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Chapter 181 Long Time No See, Alexander

"Okay."

As the students responded, they closed their textbooks. After gathering her things, Elise moved to leave the classroom, but the Math teacher, Mr. Winfrey, stopped her when she walked to the corridor.

"Miss Sinclair, I know you have a strong foundation, but you're really taking too many days off this semester. If you have trouble catching up, just come to me for guidance as soon as possible. The finals are just around the corner, and I hope you can ace the tests like you always do."

Elise could clearly feel the teacher's expectations of her. "Thank you, Mr. Winfrey. I will do my best."

Seeing her reaction, he stopped nagging, but before leaving, he still tried to persuade her to focus on her studies. "If you don't understand anything at all, just come to me. Don't be shy, okay?"

Elise responded with a smile. "Got it. Thank you, Mr. Winfrey."

With that, Elise waved and left while Mr. Winfrey watched her go, then sighed. I've been teaching for ages, but Elise here is one of a kind. She's a Math genius. If she dedicates herself to Math, the field will benefit greatly from her insight.

Elise, of course, didn't know her teacher's thoughts. When she went home, she saw Danny obediently revising his studies. Elise raised an eyebrow as she asked, "So, how confident are you this time?"

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Danny nodded. "Probably won't be too big of a problem, but there's still a long way to go before I can surpass you."

Elise encouraged him instead. "You're not in competition with me; you're in competition with yourself. You'll do fine as long as you're improving."

Danny looked up at her. "Don't worry, Boss! I'll work extra hard and surpass you as soon as I can."

"Sure. All the best." Elise then asked, "Anything you don't understand today?"

A light chuckle later, he handed her the workbook. "I'm wondering about this question, actually." Elise gave it a look, and the solution came clearly and easily to her. She worked on the problem with Danny, and the two were so focused that they didn't notice Alexander entering the scene and standing in a spot near them.

"It's more or less like this, and you'll get square root of 3 in the end. You can try solving it on your own again," Elise said, putting down the pencil. It was only then when she looked up to see Alexander, whose presence came as a slight surprise. "When did you get back?"

Alexander walked over. "I just arrived."

Then he peeked at their calculations. "I heard that both of you will be having your finals soon, so surely it means that winter break is not far off? Do you have any plans?" He looked at Elise, who smiled as she replied, "I'll go home for winter break and spend the rest of the year with my grandparents. I'll come back when school reopens next year."

"Boss, you can't do that! You promised to play games with me if I scored the top 3, so if you return to your hometown, the network there won't be good enough to play games!"

Elise replied, "Nah, the network there is pretty nice, so we won't have such problems. Also, as long as you get in the top 3, I'll gladly play games with you, even if I have to use up all my mobile data."

Pleased by her reply, Danny grinned. "That's more like it."

On the other hand, Alexander put on a sour face. If Elise was going home, then he wouldn't be able to see her for a long while. At that thought, Alexander found his heart filled with longing.

He even wished to go with Elise, and as soon as the idea entered his mind, he seemed to have thought of something so brilliant his eyes even sparkled a little. "You guys continue. I'm going up."

With that, Alexander went up the stairs and gave Cameron a call.

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The day before the exams, Danny did his revisions well into the night, whereas Elise kept to her daily routine and went to sleep early as usual. The next morning, Elise woke up feeling refreshed, and Danny managed to get up on time as well. The latter was even reading a Chinese magazine as he ate his breakfast.

"Morning, Boss." Danny greeted Elise, who was surprised to see him in such high spirits. Elise hastily asked, "Are you on drugs or something? How are you so awake?"

Danny smiled mysteriously as he said, "I didn't take any drugs, Boss, but would you like some freshly ground coffee?"

Elise nodded, and Stella immediately understood the assignment. A cup of freshly ground coffee soon appeared in front of Elise. "Miss Elise, this coffee is freshly brewed. Do have a try."

"Thank you, Stella. It's been a while since I've last had such good coffee." With that, Elise took a sip. The pleasant smell of the coffee instantly filled her mouth, and her taste buds were extremely satisfied.

