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Chapter 751 When Have I Ever Lied to You?

Tessa believed this was something they had to face together and not just Nicholas. She wanted to bear the responsibility with him, but every time she wanted to go out, Timothy would stop her, and this time was no exception either.

Timothy knew from the looks of his distressed sister that they could forget about sleeping if he didn't manage to dissuade her.

"Tess, you should have faith in Nicholas. Since he has decided to take care of it himself, everything will be fine." He analyzed with well-founded reasoning as he took Tessa to the couch.

If anything, he had a good idea why Nicholas had them come back here.

It was probably because his family didn't quite approve of their relationship. After all, the gap between them was far too great.

If Tessa stayed, she'd inevitably hear many unpleasant words, and this was also why Timothy kept stopping his sister from going.

After all, he didn't want his dear sister to suffer any grievances. However, Tessa knew none of this.

"I know I should trust Nicholas," she said with glumness, "but I just can't help feeling worried."

Just as Timothy wanted to talk some sense into Tessa, she began blaming herself. "It's all my fault. Even after all this while, I still haven't made a name for myself overseas. Had I at least achieved something, Nicholas's family wouldn't put him in such a difficult position."

Timothy didn't like how his sister put things into perspective, and it only fed his guilt. "If that's how you think, then it's not your fault at all. If anything, the blame's on me. If I hadn't kept you from your ambition, you'd have been a world-renowned violinist by now."

Timothy's words stumped Tessa for a second, and she hurriedly tried to convince him otherwise when she registered his thoughts. "How can it be your fault?"

"If it weren't for me, you wouldn't have had to defer for one year or even give up your chance to study abroad."

At that, indescribable self-reproach enveloped his face, and his conviction also strengthened at the same time. "At the end of the day, I'm just too weak. Nonetheless, I'll work harder and push our family up into the elites. That way, you can stand tall and proud when you face the Sawyers."

Tessa was touched to see her brother in high morale, but she didn't want to burden him either.

"It's good that you're committed, but I don't want to be the reason behind it. You have your own purpose in life. Besides, this issue is between me and Nicholas. How can I impose it on you?"

Timothy wanted to speak up at that, but Tessa interrupted him before he could say anything. "Don't overthink it. Nicholas doesn't care if our family's rich or not."

"Having said that, I don't want people to think you've married way above your league," Timothy mumbled. "No matter what anyone else thinks, you deserve the best in the world."

Tessa chuckled upon hearing so, and her originally heavy heart had eased a lot.

Timothy talked a little more with Tessa after seeing the smile on her face, and when he saw that she was no longer persistent, he tried convincing her to go to bed. "It's getting really late. You should go to bed. I'm sure Nicholas will bring good news by tomorrow. Besides, my little niece needs her beauty sleep even if you don't. I can't have you abusing her, can I?"

Tessa thought he was right. She was carrying a life inside of her now, so she couldn't be reckless.

Just as she was about to head into her room, her ringtone sounded. Seeing it was Nicholas, she answered the video call in two shakes. "Nicholas, how did it go?"

The thing she was most worried about was that his family would make things difficult for him.

Nicholas smiled upon seeing her worried face. "Everything's naturally okay if I handle it."

"Really?" Tessa was dubious, for she feared that Nicholas was only lying to her because he didn't want her to worry.

Nicholas chuckled in response. “When have I ever lied to you?”

She finally eased upon hearing that. Then, she couldn’t help but ask, “Well, did your family say anything?”

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Chapter 752 Don’t Worry, I’m Here

“Nothing much, it’s just that they want to meet you.” “In that case, do I need to prepare anything?” Tessa couldn’t help feeling nervous upon hearing so, for this would be her first time officially meeting his family after they got together.

“Relax, alright?” Nicholas cooed when he caught her nervousness. “I’ll get everything ready for you.”

As he spoke, his family’s temperament popped into his head, and he thought she would need a heads-up. “My family will probably give you a hard time when you guys meet, but there’s no need to worry. I’ll be with you.”

Tessa smiled lovingly when she heard his last few words and nodded furiously. “I won’t be worried if you’re around.”

Nicholas changed the subject as he looked at his beloved’s gorgeous smile, his gaze filled with nothing but tenderness. “Did you eat well tonight?”

“How can I not when you’ve sent your chef over?”

Tessa couldn’t help feeling frustrated yet loved at the mention of that.

Nicholas chuckled under his breath in response. After chatting a little while more, he urged Tessa to go to bed.

