

# Been Yours 1081

## Chapter 1081

The whole family woke up early that weekend. After a simple breakfast, they drove over to the beach. Timothy went with them. They got to the pier and took a yacht out into the ocean. While they were making their way to the island, Gregory pressed his face against the window to stare at the blue skies outside. "This place is so beautiful, Mommy."

"It is. It really puts you in a good mood, doesn't it?" Tessa was pleased with the view before her eyes, and she beamed as she responded to her son. Nicholas sat by the side with a loving smile on his face as he gazed at the mother and child.

A while later, the yacht arrived at an island, and Tessa helped Gregory off the boat. They were instantly mesmerized by the view of the island. There was a stretch of greenery that welcomed them, and birds were chirping in the air as they walked around. As they walked along the shoreline, they couldn't see the end of it. The clean and clear ocean water lapped against their feet as they took a stroll on what felt like heaven on earth. The place was gorgeous.

"Woah! Mommy! I love this place!" Gregory cried out in joy. Tessa loved the place just as much— she felt like she had walked into a painting. "Do you like it?" someone said gently into her ear. Nicholas leaned in to wrap his arms around her waist as he lowered his head to gaze at her. Tessa nodded. "I love it. How did you find this place?"

along the shoreline with an arm around her. Gregory realized that he was falling behind, and he was the boy—instead, he bent down and picked the kid up. "You idiot. Couldn't you tell that

his father was doing. When Timothy saw the huge pout on Gregory's face, he let out a loving chuckle. Timothy walked a distance behind the couple while Nicholas continued to tell Tessa about the island. "This place is very well preserved, and the weather here feels like springtime throughout the year. I figured that you'd like this place, so I bought a villa here. The beach is right behind our

they talked. When Tessa saw the huge house in front of her, she was too stunned to believe her eyes. it?"

led her into the house. The villa was

There was a floor-to-ceiling window

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Tessa turned to give Nicholas a puzzled look. Timothy had noticed this a while ago, and he could guess the reason for the empty island, but he turned to look at his brother-in-law anyway. Nicholas gave Tessa a gentle pinch on her nose when he saw the confusion in her eyes. "This part of the beach is a private beach that belongs to our villa. Outsiders aren't allowed here," he said with a laugh.

Tessa's initial surprise was followed by a surge of happiness. This means that I can play on the beach with my children in the future, and we won't have to worry about outsiders bothering us! Gregory didn't

understand what a private beach was, but he was just as happy when he saw the waves crashing onto the shore. "Mommy, I want to play in the water!" Gregory held his head up to give his mother a puppy-eyed look. His delicate and flawless facial features made him seem especially adorable, and Tessa couldn't bear to reject the young boy when he looked like that.

Furthermore, Tessa was also tempted to play in the ocean when she saw the amazing view in front of her. So, she turned to look at Nicholas without saying anything. Nicholas gave in at the sight of his son and wife staring at him, but he was still concerned about their safety. "You guys can play close to the shore. Don't go too deep into the waters," he reminded them.

The earlier part of his sentence was directed to Tessa, while the latter part was specifically toward Gregory. Once Gregory received his parents' approval, he quickly urged Tessa to make a move. "Let's go, Mommy. I'll pick some seashells for you," he said.

had a loving look in her eyes as she allowed the small boy to drag her toward the ocean. As Nicholas and Timothy watched the mother and son from the back, they both thought about how nice and peaceful life felt

ocean seem especially tempting to Timothy. After a short while, he decided to challenge Nicholas. "Why don't we have

with work, he was very particular about his physique. He had pale skin, but his body was firm and sculpted. Nicholas, on the other hand, had a slightly tanner skin tone from his years in

father and uncle walking into the ocean in their swimming trunks, he called out to them in an innocent competition. Between your father and me, who do you think is going to

didn't hesitate before responding. "My daddy, of course! Daddy's the

-who do you think will win?" Tessa could immediately tell what was going on in Timothy's mind, but she blinked a few times before responding. "You know me, Timothy. I'm really bad at telling lies." In other words, she was implying that she supported Nicholas as well. Her words felt like a stab to

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Being the good-tempered man Nicholas was, he went along with Timothy's requests. Meanwhile, Tessa stayed on the shore with her feet in the water as she kept an eye on Gregory. She had just recovered a while ago, so she didn't do anything too strenuous. After they were done playing at the beach, they all returned to the villa. That afternoon, the cook prepared a grand feast consisting primarily of seafood.

