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Before she was done being speechless, Josiah already reached out his hand and pulled her over to let her sit on the couch. Immediately after, he turned on the hairdryer and started helping her to blow dry her hair.

Meredith, who did not know what to say, could only go along with him.

His movements were just as gentle as usual. His long fingers were combing through her hair. He was gentle and it was very comfortable.

As he helped Meredith blow dry her hair, she actually felt a little sleepy and almost fell asleep while leaning against his body.

It was after the sound of the hairdryer was cut off that she suddenly woke up.

Without realizing it, she asked, "Is it done?"

"What's the matter? Have you not had enough?" Josiah was not blind. Of course, he could feel that she was unable to help herself but to enjoy it just now. If it was not for the concern that her hair would be ruined, he would have kept helping her to blow dry her hair. That was because he enjoyed the moment of him helping to blow dry her hair very much

Meredith was made a little uncomfortable by his question, so she let out a dry cough and said, "No. I just seemed a little sleepy just now and I almost fell asleep.

"I told you you're sleepy." Josiah put the hairdryer back into the cupboard, and then said to her, "Go to bed earlier if you're feeling sleepy. Just let me take care of

Nia."

"I'd better do it," Meredith said, "you should first return to your room to shower and rest."

He was usually the one taking care of Nia. If she still let him take care of Nia when they were out for a vacation, then she truly would feel slightly embarrassed.

When he did not care about Nia at all back then, she hated him very much. She did not want herself to become hated by others as well.

It so happened that Nia just ran up the stairs at that moment. She ran so hard that she was covered in sweat. She then pointed downstairs and said, "Daddy and *Mommy*, there are many children downstairs drinking iced tea. I also want one, but the housekeeper won't let me."

The housekeeper that she mentioned should be the attendant that was temporarily sent over to take care of the family of three. Of course, she did not dare to simply let the child eat or drink anything.

"Nia, it's going to be hard for you to fall asleep if you drink iced tea late at night. Let's not drink that."

"But why are they drinking it?"

"Well...maybe they've gotten used to it, so they won't have trouble falling asleep."

"Don't worry, Mommy. I won't have trouble falling asleep as well," Nia said with a face full of anticipation.

Meredith was still going to say something, but Josiah beat her to the punch and said, "Then let the housekeeper bring you to buy a cup, but remember that you

have to have it hot." "Alright. Thank you, Daddy!" Nia was so happy that she jumped. She turned around and rushed downstairs excitedly while calling out, "Miss, Daddy has approved! I can have tea!" Meredith was a little speechless when she heard Nia's laughter, which was gradually fading away in the distance. Especially when she saw that Josiah could still laugh, she could not help but ask," Have you always been spoiling her like that?" "She's a girl. You can't keep a tight rein on her. Only then she wouldn't be tricked by a boy with an iced tea when she grew up." Josiah smiled and said, "Besides, isn't iced tea what you girls love the most? Back then, when you also were making a fuss and saying that you wanted to buy iced tea when you were here, you'd get upset if I didn't agree." "What happened in the end?" Meredith asked in passing.

"In the end, Miss Meredith could not fall asleep in the middle of the night, and she made such a fuss that I did not get to sleep the whole night." Meredith was truly just asking in passing earlier. When Josiah answered her like

that, she felt embarrassed. She remembered everything that happened that night. In order to avoid the awkwardness, she changed the topic and said, "Forget it. If Nia couldn't fall asleep tonight and her competition tomorrow is affected, then it's all on you." "It's fine. The important thing is for her to participate."

Anyway, he was the one who got someone to organize this competition at the last minute and the purpose was to trick her into coming to the resort for a break

Since his goal has already been accomplished, it did not matter if she participated in the competition or not. "I'll go downstairs to take a look at Nia." Meredith turned around and headed downstairs. She also said to him, "Mister Josiah, hurry up and go back to your room to have a rest. Don't stay in my room anymore." Josiah said, "Alright. Anything you say."

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Chapter 1027 When Meredith came to the cafe near the mansion, she truly saw some children inside having iced tea. They look like they were about the same age as Nia. They probably were the children who were going to participate in the piano competition tomorrow.

Meredith could vaguely hear two parents chatting next to her. They said that their accommodation and meals were all provided by the organizer of the piano competition this time, and they even gave them tickets to all of the entertainment inside the resort.

Even the iced tea was free for them to drink. It was simply a bargain!

It was no wonder there were so many children in the cafe.

Because Meredith was wearing a mask, those parents did not recognize her. They asked her in a very friendly manner, "You're also here to accompany your child to the piano competition, aren't you?" Meredith pointed at Nia, who was already playing together with other children, and said, "Yes, that's my daughter." "Oh. She's your daughter. We were just discussing whose little girl she was earlier. She looked just like an angel."

All the other parents could not help but take a few looks at Nia while sighing," She truly is very good-looking."

"Thank you all," Meredith said gratefully.

Her daughter was praised by others, so as her mother, of course, Meredith was happy. "Oh, yes, do you want an iced tea? The iced tea here tonight is free," said one of

"No need. I'll have trouble sleeping if I have iced tea."

"Oh, then it's better not to have it."

Meredith looked at the iced tea in all of the children's hands and asked in confusion, "Won't your children have trouble sleeping after drinking iced tea?"

"My child won't," said one of the parents. "There's no need to raise the children too carefully. Otherwise, their immunity won't be good," said another parent.

"I could tell your daughter was probably raised too carefully." "It's alright." Meredith said that while smiling at Nia.

