

Always Been Yours Chapter 985

Chapter 985 A Fire Broke Out

That's a pretty good idea." Stefania agreed before continuing to say, "When the baby is born, we'll ask Nicholas to entrust the baby with us, and we'll help raise the baby. By then, you can also look after the baby with me since you'll be retiring from work and staying at home."

Her last sentence was directed at Tobias. Shortly after, the two of them began imagining the scene where they would be playing around and having a good time with their grandchild at home in the future. Their peers are definitely going to be envious of us.

Kieran couldn't help but dampen his parents' spirits by saying, "Stop daydreaming. Why would Nicholas entrust the care for the child with you two?"

Stefania was displeased with Kieran's statement. So, she swiftly refuted him. "Who says he won't? That girl wants to pursue her dream abroad. Do you think she has time to take care of the child? And also Nicholas, as someone in charge of the company's operation, do you think he has time to take care of the child as well?"

Tobias also echoed, "Mind your words. Are you getting too comfortable since I haven't punished you for a long time?"

As Kieran laid his eyes on Tobias, who looked like he was about to beat him, he immediately finished his breakfast in a whirl of movement. He hid in the company, expressing his fear of Tobias' power.

In the following days, Tessa went through her musical training while composing. Although the days seemed repetitive, she still felt content with her life.

As for her work, perhaps because she broke through her bottleneck period, the progress was much smoother than before.

Furthermore, Nicholas would often take her out for a walk to relax her mind and soul.

A week passed in the blink of an eye, and Tessa finally finished composing all five songs. Not only that, each of them was a masterpiece in itself.

The next day, she happily brought all the songs to Sofia's office.

"Miss Sofia, I have finished composing all the songs. Here: take a look at them."

As she spoke, she handed the music scores to Sofia.

Sofia took it and looked through it meticulously. Then, she nodded with satisfaction. "Since the scores are completed, the next step you'll have to take is to record all songs. How proficient are you with these songs?"

"I have practiced the songs thoroughly, so I'm quite familiar with their tunes. I think I can try recording them now," Tessa answered truthfully.

Sofia nodded affirmatively and said, "Very well. You'll start recording in the afternoon."

That afternoon, Tessa followed Sofia to the recording studio to record the songs she'd composed. But, unfortunately, it didn't go as well as planned.

Due to the fact that there would be some minor modifications to the sound of the violin when it passed through the condenser microphone, Tessa was required to adjust the intensity of her performance in order to achieve the effect of a live performance.

Therefore, not a single song was successfully recorded in the whole afternoon.

Meanwhile, news about Tessa starting to record for her album quickly spread in the orchestra.

One after another, many members sang their praises of Tessa's achievement.

"Tessa, have you finished composing five wonderful masterpieces in less than a month? That's truly amazing!"

"I'm now starting to look forward to the final recordings of these songs."

"As expected from the student who Miss Sofia personally selected. Your musical talent is absolutely beyond reach."

When Eunice and Susan heard the heaps of praises and compliments toward Tessa, they felt agitated, for they didn't want Tessa to release an album and become famous.

Eunice returned to the office with a rather nasty scowl on her face.

After she locked the door, she snatched her phone off the table and called Wanda.

"What is it again?" Wanda asked on the other end of the phone. The tone in her voice was unfriendly as she was yet again interrupted from her sleep by the phone call.

Eunice wasn't bothered by her unfriendly attitude and immediately informed Wanda about the situation in Vienna, "Tessa has already started recording her songs. According to her capability, she'll be able to finish recording all the songs in a week at

most. So, when do you plan to lure Nicholas away? Otherwise, I can't stop Tessa if she'd finished recording all her songs."

"Got it. I'll go to the company tomorrow and start phase one of our plan."

As soon as Wanda finished saying that, she immediately hung up the phone.

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The next day, Wanda went to the company bright and early.

After she entered her office, she called in her trusted assistant and ordered, "Go and look up Kieran's whereabouts for the past two days."

