much clearer the moment the past incident appeared in her mind. The knowledge led to her eyes lighting up.

As she met Julius' gaze, he broke into a smile. "I have no right to ask about Charlene's matters, but I hope you can do this favor for me."

It was something that Elise understood. "As if I'm doing this for Noel?"

Julius nodded. "He has liked her for many years now. He has always taken care of her, protected her, and spoiled her. Even though I don't understand why he's loyal to her, I can't say anything about it."

She felt that she had neglected something. "Forget it, let the past be in the past. We all have to move on, don't we?"

"Thank you, H," he answered earnestly.

After a pause, he continued, "It has been so long since that incident happened. When are you going to return? I listened to the new song you wrote for Jack. The quality of your work hasn't declined at all. Could it be that I'll see you around in the industry in the near future?"

Elise frowned before replying in a calm tone, "Maybe..."

That simple word was enough to reveal her attitude. As Julius held the glass in front of him, joy surged through him. "H, this is a toast to you. I hope that you will return and dominate the industry soon."

She gently brought her glass to cling with his beer glass in the silence. Then, she gulped the alcohol and rose to her full height. "Let's get back my stuff."

Then, Julius brought her out of the pub and took another elevator upstairs where they finally stopped at the 18th floor.

Then, he took out a key and opened the door. Elise walked into the room and saw the scene that she was once familiar with. She kept her emotions grounded as she directly walked to the bedroom. After opening the door, she headed for the wardrobe in front of the French windows and unlatched it to take out a box from within.

There were a few car keys and items in the box. She took out one of the keys and wore a black cap before she raised her eyes to look at herself in the mirror. In that instant, she seemed to catch a glimpse of her previous self.

"I'll take these with me." Elise held the box in her arms as she walked out of the bedroom.

Julius shrugged. "I'm just keeping them on your behalf. They will eventually return to you."

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"Thank you, Julius," Elise answered earnestly.

However, Julius merely smiled. "We are good friends, so there's no need to be so polite."

Right after they walked out of the room, she locked the room from inside before walking to the elevator.

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"I still remember the last time I left and even quietly thought that I would never be here again. Less than two years have passed and I'm here once again. It's quite emotional," she said slowly.

He gently looked at her. "Actually, from the beginning, I already knew that you'd return. It's all a matter of time. Fortunately, I waited until this moment. All the best for the competition tomorrow. I will be there to cheer you on and I look forward to seeing your performance."

Elise grunted. "The competition tomorrow will be among small groups and I will do my best."

After she walked out of the elevator, she directly headed for the garage that stored her favorite car. Even though it had been parked here for around two to three years, there wasn't a lot of dust on it because Julius had asked people to regularly maintain it.

Elise sat on the driver's seat where she seemed to have discovered the familiar past. The moment she started the car, she floored the accelerator to drive the vehicle out.

As the fancy sports car sped on the road, it had attracted many people's attention. However, she ignored them and drove all the way to the hotel. After she removed her cap, she casually left it on the passenger seat whereupon she started to tidy her hair before exiting the vehicle.

The moment that she walked into the lobby of the hotel, she ran into Alexander, who was engaged in a call. It seemed that they had entered the elevator one after another, which now resulted in her standing right next to him.

"Settle this matter first. If there are any problems, contact me again." With that, he immediately hung up. When he looked at the reflection in the mirror, he was slightly repulsed by the coincidences he had with Joy. What he never expected was the woman to actually attract him and subconsciously made him desire to be closer to her. What the hell?

"Did you just return, Miss Sinclair?" Alexander broke the silence by asking.

Elise initially planned on feigning that she didn't notice him. Now that he had taken the initiative to speak to her, she hummed in reply.

There was no further exchange of words after her response. When the elevator doors opened, she walked out first before they both returned to their respective rooms.

As soon as she returned to her room, Elise entered the bathroom to take a shower. When she reemerged, she grabbed a towel to dry her wet hair before she stood in front of the French windows to gaze at the city's night scenery. The bright neon lights and the exciting night life were indeed difficult to resist.