Nia has been sick since she was a baby, the things that she could eat were very few. On top of that, Meredith was so poor back then that she could barely afford to pay Nia's medical bills, so she could not afford to buy anything good for Nia to eat or wear.

If it were not for Josiah acknowledging Nia, perhaps Nia would have not even tasted iced tea at that moment. No, she should say that if Josiah had not acknowledged Nia, she would have been long gone at the moment when the doctors gave up with her treatment, much less be alive at that moment." Meredith could not help but feel soft-hearted when she thought of the sufferings Nia had gone through in the past.

"...I can only have half of it because my mommy won't let me." Meredith happened to hear Nia's voice.

One of the children asked, "Why? The iced tea here is very good."

"Because my Mommy said I would have insomnia if I drank iced tea."

"What is insomnia?"

"It's when you can't sleep." "Oh, but why don't I have insomnia?" That child said, "Actually, your Mommy is lying to you." "That's right." Another child nodded in agreement. "Nia, your mother simply didn't want you to have iced tea, so she lied to you saying that you won't be able to sleep."

Nia gave it a thought and said, "It's fine. It must be because the iced tea is not good for my body that my Mommy doesn't let me have it."

Meredith walked over to the children and said to Nia with a smile, "Nia, it's true that too much iced tea is not good for your body, but it's fine to have it occasionally."

"Really?" Nia asked while looking at her mommy.

"Mm-hmm. If you want to have it, then just have it together with the other children."

It was rare that she was so happy, so Meredith did not want to rain on her parade.

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Chapter 1028 Sure enough, once she heard her Mommy saying that, Nia immediately continued drinking happily. After the children finished their iced tea, they said goodbye to each other. Meredith then held Nia's hand as they walked back toward the mansion that they were staying in. On their way back, Nia was very excited and she said she made some new friends.

Meredith said with a smile. "Don't you have many new friends in school as well?" "Yes, but I like making many, many good friends." Upon saying that, Nia looked at Meredith with confusion and asked, "Mommy, Daddy said that you don't have friends. Is that true?" Meredith was instantly speechless.

She once had many friends, which included Quinley, Maeve, and Yumi...

However, all of these friends distanced themselves from her after she suffered a misfortune, and they even became her enemies in the end.

Perhaps it was truly just like what Josiah had said. She had been too outstanding in the past, so she was unable to make friends who were sincere to her.

Nia took her mother's silence as her acknowledgment, so she then asked, "Why don't you go make some friends?"

Meredith was speechless. It was after she thought about it for a while that she answered, "It's not that I don't like making friends. It's just that too many things had happened in the past few years, so I did not have the time to make friends." "I see." Nia nodded her head seriously. "Then, Mommy, you can make many, many friends in the future." "Hmm? Why?"

"Because from now on, Daddy and I will not let you suffer any injustice anymore.

Meredith was speechless. She felt that this reason was a little far-fetched, but she still felt a little touched and she held Nia's little hand tightly. "Thank you, Nia. It's enough for me to just have you." As for good friends, after she had been through Quinley and a few more of them, she no longer believed in them and needed them anymore.

"That won't do." Nia shook her hand seriously. "It's not enough for you to just have me. You still need a partner that loves you and a bunch of sincere friends. Only then can you be happy." Meredith asked, "Who taught you that?"

"Daddy."

As expected, it was Mister Josiah again who taught Nia that. Nia immediately added, "But I feel what Daddy said made a lot of sense."

"Mm-hmm. He indeed made sense." Meredith squatted before Nia and then said while touching her head. "Don't worry, Nia. I will make friends properly in the future, and live my life happily."

"Mm-hmm. I believe in you, Mommy!"

"Thank you, Nia." Meredith pointed at the iced tea in her hand. "But, Nia, it is not quite right for you to be doing this." "What is it?" Nia looked at her iced tea in confusion.

"You already had your fill just now, and you can't drink any more of it. How can you ask for one more cup to waste just because it's free?" Meredith educated her daughter seriously and said, "Even though it's only just a cup of iced tea, it's not right to waste food." Unexpectedly, Nia also said very seriously, "Mommy, I didn't waste any food. The iced tea is for Daddy."

Meredith was speechless. She thought she had heard it wrong. "You ordered iced tea for your daddy? But he doesn't drink iced tea."

"The iced tea from this cafe is very good. You will have trouble sleeping after drinking it, but Daddy won't."

"But he doesn't like to drink it."

"This is such a tasty drink, so, of course, I have to share." Nia smiled at her." Mommy, let's go." "...Alright."

Since she loved her Daddy so much, Meredith had no choice but to go along with her.

When the pair of mother and daughter returned to the mansion, Mister Josiah had already finished taking a shower. He was holding his phone as he was about to call someone.

When he saw the pair of mother and daughter return, a smile appeared on his handsome face. "I thought both of you had dumped me here and ran away."

He had just finished taking a shower, so his hair was still wet and the droplets were hanging a little on his forehead. On top of that, with his handsome facial features and the sexy and half-exposed chest muscles, he looked extra sexy.

However, after he saw Nia, Mister Josiah subconsciously wrapped the robe on his body a little tighter.

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Chapter 1029 Nia did not understand why her Daddy would say such a thing so **she asked seri**ously, "Daddy, what are you talking about? Why would we dump you and run away?"

"Because your Mommy has done such a thing before." "Really?" Nia raised her head to ask Meredith. "Mommy, have you really done that before?"

Meredith let out a dry cough. She did not answer the question directly, but she said, "Didn't you bring an iced tea back for your Daddy? Hurry up and let him **have** it."

