Chapter 266 Is This Your Girlfriend?

Kate suddenly felt like something heavy had landed on her heart—it hurt so much that she almost ran out of breath. It seems like Melanie is his true love after all. After being together with her for so long, I can't believe that Nathan isn't tired of her.

After seeing that she did not bring Jasper with her, Nathan felt that he was somehow more superior, so his mood improved by a few notches.

When he had arrived with Melanie, he first greeted George. "George, when did you return? If Olivia didn't post that picture, I didn't even know that you're back."

"I was already back three days ago." With that, George looked at Melanie. "Is this your girlfriend?"

With a smile, Nathan pulled her over to introduce her. "Yes, this is my girlfriend, Melanie Hopper. Mel, this is George, my senior. When I was abroad, he's the one who took care of me!"

She was in a daze, intently staring at George. This man is too handsome! He's on par with Eugene! If I can't get Eugene, I can settle with this man too!

She was still immersed in her daydream and did not hear Nathan's introduction at all.

Olivia narrowed her eyes when she saw that. This woman is really promiscuous. She's already planning to be him the moment she sees him. This is the first time that she's meeting George. Yet, she doesn't know how to hold herself back and is instead looking at him this way!

Naturally, Nathan also noticed her behavior. His face darkened as he nudged her. "Come on, say hello!"

Olivia chuckled gently. "What's wrong? Are you stunned by George's good looks, Miss Hopper?"

Her tone sounded slightly sarcastic yet it almost seemed that it was part of her usual jokes.

It was only after her words that Melanie returned to her senses as she patiently explained herself, "I feel like I have seen you somewhere."

George arched his eyebrows to challenge her. "Yeah, where?"

She smiled shyly. "I can't remember, but you are as good-looking as Nathan!"

See, she knows how to flatter people.

Kate smiled sarcastically. If I'm in the same position, I'll probably say 'George is so much more good-looking than you'.

It's only natural that someone like me won't be liked by others.

She leaned on the couch without saying another word and looked at the floor. Occasionally, she would talk to North.

However, because of Melanie's words, Nathan's mood had improved.

All his dissatisfaction toward her had disappeared. While holding her waist, he said, "No worries, your boyfriend is not that petty. It's fine to flatter George. I'm well aware that I'm not as handsome as him."

Melanie smiled and tugged on his body, leaning closer to his ear before saying flirtatiously, "To me, you're the most handsome person!"

Nathan was immediately over the moon upon hearing that. He looked at her lovingly and pinched her cheeks. "You're good at sweet-talking!"

She seemed a little shy as she looked around and gave a shy smile. "Stop that!"

"Don't worry, it's only my close friends."

With that, he sat down with her.

As George was here, Kate did not immediately stand up and quietly moved her chair toward North instead.

Nathan felt her attempt to distance herself, but couldn't care less about it. No matter what, I've won this round.

Melanie clearly saw her attempt and gave a superior smile, as if she was in control of everything. "Katie, why are you sitting so far away? The distance between both of you can accommodate another person," she said with a smile.

Kate planned to ignore Melanie, but she was shamelessly bold and asking for a lecture. After taking a sip of water, Kate slowly said, "It's so that I won't feel nauseated by someone."

With that, all the adults maintained their basic manners as they tried not to break into a smile.

However, the only person who did not care much was North, who burst out laughing. "Haha! Godmother, why don't you sit closer to me?"

Chapter 267 The Only Person in the Dark

Kate had conspicuously scooted over to North, making the couple feel like they were isolated. Feeling embarrassed, Nathan looked at her, saying, "I haven't nauseated you in seven years. Just because you're having dinner with me, it's made you feel that way?"

Olivia decided to cut to the chase. "Alright, let's stop it right now. The person who's paying for this dinner, be more enthusiastic and order some food!"

Ignoring Nathan, Kate gave the menu to George. "George, have a look. Just order whatever you like. This is on me today!"

Upon looking at Nathan's grumpy expression, George smiled and perused the menu without saying anything else before ordering grilled fish. Then, he passed the menu to Olivia. "That's it for me. Why don't you order the rest? I haven't been around for a few years, so I'm not quite sure what the dishes actually are."