Her assistant was a little puzzled, not understanding why Wanda wanted to keep an eye on Kieran again. Even so, the assistant nodded and proceeded to fulfill Wanda's order.

In truth, Wanda was also going for an unconventional gambit.

She knew very well that only critical matters could lure Nicholas back.

Therefore, she planned to put Kieran under house arrest for two days, making it look like he'd gone missing. That way, Nicholas would definitely return to Xerthania to preside over the situation.

Alas, an accident happened just before she could implement her plan.

A fire broke out in the Sofia Symphony building!

Perhaps because most parts of the orchestra building were mainly built from wooden materials, the fire spread very quickly.

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Chapter 986 Do You Have a Backup Copy?

Soon, the adjacent rooms also started to catch fire, whereupon the flames lit up the night sky. On the streets, the pedestrians gasped in shock at the sight of the fire.

"There's a fire over there. Search the area!" "Quick! Call the firefighters!"

"No, we have to put out the fire quickly. Otherwise, the floors downstairs will be engulfed in flames. I wonder if there's anyone in the building, though?"

As they watched the raging flames, looks of worry were written all over their faces. It was already the next day when Tessa found out about the building catching fire.

After she heard the news, she hurriedly asked the butler to prepare the car and left in a rush, even before informing Nicholas.

When Gregory knew that she was going to the orchestra, he ran after her anxiously, but unfortunately, he couldn't catch up with her.

"That's weird. Why didn't Mommy take me with her?"

After all, they were always going to the orchestra together before this.

Not long after, Nicholas came downstairs and saw Gregory alone in the living room. "Where's Mommy?" he asked.

"Mommy went to the band and forgot to take me along," Gregory grumbled unhappily.

Meanwhile, the fire was already extinguished when Tessa arrived at the band's building. A lot of reporters surrounded the building as they began recounting the events. Several band members were also grouped together as they discussed the matter feverishly.

"Why did a fire break out so suddenly?"

"We checked the electrical switches everywhere before we left. So, this accident shouldn't have happened."

"Did we miss out on something?"

Sofia stood at the side with a solemn face as she listened to the barely restrained whispered discussions, and a few of her students were standing around with equally grave looks.

Tessa hurriedly went over when she saw Sofia and asked in concern, "Miss Sofia, are you alright? Why is there a fire so suddenly?"

"I was told that it was caused by a short circuit," Sofia answered curtly.

A startled Tessa didn't think that short circuit would be the cause, and Sofia added, "Luckily, the fire didn't spread too far. It only affected your practice room and a few other rooms close to it."

For a second, Tessa was stunned. "Is anyone hurt?" she asked, worried.

"Everyone is fine. When the fire broke out last night, everyone was already gone. Only the equipment in the recording studio and your score were in quite a ruined state."

However, Sofia paused and asked, as though something had just popped into her mind, "Do you have a backup copy of your scores?"

Tessa sighed in relief upon hearing that nobody was injured. As for the score, she wasn't so bothered by it.

After that theft incident, she was now cautious about her music scores, rightfully worried that something similar might arise again.

"Yes, I made a copy of it."

"That's good." Sofia sighed in relief.

Just then, a firefighter headed toward them as he called out, "Madam Sofia, the residual flames and dangerous items inside have been dealt with. You may now enter to clean up."

"Okay, thank you so much." After Sofia expressed her gratitude, she called her students and the other band members over. "Kellen, do contact someone from the renovation company, and Daniela, engage a few workers to remove the things ruined by the fire in the practice rooms. As for the others, come with me to clean up."

She systematically delegated the tasks, and everyone did as they were told according to her instructions.

Tessa was about to help with the clean-up when Sofia stopped her just as she made a move.

"Is there anything else, Miss Sofia?"

"You shouldn't come in. You're pregnant, and the place is still filled with fumes from the flames. It's unhealthy for your baby."

"But..."

