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Hannah lowered her eyes and swallowed the rest of her words.

As they eased into the streets, the atmosphere inside the car was unusually calm, almost harmonious, even.

Bryson didn't ask anything and just simply said, "Grace told me that she misses you. She was a bit upset that you didn't come over tonight."

Hannah mustered an apologetic smile, hating that she had disappointed the young girl.

"Please apologize to her on my behalf. I had something to take care of."

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"It's all right, she's not mad at you or anything. She's just having a little tantrum."

Hannah cleared her throat and decided to change the subject.

"I might need to go to Hoijery soon. I'll be away for about two weeks at least."

"Hoijery?" Bryson repeated, though he didn't pry any further.

"I see.

Send me your travel details, and I'll send you off at the airport."

"It will probably be in the next couple of days or so. I've already received my academic certificate, and I'll have to assume office at my mentor's hospital in the near future. I gave it some thought, and I think it would be better to resign from the school now. Otherwise, I would have to go through a bunch of complicated procedures once I return from Hoijery."

"You don't have to worry about any of that," Bryson said almost immediately.

"I'll have someone handle these matters for you. You can go to Hoijery and take care of your business with ease."

Warmth blossomed in Hannah's heart. Bryson had always been supportive of her decisions and endeavors, no matter how random or troublesome her situation got.

They pulled into the garage of her home, and Bryson got out to help Rocco off the car.

"I'll take you upstairs," he offered courteously.

Before Hannah could say anything, Rocco interjected with, "That won't be necessary. We can manage by ourselves."

"Rocco!" Hannah chided, appalled by his response.

Thankfully, Bryson didn't seem fazed by the boy's blatant rejection.

"In that case, I'll head back now."

"Drive safely."

“Thank you.”

They parted ways, and the pair silently went inside and entered the elevator.