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Chapter 447 An Unexpected Return

Nicholas was telling Tessa about the situation on his end. "Grandpa is still in a coma, and his condition is not looking very optimistic." "How could this happen? Wasn't he fine just a while ago? He could even come to Vienna." Through the video call, Tessa looked at Nicholas worriedly. "Did the doctor say what was the cause?" "According to the doctor, he had too much weighing on his mind," Nicholas replied truthfully. At that, Tessa became even more worried. If that was the case, Remus' illness had a lot to do with Nicholas' refusal to marry and his leaving. She looked at Nicholas, her gaze anxious and distressed. "Are you alright? Did your parents blame you?" At the same time, she began to blame herself. Why wasn't she better? If she were better, Nicholas wouldn't have to bear so much pressure by choosing to be her. At that thought, her eyes turned red. Upon seeing that, Nicholas knew that she was worrying about unnecessary things again, so he coaxed her gently, "I'm fine, don't think too much about it." Tessa sniffled and nodded, trying to control her emotions. She didn't want him to worry about her on top of his grandfather's condition. After the two talked for a little longer, Nicholas said, "I still have things to deal with here, so I'll call you later when I have time." "Okay. You have to take care of yourself and Greg," Tessa reminded him with a nod before hanging up the phone. However, her heart still felt a little heavy. "I hope Old Master Sawyer will get well soon." Tessa put her phone away and prayed for Remus. Soon after, she collected her emotions and continued to practice her violin. A while later, Hathaway came over to visit.

As she watched Tessa, who was playing her violin, she did not immediately step forward to interrupt but stood quietly at the door and listened instead. She had always felt that Tessa was the only other person she had seen besides Scott with a very high talent for music. When she saw Tessa put down the violin after she finished playing, she clapped with a satisfied smile on her face. "You've improved a lot. The emotions in your melody are a lot stronger than before." When she heard Hathaway's voice, Tessa looked up in surprise. "Miss Hathaway, when did you get here?" "Not long ago. I saw that you were practicing, so I didn't want to bother you." Saying that, Hathaway walked into the practice room and informed her, "Previously, the performance in Xerthania kept getting postponed, but this time it has finally been confirmed, so I came to tell you that the performance is set for next week. By then, you can go with the orchestra and visit your relatives while you're there." "Thank you, Miss Hathaway!" Tessa was instantly rejuvenated by the news, and a gleeful smile appeared on her face. Although she was forced to leave at the beginning, she thought it would be okay to return now. After all, Remus already knew that she was staying with Nicholas. Besides, she was also very worried about Remus and Nicholas, and it was great to finally have the opportunity to go back and check on them. After getting off work that night, Tessa didn't rush back home, but went to the largest shopping mall in the city instead. Going

home was a rare occasion for her, so she had to make some preparations. Early the next morning, Nicholas brought Gregory to visit Remus in the hospital. "Daddy, when will Great-Grandpa wake up?"

Gregory sprawled out on the edge of the bed, looking at the unconscious old man with concern. Unexpectedly, as soon as he spoke, Remus, who had been in a coma for two days, finally woke up. The Sawyer Family was finally able to let out a sigh of relief as they called the doctor over for an examination. "The patient is temporarily out of danger, but there may still be some complications, so you must not agitate him. And try to make his meals as light as possible." After the doctor completed his examination and gave them a few instructions, he then left with the nurses. As Tobias and Stefania stepped forward one after another to care for Remus, Remus was still looking quite amiable. However, when it was Nicholas' turn, Remus' expression darkened and he said angrily, "So you're finally willing to come back?" Nicholas felt a little helpless. When Gregory saw Remus' unhappy expression, he thought that Remus had gotten angry again, so he quickly broke away from his father's hand and rushed toward the hospital bed.

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Chapter 448 Forced Marriage

"Great-Grandpa, don't be angry. The doctor said earlier that you'll get sick if you're angry, and then you'll have to get an injection and eat bitter medicine. I'll feel sorry for you, Great-Grandpa." He grabbed Remus' wrinkled and old hand and persuaded him with an adorable voice. Remus was extremely relieved, and a loving smile gradually appeared on his face. "I'm not angry, Greg, don't worry." Saying that, he glanced at Nicholas again, his weak voice full of disgust as he chided, "Look at Greg, then look at yourself. Even a child is more well-behaved than you." Nicholas glanced sideways at Gregory, the corners of his lips curling slightly. There was a trace of pride in his voice when he replied, "Well, he's my son." Remus was rendered speechless. Just as he glared at him and was about to say something, Nicholas interrupted, "Alright now, I didn't come back this time to argue with you. I'll take charge of the company again, so you can focus on recovering with peace of mind." Remus' dissatisfied expression subsided a little as soon as he heard that.

