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Chapter 891 Unable to Move on Part Five

Natalie was taken aback and stared at Sophia with mixed emotions.

“Sophia, I...” Natalie was speechless.

“Mommy, when will Daddy come to visit us?”

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Natalie was unable to answer the question.

She refused to tell her children that she was abandoned by their father.

At the same time, Natalie had no idea how to ease the situation.

Presumably noticing Natalie’s hesitation, Sophia asked softly, “Is my question that hard to answer?”

Natalie was harsh on her sons, but when it came to Sophia, she had a soft spot for her. If it were Franklin, Xavian, or Clayton who asked the question, they would be lambasted almost immediately. Nonetheless, instead of feeling enraged at Sophia’s question, Natalie felt guilty and ashamed.

“It’s not hard.”

“Really?” Sophia’s eyes lit up with hope.

“Yes.” Natalie nodded. “Since when did Mommy lie to you? But Daddy is really occupied with work right now. It will not be convenient for him to travel to Loang. However, he will take time out from work to video call you when he is free.”

“That’s great!”

Just the thought of speaking to Samuel via a video call was enough to put a smile on Sophia’s face.

Natalie carried Sophia back to her room.

After the five children fell asleep, Natalie quietly exited the bedroom and headed toward the study.

Having made a promise to Sophia, Natalie was determined to keep it.

Natalie pulled out her phone and started browsing for Samuel's number. She took three deep breaths before calling.

"Ring..."

He did not pick up the phone.

Just when Natalie wanted to put down the phone, she heard a familiar voice from the other end of the call.

"Hello."

His voice, like how it had always been, was magnetic and unique.

"It's me."

"I know."

"I'm not bothering you and Ms. Garcia, am I?" Natalie chuckled.

"No."

"All right. I'll keep this short." Natalie was trying to portray a nonchalant attitude. "I found a kindergarten for the children in Loang, and their applications have already been submitted for processing. They'll be able to start school next week. Also, I have a favor to ask. Can you at least speak to the children for half an hour every week? That way, they won't miss you as much."

Natalie acted naturally. Little did Samuel know, Natalie was unable to move on and she was shielding herself from the pain that would ensue, should she continue to be entangled with him.

"Sure." Samuel agreed without hesitation.

"Thank you..."

Natalie heaved a sigh of relief.

"Okay, that will be all. I'm hanging up."

Natalie wanted to put down the phone quickly, but Samuel stopped her in her tracks.

"Wait!"

"What?"

"Did you tell the children about my marriage with Luna?" asked Samuel.

“No,” said Natalie. “I don’t plan to tell them anytime soon. I understand the pain of not having a father figure, and I don’t want them to go through what I experienced when I was small. If you are still aware of your responsibilities as a father, I hope you can cooperate with me on this. The longer we can keep this from them, the better.”

“I’m sorry...”

“I don’t need this.” Natalie smiled bitterly. “You know what I need.”

“I cannot give you what you want.”

Perhaps that was the conundrum faced by two intellectual individuals with their own distinct thoughts.

Despite knowing that the marriage proposal was a red herring, neither of them took a step further.

After putting down the phone.

Samuel replayed the recording of the call again and again, until a notification popped out, reminding him that his phone’s battery was low.

He initially thought that he was able to conceal his feelings, but it turned out to be harder than expected.

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Chapter 892 Take Mommy Away Part One

That night, Natalie didn’t sleep well. Her memories with Samuel played back in her mind like a broken record.

The memories were engraved into her bones, and she couldn’t forget them no matter how hard she tried.

Eventually, she decided to give up sleeping and wake up early to prepare breakfast for the children with Emma.

When Emma saw that she was up that early, she couldn’t help but say, “Ms. Nichols, it’s still very early. You should sleep a little longer.”

“It’s okay. I couldn’t sleep, so I got up early.” Natalie smiled at Emma. “Allow me to learn how to make breakfast with you. If I’m slowing you down, I can watch and learn from aside.”

“Ms. Nichols...”

Emma could only comply after seeing Natalie's determination, and proceed to prepare some oatmeal porridge and sausages for the kids with her.

It took them nearly an hour.