However, both Tessa and Gregory were mildly allergic to seafood, so they didn't try the prawns at all. Instead, they ate mostly fish and oysters. Despite not having the full experience of the meal, both of them were extremely satisfied. Even Timothy was pleased with the meal. Gregory started feeling drowsy after the meal. Timothy thoughtfully brought the young boy upstairs to nap in his room while Tessa and Nicholas sat behind the large window and enjoyed the view outside since they weren't sleepy.

The weather was perfect that day, and the sand and sea looked like a beautiful gold and blue painting. Every now and then, a few seagulls flew past them. "How gorgeous," Tessa sighed as she gazed at the

perfect view outside the house. "I'm glad you like it," Nicholas said as he lowered his head to look at the woman in his arms. Then, he bent down to plant a kiss on her lips.

after our kids are all

I'm fit to stay on the island with my condition!" Tessa was speechless in relation to the man's suggestion, but she also felt warmed by his words. She knew how much Nicholas loved her. "When the child is born, we could visit this place for holidays more frequently. That would be good enough," Tessa suggested. Nicholas thought about it for

compared to those in the city. Their medical facilities, which are the most important facilities,

looked lovingly at his wife who was deep in her sleep. He carefully carried the woman back to the bed

bed. Nicholas wasn't in the room, but that didn't bother her. She washed up before heading downstairs to find Nicholas sitting on the couch and going through some documents. His icy features softened

around to realize that Gregory and Timothy were nowhere to

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"They're such a perfect match," someone commented. "They aren't just a perfect match; they also seem really in love with each other," another one added. "Yeah, that handsome guy is really thoughtful. When a car passed by them just now, he held one arm out to protect the pregnant lady while he used his other hand to cover her nose and mouth," someone said. "I'm so envious!"

another one cried.

A few daring children ran over to Tessa with huge grins on their faces. "Are you going to give birth soon, Miss?" Tessa felt her heart melting at the sight of the children's innocent and wide eyes. She rubbed her belly lovingly while speaking in a gentle tone. "Yeah, I'm about to have a baby soon," she replied. "I bet your baby will look as good as you and your husband," one kid said. "Can I give your baby these flowers?" another kid asked. "Of course," Tessa replied. She was especially patient with these friendly children.

with the children for a while more, Tessa and Nicholas continued to stroll along the main road. However, being the pregnant woman that she was, Tessa felt rather worn out after walking for a while. Nicholas could tell that she was tired, so he held her close while speaking to her gently. "There's a café nearby. Why don't we sit for a while?" Tessa followed his gaze to see a unique-looking café in front of them. She nodded and allowed Nicholas to

there weren't a lot of people inside. They found a spot by the window, and they drank some milk while munching on some cake. The atmosphere of the place felt calm and peaceful. They people-watched from their window seats—there were some families on vacation and

outside the window and tell Nicholas about it. He patiently listened to her while gazing at her warmly. Both of them were enjoying their time alone when a young lady jogged over to them with a camera in her hands. "Hey, do you want a picture? You guys look really cute together," Alina Lassiter commented as she gazed at the couple with twinkling eyes.

was. It almost felt like the young lady was trying to scam them. Well, it's true that I haven't

immediately. Instead, she gazed at Nicholas with a cheeky

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Both Nicholas and Tessa were looking deep into the other person's eyes when the picture was taken, and one could feel the connection between their gazes even through looking at the photo. Their sharp and flawless features made the photo look even more eye-catching.

