

Chapter 30 The Fifteenth Place

Emily looked at the female classmate with a smile, saying, "Thank you, Rose."

Rose turned to look at Alyssa disdainfully. "It's so annoying that Alyssa thinks so highly of herself. I guess she is here only because that her family bought off the competition organizer. That's disgusting."

"Exactly, the results will come out soon. Let's see how Alyssa is going to make fun of herself. Rose is right that she is here only because of her family. I am afraid she has no solid stuff in her mind at all."

At the words, Emily cast a glance at Alyssa and mocked her inwardly.

She thought that what her classmates said was right. Alyssa would make fun of herself when the results were released soon.

At the evil discussion on her, Alyssa did not get mad. Instead, she reflected on her previous behavior and thought that if she behaved well, she would not have incurred so many haters.

Alyssa did not refute others like before. Ella took her hand, suggesting, "There is a store over there. Let's get some water before the results are displayed."

Alyssa knew that Ella was worried that she might get into a fight with those haters.

But Alyssa knew she would not. Instead, she was only mad at herself.

Ella was surprised that Alyssa had no intention to argue with those hateful schoolmates, asking, "Alyssa, are you alright?"

"I'm fine."

"About what they said..."

"Say whatever they want to say. It's their business, and I don't give a damn. Ella, let's ignore them."

Just then, the results of the second group came out.

Ella and Alyssa turned their heads together. Immediately, the former held Alyssa's hand excitedly. "Look at your score. That's awesome. It's ninety-five point nine. Well done!"

Without looking at other people's scores, Alyssa's score alone was enough to stun everyone on the scene.

"No way! How could Alyssa achieve such a good grade? That's impossible. I don't buy it."

"But this is a fair competition, and the score is an average of the marks of the three examiners. There can be no mistake."

"Gosh, did Alyssa really rely on her own to get to tenth place in the department last time? How is that possible?"

At the words, Emily's expression grew gloomy, and she turned to look at Alyssa.

How was this possible?

Alyssa was supposed to be an academic loser.

How come she performed well even in a speech competition?

Emily had asked about it and learned that Alyssa was poor at public speaking.

Emily had known Alyssa for three years and thought she was clear of the latter's true colors.

Those examiners must have cheated for Alyssa.

Alyssa got that score only because the Graham Family was wealthy and influential.

Alyssa felt glad that all her hard work paid off. However, such a high score was totally beyond her expectation.

She then checked out the other candidates' scores in the second group. Most of them were around 92, while hers was the only one above 95.

Ella held Alyssa's hand tightly, beaming with joy. "I knew you'll ace it! I was right!"

Ella felt genuinely happy for Alyssa as such an excellent grade indicated that the latter was really working hard.

Witnessing Ella's thrill, Alyssa regretted not cherishing her in the previous life.

It was until this life did Alyssa could tell who loved her for real.

The overall results of the competition came out quickly.

Ella ranked second, Alyssa ranked fifteenth, and Emily ranked sixteenth.

Emily looked at Alyssa in defiance, but the latter did not spare a glance at her.

In Emily's eyes, Alyssa was being too arrogant.

What was there to be proud of? Alyssa was not in the top three, just like Emily.

Emily then took her eyes off Alyssa. But to her surprise, after the awards ceremony, the three examiners actually commented on the entire competition. They even played several recorded speeches as excellent examples, including Alyssa's.

Upon hearing Alyssa's voice, Emily turned to leave. But other candidates' murmuring reached her ears.

"Is that Alyssa's voice? Her tone is so pleasing and natural."

"Well, that sentence doesn't sound grammatical, though." A picky male candidate pointed out the problem.

A female candidate spoke up for Alyssa. "That's why this is a speech competition. Not like essays or other types of writings, grammar isn't that significant as long as it doesn't hinder communication."

"True. The speech is a comfortable one for me."

Emily turned her head to look at the speakers, whose scores were also lower than Alyssa's.

She wondered how they did not feel ashamed at all at the fact that they were beaten by an academic loser.

Emily could not stand it any longer and turned to run out of the crowd in a hurry.

After the competition, Alyssa treated Ella to a dinner.

In a western-style restaurant...

Alyssa expressed her gratitude sincerely, "Ella, thank you."

"Stop being mushy. We grew up and went to school together. You don't have to thank me. Wait, Alyssa, you're not asking me to do you a favor, are you? Let me make it clear. I will help you with those I can apart from those evil deeds, you know."

"What kind of evil deeds do you think I can do?" Alyssa stared at Ella, saying, "Don't worry, I won't ask you to help me skip class, or take exams for me, or hide from my family about my dating a douche bag."

Ella looked into Alyssa's eyes. "You..."

"I've thought it through. Currently, the most significant thing for me is my schooling. I'll work hard on it and really appreciate that you lent me those notes and encouraged me when I had no confidence."

"Alyssa, is everything alright?"

"Everything is fine."

Alyssa shook her head and took a sip of her juice.

"But you are different than before."

"Imagine that I had a dream." Alyssa curled up her lips, saying, "And that dream told me how to lead a good life."

"You and Ryan...Alyssa, you're not asking me to help you escape, are you? I can't help you with that. There's really...nothing I can do."

"Don't be ridiculous. I don't want to escape."

Ella looked at Alyssa, then took her hand, saying, "Listen, yesterday I saw Ryan and..."

At this point, she paused and looked at the doorway.

Alyssa tilted her head and saw Ryan and another woman sitting directly next to them. It seemed that they did not see Alyssa and Ella at all.

"They..." Ella looked at Alyssa, saying, "Don't get mad."

"I'm not mad."

Alyssa actually had no fluctuation in her heart at all.

Ella reached out to hold Alyssa's hand for fear that she would do something on impulse.

"Ryan, I don't have money. Could you please give me some?" The woman's voice was sweet and seductive.

"Well...Not for today. I came here today to ask you to do me a favor."