When the five children got out of bed and freshened up, they came downstairs and saw Natalie bringing the oatmeal porridge into the dining room.

"Mommy, did you make breakfast for us today?" Clayton asked curiously.

"Yes!" Natalie nodded. "Why? Are you worried that it won't be good?"

"No, no." Clayton shook her head like a rattle. "Mommy's breakfast is the tastiest breakfast in the world!"

"Hm! Of course it is!"

The five children sat in their chairs and looked at the steaming fried eggs, sausages, and freshly cooked oatmeal porridge.

They picked up their fork and hurriedly began eating with sweet and bright smiles.

Natalie ate at a slower pace as she looked at the five children with contentment in her heart.

Even after experiencing confusion and anxiety, their happy faces made Natalie feel warmth in her heart.

"Mommy, why aren't you eating?" Yumi asked when she was halfway through her plate.

"Right." Natalie stroked Yumi's little head and said with a smile. "I'll eat!"

Just like that, Natalie and her five children enjoyed a pleasant breakfast in the dining room.

When Natalie was wiping her mouth with a napkin, the doorbell rang.

"Ms. Nichols, I'll go have a look," Emma spoke as she walked toward the corridor.

Soon, a man in military uniform appeared in front of Natalie and the children.

After not seeing Jerome for half a year, his youthful spirit had faded a lot. His experience in the military camp had made his composure upright and dignified. His eyebrows were stern, but he wore a smile, making him look gentle.

When Natalie got to see Jerome again, she was stunned for a moment. Then, she exclaimed in surprise, “Little brother?”

“Don’t address me in such old fashion.” Jerome was annoyed to hear those two words. “I have a name and a title. You can call me anything else, but don’t address me like when we were little.”

Natalie simply thought Jerome didn’t want to be addressed that way because he had matured and had strong self-esteem. Hence, she compromised and said, “Okay! I’ll call you Jerome, is that fine?”

“That’s better.” Jerome smiled even wider.

Natalie stood up from her seat and walked toward Jerome, only to find him taller than her. Her height only reached his neck.

“Jerome, I just visited Uncle Daniel and Aunt Patricia yesterday, and I got to see you today. What a coincidence—”

Before she could finish her words, Jerome had already hugged Natalie in his arms.

Natalie was only momentarily dazed by the hug. After all, she grew up with him in the countryside as a child.

However, the five children, especially Franklin and Sophia, were alarmed when they saw it.

Oh no!

A man wants to take Mommy away!

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Chapter 893 Take Mommy Away Part Two

Franklin was the first to lose his patience when they saw a stranger hugging Natalie.

He walked toward Jerome and tugged at his sleeve. “Hey! How long do you intend to keep hugging her?”

Hearing the unwelcoming voice coming from the side of his legs, Jerome let go of Natalie and switched his gaze to the delicate-looking little boy.

Franklin frowned like a cub and warned him.

“Natalie, who is he?” Jerome asked.

Natalie looked back and forth at Jerome and then at Franklin and Sophia. Then, she quickly returned to her senses and said, “Jerome, this is your first time seeing Franklin and Sophia. Do you remember that I once told you about the twins that were taken away by Yara? They survived, and they’re right here.”

“Mommy, who is he?” It was Franklin’s turn to ask.

“His name is Jerome Sutton. We grew up together when we were young. You may call him Mr. Sutton like Xavian and Clayton,” Natalie patiently explained to Franklin, Sophia, and Yumi.

Franklin, Sophia, and Yumi glanced at each other, then looked at Xavian and Clayton, who was just walking over to greet Jerome. “Hello, Mr. Sutton.”

Franklin, Sophia, and Yumi followed suit and said, “Hello, Mr. Sutton.”

Jerome didn’t feel any displeasure when Xavian approached him. On the contrary, he bent toward the three and chuckled. “You’re all Natalie’s children. I will protect you like how I protect Xavian and Clayton!”

There wasn’t the slightest hypocrisy nor the slightest reluctance in his smile. It was authentic.

Franklin, Sophia, and Yumi were mesmerized by his smile. Their tightly clenched fist gradually relaxed.

Emma saw the entire scene. When she opened the door, she thought the children’s father had returned. She didn’t expect him to be just Natalie’s friend. However, at Emma’s age, she could discern that the man in military uniform had feelings for Natalie.