Ding dong!

It was at this moment when her doorbell rang and aroused her curiosity about the person who rang the bell. Who would look for me at this hour?

She walked to the door and asked, "Who is it?"

"It's me!"

Upon hearing those two words being spoken in a familiar tone, she froze. Then, she opened the door with slight incredulity. "Mr. Griffith, why are you here?"

Alexander asked, "Do you have hot water here? My kettle is spoiled."

Elise blinked before answering, "Yeah, I do. Give me your cup and I will fill it up for you."

Then, he passed the glass in his hands to her. After she took it from him, she went inside to fill it with hot water while he waited quietly by the door.

"Here you go, Mr. Griffith." Elise handed the full glass to Alexander as he stretched out with his hands to accept it. When he did so, his gaze involuntarily fell on her hands and saw a black mole on the back of her hand that was quite conspicuous. Without thinking much about it, he took the glass and responded, "Thanks!"

After that, she closed the door and returned to her room without thinking too much about the encounter.

Somewhere deep in the night, Elise woke up with a violent cough after choking on the thick smoke. However, the smoke seemed to get thicker and made her realize that something

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was amiss, which forced her to immediately open her eyes. Smoke was already permeating the huge room at this stage; it was as if the place was on fire.

"There's a fire here..."

The fire alarm rang outside along with the cries of men and women. She couldn't stop coughing because of the smoke and quickly snatched the towel to cover her nose and mouth while stumbling to the door. As soon as she opened it, she saw that people were fleeing for the safety exit along the corridor. Upon seeing this, she joined them.

All of a sudden, many people from the hotel gathered together and ran down the stairs. Elise had no idea who pushed her, but she lost her balance and leaned forward against the wall. She stopped walking for a moment as she inhaled deeply. As the crowd had been leaving one after another, there were only a few people behind her.

"Are you alright?" Alexander's voice suddenly rang in her ears.

She quickly nodded. "Yeah, I'm fine. Why are you still here? Quickly head down..."

There was slight anxiety in Elise's tone as she subconsciously tugged his elbow while running downstairs. However, he was stunned to the point where he froze for a second, which gave rise to a familiar feeling when he saw such a sight. He didn't have the time to think it through and merely ran downstairs with her. As he did so, he quietly held her hand.

Both of them ran all the way to the ground floor from the tenth floor. She was panting for breath, feeling as if she had narrowly escaped death while the crowd chattered noisily.

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Alexander and Elise spoke at the same time, thereafter staring at each other. It was only at this moment when they realized that they had interlocked their fingers and released their hands almost instantaneously.

"What is going on? Everything was fine. Why is there a fire?" Elise asked as she still panted. She wasn't the only shocked person; those around her were questioning the same thing as well.

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He raised his head and looked at the fire above them. "When I was running downstairs, I saw the room next to us on fire. The fire was so massive that it nearly affected all ten floors of the hotel..."

Meanwhile, the fire brigade quickly drove to the venue one after another to extinguish the fire. As many voices were mixed together, it led to a rather chaotic scene.

"What would happen to us for the rest of the night?" Elise asked as many people around her demanded a solution from the hotel.

The hotel employees quickly attempted to pacify the crowd and said, "Please don't be anxious. We will think of a solution for everyone."

The fire was too sudden and it had happened during the middle of the night. After the firemen had spent around half an hour extinguishing the fire, the situation was finally under control. Fortunately, it was caused by electrical appliances and no one died in the accident.

"Please be patient. We have already arranged a new place for everyone to stay, but there are limited rooms. Two people need to share a room together. If you have any friends or know anyone, you can share the same room. You can request the room keys from me now." The moment the manager finished his words, many customers went to him in pairs to get their card.

Since both Elise and Alexander were on their own, they wanted to look for another person to share the room. However, everyone had already left by the time they waited, which left them as the only remaining people there.

They stared at each other before concurrently asking, "W-What should we do, manager?"