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Chapter 841 Becoming Sofia's Apprentice

Tessa answered her obediently.

"I'll also follow your arrangement, Granny Sofia," echoed Gregory in a sweet voice.

"Okay, you guys will follow my arrangement from now on." Sofia smiled happily. At the same time, she revealed her plans, saying, "From now on, I'm gonna extend our daily lessons from two hours to four hours. That's two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. You two may have lunch at my place during lunch break."

Naturally, Tessa agreed to it. After finalizing the details, she had the maid bring her two cups of tea, after which she and Gregory performed a ceremony to formally acknowledge Sofia as their mentor. Of course, such etiquette didn't exist in foreign countries, but she and Gregory did so nonetheless to show their respect and appreciation for their mentor.

When Sofia learned of the meaning of the ceremony, she became even more satisfied with Tessa.

At the end of the ceremony, Tessa and Gregory bid Sofia farewell. However, instead of going back right away, they went to Louis' manor.

"I made it, Mr. Louis! Mr. Louis—" Tessa couldn't help but cry out merrily before she and Gregory even reached Louis' workroom.

Louis' face broke into a fond smile when he heard Tessa's cries of joy in the workroom. However, by the time he saw her, his smile was already replaced by a disapproving frown. "I could hear you shouting from far away. Where are your ladylike manners?"

Gregory covered his mouth while chuckling in secret.

Tessa didn't take Louis' words to heart either. Capering to his side, she replied sweetly with a note of childishness in her voice, "Let's forget about my ladylike manners today. I'm so happy." She didn't know why, but she'd inadvertently behave in a childlike manner in front of Louis. It was as if she treated him as an older member of her family whom she could act like a spoiled child and get close to as she pleased. At this very

moment, for instance, she let out a chuckle and—with extravagant gestures—told him how she had become Sofia's final apprentice.

Louis looked at her fondly while she was talking. Not only that, but he was happy for her deep down. "That's nice. It's not easy to gain that old woman's approval."

Tessa replied, "It's all thanks to you. If you hadn't kept speaking highly of me in front of her, she wouldn't have been willing to see me." She didn't forget how Louis had acted as a go-between so that she'd get to know Sofia. It was only because of that that she had the chance to become Sofia's apprentice, so she decided to do her best to thank him. "When are you free? Let me treat you to a feast."

However, as soon as she said that, Louis declined her offer mercilessly, saying, "I don't like eating out. The food outside is dirty."

"Don't worry. I'll certainly find a fancy and sanitary restaurant," Tessa replied as she began to persuade him in every way possible.

At first, Louis wasn't swayed by her persuasion, but as time went on, her persistence began to wear him down. Knowing that she probably wouldn't stop today until he relented, he finally replied, "Alright, alright, I promise you, okay?"

Hearing the answer she wanted, Tessa immediately gave him a triumphant smile.

Gregory had never seen Tessa behaving so childishly before, so he was dumbstruck at the sight of the scene.

Just then, Louis recalled something and reminded her, saying, "Now that you've come back, remember to bring those three violins of yours to me for maintenance."

Seeing his serious expression, Tessa couldn't help but want to get into mischief. "It costs a lot to maintain three violins. Will you do that for free?"

Louis glowered at her in anger. "Are you short of money or something? How could you ask me to do it for free? That's wishful thinking! You're gonna pay me every penny!"

Tessa instantly burst into laughter.

After coming home that night, she couldn't wait to call Nicholas and share the good news with him. "I made it! I've become Sofia's apprentice!"

Nicholas was quite happy for her. "Congratulations on getting what you wished for."

At this moment, Gregory also couldn't help but brag, "Daddy, I also managed to become Granny Sofia's apprentice. I can take violin lessons with Mommy every day from now on."

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Chapter 842 The Sawyer Family's Response

Nicholas was stunned. "You've become her apprentice as well?" Seeing his response, Tessa smilingly told him how Gregory had become Sofia's apprentice.

Nicholas frowned slightly after listening to her story. "Doesn't that mean Greg is gonna live abroad for a long time?"

"That's right. It'll be just the two of us here in the future," Tessa replied with a grin.

Gregory also looked very happy beside her.

After formally acknowledging Sofia as her teacher, Tessa decided to settle down in Vienna with Gregory.

Of course, the older members of the Sawyer Family soon learned about this. They were very displeased, especially Remus, who was the angriest among them. "What is this Tessa lady up to? How dare she abduct Greg abroad and settle down there? She must have an ax to grind!"

After throwing a hissy fit at home, he had Ian summon Nicholas, Kieran, Tobias, and Stefania to the Sawyer Residence. "The Sawyer Family's eldest great-grandson is supposed to learn business management and inherit the family business in the future. But this Tessa lady let Greg take violin lessons to make him uneducated. The way I see it, she's up to no good!" he said while banging the ground with his walking stick to vent his anger.

