

Still Loving You Nonetheless Chapter 1166-1170

Chapter 1166

“He can visit Cooper, but he can’t bring you along.”

“Oh,” Nia sighed disappointedly, “That’s too bad.”

Then, she asked again, “Mommy, can I call Cooper?”

Meredith gave it a thought and answered, “why don’t you call Daddy instead? He can tell you Cooper’s situation too.”

“Okay.”

Nia ran to call Josiah, but Meredith stopped her and said, “Just make the call here. I want to know if Cooper had dinner and what he had.”

“Alright.”

Nia called Josiah with her smartwatch, and his voice soon sounded. However, before Nia even said anything, Meredith asked, “Is it convenient for you to talk now?”

Josiah smiled. “Edith, you know I’ll always have time for you.”

“I mean...is Miss Landers there?”

“She’s not.” Josiah knew that Meredith was worried that Ivy would hurt Cooper again, and he took the initiative to comfort her, “Don’t worry, I have talked to her and warned her.”

“Since you had to warn her, the negotiation surely didn’t go well,” Meredith replied in dismay. Then, she glanced at Nia and added, “By the way, Nia wants to talk to you.”

“Okay,” Josiah asked gently, “Nia, have you eaten?”

Nia said, “Yes. Daddy, have you and Cooper had dinner?” “I have already eaten.”

“What about Cooper?”

“Cooper doesn’t want to eat yet,” Josiah informed.

When Meredith heard that Cooper did not want to eat, she quickly asked when she thought of his temperament, “What do you mean? Cooper hasn’t had his dinner yet? Isn’t he hungry?”

“Maybe he ate too much of the lunch you prepared, so he’s not feeling hungry yet.”

“How’s that possible? Nia ate as much as he did, but she was already hungry just now. Besides, it’s almost eight o’clock now.”

Meredith thought and asked, “Why don’t you ask Cooper if he wants to eat anything? I’ll sneak some over and see if it works.”

“Edith, it’s really fine,” Josiah said, “he’s just a child, and it’s normal for kids to throw a fit. He’ll eat when he’s hungry.”

Meredith was at a loss for words.

“Josiah, Cooper is your son. Can you treat him gentler?”

“As you said, he’s my son, and boys shouldn’t be raised too gently, ” Josiah commented disapprovingly, “Besides, there are IV nutrition drips in the hospital, so he’ll be fine.”

Meredith knew she could not persuade him, so she had to compromise.

The following morning, Meredith sent Nia to her hobby class.

When she returned at noon to cook, Meredith could not help but recall the scene of the ‘family of four’ eating at the same table at noon yesterday.

Again, Meredith could not help but think, “Wouldn’t it be great if Cooper was my son!”

Meredith shook her head and continued cooking.

Nia walked in, stood beside her, and said, “Mommy, I just called Daddy to ask what Cooper wants to eat, but Daddy said he still refused to eat.”

“What did you say? Cooper still doesn’t want to eat?” Meredith was shocked. “So he hasn’t eaten anything since yesterday?”

Nia shook her head sadly. “I don’t know.”

Meredith gave it a thought and called Josiah, who was still evading the issue. Then, Meredith reminded, “Josiah, do you think Cooper’s not eating because he’s too sad? After all, he just didn’t talk or communicate before, but he never skipped his meals.”

Josiah thought about it and admitted, “Maybe.”

“So we have to look at the root of the problem.” Meredith continued asking, “Didn’t Cooper always want you? Did you spend time with him, coax him, or feed him yourself?”

“I’ve tried it all.”

Chapter 1167

“None of them worked? Then what should we do?” Meredith racked her brain and said bravely, “Why don’t...we let Nia visit him and accompany him?”

“I have the same idea too.”

Meredith became hopeful when she received Josiah’s support. Then, she thought and said, “Josiah, come pick US up.”

Naturally, Josiah agreed.

As Meredith waited for Josiah, she prepared tri-color pesto pasta following Josiah’s recipe and let Nia try a bite.

