

## Chapter 1087 Laura's Feelings

Laura's eyes brimmed with tears at the mention of her grandfather, Sumner. A sudden ache gripped her chest.

All the feelings Laura had kept inside burst out uncontrollably.

Tears streamed down her cheeks as she collapsed into Liam's arms, overwhelmed by the pain of losing her grandfather.

Liam held her close, his sadness overshadowing any sense of joy. Because he also felt the weight of this endless agony!

Liam could see his own grief mirrored in Laura's eyes.

He gently comforted her, saying, "Sumner would be proud of you. Laura, as long as you're alive, you have the chance to avenge Sumner!"

Laura absorbed Liam's words, silently agreeing with him as she nodded.

After a while, a blush colored Laura's cheeks as she realized she was still wrapped in Liam's comforting embrace.

Lost in her thoughts, Laura caught a whiff of Liam's

masculine scent, which stirred a whirlwind of emotions within her. Her mind raced.

Seeing that Liam had embraced and comforted her, Laura misunderstood what Liam meant.

Unable to contain her feelings any longer, Laura took a deep breath and locked eyes with Liam.

Before Liam could react, Laura summoned her courage and planted a bold kiss on Liam's cheek!

Liam felt a jolt of surprise when Laura's soft, rosy lips grazed his cheek. His expression changed.

In that instant, a realization hit him like a ton of bricks.

Had Laura developed feelings for him?

Despite their similar ages, Liam had always treated Laura with a protective edge, like she were his younger sister.

He hadn't expected her to start developing feelings for him.

A small crease formed between Liam's brows as he thought about this.

He knew he needed to refuse Laura, or the situation could get messy in the future.

Right now, all Liam could think about was saving Julie and Asher.

Despite Shayla's persistent attempts at flirting, Liam



had politely turned her down each time.

As he thought about it, Liam paused, trying to figure out the best way to express himself without hurting Laura's feelings. He looked at Laura, his tone serious. "I've always thought of you as family, Laura."

Liam didn't outright reject Laura; instead, he carefully explained he couldn't return her feelings.

Though inexperienced, Laura wasn't clueless. Liam's message was loud and clear to her.

A sour expression crossed Laura's face, revealing the hurt of being turned down.

The little spark of attraction Laura felt for Liam was killed by Liam's words.

Laura didn't have Shayla's passionate intensity. When she realized Liam had rejected her, she held back her emotions, giving a small nod.


"I understand," she said softly. "Don't worry. I'll keep my distance from now on."

After a pause, she added, "Liam, maybe it's best if we go our separate ways. With my strength, I am just a burden. I'm not much help to you. I might even drag you down."

After hearing Laura's words, Liam finally understood Laura.

Laura's determination to absorb all the energy of the

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
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beast crystals wasn't just about avenging her grandfather; it was also because she didn't want to burden him!



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