"Look. Did I do a good job? You look really good, Mr. Sawyer. Of course, you look extremely stunning too, Mrs. Sawyer." Alina handed the camera to Nicholas and Tessa while praising them.

Tessa took a look at the picture and agreed that it was a good shot. She nodded in satisfaction, and they took a few more photos in the café before switching spots to find another background. Their first spot was at a flower garden that Alina suggested—Alina thought that it'd be a waste of the couple's gorgeous looks if they didn't take pictures at a spot as magical-looking as the flower garden on the island.

"Lower your head and look at her, Mr. Sawyer. That's right!" Alina gave out orders to Nicholas as she took pictures of them. Nicholas didn't seem to mind it, and Alina took a few more stunning shots of him holding Tessa in his arms.

After they were done at the flower garden, they moved to the seaside. With their backs facing the ocean, Nicholas wrapped his arms around Tessa for a few pictures, and he pressed his forehead against hers for a few others. They were looking into one another's eyes, and their gazes were filled with love.

By the end of the photoshoot, Alina didn't need to give instructions at all—Nicholas already knew what sort of poses to do.

playground that made them feel like they were in a fairytale. Before Tessa knew what was going on, she watched the man getting onto one knee before kissing

in that loving gaze of his. "This is our precious little gem. I can't wait for our baby to see

pressing the shutter at all. What sort of magical love

still excited about the photoshoot. It had been a while since she had

a water park on the island, Mrs. Sawyer. Why don't we take some pictures in the water there?"

like the stern and icy one.

through Alina. "That's enough. My wife is

was indeed starting to feel tired—after all, it

when she met Alina's gaze. "Let's end things here for today. We've taken quite

smile. Even though she felt like it was a shame for their photoshoot to end there, she was still happy with the photos she had taken. Furthermore, she couldn't tire a pregnant lady out for the sake of her own enjoyment. At that thought, she quickly assured

end

much are these?" Nicholas asked upon hearing

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“Let’s go home too,” Nicholas said as he slipped his hand into Tessa’s. He was gentle and careful as he helped her back home. The smile on Tessa’s face widened as she liked the idea of heading home with her loved one. At that thought, she tilted her head upward to gaze at the man’s sharp and perfect jaw. Days like these feel perfect, she thought.

By the time they got home, Timothy and Gregory were already back. Gregory jogged over to them when he saw them entering the house. “Mommy! Daddy! Where did you guys go?”

“We went to take some pictures,” Tessa replied as she led Gregory over to the couch. When Gregory heard what she said, he turned to stare at Nicholas while speaking in an accusing tone. “You’re mean, Daddy! You stole Mommy away from me, and you didn’t even bring me along to take pictures with her. You’re so mean!”

after waking up?” Gregory could no longer argue against Nicholas after hearing what he said. The kid simply stared

she uttered to comfort him. Gregory was pleased

Vienna? Gregory had no idea that he had nearly been sent off. After showing off to Nicholas, he continued acting cute in front of his mother. “I want to take pictures with you too, Mommy.” Tessa couldn’t say no when she saw his puppy dog eyes, so she immediately made a promise to Gregory. “Of course we can do that. You can follow me out tomorrow,

arms around Tessa after getting what he wanted. They giggled for a while before Tessa asked Gregory about his day. “Well, Uncle Tim brought me to the water park. He was really cool!

nose. “Did you have fun, then?” she asked with a smile. “Yeah! I had a lot of fun. I want to go out with Uncle Tim again tomorrow.” Gregory was so excited that he had forgotten about his plan to take pictures with his mother the next day. Tessa chuckled as she was amused by the young boy. “Well, are you saying that you’re not going to take pictures with me

I’ll bring you out to play the day after tomorrow,” Timothy replied. After that, Timothy took a look at the time. “I made a reservation at a restaurant by the ocean, and it’s about time for dinner. Let’s head over

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A moment later, Tessa glanced at Nicholas with sparkling eyes and said, “It’s delicious!”