As for the matter of her running away in secret, she had already done it more **than once.** She even almost got Mister Josiah killed because she got in danger the last time **she ran away.**

When she thought about it again, Mister Josiah used to not care about his own life and safety for the sake of her back then. It was just that she had been thinking that he was doing it for his reputation back then.

Of course, whether it was for her sake or not, she also had no clue at that moment.

As expected, Nia was distracted by her and handed the iced tea that she was holding in her hands to her Daddy. "Daddy, this is for you." "For me?" Josiah pointed at himself. Clearly, even Josiah himself did not expect that he had to drink iced tea. "Yes, the iced tea from this cafe is especially good. I had plenty just now." "Is that so?" Josiah glanced at Meredith. "Then, did your Mommy have some?" "Mommy would have trouble sleeping if she had some, so she can't. However, you won't have trouble sleeping."

"But I..."

Meredith let out a dry cough to remind him that it would not be good if he did not drink it since his daughter was so thoughtful. Josiah immediately held back what he wanted to say. He accepted Nia's iced tea and said gratefully, "Thank you, Nia. I'm very touched." "There's no need for you to be touched, Daddy. I'll still bring you iced tea next

time."

Mister Josiah subconsciously looked toward Meredith. That gaze was as if he was asking her, 'Didn't you tell our daughter her Daddy doesn't like to drink iced tea?'

Meredith turned her face away and pretended that she did not see his gaze.

However, Josiah truly could not bear to refuse Nia's kind intention.

He accepted the iced tea and took a sip in front of Nia.

Nia immediately asked him with anticipation, "Daddy, is it good?"

"Mm-hmm. It's good."

Even though Mister Josiah did not like this kind of cheap beverage, in order to let his daughter be happy, he still drank it one sip after another. Nia thought that her Daddy liked drinking that, so she was beaming broadly. Meredith watched Mister Josiah drink the iced tea, and then held Nia's hand and said without any sympathy, "Nia, let your Daddy drink it slowly. I'll first take you to take a shower."

"Mommy, I can take a shower myself," said Nia thoughtfully. "Alright. Then I'll help you pick out the clothes." "I can also pick out the clothes myself."

Nia entered the walk-in closet, pulled out her own small luggage, and was prepared to return to the nursery opposite the room they were in.

Meredith called out to her, "Nia, where are you going? Just take a shower here." "Mommy, I have grown up. I want to sleep alone."

"This is not our home. It's better to sleep with me."

"It's fine. The housekeeper said it's very safe here. I will be fine on my own."

The child insisted on sleeping on her own, so Meredith could only accompany her.

After Nia had taken a shower, she laid down on the bed and then smiled very sweetly at her parents. "Goodnight."

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Chapter 1030 Meredith breathed in softly with slight sorrow and said, "Goodnight, Nia. All the best for your competition tomorrow!"

"Mommy, I will do my best." It was after they saw the child close both her eyes that Meredith and Josiah turned around and left. Josiah looked at Meredith, who was looking a little down, and comforted her with a smile, "Our daughter has grown up. She is starting to learn to be independent. You should get used to it earlier.

Meredith turned her head to the side and looked at him. "How do you know what I'm thinking about?"

"Edith, haven't we known each other for a long time?" Josiah smiled miserably." If I don't even know what you're thinking in your head, then what right do I have to say that I love you."

Meredith was speechless. His words did not make her feel touched. Instead, she had a sense of uneasiness as if her mind had been seen through. However, she did not say that out loud, she just said calmly, "Ever since my mother passed away, I was busy working, so Nia had always been taken care of by a caregiver, so she has been used to being independent since childhood." As she brought up the past, it was only natural that the pain Josiah felt in the past was uncovered again. That made him apologize like each time in the past, "Edith, I'm sorry," Meredith

cut him off and said, "It's all in the past now. It's fine as long as Nia can be happy in the future." "Don't worry. I'll definitely let Nia grow up happily.",

"Good."

Meredith turned around and returned to her own bedroom.

The master bedroom was facing the sea. The sound of the waves was not very loud, but it was clearly audible. On top of that, Meredith had trouble getting used to unfamiliar beds, so she simply could not fall asleep. After tossing and turning on the bed for a few hours, she finally got up and

walked toward the balcony.

The breeze at night was a little chilly, so Meredith subconsciously pulled her clothes tighter around her body. Once she thought that Nia might kick her covers off the bed as she slept alone, Meredith turned around and walked toward the nursery. Unexpectedly, she happened to run into Josiah, who was coming out of Nia's bedroom. It seemed like he was also there to see if Nia was still tucked in. "Edith, why are you up?" "I couldn't sleep, so I came over to take a look at Nia." Meredith glanced at him." What about you?" "Me?" Josiah raised his eyebrows. "Isn't it obvious? Of course, I'm having trouble falling asleep after drinking the iced tea."

"I thought you won't have any trouble falling asleep?" "The cup of iced tea that our daughter got was a big one. No matter how easily a person can fall asleep, the person won't be able to take it either." Josiah paused for a while. "Besides, I don't sleep very well myself." "Is that so? I thought you were already getting better sleep," Meredith said softly. "How can I sleep well when the person I like is right in front of me but I just could not get her back no matter what?"

Meredith glanced at him, and then she turned around and was preparing to go back to her room. Josiah said to her back, "Edith, since you can't sleep, let's have a drink together." "What are we drinking?" Meredith asked. "Anything. We'll have whatever you want." He said, "There's a bar inside the resort. It shouldn't be crowded at this hour."

"What about Nia?"

"Don't worry. Someone is watching over her."