After taking the menu, she ordered a few dishes that were North's favorites. Then, she handed the rest to Kate. Without even asking the couple, she ordered a few more dishes before directly handing the menu to the waiter.

However, Nathan didn't seem to mind it as he was used to being thick-skinned and being a freeloader anyway. Since she didn't ask us, I'll order it myself. Then, he called the waiter who was about to leave. "Give me a plate of sweet and sour pork ribs. Mel loves that."

As soon as he said that, Kate almost blew her top. However, she didn't want to make a scene out and did not say anything—even though she was furious.

Melanie was slightly unhappy by the way she was being treated, but since Nathan had already spoken, she could at least try to present herself as a thoughtful person.

"It's fine. There are already so many dishes. It will be a waste if we can't finish them."

"Don't worry about it. Since someone is paying for the meal tonight, you can order whatever you want." Nathan looked at Kate in a provocative manner, but she completely ignored him as she had no intention to talk to him at all. Her behavior had made him feel as if his offense had landed on nothing—there was no fight for him to pick on.

However, Melanie frowned as she hated his cheapskate character. He was not poor, but it would be akin to pulling teeth for him to foot the bill. He's so stingy, no matter from which angle I look at! I already had to exercise so much effort to ask him to buy something for me, be it a bag or clothes. After being with him for such a long time, he's still calculative, as if it is a war! It's so tiring! I'll dump him once I have found a better man. I don't have so much time to waste with him. She quietly appraised George throughout the entire dinner. Why are the men around Olivia getting better each time? More importantly, they are so loyal to her!

Olivia had seen through her expression—in less than ten minutes, the latter had already glanced at George more than five times. Her intentions are probably obvious to everyone except for Nathan, who's still in the dark. In fact, George, who had been speaking to North, had also noticed that.

The restaurant was rather quick in preparing the food. All the ten dishes that they ordered had arrived in no time. After pouring a glass of wine for George, Kate raised her glass for a toast. "George, now that you're back, why don't you stay for a few more days? We can bring you around. If Olivia is busy, I can be your tour guide—free of charge!"

He touched his wine glass to hers, causing it to clink, with a smile. "I appreciate it, but you guys are all working. I don't want my presence to affect your work. Apart from that, I won't stay for long, so you don't have to bother much."

Holding Nathan's arms, Melanie suggested, "George, you can ask Nathan to accompany you. He's not that busy nowadays."

Nathan immediately added, "That's right. If you want to go anywhere, I'll send you around."

George smiled. "Sure. When I want to go somewhere, I'll give you a call."

Nathan looked at him in seriousness. "George, I'm being serious. If it weren't for you and Olivia, I might still be living on the streets now. Now that you are back, you must let me treat you well!"

Chapter 268 Reminiscing their Past

"Come on, we are close friends after all, so you don't have to be so polite," George said.

Then, Olivia and George started chatting about their daily life in Mastar. She smiled at George. "Do you still remember the CPR back then, George?"

After thinking about it, he asked, "Which one? I don't recall that."

Olivia smiled as she replied, "There was a time Nathan was not doing quite well. He owned loan sharks some money, so they kept chasing after him. After that, he had a habit of running away as soon as someone started chasing him. There was a time when a man picked up his wallet and wanted to give it back to Nathan. While chasing him, he said, 'Don't go. Here's your wallet.' But Nathan couldn't understand at that time and thought he was one of the loan sharks. So he ran with all his might, but he suddenly slipped and fell. He was quite smart—he pretended to faint. But when the man reached him and saw that he was still breathing, he immediately bent down to perform a CPR on Nathan. Poor Nate was so shocked that he immediately came back to life, shocking the foreigner."

With that, everyone burst out laughing. Nathan also couldn't stop himself from laughing. "I didn't understand the language back then, so I thought he was chasing me for money."

George also smiled. "I seem to recall this. When he returned, he was worried that he might be infected by whatever diseases the man had."

Nathan was unwilling to be the victim alone, so he told a funny story about Olivia as well. "Olivia, what about you? I remember that a local millionaire once confessed to you romantically. He decorated our clinic with roses, balloons, and even carriages. The roses were fresh, the carriage was brand new, and he even had

two drones with a couplet hung on them. Perhaps he knew that Olivia is from Criecia, so he wanted to show her something of our language—how touching! But I'm torn between laughing and crying after I saw that. The first line was, I'll work hard for you, and I'll cry for you. The second line went, I'm crazy for you, and I'll knock myself out for you. The central line was, I love you, Olivia!"