After the call ended, Timothy urged again as he looked at the bright smile on his sister’s face, saying, “What did I tell you? Everything will be fine if Nicholas says so. Alright, go to bed now. You have to go to the orchestra tomorrow morning, don’t you?”

Tessa nodded in response and entered her bedroom. Then, she fell sound asleep the whole night.

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Early the next morning, Timothy sent Tessa to the orchestra after having their breakfast.

Meanwhile, Mona noticed the siblings from afar and was rather surprised, but she didn't go up to the two.

Very quickly, Tessa bid Timothy goodbye and went inside, and it was only then Mona jogged to her while greeting, "Morning, Tessa."

"Morning," Tessa replied with a smile.

"I noticed that your brother sent you here," Tessa gushed after approaching Tessa. "I'm honestly jealous. Your whole family's good-looking, especially your brother. I swear he looks more mature and charming than the last time I saw him."

Tessa chuckled to herself, already used to Mona's occasional shocking statements.

Lo and behold, next came another shocking statement.

"Tessa, why don't you hook me up with your brother since he's so cute? Don't you guys have a saying, goodies... family..."

Mona mumbled to herself for a long time, but she just couldn't put the saying together.

To that, Tessa shook her head while smiling and helped her out. "Keep the goodies within the family."

"Yes, that's it. What do you say to that?" said Mona jokingly as she looked at Tessa, who nodded in response. "Sure. If you can win him over, why not?"

Though Mona was a non-native, she had gorgeous facial features and a bubbly personality as well. Tessa had to admit that Mona was a good match for Timothy.

Of course, the conversation was mostly just blabber, and neither took it seriously.

The two left the conversation at that and moved on to rehearsal very quickly.

At noon, Tessa got a call from Nicholas saying he would be taking her home at night.

Instantly, she figured out that she would have to face his grandfather and parents.

When night fell, Nicholas came and took her away as soon as she left the orchestra.

"Timothy, what are you doing here?" Tessa was surprised to find her brother standing at the doorstep when they arrived at the mansion.

“Since both families are meeting, and I’m your only family member, it’s only right that I come and meet Nicholas’ family,” Timothy explained. In actuality, he was worried that the Sawyer elders would bully Tessa since she had come alone.

Inside, Remus, Tobias, and Stefania sat in the living room with grave expressions, and Kieran couldn’t help feeling worried for his brother and Tessa.

The woman immediately found the atmosphere tense as soon as she followed Nicholas to the living room, and she couldn’t help but freeze on the spot, feeling intimidated.

Timothy, who followed right behind, frowned upon seeing the scene. The Sawyer elders’ stance...

When he sensed Tessa’s fear, Nicholas held her hand tight, giving her courage as he cooed, “Don’t worry, I’m here.”

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Chapter 753 Your Love Drags Nicholas Down

The nervousness in Tessa alleviated after hearing Nicholas’ words, and she smiled at him, believing there was nothing she needed to be afraid of with him by her side.

Of course, the couple’s interaction didn’t go unnoticed by the Sawyer elders.

Remus continued to pull a straight face, his mood indiscernible.

On the other hand, Tobias and Stefania gazed at Tessa with mixed emotions, for never in their lives had they ever seen their eldest son this gentle.

Of course, Tessa was unaware of everything.

She stepped forward with Nicholas and greeted the Sawyer elders graciously, “Grandpa, Dad... Mom.”

Tobias nodded in response, still considerably amiable, but Stefania only looked impassively at the gentle, gracious, and courteous young woman.

Remus, on the other hand, remained straight-faced and clearly upset.

Even so, Tessa still remained smiling as she hinted at Timothy, who got the cue and handed the gifts in his hands to her.

Though Nicholas said he would prepare the gifts, Tessa thought it was still better that she prepared them herself.

“I heard you like tea, Old Master Sawyer, so I deliberately collected a few types overseas. I hope you like it.”

While speaking, Tessa pulled out an exquisitely packaged tea and presented it to Remus, who only shot her an indifferent glance, showing no inclination to accept the gift.

Nicholas turned grim upon seeing so and shot a glance at Sebastian, who was standing aside.

Sebastian nodded and took the gift from Tessa, who glanced gratefully at Nicholas. After all, she would certainly be stuck in an awkward situation if Remus kept ignoring her.

Likewise, Timothy wasn't any happier about the situation either.