"Boss, I'm already done with breakfast, so I'm going to school first." Danny put down his spoon and rushed out. Stella couldn't help but praise him. "Young Master Danny has been so hardworking lately! He would do his homework as soon as he got home, and he would also study Chinese vocabulary every morning. I wonder what caused him to change so much. This has never happened before!"

Elise was pleased to know that Danny had the will and perseverance in him, and she knew he would have a bright future ahead of him.

"Stella, I'm done with breakfast as well. I'm going to school now."

Elise was about to leave when she bumped into Alexander, who was just descending the stairs.

"I'll give you a ride." Alexander obviously hadn't had breakfast before he took Elise to school. Hence, she gave him a reminder before she got out of his car when they reached the school compounds. "Breakfasts are important. Remember to eat on time."

Alexander had no care for such things, but he subconsciously replied, "All right. All the best for your finals."

Elise waved at him, then walked toward the school.

For some reason, Alexander actually went to a breakfast joint and ordered a breakfast wrap. As he looked at the delicious food in front of him, his mood was instantly lifted, and even his eyebrows relaxed into a gentle expression.

Ashlyn hadn't seen Alexander in forever. Ever since she was used as a pawn in an arranged marriage, she no longer had the right to stay close to Alexander. Still, she kept learning about him by word of mouth, and she knew that even when she was engaged to another person, her heart belonged to Alexander only.

However, she never thought that she would bump into him on her way to get breakfast. Alexander also seemed to be in a good mood; he was even smiling at the food. Ashlyn swore she had never seen Alexander so happy in all the years she had known him. He was always so stern and unsmiling, so she never thought a day would come when she would be able to witness him smiling like that.

Ashlyn couldn't help but walk toward him. "Long time no see, Alexander!"

Hearing that, Alexander immediately dropped his smile, and his usual coldness took its place. He even thought that Ashlyn's appearance caused him to lose his appetite.

"Miss Lawson, we're not that familiar with each other, are we?"

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Chapter 182 A Way With Words

Ashlyn felt awkward, but she still bit the bullet and tried to convince Alexander. "We grew up together, Alexander. Even if we can't be lovers, we can still be friends, right?"

Alexander replied coldly, "Sorry, but I beg to differ."

With that, Alexander stood up. He had lost the mood for breakfast, so he signaled for the waiter. "Please put these in takeaway containers. Thank you."

After completing his task, the waiter passed the containers to Alexander. "Here you are, mister."

Alexander took the containers and left, for he had no intention of talking to Ashlyn. The lady, however, didn't give up and ran after him. "Alexander, I was foolish and did horrible things. I'm sorry, and I've already repented! Please, can you forget the past and pretend that it never happened? Can we still be friends like before?"

Alexander was growing more irritated by the second. "Are you out of your mind? You'd better see a doctor and get your delusional tendencies checked."

Instantly, Ashlyn went pale in the face. Alexander's words had dragged her harshly out of her ideal state. She thought that if they reached an understanding, they could pretend that the past never happened, then everything would go back to how they were before. However, she totally forgot how filthy her actions were, and she should be embarrassed to approach Alexander out of nowhere.

"I'm sorry, I-"

Alexander didn't have time for her explanations, so he simply got into his car and drove away.

Left behind, Ashlyn was frustrated. Why? Dang it! I don't get how things turned out this way. We weren't like this before. He used to be nice and polite to me, though I need to admit that we weren't particularly close. But hey, he was still alright. His attitude now, though?! Hmph!

He refused to talk to her any more than necessary!

When did the change happen? Ashlyn recalled Elise's arrival, and she clenched her fists. She seemed to have found the reason. It all happened because of Elise...

"That cunning woman!" Ashlyn shouted. Elise must have done something to cause Alexander to hate me so much.

By now, Ashlyn had completely come to hate Elise, and she swore that she would have her revenge one day.

However, Elise had no idea what happened, for she had just entered the exam hall to prepare for the exams.

There were 4 subjects to be tested in the finals, including languages and Math. After the 2-day finals, the winter break was finally upon them.

After returning to the Griffith Residence, Elise immediately went upstairs. Danny followed suit, and when his bag hit the floor, he was already starting up a game in his room. Even from a distance away, Elise could hear the gaming sounds coming from his room.

