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Chapter 716 Something Wrong Somewhere

When the press saw the crowd of guests, who were mostly powerful and influential people, they were agitated and excited. After all, most of them were hard and rare to be captured on camera.

Meanwhile, the guests were unfazed by the shutters and flashes from the press as they went on and exchanged pleasantries with the others, walking on the red carpet with a smile on their faces. When they arrived at the hotel's entrance, they were greeted by the usher, who would later lead them to the banquet hall.

In the meantime, Nicholas was seen wearing a decent black suit with an emotionless look on his handsome face. At the same time, he radiated an attractive and manly aura that couldn't be ignored by those around him. On the other hand, Kieran was also wearing a black suit like Nicholas was, but unlike his older brother's cold demeanor, he was always seen with a bright smile on his face and an approachable attitude.

While the brothers each stood next to their grandfather, Remus, the older man was wearing a classic suit that made him look especially jubilant and jaunty. With his gray hair combed, his eyes lit up with exhilaration and happiness. He then brought the brothers with him and greeted the guests just as everyone began to exchange pleasantries with a glass of champagne in their hand in the banquet hall.

While the place was full of socialites from all over the country, every one of them dressed themselves up attractively and beautifully for the occasion. Thus, the occasion looked exactly like a fashion show if it weren't for Remus' birthday feast. After all, most of them were wearing custom-made dresses with valuable jewelry.

Staring at the ladies, Kieran leaned closer to his brother and whispered to the latter. "Hey, Nicholas. Is it just me, or are there a lot of ladies among our guests?" Nicholas looked around him when he heard Kieran's words, realizing his younger brother's words were true. Then, he heard Kieran's confused voice again. "What do you think Grandpa is up to? Why did he invite so many ladies to his birthday feast?"

"You want to know why?"

"Yeah, I do."

“Think about it yourself.”

Kieran speechlessly looked at Nicholas, responding in an annoyed manner, “You could have just told me you don’t know anything. It’s not like I’m going to laugh at you for that or something.”

Meanwhile, Nicholas shook his head helplessly, refusing to waste his breath debating with his brother. He held his glass of champagne and caught up to his grandfather, somehow feeling a little skeptical about what Remus was doing. Nonetheless, he decided not to pay much attention to it despite his doubts.

When it was almost time, the guests gathered around the stage, where a famous host appeared and officiated the event by trying to lighten up the atmosphere. “For now, let’s welcome our star of the night—Mr. Sawyer to the stage!” As soon as he finished his sentence, he retreated from the stage, whereupon the audience responded with a round of applause.

Soon, Remus walked up to the stage with a smile on his face and raised his hand as a gesture of silence. He then spoke with an energetic voice. “I’m happy and honored that everyone here has made time to attend my birthday feast. So, instead of boring you all with some mundane pleasantries, I hope every one of you will enjoy yourself tonight.”

It was then that the birthday feast went on without a hitch. In the meantime, Remus continued to interact with the other guests with the brothers after his speech.

As Nicholas realized every guest they chatted with was a single lady, his face turned cold a little, even though he didn’t say anything about that. However, his brother, Kieran, hadn’t noticed anything wrong with him.

Not long after that, Remus seemingly noticed a lady whom he thought was an outstanding one, praising her in front of her parents. “Your daughter is an exceptional lady. What’s her plan for the future? Is she engaged?”

Clever enough to catch on to Remus’ question, they happily answered, “Oh, our daughter is currently not engaged. In fact, we’ve arranged for her to intern in a company because we’re hoping she could help her future husband manage his business.”

“You’re right. After all, there is a woman behind every successful man.” Remus nodded in satisfaction. While they didn’t avoid the other guests during their conversation, the bystanders quickly understood what was going on and desperately introduced their daughter to the older man.

“Mr. Sawyer, this is my daughter. She is currently managing my company for me.”

“My daughter, Jinny, has also started a company with her friends. Perhaps she could work with your grandson one day if she has the honor.”

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Chapter 717 Horace and His Granddaughter

“Exactly. After all, young people simply have to interact with each other more.”

As more and more people tried to introduce their daughter to Remus, the ladies were eventually able to guess what the birthday feast was about. Thus, they all bashfully looked at Nicholas and Kieran, although most of the attention was focused on the former.

After all, they were attracted by the cool and indifferent aura from Nicholas, which was something lacking in Kieran’s approachable and amiable nature. However, Nicholas didn’t bother to even look at them despite their interest in him.

Nevertheless, Kieran was able to sense something wrong because he finally understood what his grandfather was up to. This is not a birthday feast at all. Grandpa is trying to organize a matchmaking session for Nicholas instead. At the thought of that, he nervously peeked at his brother, only to notice the calm look on his face. “Nicholas, did you already know what Grandpa is up to from the beginning?”