Kieran was utterly speechless. All she does is let Greg take violin lessons. How is that making Greg uneducated? And how is that up to no good? Of course, he dared not say these words out loud.

Nicholas also knitted his brows, feeling that Remus' words were very uncomfortable to hear. "I've asked Greg about it. He's the one who wants to learn how to play the violin, so it has nothing to do with Tessa."

He defended his wife without forgetting to argue for an opportunity for his son. “And besides, Greg has a considerable gift for music. Since he’s interested in it, we shouldn’t neglect his talent.”

“I think Nicholas is right. Greg is still little right now, so it’s not a big deal to let him learn what he’s interested in.” Kieran joined in the persuasion. He persuaded, “And besides, Nicholas and I also learned all kinds of skills together when we were little. We can arrange other lessons for Greg when he grows older, so he won’t be kept from what he’s supposed to learn.”

Upon hearing this, Remus immediately glared at him grumpily. “What gives you the right to speak here? Shut up!”

Speechless, Kieran had no choice but to shut up in embarrassment. He felt aggrieved at being told off, but he dared not challenge Remus’ authority either.

Remus’ face showed a look of disgust after he finished reprimanding Kieran. “And besides, even if Greg has to learn something, he shouldn’t be learning from that Tessa woman. What could she teach him?”

Unsurprisingly, Nicholas’ face darkened the instant Remus said so. “Grandpa, Tessa is a great woman, and she’s approved of by many well-known performers.”

“So what if she’s gained their approval? I’ve not seen her achieve anything whatsoever,” Remus retorted with a snort. In any case, he despised Tessa in every regard.

At this moment, Tobias and Stefania, both of whom had been silent all this while, also came forward to express their opinion. “I also don’t agree to let Greg live abroad with that lady. She’s pregnant herself; how could she take good care of Greg?” asked Tobias.

Stefania also chimed in with a nod, “Greg usually lives with you, so I can visit him at Dynasty Gardens whenever I miss him. Now that he’s abroad, what should we do if I miss him? We can’t put our work aside and go abroad regardless of everything, can we?”

Pursing his lips slightly, Nicholas replied in an unwavering tone, “This matter is decided, so it can’t be changed. And besides, the one teaching Greg isn’t Tessa, but her mentor.” He paused for a moment before telling them how Gregory had become an apprentice. “That mentor also noticed Greg’s talent and wanted to appreciate it. Come to speak of it, that mentor is someone you like as well, Mom.”

Stefania was stunned. “Someone I like?”

Nicholas nodded. “That’s right. She’s Sofia Morris, your favorite performer.”

This time, it was Stefania's turn to be dumbstruck. To think that Tessa has become the apprentice of this big name! In an instant, she dismissed her inner misgivings. After all, Sofia was a world-famous musician who wouldn't necessarily agree to perform no matter how much she'd be paid.

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Chapter 843 The Unrelenting Remus

If Greg becomes her apprentice, it'll only be good for him! thought Stefania.

Tobias and Stefania were convinced by Nicholas' words, but Remus was still against it. He ordered Nicholas, "I don't care how great that music teacher is; I'm not allowing Greg to stay abroad with that Tessa woman. Get him back from overseas now!"

"I won't do that," Nicholas refused; he didn't like Remus to interfere with his family affairs.

Remus' anger surged when he saw how Nicholas remained unmoved. He chided, "You have to go even if you don't want to! I'll never let that Tessa woman hold Greg back."

"Tessa won't hold Greg back. She'll only be even nicer to him," Nicholas retorted with a look of displeasure. Then, he added in an unwavering tone, "Grandpa, you're old now. I hope you'll enjoy a life of ease and leisure at home instead of still vainly attempting to control everything."

Remus was enraged by his words. "What's the matter with your attitude? You think I'm being a busybody? I'm telling you, I'm doing this for Greg's own good. He'll only be ruined if he stays with that Tessa woman!"

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"In that case, your worries are completely unnecessary. As I said, Greg will only do better by staying with Tessa. Also, even if Greg leaves the country, he won't necessarily be worse off than while he was at home. I'll arrange for him to be taught by the best teacher." Nicholas looked as black as thunder in front of the unrelenting Remus. As his patience ran out, he added, "Don't worry; my son won't be inferior to anyone in the future. I also hope that you can have some confidence in me. And besides, can't you see my determination after such a long time?"

Remus was about to continue his argument at great length, but he was stumped by Nicholas' words. "Well, well, well. You're a grown-up now. I can't do anything about you anymore, huh?" he said before storming off in a huff.

Tobias and Stefania were somewhat worried about Remus, so they urged Ian to go upstairs to check on him. After learning that he was fine, they finally turned to look at their eldest son, who was sitting sullenly on the sofa.