“Is it good? Does it taste the same as Daddy’s?”

Nia nodded. “It’s as yummy as Daddy’s. Cooper will surely like it.”

“Great. Let’s bring this to Cooper.”

“Okay!”

Just as Meredith was done packing the food, Josiah arrived. When he saw the lunch box, Josiah asked curiously, “what’s this? Did you prepare something delicious for Cooper?”

Meredith showed Josiah the lunchbox and said, “I prepared this tri -color pesto pasta following your recipe. Later, tell Cooper that you made it. I’m sure he’ll be happy.”

Josiah stared at Meredith dumbfoundedly.

“What’s the matter? Is there any problem with that?” Meredith was confused.

“No. I’m just a little touched.” Josiah stroked her head. “Compared to Ivy, you love Cooper more.”

At times, Josiah even had a momentary delusion that Meredith was actually Cooper’s mother, not Ivy.

Of course, that was only an illusion.

“As I said, children are my weakness, no matter whose,” Meredith replied.

“I know. You treated Caden the same back then.”

“And me,” Nia chimed in.

Josiah chuckled and glanced at her in the rearview mirror. "Yes, especially you."

"Let's get going. Cooper's probably starving," Meredith urged.

As Josiah started the car, Meredith asked again, "By the way, how did Miss Landers get along with Cooper today? Are they okay?"

After all, Ivy called someone to hurt Cooper, her own son. Hence, Meredith was really worried about whether she would be able to take good care of Cooper.

Josiah recalled what happened today and answered, "It's probably been too long since I saw her, so I can't really understand her."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Sometimes, she seems to love Cooper very much, but other times, it's as if she dislikes and can't tolerate him."

"Does she...only love Cooper when you're present?"

"No," Josiah replied, "that kind of concern is subconscious, and the rejection is also subconscious."

Initially, Josiah also thought Ivy was putting on an act when he was around and that she was different behind him. However, he found that it was not the case after observation.

Thus, Josiah thought Ivy was getting harder to read.

Meredith remembered that when Ivy went to hold Cooper's hand in the living room yesterday, Cooper had also subconsciously rejected her. It seemed that the mother-son duo had this habit, and it was as if there was a gap between them.

It was indeed strange.

"So you have to treat Cooper better and be more attentive," Meredith told Josiah.

Josiah only lightly hummed in reply and added, "Don't worry. I'll pay more attention."

At the hospital, Meredith handed Josiah the lunchbox. "Bring Nia along and let her talk to him. I won't be going up with you."

Chapter 1168

"Why not?" Josiah glanced at the lunchbox in Meredith's hand and asked, "Don't you miss him?"

"It doesn't seem appropriate."

If Ivy saw their family of three visiting Cooper, she might feel uncomfortable and let her thoughts run wild, then lash her anger at Cooper.

Josiah understood Meredith's concern, so he agreed and took the lunchbox from her. Coincidentally, Ivy walked out of the elevator at this moment.

When Ivy saw the three of them, a hint of annoyance flashed in her eyes, and she asked, "why are you here?"

Meredith hurriedly explained, "Miss Landers, please don't misunderstand. I heard Cooper refuses to eat, so I brought Nia to accompany him."

"Nia doesn't live with Cooper, so letting him rely on her too much doesn't seem like a good idea." Ivy looked at Nia beside Meredith and smiled. "Nia, thank you for visiting Cooper, but he's already asleep. You should go home first."

Nia became anxious, saying, "Aunt Ivy, I can wait until Cooper's awake. I want to see him."

Ivy walked over, leaned closer to Nia, and stroked her head. "But it's really not a good time for you to meet Cooper. Nia, you're a good girl, right? Listen to me and go home first."

"Miss Landers..."

Just as Meredith wanted to say something, Ivy interrupted her.

"Miss Meredith, what are you doing? Are you trying to move my Cooper with this trick?" Ivy was still smiling, but it was not as genuine anymore.

"No, you've misunderstood, Miss Landers."