Nicholas looked askance at Kieran without saying a single word, although the look on his face gave him away. Despite his frustration with Remus’ action, Nicholas reluctantly accompanied his grandfather while greeting the other guests with Kieran. During the break, he found a chance to confront Remus about his ulterior motive behind his birthday feast. “What’s all this about tonight?”

“It is whatever you think it is,” Remus said with a cold grunt. “If you won’t do it, I’ll do it for you.”

While Nicholas’ face darkened glacially, Kieran quickly sensed the tension between his grandfather and brother. Worried that Nicholas might just walk off in a fit of pique, he immediately approached the former and whispered, “Look, you don’t have to take Grandpa’s words so seriously because there is nothing he can do either if you won’t cast an eye on those ladies.”

“Kieran, what did you say to your brother?” Remus glared at Kieran with a stern look on his face.

In response, Kieran only timidly rubbed his nose and replied, “N-Nothing.”

Remus then shot a gaze at Kieran while something seemingly crossed his mind. “Your brother will stay with me while you help your parents with the guests. Go now.” Upon hearing the old man’s words, the brothers could sense his determination to find Nicholas a woman he could marry, but in order to do that, he needed Kieran out of the way.

However, Nicholas wasn’t having any of it as he glared at Remus and showed his stance. “You’re only wasting your time and energy because I won’t change my mind, no matter what you do.”

At that moment, an old man showed up at the entrance with his granddaughter. It turned out that the guest was Remus’ long-lost friend, Horace Muller, who had been living abroad over the years. His granddaughter was Wanda Muller, Nicholas’ schoolmate back in the day.

While Wanda had returned from overseas to visit her grandfather, they happened to catch Remus’ birthday feast just in time and eventually decided to come for the occasion. When the old man walked up to Remus, he apologetically said, “I was a little occupied during the day, so I apologized for coming this late.”

“No worries. I’m still happy that you made it in the end.” Remus gave the older gentleman a pat on the shoulder and sighed. “It’s been a while since we last met.” He then shifted his attention to the lady standing beside Horace and smiled amiably at her. “This must be Wanda, I presume. You’ve grown to become a pretty girl since we met years ago.”

“Happy Birthday, Mr. Sawyer,” Wanda responded to Remus elegantly like a graceful princess.

“Great. Great,” Remus replied with an affirmative hum, expressing the satisfaction he felt toward Wanda. Gazing at the tender lady before him, he then turned his attention to his charming grandson, Nicholas, whom he thought would be a perfect match with Wanda. “Nicholas, why don’t you say hi to Mr. Muller and Wanda?” He tried to urge Nicholas.

“Greetings, Mr. Muller and Miss Muller.” Nicholas nodded at the duo.

In the meantime, Horace sized Nicholas up, feeling amazed to see the latter. “Your grandson’s reputation precedes him. After all, I kept hearing people say how Nicholas was more outstanding than his seniors were when I was living abroad. Now that I finally meet him in person, it seems to me he is even more charming now than you were back then.”

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"You're too kind," Remus humbly responded although he was proud of his grandson deep down.

Seeing his old friend's reaction, Horace smiled in embarrassment and said, "Anyway, you must be delighted now because Nicholas is the most outstanding kid among our grandchildren." He went on to express his envy for Remus and added, "The Sawyer Family is in luck to have someone as exceptional as Nicholas as its descendant."

Upon hearing his friend's words, Remus couldn't agree more with him. After all, the Sawyer Group had been thriving better and better over the recent few years under Nicholas' leadership, which far exceeded his expectations. When the two older men talked about that, they went on to reminisce about their old times together since they hadn't met each other in a while.

In the meantime, Nicholas and Wanda silently stood beside the two old men as the lady couldn't stop peeking at the man bashfully. A few moments later, she finally mustered the courage to make the first move in greeting Nicholas. "Hey, Nicholas. Long time no see."

However, Nicholas only nodded indifferently without any intention of speaking after a brief pause, much to Wanda's disappointment. At the same time, Remus witnessed what was going on and thought of something that might help him with his plan. "Nicholas, Mr. Muller and I have some catching up to do, so I'm going to leave Wanda to you."

When Nicholas heard his grandfather's response, his face darkened because he knew why Remus left Wanda to him. Although he couldn't reject his grandfather, he intentionally distanced himself from Wanda by remaining formally courteous all the time. While the duo took a stroll around the banquet hall, Nicholas, who was the center of the focus himself, managed to turn many heads. As soon as the other guests noticed the lady beside him, they all whispered their bewilderment and curiosity in murmurs with each other. "Who's that lady over there? She doesn't look familiar at all."

"Nope, I can't place her face. Does anybody else know her?"

"Could she be the fiancée Mr. Sawyer arranged for his grandson?"