She thought it was better for her to talk less and do more and wanted to prepare some tea and refreshments. “Sir, do you take tea or coffee?”

“It’s fine. Natalie should be going to work at this time. I’ll give her a ride,” Jerome turned to Natalie and asked, “Am I right?”

“Yeah.”

“I won’t bother you at work. I’ll just chat with you on the way,” Jerome smiled and said.

“Okay!” Natalie nodded and agreed as she had no reason to refuse.

After saying goodbye to the five children, Natalie and Jerome left the mansion together.

After they left, the five children gathered around and held a meeting.

“Xavian, Clayton, do you know this man?” Franklin asked.

“Yes. He’s Mommy’s childhood friend. He treats Mommy and us well,” Clayton bit his lip and said truthfully, “When we thought our real father was a scumbag, we considered him a candidate to be our stepfather.”

Xavian nodded as well. “I used his photo to edit the picture yesterday.”

“So will he be just a good friend of Mommy like Yandel and Mr. Trevor?” Franklin asked uncertainly, “If they’re just good friends, we don’t need to worry too much.”

“Well, Mr. Sutton is different from Yandel and Mr. Trevor...” Clayton said, “Mommy may regard him as a younger brother, but he might see Mommy as his girlfriend. You saw how he hugged Mommy, right? She was shocked. But Mr. Sutton hugged her so gently like a sweetheart!”

At that time, all five of them witness the same thing.

The four of them also understood what Clayton had said.

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Chapter 894 Take Mommy Away Part Three

“This is bad! Daddy has a rival now!” Sophia kept biting her finger.

“Let’s stay calm!” Franklin displayed the demeanor of the eldest brother and said, “Indeed, Mr. Sutton is a good person. However, Daddy is not bad either. Also, Mommy treats him like her younger brother. So let’s not jump to conclusions at the slightest bit of movement!”

“Also, Mommy won’t be swayed easily. Let’s observe them a little longer. If we notice something suspicious, we’ll call Daddy!”

Franklin’s words got the nod of approval from the other four children.

“Okay. Let’s wait for now.”

Sophia clenched her fist and silently prayed in her heart, hoping her father would come quickly to Loang.

In the car.

Natalie and Jerome chatted happily, oblivious to the children’s fears and worries.

"I heard Aunt Patricia said that you are pretty busy in the military camp. How are you here all of a sudden?" Natalie asked in a surprised tone.

With one hand on the steering wheel, Jerome smiled and said, "I'm on vacation."

"For how long?"

"Half a year."

"Six months?" Natalie was shocked. "The Loang military camp actually allowed you to have such a long vacation?"

"Why are you so surprised?" Jerome said casually, "I got such a long vacation thanks to unutilized leave and timeoffs. If I do not utilize them now, they'll all be burnt!"

"Well, a six-month vacation sure sounds nice." Natalie smiled at Jerome.

Jerome looked at Natalie's smile and felt slightly defeated because she still looked at him as her younger brother. Although he felt unhappy, there was nothing he could do about it.

The six-month-vacation was the time Jerome gave himself to pursue Natalie.

He wanted to use these six months to make Natalie see him in a whole new light. Not as a little brother but as a mature gentleman.

He knew her well, so he wasn't in a hurry to get his hands on her.

"Xavian and Clayton's father died. Did you know?" Jerome suddenly remembered and said.

"What?" Natalie wasn't mentally prepared to hear the shocking news. She could feel her heart squirming and writhing in pain. "Impossible!"

"It's true."

"That's not possible!" Natalie squeezed tightly onto her seatbelt with a troubled expression. She couldn't believe that something would happen to Samuel and that he would die.

"Natalie, why would I lie to you?" Jerome thought Natalie was surprised, so he continued, "According to the information I got, Marcus died in Chanaea half a year ago. He died in an explosion, and his body couldn't be found. I just want you to be mentally prepared if the children ask you about him..."

Natalie felt a gratifying sense of relief when she heard that it was Marcus who had died.

That's right!

Jerome doesn't know that Marcus isn't Xavian and Clayton's biological father. Their real birth father is Samuel.

