

A Cue for Love chapter 976

Chapter 976 We Have A Father

Jerome dared not kiss Natalie back when he was young an inexperienced.

When he met her again when he was older, her life changed drastically. He was afraid that he would make her uncomfortable if he got close to her, so he got even more worried about taking initiative.

Jerome had risked his life training in the military during the years that he wasn't by Natalie's side. He managed to succeed in countless of his missions, all because he no longer wanted to be the snotty kid who always followed her. Instead, he wanted to be someone who can stand beside her and protect her.

As he brushed her bangs away and was about to kiss her on the lips, Natalie let out a burp and interrupted the moment.

Burp!

She suddenly opened her eyes and saw the handsome face that was right before her.

The alcohol had blurred her vision as well as her consciousness, and she thought she saw Samuel's face.

Samuel...

Are you finally back?

Her lips curled into a faint smile before she fell into a deep slumber.

The woman looked so much more innocent and alluring when she slept compared to when she was awake. She looked like an adorable doll that one would love and protect with all they had.

At the sight of this, Jerome smiled and shook his head.

Pushing himself up, he left Natalie's side and continued sipping on his glass of wine, the smile still on his face.

What's the rush?

We still have a long time ahead... I'm sure that she'll realize that I'm no longer just a little brother to her. Instead, I have become a man who would love and protect her for the rest of her life.

It was quite chilly at night.

Jerome found a blanket nearby and covered Natalie with it before getting up to leave the room.

In the corridor of the second floor, Sophia happened to wake up because she needed to go to the toilet.

At the sight of a man's silhouette, she quickly called out, "Daddy!"

Jerome turned to look when he heard that. He instantly saw the cute little girl who was hugging a teddy bear standing behind her.

Their eyes met, and Sophia instantly knew that she had mistaken him for someone else. Her face flushed red with embarrassment.

"Mr. Sutton!" She tightened her grip on her teddy bear as she asked, "W-Why are you here?"

The man walked over to her and crouched down before her so that he would be at her eye level.

He only knew about Clayton and Xavian previously and had only learned of Franklin, Sophia, and Yumi's existence recently.

She really is Natalie's biological daughter. They share so many similarities in terms of facial features, especially their eyes. She's practically a mini version of Natalie!

Jerome felt as though he was looking at a younger Natalie as he studied Sophia. He couldn't help but smile at the sight of the little girl.

"Mr. Sutton? Is there something funny about Sophia?" the little girl asked.

He patted her head and said gently, "You really look like your mother. You remind me of her when she was younger. You look just like her when she was a kid, but she was much fiercer than you are."

Fierce?

Sophia glanced up at the man in confusion. She could not imagine her mother being fierce at all.

"How can Mommy be fierce? Mommy's the most gentle person on Earth!" she said.

Jerome found her to be even cuter seeing how she was so protective of her mother.

He was quite fond of her even though they weren't blood-related.

"I was wrong." Jerome took her tiny hands and led her back to her room. "Sophia, it's not easy for your mommy to take care of the five of you. Can you let me take care of you guys?"

Sophia glanced at the hand that was holding her and shook her head.

"We have a daddy, Mr. Sutton!"

Jerome thought that she was talking about Marcus who had passed away, so he didn't try to argue with her.

"I won't be replacing your daddy's position. I just want to take care of the five of you and your mommy." Stopping in his tracks, he said, "We're here. Go to sleep. Goodnight."

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Chapter 977 Snatched From Your Hands

Sophia returned to her small pink bed after bidding goodnight, but she was feeling distressed.

This is bad... Daddy has a rival! Mr. Sutton looks so nice when he smiles. He also treats Mummy and the five of us very well. If it weren't because I've lived with Daddy for almost six years, I'd get swayed too! Daddy is here in Yaleview, but why didn't he show up? Why is he giving another man the chance to pursue Mummy?

Plagued with those thoughts, Sophie tossed and turned in her pink bed. But since she was still very young, she soon dozed off.

That night, Jerome did not leave Natalie's house. Instead, he stayed the night, sleeping on the living room's couch.

When Emma woke up to make breakfast, she was shocked to see Jerome on the couch.

"Ahh! You are..."

Emma raised her voice unwittingly since she had been startled. Afraid of disturbing Natalie and the children, Jerome said hurriedly, "Don't be scared. It's me."

At first, Emma had only seen the figure of a man, but now that she recognized it was Jerome, she breathed a sigh of relief.

"Oh, it's you, Mr. Sutton. You gave me a fright."

“Natalie and I were up drinking until late into the night. It wasn’t appropriate for me to find a random room to sleep in, so I rested on the couch.” Straightening his clothes, he smiled as he added, “Don’t mind me. I’ll wait for Natalie to wake up and say goodbye before leaving.”

Emma glanced at Jerome, contemplating what he had just said.

