Chapter 261 She's Lying to Me

Eugene deliberately teased her. "In that case... Do you still want this breakfast or not?"

What? Of course I do!

Olivia immediately took the food containers on the ground, as if she was worried that he would really bring them home with him. She glared at him with resentment, thinking, He's finished eating, but I'm still hungry! "What I'm saying is that you don't have to send any food over, starting from tomorrow. Don't you understand?"

He chuckled in a low voice before holding her face and planting a kiss on her forehead. "You're such a petty person! Do you think I'll really bring it home?"

She remained silent. Who knows? What if you really do that?

Upon seeing her cute expression, it made him fancy her even more, no matter from which angle he looked at her. He stretched his hand out to ruffle her hair while looking at her with a gentle and loving expression on his face. "Don't eat too much spicy lobster. It's not good to eat too much spicy food in the morning."

She wanted to say, Since you are worried about it being too much, why do you make it? However, after she thought about it, she knew that it must have been North who told him that he wanted to eat that dish. Hence, she said coquettishly, "I know."

With that, she walked away, but after taking a couple of steps, she turned to remind him, "Remember to take a nap when you arrive home!" He must have woken up much earlier to cook so much this morning.

Eugene smiled as he thought, See, my girlfriend is worried about me! "Don't worry, just head inside."

Olivia nodded and opened the door to enter her house while holding the food containers in her hands.

Just before she closed the door, she smiled at him shyly.

At that instant, he suddenly felt like he had eaten an Alpine milk candy, warming his heart all the way from his tongue.

On the other hand, just as she entered the house and turned with the food containers in her hand, she heard a male's clear voice. "What are you doing? Who sent you food early in the morning?"

Olivia was so shocked that her soul almost flew out of her body and quickly explained, "I-I ordered some takeout."

George frowned. "Why did you order takeout again? I'm here!"

She explained guiltily, "You drank a lot last night. I wanted to let you sleep in."

"It's not difficult to make breakfast. What have you bought?"

He looked at the food containers in her hands in confusion.

She tried to shrug it off by saying, "I bought a lot. There are spicy lobsters, which North loves."

As she spoke, she brought the food containers into the dining hall.

More importantly, she only knew about the spicy lobsters—she had no idea what else Eugene had made.

George's frown tightened. "You ordered spicy lobster for the kid early in the morning? Wouldn't that stimulate his stomach a little too much? You should eat something light in the morning."

Olivia quickly replied, "I know, but North has wanted to eat that since yesterday, so I ordered it for him today."

"The restaurants in Summer City sell lobsters in the morning?"

She immediately answered, "Yes, there are 24-hour restaurants here, so we can order anything that we like at any time."

With that, she opened the food containers and reported as she took the items out, "I also bought some biscuits, scrambled eggs with fungus, sautéed lily bulbs with celery, red bean porridge—"

He asked, "Why did you order so much?"

"Well, I bought all of the dishes that look good," she answered.

"Why don't you help yourself first, George? I'll wake North up." With that, she escaped to her son's room.

After she entered the room, her heart was still furiously palpitating. She touched her lips, which seemed slightly swollen. Damn you, Eugene. He didn't release my lips all this while. I hope George didn't notice it.

Sure enough, George hadn't noticed that Olivia's swollen lips after she was being violently kissed. After all, she had lowered her head to avoid him all this while. However, he noticed that the breakfast seemed weird.

It was impossible to buy many different meals from one restaurant, but she had returned home with all of them in the same plastic bag.

This is weird!

He rose to his full height to search for the receipt, but he couldn't locate it after a long time. His frown deepened. Olivia is lying to me.

Chapter 262 Who Sent These to You?

Who the hell sent these to her for breakfast?

When Olivia brought North out from the room, George had already sat at the dining table after arranging everything.

"Morning, Mr. George!"

"Morning, North. Look at what your mother has bought for you!"

As soon as North saw what was on the table, his eyes immediately brightened. "Spicy lobster?"

He immediately climbed up the chair and took the chopsticks to take the lobsters. Then, he gave it to George. "This is for you, Mr. George!"

George was shocked upon seeing that. "This is for me?"

North's face darkened. "To peel the shell off."

George was half-exasperated and half-amused at the same time. "I was moved for nothing."