Meredith, who could not fall asleep, indeed wanted to sit down and have a proper drink. After she gave it a thought for a moment, she said, "I don't drink alcohol."

She was very tempted to drink at that moment, but it was very easy to make mistakes under the influence of alcohol, so she could not have it.

Josiah smiled faintly. "Alright. No alcohol."

Meredith nodded and agreed.

With the misty moonlight and the sound of the waves, both of them went together to a bar nearby.

Meredith asked for a cocktail with little to no alcohol. When the waiter asked Josiah what he wanted to have, he thought about it for a moment, and then he ordered the same drink as Meredith.

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Chapter 1031 "This cocktail is very sweet," Meredith said after taking a sip. "It's actually more like a syrup than alcohol. But the mixture tastes not bad." Josiah also took a sip and moved his glasses closer to Meredith. "Come, let's **cheer."**

Meredith did not reject it and touched her glass with his. The singer **started** singing on the stage. Probably it was already quite late in the night, the entire place had only two guests which were Meredith and Josiah.

The singer chose to sing a soft ballad. Meredith used a hand to support her face while she gazed at the young male singer. She did not even hear anything Josiah said. Thus, Josiah followed her sight and found her gazing at the young and handsome singer. Suddenly, jealousy creeped out of him. "Edith." He waved his hand in front of her. "Why are you looking at another **person when the f**ather of your child is right here?" Meredith stopped dazing and coughed, "I just think that he is a good singer." "You can just listen to his voice if you think he sings well. There's no need for you to stare at him." Josiah almost bluntly told Meredith that he was jealous of the **singer**. However, Meredith knew it even if Josiah did not say it. She just said nothing and continued drinking her cocktail.

A second later, she asked, "What did you say just now?"

Josiah was lost in words. "You finally remembered asking it now?" "Don't say it if it pleases you." Meredith lowered her head again to stir the juice **in the glass.**

Josiah sighed and took the initiative to say, "I'm asking if you are feeling better lately. When are you planning to go back to accompany Nia?" Meredith's face sank as he expected. "I can accompany Nia anytime. But I already told you, I'm not going to stay at your house." "Is it because of Charlie?" Josiah asked

"You can think so," Meredith answered.

"Edith, Charlie, he..." Josiah continued to talk.

"Josiah, I don't want to talk about this problem. If you insisted, then I better go

back to sleep," Meredith said and was about to get up to leave.

Josiah quickly pulled her down to sit back on the chair. "You can't sleep anyway. Let's stay and listen to the song for a bit more." In order to let her stay, he added, "Alright, I won't talk about this topic anymore. Let's talk about something that you are interested in."

Only then did Meredith sit back down.

"Come, try this one." Josiah gave her another different cocktail. "This cocktail's name is called Sweet Love. It should taste even sweeter."

Meredith looked at the pink cocktail the waiter just placed on the table. She asked curiously, "When did you order this?"

"Just now. I told the boss to serve us all of the best-selling cocktails to let you have a try." Josiah smiled, "I thought you should be interested in cocktails since you like blending perfume." "Just fine. Mixology in alcohol is different from blending perfume." Josiah really enjoyed spending time with her alone. He kept on looking for topics to talk about to make Meredith stay. "Edith, what's your plan next?"

"My next plan?" Meredith played with the glass and said while thinking," Creating a popular perfume and restoring the Leightons back to its glorious moment."

'And also helps Charlie to look after Mrs. Larson...' She added this in her thought. Then she crackled, "But I think it's a little hard."

"Why do you think it's hard?" Josiah asked. "Edith, you're so smart. Nothing is impossible as long as you put your heart and dedication into it."

"You think so? I hope it works out that way too." Meredith inhaled lightly, "I hope I could be independent and do not need any help from anyone to live a happy life."

Josiah looked at her serious face and wanted so much to tell her that he hope he could be the pillar of her support. Even if it meant forever!

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Chapter 1032 "Actually...there's nothing wrong if a woman wants to be taken care of by a man, "Josiah said.

"Only when that man is willing to take care of that woman, right?" Meredith replied.

"Yes." As if it was not obvious enough for Meredith to understand that Josiah was referring to himself in that context.

Meredith just smiled and continued drinking the cocktail. Although she did not get drunk, her body was slowly starting to feel warm. She patted her warm cheeks lightly and shook her head, "Oh no. I can't drink anymore. I'll get drunk if I drink more."

"Don't worry. You won't get drunk," Josiah assured.

"But I'm worried." She held her face and shook while mumbling in a low voice," What's going to happen if I'm drunk and accidentally sleep with you again? Charlie'll be very sad and angry." "Edith, you're starting to talk nonsense again," Josiah sighed helplessly.

He reached out his hand and toucher Meredith's face. "Don't keep on minding how Charlie will feel. He's not that resentful as you think he is."

"That's just not impossible." Meredith continued to shake her head. "It's human nature to be selfish when loving someone. You don't want to see your love being nice and too close to the opposite sex. So if Charlie said he doesn't mind, he is just pretending to not care."

Josiah held Meredith's face and looked deeply into her eyes from a condescending angle, "Edith, are you really drunk? Or your mind is having a problem again?"

Meredith looked back, "I'm not drunk."

"Hmm, you don't look drunk to me too. So please wake up and clear your head." Josiah passed a glass of fruit juice to her. "Come, drink some juice to freshen up your mind."

Meredith accepted it and took a sip. Her mind felt clearer after that. She took a look at her watch. "Come on, it's better for us to go now. Nia's competition is tomorrow, we must go and support her."

