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Chapter 441 Family Outing

“The strings of your violin are unique and made-to-order. They’ll require a special order. And procuring the materials will also take time, so it will take at least one month in total to complete.”

Although Tessa felt that the time needed was too long, she didn’t say anything. After all, soft fire made sweet malt.

When they left the manor, Nicholas could tell from Tessa’s glum expression that she was brooding over her failure to take good care of the violin.

Suddenly, he put his arms around her and lowered his head to kiss her gently, cajoling, “Don’t blame yourself. The damage to the violin has nothing to do with you, and since Louis promised to repair it, he’ll definitely restore it to its original appearance for you.”

The hot touch on Tessa’s forehead seemed to warm her heart as well, and she stretched out her arms to wrap them around Nicholas’ waist, saying happily, “I’m so glad to have you.”

When they returned to the villa later, Nicholas saw that it was still early, so he proposed to take Gregory out to play. Although he successfully coaxed Tessa, he could see that she still had a weight on her shoulders. Gregory didn’t know what his father was thinking, but he was happy when he heard that they were going out to play.

“Daddy, Miss Tessa, where are we going to play?”

Nicholas looked at Tessa lovingly and asked, “Where do you want to go?”

She hadn’t expected him to ask for her opinion, so she was rendered speechless briefly, not knowing how to answer. Then, she glanced at Gregory who was standing next to her and smiled softly. “Let’s go wherever Greg wants to go.”

In the end, they went to an indoor children’s orchestra in the city with Gregory. During their time there, their extremely good looks attracted a lot of attention. Nicholas in particular had changed from his usual leather suit and wore casual clothes instead. His elegant yet relaxed appearance mixed with a tad of languidness made him look irresistible. However, neither of them cared about the looks they were getting.

After playing with Gregory for a while, they went to walk around at a nearby shopping mall. When they entered a children’s clothing store, Tessa picked out several striking clothes for him.

Looking at their good looks, the clerk couldn't help but recommend, "Madam, our main line of this season is a series of matching family outfits. Would you like to take a look at that too? They are all styles for a family of three."

Tessa's cheeks flushed red in an instant, but just before she could explain, she heard the man's deep and attractive voice. "We'll have a look."

"All right, sir. This way, please." The clerk nodded happily.

Tessa glared at Nicholas poutily and said in embarrassment, "Why didn't you let me explain? I haven't married you yet."

He wrapped an arm around her waist and replied with a soft smile, "You will soon."

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She had nothing to say to that, but her heart swelled with delight.

Meanwhile, Gregory trailed along by their side and looked around excitedly as his big, round eyes darted from left to right and back to left, making for an adorable sight.

By the time they walked out of the store, Nicholas had many bags in his hands. In addition to the clothes Tessa originally chose for Gregory, they also got one of each matching set that was recommended by the clerk. It was already dark outside when they exited the mall.

After handing off the bags to Edward for him to bring back to the villa, Nicholas took Tessa and Gregory to a high-end restaurant nearby for a hearty dinner. Once they were finished with their meal, they did not rush back home, but went to the surrounding park for a walk. Under the dark night sky, Tessa walked with Nicholas in one hand and Gregory in the other. The faint yellow street lights cast long shadows on their bodies, and the sight was warm and beautiful, as though it came straight out of a painting.

Later, when they returned home, all three of them were a little tired. After all, they had walked a lot that day, and Gregory in particular kept insisting on walking by himself. Hence, once Tessa was done helping him to take a bath, he didn't need any coaxing before he went to bed and fell into a deep sleep.

"Good night." Tessa gently kissed Gregory's forehead, then walked to the door with soft steps and turned off the lights before she left.

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When she returned to the master bedroom, Tessa saw that Nicholas had already washed up, so she took a change of clothes into the bathroom. By the time she came out again, she saw him sitting on the couch with a serious face and his computer on his lap. Walking over curiously, she found that he was looking at the company's status on the stock market.

"If I'd known you had to work overtime after coming back so late, I wouldn't have agreed to go out in the afternoon and wasted your time."

Nicholas heard the worry in her words, and his originally stiff face broke into a small smile. Turning sideways, he said, "But I wanted to."

As Tessa stared into his warm eyes, her heart throbbed fiercely, feeling a little moved.

Just then, his dark eyes fell on her wet hair, and he asked with a slight frown, "Why didn't you dry your hair?"

"It's fine. I'll just wait for it to dry naturally." Tessa looked down at her wet hair, not paying much attention to it.

However, Nicholas showed a look of disapproval at her words. "What do you mean it's fine? The weather is getting cold, and you'll get sick easily like this."

