

Always Been Yours Chapter 981

Chapter 981 Art Is Inspired by Life

"Mr. Brooks, you didn't know I was trying my best to compliment you? Oh, the hurt." While she said that, she clutched her chest, pretending as if his words stabbed her.

Meanwhile, Scott's gaze was outrageously gentle as he looked at the mischievous Tessa across from him. Later, with a pleasant tone, he said, "In that case, you should praise me more. Perhaps I'll have a clue after hearing more of it."

"How unexpected! Mr. Brooks, why didn't I realize you were such a narcissist before?"

Tessa pretended to look at Scott in astonishment.

Scott was a little embarrassed when he saw the shock on Tessa's face.

In truth, this was his first time cracking such a joke in front of anyone.

So, he let out a light cough. Then, he swiftly changed the topic and said, "Let's talk about the problem that's troubling you."

When she saw that he got straight to business, she, too, cast aside her humor as she explained her current situation.

"My problem now is that I have encountered a bottleneck phase. Miss Sofia asked me to take a walk with my friends to get some fresh air and ease up my tension. But I think: although bottleneck is the problem I'm facing, I still lack knowledge in music theory. In fact, I can't even understand some of the suggestions Miss Sofia has given me."

She didn't hesitate to tell him about her problems as she thought Scott was a good friend and an excellent musician.

Meanwhile, Scott listened with great attentiveness.

"Regarding the bottleneck issue, Miss Sofia's advice to you is very pertinent. So, I have nothing else to add."

After that, he began to provide insights and answers to Tessa's problems, one by one. "I usually like to go outside, take a walk, and look around when I don't have inspiration for my composition. Inspiration comes from the littlest of things, and it's a rather difficult thing for me to explain. But perhaps you would find it when searching through the things and scenes you have experienced or encountered."

Tessa received his advice with an open mind. But, at the same time, she inwardly planned to take Gregory around in the next two days.

Shortly after, Scott shared some of his experiences in songwriting with Tessa.

"Composition is a complex subject as it contains a wide range of knowledge. Isn't there a saying that art is inspired by life? In that case, the inspiration for songwriting is also inspired by life. For example, we generate motivation to write from life. Then we'll grasp that motivation to have a vague idea of what we want and finally create the draft of the song. Next, we need to refine and revise our work repeatedly. Only then will our composition take shape; sometimes even the composers barely know how the final product will come up until the very end."

After she listened to Scott share his personal experiences, she understood and agreed with his words. "As expected, there's always something to learn from you. But, Mr. Brooks, your words are constructive."

"I'm glad to hear that." Scott pursed his lips and smiled faintly.

Tessa was so grateful that she even insisted on treating him to dinner.

The two only parted ways and returned to their respective home after dinner.

While the two adults were discussing music over their dinner, Gregory had already eaten his dinner.

He was sitting on the couch as he waited for Tessa. Still, he was young and easily bored, so while he waited for Tessa to come home, he was fooling around with some codes on his laptop.

If there were programmers present, they would discover that Gregory was doing intermediate programming.

Through this, Gregory had proven his incredible talent in this field and his wickedly high IQ.

Naturally, Timothy also realized Gregory's high intelligence. Because of this, he went from teaching Gregory casually to seriously treating him as his student.

He was also the one who assigned the intermediate programming activity to Gregory for his homework.

The atmosphere in the living room was pretty quiet. Only the sound of Gregory typing on the keyboard was heard.

He didn't know how long it had been until he heard the sound of footsteps coming from outside. Almost immediately, he threw his homework aside, kept away his laptop, and went to greet Tessa happily.

"Mommy, you're back!"

He raised his head as he looked at Tessa with a bright grin.

Tessa's heart was filled with great affection as she laid her gaze on the genuine smile on Gregory's face. "Have you eaten?" she asked while taking Gregory to the living room.

He followed her obediently as he nodded and replied, "I've eaten. Mommy, have you eaten?"

"I have eaten too."

As Tessa spoke, she inquired about Gregory's day when she wasn't around.

Gregory instantly brought his laptop over to Tessa and said, "Uncle Tim gave me homework. I'm almost done."

Even though Tessa didn't understand the complicated codes on the screen, she didn't forget to praise Gregory for his diligence.

"Greg, you're amazing. Is it okay if I accompany you here?"

"Of course!" Gregory was delighted. After that, he continued to type on the keyboard with renewed vigor.

Tessa, who sat next to him, wasn't idle either. She started to sort out the notes she jotted down after listening to Scott's advice in the afternoon, lest she forgets something important.