After Nicholas and Remus stopped butting heads, the atmosphere in the ward turned lighter, and Remus was able to chat with his grandson again. During their conversation, Nicholas asked Remus if he had realized anything when he fell sick. After a moment of thought, Remus shook his head. "There were no symptoms. I just suddenly felt my chest tightening." Nicholas' brows furrowed. Remus glanced at him and suddenly lamented, "Sigh. I wonder how much time I have left..." "I've already asked a famous medical team from abroad to fly over for your treatment. They'll definitely nurse your health back to tip-top shape." Without waiting for Remus to finish speaking, Nicholas interrupted him.

He knew very well that if he didn't cut him off, his grandfather would definitely try to force him to marry again. Naturally, Remus knew that Nicholas had interrupted him on purpose, and he shot him an unhappy glare, which the latter took no notice of. Seeing this, Remus couldn't do anything about it either, so he ignored him and turned his attention to Gregory. "Greg, did you have a good time abroad with your daddy recently? Did anyone make you feel unhappy there?" "It was fun! I had a great time there!" Gregory replied jubilantly, before telling Remus about the interesting things he had seen abroad. His childish stories put a smile on Remus' face. When Hayley arrived, she heard the cheerful laughter coming from the ward. She stood by the entrance, and through the glass on the door, she saw Gregory excitedly talking to Remus.

Then, she plastered a small smile on her face and knocked on the door before entering. "Old Master Sawyer, I heard that you woke up, so I came to see you," she called out to Remus obediently, then greeted Nicholas and Gregory. When they saw her, the expressions on Nicholas and Gregory's faces faded at once. Even so, they still responded to her politely. "Miss Stone." "Miss Hayley." When Hayley saw the identical indifferent expressions on their faces, her chest ached, and she almost couldn't even maintain her smile. She took a deep breath, suppressed her inner indignation, and forced a smile on her face as she exchanged a few pleasantries with them before she shifted her focus to Remus. Since Nicholas and Gregory did not like her, no matter how much she buttered up to them, it would be useless. Hence, it was better for her to befriend Remus. As long as she got into Remus' good books, she could still get a chance to marry Nicholas. Of course, it was just as she had planned. After she stayed by Remus' side for half a day, his affection for her improved greatly. Remus looked between Hayley and Nicholas. The more he looked at them, the more he felt that they were a good match, and that it would be a pity if they missed out on each other. In the end, he couldn't help but bring the issue up again. "Nicholas, Hayley is truly a good girl that's hard to find nowadays. I think that you both can..." Without waiting for Remus to finish his sentence, Nicholas interrupted coldly, "Grandpa, you should prioritize taking care of yourself now. Don't worry about anything else."

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Chapter 449 Examination Result (1)

Remus' cheek flushed with displeasure after Nicholas' implied warning in his tone. In the end, he did not continue to insist on it. As a result, Hayley's eyes dimmed, for disappointment filled her heart. Nevertheless, her spirits were quick to bounce back as she was already joking around with Remus. During the afternoon, the famous foreign medical team—the ones Nicholas had invited—had arrived. With the ding, the elevator doors opened to reveal a group of doctors dressed in white coats stepping out of the elevator. Unexpectedly, the one in the lead was Ashton Sloan. Naturally, Nicholas would not doubt Ashton's capabilities. Furthermore, Ashton was one of the best friends whom he trusted,

which was why he had specially invited these people here from abroad. When Nicholas saw Ashton walking toward him, he took a step forward toward Ashton as well. "As per your request, I have asked my men to move all of the needed equipment into the examination room." "Nicely done." Ashton nodded before taking a glance behind Nicholas. "Where's the old man?" "He was just sent to the examination room to make preparations." Nicholas replied before deliberately adding, "Do help me check his health properly this time." "Don't worry, just leave it to me." Ashton nodded. Hayley became nervous as her heart was thumping while she listened to their conversation beside them. She had heard of how much of a medical genius Ashton Sloan was, and knew just how skilled he was in the medical industry. She became a little worried about what this man would find out during his examination. It might have been that her stares were too intense, for Ashton turned his attention toward her at this moment. When she realized his gaze on her, Hayley stayed calm as she greeted, "Hello." Since she hid her emotions well, both Ashton and Nicholas remained unaware of her state of mind. It was at this time Ashton's assistant came over and reported, "Doctor, everything is ready now." Ashton nodded and gestured at Nicholas before entering the examination room. An expressionless Nicholas stood inside the inspection room. His upright posture was like a tall tree as he gave off a majestic aura around him. As Hayley watched how he was acting, she tried to break the dreary tension in the air by finding a topic to talk about. "I know Ashton Sloan. He's one of the best doctors in the world. With him around, I believe Old Master Sawyer will be fine." He gave her a cold glance in response as an indication that he was not going to pay her any more attention. While watching the man ignoring her, Hayley became aggrieved and annoyed. Just what does Tessa has that I don't for him to look at me this way? Thinking back on the scene she witnessed on the balcony, she became much more discontent. Nicholas is someone I fancy. I will never allow any other woman to steal my man! ... In the examination room, Ashton had conducted a thorough examination on Remus. Remus was fully cooperative throughout the examination. It took them a few hours before the examination was finally completed. The old man was then escorted back to his ward by the nurses. Nicholas, on the other hand, stayed back as he wanted to meet with Ashton. As for Hayley, she had also wanted to find out what Ashton found, which was why she followed Nicholas in waiting outside the examination room. It took a little while before Ashton came out in slow steps from the examination room. Nicholas immediately went over to the doctor the moment he saw him and asked, "How is it?" Hayley followed suit with concern written on her face. "Doctor Sloan, how's Old Master Sawyer's result?" Ashton raised his eyebrow subtly at the sight of Hayley's worried expression. He knew that Hayley had always wanted to marry his best friend, and had heard that the marriage talks between them broke down not too long ago. However, looking at her right now, Ashton could see that this woman still had not given up on his best friend. With such thoughts on his mind, he turned his attention away from her and looked at Nicholas with a serious expression. "Old Master Sawyer's heart condition isn't serious, and it's still only on the lighter side. It shouldn't be life-threatening as long as he gets proper rest and doesn't get agitated any further." "Thank you," Nicholas replied as his