Saying that, he put down his laptop and got up to go to the bathroom, where he retrieved a clean towel. "Come here, I'll dry your hair for you."

Under the light, his exquisite facial features were full of fondness. Tessa couldn't find the words to refuse, so she walked over with a sweet smile tugging at the corner of her mouth.

She sat in front of Nicholas, feeling his unfamiliar motions on her scalp, and a sweet warmth spread inside of her as though her heart had been dipped in honey. He had never wiped someone else's hair, but if it was for her, he would be willing to try anything for the first time. After patting out all the dampness from her hair, he took out the hair dryer, patiently and carefully drying her hair.

"Even if I'm not here in the future, you have to remember to dry your hair after taking a shower so that you won't catch a cold." Nicholas' attractive voice sounded.

Tessa was moved, but she couldn't help but burst out in laughter.

Nicholas looked down at her and raised his eyebrows slightly. "Did I say something wrong to make you laugh like this?"

After giving it some thought, Tessa replied, "When I first met you, I thought you were a cold and aloof president, but now, I don't think that you're cold at all."

“Are you saying that I nag too much?” Nicholas’ face darkened slightly, and he looked at her unhappily.

Tessa was dumbfounded. It seemed that her words could indeed be taken that way. She hurriedly mollified him and said with a smile, “No, no, I was just kidding.”

Seeing the girl’s flattering smile, Nicholas scoffed softly and continued to dry her hair. After a while, when her hair was completely dry, he turned off the hair dryer.

Just as he was about to leave, Tessa suddenly wrapped her arms around his waist and sighed. “Days like these are perfect. It’d be great if we could stay like this forever.”

Hearing that, Nicholas hugged her back and lowered his head slightly, replying in a soft voice, “We will.”

Tessa smiled happily at his answer, then released him.

After Nicholas put the hair dryer back, he returned to the couch to continue watching the stock market. At the sight, Tessa frowned. She walked over quickly and crouched down before him, staring at him intently while propping up her chin.

“What’s wrong?” Nicholas sensed her gaze on him and turned to look at her.

As Tessa looked at his handsome face, there was a hint of distress in her coaxing voice as she said, “Let’s go to bed. Don’t work overtime anymore. You can get up early tomorrow to finish the rest of your work.”

Their eyes met, and as Nicholas looked down at her, his gaze gradually darkened. “Okay,” he agreed.

Suddenly, an evil smirk curled the corners of his lips, and he bent over slightly before scooping Tessa up. She subconsciously wrapped her arms around his neck.

After regaining her senses, she realized that Nicholas had misunderstood her, and she felt embarrassed yet amused. “I didn’t mean it that way.”

“It’s fine as long as I do.”

Tessa was rendered speechless.

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Chapter 443 Kathleen’s Unexpected Change

Tessa couldn’t rebuke, but she still attempted to save herself. “Why don’t you just continue with your work?”

She was now truly terrified of Nicholas' energy. If they continued indulging themselves like this every night, she was genuinely afraid that she would die of exhaustion on this bed one day.

"It's already late." Saying that, he gently placed her down on the bed and trapped her body underneath his. Tonight was destined to be another wonderful night.

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Early the next morning, the golden sunlight streamed into the room through the window.

Tessa slowly opened her eyes. When she subconsciously glanced sideways, she saw Nicholas' flawless slumbering face close to hers. She didn't have the heart to wake him up, so she lightly got out of bed and washed up before going downstairs to make breakfast.

After a while, Nicholas and Gregory woke up as well.

"Good morning, Miss Tessa." Gregory scurried down the stairs with his short legs, greeting Tessa energetically.

"Good morning." Tessa responded with a sweet smile on her face. Her bright eyes fell on the handsome man walking by, and she said softly, "Morning."

"Morning." A low, magnetic voice came from Nicholas' mouth, sounding as melodic as a cello.

After the three enjoyed their breakfast like a family, Nicholas sent Tessa to the orchestra.

"I'll pick you up after I get off work." When they arrived at the entrance of the orchestra, Nicholas turned to help her unfasten her seat belt, explaining while asking for a parting kiss. Naturally, Tessa didn't refuse. She got out of the car and entered the orchestra with a sweet smile on her face.

Along the way, the members of the orchestra and the staff greeted her one after another.

"Tessa, you're back. Are you feeling better?"

"I am. Thank you for your concern."

Tessa knew that her teacher had said that she fell sick as the reason why she had taken a leave.

Just then, Hathaway and Kathleen exited a practice room together and bumped into Tessa.