With that, a surge of laughter rang in the parlor. After avoiding Olivia's slap, Nathan continued, "Then, right after Olivia walked out, he hugged her immediately and asked her to marry him passionately. No matter what Olivia said, he did not listen. In the end, she had to punch him to make him calm down. What did he say in the end? He said he'd wait for you forever?"

Olivia giggled. "I'm at the wits end. What else can I do apart from punching him?"

Nathan asked, "How is he doing now? Did he get a girlfriend after that?"

George also smiled. "I have no idea. I've not seen him at the clinic after that."

Everyone was in high spirits when they talked about their past. Then, they brought up the money tree that George had sent Olivia. Nathan laughed out loud. "I knew that you were the one who sent that. Apart from you, there's no other person who is so generous! Those were real diamonds, man!"

Olivia was embarrassed upon the mention of that. "You don't say! The next night, I had a dream that the money tree was stolen. I was so shocked that I kept chasing the thief in my dream while I only wore slippers. No matter how hard I ran, I couldn't catch up to him, and I even lost one of my slippers. When I woke up, I realized that I fell asleep on the couch, and one of my slippers had slipped off." With that, the group burst out laughing again.

George joined the laughter. "What are you worried about? There's an anti-theft system installed. Before the thief can steal it, the police would already have arrived! Initially, I planned to just send you some rose tea..."

When they were chatting about the money tree, Melanie couldn't hear them anymore. So the lavish gift in Olivia's office was given by this ridiculously-handsome man in front of us.

Chapter 269 I Don't Belong Here

Even though the present was slightly old-fashioned, Melanie was undeniably attracted by the money.

Sure enough, he's rich and handsome!

If this man belongs to me, I swear I won't be looking at any other men in the future.

Nathan treats me well, but he is really stingy.

When she was deep in her thoughts, she saw Kate walking out of the parlor from the corner of her eyes. A sudden thought flitted across her mind. Aha! I was just worried that my frustration had nowhere to be released!

Then, she told Nathan gently, "Nate, I'm going to the washroom."

Nathan was deep in conversations with Olivia and the rest, so he merely replied, "Go ahead."

A cold smile appeared on Melanie's lips as she walked out of the parlor.

Olivia took a sip of the tea in front of her, also revealing a vindictive smile. A leopard never changes its spot. She's bound to reveal her true self some time.

She raised her head and looked at George. Then, the both of them exchanged smiles.

On the other hand, Nathan was still speaking enthusiastically, "Do you still remember when Tiger just arrived? He hid himself when he saw us giving

injections. The patients were calm, but he himself burst into tears. Is he much better now?"

George replied, "Yeah, he's just afraid of needles. After that, I asked him to be the receptionist instead."

Nathan smiled. "Good idea. Tiger is smart, and he's good with money. Is he in his twenties now? When I was there, he was only around 15."

George replied, "You are only three years older than him, yet you make it sound like he's much younger than you."

Olivia chuckled. "However, at that time, Nathan didn't look like he was just three years older than him. He was very tall; Tiger was probably intimidated by him."

When they were still chatting away, Nathan's phone suddenly rang. After seeing the caller ID, he picked it up perplexedly. "What's wrong, Mel?"

Melanie choked. "Nate, please carry on. I-I'll leave first."

Nathan frowned. "Why? Come stay with us for a while longer. We'll leave together."

"N-No. You guys carry on. I'll go back in a taxi."

Her voice sounded sad on the phone.

Nathan's face darkened as he frowned. "Where are you?"

"I'm at the hotel lobby," Melanie answered. "But you don't have to come here. I'm fine. I-I'm just not feeling too well, so I would like to go home first. You don't have to worry about me."

The more she said, the more Nathan felt that something was wrong. He got up immediately to open the door of the parlor.

Immediately, he saw Melanie standing at the lobby, fully drenched. Water dripped from her clothes, and her cheeks looked swollen. When she saw her, her eyes turned red immediately.

Nathan strode over to her. "Mel, what happened to you? Who did this?"

