

Been Yours 1141

Chapter 1141 Special Performance

Alice told Tessa everything that she knew about Sofia and the orchestra. After talking for a while more, Alice switched to focus on serious business. "I'm here to work for you, but there's also something that I'd like to discuss with you," Alice announced. "What is it?" Tessa asked.

"Miss Sofia is planning to host a special show for you alone. She hasn't decided on the date because she wanted to check if this would be the right time to have a show," Alice said honestly.

"Are you talking about a local special show for myself?" Tessa was stunned. It had only been a while since she last did a special performance. Alice nodded. "Now that you're expecting your child soon, we figured that you'd need at least three months before and after your childbirth to stay home and rest. Your blooming career would be put to a halt during this period, so Sofia thought that it'd be good if you could fill that time up with something."

Sofia thought about her upon hearing Alice's explanation. Nicholas, on the other hand, frowned after hearing what Alice had to say. He understood where Sofia was coming from, but he was more concerned about Tessa's health. He didn't want her to overwork herself. At that moment, he turned around to gaze at her for a while, but he ended up keeping his mouth shut when he saw the joy in Tessa's eyes. He knew that deep down, she wanted

condition, so she thought that it'd be best to have a local show. Do you think that would work for you?" Tessa felt the urge to agree immediately. However, she turned to Nicholas before she did so. "Can I

wanted to ask for his opinion first as she wanted him to know that she respected him. Nicholas quickly understood what Tessa's intentions were, and he simply responded with a smile. "I'm

out and hooked it over the man's neck when she saw the worry in his eyes. "Don't worry. I'll make sure to get a lot of rest. The baby in my belly has been obedient, too," she uttered with a smile. Despite so, Nicholas

face against his chest as she tried to soothe him. "I know you're worried about me, but I'd be really happy if I got to do a local special performance before giving birth to my baby. I'd be so, so happy—this is something I've dreamed of for so long. You don't have to worry

guess it's also good news

Chapter 1142 'To My Child'

"I've met her. Thank you for being so thoughtful, Miss Sofia." Tessa beamed as she held onto her phone and thanked her teacher. Sofia heaved a sigh of relief after hearing Tessa's words. "I'm just glad you're not blaming me for making decisions on your behalf," Sofia explained.

"Why would I blame you for anything? You were just being considerate." Tessa was an appreciative person, and she continued expressing her gratitude for Sofia.

Sofia smiled. "You're right—I was thinking about your future. You've just started gaining recognition, after all. I figured it wouldn't be good for you to go off the radar so quickly, so I thought that you could

have a local performance. In this case, you might lose some fame while you're giving birth, but people would still remember you. I guess that would be better."

"You're right, Miss Sofia. I'll prepare for the show to make sure it goes well." Tessa nodded firmly. She was feeling increasingly eager to have the performance. Sofia smiled upon hearing Tessa's words.

"Great. I look forward to seeing your performance. If I'm not satisfied with it, I'm going to be extra hard on you during our training after your childbirth," Sofia teased.

performance just so you'll teach me more of your skills during our next training." Tessa joked along with Sofia, and they chatted for a while before they switched topics to talk about Tessa's album. "I have

believe I sold more than 500,000 copies." Tessa wasn't as well-known as some other musicians, so she had never expected her album to be so popular.

the amazing album sales, your music has also been really popular online. You've topped a few charts as well," Sofia announced. Tessa was even

recently. I guess it was a blessing in disguise," Sofia said. Tessa thought that this made sense as well. The netizens practically dug up my entire family history when the bad rumors were at their peak. I had been worried that this

didn't have much to do, she figured that she would head to the study and search for her music

this album so much. Every track sounds

my belly is a huge fan of the song, 'To My Child'! Every time I play

Chapter 1143 Calligraphy Competition

Tessa felt like she was about to melt when she saw the look on Gregory's face. Gregory started pestering his mother after that. "What did Daddy give you this time, Mommy? Let's not take his gift. I'll buy one for you. It'll be better than what Daddy gave you."

Tessa burst out in laughter when she heard Gregory's words. In the end, she had no choice but to tell Gregory the truth. "Your father didn't give me anything. I simply found out that my album sales are doing really well and that I've received a lot of good comments online. That was why I was so happy."

"Woah. You're amazing, Mommy!" Gregory clapped his hands in celebration of what Tessa said. While they were talking to each other, Gregory's calligraphy teacher walked into the hall. His teacher, Quinton Hall, was a strict and well-known intellectual. He greeted Tessa when he saw her from afar. "Hey, Miss Reinhart."