“Tessa, you’re here. How are you feeling? Do you feel better?” Hathaway stepped forward and sized her up, her face filled with genuine concern.

Tessa smiled lightly. “I’m much better. Thank you for your concern, Miss Hathaway.” As she said this, her eyes inadvertently swept to Kathleen who was standing by the side.

Kathleen noticed Tessa’s gaze, and her eyes flickered a little with guilt. She stepped forward with a smile, and for the first time ever, she expressed concern for Tessa. “It’s good that you’re feeling better. You have to take better care of yourself next time.”

When the others heard this, they were stunned. Doesn’t Kathleen dislike Tessa? Why is she showing concern for her all of a sudden?

As though she didn’t notice the surprised glances cast at them, Tessa replied with a smile, “Thank you.”

If someone took a closer look then, they would notice that Tessa’s smile had dropped slightly. However, their attention was completely on Kathleen, so nobody noticed the change in Tessa.

Back in the country, in the Stone Residence, once Hayley found out that her father’s targeted schemes toward Timothy had been stopped by Sawyer Group, she became even more anxious and frustrated. If Nicholas’ protected Tessa’s brother like this, it was clear that his love for that woman had extended to her family as well. If Hayley didn’t come up with a plan soon, she might really not have a chance anymore.

Her parents had also realized this, and they sat in the living room with displeased expressions. The atmosphere in the bright room became heavy all at once.

After a momentary silence, Sonia slowly spoke up. “I think that it’s important to separate Nicholas and Tessa for now, then make him come back to the country. Otherwise, no matter what we come up with, it’ll be useless if he isn’t here in person.”

Nero nodded in approval.

Hayley’s brows furrowed. “But how can we make Nicholas come back? When Old Master Sawyer personally went to Vienna before, he couldn’t even bring him back.”

“What if something happened to the Sawyer Family? For example, if Old Master Sawyer gets hospitalized...” Nero’s eyes narrowed ambiguously.

Hayley and Sonia looked at him dubiously.

“Don’t even go there, Nero. If the Sawyer Family finds out, our ten years of friendship would be gone in an instant. Remember what happened to the Gingham Family last time?” Sonia was shocked, thinking that Nero wanted to harm Remus.

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Chapter 444 Old Master Sawyer Is Sick

On the other hand, Hayley didn’t say anything but only looked at her father quietly. She felt that he must’ve come up with the perfect idea if he could say something like that, and that was indeed the case.

Nero glanced at Sonia and said meaningfully, “Look, I’m not planning to do anything. I’m just worried about Old Master Sawyer, so I’ll send some supplements to him.”

Between the lines, Hayley grasped the real meaning behind her father’s words.

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Early the next morning, Hayley went to Sawyer Residence with a large amount of supplements in her hands.

“Old Master Sawyer, I’m here to see you.” After following the housekeeper into the living room, she greeted Remus obediently.

When Remus saw that she was carrying a lot of supplements in her hand, he nagged her like a loving elder, “I’m happy that you came to see me. But why did you buy so many supplements? I can’t finish eating all of them.”

“It’s because the doctor said you needed these, so I wanted you to get better soon, of course. If you can’t finish it, you can eat it slowly.” As she spoke, she handed the supplements to the housekeeper and didn’t forget to remind him, “Make sure that Old Master Sawyer eats these. They’re good for his body.”

The housekeeper was also worried about the old man’s body and promised, “Don’t worry, Miss Stone, I’ll definitely make sure of that.” Saying that, he left with the supplements.

As Hayley watched his retreating back, she curled her bright red lips into a creepy smile. At a glance, the supplements looked fine, but if someone who was well versed in medicine saw them, they would be able to tell that these supplements actually had conflicting properties.

That night, the housekeeper asked the kitchen staff to prepare a medicated diet for Remus, who followed it for a few days in a row. One day, he had just finished his meal and was about to go for a walk in the garden, but as soon as he stood up, his chest

suddenly began to ache. Then, he began coughing violently, and his red cheeks instantly turned pale.

“Old Master Sawyer!” The housekeeper was frightened. He rushed forward to support Remus who had fainted and shouted, “Hurry, call an ambulance and notify Master Tobias and the others!”

Amidst the chaos, the old man was finally sent to the hospital and underwent emergency resuscitation. Not long after, Tobias, Stefania, and Kieran had rushed over in a hurry. They surrounded the housekeeper and asked about Remus’ condition.

“Ian, what happened to my dad?”

“Ian, what’s the situation with Grandpa?”

