

## Chapter 145 A Woman Like Miss Edwards

Holly had always been known to be a calm and very composed person. No matter what happened around her, she wouldn't panic. She did an excellent job of hiding her real emotions and could also comport herself in the way she liked. ④

But at that very moment, when she saw the level of intimate affection between Gabrielle and Miley, she became perturbed all of a sudden. She noticed that they bonded so well like they had known each other for ages.

She remembered that the first time her cousin, Helena went to the Morris family with Westley in the past, she was never treated lovingly by Miley. ⑤

This was because, in the heart of the old lady, she didn't think that Helena would be an excellent granddaughter-in-law to her. When Holly heard about it then, she was very happy, although she didn't show it openly. ⑥

But as it were right now, she didn't expect that Gabrielle would warm her way into Miley's heart. 'How did she achieve this?' Holly reasoned silently. Gabrielle not only married Westley, but she also got the authorization of Miley.

In the Morris family, just the words of two people mattered and these people were Miley and Westley. Gabrielle had these two people on her side which made Holly feel a huge sense of catastrophe.

If she had lost to Helena, she would have understood perfectly. By the way, Helena was far better than her in all ramifications. But then, who the hell did Gabrielle think she was? She was just an adopted daughter of the Jones family who was just lucky enough to get married to Westley. The way Gabrielle's life turned around in an instant surprised Holly in no small way.

The more she thought about how lucky Gabrielle was, the angrier she got.

"I also want to be close to Grandma," Mia said as she quickly got close to Miley and held her hand, thereby blocking

Holly out of the way. 7

With what had just happened, Holly became sad instantly. She would have also wanted to hold Miley's hand, but Mia had beaten her to it.

'What's going on? What is Mia also doing here?' Holly asked herself in surprise.

"Miss Robinson?" Holly called out to be sure she was the one.

"Hello there, nice to meet you. I didn't know that I am so famous now to the extent that people know me without me having to introduce myself. Are you one of my fans, Miss Edwards?" When Mia heard Holly call her, she looked at her with a cheeky smile. 8

Holly was pissed off by what Mia had said. Though Mia was well-known in the upper class, she was a troublemaker. Her character exuded arrogance and pride. But above all, she was the only daughter of the Robinson family, and her brother always protected her interest. On that account, with the protection of the Robinson family and her older brother, Micheal, she became rebellious and wasn't afraid of offending anybody. If



she didn't like someone, she would directly attack the person impolitely. Though she offended a lot of people, no one could do anything serious to caution her.

Mia was a very special lady. She didn't have very many friends and also didn't have sisters. For this reason, she could do whatever she wanted and get away with it. She had fought with others in the past and was suspended from school.

Even though Holly just returned to Antawood, she had already heard all of Mia's escapades because she was very special and also popular.

When Holly thought again of how Mia asked if she was one of her fans, she was angry. 'Who was she referring to as one of her fans? This girl must be going insane!' Holly gritted her teeth in anger.

Holly was the most famous designer in the city. It should be said that Mia was her fan and not the other way around.

Holly knew that Mia said what she said on purpose to piss her off and she succeeded.

But then, she didn't expect that his special girl who had never made friends with anyone before could become friends with Gabrielle. To her, it was a great miracle.

It was obvious that birds of the same feather flocked together.

"Hello, Miss Robinson," Holly said as she had to pretend to be calm and gentle.

"Miss Edwards, I'm a good friend of Gabrielle, and I can see that you are also a good friend of her husband. Ultimately, that means we are also friends,"

Mia said sharply. A sweet and bright smile appeared on her face.

But there was also a smirk in her eyes, and Holly could see through it easily.

Of course, Holly was not so dumb to think that a rebel like Mia would want to make friends with her because of Gabrielle and Westley. Besides, Holly was not willing to become her friend.

"Of course, yes, we can be friends," Holly said with a fake smile and nodded her

head. Obviously, Holly didn't want to be Mia's friend, but since Miley was there, she decided to put on her best behavior to be in the old lady's good books.

"Since we are now friends, you shouldn't be angry with me since I've taken this position now."

Mia smiled and looked at Holly with puppy eyes.

Holly knew what she was talking about: she was talking about the position beside Miley.

At that moment, Holly was angry, but she decided to act mature about the whole issue and not make a fuss, or else she would look very stingy and inconsiderate.