Nonetheless, Wanda didn't hear the gossip as she continued to follow wherever Nicholas went. Sensing the man's indifferent attitude, she desperately sought a topic she could talk to him about to bond with him. "You've gotten more and more outstanding over the years. I've always heard about you from my grandpa."

Nevertheless, Nicholas continued to react indifferently, but even so, his every moment still seemed graceful, like he was born naturally with that aura. Besides that, his good looks only served to make him the most eye-catching man in the banquet hall. Enchanted by Nicholas' handsome appearance, Wanda was seen with her eyes lightening up. After all, Nicholas had been an outstanding child when he was little, but after so many years, he had grown to become an attractive man who could steal any woman's heart with just a look.

Meanwhile, Gregory, who heard the gossipy murmurs around him, didn't feel happy when he saw his father with an unfamiliar woman. He then pursed his lips and scurried toward him. "Carry me, Daddy."

As Nicholas looked down, he lightened up a little at the sight of his adorable son and bent over to carry him in his arms. On the other hand, Wanda paused for a few seconds before she realized the child was Nicholas' son. With a faint smile on her face, she gently said, "This must be Greg. I can't believe he's grown up so much." She took a closer look at the boy while speaking.

With a decent-looking appearance, Gregory was an exact spitting image of his charming and handsome father. Wearing a formal suit with a black bow tie around his collar, the boy looked just like an educated gentleman trapped in a child's body.

Nicholas nodded at Gregory and gently told him to greet Wanda. "Why don't you say hello to Miss Muller?"

"Nice to meet you, Miss Muller." The boy politely greeted the lady but did nothing else more than that. After doing what he was told, he turned his attention to Nicholas and asked, "I'm bored here, Daddy. Play with me, would you?"

Unwilling to accompany Wanda any longer, Nicholas decided to seize the opportunity to lose her by agreeing to play with his son. Nevertheless, Wanda didn't feel the same way as she didn't want to pass up the chance to spend some quality time with Nicholas. Therefore, she suggested that she could accompany the father and son. "Perhaps I could join you and play with Greg."

Just when Nicholas was about to respond, Gregory's reluctant voice was heard. "It's okay. We're good without you because I only need Daddy. You could play elsewhere instead." Upon finishing his words, the child looked at his father once again and urged him to play with him. "Hurry up, Daddy. Our little game awaits."

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Chapter 719 Tessa's Gift

When Nicholas heard Gregory's words, he looked down and fixed his gaze upon his son. Meeting the child's eyes that were brightening up, he instantly understood that his son was trying to get him out of the difficult situation. "Gregory is right. Since you're our guest, you mustn't be troubled to look after my kid." He rejected Wanda euphemistically by intentionally stating the differences between their positions in the feast.

In the meantime, Wanda's smile stiffened on her face as she didn't know what to say with her purse in her hands. Seeing the father and son walk away, she bit her lip and gently pleaded, "But, what am I going to do without you by my side? This place is a total stranger to me."

"Don't worry, Miss Muller. I'll get my assistant to show you around the place right away." As soon as Nicholas finished his words, he immediately sent for Edward.

Looking handsome, Edward walked up to Nicholas and asked, "How may I be of help, President Sawyer?"

Nicholas pointed at Wanda and said, "This is Miss Muller. Please show her around the place, would you?"

"Sure. Miss Muller, this way, please." Edward nodded and courteously showed Wanda the way, but the latter stood still unenthusiastically. Instead, she was left behind in disappointment as she watched Nicholas walk away with Gregory.

On the other hand, the father and son soon found themselves in a place where there was no one else and sat down, whereupon Gregory struggled to break free from Nicholas' embrace. As soon as he stood on his feet, he began to preach to his father with an annoyed look on his face. "You weren't behaving yourself, Daddy. You promised Miss Tessa that you wouldn't let any other woman get close to you, yet you failed to keep your word. Did you know that you could have been misunderstood if the others had seen you with that woman? Don't forget. You still have Miss Tessa, and she would be heartbroken if she found out about what happened. Fine, I'll keep an eye on you for Miss Tessa in her absence."

While Nicholas was amused by the child's lecture, Gregory frowned on his father's smile and expressed his frustration. "Daddy, I'm being really serious with you, so stop laughing!"

Nicholas burst into laughter once again, but when he noticed the angry look on his son's face once again, he quickly faked a cough and kept a straight face. "Alright, I heard you, Boss."

After the father and son played for a few moments, they returned to the banquet hall just when they were greeted by Remus, who was irritated by their disappearance. "I told you to keep Wanda company, but you left her to your assistant instead. What kind of gentleman are you?!"

"You can't blame this on Daddy, Great-grandpa, because I wanted Daddy to play with me." Gregory stood up for his father, playing on Remus' sympathy by acting coy. Meanwhile, Remus' heart melted in front of his adorable grandson as the sour look on his face was instantly replaced by a bright smile.