Although she knew that her teacher was being considerate of her, she felt bad for going home when her other fellow students and band members were helping out inside.

Sofia sensed her hesitation, so she chased her away, urging, "That's it, stop dilly-dallying and go back quickly. Besides, we're not so lacking in manpower that we'd need to get a pregnant lady to help. Now, off you go."

Out of wits, Tessa could only return home.

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Chapter 987 No Coincidences

Once Tessa returned home, the first thing she saw was Nicholas working in the living room. Nicholas looked up from the computer screen when he heard the sound of footsteps. "You're home?" he said, beckoning for her to come over.

Beside him, Edward greeted her politely, "Hello, Madam." She smiled as she nodded in greeting and took a seat next to Nicholas. Then, she swept her gaze around as she asked curiously when she didn't catch a glimpse of Gregory, "Where's Greg?"

"I came up with some homework for him, and he's working on it upstairs now," he explained, pulling her into his arms. Then, she went straight to the heart of the topic and inquired, "Greg said that you left for the band in a rush this morning. Did something happen?"

"Yeah, something terrible happened." Tessa nodded and told him about the fire, "Luckily, the fire was under control. Otherwise, the damage would be far worse. It was only my practice room that was heavily damaged. But, unfortunately, several studios around it were also affected."

When Nicholas heard that only the surrounding area from Tessa's practice room caught fire, his eyes narrowed, and there was only a calculative gleam in them. After all, there were no such things as coincidences in this world, and because of this, he couldn't help but smell a conspiracy behind this.

Regardless, Tessa didn't notice the change in his expression and continued, "Fortunately, I have a backup copy of my music, or this fire would have burned my previous effort to naught. But I feel so bad for the studio Miss Sofia prepared for me. I heard that all the equipment inside was destroyed in the flames."

Nicholas cast a look at Edward once he heard that, and Edward immediately understood his boss' intention. So, he didn't waste a second as he left quietly to make the necessary preparations, and Nicholas' face only returned to normal after he was far away.

Tessa had absolutely no idea about their silent exchange, and she didn't even notice that Edward had already left. As she snuggled in Nicholas' embrace, she chuckled and said, "Miss Sofia barred me from helping out because I'm pregnant, so I can stay at home with you for the next few days."

Despite what she said, she still sounded relatively worried.

“Since you’ve already said it, you should rest well at home and not go to the band for now,” he soothed. “As for your teacher’s side, I’ll send someone to take a look if she needs any help and help her however I can.”

The moment she heard that she knew that he was only putting in so much effort because of her. “You’re amazing, hubby.”

She hugged him affectionately, a sweet, blissful smile painted across her face.

The way she addressed him was very pleasing to his ears, and he coaxed softly as he held her, “Call me that again.”

She paused for a split second, and although she was a little bashful, she still cooed sweetly, “Hubby.”

Right after, Nicholas couldn’t hold back anymore and lowered his head, taking her plump lips in his. She closed her eyes as she raised her head and returned the kiss.

The butler waiting next to them hurriedly gestured for the servants around to leave the room. Then, just as the atmosphere in the room was getting just fine, a voice chimed loudly and killed the vibe.

“Daddy, I’m finished with the homework!”

Gregory bounced downstairs in delight as he couldn’t wait to share his success with his father. But, alas, his eyes laid on his parents kissing before he could start bragging. So, he gasped and covered his eyes as though he had seen something he shouldn’t.

Tessa snapped back to her senses and hurriedly shoved Nicholas away with a flushed, embarrassed face. Meanwhile, Nicholas seemed displeased by Gregory’s interruption as he threw a disgruntled look at Gregory.

This brat has foiled things for me more times than I can count! It looks like I didn’t prepare enough homework for him and have to double it after this! Nicholas thought.

“You’re naughty, Daddy,” Gregory teased, oblivious that his good days were coming to an end, and Tessa giggled.

Although she was home with Nicholas today, she would call to ask about the band’s situation from time to time.