"Why should I be mad at you, Miss Robinson? It's okay for anyone to hold Grandma's arm. There's nothing wrong in that," Holly said generously with a weak smile on her face.

"You are very sophisticated and generous, Miss Edwards. In the past, my mother told me that a lady should be like you. Not only are you gentle in character, but

you have a very calm temper and you're also very accommodating. Besides your talent and intelligence, you're also very beautiful. Seeing you today has changed my orientation about you. It is very clear that my mother has good taste and for this reason, I hope to learn from you in the nearest future. I'll also try my best to be more accommodating like you in the future." Everybody knew that Mia was used to spewing nonsense from her mouth and it wasn't any different now.

'A lady?' Gabrielle shook her head in pity.

'A woman who acts like a monkey could be a lady?' Gabrielle thought again as she laughed in her mind.

To Gabrielle, this had to be the funniest joke of the century.

If Mia could become a lady, then Gabrielle would think that she could become the wife of the president. Nothing could stop her.

'This girl just likes talking nonsense, and now, she's doing that with Holly. Is she not afraid that Holly will challenge her?' Gabrielle reasoned inwardly.

When Mia saw Gabrielle's face, she knew that Gabrielle didn't believe her. But then, Mia didn't want to expose her publicly.

"I'm not as good as you're saying, Miss Robinson. I'm flattered by your comments," Holly remarked with a smile.

Gabrielle would never be able to smile in such a way in her whole lifetime.

But she wouldn't force herself to learn what she knew that she couldn't do.

"I'm being sincere. My mother doesn't hide the fact that she likes girls like you very much. She even told my brother that he should marry a girl like you for a wife when he's ready to settle down." Mia was getting more presumptuous. 'Does she even know the implication of what she was saying?' Gabrielle reasoned silently.

Although Gabrielle couldn't stand it anymore, she didn't interrupt her from speaking.

"I'm honored, Miss Robinson. But I believe that an excellent and handsome



young man like Mr. Robinson deserves a far better woman than me," Holly said humbly.

Mia raised her eyebrows and smiled. She knew Holly's type. "Miss Edwards, being too humble just means being too proud. I'm telling you the truth. Who knows, maybe my brother likes girls like you. My brother is also here with us today. He and Gabrielle's husband are having a mountain climbing competition. Both of them are just so childish!"

Mia's last statement was the highlight of her whole speech.

Everybody knew that Mia was a scheming gossip. She was also very interested in gossiping about how men and women fell in love. She could also tell when something was wrong if she looked closely. ①

As a result of this, the moment she saw Holly, she knew that Holly felt bitter towards Gabrielle because of Westley. ②

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Holly's face slightly contorted in surprise. She had thought that Westley would have accompanied Miley right from the start of the mountain. After all, it wouldn't have been safe for Gabrielle and Miley to climb the mountain by themselves.

But then Holly thought about the kind of man Westley was. He was known for being an arrogant, lone wolf, not for his kindness. Even when he had been around Helena, he had reluctantly agreed to go hiking after much forcing and encouraging by her. ③

But after hearing what Mia said, Holly was sure that Westley had come with Miley and Gabrielle from the start.

Thinking of this, Holly felt a sharp, sad stab in her heart.

Holly didn't feel good about this. It was bad enough that Westley had accompanied Miley and Gabrielle to the mountain, but it was even worse that

Gabrielle was actually here in the same place as Holly.

"Miss Edwards, what's wrong?" Mia was overjoyed when she saw Holly's face had gone pale.

She had guessed right.

Holly was jealous.

How could she to try her attempts on him now that he was Gabrielle's husband?

"I'm fine. You mentioned ... Did Westley come with you?" Holly called Westley by his name, displaying the intimacy she felt towards him by doing so.

It was Westley.

How did Holly have the audacity to call Westley by his first name like that? This indicated some type of underlying issue. <sup>1</sup>

Gabrielle was unaccustomed to fighting Holly face to face so openly, but Mia would help her.

"Yes, Mr. Morris is competing against my brother now in climbing up the mountain. I do believe my brother will

have the upper hand because Mr. Morris has to carry Gabrielle's backpack and it's going to be an added burden for him to climb the mountain with it," Mia said dramatically. ②

Gabrielle couldn't help but glare at Mia when she said this. "Let's not exaggerate, Mia. My backpack barely has anything in it; it's not heavy at all."

"Gabrielle is right. Westley will be able to carry a small bag without much weight. It will be a piece of cake for him for sure." Miley agreed with Gabrielle.