Stefania advised, "Greg has never left our side before, so it's normal for your grandpa to find it unacceptable. Do you have to make him angry? Can't you discuss it with him amicably?"

Kieran couldn't help but speak for Nicholas as he sat beside the latter. "Nicholas did want to discuss it amicably, but did Grandpa ever give him the opportunity?"

Stefania immediately shot him an angry glare. "When is it your turn to speak here? Just behave yourself and stay where you are!"

Speechless, Kieran felt depressed. Am I deemed worthless by my family or something? I don't even have a say anymore.

Facing his parents indifferently, Nicholas replied in a tone that brooked no argument, "I won't change my mind on letting Greg study abroad."

Tobias and Stefania exchanged a brief look, knowing that Nicholas wouldn't change his mind once he had made a decision. "Fine then. Since you've made up your mind, we won't say anything. In any case, you won't do Greg any harm. As for your grandpa, just give him some time. He'll accept it eventually," Tobias advised Nicholas.

Nicholas nodded.

The two men then talked about the arrangements for Gregory's life abroad. "It'll probably be tough for that lady to look after Greg now that she's pregnant. You should send more people there to look after them."

"I know that. I'll arrange for someone to go there and take care of them."

With that, the matter was decided.

On the other hand, Tessa was still unaware that the older members of the Sawyer Family had agreed to let Gregory live abroad with her. Worried, she asked about this during her video call with Nicholas that night. "I asked you earlier to tell your family that Greg's going to study abroad with me. H-Have your parents agreed to it?"

"Don't worry, I've dealt with them. Greg will be studying abroad with you in the future."

Gregory leaped with joy beside Tessa when he heard Nicholas' words. "Hurray! I can be with Mommy every day from now on."

Tessa and Nicholas looked at the boy, who was shouting and jumping for joy, with their eyes full of fondness.

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Capítulo 844 La primera lección de violín de Gregory

Tessa, en particular, se sentía cálida por dentro. Tomando a Gregory en sus brazos, dijo con una sonrisa: "¿Estás tan feliz de estar conmigo?"

"¡Por supuesto! Me gustas más, mami", respondió Gregory, profesando su amor por su madre con voz infantil.

Al escuchar su conversación, Nicholas no pudo evitar maravillarse con la magia del parentesco. Greg y Tessa no saben nada, pero se sienten atraídos el uno por el otro debido a sus lazos naturales. Al pensar en esto, miró a la madre y al hijo riéndose con mayor ternura en sus ojos. Al ver la brillante sonrisa del niño, no pudo evitar burlarse de él y decirle: "Estás tan feliz de estar con tu mamá. ¿No me extrañas?"

"Te extraño, pero extraño aún más a mamá", dijo Gregory mientras abrazaba a Tessa de una manera pegajosa. Luego, continuó con una voz dulce: "Y además, he vivido contigo durante tantos años, así que ahora debería pasar más tiempo con ella. Papi, no estés celoso de mami, ¿de acuerdo? Con eso, le dio a Nicholas una mirada que decía 'no seas irrazonable'.

Nicholas frunció el ceño divertido.

Tessa no podía dejar de reír mientras miraba. Después de un rato, reprimió su risa y consoló a Nicholas, diciendo: "Está bien, no estés celoso de mí. Llevaré a Greg a verte cuando estemos libres.

"No estoy celoso. Solo quería burlarme de él", explicó Nicholas. Luego, agregó con ternura: "Y con Greg haciéndote compañía allí, puedo estar tranquilo".

Tessa asintió.

La familia de tres conversó por otro rato antes de colgar.

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The next morning, Tessa took Gregory to Sofia's manor after having breakfast.

Sofia smiled affably when she saw the mother and son in the living room. She asked, "Have you two eaten breakfast?"

"Yes, we have." Tessa nodded.

Gregory also nodded like an adult, saying, "We've eaten breakfast, Granny Sofia. Have you eaten?"

"Yes, I have," replied Sofia. Then, she tenderly beckoned Gregory over, saying, "Come on, let me take you to the music room to take your lesson."

Gregory nodded before following Sofia to the music room.

As today was his first day learning how to play the violin, Tessa followed them to the music room, fearing that he might not get used to it.

After entering the music room, Sofia didn't start teaching Gregory right away. Instead, she tested his basic knowledge. She took out several short musical compositions of different levels of difficulty, asking him to play the compositions one by one. However, little did she think that the boy would surprise her again. Gregory already had no trouble playing simple musical compositions. He played the violin with the right technique, so it was clear that he had practiced assiduously. As for intermediate-level musical compositions, the boy's skills were still immature, but he once again displayed an amazingly fine ear for music. "Tessa, Greg is simply born to play the violin. He's a genius!" Shocked, she looked at Tessa with excitement while being somewhat unable to control her emotions.