"It's alright. It's just a normal competition anymore," Josiah said. "Didn't you say it too? Participation is more important than the result."

"I know I said that but that doesn't mean you don't have to give your best in it." Finally, Meredith remembered to ask, "Oh I've been wanting to ask who is the

organizer of the piano competition. I mean they have such a huge budget for this competition. Having the competition in such an expensive resort and even including the accommodation, meals, and activities."

It was not the first time Meredith asked. Josiah told her the organizer was one of the youth training institutions so she did not think too much of it. However, when she overheard other parents saying that the organizer was sponsoring all of the fees included, she became wary. Theoretically speaking, training institutions would hardly have the budget to organize such a luxurious trip.

Josiah sensed that Meredith was starting to be suspicious, he simply made out a white lie. "It's an event organized by Love Youth Training Institution. Since Nia is interested to participate, I just took the liberty to sponsor it." "You what? You were the one who sponsored?" Meredith was astonished. "No wonder it's so luxurious. But what if Nia wins it? Will she be criticized by other people?"

"No," Josiah was certain. "How do you know that?" Meredith asked.

"Because it is an anonymous sponsorship," Josiah answered.

'Anonymous sponsorship?' Meredith could not help and examine the man in front of her again. Frankly speaking, this was the first time she saw Josiah splurged ever since Nia came into their picture. No, wait. She meant putting much thought into such a small event.

In the past, Shelby Group would always make large amounts of donations to different charities. However, that was for the reputation of the group. It had nothing relevant to do with his own will.

Josiah grew up and living the life of a business empire since he was small. Oth than being ruthless and overbearing, he never showed sympathy to the weak. From the looks of it, Nia did change him.

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Chapter 1033 Meredith squinted her eyes and gazed at Josiah with blurred eyes. "You like kids?"

Josiah thought she was referring to those kids to whom he provided **accommodat**ion. "No, I only like Nia." The reason why he fully sponsored the piano competition organized by the Love Youth Training Institutions was that he wanted to make Meredith and Nia happy.

"I mean your own kids," Meredith said. "Yes, of course, I do," Josiah answered. "Then why don't you find yourself a wife and have your own kids if you like kids these two years?" Meredith asked.

Josiah looked at her and was speechless. "Meredith Leighton, do you still need to ask when you already know the answer to that question?

It was then Meredith realized she was asking a dumb question. However, two **years wa**s not a short period of time. He could actually wait for them when she and Nia were completely missing without any news. Guessed he really did care about her and Nia.

Meredith crackled but it was a desolate type of laugh.

"What are you laughing at?" Under the dimmed light, Josiah was attracted to Meredith on how she titled her head and smiled.

The longing feeling he had appeared in his heart again. He moved his body **forward and wanted t**o kiss her. Before he could reach her lips, Mere**dith avoided**

"Josiah, we talked about this," Meredith said. Josiah's movement froze. He said embarrassingly, "Edith, but I saw you smiling at me."

"I wasn't smiling at you. I just think we quite pathetic," Meredith explained.

"How are we pathetic?" Their distance was so close that he could smell the faint perfume fragrance from her body. It was the fragrance that he liked from the very beginning He tried hard not to pull her into his arms. So hard that his voice sounded hoarse. "To be honest, I think I'm quite pathetic too. I have a nice family but I ruined it

myself."

"Sounds right." Meredith used her finger to point at his chest and pushed him away from her. "I'm fine if you don't admit you are dumb. I just think that we weren't meant to be together." Josiah grabbed her finger and shook his head. "No, I rather admit that I'm dumb."

He really rathered to believe he was dumb than believing that he and Meredith were not meant to be together. He was not about to give up on her, there were still hopes that he could get back together with her.

Meredith nodded her head and smiled at him. "Mister Josiah, you are so different from the old you. You are more down to earth now."

In the past, Josiah was nothing but a cool and ruthless person. Josiah did not deny it. He said, "You're the one responsible for pulling me closer to earth. So you can't leave. If you leave, the old me will return." "Well, well. Not only do you have more feelings, but your sweet talk is also getting better and better too," Meredith replied.

She closed her eyes. Her eyes were becoming more blur that she had a hard time looking at his face. Then she opened her eyes widely, but she still failed to see the look on Josiah's face. Even his voice slowly disappeared and the only sounds lingering in her eyes were the affection singing voice from the stage.

Josiah looked at how Meredith slowly passed out. He reached his hand out to catch Meredith's head from knocking on the table. He smiled. "Finally feeling sleepy?"

"Come on, let's go back." Josiah pulled her up from the sofa. **She was too sl**eepy that she mumbled something and fell back down onto the sofa. Josiah used his hand and patted her cheek. "Edith, this is the bar. Why don't **we go back to the room to sle**ep?"

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Chapter 1034 "I don't want to go back..." Meredith turned her body to avoid Josiah's hand.

Josiah admired how innocent and silly Meredith was right now. **Her safety was no** longer her concern but she looked so cute just like Nia. Josiah leaned forward and whispered in her ear, "Didn't you just say you need to go back early tonight because Nia's competition is tomorrow?"

As expected, Meredith was responsive when she heard about tomorrow's competition. She tried hard to sit up straight. Then she nodded her head while getting up on her feet. "That's right, Nia's competition is **tomorrow**. I need to go back."

Just as she tried to walk, her legs got tangled by the table and fell into Josiah's

arms.

"Be careful, let me carry you back," Josiah offered.

"No. I'm not drunk," Meredith rejected. "You're not drunk. Just tired." Josiah did not care that she rejected his offer. He pulled her and placed her on his back and used both of his hands to support her legs. Then he walked to the entrance to leave the har.