Tessa froze before she stood up to greet him. "Is anything the matter, Mr. Hall?"

talk to you about. Gregory is doing really well in his calligraphy class, and there happens to be a local youth calligraphy competition happening soon. I was wondering if Gregory could participate in it, Miss

calligraphy himself, so I'm sure his students can do better than the average person as well, Tessa figured. "You're too nice, Mr. Hall.

Well, come to think of it, Gregory is my final private student. At this age, I should be resting at home and enjoying my

well, I'm sure Gregory will win something in this competition," Quinton uttered as he was reminded of Gregory's

overjoyed to hear Quinton's praise for her son. "Look, Gregory. Mr. Hall has such high hopes for you. You'll have to work hard," she encouraged Gregory. Gregory nodded obediently. "Don't worry, Mom. I'll

when she saw the serious expression on his face. After that, she had a conversation with Quinton about the process of the competition and some of the details surrounding it. Quinton patiently explained all the details and rules to Tessa

that night, he made another phone call to Dynasty Gardens. "I've completed the registration, Miss Reinhart. You'll have to make sure Gregory practices his

Chapter 1144 Shortened Lifespan

"Yeah, Gregory's the best." Tessa was quick to calm the boy down. Once Gregory was no longer throwing a tantrum, Tessa turned to smile at Nicholas. "Mr. Hall called because he was talking to me about Gregory joining a calligraphy competition," she explained.

"A calligraphy competition?" Nicholas raised an eyebrow puzzledly. Tessa nodded before telling him what Quinton had told him earlier that afternoon. "I figured that it'd be a good idea since Gregory has talent in calligraphy and since he wants to join it."

"In that case, I'll give you a reward if you get first place," Nicholas said as a promise to Gregory. He meant it as a form of encouragement. Gregory was pleased to hear this, and he widened his bright eyes as he looked at Nicholas. "Can I ask for any reward?" the boy asked.

"Of course. Anything at all." Nicholas nodded.

stuck his chest out. "Then I'll be sure to get first place!" Tessa couldn't help but praise her son when she saw how confident he was. "You're an outstanding student, Gregory. I'm sure you'll get first place. I'll reward you

eyes. Tessa thought about it for a while before acting all mysterious. "Well, you'll find out when the competition is over." Even though her response was rather disappointing to Gregory, he was still filled with motivation to work hard. "I'm going to win first place just so that I can receive your reward." Gregory clenched his fists as he cheered for himself.

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to Amber's ward. To her surprise, Amber was extremely worked up the moment Tessa walked in.

passed the soup to the maid in the room. After all, Tessa figured that there was no point in fighting with Amber. But Amber only got more infuriated

grandmother at all? What was going on with all the news on the Internet? Were you ruining my reputation on purpose? I'm already in this state, yet you're still trying to disgrace and shame me in public. How evil can you be?" Amber pointed her finger at Tessa as she cursed. "I want you

old lady as she spoke in a sarcastic tone. “Do you even need me to do anything for your reputation to be ruined? Don’t you know what’s going on?”

Chapter 1145 Lucky Charm

“That’s right. There are a lot of patients whose conditions worsen because of their intense emotions.” The nurse was smart, and she nodded in agreement with Tessa’s words after she realized what Tessa was trying to do. Amber was shocked to hear what the nurse said, so she quickly calmed herself down and kept her mouth shut after that.

Tessa heaved a sigh of relief when she saw that Amber had finally calmed down a little. I finally found a way to keep her under control, Tessa thought. The maid in the room wore a look of admiration on her face as she gazed at Tessa. Amber was a tough one to deal with, after all; the maid knew this as she had been taking care of Amber for a few days now. Tessa could sense the maid looking at her, and Tessa knew that the maid probably had to deal with Amber’s bad temper for the past few days. “Things must have been hard for you,” Tessa commented.

“It’s fine, Miss Reinhart. This is my job.” The maid was flattered to have Tessa speaking to her that way, so she quickly waved her hands to dismiss Tessa’s words. Amber, on the other hand, felt dissatisfied when she noticed that Tessa was treating a maid better than she was treating her. “Weren’t you the one who hired her to work? Isn’t she supposed to care for me?” Amber hissed.

after you, but she still deserves basic respect. If the maid runs away, then you can’t blame me for neglecting you. You’d be the one who chased her off,” Tessa uttered. It wasn’t clear if Amber was genuinely afraid of being left alone in the hospital—one way or another, Amber started being nicer to her maid after

gave orders to the maid.

straight to the café where she had agreed to meet Alice. After some small talk, Alice got directly into the main topic. “I went for a

at Alice bashfully. Alice could tell

offered. If you need anything else, you can just contact me,” Tessa offered. She felt rather bad to hand all of her work over to Alice while she lazed around, so she figured that she would offer to help

you. The rest of the other music directors have never received such treatment,” she commented. Tessa was puzzled to hear

worked with Miss Sofia for that long, I’ve seen many of the other music directors having a few of their own shows.