She was speechless upon hearing that and wanted to take the gloves from him, saying, "Let me do it."

He avoided her, saying, "It's fine. You don't peel as fast as I do."

North chuckled as he patiently waited. When George handed him the shelled lobster, he thoughtfully placed it in the former's bowl. "The first one is for Mr. George!"

A surprised George pushed the bowl to North. "Go ahead."

North pretended to be mature, saying, "Why don't you eat first? The first person to shell it should be the first one to eat it."

Even though he had said so, he subconsciously swallowed.

George couldn't help but smile as he quickened his pace and shelled another lobster for Olivia in no time.

However, North placed his share in her bowl.

She smiled reassuringly. "Baby, you should eat first."

However, upon his insistence, she stopped resisting and ate it.

At that moment, George asked, "Who sent these to you for breakfast?"

Upon hearing that, she was shocked—the lobster meat that she had just eaten went down the wrong way in her throat. In that instant, the spice flooded her mouth as she could not stop coughing for the next three minutes.

Her reaction had immensely frightened him, so he quickly poured a glass of water for her. "Quickly drink this."

After taking the glass of water from him and downing half of it, her coughs finally subsided.

She gently patted her chest that slightly ached from all the coughing as she looked at him with resentment. "Didn't I say that I ordered takeout earlier? The delivery man sent it here!"

George eyed her coldly. "Tell me then—these dishes are obviously not from the same restaurant. How did you manage to put all of them into one bag?"

With that, North, who was eating the lobsters, raised his head as he nervously looked at Olivia.

Olivia felt her heart immediately sinking after hearing that. I'm doomed! I knew it! Based on George's intelligence, he must have realized that something is off. What should I do?

She gulped and resignedly said, "Fine, I admit that it was sent by others, but that's because I wanted to treat you well! You are well aware where my culinary skills lie, so I asked Katie to send this to me. She left it at the door earlier!"

North was speechless upon hearing that. What? Mommy doesn't even need to prepare a draft to lie. I can tell that my daddy made this right after trying it!

George's frown deepened. "Katie made this for you?"

She nodded. "Who else would it be if it's not her? Would it be Nathan otherwise? Only Katie's cooking is edible around here. Both Nathan and I are considered freeloaders here."

Her explanation seemed to convince him as he eyed her disdainfully. "You still have the guts to say this? Kate and Nathan called to ask me out for a meal last night. It's not that good to reject them anyway. Tell them that we'll have a gathering tomorrow night."

"Sure, I'll give them a call later."

Olivia's heart had finally calmed down as she successfully hid the truth from George.

However, she could no longer hide her relationship with Eugene from Kate.

Chapter 263 Men Are All Beasts

When Olivia called, Kate and Jasper were having a meal outside.

"What's up, sister?" Kate asked.

Olivia's voice came through. "George has asked us to have a gathering tomorrow evening. Come over earlier tomorrow—we'll meet at the restaurant on Riverdale Street!"

"Alright, but it's on me tomorrow. No one else is allowed to pick up the tab!"

Olivia smiled. "No problem, you'll have the opportunity, but you have to help me out on something!"

Kate asked, "What is it?"

Olivia sounded slightly embarrassed. "Well, Eugene had sent me breakfast this morning, but George saw it. I have no other choice but to lie that you were the one who sent it to me."

Kate was shocked. "What? Eugene made breakfast for you?"

Olivia quickly said, "Shhh, please lower your voice! Do you want the entire world to know?"

Kate was nonchalant about it. "What's wrong with that? If I were you, I would definitely show it off to the entire world."

Olivia said, "That's you, not me. I don't want anyone else to know about this. Remember, if George asks about it, tell him that you made it. If he doesn't, you can forget it. He doesn't seem suspicious about it to me."

Kate laughed. "Alright, I got it. But hey, you have to tell me what I've made, right?"

"Spicy lobster, sautéed lily bulbs with celery, congee..."

When she heard that, she giggled. "President Nolan knows how to cook, huh?"

Olivia replied, "I think he made the vegetables, but the rest was bought."

Kate asked, "No matter what, he surely treats you well enough, but why are you afraid of letting George know?"

Olivia couldn't explain this on the phone, so she forcefully said, "No matter what, I can't let him know about it."