Tessa was also happy that Gregory possessed such a natural gift.

Roughly figuring out what Sofia's words meant, Gregory asked in a cheery voice, "Granny Sofia, am I amazing?"

"Yes, you are, Greg. You're very talented." Sofia nodded with a smile. Then, she said, "Even though you're talented, you have to practice hard."

Gregory nodded enthusiastically. "Don't worry, Granny Sofia. I'll certainly practice as hard as I can."

Seeing how obedient the boy was, Sofia felt that she had come across a real treasure.

It was time for Tessa's lesson in the afternoon. As Sofia had figured out how skilled she was, she drew up a study plan for her and taught her with pertinence.

The lesson lasted for half of the day, during which time Tessa learned a lot from Sofia. At the end of the lesson, she and Gregory bid Sofia farewell, saying, "We gotta go, Miss Sofia. See you tomorrow."

"See you tomorrow, Granny Sofia."

"Te veo mañana." Sofia observó cómo la madre y el hijo subían al auto y se iban.

De camino a casa, Tessa preguntó con cariño: "Greg, ¿estás cansado después de la lección de hoy?"

"No, no estoy cansado. ¿Estás cansada, mami? ¿Me porté bien?"

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Chapter 845 You Two Are Even

As Gregory spoke, he couldn't help but stretch out his tiny hand to touch Tessa's belly.

Tessa smiled. "I'm not tired."

As soon as she finished her sentence, her cell phone rang; it was a phone call from Mona. "Tessa, I heard that you've come back. Let's get together for dinner this evening."

"Sure."

"Let's meet up at the restaurant, then."

Tessa agreed before hanging up the phone.

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Half an hour later, the three of them met up outside the restaurant.

When Mona saw the exceptionally good-looking mother and son coming toward her, her eyes instantly lit up. "Greg! I wasn't expecting to see you." She trotted to Gregory's side as she liked the cute and adorable kid very much. "Can I hug you?"

“Yes, of course.” Gregory made a special effort to do her the favor, knowing that the woman before him was his mother’s close friend.

The more Mona looked at Gregory, the more she liked him. She hugged him while lamenting with a sigh, “What should I do, Tessa? I feel like having such a cute son all of a sudden.”

“In that case, you can get yourself a boyfriend and get married to him as soon as possible,” Tessa joked with a smile.

With that, the three of them laughed and joked as they entered a private room and ordered food.

Tessa hesitated for a moment over dinner. Still, she asked, “How is the orchestra?”

Even though she merely asked about the orchestra, Mona knew that she was actually worried about Hathaway. “Don’t worry. The orchestra is now back to normal, and Miss Hathaway has returned to the orchestra, too. She looks a little pinched, but she’s gotten back in shape.”

Tessa nodded. Initially, she was somewhat worried deep down, but now she was totally relieved.

Seeing that she was relieved, Mona purposely changed the subject, saying mysteriously, “Do you know who took over as Group Two’s concertmaster after you left?”

Puzzled, Tessa shook her head, asking, “Who?”

“It’s Cindy.”

Tessa was startled for a moment before recalling the woman. “Ah, it’s her. She does have such capabilities.” She and Cindy had been on bad terms over the position of concertmaster at the time. Objectively speaking, however, she thought Cindy was quite skilled as a violinist.

Mona curled her lips. “She’s quite skilled, but she’s of questionable character.”

Upon hearing this, Tessa surmised that something had probably happened. She asked with concern, “What happened?”

“That woman has gotten all cocky since Miss Hathaway promoted her. Not only that, but she—” Mona quickly broke off mid-sentence, feeling that her close friend’s mood would be affected if she finished her sentence.

Still, Tessa noticed that something was wrong. She asked, "Is she still saying that I have something to do with Kathleen's death?"

Mona looked embarrassed; she was somewhat at a loss for a reply. At the same time, she was also somewhat vexed at herself. Why do I have to be such a buzzkill by mentioning these unpleasant people in such a nice atmosphere? In the end, she replied, "In any case, you're not part of the orchestra anymore, so you don't have to care about these people."

Seeing that Mona didn't want to talk about it, Tessa nodded lightly, though she no longer smiled as much as she had just now. Although Mona didn't talk about it, she was more or less able to figure out what had happened.

Noticing the change in Tessa's mood, Mona knew that there was no way she couldn't figure it out with her cleverness. She gave a secret sigh, knowing that her close friend was probably upset deep down. After all, many people blamed Tessa for Kathleen's death after such a thing happened. However, in her opinion, Tessa really shouldn't be blamed for these things. At the thought of this, she couldn't help but advise, "You don't have to care about what those people think. Besides, now that you have a better place to go, you should stop dwelling on the past."