"You know better whether it's a misunderstanding." Ivy drove them away coldly. "Miss Meredith, please take your child home."

Meredith was at a loss for words, she knew that she should not stay any longer, but she was slightly unwilling to leave. After all, Cooper had not eaten yet.

"Miss Landers, you keep saying that you love Cooper and can't do without him. But which part of your actions and words show that you actually love him?" Josiah finally spoke.

"Isn't not wanting others to take him away from me love?"

"When Meredith heard Cooper hadn't eaten anything, she was worried that he might be starving, so she specially prepared his favorite pesto pasta. Not only that, but she even asked Nia to come along and accompany him to eat. How's that trying to steal Cooper away?"

Ivy was silent.

"If you truly love Cooper, you should let go of all the personal grudges and let him eat."

Ivy was rendered speechless by his words. In the end, she reached out and said, "Pass me the lunchbox."

Josiah handed her the lunchbox in his hand.

Ivy glanced around at Josiah and Meredith, uttering sadly, "If I say Cooper's sad and refuses to eat because he can't live with Daddy and Mommy, you might think I'm using him to force you to separate."

Josiah actually thought so, and even Meredith felt that way.

Nonetheless, Meredith did not plan to argue with her about this issue. Instead, she urged, "Miss Landers, go up and feed Cooper. No matter what, you have to try, right?"

"Miss Meredith's right," Ivy said to Josiah, "Joe, let's go up."

When Meredith saw that Josiah did not respond, she knew he did not want to get too close to Cooper. However, she still coaxed him for Cooper's sake, "Well, what are you waiting for?"

Chapter 1169

Even Nia chimed in, "Daddy, just call me if Cooper doesn't want to eat. I'll persuade him, okay?"

"Okay," Josiah rubbed Nia's head and said, "on behalf of Cooper, thank you, Nia."

After Josiah followed Ivy up, Nia told Meredith, "Mommy, let's wait for Daddy's call here."

"Alright."

The mother-daughter duo sat at a chair by the lobby.

Inside the elevator, Ivy saw Meredith sitting with Nia through the elevator door, and she murmured, "I also want to love my child like her..."

Josiah was also looking at Meredith and Nia. When he heard Ivy's words, he replied lightly, "Isn't Cooper your child?"

"Huh?" Ivy returned to her senses and stared at Josiah as she shook her head. "No, that's not what I mean. I also want to get along with Cooper like Meredith and Nia, but Cooper resents me, rejects me, and he's not close to me because I can't give him a complete home."

Josiah replied, "Cooper's not close to you, not because you can't give him a complete family, but because you never loved him at all. II

"No, you misunderstood. I love Cooper..."

“Miss Landers...” Josiah interrupted her, “to prevent Cooper from getting too close to Meredith and Nia, you’d rather drive Nia away than let her go up and accompany Cooper. Is that love?”

Ivy looked at Josiah, smiling wryly. “Joe, it seems that you always rendered me speechless.”

“Just think it over,” Josiah said and stepped out of the elevator first.

Ivy quietly took a deep breath and followed.

Even though his parents walked in together, Copper just glanced at them indifferently before looking away.

Ivy smiled and walked over. “Cooper, look.”

She took out the pasta from the lunchbox and put it in front of Cooper’s nose. “This is the tri-color pesto pasta that your Daddy made. Doesn’t it smell delicious?”

However, Cooper did not even look and turned his small face away.

Ivy had no choice but to turn to look at Josiah, asking for help.

Josiah took the pasta and walked to the other side, saying patiently, “Cooper, didn’t you say yesterday that my pesto pasta was delicious? I specially made this for you.”

Then, Josiah took a spoonful of pasta to Cooper’s mouth, but Cooper pushed him away, and the bowl in Josiah’s hand also fell to the ground.

Seeing the meal that Meredith thoughtfully prepared scattered everywhere, Josiah’s heart instantly surged with anger.

