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Reese pursed her lips, reading the note on the bouquet sent to her at work. The flowers came from Sean, and the message read: [I can't believe you are so busy. What about my therapy too? :(I miss you, Reese. I hope you will come with Shauna this weekend to the mansion. I'll have a guest room ready for you. I have something important to talk to you about.]

"What did he want to talk about?" She wondered silently as she stood by the hospital receiving area.

Weeks had passed since Reese decided to focus on work. She avoided going with Shauna on her time with Sean and made herself busy.

Since Shauna had a driver to bring her to school and Sean practically provided for them, Reese decided to take permanent work at the children's hospital while still accepting private patients.

It was last Friday when Reese last saw Sean. He came to the condo to fetch Shauna for their weekend overnight stay. In the days that followed, Sean had left for Lockwood with Evan, which gave her more time for herself.

Sean and Evan returned to Rose Hills the other day, where she had therapy with a new patient. So, they didn't see each other last night either. She thought it probably triggered the flowers.

In the previous weeks, Sean waited for her at the condo every night, and they still chatted. They were still friends. That part had not changed, but she did not want to be in a situation where her feelings for him would grow, and she would expect more from him.

There was that safe distance between them where she had drawn the line. Often, she dodged Sean's hold and set the time for when he would leave. On top of that, she minimized replying to Sean's texts or calls, only answering essential questions relevant to their daughter.

In response to the flowers he sent, Reese sent him a text, saying: [Thank you for the flowers. You didn't have to.]

For the rest of her day at work, Reese helped gather the children on the isolation floor, where a special guest gave them an inspirational talk. To her surprise, the special guest was a famous athlete, and professional sprinter, Oscar Bennett.

The athlete had one knee amputated due to childhood cancer found on his knee. Reese remembered this because Oscar's family lived in the same neighborhood as her when she was in high school. At that time, he was a big inspiration to Rose Hills for getting into sports despite having a prosthetic leg.

Along with the kids at Rose Hills Children's Hospital, Reese enjoyed the moving talk the athlete gave. He also taught the kids the basics of running sprints.

It was already six in the evening when the event ended. Then the athlete treated the kids to a specially made dinner.

Reese distributed meals to the children and the parents who attended the activity when Oscar Bennett approached her. He said, "I don't know why, but your name sounds so familiar, and I think I have seen you before too."

The athlete's approach startled Reese. She laughed and replied, "We used to live in the same neighborhood."

"Really?" Oscar said. They exchanged pleasantries and wound up chatting more.

Oscar and Reese sat at one table together, enjoying every minute of their conversation. Suddenly, Oscar said, "I barely get to come home since I've gone pro, so I want to be upfront with you and say this."

He scratched his head, looking shy, when he asked, "Can I ask you out for dinner this Friday? I have been observing you for the last three hours, and I thought you were such a nice person to care for these kids. Aside from that, I think you are gorgeous. I thought it a shame to let this moment pass me. So here I am, taking the chance."

Reese was flattered beyond words. The kids around her teased her, and so did her co-employees. They urged her to say yes, which made her agree in the end, "Sure, a friendly date."

"That's a start," said the athlete.

Friday came.

"Daddy!" Shauna exclaimed, seeing Sean enter the door to the condo. He carried a bouquet of flowers he meant to give Reese, and while spinning his daughter around, his eyes searched through the home.

"Where is your mommy?" Sean asked.

"She went out, Daddy?" Shauna replied.

Sean looked down at the flowers in his hand with regret. Just when he thought it was finally the right time to have that talk with Reese, it felt to him that she was avoiding him, and he didn't like it.

"Where is your grandma?" Sean asked. He settled Shauna on the sofa, and after learning that Misses Kenedy was in the kitchen, he went to find her.

"Good evening, Aunt Audrey. Where is Reese?" Sean asked.

"Oh, she is out on a date." Misses Kenedy sighed, saying, "I figured it's just about the time that she find a good man for herself, so I encouraged her to."

Hearing that, Sean's mouth fell on the floor. His heart raced, and his hands felt icy cold. He took a deep breath and asked, "What – what about me?" "What do you mean, Sean? What about you?" Audrey, Reese's mother, reacted.

Sean coughed against his fist, saying, "Me for Reese?"

"Well, I don't know, Sean. I've never really understood your relationship. You act like a couple, but maybe because you are playing the role of being parents to Shauna. Last night, I asked Reese once and for all, and she said you are just friends. I was going to stop her going out on a date with that famous athlete, but after hearing her out, I allowed her," Misses Kenedy revealed.

Sean took a full turn, panicking. His hair had already grown since he last shaved them for Lucas. He thoroughly raked his fingers through them before gripping his hair tightly. He groaned and said, "Dammit, Sean!"

He turned to Reese's mother and asked, "Where? Where are they having dinner? And which famous athlete?"

"I don't remember the guy. All I know is that they were going to have dinner at the Tavolata," Misses Kenedy replied, and in the next few minutes, Sean left with Shauna.

An hour later, the father and daughter had dinner at the famous Italian Restaurant in Rose Hills.

While Shauna was eating her pasta, Sean's eyes were narrowed at six tables away. He wondered if he had made the right decision to give himself time. 1

Sean studied Reese's date intensely. He swore the man looked familiar but couldn't remember who he was. The guy looked very athletic, with tan skin and well-defined muscles. He was handsome, making Sean completely question his own good looks.

As he was in deep thought, his daughter asked, "Daddy? Why are we spying on Mommy? And who is that man she is with?"

"Ah. Shhh," Sean said to his daughter. "We aren't spying on your mommy. I did not know she was having dinner here. It's just a coincidence."

"Do you like your food, sweetie?" Sean asked. He picked up a piece of chicken fillet and placed it on Shauna's plate, saying, "Here, have some protein, baby."

"Okay, Daddy," Shauna replied. "Yeah, I like my food."

Sean was about to return, observing Reese, when his blue-colored eyes locked with hers. Reese was standing a meter away, with her date behind her.

"Sean?" Reese asked. Her mouth was wide open in shock.

"Oh, hey, Reese," Sean said awkwardly. His heart galloped at being found out.

"Mommy!" Shauna exclaimed. She stood up and hugged Reese.

"Oh, so this is your daughter?" The man behind Reese said.

Reese turned tomato red as she admitted, "Yes, she is." She turned to Sean, clearly about to introduce him, when Shauna did it for her.

"This is my daddy," Shauna said.

"Oh!" There was a big o, formed on the man's lips. The athlete chuckled and said, "I get it now."

The man patted Shauna's head, saying, "I think your daddy is jealous."

Before Sean could say anything, a young boy approached Reese's date and asked for an autograph. Only then did Sean recognize the man. It was Oscar Bennett, the athlete known to break the record for joining regular competitions despite being disabled.

Sean's envy disappeared. He stood up and extended his hand to Oscar, saying, "I can't believe I failed to recognize you. It's nice to meet you in the flesh, Oscar. You are doing amazing out there, a great inspiration to people. H

Instead of leaving, Oscar and Reese chatted at the same table with Sean. Sean felt Oscar may have sensed a need for his exit later on. The athlete suggested getting ready for a flight the next day.

Sean watched as Oscar said goodbye to Reese. He said, "I don't know if I'll have another special dinner with you next time, Reese." He turned to Sean, chuckling, "Maybe not, I guess. But either way, it was lovely to meet you."

Oscar shook Sean's hand again, saying, "Take care of Reese. She is a really great gal."

When Oscar left, Sean saw Reese flushing in her seat. He proposed, "Let's go to the mansion and talk."