stiff handsome face relaxed a little from the report. Since Ashton has said so, then Grandpa should be fine now.

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"However..." Ashton added abruptly as his eyes narrowed with a touch of dread inside them. He then gestured a look at Nicholas. Nicholas was stunned as his heart tightened once more. Hayley, on the other hand, did not notice the look the doctor gave Nicholas. Nevertheless, she was once again shaken up by what Ashton said. Unsettled, she asked, "However, what? Is there something wrong with Old Master Sawyer?" "It is unrelated to Old Master Sawyer. It's only a personal matter of mine," Ashton replied before turning his attention back to Nicholas with a twinkle in his eyes. "I'll take my leave here. Give me a call if anything happens again." Nicholas nodded. Relief washed over Hayley as she watched Ashton leave the area. Ashton Sloan isn't all that great after all. Why was I even worried to begin with? Thinking that, she turned to the handsome beside her before feigning virtue in comforting the man. "Since Doctor Sloan has said that it's not serious, Old Master Sawyer will definitely get better as long as he recuperates properly. Don't worry too much about it." Yet, Nicholas only gave her an indifferent glance as a reply before leaving her side. Hayley's smile stiffened with both her hands clenched tightly into fists. Furious, she turned toward Nicholas' back and watched him leave with fury in her eyes. Why? Why?! Why won't you look my way? Is nothing I do or say enough for you? Even though I am the person right beside you at this moment! Am I really that inferior to that woman?! ... Back in the ward, Nicholas' family asked him about Remus' examination result the moment Nicholas came back. "Grandpa's fine. His heart condition is on the milder side. Just make sure that he doesn't get agitated and has proper rest." Everyone sighed in relief after hearing Nicholas repeat what Ashton told him. "I'm glad he's okay." Stefania smiled. Nicholas glanced around the room before looking at Kieran. "Look after Grandpa for me. I still have something to do back at the company." "No problem." Kieran nodded in reply. Nicholas then left them in the ward without looking back. Unexpectedly, just when he left the ward, Hayley had just come over. She had composed herself before coming over, which was why she was late. She was about to say something to the leaving Nicholas, but he walked past her without so much as a glance at her. At this, her anger that she'd tried hard to suppress rose once more. Naturally, Nicholas remained unaware. Just as Nicholas left the hospital, he found Edward had parked his car by the roadside. He entered his car and was not surprised to see Ashton already inside. With the car on the road, Nicholas asked, "What were you trying to say just now?" Ashton glanced at him before fully disclosing his findings. "I'm afraid the reason for Old Master Sawyer's heart failure is man-made. Someone gave him something that he shouldn't have eaten."

When Nicholas heard that, his expression turned dark as suspicion filled his mind. With a frown, he asked, "There's always a physician and a specialized nutritionist overseeing Grandpa's diet. Wouldn't they be able to notice if he ate something he shouldn't have?" "With how advanced technology is nowadays, there are many things that are able to trigger a heart failure, including those that are virtually undetectable. My advice is to investigate this matter, specifically going to the Sawyer Residence and checking if there are any problems with the food." Ashton voiced his opinion. Nicholas—who was wearing a darkened and frightening expression right now—agreed with Ashton as he ordered, "Edward, to the Sawyer Residence!" After all, Ashton had absolute authority in this matter. 10 minutes later, the black Rolls-Royce came to a stop at the entrance of the Sawyer Residence. Ian welcomed them as soon as he heard of their arrival and respectfully greeted the two. "Master Nicholas, Doctor Sloan." Nicholas nodded in reply before leading Ashton into the living room. Seconds later, the maids came to serve them tea.