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Chapter 982 Breakthrough

When Tessa was done going through her notes, Gregory also completed his homework. Later, Tessa had initially intended to take Gregory to wash up and rest.

Nevertheless, Gregory wasn't sleepy. Instead, he tugged Tessa's hand and said he wanted to talk to his baby sister. Tessa naturally couldn't bring herself to refuse.

After a while, Gregory's innocent remarks echoed throughout the room. He shared his daily life with the baby in the hope that the baby would become more familiar with him.

Meanwhile, Tessa looked at him fondly. At that moment, she only felt that days like these were peaceful and beautiful.

When it was almost time to rest, Tessa urged Gregory to turn in for the night.

Unfortunately, he still wanted to talk to the baby more and was reluctant to part with his baby sister.

"Mommy, let me talk to the baby sister for a while longer."

Although she felt amused, she still coaxed him, "That's enough for today. Rest early. I'll take you out for a walk tomorrow and invite your Godmother to join us too."

Gregory jumped for joy when he heard that he was going to have an outing with Tessa.

"Okay. I'll go to sleep now."

Right after he had said that he was already laying down on the bed.

When she looked at the excited Gregory, she chuckled softly. Then, she wished him good night and left to retire for the night.

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The following day, Mona came bright and early.

"Greg, I'm here to see you."

As soon as she entered, she went straight to Gregory and hugged him.

Gregory returned the hug with a bright smile on his face.

He was really fond of Mona.

Later, the three set off to go shopping after they had their breakfast. They ate, drank, and had fun.

They also went to the amusement park in the afternoon.

Due to her pregnancy, Tessa couldn't get on the rides with Gregory. So it was Mona who took care of Gregory the whole time.

Even so, Gregory was having a blast.

Moreover, he would share his experiences for each ride he played with Tessa.

Suddenly, an inspiration sparked in Tessa's mind while she was staring at her son, who was having a good time, and the laughter of the others around her.

In an instant, she took out the pencil she carried with her and wrote down the thoughts that had just arisen.

She composed a song that carried a little bit of childlike melody yet a deep meaning after she returned home that evening.

The next day, Tessa took Gregory to the orchestra.

She couldn't wait to show Sofia the song she'd composed last night.

"Miss Sofia, can you help take a look at this song? I composed it based on my sudden inspiration when I went out to have fun yesterday."

When Sofia heard Tessa's barely concealed excitement, she took the score and looked at it with a serious demeanor. She also hummed a few melodies while she was looking through it.

On the other hand, Tessa looked at her expectantly.

After a while, Sofia put down the music score and praised her, "Not bad. This song has a light tempo and a childlike vibe. However, I can see your expectations for your child if we interpret the song a little in-depth."

"Miss Sofia, you're really amazing. You can see through the inspiration of my music just with one glance."

Tessa beamed with joy when she received Sofia's compliments. However, she also didn't forget to compliment Sofia in return.

Sofia burst into laughter before saying, "Flatterer. Did you have one of Greg's honey-flavored candies today?"

"No, Miss Sofia, I've always been as sweet as sugar."

Tessa looked at Sofia cheekily and asked, "Miss Sofia, is there anything that needs to be amended in this song?"

"Yes, there are still a few parts that need to be revised."

Then, Sofia pointed out a few flaws in the song to her.

Tessa was open to criticism from her teacher as she took a notebook to jot down the essential details.

After a while, Sofia praised Tessa again when the lesson was over, "Your music style has a breakthrough this time, so you'll have one more element to consider in the future when you're composing. Moreover, the compositional technique you applied in your song this time is more sophisticated than the previous song. Keep up the good work."

"I will, Miss Sofia."

Tessa nodded and turned back to the practice room.

Perhaps because her newly composed song had gained Sofia's affirmation, Tessa was full of motivation in her subsequent musical training.

The training ended at noon, and Tessa was preparing to return home with Gregory.

Yet, she didn't expect the surprise that awaited her when she stepped out of the Sofia Symphony building.

She saw Nicholas standing tall and straight at a spot not far away from them. With his long slender legs wrapped in his black suit pants, he exuded a noble and ethereal temperament from head to toe.

"Daddy!"

At the same time, Gregory also took notice of Nicholas. He screamed in surprise as he darted over to Nicholas like a small cannonball.

Tessa followed behind Gregory with a violin. The smile on her face was exceptionally bright as she, too, was delighted to see Nicholas.

After Nicholas caught Gregory in his arms, he immediately went to embrace Tessa.