The kids have a biological father, but he has never shown his face here over the past month. On the contrary, Jerome seems like he’d be a good match for Ms. Nichols. He’s capable, courteous, and a true gentleman based on my observations.

“I’ll prepare some toiletries for you then, Mr. Sutton.”

“Thanks, Emma.”

When Natalie and the five little ones woke up two hours later, they found Jerome helping Emma in the kitchen.

Natalie rubbed her eyes that were still bleary from sleep and said sheepishly, “Jerome, I was so out of it yesterday that I fell asleep... and forgot all about you...”

Jerome laughed. “Even after not seeing you for a year, you still haven’t gotten any better at holding your liquor, but that’s all right. I’m used to it. Why don’t you and the kids come and have breakfast?”

“Okay.”

Natalie nodded and walked over to the dining table.

The children wore torn expressions as they watched how Jerome doted on Natalie.

After all, a human heart was not made of stone. It was clear that Jerome genuinely cared for Natalie, and if not for their father, they thought he would be a good match for their mother.

“Franklin! Sophia and Xavian! Clayton and Yumi! Why are you just standing there? Quick, come over here,” Natalie called out, gently waving them over.

With that, they walked to the dining table, dragging their feet, and sat down for breakfast.

One of the dishes was a breakfast wrap.

Jerome prepared one with vegetables and bacon, then held it out to Natalie.

“Huh?” Natalie was puzzled.

“Do me a favor and try this to see if it’s poisoned,” said Jerome.

“How childish!”

Despite saying that, Natalie could not stop a smile from tugging at her lips. She took the wrap from him and started eating with relish.

The children were stunned when they saw that. He’s way too good at flirting! This... It’ll surely give him an edge over Daddy!

Dumbfounded, they stared at the wrap in Natalie’s hands, their eyes as round and wide as saucers.

Noticing how they fixed their gazes on the breakfast wrap, Jerome pulled a plate toward him and began making more, placing one on each of the children’s plates.

“Here, I’ve wrapped one for each of you,” he said with a smile. “Let me know if you want more. I’ll make them for you.”

There was no question that the kids sided with Samuel, but they could not help wondering whether Natalie would choose Jerome over Samuel since she and the latter were still giving each other the silent treatment.

“Thank you...”

All five of them laughed awkwardly, then lowered their heads and started eating.

Daddy, if you don’t hurry up and come to your senses, Mommy will get snatched from your hands!

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Chapter 978 Five Anxious Children

Emma was also relieved to see Jerome getting along with the five kids.

I’ve heard from them that Ms. Nichols is a very capable woman. However, even the strongest of women would find it challenging to raise five little ones.

Earlier that morning, Emma had also made a point to observe Jerome discreetly as he helped her make breakfast. He did not say much, but he was neat and thorough, putting as much effort into preparing breakfast for the children as he would if he were their biological father.

Anyway, I’ve not seen any sign of the kids’ father here. It’d be a good thing if Ms. Nichols and the children had Ms. Sutton to care for them.

The quintet ate with worry in their hearts while Emma watched them with buoyant spirits. Only Natalie focused on tucking into her meal, oblivious to what the others were feeling and thinking.

After all, she and Jerome were very close.

In fact, he was like a younger brother to her.

Hence, regardless of how well he treated her, she had never thought of their relationship in that way.

A younger brother falling for her?

In her eyes, that was impossible!

As Natalie ate, she reached for the tablet on the table and began browsing the morning news.

The hottest news that morning was about Olivia exposing a famous actress to hormones and framing Dream Jewelry for it.

As a result, the Jones family's Cupid collection for the latest season had to be postponed indefinitely, and their reputation was in tatters, thus causing the company's stock prices to plummet.

The news showed the Jones family's office building, the mansion where they lived, and Bridger and the other family members.

Although the camera panned past the family quickly, Natalie still caught a glimpse of them. Bridger seemed to have aged overnight, Jada's eyes were red and swollen from crying, and even the usually arrogant Jerry looked dispirited.

After watching a little while longer, she turned off the tablet.

Even though Jerry had not harbored any ill intention toward her, she did not regret taking revenge against the Jones family.

Olivia owes me that much, and it's only fair for me to seek justice for myself and Yvette.

After taking a sip of milk, Jerome suggested with a smile, "Now that the company's affairs have been resolved and I've completed my mission successfully, why don't we go out and have some fun today? We'll go to one of those escape rooms that are all the rage now. What do you think?"

The five kids did not have much of a reaction.

After all, Natalie had always been focused on her work and rarely went out to have fun. Hence, they guessed she would turn down his suggestion immediately.

But to their surprise, Natalie readily agreed.

“Sure. Why not?”

The five little ones started coughing at the same time when they heard that.

When Natalie saw Franklin, Sophia, Xavian, Clayton, and Yumi start coughing one after another, she could not help shooting them a suspicious look.

“What’s going on? Why is it that when one of you coughed, the others followed suit?”

Clayton cleared his throat and piped up, “That’s because we want to go to an escape room too!”