Tessa pursed her lips before saying slowly, "Actually, I've gotten over Kathleen's death long ago. It's just that I still feel sorry for Hathaway after all."

Understanding what she meant, Mona curled her lips. She couldn't help but speak up for her, saying, "Come to speak of it, what Miss Hathaway did to you was quite cruel. That's a good thing, anyway. Now you two are even."

"Yeah. We're even."

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Chapter 846 Gregory's Godmother

Tessa spoke with a sigh. The next instant, she changed the subject and said with a smile, "Okay, let's not talk about these unpleasant things anymore. Let's chat about something else."

Naturally, Mona agreed to it. After they finished having dinner a while later, she suggested with a smile, "It's still early right now. How about we go for a walk?"

“Sure!” Tessa gladly agreed.

With that, the three of them went to the commercial street nearby.

Since it was evening, there were quite a lot of people walking along the street. Seeing the people coming and going around them, Gregory stayed by Tessa’s side along the way, protecting her like a little knight. Not only that, but he asked about her condition from time to time. “Mommy, are you tired from walking? Do you want to rest for a while?”

Mona was instantly overwhelmed by how caring and adorable the little boy was. “Aw, Greg, you’re so adorable!” She couldn’t help but rub the little boy’s plump cheek affectionately. Not only that, but she took him to a store for kids, where she bought him tons of presents and clothes.

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Tessa was shocked by what Mona was doing. “It’s enough, Mona! It’s enough. You’ve bought so many things that Greg can’t use them all.” She hurriedly stopped her close friend from going on a shopping spree.

Mona didn’t care about it at all, though. She replied with a wave of her hand, “It’s okay. Even if Greg can’t use them all, you still have a baby in your womb, right?”

Tessa looked helpless as she was at a loss for a reply.

Gregory sensibly stopped Mona, saying, “Miss Mona, thank you for your kindness, but I don’t want you to spend a lot of money again.”

“Alright, I’ll listen to you and stop shopping.” Mona’s heart melted when she saw the little boy’s eyes, which were as bright as a pair of black grapes. What should I do? How I wish I could have such an adorable and clever little boy! Well, it’s unrealistic to get a husband and have kids right now, but there’s another way. “Tessa, does your son have a godmother? Can I be his godmother?”

Tessa was startled for a moment; she never thought Mona would bring up the idea all of a sudden. Coming to her senses, she replied with a smile, “Don’t ask me about it. I’m fine with it as long as Greg doesn’t object to it.”

Upon hearing this, Mona immediately looked at Gregory expectantly. “Gregory, can I be your godmother?”

Being a clever boy himself, Gregory immediately said in a sweet voice, “Godmother—”

Mona beamed from ear to ear when she heard Gregory's sweet voice. Sweeping the little boy into her arms, she said happily, "Let's go with me so that I can buy some presents for you as your godmother."

Tessa looked tenderly at the woman and the boy who were laughing together. She only thought that it was great to live such an uneventful and yet full life.

After they finished shopping, Tessa and Gregory bid Mona farewell.

They went home and washed up. Perhaps because he was tired, Gregory fell asleep shortly after going to bed.

Looking at the little boy's smiling face under the dim yellow light, Tessa couldn't help but lower her head to kiss him. Then, she tucked him in and crept out of the room.

She returned to the master bedroom. Shortly after she lay down, she got a video call from Nicholas.

Dressed in his usual black suit, the man looked handsome and a bit stoic in the video. Even though Tessa had seen this for many times, she couldn't help being captivated by his good looks, and she missed him very much.

Naturally, Nicholas noticed the glazed look in her eyes. The smile on his lips became even more charming, and his dark eyes were full of tenderness. "How's your first lesson today?" He knew that today was the first day of her and Gregory's violin lessons. He asked with concern, "Did you and Greg get used to it?"

"Well, we're fine. Greg and I learned a lot." Tessa smilingly shared with Nicholas what she and Gregory had learned during their lessons.

Nicholas didn't understand her words, but he nodded in agreement nonetheless. Then, he asked, "Did you have fun with your friend this evening?"

"Yeah, we did." Tessa summarized what they had done that evening. Before she realized it, she had begun to talk about Gregory's education. "Should I sign Greg up for other courses apart from the violin lessons? I remember that you'd arrange for him to be taught at home back in the country."

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Chapter 847 A Business Collaboration

When Nicholas heard this, his smile deepened somewhat. Tessa doesn't know her actual relationship with Greg, but she really has his interests in mind at the moment, he thought. "You don't have to worry about this. I've had everything arranged. The teacher will probably be there tomorrow."

Tessa was surprised. On the other hand, she felt it was quite tough for the man to take everything into consideration. "Thanks a lot." She gave him a sweet smile.

