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Chapter 549 Daphne Is Acting Weirdly

When Toby heard that he still needed to wear the cast support, he frowned. Despite being unwilling to do so, he didn't comment about it.

"I'll go and get some water for you to clean your arm then." Sonia stared at Toby's left arm before saying those words while Toby, who was unable to stand the cast on his arm, mumbled an acknowledgement. "Sure."

Then, she let go of him before she went to the bathroom.

The moment she left, his expression was devoid of emotions as his pained look earlier disappeared.

At that moment, Tim stared at Toby's arm before he questioned with a ghost of a smile, "How is it? Are you not going to maintain your act?"

However, Toby's only response was to give Tim a nonchalant look without being bothered.

Nonetheless, Tim wasn't planning to let Toby off the hook as he adjusted his spectacles again. "I'm really surprised by your act to fake being in pain."

"That's the only way for me to be closer to her without her pushing me away," Toby explained nonchalantly as he pursed his lips.

Despite that, Tim chuckled. "It's weird to see the leader of the Fuller Family being humble for love."

Toby lowered his gaze. "I don't mind doing it to make up for all the things that I did back then."

Moreover, he would only be humble toward Sonia and he didn't think making himself humble to the one he loved was an embarrassing thing to admit.

Instead, being able to humble himself also proved that he had really loved her.

"Here's your water." Sonia came out of the washroom with a bowl of warm water while Tim moved aside to inform her, "You should help him to clean his arm. Do it gently, though."

"Alright. I understand." She nodded before she placed the bowl aside and twisted the towel in the bowl dry. Then, she placed the warm towel on Toby's arm before gently removing the cast and the remaining medicine on his arm.

At this moment, Sonia was completely focused on cleaning his arm and Toby stared at her without blinking.

It was as if he was afraid that he would lose the opportunity to see her if he blinked his eyes.

At the same time, Tim, who was twirling his scalpel while standing aside, suddenly felt that he was intruding on their moment.

Still, he wouldn't leave no matter what since this was his place after all.

On the other hand, Sonia could sense Toby staring at her, so she stopped cleaning his arm and turned toward him. "What's wrong?"

However, he shook his head. "Nothing's wrong."

She couldn't help but tilt her head while giving a ridiculous look. Nothing's wrong? How can it be nothing when he keeps staring at me?

Still, Sonia didn't force Toby to say anything since he was unwilling to do so and she merely turned around to continue with cleaning his arm.

Once she was done cleaning Toby's arm, Tim reapplied the medicine on Toby's arm before bandaging it.

Despite not having to wear a cast anymore, Toby still needed to wear the cast support on his neck. Even though it was inconvenient, he nevertheless wore it since it wasn't as heavy as before.

When they returned to the car, Tom reported, "President Fuller, I've already asked the investigators to check every doctor and medical team who are involved in the research of ALS and I believe that we will be able to collect information from them within these two days."

Toby nodded. "Get our men to trail the medical personnels who are involved once we are done collecting the information."

"Yes," Tom replied with a nod whereas Sonia remained silent during the men's entire exchange as she had nothing to say.

She wasn't as powerful as Toby, who was able to instruct hundreds of men to carry out his commands with just a word, so she really couldn't assist them in locating Tina and could only rely on Toby to do so.

Hence, she had never asked or tried to interrupt Toby's way of searching for Tina.

About half an hour later, they finally arrived at the Bayside Residence.

Right as Sonia yanked her bag over her shoulder and wanted to leave the car, Toby suddenly grabbed her hand. "Wait. I forgot to tell you something."

"What is it?" Sonia, who already had one leg out of the car, returned inside the car and turned to meet Toby's gaze while he released her hand. "You don't have to hide bodyguards from other security firms anymore. I've already arranged two bodyguards to protect you 24/7."

"You have arranged bodyguards around me?" She was shocked when she heard his words and quickly looked out the window to try to locate the bodyguards that were hidden from her view.

Nevertheless, she wasn't able to figure out where those two bodyguards were after searching as everyone around them didn't resemble her bodyguards at all.

"When did you arrange bodyguards for me?" Sonia shifted her gaze to meet Toby's eyes before Toby answered, "From the day Tina reappeared."

"That early?!" She was stunned because she thought that he had only arranged bodyguards for her after asking her about her trips to security firms. Never once had she expected him to have already arranged bodyguards for her prior to what happened that time.

"It's just what I should have done anyway. If something really happened to you, it would be too late for me to regret not doing so." Toby reached out to caress her cheek.

This time, Sonia didn't flinch and she allowed his hand to rest on her face.

She felt the man's thumb gently grazing and lingering on her cheek and as a result, she couldn't help but turn a little to rub her cheek against his palm.

Sonia's action not only stunned Toby, but it also gave herself a shock as her eyes widened in surprise. What am I even doing?! Did I just rub my cheek against his hand when I should have slapped his hand away? Am I going insane?!

When she came back to her senses, she moved away from his hand and quickly left the car. "President Fuller, thanks for the bodyguards, but you should let me pay for their fees since they are technically working to protect me."