Later that night, the feast went on as usual, ending with a session in which the Sawyer Family members and guests presented their gifts to Remus. Soon, Tobias and his wife presented an ancient painting to Remus as his birthday gift. "We wish you a long life full of happiness."

"Thank you so much." Remus smiled happily and told Ian to keep the present. Later on, Nicholas and Kieran both gave their grandfather a valuable gemstone and a vintage antique, which put a huge smile on Remus' face, whereupon Ian was told to receive them on his behalf as well. While Nicholas was supposed to leave the stage with Kieran and make way for the others to present their gifts, he surprisingly stood still in place.

"Is there anything else, Nicholas?" Remus asked.

Nicholas nodded and produced a sophisticated-looking gift box, which he handed over to Remus. "This is a present Tessa prepared for you. She knows you have a liking for classic literature, so she bought you this."

Although the book caught Remus' eye when he first laid his eyes on it, he pretended as if he didn't like it when he knew the gift was from Tessa. In the meantime, Tobias and his wife also knitted their eyebrows while everyone else couldn't help wondering who Tessa was. As the atmosphere in the banquet hall started to stiffen, Gregory seemingly sensed Remus' dislike for Tessa's present and scurried toward him. "Great-grandpa, I thought classic literature had always been your favorite. So, what are you waiting for? Hurry up and accept it."

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"My present is with Daddy. Come on, Daddy. Let's bring my present to Great-grandpa." Gregory eagerly waved at his father, who nodded and took the present from his assistant, whereupon he stepped forward with it. "See, Great-grandpa? My teacher taught me how to write this calligraphy. I wrote hundreds of words here as a blessing of long life to you, Great-grandpa." The child proudly presented his gift, which was a paper with rows of calligraphy writings on it.

While Remus liked the present very much, he told Ian to frame it and hang it in his study. Then, the other guests proceeded to present their gifts to the older man until the feast came to an end. After that, Nicholas was about to walk away with Gregory asleep in his arms, only to be called out to by Remus. "Take Mr. Muller and Wanda back home for me." Worried that his grandson might disobey him again, Remus added, "See them home by yourself and leave your assistant out of this."

While there were others around, Nicholas was bound by his respect for his grandfather to obey the latter. Therefore, he was forced to leave Gregory to Stefania and took Horace and Wanda home by himself. As they were on their way to their destination, Wanda seemed to have forgotten about the awkwardness she went through earlier that night and went on to start a conversation with Nicholas once again. Out of courtesy, Nicholas responded with brief replies instead of leaving her in the cold. On the other hand, Horace, who was silently watching their interaction on the side, smiled brightly at the thought of a perfect couple they would make.

By the time Nicholas returned home, it was almost midnight. Then, he went on to take his shower shortly before he received Tessa's video call. "Are you back? How was the feast?"

"Everything went well." Knowing Tessa's concern about Remus' birthday feast, Nicholas proceeded to tell her what had happened earlier that night.

When Nicholas talked about the part in which everyone presented their gifts to Remus, Tessa nervously asked, "Did your grandpa like my present?"

"Yeah, he likes it, of course." Although Remus acted as if he didn't like the classic literature, Nicholas knew Tessa's present was up his grandfather's alley.

Meanwhile, when Tessa heard from Nicholas that Remus liked her present very much, she felt over the moon. After that, both of them went on to chat for a bit until she realized it was getting late and urged Nicholas to get some rest. "It's been a long day for you. Go to bed now." Nicholas nodded in response and said goodbye to her before hanging up the call.

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"What's she doing here?" Nicholas was surprised to hear about Wanda's arrival but still instructed Edward to bring her to his office.

A few minutes later, Edward entered the office with Wanda, who appeared to be wearing a trendy striped dress with a fancy pink sweater on the outside to keep her warm in the air-conditioned environment. She then set her eyes on the man who was sitting behind the desk in a glacial yet graceful manner with a smile on her face. "Good morning, Nicholas."

Nicholas nodded and asked, "What brings you here?"

"Old Master Sawyer arranged for me to visit your company, but I hope I didn't come here at the wrong time."

"No, you didn't. Don't worry about that." Nicholas assured Wanda that she wasn't a disturbance and sat her down on the couch.

After taking a seat, Wanda went on to start a conversation by asking, "Where are we going to start later?"

"My secretary will show you around later."

As soon as Wanda heard the man's answer, the smile on her face faded almost instantly. Nevertheless, she hid her disappointment and gazed at Nicholas with a pair of smiling eyes. "Aren't you going to be the one showing me around?"

"I have a meeting to attend later," Nicholas responded tersely.

Wanda's face darkened when she heard the man's reply. However, she was mature and sensible enough to show her consideration with a faint smile. "Okay then, you should go ahead and do what you must. I'll be fine managing everything by myself." Nicholas nodded in response after hearing her words and summoned his secretary shortly after.

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