Melanie merely looked at him aggrievedly. Even though she said nothing, the reluctance was clearly shown in her eyes, sending a clear message—she had been bullied.

Worried, Nathan quickly asked the waiter for a towel and wiped the water from her face. Then, he took his jacket off and put it on her.

"What happened? Tell me!"

Melanie looked at Olivia, North, and George in the parlor fearfully.

"Katie said that this was a private gathering between a few of you, and I wasn't included at all. She blamed you for ordering the dish for me, and she said that I shouldn't be here. She even said that I was f*cking disgusting when I cried. I tried to reason with her, but she slapped me right after. Then, she poured a bucket of water on me in the washroom."

Nathan's face immediately darkened. If she had given him other reasons, he might not have believed her. But he definitely believed that Kate would say such words. On top of that, she was not afraid of showing her viciousness in front of him.

It's not enough for her to throw tantrums at me, is it? Now, she even started attacking Melanie!

Chapter 270 Leave!

"Don't get angry, Nate. I probably don't belong here. I'll leave immediately." With that, Melanie was about to leave.

Nathan's face darkened as he pulled her back. "Why do you have to leave? You are my girlfriend. Why can't you be here?"

Melanie looked as though she was about to burst into tears while she trembled next to Nathan. "B-B-But... I'm afraid..."

"You don't have to be afraid of anything! I'm here!"

At this moment, Kate walked out of the washroom. Just as she arrived at the lobby, she saw Nathan arriving angrily.

She stood still as she glared at him coldly.

"Kate Thomas, what do you have against Mel? Why did you bully her?" Nathan growled angrily.

Kate merely smiled coldly. Sure enough, he's biased. It's just that I'm not the one he trusts.

No wonder Melanie is so confident!

She raised her eyes to look at him with a gaze that was even sharper than his. "How did I bully her?"

Nathan pulled her to Melanie. "Can't you tell? If you are unhappy with anything, you can talk to me! Why did you attack her when I'm the one you are angry at? You've been weird lately. What have I done to you?"

Kate shoved his hands off forcefully as her smile turned colder.

"Have you seen it with your own eyes that I poured water on her? How can you say that I bullied your girlfriend without any evidence? Couldn't it be that your girlfriend has arranged this drama herself?"

With that, Nathan was so angry that he snorted.

"You are saying that Mel slapped herself and poured a bucket of water on herself? Kate, I thought you were quite a decent person. Even though you had a sharp mouth, you were kind and softhearted. However, recently I feel like I don't know you anymore. Mel hasn't offended you. Why did you bully her? I specially brought her to this gathering to introduce her to George. What do you have against that?" His words were also quite sarcastic.

His ruthless expression and his accusations were like knives that stabbed into her. Her heart was already very wounded at this point.

She didn't want to cry; at least not in front of him.

She lowered her head and used a lot of effort to stop the tears that were about to bubble up.

Suddenly, she felt that everything was so outrageous that she smiled. How can he be so foolish?

At this moment, Melanie pretended to be thoughtful as she held Nathan back. "Forget it, Nate. I'll just go back and change."

However, Nathan looked at Kate's smile, which he found annoying. After she bullied Mel, she could still smile?

Holding Melanie's hands, Nathan glared at Kate.

"Do you think that we are not supposed to be here today just because you are paying for dinner? If I had known that you were here, I wouldn't have come at all. I've been wanting to treat George since a long time ago, and I planned to pay for tonight's dinner as well. If you think that we are disgusting..." He pointed to the direction of the hall. "Then leave!"

If words could actually inflict damage, Kate would have been battered.

She finally raised her head. Apart from her slightly-damp eyelashes, there was nothing else on her face. She smiled at Nathan before she turned around to leave.

Subconsciously, Olivia wanted to stop her. However, she realized that she was not heading out of the lobby. Instead, she was walking back to the washroom.

At this moment, many people had already gathered at the hall, and they were discussing among themselves quietly.

"Where is she going?"

"I thought she was about to leave, but is she actually going back to the washroom?"

"Is she going back to take something?"

"Maybe she's going back there to find some evidence. She doesn't seem like a person who would hit another person. On the other hand, the crying woman in front of us here seem like a scheming b*tch!"