Fortunately, there were many people in the band, and they were able to clean up the spot where the fire broke out in a day. All they needed to do now was wait for the renovations to start.

When Sofia received Tessa's call again, she didn't hide things from her as she told Tessa everything.

"Don't worry. We're almost done cleaning up and just waiting for the renovations to be finished."

"That's great news," Tessa said, assured.

"Practice with Gregory at home for the next few days," Sofia advised. "Once the studio is ready again, I'll inform you, and you can come over for the recording."

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Chapter 988 Suspicious

"That's fine. There's no need to rush the album production. You should settle everything regarding the orchestra first, Miss Sofia," Tessa said sympathetically. Sofia agreed; too much trouble had cropped up because of the fire.

First, the two groups' performances had to be postponed because the flames had destroyed their instruments. All the orchestra members had to purchase new instruments and needed time to get accustomed to them.

Secondly, the Internet was highly concerned about this incident, especially the fans of the symphony band, who were all very worried. 'Why do I have a feeling that the band is always in trouble recently?'

'Luckily, no one was hurt, or I'll be so sad.' 'What a shame for those amazing instruments.'

Tessa only read the reports and comments surrounding this issue at night, and after taking a brief look at it, she stopped following the news. Instead, she decided to spend time with Gregory to make up for the practice hours he had missed that morning.

After practice, she put him to bed earlier than usual. As Nicholas was still busy with work, he didn't accompany them.

A little later in the day, Edward, who was out the whole day, finally returned with news.

Once Nicholas saw his return, he set aside the work at hand and asked coldly, "How's the situation at Sofia Symphony?"

"When I was back, the dust had already settled. In the end, the police filed the case as a short circuit fire," Edward reported respectfully next to the desk.

Nicholas knitted his brows and asked, "Did you find anything suspicious?"

"Yes." Edward nodded and told him all the oddities he had discovered. "By right, there's a tiny possibility for such a big fire to occur due to a short circuit. In addition, I've checked the cables of Sofia Symphony. They were all very sturdy and able to accommodate a high electricity capacity. Even if the entire band used the electricity to its fullest capacity, it would be impossible for a situation like this to happen."

Nicholas looked glum at his words. In fact, he already had some guesses in his heart, but he needed to verify them with Edward.

Edward paused momentarily before continuing succinctly, "Moreover, even if a short circuit caused the fire, it wouldn't become a blazing problem so quickly. Even if the band is mostly using instruments made out of wood, those are specially treated wood that needs a certain time to catch fire. Plus, the fire started at midnight when no one was in the building. Combining these two points, I think there's a good chance that someone set the fire."

As expected, Nicholas' face turned dark after his report. Obviously, this fire is deliberately targeting Tessa, Nicholas concluded, but he couldn't think of a reason for the time being. Even so, it didn't stop him from instructing Edward to dig a little deeper.

"Get someone to check the surveillance around Sofia Symphony during the past period to see if there's anyone suspicious. Also, check if anyone has repaired the electricity cables of the band recently and find the culprit."

"Yes, sir," Edward answered and left.

Meanwhile, Eunice went home in high spirits after she was finished with the band matters. However, the moment she slipped into her room, she whisked out her phone impatiently and called Wanda.

"Can you please stop calling me in the middle of the night every single time?" Wanda's hoarse voice complained in annoyance from the other end.

The past few times, she had been woken up from her beauty sleep, and it was really beginning to run her already thin patience thinner.

Eunice was unbothered by it as she laughed, "Okay, I'll try to call you during the day after this."

Wanda's temper cooled after her promise, so she said, "What happened?"

"Tessa won't be able to release her album." Then, she briefly told her about the fire that broke out, and, just like Edward, she felt that someone was targeting Tessa. "After all, there are no such coincidences in this world. Don't you think so?"

"That's true," Wanda agreed with a nod.

Eunice gloated over Tessa's misfortune as she sneered, "This is good. We don't even have to do anything to stop that woman from rising in fame."