However, because it was within his expectations, he said nothing, intending to play the situation by ear.

Next, Tessa brought out Stefania's gift.

Knowing Stefania's love for the violin, Tessa gifted her a sheet music collection.

As for Tobias, Tessa gifted him a painting.

The gifts were all lots she managed to bid from the auction.

After handing out all the gifts, Tessa returned to Nicholas' side.

Just then, Timothy stepped forward and introduced himself. “Good evening, Old Master Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer. I'm Timothy and Tessa's only living relative. Since our families are supposed to meet today, I've invited myself over.”

Tobias and Stefania sized Timothy up upon hearing his words, somewhat surprised, for they could sense that he was no average Joe from his speech, especially his neither overbearing nor servile gaze.

This girl does have a nice younger brother, the couple complimented.

On the other hand, Remus made no comments as he sized Timothy up, but he snorted when he shifted his gaze to Tessa. “I didn’t realize you’re actually so scheming. What? Did you think you could marry into the Sawyer Family just because you’re pregnant?”

Remus’ words undoubtedly upset Nicholas and Timothy, especially the former.

However, just as he wanted to retort his grandfather, Tessa stopped him.

As much as Remus’ words upset her as well, she knew this was her battle, and Remus would only despise her even more if she let Nicholas shield her.

“I’m afraid you’ve mistaken me, Grandpa. I have no intentions of using the child in my belly to marry into your family.” At that, Tessa fearlessly looked straight into Remus’ eyes and continued, “No doubt many women hope to marry into your family, but not me. I have my dreams to pursue.”

“That’s what they all say. If you’re so different, then why are you here now?” Remus had no intention of sparing Tessa any mercy, behaving aggressively.

However, it didn’t bother Tessa as she explained composedly, “No one can decide for themselves who they fall in love with. I’m standing here because I love Nicholas.”

“Well, do you know your love will only drag Nicholas down?” Remus struck again, this time hitting home. “Nicholas is the patriarch of the Sawyer Family. He needs a helpmate who can stand next to him and provide him aid. What can you do for him?”

Tessa held her breath as her face turned a little pale, having difficulty answering Remus’ question for a moment.

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Chapter 754 Comply

Heartbroken, Nicholas held Tessa’s hand and defended her, saying “I’ve said it before—I need a life partner. I want a soul mate, not a business partner or a subordinate. Or are you possibly thinking that the future of the Sawyer Family lies in the hands of a woman?”

His words were indeed personal, which undoubtedly caused Remus’ face to turn beyond grim.

“Nicholas, how dare you speak to your grandfather like that?!” Tobias reprimanded.

Still indifferent, Nicholas wanted to continue, but Tessa tugged on him while shaking her head.

“Admittedly, the wealth of the Sawyer Family can have someone want for nothing, and this might be why many women want to marry into the purple. However, I’m not one of them, and this isn’t the kind of life I want. I can understand why you’d have such a misunderstanding,” said Tessa word by word as she fixed her gaze on Remus.

“I have my own dream to pursue, and I can honestly tell you getting pregnant isn’t part of the plan. But now that I am, I have no plans of giving the child up. The baby is proof of our love.”

Remus was somewhat at a loss for words, looking grim when he saw how Tessa felt her belly.

However, Tessa wasn’t bothered, continuing to speak her thoughts earnestly. She said, “Nicholas and I stumbled many times before our relationship finally became stable, and I’m sure you’re aware of the incidents that happened in between. He doesn’t want me to suffer any grievances, and I don’t want to put him in a difficult position either. Hence, I’ll strive to be excellent and worthy of him. I hope you can accept me.”

Timothy couldn’t sit back anymore at this point, backing his sister up. “I get what you’re trying to tell us now, Old Master Sawyer. My sister might not be born into the purple, but I will work hard and move the Reinhart Family up into the ranks of the elite, becoming a family that’s worthy of the Sawyers. Even if the goal seems impossible now, it’s not going to stop me.”

Tessa couldn’t be more touched to hear her brother’s pledge.

Meanwhile, Gregory had come downstairs at this time.

Remus and the Sawyer couple were worried that their plan would foil with the child around, so they purposefully sent Gregory to his room. However, who’d have thought the child was a quick-witted one, having ditched the maid who was supposed to look after him?

“Great-Grandpa, I like Miss Tessa being my mommy. Please don’t make her leave,” Gregory begged his great-grandfather as he stood before Tessa.