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Chapter 983 Getting Rid of Tessa for Good

Tessa hugged him tightly and asked, "When did you come back?"

"Be careful. Don't fall."

Nicholas wrapped his arms around her carefully before responding. "I only arrived this morning."

"You didn't even notify me about you being back. I didn't know that you would be back so soon."

Tessa barely calmed herself before finally releasing Nicholas from her version of a bone-crushing hug.

Then, she glanced at Nicholas coquettishly.

"I just wanted to surprise you, that's all."

He held Tessa's hand as he spoke and got into the car with her.

As for Gregory, he was already impatiently waiting for them in the car.

After everyone made themselves comfortable, Edward started the engine and drove them home.

Nicholas cuddled Tessa in the back seat as he lowered his head and kissed her forehead before whispering, "I missed you so much."

Although they video-called each other every day, the feeling wasn't the same as truly being there with the one they loved.

Tessa could feel herself smiling sweetly after she heard Nicholas' words.

When Gregory saw the two acting so lovey-dovey, he hurriedly covered his eyes with his hands. "Oh! Mommy, Daddy, you guys are kissing again. No, no, I can't watch."

Despite that, Gregory's actions were the opposite of his words as the gap between his fingers widened little by little until he could take a peek at the adults.

Nicholas and Tessa chuckled with amusement as they looked at Gregory, yet they said nothing.

Tessa hugged Nicholas as she spoke softly, "I miss you too. Not just me, but the baby misses you too."

A gentle smile appeared on Nicholas' face when he heard her soft confession.

"I miss the baby too."

As he spoke, his hand caressed Tessa's belly.

Suddenly at this moment, perhaps due to knowing that Daddy had returned, the baby was somewhat active.

In the meantime, Eunice was shocked yet delighted as she watched the black sedan gradually disappear at the end of the street. Nicholas has returned to Vienna!

Regardless, she soon suppressed the joy in her heart as it was slowly replaced by resentment. What's the point? He only has eyes for Tessa even if he returns to Vienna. I have no chance to get close to him at all!

When she thought of this, she couldn't help but feel that Tessa's existence was a great eyesore.

Then, as if she had thought of something, she took out her phone and called Wanda.

"What's so important that you have to call me in the middle of the night?"

Wanda's husky voice sounded on the phone, indicating she'd just woken up. The tone in her voice was pretty rude when she asked Eunice that question.

After all, it was only 3-4.00AM in Xerthania now.

At this time, a sudden realization struck Eunice, so she apologized insincerely. "Sorry, I forgot that it was still midnight on your side. But there's indeed something important going on here on my side. Nicholas has returned to Vienna."

"What did you say?! Nicholas is in Vienna?!"

Wanda's shocked voice rang from the phone.

Eunice nodded and continued, "Yes. He just came to the Sofia Symphony building to pick up Tessa and Gregory."

Meanwhile, on the other end of the phone, Wanda's facial expression was twisted in ire after she heard Eunice's words. Deep down, the envy and hate she harbored for Tessa grew. What kind of love spell did this sl*t cast upon Nicholas to the point that he ditched his company's affairs and stayed abroad all the time?!

At this very moment, Wanda could no longer bear Tessa's existence. If things go on like this, how would she still have a chance to get married to Nicholas?!

As she thought of that, a malicious intent flickered in her eyes, and she interrogated Eunice, "You said you wanted to deal with Tessa before, so have you figured out a plan?"

"Originally, I had an idea. But now that Nicholas has come here, it's difficult to execute the plan."

"Nicholas isn't a big issue. I can help you lure him away from Tessa."

Wanda decisively lent Eunice a helping hand, for she desperately wanted Tessa to disappear from the surface of the earth.

Meanwhile, Tessa was clueless about the plan that the two conniving women were cooking up against her.

After she and Nicholas returned home, they had a cozy meal together with Gregory.

During the meal, Tessa asked Nicholas about the situation in Xerthania.

"How are your parents and grandpa?"

"They're doing pretty fine, except they're missing Greg," replied Nicholas, being frank with Tessa about the situation in Xerthania.

Tessa felt a little guilty after she heard what Nicholas had said. "I'll bring Greg back when I'm done with my album."

As her loving and supportive husband, he naturally agreed to her remark.

The family of three later sat and cuddled up with each other on the couch in the living room after dinner.

Tessa even played Nicholas the songs she'd composed during this period.

It was like an auditory feast for the father and son as they listened to the melodic and lively sound of the violin as Tessa performed before them.

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Chapter 984 Prenatal Education

Nicholas' gaze was extremely gentle as he looked at Tessa, who was beaming confidently. In fact, the tenderness in his eyes was so overwhelming that it made it difficult for her to look away from him.