At the sight of this, Nicholas went on to peel a few more shrimps for her.

Next to them, Timothy couldn’t help his exasperation. He didn’t mind having a meal with his sister and her husband, but he felt like he was getting heartburn from their lovey–dovey exchange. “Uh, Tessa, Nicholas, some of us are trying to eat here. Can you refrain from rubbing your relationship in my face while I’m still single?” He put his hand to his chest in an exaggerated manner as though Tessa and Nicholas had plunged a sword through his heart, then shot them a wounded look.

Tessa was about to retort when Nicholas beat her to it. “We’re hoping this might give you that extra push you need in order to find a girlfriend.” Then, Nicholas returned to peeling shrimps for Tessa and addressed her indulgently, “Is there anything else you’d like to eat? I’ll get it for you.”

She shook her head and didn't want him to starve. "You don't have to, and you barely ate a bite!"

As she said this, the waiter served the last dish, but he did not leave immediately after setting the plate down. Then, the waiter said politely, "Dear guests, there will be a live performance in our establishment shortly after this for you to enjoy while you dine."

Gregory blinked his doe-eyes at the waiter and asked curiously, "Excuse me, sir, but what sort of performance is

it?"

violin performance, but the musicians are set. They're refined artists who play the instruments beautifully, and some of our customers only dine here

the waiter's tone as he said this, and she found herself looking forward

some trouble at the very

and is being treated at the hospital right now. We sincerely apologize for having to cancel the performance this evening, but our manager has mentioned that should anyone here know how to play the violin and the piano, then by all means, the

the unexpected announcement, but they mostly just grumbled

violin displayed on stage, and while this was just a habit for her. However, when she heard that there would be a performance, she

but it was of a renowned brand nonetheless. Tessa heard that the same violin had

she stared at the violin, the more her fingers itched to touch

was the closest to her, so he naturally caught the longing look in her eyes. He smiled in amusement as he appraised her. She reminded him of a kitten who could not play with its favorite toy,

she heard someone chuckle lightly next to her. She turned to look at him inquisitively and saw

the conflict written on her

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"We paid to dine here just so we could hear your in-house musicians perform, but you ended up canceling the performance! If you refuse to let this lady go up on stage and play us a tune, then you'd be defrauding customers like us!"

The customers' complaints rose to a clamor. Since the waiter couldn't afford to offend them, he appeased them and said, "In that case, I shall refer to our manager and see what he has to say about this."

A moment later, the manager came out dressed in a business suit. He spoke to Tessa directly, "Ma'am, I think my employee has clarified that we will only have piano performances tonight. If you can play the piano and captivate the crowd with your performance, I'll make an exception for you and bring you the violin."

She nodded and agreed readily, "Well, then, I'll perform with the piano first."

She understood that the manager had his hands tied as well, and she didn't blame him for trying to make things hard for her.

Gregory hurried over to Tessa and wrapped his arms around her leg. He stared at her with wide eyes and asked, "Mommy, are you going to play the piano? Can I play with you?"

He still remembered what it felt like to perform on the piano alongside Tessa, and he would do anything to relive that.

Tessa couldn't bring herself to turn the little boy down, so she glanced up at the restaurant manager and inquired with a smile, "My son knows how to play the piano as well. May I have him perform with me?"

restaurant manager, as expected, had no

the stool. It wasn't long

played wonderfully, and the performance was breathtaking. As soon as the show ended, the crowd

be a professional! What a stunning

that little guy is quite the pianist for

the performance. He took the

Tessa's face when the violin was handed to her. She carefully took it, then lovingly inspected

manager said with a firm nod, having already seen her

opinions, excitedly returned to the stage with the precious violin. She only

stage, this time with

crowd politely applauded, though Gregory packed

wife, who looked

resonated through the restaurant. Like a siren's song, the

enough of the violin. She liked how full and unique it

like they had just woken up from an idyllic daydream and started clapping, breaking into

Chapter 1089 Picture Perfect

Tessa returned the violin to the restaurant manager after she had wrapped up her performance and returned to her seat.