Nicholas replied with a tender expression, "It's part of my duty."

The two then chatted for another while before Nicholas urged, "It's getting late already. Hurry and go to sleep."

Worried, Tessa said, "Remember to have a good rest, then. Don't get too busy and skip your meals."

Nicholas nodded with a smile. After hanging up, he put down his cell phone and began to deal with the documents.

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A while later, Edward knocked on the door and came in. He reported respectfully, "President Sawyer, Miss Muller is here."

Nicholas frowned with a look of annoyance in his eyes. "What is she doing here again?" Even so, he had Edward lead her inside.

Wanda scrutinized her appearance in the mirror inside the quiet elevator. The more she looked at it, the more satisfied she was, and her fiery red lips curved into a beautiful smile. She had made a special effort to go home and change into a dress in order to see Nicholas today. Although it was a winter dress, its figure-hugging design set off her attractive figure. As a result, she looked graceful, intelligent, and charming while appearing even gentler and more delicate than usual.

She attached such importance to the meeting because she knew that Tessa had returned to Vienna with Gregory a few days ago. Now that the eyesore was gone, she knew that now was her chance. "No matter what, I'm the only person who can stand by Nicholas' side. I'm the best person for him!" she vowed with determination in front of the mirror.

As soon as she finished her sentence, the elevator door opened with a Ding!

Standing upright outside the elevator, Edward said politely, "Miss Muller, this way, please."

Wanda nodded slightly before gracefully following him to the president's office in her high heels.

When she entered the office and saw the man who looked as noble as an emperor behind the desk, she almost failed to conceal the look of adoration in her eyes. Luckily, the instant he looked up, she quickly suppressed her feelings. "Sorry for bothering you again, Nicholas," she said, greeting him with a giggle while trying her best to show her best self.

Nicholas nodded coldly before asking in a businesslike tone, "What brings you here today?"

Wanda would be lying if she were to say she wasn't hurt by the fact that the man was unmoved by her beauty. Inwardly, she was greatly disappointed. Am I that incomparable to that Tessa woman? Despite her inner exasperation, she kept smiling. "The thing is, I've negotiated a few business deals lately, but I think these business deals might be too much for my company, so I'd like to collaborate with you."

Ever since her father knew that she had started her own company in the country, he had pulled some strings and helped her secure quite a few projects. It was just that these projects were huge, so it was impossible for her company to develop them independently with its current abilities. Because of that, she thought of developing these projects with Nicholas. Not only would she and Nicholas be able to get in touch more often, but Nicholas and the older members of the Sawyer Family would also see her capabilities.

Nicholas was unaware of these things. However, seeing how Wanda proposed a business collaboration between them with a straight face, he slowly suppressed his impatience. "Did you bring the project proposals with you?"

"I did. Please take a look at them." Wanda's beautiful eyes flickered as she handed the proposals she had brought with her to him.

Nicholas read the proposals carefully with his head down. After all, not every project would be accepted by the Sawyer Group. To his surprise, though, the business deals secured by Wanda's company were huge. There were already many business groups that had sought to collaborate with the company, but Wanda turned them down in the end.

A few minutes later, he finished reading all the proposals. Taking the profit into consideration, he thought he could collaborate with her.

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Chapter 848 Having an Ax to Grind

Seeing how the man put down the documents, Wanda got somewhat impatient. She asked, "What do you think? Would you agree to the collaboration?"

Nicholas looked her straight in the eye. "I can collaborate with you, but I have two conditions."

Wanda was delighted. "Tell me about your conditions."

Nicholas made his demands right away without the slightest hesitation. "I hope you'll provide a more complete execution plan for these projects. Also, I hope that the Sawyer Group can hold the leading position in our collaboration."

At first, he thought Wanda would hesitate for a moment. After all, his second condition was somewhat harsh. This was because it meant that if any disagreement were to occur during their collaboration, Party B would have to give priority to Party A's demands—a condition that ordinary companies wouldn't agree to.

To his surprise, Wanda agreed to it without thinking. "I have no problem with it. It'll save me a lot of trouble if the Sawyer Group takes the leading position."

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Nicholas narrowed his eyes. "Miss Muller, aren't you gonna think about it again?"

"No, it's not necessary. I have faith in you and the Sawyer Group," Wanda replied, expressing her wholehearted confidence in him. Of course, she had an ax to grind. By letting the Sawyer Group take the leading position in the project, she'd do the company a special favor. This would also cause her company to be backed by the Sawyer Group, which was better for her company's future growth.

The two then talked about the details of their collaboration, during which time Wanda jotted down the main points.

A while later, Edward came to report on his work; there was a meeting that Nicholas had to preside at.