"Sure, but let's settle the fees only after I have caught Tina so that it'll be much easier to calculate the fees." Unexpectedly, Toby actually agreed to Sonia's suggestion.

After contemplating for a while, she figured that his counter proposal sounded better, so she nodded in agreement. "Of course. We can settle the fees by then."

At this moment, Toby smirked as he knew that he would be able to search for an excuse to refute Sonia's suggestion after that.

He would never allow Sonia to try to escape from him even if she wanted to.

Unbeknownst to her, they were both fated to be with each other for the rest of their lives.

At the thought of that, Toby's gaze wavered slightly before he recomposed himself and waved at her. "Rest well when you arrive home."

"Of course. Goodbye." She nodded while his lips moved slightly to respond, "Goodbye."

She closed the car door with a soft thud before waving at him from outside the car. Then, Sonia walked away and headed for her condominium while Toby watched as she headed off. He waited until she entered the lobby before asking Tom to drive.

The moment that the men drove away, Sonia, who was supposed to be in the elevator, suddenly emerged from the lobby and jogged to the side of the road to look at the direction where Toby's car had driven off.

She stared at the road for a long time while many cars drove past her during that entire time before she finally turned around and went back to her condominium.

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Two days later, while Sonia was busy working in her office, someone suddenly knocked at her office door, causing her to look up and glance at the door. "Come in."

Upon hearing her voice, the person outside the door stopped knocking and pushed the door open.

Immediately, Daphne, who was holding a stack of documents, came into view. "President Reed, these are all the urgent documents from all the departments that need your signature."

"Alright. Just leave them here. I'll go through it as soon as I can." Sonia used her ballpen to point at her office desk and Daphne quickly walked over to place the documents down.

It was at that moment when Sonia glanced at her to ask, "Is your flu getting better?"

While lowering her gaze to hide the odd look in her eyes, Daphne nodded. "Thanks for asking, President Reed. I'm alright now."

"Are you really alright? It seems like your flu was really bad as you weren't in the office for two consecutive days." Even though Sonia still looked worried, Daphne smiled and insisted, "I'm really alright."

After ensuring that Daphne was alright, a relieved Sonia nodded. "That's good to know. By the way, what's wrong with your neck? I saw that you left a plaster on your neck earlier. Are you injured?"

Upon hearing Sonia's question, Daphne immediately panicked as she quickly raised her hand to cover the plaster on her neck before forcing a smile. Then, she tried her best to act calm before answering, "I was scratched by the zip on my jacket when I wanted to wear it in the morning, so I figured that it would be better if I cover it since it looks inappropriate."

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"I see." Sonia nodded before she smiled. "Alright, then. I won't take up any more of your time from work."

"Okay," Daphne quickly replied before she headed out of the door.

As she stared at Daphne's retreating figure, Sonia couldn't tell whether she was hallucinating or if there was indeed something odd with Daphne's walking. Nevertheless, she figured that it was probably because Daphne wore a new pair of high heels and wasn't used to it, so she didn't ponder much about it and continued working.

On the other hand, Daphne couldn't calm down at all even though she had just left Sonia's office. After she closed the door to Sonia's office, she leaned against the door and slowly slid down into a squat before placing her head in between her knees. Such a position had rendered Daphne looking really helpless then.

Up until this moment, she still felt that what happened two days ago was like a dream. All Daphne had done was follow Sonia's order to keep an eye on Charles, so how did Daphne end up doing that kind of thing with him? She felt her heart being filled with a mixture of emotions when the thought of what had happened the other day made her happy and hurt at the same time.

Daphne was happy that she finally had the man whom she loved and even managed to do the most intimate thing that a couple could ever do with him. As a result, it even allowed her to be as physically close to him as possible.

However, she was hurt when he sobered up and coldly warned her to forget about what had occured between them and acted as if nothing ever happened. Most importantly, she wasn't even allowed to inform Sonia about it.

When Daphne recalled Charles' cold gaze, she was experiencing shortness of breath. She felt like someone was slicing her heart and her face paled as if she was in deep pain.

At this moment, another assistant who was about to enter Sonia's office noticed Daphne crouching down in front of Sonia's office and asked in a stunned manner, "Miss Daphne, why are you squatting here?"

It was enough to cause Daphne's gaze to immediately waver before she looked up and forced a smile. "I don't feel well; that's why I decided to squat for a little while."

"You're not feeling well?" The assistant stared at Daphne's face and noticed that she was completely pale before he offered in a worried tone, "Let me bring you to the infirmary."

Then, the assistant reached out to help Daphne up.

However, Daphne rejected the offer as she used the wall as leverage to rise to her feet. "It's fine. I'm much better now, so I don't think that I'll need to go to the infirmary. Didn't you say that you wanted to see President Reed? Go on, then. You don't have to worry about me. I'll return to my office now." Then, she straightened her clothes before heading back to the secretary department while walking in an odd manner.

While watching Daphne leave, the assistant couldn't help but feel that Daphne's behavior was extremely peculiar. Still, he didn't think much about it and shrugged before entering Sonia's office.