Chapter 1146 No More Cooking

They had a meal in the afternoon, and this meal allowed them to really bond with one another. After lunch, Alice sent Tessa back home before she headed off to work.

Once Tessa got home, she took a nap before she headed to her music room and practiced her violin for two hours. Later in the evening, Tessa felt the urge to prepare her own dinner, so she went into the kitchen.

When Gregory heard that his mother was cooking, he obediently followed along to help her out in the kitchen. By the time Nicholas got home, Tessa had already cooked up a few mouth-watering dishes.

Tessa spread her lips into a wide smile when she saw Nicholas. "You're back. Hurry up and wash your hands. Dinner's ready." She placed the dishes on the dining table. Right as she straightened up, she felt Nicholas' chest against her back.

"Why are you cooking? Didn't I tell you not to engage in these risky activities? You shouldn't be moving around too much. What if you get injured?"

your hands are meant to play the violin, so you should take good care of them," Nicholas uttered in a

"Fine. This is the last time I'll step in the kitchen until our baby is born." Tessa coaxed Nicholas as she turned around to wrap her arms around his neck. Only then did Nicholas relax

that, the whole family enjoyed their meal while they chatted with one another. Nicholas asked Tessa about her trip to the hospital earlier that day. "Did Old Mrs. Reinhart cause you any trouble?" he asked. "No, she doesn't have the

with their meal, Tessa sat in the living hall, where she played with some Lego blocks with Gregory. Nicholas, on the other hand, sat on the couch as he watched the news. The

with Muller Group after Muller Group offended President Sawyer's wife. Furthermore, Sawyer Group are..." Tessa froze when she heard the script that the news

Nicholas turned around when he realized that Tessa was staring at him. Tessa told him exactly can affect Sawyer Group," Nicholas uttered in a firm tone as he shook

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Chapter 1147 No Right to Lecture Me

Wanda found herself at a loss for words and stomped back to her room in a huff while leaving Remus behind. After watching her leave his line of sight, he heaved a wistful sigh. He probably needed to talk with Nicholas the following day. Hopefully, Nicholas would stop all the attacks as a favor for him.

Shortly after Nicholas arrived at the office the following morning, Edward knocked on the door and entered the room. "Mr. Muller is here, Sir. He is downstairs and wishes to see you."

Nicholas frowned as he could deduce the reason for Horace's visit. It was likely because of Wanda. Nevertheless, he gestured for Edward to lead Horace up to the office.

As soon as Horace saw him, he immediately uttered straightforwardly, "Nicholas, Wanda has learned her lesson now, and I am not here to give you a lecture. After all, I have no right to say anything."

Nicholas narrowed his eyes in disapproval at Horace's words and barked, "Mr. Muller, allow me to be clear about this. Wanda is the one who is at fault here. I have been extremely generous and have not reported her to the police. There is absolutely no reason for you to lecture me!"

no reason for him to give Nicholas a lecture. However, if the Sawyers had not given Wanda the wrong signal, she would not

did not elaborate

let it go for my sake.” Horace was almost groveling

man for a favor. It was quite a blow to his ego. In any case, the damage had already been done. He needed to see this through to the end and

Group from scratch. This incident has resulted in considerable losses, and she has also suffered. You’ve already

Horace’s pleas and agreed

Horace went straight to Wanda. Then, he informed her how Nicholas had consented to cease

spare the Muller Group. In the future, make it a point to avoid further upsetting

didn’t you tell me you

that, the grudge she bore against Nicholas worsened.

Chapter 1148 I Am a Musician

Alice felt a shiver run down her spine. “You seemed to be flaunting your lover right now.” Tessa smiled in response. Alice lingered a little longer to talk about her work, and then she left.

Over the next few weeks, Tessa would attend several interviews Alice had set up for her. She complied with all the arrangements made for her the entire time.

On the other hand, Tessa was scheduled to attend a variety of interviews for several consecutive days, and by the time the interviews were over, she was completely drained.

She found the interviews challenging because some hosts liked to play jokes on their guests to increase their show’s viewership and even go viral. In other words, if the guests could not concentrate on the show, it was probable that the host would cause the guest to suffer in the course of the prank being played on them. Still, there were pros and cons to everything.