Being a sensible person, Wanda took her leave, saying, "That's all for today. I'll come again tomorrow to discuss the follow-up details with you."

For the next two days, Nicholas busied himself with this matter, which caused him to spend significantly less time talking to Tessa over the phone.

Knowing that he was busy, Tessa was very understanding, but she was worried about his health. After all, this guy would always forget to eat and sleep whenever he got busy. Seeing that he seemed to have lost some weight over the past few days, she became even more worried.

On this day, she pondered for a moment after ending her phone conversation with Nicholas. Then, she called Edward, saying, "Mr. Jackson, I have a favor to ask of you."

Edward found it strange, but he agreed, saying, "Please tell me about it, Miss Tessa."

"I hope you can help me watch Nicholas' diet and remind him to eat regular meals these days."

"I got it. I'll remind President Sawyer on time," Edward promised with a nod. Inwardly, he was somewhat envious of Nicholas for having Tessa to care about him. "Seems like I should get myself a girlfriend to care about me," he mumbled to himself before burying himself in his work soon afterward.

It was noon. Inside the president's office, Wanda was discussing with Nicholas while holding the newly revised proposal. Seeing the good-looking man beside her, she couldn't help but give an inward sigh. Men are even more charming and handsome at work indeed, she thought. In particular, she had been able to spend several hours with Nicholas every day over the past few days, which made her feel incredibly sweet. Although they only talked about work when they were together, they'd never been alone like this before. Moreover, she believed that if this went on, she'd definitely be able to replace Tessa and stay by his side.

Just when she was imagining her future with Nicholas, Edward knocked on the door and came in with a boxed lunch in his hand.

At the sight of the scene, Nicholas asked, "What's the matter?"

"Miss Tessa asked me to urge you to eat on time," Edward replied honestly without hiding anything.

When Nicholas heard this, his lips curled into a gentle smile.

On the other hand, Wanda's expression froze somewhat. Why is Tessa still sticking around like a ghost now that she's left? She gnashed her teeth inwardly, but her face gave nothing away. She asked with a smile, "Did you prepare my lunch then, Mr. Jackson?"

"I'm sorry, Miss Muller, but I didn't know you'd stay, so I only prepared lunch for President Sawyer."

"It's okay. I'll order takeout later."

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Despite saying so, she cursed Edward at full blast inwardly. What a tactless moron!

Edward was unaware of what she was thinking, so he thought that she didn't mind. After nodding slightly, he set the table for Nicholas, saying, "Your meal is ready, President Sawyer."

"I got it." Nicholas nodded. Then, he put aside his work and started eating.

Wanda felt disturbed when she saw that the man had started eating. Nicholas wasn't like this in the past, but he's willing to change his habits for a woman. The more she thought about it, the more she found it unacceptable. She purposely asked, "Nicholas, I heard that Miss Reinhart took Greg to Vienna. Won't you be reluctant to part with them now that you guys are living apart from each other?"

Nicholas frowned slightly; he didn't like to discuss his private affairs with someone else. Still, he replied flatly out of courtesy, "I won't."

Naturally, Wanda noticed the note of displeasure in his voice, but she pretended not to notice it. Propping her chin in her hand, she said in a grave tone, "If it were me, I wouldn't be willing to live apart from the person I love. And besides, I hear that it's difficult for long-distance relationships to stand any tests most of the time."

Hearing her meaningful words, Nicholas looked vaguely displeased. Furthermore, he didn't feel like talking about Tessa with this woman, so he replied coldly, "That's a matter between my wife and me, so it's none of your concern, Miss Muller." With that, he immediately took out his cell phone and gave Tessa a video call.

Tessa and Gregory had just finished their evening practice. When they got a video call from Nicholas, they were very happy. "Daddy, you're free at last! I miss you so much," Gregory said.

"I miss you too." Nicholas looked at Gregory tenderly before resting his eyes on Tessa. He asked caringly, "How are you these days?"

"We're fine. Miss Sofia even praised Greg for making great progress today." Tessa summarized how their daily life had been over the past few days.

Nicholas listened to her story with great interest. Then, he said with a smile, "Greg, since you've made progress, why don't you play a tune for me?"

"Give me a minute, then," Gregory replied. With that, he turned around and ran to the music room to get his violin.

Soon after that, a cheerful melody flowed from the phone.

Contrary to the family's cozy atmosphere over here, Wanda was totally ignored. However, she was preoccupied with what Nicholas had said just now. My wife and me?! Did he just refer to Tessa as his wife?! No, I don't believe that they're married. I feel that this is more like a warning he gives me. Even so, I won't give up. I'm the only woman who's good enough for him!

Nicholas was unaware of these things. After Gregory finished playing the tune, he clapped his hands and praised the boy, saying, "You've indeed improved a lot compared to the past."