“Oh?” Natalie had no idea that Clayton and the others were interested in escape rooms, so she was very surprised to hear that.

Nodding, Franklin turned to Natalie and said, “Yeah! We’ve always wanted to play that. It’s just that you haven’t had any free time because you’ve been busy with work. After hearing that you and Mr. Sutton are planning to go there, we want to join too!”

Franklin and Clayton’s intentions were as clear as day.

Catching on quickly, Sophia, Xavian, and Yumi nodded emphatically.

“We like playing that too!”

“Mommy, take us with you!”

“I want to play too!”

Hearing that, Natalie shot a glance at Jerome. “They’re all so eager to go. I’m their mother, so I should take them. It might be inconvenient for you if we asked you to go with us, so why don’t you—”

She had wanted to suggest that he find someone else to go with him. However, Jerome spoke before she could finish her sentence, saying, “It’s no inconvenience at all. When it comes to escape rooms, the more people, the merrier. It’ll be fun with the seven of us.”

The five children had thought Jerome would leave disheartened after his plan failed. The last thing they expected to see was that he genuinely did not seem to consider them a bother in the slightest.

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Chapter 979 I Cannot Tolerate Any Longer

The expressions on the five children's faces stiffened.

Clayton was sitting the closest to Jerome, and the latter reached out to gently pat his head. "Didn't you say that you were all interested in escape rooms? Now that we've said we'll take you to one, why does it seem like you're not too happy about it?"

Although Jerome's comment dove into the heart of the matter, the children could not express their true thoughts and only plastered a smile on their faces.

"What? No way! We're ecstatic!"

"Yeah! We're super excited!"

"Mr. Sutton, can't you see that we're smiling?"

Once they finished their breakfast, Jerome and Natalie left the table first while Emma bustled off to wash the dishes in the kitchen.

All five adorable kids held their heads in their hands, fraught with worry.

Yumi frowned as she asked, "What's up with Mommy today? Why did she agree so readily?"

Franklin nodded in agreement. "I was wondering the same thing. It stands to reason that Mommy must have plenty to attend to after resolving the crisis involving Dream. However, she went and agreed to go to an escape room with Mr. Sutton! That's so strange!"

"Daddy hasn't spent time with Mommy in a long time. Recently, Mr. Sutton's the one who has been by Mommy's side. He's also very nice to us."

It was Sophie who made that remark. After saying that, she proceeded to make a bold assumption.

"Do you think... Mommy has had a change of heart?"

As soon as she posed that question, they immediately became despondent.

It's over. Mommy has had a change of heart. Even if Daddy comes to his senses and returns, what's the point?

As they fretted over their parents' relationship, their faces became etched with sadness and anguish that did not befit their age.

When Emma returned to continue clearing the dining table, she saw the glum expressions on their faces.

"Mr. Sutton has already started the car and is waiting for you outside. Why are all of you still sitting here? Didn't you want to play that escape room or something?" she asked, interrupting their thoughts.

Unable to explain to Emma the reason for their low spirits, they could only force themselves to perk up.

"We were sitting here to let our stomachs digest our breakfast. We'll be off now."

"Ah, I see."

Emma nodded, not fully understanding.

Franklin and the others left the dining room and walked to the courtyard.

Since they were taking the kids, Jerome and Natalie were each going to drive one car and split the five children between the two vehicles.

The boys would go with Natalie while the girls would go in Jerome's car.

Once they had settled into their seats, Jerome and Natalie headed to Yaleview's most famous themed escape room.

Meanwhile, Samuel looked grim as he listened to Jesper's report.

"Mr. Bowers, after Jerome entered the mansion last night, he didn't leave until nine this morning. Even then, he didn't leave at once either. Instead, he and Ms. Nichols drove separately to a themed escape room with the five children."

"What's an escape room?" Samuel interrupted, his gaze turning stormy.

After a brief pause, Jesper explained, "Escape rooms are where the younger generation gather and hang out nowadays. The rooms are designed according to various themes. However, the basic premise is that the participants get locked in a room where they have to find clues and solve puzzles to unlock the door and escape... To make it out, they have to rely on things like their mental and physical skills as well as teamwork. There are also many different themes available."

"A man and a woman locked up in a room alone?" Samuel asked with a piercing gaze.

Jesper dared not respond to that question.

“And they have to be in constant physical contact in that room?” Samuel continued.

Jesper gulped.

I don't think I used those terms while talking about the escape room.

Samuel had already struggled to suppress his anger after hearing that Jerome had stayed the night at the mansion. Now that he had learned that Jerome was going to get locked up in a room with only Natalie, he felt as if he was about to lose his mind.

“Mr. Bowers... Actually, the five children will also be there...” Jesper reminded Samuel softly.

However, Samuel did not hear a word he said. Grabbing the coat next to him, Samuel strode out.

In such situations, tolerance is key. However, I really can't tolerate it any longer!