While the interviews were exhausting, they did what they were supposed to. Tessa’s popularity had been rising steadily. The most noticeable effect was her Twitter follower count, which increased to over 200,000.

It was Tessa’s last interview of the month about some hotly debated issues in the nation. Throughout the whole thing, challenging questions were posed. “Everyone knows you had a rough start to your studies abroad, Miss Reinhart.

to that investigation, you laid low for a

to her departure from Hathaway Philharmonic. She replied, “I don’t have anything to say about it. All I can say is that everyone must accept responsibility for their actions. Furthermore, we should look forward instead

ensure that the host would no longer inquire about her past. As such, the rest of the interview was much easier for her. Toward the end

she could speak with Alice again. "I feel like we cannot solely rely on interviews for popularity. It's too slow, the

you have?" Alice turned

responded, "Why don't I participate in 'I Am a Musician?' It's a gathering of celebrities that's hugely popular in the country. I believe appearing on that show rather than in interviews

nodded in agreement.

agreed with

chat about work. A

"Mr. Sawyer," Alice greeted.

him, she smartly suggested ending

Chapter 1149 Dress Rehearsal

Nicholas did not voice any objections when he heard about Tessa's plans. The reason was that the Sawyer Group was the show's sponsor for 'I Am a Musician'.

Later that evening, Alice gave her a call. "Tessa, the production crew, has finalized the schedule. It has been decided that you will appear in the most recent episode. However, you must attend the dress rehearsal, which will take place earlier and in two days."

"Got it." Tessa nodded as she said that. Two days later, Tessa and Alice arrived at the studio. A staff member was standing by the entrance awaiting their arrival. A look of shock crossed the face of the staff member as she saw Tessa exit the car.

Tessa's beauty did not diminish during her nearly seven-month pregnancy; instead, she appeared as flawless as a porcelain doll. The pregnancy made her look even more pleasant than usual, and she was so pleasing to the eye that people felt calm after looking at her.

"Hello, Miss Reinhart. I will be assisting you in the studio today." With a friendly smile, the employee approached Tessa before nodding to Alice.

"Hello," Tessa replied, returning the smile.

employee directed them to

that day, but the hallway was deserted when she stepped off the elevator.

silence by saying, "These are the dressing rooms that have been set up for today's guests. Miss

and followed her to the assigned dressing room. As soon as she stepped into the room, she realized it was so lavishly spacious that it was like a mini apartment equipped with everything she might need.

There were other people in the dressing

as she walked
their stare, perplexed. "Do I also
which is why they are here. After all, you have a recording
Tessa over to the couch. "Take
started scrolling
at the door. "Miss Reinhart, it's your turn. Please
"Okay."

seat and followed the employee to the
Chapter 1150 Leah Stone

Before his brief on-air conversation with Tessa, Drew had to iron out any potential kinks. "I have heard so much about you, Miss Reinhart. My name is Drew Duquais. I am the show's host."

"Hello, Drew." Tessa smiled and greeted him pleasantly. The straightforward nature of her greeting made a favorable first impression on him. Hence, he did not beat around the bush. "I'll start the conversation by asking you some questions before talking about your performance toward the end. Then, you can start promoting your show."

She nodded in response. It was then time for them to discuss what questions would be asked. The other employees working on set were awestruck by how composed she remained while responding to his questions.

"As expected of someone who has previously performed on an international stage," one of the employees commented. "Her stage presence is just astonishing."

"Her stage presence is one thing, but her confidence and poise on stage are also noteworthy," said another employee. "Not all celebrities can do that."

After a short while, Drew and Tessa concluded their discussion, and the dress rehearsal came to an end.

When she got off the stage, the employees all smiled and said to her, "Good work, Miss Reinhart."

nodded in thanks to everyone who talked to her before

Alice spotted her, she quickly walked

confidence

and laughed. "That is good. Come, let us

to the dressing room with her. The entire hair and makeup team swarmed around her when she

angrily screaming at the staff members in the hallway. She screeched, "Why should I share a dressing room? Get me your manager! I, Leah Stone, have been in the industry for years! Do I not

the commotion happening outside. She asked, "What is going on?"

look.” Alice made her way over to the doorway to take
with a chuckle. “There is a woman outside who is having a fit because she does not
none of you should try to butt your

Consequently, she was aware of how much the entire profession dreaded being compared to one
another. Celebrities with varying levels of fame and popularity were invited to today’s show, so
naturally,

the team explicit instructions to avoid getting involved.

leaned back against the couch and lazily commented, “Such
remained silent when she