Meredith tried to struggle but failed. In the end, she just quietly leaned on Josiah's back and continue to doze off. Josiah was scared the wind could have gotten her sick so he **requested the waiter** to put his trenchcoat onto Meredith. During the walk back to the room, Josiah walked very slowly. He enjoyed the moment as it was the first time he piggybacked her along the beach. If he was not worried that Meredith could catch a cold, he might have walked even slower. It was a short distance and there were back in the mansion in no time. Josiah placed her on the bed but he did not leave immediately. He took a sit beside her bed and slowly admired her face. He had looked at and known this face for a long time but he never got tired of it. Moreover, he even did the thing he did countless times. He leaned forward and secretly kissed her lips. Meredith felt something soft touch her lips. She moaned and turned around and showed **Josiah her back. Josiah followed her movement by** leaning his body further closer to her body and secretly kissing her cheek again. He whispered in her ears, "Goodnight, Edith." When he pulled the blanket for her, he got attracted by the soft skin on her chest.

He squinted his eyes and quickly covered it with the blanket. So fast that he was afraid he might not be able to control himself and...engage in sexual intercourse with her.

Meredith was uncertain if she was aware of what Josiah did after bringing her back last night. When she woke up the next morning, she vaguely saw a scene

where Josiah kissed her good night. She looked down and saw she was still wearing the same casual clothing she had on when she went to the bar. Thus, she

presumed Josiah did not do anything reckless.

However, could that scene...be just a dream she had? She wondered why she would dream about making out with Josiah at this time.

She stretched her hand out to take her phone from the bedside table to look at the time. It was already nine in the morning and Nia's competition started at ten later. Thus, she quickly sat up to get ready to leave the bed. Suddenly, someone knocked on the door. Subsequently, Josiah appeared before her eyes.

"You're awake?" Josiah smiled and walked toward her.

Meredith looked behind him. "Where's Nia? Is she awake? Her competition is starting soon." "She woke up earlier and insisted on going to the venue to have her make—up together with the rest of the kids. So I sent her there," Josiah answered, "she will be taken care of by the teacher over there. You don't have to worry."

Meredith nodded.

Josiah said again, "It's still early. You don't need to rush."

The mansion was not far from the venue so Josiah was right when he told *M*eredith not to rush.

Meredith looked at her clothes and then she stared at Josiah and asked. "How did ...how did I come back last night? I vaguely remember you piggyback me back."

"You remember? I guessed you weren't really drunk," Josiah replied.

"Umm..." Meredith wanted to ask if the kiss in her mind was just a dream or if it did happen, but she was embarrassed to ask. In the end, she forked out her courage and asked, "Did you do anything to me?"

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Chapter 1035 Josiah looked surprised when Meredith asked that question. He smiled faintly." Do you think I'll do anything? Or should I ask, can't you feel it yourself if I did anything to you?" Meredith was lost in words. As she expected, she should not ask that question at all.

Josiah saw the embarrassingly look on her face and knew he should stop teasing her. "Don't worry. I did nothing other than piggyback you back here and placed you on the bed." "You did not say good night to me?" Meredith asked without thinking much. "Oh. Of course, I did," Josiah replied. There was more Meredith wanted to ask but she was too shy to ask. 'Argh, screw it. It doesn't matter if it was real or a dream. I'll just pretend I don't know anything.' She got off the bed and walked to the bathroom. After she freshened up and changed her clothes, the waiter was just there to send breakfast when she was walking downstairs. "Come and eat your breakfast." Josiah waved at her. "You haven't had your breakfast? Did Nia eat?" Meredith went over and asked.

"Nia said she wanted to eat with the other kids. She had already eaten with them at the stage," Josiah answered.

"Oh, I see." Meredith sat down at the table.

The breakfast looked just like a home-cooked breakfast, nothing fancy. When she tasted the oatmeal porridge, she felt it tasted familiar. As she raised her head, Josiah was looking at her with anticipation. 'So he really did make this breakfast!'

"Is it good?" Josiah asked. "Not too bad." Meredith pretended not to know he was the one who made the breakfast.

Josiah did not have any plan to tell her he was the one who made breakfast or asked for compliments. He only wanted to enjoy the process of making her breakfast. Moreover, he did not think it was not necessary to tell her and let her under any pressure. After breakfast, both of them went to the venue. As they were afraid people might

recognize them, they each put on a mask to cover half of their faces. When they arrived, they saw Nia was wearing a whimsical white dress while playing with the other kids. They did not go up and stopped her. It was not that often to see Nia so happy so it was better to let her be. As it turned out, Nia saw them too. She ran over happily. "Daddy, Mommy, you're both here!"

"Yes. I'm sorry. I woke up late," Meredith said apologetically. "It's alright. The competition has not started," Nia said thoughtfully.

Josiah looked at Nia and smiled faintly. "Nia, you don't look like you're nervous. I see many kids are so nervous that their faces look terrible."

Nia giggled, "As both of you said it. Participation is more important than the result." "Yes, participation is more important than the result." Josiah nodded. "It's good that you have attitude."

"It's not the first time Nia take part in a competition." Meredith said, "Even in her first competition, she was not nervous." "Yes, I know," Josiah said. "You know?"

Meredith turned her head to look at Josiah. "How do you know?" "Three years ago, I was there when you performed together with Nia," Josiah said.

The problem then was he did not believe Nia was his daughter and he did not appreciate the mother and daughter's performance. If his grandmother did not force him to watch it, he would never stay for more than two seconds. Thinking back on it now, he realized how stupid and regretful he was.