A shadow fell over Holly's face. Not only did Westley accompany Gabrielle to climb the mountain, but he was also carrying her belongings for her now.

What did that mean?

It meant that he thought very highly of Gabrielle and she had secured a special place in his heart. Why else then, with the kind of temper that he had, would he agree to carry her bag if he didn't want to? ②

It was obvious he had volunteered to do so, without anyone forcing him to.

The more Holly thought about it, the less she could stand it all. Westley shouldn't have been so good to Gabrielle, albeit accompanying her here. He shouldn't have betrayed Helena this way. <sup>11</sup>

"Miss Edwards, are you okay? You look very uncomfortable. You'd better not climb the mountain now. I think you should go back and have a rest." Mia seemed to care about Holly very much.

Holly did look a little unwell as all the color had drained from her face. She was tired, sure, but those who knew her well would know why she felt this way.

"It's okay. The studio has been open for a few days, and I've been really busy and sleep-deprived. That's why I came to ease the tension by climbing this mountain today. I also didn't want to come alone, which is why I invited Austin to accompany me," Holly explained.

Austin didn't say a word the entire time. He followed them at his own pace, but his eyes were fixated on Gabrielle the whole way.

He heard everything they said. He hadn't expected Westley to change so much.

He had loved Helena in the past, but he certainly didn't go out of his way for her, let alone accompany her on hikes and carry her backpacks for her, like he was doing for Gabrielle.

But he had heard gossip and rumors that Westley had dragged Gabrielle here and forced her into a fake marriage as a punishment for Bryce spiriting away Nellie.

Now, however, it didn't seem to be a fake marriage. Austin realized that Westley had truly fallen in love with Gabrielle. ③

"I didn't expect Austin to so leisurely to accompany someone on a hike up a mountain. Of course, I guess he would if the person is beautiful," Mia joked.

Austin glanced at her indifferently and then continued to gaze at Gabrielle. "We're just friends. Holly just said she wanted to climb the mountain, and I wanted to visit Grandma so I thought I'll come."

Austin was not the kind of man to

accompany people on hikes—more so not Holly if she was the beauty they were referring to.

"So Brother Austin, you are here to visit Grandma, is it?" Gabrielle asked him interestedly.

"I came here mainly to visit Grandma and to climb the mountain with Holly. I haven't been out for a long time. I went to Grandma's house first, but there was no one there. I guessed that she had come here to climb the mountain, but I didn't expect you and my cousin would also be here." Austin just told the truth.

Gabrielle finally understood that all of this was Holly's idea. Austin's first priority was to visit his Grandma and his second was to accompany Holly, who was just his ordinary friend.

What would Holly make of this?

Holly didn't look good. What happened to these men? None of them took her into consideration at all.

Obviously she was much better than Gabrielle, but none of these men cared about her as much. ①



On one hand, Westley married Gabrielle, and on the other it seemed that Austin also cared about her as much.

'Wait! Does Austin really care about Gabrielle?'

What was the relationship between the two of them?

Holly had never thought about the relationship between Austin and Gabrielle. But now it seemed that they were not indeed strangers, nor were they cousins.

Holly knew that there were many people in Antawood that called him Austin, but few people actually called him Brother Austin, especially women. And Gabrielle still called him Brother Austin...

It must be Austin's acquiescence that she called him that. 'What a scheming woman!' ①

"Yes. Westley and I came here yesterday and stayed with Grandma for two days, and then Grandma took us to climb Isido Mount today. We didn't expect to meet you here, though. Will you be coming to



Grandma's mansion today?" Gabrielle asked Austin curiously.

Since Austin was Miley's grandson it wouldn't be surprising for him to visit her and stay there.

But Holly was different. She was essentially an outsider even though she was the granddaughter from a noble family. Moreover, Miley did not care much for Holly, so it was uncertain whether she would invite Holly over to her house.

"I just want to see how Grandma is doing, and if she's happy and well. If you welcome me and would like me to, of course I will stay," Austin joked.

Miley pursed her lips and smiled at him playfully. "Austin, when did you become so polite? You're welcome to come over and stay whenever you like."

"Yes, yes, Grandma, I'm sorry for being so polite. Can I stay at yours today if possible?" Austin was not only asking Miley, but also insinuating at Gabrielle as she would be staying there, too.

"What if I say no?" A low, charming sort

of voice belonging to a male cut in. 9