Ian, the housekeeper, looked at the three concerned and anxious people in front of him and said apologetically, “I’m not sure about Old Master Sawyer’s condition. He was going for a walk in the garden after eating as usual today, but as soon as he got up, Old Master Sawyer clenched his chest before he collapsed and fell unconscious.”

When they learned that Remus had fainted, Tobias and Stefania’s faces turned solemn. In the quiet hallway of the hospital, the atmosphere was heavy as they waited outside the door with worried expressions.

A little while later, the operation that lasted a few hours was finally over, and the doctors and nurses pushed the unconscious Remus out. After he was settled in the ward, the Sawyer Family surrounded the doctor.

“Doctor, how’s my father’s condition?”

“The patient had an acute heart failure and is only temporarily out of danger, but his condition is still critical, and he needs to be hospitalized for observation.” The attending doctor reported Remus’ condition, shocking everyone in the Sawyer Family.

“Why did he have an acute heart failure?”

“Yeah, why? Our father was discharged from the hospital not long ago, and the doctor didn’t say that he had this problem at that time.”

Tobias and Stefania hurriedly pressed for answers.

The doctor explained, “Acute heart failure is categorized as a sudden symptom that isn’t traceable, and there are many reasons for this factor. You should try to accommodate the patient during these few days and don’t let him get too emotional.”

After saying a few words, the doctor left the ward.

Tobias looked at the unconscious Remus in the hospital bed. As if he had thought of something, he ordered with a serious expression, "Kieran, go and contact your brother and ask him to come back as soon as possible. The old man is sick, so he'll definitely want to see him and Greg. Besides, the company will surely be unstable. I need to take care of the old man in the hospital, so I have no time to handle the company's matters. I can only leave it up to you and your brother."

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Chapter 445 Something Isn't Right

Kieran nodded and turned around before leaving the ward to contact his brother.

Meanwhile, it was already midnight in Vienna. In the dark and quiet room, a bright light came from the phone on the bedside table; it was persistently vibrating and making a buzzing sound.

"Turn it off." Tessa let out a groan and pulled the blanket over her head.

After coaxing her for a moment, Nicholas picked up the phone with an irritated expression. When he saw that it was a call from his brother, he answered gloomily, "You'd better be calling for something urgent."

"Nicholas, something bad happened to Grandpa. He's in the hospital right now."

"What happened?" Nicholas' expression suddenly changed, and his voice became serious.

Tessa, who had already woken up next to him, sensed his heavy tone and got up to turn on the lights, looking at him in concern.

On the phone, Kieran told him everything he knew. "Grandpa had an acute heart failure. Although he was rescued, he's still in critical condition. Dad thinks that Grandpa would definitely look for you when he wakes up, so he's asking you to come back with Greg as soon as you can. Besides, there may be changes in the company due to Grandpa's hospitalization, so we also need you there."

"I understand. I'll ask Edward to book a flight now. Please arrange for someone to wait for me at the airport." Saying that, Nicholas hung up with a solemn expression.

Seeing that, Tessa quickly sat up and asked, "Are you going back? Did something happen?"

"Grandpa had an acute heart failure. He was rescued just now, but he's still in critical condition. I need to bring Greg back immediately." Nicholas did not hide anything and told her Remus' situation truthfully.

Tessa was shocked by the news as heart failure was a very dangerous condition and might even cause sudden death. "Then, when are you leaving? I'll help you pack your bags."

She was about to get out of bed when Nicholas suddenly grabbed her wrist, and she was pulled into a soft embrace. "I'm sorry. I said I'd stay with you for a few months, but now I can't do that anymore. Remember to take good care of yourself when I'm not around."

His apologetic voice in her ear warmed her heart. She assured him with a light smile, "You don't have to apologize to me. It's an emergency, so I understand. When you go back, just take good care of your grandfather and don't worry about me."

That night, Nicholas rushed back to the country with Gregory. After getting off the plane, it was only evening in the country, and the two went straight to the hospital.

In the ward, Remus was still in a coma. Tobias, Stefania, and the housekeeper, Ian, had been watching over him the entire time. Hayley and her parents had also rushed over to pretend to care about Remus after receiving the news in the afternoon. When they saw Nicholas returning with Gregory, their eyes shone with victory. As for Tobias and Stefania, their heavy expressions eased a little upon seeing Nicholas. In particular, when Stefania saw Gregory, the gloom that had been hanging over her because of Remus' condition dissipated a lot.

"Come here, my lovely grandson. Give Grandma a hug." She stretched out her arms to Gregory.

Gregory obediently took the initiative to wrap his arms around Stefania's neck and asked in concern, "Grandma, will Great-Grandpa be okay?"