Kate said, "You are avoiding the question. Tell me, does George like you too?"

"That's all. Bye!"

With that, Olivia hung up.

Upon looking at the phone after Olivia ended the call, Kate couldn't help but smile. She's doomed this time! Two men are trying to pursue her concurrently. Let's see what she's going to do about it!

While looking at her, Jasper asked, "Is this your best friend?"

"Yeah."

"Is her son alright?"

Kate replied, "He's fine. He even picked up the phone the last time I called her. I heard that Olivia had nightmares last night, but it's fine now."

While cutting the steak, he replied, "That's good then."

He had been studying abroad all the while and only returned not long ago to open a local jewelry store.

It was at a fashion party that he heard of the magazine publisher, 'Bourgeoisie Life'.

Initially, he wanted to use the opportunity to collaborate with the magazine publisher to form a working relationship with Kate, so that he could become closer to Eugene. After all, connections would be a powerful resource in the current society.

After interacting with her, Jasper slowly developed a liking toward her. She was kind, passionate, and straightforward. On top of that, she was quite humorous at times. Soon, everything else didn't seem so important to him.

"The steak from this restaurant is pretty authentic. Try this." Jasper pushed the steak that he had just sliced in front of her.

Kate smiled. "Thanks. You are exceptionally polite. Is everyone who studied abroad a gentleman?"

He replied, "You can't generalize everything. Not everyone who studies abroad is chivalrous. Some of them might look decent, but they can be quite immoral."

She laughed out loud. "So, you are actually one of those people?"

He laughed. "Haven't you realized that decency and immoral aren't contradictory? If the same person is being treated both ways, the perpetrator is a gentleman indeed!"

After thinking about it, Kate thought that Jasper's explanation was rather reasonable. Men are beasts, after all! "Well, at least you look like a gentleman. I'm not even ladylike," she said in exasperation.

Chapter 264 I'm Yours, Kate

Jasper smiled. "Actually, it's good that you behave like this. You are straightforward. You have to know that people who are ladylike and chivalrous are restrained by many strict rules and they don't like to abide by it all the time. They also want to be like you and freely express their thoughts and feelings."

Kate placed a piece of steak into her mouth, saying while she chewed, "You are right. It's difficult for people to express their thoughts nowadays. Everyone seems to be hiding behind a facade. Even by looking at them, it feels exhausting!"

He nodded in concurrence. "That's why I said that it's good for you to be like this."

She smiled. "I can't do this all the time too. After meeting my sponsors, I will have to respectfully bow to them." He said seriously, "You are the person-in-charge this time. I'll have to suck up to you."

She laughed out loud. "You have a bright future ahead of you!"

He also laughed. Amidst the happy atmosphere, they suddenly heard a girlish voice "Kate!"

As soon as Kate heard the voice, she immediately frowned, as if it was her natural biological reaction.

Following the direction of the voice, she saw Melanie Hopper's irritating face and immediately retracted her gaze and ignored her.

However, Melanie was unable to tell what went on and scooted closer to her. "It's really you!"

Although she was talking to Kate, she appraised the man seated opposite who looked like he was a gentleman and elegant. However, he was not as handsome as Nathan or as tall as him. A sudden surge of pride enveloped her as she looked down on Jasper. "Kate, is this your boyfriend?"

Kate lazily looked at her, answering, "You already have a boyfriend, so it's better that you don't casually ask about other men. Not every one of them belongs to you, you know!"

Melanie looked hurt upon hearing that. "Kate, what do you mean? I'm not laying my eyes on anyone else. Nate and I saw you, so we thought of coming over to say hi to you. Why are you so rude?"

With that, she pouted at Nathan, using her expression to complain to him.

Nathan had been eyeing Jasper from the moment he entered the restaurant. She likes that man? She smiles happily when she talks to other men, but she keeps ignoring me. What have I done to her? It was merely a joke after all! Does she have to hold a grudge for so long?

There was a heavy feeling in Nathan's chest as he grabbed Melanie's shoulders. "You're thinking too much about this. Kate has always been strict in her taste and isn't simply impressed by the average Joe!"

Kate smiled. "I hope you are always so confident."