Elise shut the door to her room in order to block off the noise, and then she called Laura up. "Grandma, I'll be going back after 2 days to spend my break with you—"

Before Elise could finish, Laura hastily said, "Ellie, you don't have to come back. I'm on vacation with your grandpa, and we won't be back until next year."

This time, it was Elise's turn to be stunned. "When did you go? Why didn't you tell me?"

Promptly, her grandmother responded by saying, "It's sort of a last-minute decision, so we didn't inform you beforehand. You can just spend the break in Athesea, all right? You don't have to come home."

Hearing that, Elise could only sigh helplessly. "All right, then. Take care out there and come home soon."

After Laura hung up, Robin immediately asked her, "She didn't notice, right?"

Laura grinned in satisfaction. "You know who I am. She wouldn't notice at all. Ellie definitely wouldn't expect us to arrive in Athesea in 2 days. She'll be so surprised when she sees us!"

Robin said admiringly, "I never thought that Alex would arrange these things so well. There shouldn't be much cause for worry if they get together in the future."

Laura agreed, wholly satisfied with Alexander. "But he also said that they would get engaged first, then they can take it slow with the wedding. No matter what, this grandson-in-law won't be going anywhere, so our little Ellie is finally settling down."

They exchanged happy smiles, and they could see their reflections in each other's eyes.

Meanwhile, Elise was a little deflated. Her grandparents didn't even tell her that they were going on a vacation, but she had already told the Griffiths that she would be going home for the break. Now that she couldn't go back anymore, this situation was kind of embarrassing for her.

Still, Elise didn't overthink about it. It was the holidays, so she had time to help search for news on Mikayla. Oddly, all traces indicated that Mikalya had returned to the country, but she still hadn't come home after so long, nor did she contact her family. Elise's expression went dark, after which she turned on her computer.

'Jamie, are all the holes in Skynet System fixed?' Elise sent Jamie a message, and she soon received a reply. 'All patched up. Do you want to use it, Boss?'

Elise replied with a simple 'yes' then continued, 'I'm looking for someone, and I'm wondering if Skynet can help me find them sooner.'

Seeing Elise's request, Jamie quickly asked, 'Who are you looking for, Boss? Just send me their info, and Skynet will be able to track them down within a day.'

Immediately, Elise sent over Mikayla's information. 'Notify me as soon as you find any news on her.'

Jamie responded with an 'ok' emoji. Then he proceeded to scour for information on Mikayla with Skynet. Elise took a deep breath and hoped that they would have news on Mikayla soon. Elise thought that Mikayla would be found quickly with the aid of Skynet, but 3 days had passed without any new information. It was as if Mikayla had disappeared; they couldn't find any traces of her.

'Boss, is someone trying to hide her tracks?'

Elise thought long and hard. Who else in this world could have such talent and skill?

As she was racking her brains, a knock sounded on her door, and she was brought back to reality. She thought that it must be Stella, so she said casually, "Is anything the matter, Stella?"

Elise didn't get an answer as she expected. Stunned and a little curious, Elise got up to open the door, only to be dumbfounded the next moment.

"Grandpa! Grandma! Why are you here?"

Laura stretched out her arms in welcome. "My darling Ellie! Let me have a good look at you! Look how much you've grown!"

Undoubtedly, the young lady was surprised. "Grandma, weren't you on vacation? Why are you suddenly back?"

It was an awkward question, and Laura didn't know how to answer it, so she let Robin do the talking. Robin could only chuckle out of awkwardness. "Hah! We were tired, so we came back."

Elise wasn't one to be easily deceived. Something is fishy indeed. "Really?" she asked, and Laura could only nod in reply. Elise quickly dropped her suspicions because she was simply too glad to see her grandparents. "I've missed you so much, Grandma."

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Elise took Laura's arm tightly in hers, and Laura didn't know what to do with her. "You're a big girl now. Why are you still acting like a child?"

The young lady replied by pulling a funny face. "No matter how old I get, I just want to be a little girl in your eyes, Grandma."

Won over by her granddaughter's cheeky reply, Laura caressed her head lovingly. "You have a way with words, don't you?"