Of course, Remus wasn’t pleased to see that even Gregory was protective of Tessa, and he chastised, “Who brought Gregory down here?!”

“No one did. I snuck out. Great-Grandpa, please don’t make Miss Tessa leave. I want Miss Tessa to be my mommy.”

Gregory made a moue at Remus once more, his big, crystal-clear eyes pooling with tears, looking like he would bawl the second Remus refused.

As angry as Remus currently was, he couldn’t blow a fuse in front of Gregory even if he wanted to.

Meanwhile, Tessa’s eyes turned red-rimmed with oncoming tears as she looked at the little fellow currently defending her, beyond touched.

With that, she took a deep breath, forced back her tears, and looked straight into Remus’ eyes. “If you mind my status and worry that I’ll be an embarrassment, Nicholas and I can keep our marriage a secret until the day you think I’m good enough.”

She had thought her compromise would get Remus’ agreement in return even if he still wasn’t pleased. However, who’d have thought she only received a sneer from him? “I have to hand it to you, Miss Reinhart. You sure know how to manipulate. No wonder these two are bewitched.”

“I never bewitched them. I only ever returned sincerity with sincerity.”

“Sincerity with sincerity? Doesn’t it still ultimately mean you’re manipulative?” Remus snorted disdainfully, his tone filled with nothing but contempt.

Tessa chewed on her lips, speechless. She didn’t expect Remus to be so obstinate.

Of course, Remus didn’t know what Tessa was thinking, and a glint of light flashed across his eyes as he looked at the silent young woman. “I will not recognize this marriage even if you two end up getting married. Also, I want you to comply with one thing.”

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Chapter 755 Send Them Home

“What is it?” Tessa had a bad feeling about this.

At that, Remus expressed his thoughts bluntly. "You have to be on bed rest in Sawyer Residence until the baby is born, and after that, the child has to return to us. I will not allow the child to be under your care."

Tessa turned slightly upset after hearing his words. Give up my dreams and also separate me from my child...

"Sorry, I can't do that." She shook her head, and her gaze unyielding. "I won't leave the child with you guys, nor will I be on bed rest in Sawyer Residence. I'm a part of an orchestra, and I have rehearsals and performances to do. This is my hard-won chance, so I won't give it up."

Likewise, Nicholas frowned as he looked at his grandfather disapprovingly. "I will not stop Tessa from pursuing her dream, and we will raise the child ourselves. You don't have to bother yourself with this, Grandpa." He made his stance clear.

Naturally, their answer was within Remus' expectations.

"This is as far as I will compromise whether you two agree to it or not," he announced coldly as he remained motionless on the couch.

Tessa turned grim in an instant, and Timothy wasn't looking any better either.

He even thought the old man was being borderline ridiculous. What did he see his sister as?!

At that, he snapped, "Don't you think you're being high-handed, Old Master Sawyer? My sister is a human, not your family's breeding stock. Who are you to treat her like that?"

After taking a cursory gander at the young man, Remus sneered and said, "Since your sister has already married Nicholas, it's only right that she follows our rules. Feel free to leave if you can't accept it."

Remus' words latter words had undoubtedly infuriated Timothy completely, and he instantly wanted to take his sister away.

Kieran, who was good at reading people, noticed this before Timothy could do anything and hurriedly stopped the man by whispering, "Don't make things much worse for your sister anymore. Can't you tell that my grandfather's pissing you off on purpose so that you'll eventually take your sister away and never come back?"

After hearing Kieran's words, Timothy gradually calmed down as he looked at the self-possessed old man on the couch. However, it didn't mean that he wasn't still pissed.

Tessa, on the other hand, was still rather upset even if she had heard the two younger brothers' whispers. All she wanted was to be with the man she loved. Why was this impossible?

Nicholas' heart ached when he sensed the sadness his beloved was exuding, and he looked to his grandfather, speaking up for her with an indisputable tone. "It's my call where and how my woman lives, so you don't have to bother yourself with this."

Livid, Remus struck the cane in his hand onto the floor with a thud and reprimanded through gnashed teeth, saying, "Nicholas, have you forgotten your obligations to the Sawyer Family as its patriarch?!"

Nicholas didn't even spare Remus a glance. He turned to Tessa as soon as he was done speaking, only to be met with her worried gaze. "Don't worry, I've got this." He then cooed, "You don't have to bother yourself with anything else either. You can continue to do whatever you like. As for the Sawyer Family, anyone who wants to inherit it can be my guest as far as I'm concerned."