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Meredith did not expect Josiah was referring to that time. Moreover, she did not expect him to be there and recognized her and Nia. However, it was all in the past and she had no mean to look back on it.

On the other hand, Nia was surprised. She asked, "Really? Did I perform together with Mommy before? When did that happen?"

"It was three years ago. You have forgotten about it," Meredith said. "How was I?" Nia asked.

Suddenly, Meredith looked at Josiah. Only the audience knew how was the performance.

Josiah nodded with compliments, "Very good. All the audience was stunned and astonish. So were me and Great Grandma. Great Grandma even said she wants to bring you back immediately."

"Really?" Nia giggled, "Then why didn't Great Grandma bring me back home?"

"Because Daddy disallowed," Meredith answered plainly. As expected, Nia asked again, "Why did Daddy disallow Great Grandma?" "Because Daddy was an idiot back then," Josiah gave a fuzzy answer. Then he quickly changed the topic, "Nia, you should go to your teacher to get ready now." "Oh, alright. Then I'll be on my way." Nia waved her hands at her Daddy and Mommy.

"Okay. Do you best, Nia!"

Both of them do a rooting sigh at Nia. After Nia skipped over to her teacher, Josiah quickly grabbed Meredith's hand." Edith, I was..." "As I said, you don't have to explain." Meredith gave Josiah a faint smile. "It's all in the past."

Josiah looked at the indifference in her eyes and felt melancholy. Although Meredith kept saying it was in the past, she herself never looked past it. Every time they talked about the past, she would make a resentful comment and then tell him it was behind them. Josiah sighed and held her hand toward the crowd. "The competition is about to start. Let's go find a seat."

Meredith's instinct told her to pull away her hand from Josiah's. Then she suddenly heard a voice, "Hey, aren't you Nia's Mommy? I thought you are here alone. So Nia's Daddy is here too."

Josiah quickly grabbed Meredith's hand tightly and smiled at the lady, "I'm Nia's Daddy and I won't miss it for the world."

The lady's face looked a little awkward when she heard that. Meredith quickly used her finger and hinted at Josiah by scratching his palm. Josiah received the hint but he did not understand what he said wrong.

Later Meredith pulled him to the side, he finally got the chance to ask, "Did I say anything wrong?"

"That was Mrs. Lynch. Her husband has an affair and does not care about her or the daughter anymore," *Meredith* explained.

"Oh," Josiah replied. Then he quickly responded, "Edith, don't worry. I will never make that mistake again. I won't let you be so sensitive in front of other people." Meredith glanced at him and thought, 'What a Monday-morning quarterback person.'

"Come, let's sit here." Josiah led her to an empty seat.

After that, Meredith greeted the other parents. There were some parents who greeted Josiah too, but due to the lesson learned just now, he did not dare to say too much. In fact, he was never a person who cared about what other people thought. However, this would affect his daughter, so Josiah thought he should take note of it. At least, he did not want to be the problem that Nia got rejected by her peers.

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Chapter 1037 The competition started and many kids performed quite well. Of course, they were nothing compared to Nia, who could already play very well when she was three years old. Nia held the trophy and ran into Josiah's arm. Josiah carried her up and turned one round and praised her, "The other kids did well but Nia did the best!"

"Thank you, Daddy!" Nia kissed Josiah's cheek and also Meredith's Cheek." Mommy, thank you too."

"Good girl. Shall we go out to the sea to celebrate you winning first prize?" Josiah asked.

"Oh, yes!" Nia cheered and looked at Meredith, "Mommy, can you go?"

Although Meredith was not feeling comfortable, she did not want to ruin Nia's mood, so she nodded and agreed, "Yes, sure." "But..." She looked at Josiah, "I'm not the one who is scared of water. You should ask your Daddy if he is okay with it."

"What? Daddy is afraid of the water?" Nia asked surprisingly.

Josiah knew Meredith was talking about the time he nearly drowned when he was a kid. He smiled. "A little. But I'm not scared because your Mommy is here." "Why aren't you scared when Mommy is here?" Nia asked. "Because Mommy will protect Daddy," Josiah replied. "Huh? That's so weird." Nia was shocked. "Shouldn't Daddy be the one who protects Mommy?"

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"Yes, Daddy is so useless!" Nia nodded her head vehemently.

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"Because you have grown up?" Nia asked.

"Nia, eat up. It's not nice anymore when it's cold." Meredith touched Nia's head. Nia nodded. "Daddy and Mommy hurry up and eat too."

Meredith looked at Josiah and coincidentally, their eyes met each other. She quickly lowered her head to finish the steak.

Josiah put a piece of shrimp ball onto her plate. "Edith, try this shrimp ball."

"Thank you." Meredith did not reject it and put it into her mouth. She saw Josiah was still looking at her and had to make a comment. "Not bad."

"Have one too, Nia." Josiah also gave one to Nia. Nia looked at the shrimp ball and pretended to be suspicious. "Daddy, are you afraid that it smells so you want me and Mommy to try it first?"

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Chapter 1039 However, Meredith did not want to be seen as purposely distancing herself from Josiah. Thus, she still put a shrimp ball onto Josiah's plate. Before she started to eat her food, Josiah said, "I want one more." Meredith paused what she was doing and gave him another one. "One more, please." Meredith was lost in words. When she gave him for the third time, she said, "If you eat more, then there is no more for Nia and me." "It's fine. We can order another plate." Josiah looked at the shrimp ball on his plate and ate it satisfyingly.