"They're nice."

He generously offered his praises to Tessa.

As for Gregory, he, too, applauded and exclaimed with excitement, "Mommy, you're amazing!"

Tessa couldn't be happier seeing that both truly enjoyed her songs.

Shortly after, the whole family chatted for a while before returning to their rooms to rest.

Once they were back in the room, Tessa beckoned Nicholas to wash up. Unexpectedly, Nicholas refused her offer.

"I'm not in a rush for the time being. I'll give the baby prenatal education first. The doctor said that conducting more prenatal education is very beneficial for the baby. Besides, it can enhance the parent-child bond too. So from now on, I'll read bedtime stories to the baby every night."

While he said that, he even sat Tessa down on the bed. Then, he magically took out a prenatal education book and sat before Tessa with a stern face.

Under the light, Nicholas read the story in the book in a melodious voice. Yet, his facial expression was gentle as he read the story to the baby in her belly.

Tessa couldn't help bursting into laughter after she recovered from her daze. Even so, she felt exceptionally content and wished to live as happily as today forever.

The next day, Tessa got up early to wash up because she had to go for her musical training in the orchestra.

During this period, Nicholas had been attentively by her side, fearing she would bump into something.

Even though Tessa was both amused and exasperated when she saw Nicholas behaving so anxiously, she was still very moved by his love for her.

"You don't have to be so worried. I do pay attention to these hazardous details, so I'll be just fine."

Tessa persuaded Nicholas in an effort to soothe him.

Nicholas nodded in agreement. Still, he didn't stop keeping an eye on Tessa.

Suddenly, he remembered something and asked, "Has it been long since we've gone for your check-up?"

"Yeah, it's been a while."

Tessa nodded after thinking about it.

After Christmas, she was constantly held up by matters in the orchestra. That was why she never bothered to go to the hospital.

As soon as Nicholas heard that, he declared, "Ask for leave from Miss Sofia. We'll go to the hospital for your pregnancy check-up."

Since it was indeed a long time since her last check-up, Tessa readily agreed to his proposal.

Later, the family of three went to the hospital after they finished their breakfast.

In the B-mode ultrasound room, Nicholas and Gregory stared at the instrument that was in front of the doctor.

Through the instrument's display, they saw the baby curled up as she moved her hands in the first second and stretched her feet in the next, behaving rather actively.

Nicholas' heart melted into a puddle of goo when he saw this.

Gregory, too, looked at the baby's movement with his bright eyes. Then, he said happily, "Daddy, baby sister is so cute!"

Tessa reflexively looked over too. Her eyes were filled with motherly love as she stared at the baby through the instrument's display.

After the check-up, the doctor came to a conclusion. "The baby is very healthy. Talk to the baby more if you have time. Also, do some prenatal education. It is already proven that it can improve the baby's perception of the outside world."

Nicholas nodded firmly, indicating he understood the doctor's advice.

Gregory, who was next to Nicholas, also understood the meaning of prenatal education. Thus, he instantly said with excitement, "Then, I'll play the violin for baby sister every day."

Nicholas was still holding the check-up report while they were on their way back.

He couldn't get enough of looking at the little baby's ultrasound image.

Although Tessa hadn't seen Nicholas so silly for such a long time, she felt tickled pink and genuinely loved. Nonetheless, she knew his nature all too well. He'll only show great value toward the items and people he cares so much about.

After she pondered for a while, she suggested. "Why don't you show this report to your parents and let them see what the baby looks like."

Nicholas nodded, agreeing with her suggestion. Then, he took out his mobile phone, took a picture, and sent it to his parents.

Due to the time difference, Stefania and Tobias only saw the photo the very next day.

Perhaps because they'd seen the baby's photo early in the morning, the two elders were in a good mood and happily enjoying breakfast in the bright dining room. During the meal, the topic of their conversation revolved around the baby.

"We still don't know the gender of the baby yet. So why on earth is Nicholas refusing to ask the doctor about the baby's gender? That way, we can know how to prepare the baby's room and closet," Stefania nagged with a joyful smile on her face.

Although Tobias didn't say much, his facial expression pretty much showed that he agreed with Stefania's statement.

Kieran couldn't help but chime in, "Nicholas definitely won't ask the doctor about the baby's gender. If I must say: since our family is wealthy, we can buy clothes for both genders. As for the room, ask Nicholas to renovate two children's rooms. By the time the gender of the baby is determined, we can transform the other room into a playhouse."