Clearly, Nicholas was directing his latter words at Remus, who was predictably livid.

Likewise, Tobias and Stefania weren't happy either.

"This is absurd!" Tobias thundered.

However, Nicholas couldn't care less about his parents and grandfather's anger. "If being the patriarch of the Sawyer Family means that I can't be with the woman I love, then I'd rather give up the spot," he said plainly before taking a pause. "I've known that the entire Sawyer Family is my responsibility ever since I was a child, and I've never slacked even for a day. For this, I've sacrificed too many things, but I don't want my happiness to also be one of them."

Remus and the Sawyer couple were rendered at a loss for words, and it felt as if they had been choked after hearing Nicholas' words.

Seeing so, Nicholas ordered with a deadpan face, "Kieran, please send Grandpa, Mom, and Dad back home."

With that, he took Tessa out of the mansion without ever looking back at his family.

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Chapter 756 I Will Always Be by Your Side

“Mommy, Daddy, wait for me.” Gregory hurriedly chased after the star-crossed lovers seeing that they had gone far away.

Meanwhile, Timothy followed right behind.

After they were out of the mansion, Tessa grabbed Nicholas and asked worriedly, “Is it really okay for us to leave just like this?”

“It is.” Knowing what his beloved was worried about, he comforted her by saying, “Anything that’s in your favor will forever be okay.”

“But—” Tessa still couldn’t relax, but Nicholas stopped her before she could say anything. “That’s enough. As much as the Sawyer Family is my responsibility, it can do without me, and I don’t want you to suffer any grievances either.”

Nicholas’ words earlier in the living room popped into her head upon hearing so, and her heart couldn’t help but ache for him.

She remembered how she had thought Nicholas was an emotionless robot the first time she met him.

“I’ll stay by your side no matter what.” She held his hands firmly.

Just then, Remus roared angrily from inside the mansion, bellowing, “Nicholas, come back here this instance!”

However, the latter continued to ignore it.

Following that, Nicholas took Tessa back to the apartment.

Tessa cooked up a simple meal since they hadn’t had dinner. During the pleasant meal, the family of four said nothing about what happened in the mansion as though all of them had forgotten about the unpleasant incident.

“Here, have some more, Tess.” Timothy scooped some food for his dear sister, leading Gregory to follow suit. “Mommy, you need to eat more for the baby to get enough nutrients.”

Though Nicholas said nothing, he thoughtfully picked out the bones stuck on the fish before putting the piece of meat onto her plate.

Tessa, on the other hand, felt loved as she looked at the mountain of food on her plate.

Sometime after dinner, she took Gregory to the shower after seeing that it was getting late.

Meanwhile, Nicholas got a call from his brother, who still took the initiative to tell him what was going on in the mansion even though Nicholas left and disregarded his family.

“Nicholas, Grandpa’s still mad. You guys should just stay outside for now, and I’ll arrange for them to go back tomorrow.”

Nicholas hummed a response and said, “Please help me take care of things in the company. I probably won’t pay any attention to it for now.”

“I understand.” Kieran knew that his brother wouldn’t return unless their grandfather gave in, and he had no objections to it.

After all, Nicholas had already sacrificed a lot on his behalf. What he could do now was to fully support his brother in his pursuit of love.

Of course, Nicholas wouldn’t know Kieran had this notion, only exhorting, “Have someone take care of Grandpa after you guys go back. Call me if anything happens.”

Just when Nicholas wanted to head into the bedroom, he found Tessa coming up to him as soon as he turned around.

“Is Greg asleep?”

“Yeah, he fell asleep a couple of minutes ago.” Tessa nodded subtly and landed her gaze on the phone in Nicholas’ hand. “Was that Kieran on the phone? Did something happen over there?”

When he saw her worried look, Nicholas took her to their bedroom as he comforted her, saying, “Nothing happened. You don’t have to worry.”

Though Tessa was relieved by the news, she still felt terrible as she reproached herself, “If only I were better, your grandfather won’t be so against me.”

“Don’t say that. You’re already outstanding enough.” Nicholas pulled her into his arms and comforted her, not liking how Tessa belittled herself. “Trust me, I can sort everything out.”

But—

“That’s enough, I can take care of everything that happens. You just have to stay by my side, rely on me, and don’t give up.”

Tessa stared into his fathomless eyes for some time before finally nodding softly. "I will always be by your side no matter what happens!"