“Hey, kid! Don’t you have manners?!” Josiah raised Cooper’s chin with his slender fingers, gritted his teeth, and scolded angrily, “If you don’t appreciate other people’s effort, you don’t have to knock them all over on the ground, right? How can anyone like you if you’re so ill-mannered?”

Cooper stared at Josiah stubbornly, but his eyes slowly turned red.

Ivy hurriedly said, “Joe, Cooper doesn’t do well with force, and you have to coax him. Please don’t act that way.”

After saying that, Ivy ‘saved’ Cooper from Josiah’s claws and pulled him into her embrace. “Cooper, didn’t you say you want Daddy? He’s back to you now, and he even cooked for you. You can’t break Daddy’s heart like this, okay?”

However, Cooper wriggled out of her arms indifferently, avoiding her hug.

He did not want Daddy, nor did he want Mommy.

Chapter 1170

Josiah found that he could not understand this little brat. He took a deep breath, suppressed his annoyance, and softened his tone. "Cooper, you should let US know if you need anything. How can others know what you think if you stay quiet all the time?"

Josiah was much gentler this time, turning Cooper's head to face him with both hands. "Come on, look at me and say something."

Cooper stared at Josiah, gradually moved by his gentleness. After some time, he finally uttered softly, "Daddy, Mommy..."

In the past three days, Cooper had only said no more than five sentences in total, but three of those sentences were these two words.

Josiah did not expect Cooper would say those words, and he frowned.

Nevertheless, Ivy seized the chance and said, "Joe, this is Cooper's wish, and it's also the weight in his heart."

Josiah saw the hope in Cooper's eyes, and he did not know what to say.

Later, he replied with a serious expression, "Cooper, you're a smart boy, and I'm sure you know that kids shouldn't meddle with things between adults. Your mom and I will never get married because I don't have feelings for her. Even so, I'm your dad, so I'll love and pamper you like how I am with Nia, okay?"

Cooper suddenly shook his head violently, and he even started to scream. As he shouted, Cooper pushed Josiah away, shoving him further from him.

Josiah was taken aback, and he hurriedly grabbed Cooper's tiny fists. "Cooper, what are you doing? Calm down!"

However, Cooper became more agitated.

Knowing his temper and habit, Ivy quickly said, "Joe, don't hold him too tightly. It'll hurt him."

Josiah had no choice but to look at her and seek help. "What do you do when this happens?"

"Let me help," Ivy replied, "whenever Cooper loses his temper, I'll hug and coax him, slowly waiting until he calms down."

“Cooper, can I hug you for a while?” Then, Ivy pulled Cooper into her arms and whispered gently into his ears, “Baby, I know what you want...you want Daddy and me to be with you every day, right? Don’t worry. I’ll make your wish come true.

“Baby, adults don’t like fussy kids, and Daddy and I are the same too. So, you have to learn how to control your emotions, okay?”

When Josiah heard Ivy’s words, he felt a tinge of dissatisfaction rise in his heart, and he could not help but remind, “Miss Landers, Cooper can’t accept the truth because you gave him too much hope. If this goes on, Cooper’s illness will never get better.”

Ivy ignored him and continued hugging Cooper to comfort him. On the other hand, Cooper also slowly calmed down under Ivy’s soothing voice. It was apparent that this method worked well for him.

It was not until Cooper was coaxed back into bed that Ivy turned to Josiah, pulled him to the door, and asked, “Josiah, I can’t help but wonder if you treat Nia the same way?”

Josiah remained quiet when Ivy asked that. Since he found out that Nia was his biological daughter, Josiah had loved and pampered her.

On the one hand, it was because Nia was his and Meredith’s daughter, on the other hand, she was a girl. Josiah believed that boys and girls should be brought up differently. In fact, he could not stand seeing Cooper crying for the slightest matter as he was a boy.

“Miss Landers, you don’t have to question my love for Cooper. I’m sure he’ll be fine if you let me and Meredith raise him.”

“Josiah, so you’ve been thinking about this all the time,” Ivy said bitterly, “actually, it’s not impossible, but you must marry me. As long as you marry me...”