"Don't worry, he'll definitely be fine," she assured him.

Nicholas glanced at Remus in the bed. With a frown, he asked, "Dad, there should be a reason for Grandpa's acute heart failure. What did the doctor say?"

"The doctor said that it might be because your grandfather was too anxious, which caused him to get a heart attack."

Tobias explained the doctor's analysis, but Nicholas felt like something was wrong. Even if Remus fell ill with a heart attack, it was impossible for his condition to deteriorate so much. Besides, Remus had always been healthy, and even if he had fainted from anger before, he was fine after staying in the hospital for two days.

"Ian, you spend time with Grandpa every day. Did you notice anything unusual?" Nicholas asked again.

Ian replied truthfully, "Master Nicholas, Old Master Sawyer's sickness did come a little suddenly. Although he was a little angry previously because of your refusal to come back, he did not show any signs of discomfort."

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Chapter 446 Dodged a Bullet

Hearing this, Nicholas furrowed his brows deeply. He couldn't shake off the feeling that something was off, and that he was missing out on a crucial detail. After some thought, he asked again, "Since his health was fine, what about his diet? How is Grandpa's appetite these days, and what does he eat?"

At his words, Hayley and her parents, who were standing aside, felt their hearts race. They hadn't expected Nicholas to probe so much.

Ian replied, "Old Master Sawyer has a good appetite these days, and he can eat one and a half to two bowls of rice every day. The dishes are also made according to the menu formulated by the nutritionist, followed by some supplements."

"Supplements?" Nicholas frowned and pressed, "What kind?"

The moment he said that, both Hayley and her parents' faces showed a trace of panic. Nero hurriedly glanced at Hayley.

Noticing his nervous look, Hayley suppressed her anxiousness and stepped forward, saying, "Nicholas, I think that since it was something Old Master Sawyer could eat, Ian must have checked it beforehand, so there's probably no problems with his diet."

Her words caused Ian to think that Nicholas was suspecting him of being negligent, and he hurriedly defended himself, "Master Nicholas, I strictly control what Old Master Sawyer usually eats in strict accordance with the nutritionists' and doctors' instructions. Before I took the supplements to Old Master Sawyer, I even asked the doctor in advance."

Hayley's heart jolted. She hadn't expected that those supplements would be checked before they were given to Remus, but she soon relaxed. After all, Remus' current condition made it clear that the doctor did not find anything strange about the supplements.

At that thought, she spoke for Ian again, saying, "Nicholas, in my opinion, no matter what the reason for Old Master Sawyer's illness is, the most important thing now is that he can get better safely."

Nicholas glanced at Hayley coldly, but did not ask any more questions. Finally, the Stone Family was able to breathe a sigh of relief.

Suddenly, Nicholas' phone rang. It turned out that Tessa was worried about the situation, so she gave him a call after considering the time difference.

"I'm going to take a call." Leaving these words behind, he grabbed his phone and turned around, leaving the ward.

As Hayley watched his retreating figure, her expression darkened. She had accidentally seen the caller ID on his phone's screen, and realized that it was Tessa who had called.

Meanwhile, the atmosphere in the ward eased a lot as Nicholas left. Tobias and Stefania sat on the sofa with Gregory in their arms and asked about his life during his time abroad. "Has your daddy brought you anywhere while you're overseas these days?"

"Daddy took me to see Wiener Musikverein, and we watched many concerts. He even brought me to Filisburg to see the painting exhibition," Gregory briefly explained what he had been up to. Because of his agreement with Nicholas, he did not mention Tessa. Gradually, his excited and adorable voice brought some cheerfulness back to the heavy atmosphere in the ward.

However, the smile on Hayley and her parents' faces didn't reach their eyes. Hayley's eyes in particular were chillingly cold as she stared at Gregory. It was no wonder he was that b*tch Tessa's son if he could lie at such a young age. Others didn't know, but how could she not? In Vienna, those two were obviously living with Tessa!

As she watched Tobias and Stefania being deceived by that brat, Hayley felt that if she stayed any longer, she would definitely explode. Besides, she wanted to know why Tessa had called Nicholas, so she stood up and said with a smile on her face, "Nicholas has been on the phone for so long. I'll go check on him."

After speaking, she turned and walked out of the ward, but did not see him. Fortunately, she managed to find him on the balcony at the end of the hallway. She approached with light steps, only to see a gentle expression on Nicholas' face that she had never seen before. At the sight, she clenched her teeth in jealousy.

Meanwhile on the balcony, Nicholas had no idea that Hayley had found him.