"President Reed, I'm here to collect the documents from you." He walked toward Sonia and greeted while Sonia opened her drawer and produced a document. Then, she said, "Here. Remember to archive it once you have finished using it."

"Of course, President Reed," the assistant replied with a smile.

It was right after that when Sonia's red lips opened a little. However, her phone suddenly rang when she wanted to say something. Upon seeing the caller ID, she grinned before dismissing the assistant. "You may leave now."

"Alright." He nodded before leaving.

Then, Sonia answered the call and placed the phone next to her ear. "Hey, Mrs. Lane."

"Hey, Sonny. I hope I'm not disturbing you from your work." Grace's gentle voice rang out from the other end of the call while Sonia grinned and shook her head. "Of course not."

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

At this moment, a curious Sonia asked, "Mrs. Lane, is there a reason why you're calling me at this hour?"

It was at that moment when Mrs. Lane, who was on the other end of the call, looked at the room upstairs and sighed. "Something has happened. Can you come out for a while, Sonny? I have something to discuss with you."

"Sure, but may I know what you would like to talk about?"

Grace chuckled. "You'll know when the time comes."

"I see. Sure." Sonia nodded in agreement and wasn't upset that she didn't receive an answer from Grace.

"Let's meet at Prince Cafe in an hour," Grace responded before sending Sonia the address to the cafe.

Sonia agreed with a smile. "Sure, Mrs. Lane."

After the call ended, she kept her phone aside as her finger tapped on her desk before her smile was replaced with a conflicted look. Despite Grace evading her question, Sonia could already guess what the woman wanted to talk about. It was probably about Charles.

Since they had to discuss this sooner or later, Sonia had no choice but to agree to meet up with Grace. Then, she massaged her temples before getting up from her seat to grab her purse and leave.

Half an hour later, Sonia arrived at the cafe that Grace told her about. Since Sonia had arrived half an hour earlier than their agreed time, Grace wasn't here yet. Under the guidance of the waitress, Sonia was led to a seat near the window before she ordered two cups of coffee and waited for Grace's arrival while sipping on her own coffee. After waiting for a while, she suddenly heard a familiar voice from her back.

It was Taylor!

Sonia placed her coffee down before she turned. She saw at a booth about three tables away from her, Taylor was seated with her back facing Sonia while speaking to another person on her phone.

"What are you talking about, Mom? You want to check whether your kidney is compatible with Dad's?" Taylor's volume suddenly increased.

Upon hearing that, Sonia couldn't help but raise her eyebrows. Julia Ramsay actually wants to check whether her kidney is compatible with Titus Gray? What a loving couple, I suppose.

"Mom, do I have to do it as well?" An anxious Taylor bit her lips before asking.

After hearing Julia's answer on the other end of the call, relief appeared on her face. "Is that so? Alright, I'll come back in a bit... Yes... Goodbye!"

While eavesdropping on Taylor's conversation, Sonia sipped her coffee before a sneer appeared on her face. From the conversation alone, it was clear that Taylor didn't want to be an organ donor for Titus. If it weren't so, she wouldn't have asked Julia about it in such an anxious manner.

After that, Julia probably told Taylor that she didn't have to do so, which resulted in Taylor sighing in relief. From this action of hers, it was obvious that Taylor didn't want to sacrifice herself and donate her kidney to Titus.

Even though there was nothing wrong with her decision, the Gray couple was probably disappointed by it. No child would be patient enough to take care of their sick parents for a

long time. However, if Titus really reached the point of undergoing a kidney transplant, he might really ask Taylor to go for the procedure for his sake. By then, if she was unwilling to do so, chaos would really occur within the Gray Family.

While Sonia pondered to herself, there was suddenly a new figure next to her. Taylor's gaze met Sonia's lowered head before shock appeared on the former's face. "Miss Reed?"

Oh no! She has noticed me! Sonia placed her cup of coffee down on the table before she looked up with a nonchalant look. "Miss Gray."

"What a coincidence for me to run into you at this cafe as well." Taylor crossed her arms before she took the seat in front of Sonia.

Sonia was displeased upon saying that. "It's really lovely to be able to meet here, Miss Gray."

Taylor could sense Sonia's obvious displeasure. However, instead of being exasperated, Taylor smiled. "I just wanted to talk to you for a while before I leave. I hope that I'm not stopping you from enjoying your coffee."

"What is it that you want to talk about?" Sonia leaned backward and stared at Taylor before asking coldly.

Nonetheless, Taylor pushed her beautifully styled hair before answering, "I just wanted to say that I'm sure you are aware that Tina isn't dead, right, Miss Reed?"

Sonia nodded. "Yeah, what about it?"

"My parents are also aware of it." Taylor's expression twisted in an ugly manner. "My father has reacted well to it, but my mother really wants Tina back and I'll never allow Tina to ever return again. So, how about this, Miss Reed? Why don't we work together?"

"Work together with you?" Sonia narrowed her eyes.

Then, Taylor nodded. "That's right. Let's work together to locate Tina. I'm sure you hate Tina too, don't you, Miss Reed? After all, she has tried to murder you on so many occasions before. Why don't we look for her together and subdue her forever?"