After staying silent for a long time, Jasper still thought about her words when she had said, "Not every man belongs to you, you know!" Obviously, she wants me.

Suddenly, his spirit soared as his heart wildly palpitated. He winked at Kate as he said in a low, sexy voice. "Don't worry, I'm yours. I have a high standard too and won't be impressed by b*tches."

The minute he said those words, Kate had no idea what the others thought, but she blushed. W-What is he talking about? What does he mean when he says he's mine?

She looked at him with a warning, but he winked at her.

She was speechless upon seeing that.

Melanie's face darkened as she realized that they were insulting her. This man's reaction is rather quick after all. He's placing aside his feelings for Kate and defending her now. Is he trying to ask her out? Tsk, if this continues, she is going to fall for someone else. It won't be fun anymore when no one is competing with me.

Chapter 265 Why Did You Bring Her?

She threw herself at Nathan's arms and looked at him with resentment without saying another word.

He was also looking for an excuse to retaliate, so he questioned Jasper, "Is this the way you speak? Who do you mean by b*tches?"

Jasper laughed, raising his gaze to look at Nathan. Compared to the latter's frustration, there was no hint of any offense in his eyes. However, it was precisely because of his humble attitude that his words were even more infuriating. "Apart from Katie, the rest of the women who want me are b*tches. If you like to put yourself in this category, suit yourselves!"

Nathan's face was very sullen, as if dark clouds had covered his entire face. Looking extremely offended, he suddenly smiled coldly and looked at Kate as he said spitefully, "Your taste in men still has a lot of room for improvement. Though you change boyfriends often, their quality seems to be worse!"

Kate smiled with warmth. "Well, I don't mind at all—as long as your taste is good enough."

Nathan snorted before saying, "My taste is indeed much better than yours."

Her pupils narrowed as her face darkened before looking at him with a cold expression. "In that case, why don't you return home and look at her for the entire day? We haven't even started eating, so please don't stand here and affect our appetite!"

"Well, I was about to say the same thing. After staying here for such a short while, even our appetite is gone!"

With that, Nathan pulled Melanie away while Kate tried to suppress her rising anger.

Then, Jasper smiled. "What was that? Is he your ex?"

Kate didn't want to elaborate, so she vaguely replied, "No. Thanks for everything."

He looked at her in shock. "For what?"

Upon looking at his serious expression, she added, "Nothing."

He was just helping me out earlier. If I talk too much about it, it'll make me look like I actually believe him!

However, he resumed the topic and patiently explained to her, "When I said that I'm yours earlier, I really mean it!"

She froze. In fact, she felt his intimacy, but her heart had already belonged to another person seven years ago. What can I give him now?

She laughed lightly. "Let me tell you this—the price has already been fixed. No matter who you are to me, there's no discount!"

He laughed out loud. "I'm not telling you that to obtain a discount!"

"No matter what, there's no discount whatsoever. Everything has to be calculated accordingly, even if you're my brother."

He did not plan to let her off the hook just like that, so he asked again, "What if I'm your boyfriend?"

Kate's heart skipped a beat. "That won't do. In this day of age, a boyfriend is the most unreliable person nowadays."

Jasper was exasperated by her attempt to pass it off as a joke. "Fine, since you don't want to talk about relationships, let's discuss work."

Upon hearing that, she smiled. "I have no problem with that."

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Olivia, George, Kate, and Nathan gathered at a five-star hotel the next evening.

Kate had arrived at the same time as Olivia and George, but Nathan was late. On top of that, he wasn't alone as he brought Melanie along.

Olivia slightly frowned when the three of them saw Nathan with Melanie. He clearly knows that this is a private gathering for the few of us. Why did he bring that woman? Does he want to make us disgusted?

Kate felt similar emotions—she kept convincing herself not to care about it anymore during the period and thought that she had succeeded.

However, as soon as she saw them arriving together like a pair of Siamese twins, she finally knew that she was feigning that she didn't care at all. As Jasper was around yesterday, she felt less lonely due to his presence. Perhaps it was their jabs at each other that made her feel more at ease.

However, since it was a private gathering tonight, they shouldn't have brought anyone whom they liked. After all, their topics would surround this past. If he doesn't have the intention to be with her forever, he won't bring her here along.