It had been a long time since Meredith gave him food, so he wanted to take the time to enjoy it.

Nia cooperated nicely with Josiah. "Mommy, you can give more to Daddy. One is enough for me."

"Hurry up and finish your food." Meredith urged, "Do you still want to go out to the sea?"

"Yes." Nia quickly ate her food when she heard Meredith ask. When they finished lunch, they took the car that was arranged to arrive at the pier where they board a luxury medium—sized ship.

"Do we need such a big ship?" Meredith did not understand. Normally people would prefer the yacht for more excitement. She gave it a thought and said sarcastically, "Are you afraid?"

Josiah raised his hand and rubbed the back of Meredith's head. "Why? Are you suspecting me as Nia did? I told you, I'm not afraid of the water now. Do I need to prove it to you by swimming in the sea?"

"Sure, why not? I want to see you swim," Meredith said.

Josiah was lost in words. He did not expect Meredith to be so blunt. It was not that he minded swimming in the sea but it would be a waste of time for him to change his clothing after swimming. Hence, he could only say, "Never mind. I'll swim when we come back."

Meredith responded and boarded the ship with Nia. Josiah followed behind them. He explained, "It's quite boring if we just go out to look at the sea. We could do some fishing and also have dinner on the ship. Isn't that more exciting?"

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Before Meredith could say anything, Nia exclaimed cheerfully, "Oh really? We could try fishing from the boat? And have dinner?" "Of course, you can also sleep in the boat," Josiah said. "Wow! I like it!" Nia was really excited. She skipped to her parents. "I have never tried fishing before. Does that mean I can catch goldfish and keep it as my pet?" "There's no goldfish in the sea. But there are other fishes," Josiah explained." And also crabs, shellfish, starfish, and the rest." "Really? Really? That's terrific!" Nia got even more excited. Meredith smiled uncontrollably when she saw how exciting Nia was. Josiah tilted his head and looked at her with a faith smile. "Do you know why I arranged for a bigger ship now?"

Meredith had to admit it, Josiah knew how to please and make Nia happy. All kids

loved to play with water and catch fish and so did Nia. When the ship set sail, the captain even sailed closer to the lighthouse Nia kept thinking of last night so Nia

could take a good look at it from a close distance. "There's nothing special about it." Nia looked at the lighthouse while standing behind the guardrail on the deck.

Josiah was there looking at the lighthouse with Nia. He nodded, "yes, you're right. There's nothing special. But its role and meaning are very important." "I know. You told me it helps to guide people," Nia said.

"Yes, that's why you shouldn't underestimate it," Josiah replied.

Nia nodded, "I understand, Daddy." "Nia is a smart girl." Josiah touched Nia's little head while feeling pleased.

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Chapter 1040 Nia crackled and pulled Josiah's hand and waved at him. Josiah bent down and put his ear next to Nia's face. "Do you have a secret to tell me?" Nia lowered her voice, "Daddy, I think Mommy is still unhappy. She didn't come out to look at the view."

Josiah smiled and comforted, "It's fine. Let's take our time." "Daddy, did I not behave good enough?" Nia asked with uncertainty. She was afraid she was not good enough but also was being too over and making her mother feel sick and stressed. Josiah felt heartbroken to see how insecure Nia was. He said, "You have been doing a good job. One day, Mommy will get better." "Alright then." Nia was once again the happy little girl. The ship stopped in the middle of the sea. The crew started to recollect the net they put in previously. It was Nia's first time seeing it. She was so excited that she wanted to help. Meredith was afraid that Nia might get hurt by the fish so she helped Nia to put on a pair of gloves. "Daddy, there's so many small fishes. I want to bring them back to be my pet," Nia said while catching the fish.

"Alright, but you can't cry when they are dead," Josiah said. "I won't. I will take good care of them." Nia looked at Meredith and said," Mommy, can you please give me a pail?" Meredith passed a pail to Nia. Soon, the crew collected another net. There were many different types of sea creatures in it. Josiah extended his fist out. He said, "Here's a gift for you."

"What is it?" Nia asked curiously.

"I promise you'll like it," Josiah answered. Nia was a little worried, "Will it bite me?"

"No," Josiah replied. Nia still did not dare to receive it. She asked Meredith, "Mommy, do you know what is in Daddy's hand?"

"I'm guessing it's a little crab," Meredith said.

"I want it!" Nia extended her hand out. Josiah opened up his fist and as expected, a little crab crawled out from his palm. "Wow! This crab is so cute." Nia grabbed it and put it on her palm. She admired it and exclaimed, "It's so white!"

"Yes, just like Nia, so white and clean," Josiah said. "Oh no, it's running away." The crab started to escape when Nia did not hold it nicely. "Mommy, faster, catch it for me!" Nia pointed at the little crab running around Meredith's leg and shouted. Meredith did not think and quickly joined the rest to help capture the crab. Nevertheless, the crab was too quick. Very soon, it reached the edges of the ship and jumped back into the sea. "My little white crab! Uncle, I want my little white crab!" Nia stomped her feet anxiously and shouted at the crew who was busy.

The crew did not even see what the little white crab looked like and asked, "What little white crab?"

"Here here. It fell down from here. Uncle, please get it back for me!" Nia held the guardrail with one hand and pointed at the sea with another hand.

Meredith was afraid Nia might fall down and quickly grabbed Nia. "It's alright, Nia. We don't need that one. Ask Uncle to get you a new one."

"No. It was a gift from Daddy," Nia insisted.

Just when Nia was being anxious, a man suddenly jumped off the deck into the sea. Splash!