The death he spoke about was related to Marcus, not Samuel.

Natalie's tense body suddenly relaxed. "I knew about Marcus's death. Xavian and Clayton knew it too."

"They knew?" This time, Jerome raised his eyebrows in surprise. "Since you knew, why were you so anxious about it?"

Natalie wasn't anxious about Marcus. Instead, she feared that it might be Samuel.

However, Natalie's subconscious made her feel uncomfortable.

She had already made up her mind. Since Samuel abandoned her, she decided to forget everything about him and bury all her memories with him deep in her heart. However, the misunderstanding just now overwhelmed her self-conceited emotions.

She was still worried about Samuel!

Despite her reaction, she would never admit that she cared about him.

"It was nothing," Natalie answered vaguely, "I didn't think of Marcus at first, but I remembered after you mentioned it later."

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Chapter 895 Cooperation Part One

Jerome wasn't entirely convinced.

Natalie guiltily squeezed the strap of her seat belt and looked away.

Her relationship with Samuel was too complicated, and Natalie hadn't figured out how to explain it to Jerome.

When they arrived at Dream, Jerome got out of the car, walked around to the passenger seat where Natalie was sitting, and gently opened the door for her.

"We're here!"

"Yeah." Natalie stared at Jerome. "Would you like to go in? Yandel is there too."

"It's fine." Jerome shook his head. "I have half a year's vacation ahead of me, and I'm not in a rush to see Yandel. I'll meet with him another time."

"Okay." Natalie nodded.

After Natalie walked into the building, Jerome got into his car, stepped on the accelerator, and drove away.

Yandel, who was by the French windows, saw Jerome dropping Natalie off at work.

"Boss, did Jerome drive you here?" Yandel placed a cup of freshly brewed coffee next to Natalie's hand. "I think he has ulterior motives."

Yandel never picked sides. Whether it was Samuel, Jerome, or even a deity, as long as his boss is happy, even if she took them all in, he wouldn't mind it. Yandel trusted Samuel back then, but he unexpectedly became a lost cause. He thought it would be good for Jerome to restore her well-being.

"What nonsense are you spouting this early in the morning?" Natalie took a sip of coffee and refreshed her mind. "Yandel, keep those absurd thoughts out of your head. Jerome is my little brother. He's a brat that has been following behind me since I was a child. Stop making wild guesses about us."

Yandel looked at Natalie as she refuted him and hurriedly raised his hands and surrendered.

"Of course!"

However, Yandel was nervous because of Jerome.

Natalie calling him her little brother only meant that she simply saw Jerome as a family and harbored no other feelings.

After the idle chat, Natalie began to focus on her work.

Her work in Loang was all about innovation and development. As it required more meticulous planning, Natalie would work day and night and it would go on for several days.

On Anna's first day at work, she brought in her first designs after her comeback.

Meeting Anna again after two years, Natalie was surprised to see that she had become more dazzling than before, like a whole new person.

"Anna, it's your first day at work, and you have a design idea already?" Natalie asked.

“Yes.” Anna handed over the manuscript. “It is said that one’s personality would surface through appearances. I also think that a designer’s inspiration arises through the heart. “When my marriage was a train wreck, I also had the idea of a comeback. However, my mind was stagnant like a swamp at that time. I didn’t have any inspiration.

“Now that I finally decided to step out of my divorce and start a new life with Kyle, my mind was filled to the brim with inspiration whenever I stood in front of the canvas.

“I named this series as—”

“Rebirth?” Natalie spoke ahead of Anna.

“How did you know! That I named this series ‘Rebirth’?” Anna asked in surprise.

“I didn’t. It was the design you gave me and the vibe I felt through your drawings. It felt like... Rebirth.” Natalie stared at the drawings of necklaces, earrings, and rings. There were exquisite and had the undertone of a strong woman’s optimism.

“Compared to Muse’s previous works, do you think this—”

“It’s better than Muse’s previous works,” Natalie put down the manuscript and said sincerely, “Muse’s talent lives up to her reputation, and the praises of many international professors were undeniable. You, who have settled down for two years and returned, now value creative emotions more than before. Therefore, the jewelry you designed is filled with more emotions than before.