Gregory looked at him delightedly with dark, starry eyes. "I'll play even better in the future. When that happens, I'll play the violin for you again."

Just when the family of three were having a pleasant conversation, Wanda's voice sounded deliberately from behind Nicholas. "Nicholas, are you talking to Greg and Miss Reinhart over the phone? Can I say hi to them?" As she spoke, she came to Nicholas' side and leaned close to him on purpose.

Nicholas' face instantly darkened with a frown. "What are you doing?" He stood up with a grim expression and distanced himself from Wanda with the phone in his hand.

The smile on Wanda's face froze somewhat when she saw how cool and distant the man was. Is he so anxious to stay away from me because he fears that Tessa might get the wrong idea? In an instant, she was inwardly jealous of Tessa. She couldn't understand what made her inferior to Tessa. The more she thought about it, the more unhappy she was. However, she pretended to be apologetic, saying, "Sorry, but I don't mean anything else. I just wanted to talk to Greg for a second just now. I hope that Miss Reinhart won't get the wrong idea."

Tessa and Gregory were startled for a moment over the phone.

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Coming to her senses, Tessa was a little surprised.

On the other hand, Gregory pouted his lips in displeasure.

Nicholas did pay attention to their facial expressions. Seeing that Tessa didn't seem displeased, he breathed a soft sigh of relief. "Miss Muller, your takeout has probably arrived. Why don't you go out and ask your assistant?" With a frosty expression, he asked Wanda to leave, not wanting the woman to disturb the three of them again.

Of course, Wanda also knew his purpose in saying so. She was very upset, but she had no reason to stay. As a result, she had no choice but to leave bitterly.

After stepping out of the office, she turned around and stared at the door to the office while gnashing her teeth in hatred. At the same time, though, she knew she couldn't resign herself to this anymore. Otherwise, she wouldn't be able to win Nicholas' heart.

Tessa didn't ask about Wanda after the latter left. She roughly figured that Wanda had probably shown up in Nicholas' office for work-related matters.

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Although she didn't ask any questions about Wanda, Nicholas explained the matter on his own initiative. "The lady just now was Wanda Muller, whose family and mine are old friends. She's recently started her own business in the country, and her company and mine are collaborating with each other."

Hearing the man's explanation, Tessa smiled sweetly. "Don't worry, I'm not overthinking it. I still trust you, so you don't have to explain it to me. I know it."

Nicholas nodded.

At this moment, Gregory squeezed his way in and lectured mischievously, "Daddy, you have to be good. Don't let other women get close to you. You can't let Mommy down."

Tessa couldn't help but smile as her heart warmed. She felt that she must've saved the whole world in her previous life to have such an adorable son and a husband who cared so much about her in her present life.

Nicholas looked fondly at the woman and the boy in the video. Then, as his tender eyes fell upon Gregory, he raised his eyebrows slightly and replied impassively, "Do I need you to remind me of that?"

Gregory wrinkled his nose with a soft snort. "I'm just worried that you've forgotten about it."

Nicholas felt helpless. "You're just a kid, so stop worrying about these things. Just protect your mom over there. Got it?"

Gregory proudly puffed out his little chest. "Of course I know that. Also, I'm not a kid. I'm already a man."

Tessa and Nicholas were amused by the little boy.

A while later, Nicholas urged Tessa to go to sleep as it was getting late. After all, there was a time difference between the two countries.

On the other hand, Wanda finished having lunch. Instead of taking a break, she knocked on the door to the president's office. "Nicholas, can I come in?" In reality, she came over in such a hurry on purpose. She didn't know if Nicholas was still talking to Tessa over the phone at this moment. Of course, it'd be best if he wasn't, but if the two of them were still talking over the phone, she naturally had to end their phone conversation on the excuse of work. In any case, she wouldn't allow Nicholas to focus his attention on another woman while she was present.

After entering the office, she saw the man sitting behind his desk and handling work-related matters, and her lips curved into a beautiful smile. Thinking that she sounded virtuous, she said, "Since you're busy, I'll wait until you finish your work before we continue our discussion."

"It's not necessary," Nicholas refused directly while walking out from behind his desk. Then, he picked up the documents for the projects and started to get into work by continuing the earlier conversation between them. He wanted to finish dealing with the projects sooner so that Wanda would stop coming to him every day.

Being a clever person, Wanda naturally understood Nicholas' purpose in doing so. She felt so upset that she clasped her hands together. Unfortunately, she had no other choice but to discuss work-related matters with him again.

She tried to chat with Nicholas while they were taking a break, but he continued working in a businesslike manner as though he didn't hear her.

Upon seeing this, Wanda was inwardly displeased. She felt that her conversations with Nicholas seemed to be strictly about work. This guy seemed to have nothing else to talk to her about apart from work-related matters.