Gregory's eyes lit up when he saw her. "Mommy, you are incredible!" he gushed and showered her with compliments.

Next to him, Timothy and Nicholas couldn't help chuckling at how besotted the little boy was over his mother's musical talents.

Just like that, the quartet finished their dinner happily. They were tired after the day's events, so they returned to their rooms after the meal.

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Everyone seemed to be in a festive mood, and they slept in the following day. Tessa reluctantly crawled out of bed, but she had only just made her way downstairs when Gregory bounded up to her. He babbled excitedly, "Mommy, you said you were going to take pictures with me today. Come on, let's go! See, I even got Uncle Timothy to help me button up my new suit!"

As he said this, he spread his arms out and spun so she could look at his new clothes. He gave her a bright grin as he said with all the pride a toddler could muster, "I bet I'm way better looking than Daddy! For today, at least."

guy looked adorable in his burgundy suit, which

nodded and praised warmly, "Yes, you're the

had to keep himself from rolling his eyes. I'm going to let Timothy babysit

agreed meeting place after their meal and saw that Alina was

grinned and jogged up to them when she registered their arrival, then said, "Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer, you're finally

for being late, Alina," Tessa said sheepishly, feeling bad that they had

only came much earlier just in case. Anyway, I've already developed

perfect? I wanted to pick out the best one at first, but then I realized every single one of the photos was brilliant, and I couldn't bring myself to delete any of them. I figured I'd develop all of them

that these rivaled even airbrushed fashion shoots. More importantly, the photos captured her and her and admired the photos

to take a better look at the photos and was pleased with how well they had turned out. He praised it wholeheartedly, "These are

was especially surprised by the one where Nicholas got down on one knee to kiss Tessa's

Chapter 1090 Family Portrait

"Do you still have a digital copy of this photo?" Nicholas asked Alina as he pointed to the photo. He planned on using it as his phone wallpaper.

When Gregory saw the photo, he grew quite jealous. He quickly tugged on Tessa's hand and whined, "Mommy, when will we take a photo together? I want to take one with my baby sister, just like Daddy did!" I can't let Daddy be the only one who gets close to my baby sister, or she will not want me around when she's born!

Tessa had no idea what was going on in the little boy's mind and simply thought he was jealous. Bemused, she looked up at Alina and asked, "Are you free today? I'd like to take a photo with my kid."



“Yes, of course! I’ve got nothing going on anyway,” Alina said, nodding enthusiastically. She glanced over at Gregory, and the more she appraised him, the more she found him endearing. He had delicately chiseled features. Clearly, his parents’ stunning genetics had been passed down to him.

“Mrs. Sawyer, your son is absolutely adorable! You’re so lucky to have a little angel like him,” she praised wholeheartedly.

Tessa beamed upon hearing this. After all, any mother would want their child to be the object of praise.

After a round of pleasantries, Alina got to work.

Nicholas, so Alina took them for him. Following that, she took several photos of Gregory and Tessa grinning at each other and a few more of

had taken the day before. Nevertheless, she was inspired by Tessa’s motherly love and Gregory’s childlike wonder and worked to

fun. “This is perfect!” she exclaimed

Tessa. The photos had brought out the two men’s varying characters, but it didn’t distract from their towering builds and good looks. It was hard to

all three of the adults in the frame, and he wore

was like a

than at that moment, knowing she was

eye, and when noon

point it out, Alina took note of Tessa’s exhaustion and immediately wrapped up the photo shoot, then began to leave. “I’ll have these photos developed later. I’ll meet you at the same place tomorrow to hand the photos over. As for the fee, I’ll lump it together with the

then. Thanks, Alina,” Tessa said with a

a restaurant for lunch. They strolled around the area that afternoon and

got home, so Tessa helped him wash up and

despite the long

already tucked Gregory in,