

Always Been Yours Chapter 1477-1484

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When she saw him, she ran over with her luggage. "Did you wait for long?"

"Nope. I just got here," he said as he handed her the flowers.

Sabrina accepted it and beamed at him.

Then, they returned to the apartment Timothy was staying at for the time being. As they entered the door, Timothy couldn't resist anymore and pulled her into his arms.

Sabrina was taken aback but returned his hug with a smile.

Timothy's deep voice rang beside her ears, "Did you miss me?"

"Yes. Very. Very much." Sabrina looked up and stared at him with adoring eyes.

Once he saw that, he couldn't help but lean down and catch those soft pink lips with his. They held each other close and deepened the kiss.

After a long time, they finally ended the kiss panting as if there was no more air in their lungs.

Chapter 1478 Sabrina's Cooking

Now that Sabrina had learned how to cook, she wanted to make something for Timothy.

"Let's make lunch ourselves." She looked at him with excitement.

Timothy gladly agreed to her, "Sure, but we don't have anything at home. Let's head to the grocery store."

She nodded, and off they went to the nearest grocery store.

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Chapter 1479 Rejoining the Orchestra

Tessa nodded in acknowledgment while Nicholas listened to the doctor’s advice attentively. When they returned, Stefania and Gregory were already impatiently waiting for them on the couch. “How was the checkup?” Stefania asked with concern. Tessa didn’t hide anything and recounted the doctor’s words, “My injuries are healed. I just need to eat well.” “That’s good. As long as your body has recovered, we don’t need to be too worried about the rest,” Stefania consoled her. Then, Gregory chimed in playfully, “I’ll make sure Mommy will drink the soup every day!” Tessa didn’t know how to respond to that as all sorts of nutritious soup, chicken soup, and ginseng soup had been served to her these days to make her heal faster. Hence, her face would twist in apprehension whenever she smelled them. Later, the whole family had lunch before Nicholas went to the office while Tessa stayed home to practice the violin while caring for the children. While Tessa was taking a break, she got a call from Sofia. “Tessa, what did the doctor say during the checkup today? Are you feeling better?” Sofia asked worriedly. Tessa replied with a smile, “Yup. I’ve also been given the green light to start practicing the violin too.”

"That's great. Since you're practicing, you can come over to Vienna. I can guide you here, and you can try to manage Group Two as well," Sofia suggested.

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That night, Tessa told Nicholas about going to Vienna when he returned from work.

"I've discussed it with Miss Sofia. I'm leaving in three days."

Nicholas wasn't that surprised as he had foreseen this, but Gregory was reluctant to part with her.

"Mommy, can I go with you? I don't want to leave you." He looked at her with puppy eyes.

Tessa didn't know how to reply to him and turned her gaze at Nicholas for help.

Nicholas shook his head and refused, "No. You are going to stay here with me. We'll go there after Mommy settles down."

Gregory immediately turned grumpy when he heard that. "Bad Daddy!"

However, Nicholas paid no mind to that as he turned his attention back to Tessa and said gently, "I won't follow you for the time being. I'll meet you with Gregory when I've settled the issues with the company."

"Don't worry. Do what you need to. You can come over once you're free," Tessa assured him with a smile.

This was because she knew Nicholas had been utterly swamped recently after the incident with Adam and Joseph, as the companies under their names had no leader. Thus, Nicholas needed to make the necessary arrangements for that.

Chapter 1480 Getting To Know Group Two

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Then, she gave Tessa a look.

Tessa got her hint and stepped forward to greet everyone, "Hi, everyone. I hope we can get along well in the future."

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So, she let out a breath of relief. Sofia was also comforted seeing both parties getting along so well.

Then, she pulled Tessa to the side and brought up another topic.

"Group Two's comeback performance this time was very successful. So, I've arranged for another performance that's going to occur in two weeks' time. As a test, you'll be in charge of managing their practice during this time."

"I understand, Miss Sofia. I won't let you down," Tessa accepted the challenge.

That afternoon, she led the members during practice.

After practice was over, she didn't go home straightaway and asked the lead violinist and conductor out for a meal instead.

When they were seated, she asked, "May I know what style of music this group specializes in?"

"We're better with classical and jazz music," the conductor replied promptly.

Chapter 1481 Gordon Can Speak?

"You are their father. How could you be jealous of your own sons?"

"So what if they're my sons?" Nicholas cared a great deal and still insisted that Tessa had neglected her husband.

Tessa had no choice but to say nice things to coax him into feeling better and give him a flying kiss.

Just as they were being sweet, Gregory's excited voice came through the door.

"Daddy! Gordon knows how to talk now. He called me brother!"

Then, he shot in like a cannonball.

When he entered and saw Nicholas was on the phone with Tessa, he pouted his lips immediately, "Bad Daddy. You called Mommy without Gordon and me."

However, before Nicholas could answer, Tessa rushed to ask, "Sweetheart, did you say Gordon can speak?"

She looked at Gregory eagerly. Gregory stopped his one-sided war against Nicholas and nodded happily. "Today, Grandma came to see Gordon and said Gordon can learn to speak. So, I tried to teach him, and he called me!"

Tessa and Nicholas exchanged glances when they heard that.

The next second, Nicholas stood up and headed to the baby's room with Gregory tailing behind him.

When he entered, he carried Gordon from the crib.

"I heard you know how to say brother now?" He looked at Gordon lovingly.

Of course, Gordon wouldn't understand him. But he saw Nicholas carrying him and thought he was playing with him and started wriggling about.

At that moment, Gregory walked over and tried to guide him, "Gregory, say brother. Bro-ther."

"Bababa..." Gordon also thought that Gregory was playing with him and laughed out loud.

Frankly, it did sound like he was pronouncing the first syllable of 'brother'. Hence, Gregory clapped his hands excitedly and exclaimed, "Mommy, see. Gordon called me!"

Tessa broke out in laughter. Gregory wasn't really saying the word brother. It was that his babble sounded like it.

Just as she was conflicted about whether she should tell the truth, Nicholas beat her to the chase, "Gordon isn't calling you. He's just babbling."

"Babbling?" Gregory was stunned and retorted while wrinkling his nose, "No! Gordon is calling me. Right, Gordon? You were saying 'brother'."

He directed his question toward Gordon. Even though Gordon didn't understand, he still continued babbling and laughing.

Once Gregory heard that, he looked at Nicholas confidently as if it was proof that Gordon liked him the most.

Nevertheless, Nicholas couldn't be bothered to argue with him about this further and continued to speak to Tessa on the phone.

The following day, Tessa went to the orchestra after video-calling Nicholas.

As noon time came around, Alice walked over and informed her, "Tessa, Miss Mona is here."

"Okay. Let her know I'll be there in a few minutes," Tessa replied and asked the members of Group Two to complete the last practice.

After a few minutes, she arrived at her office and looked at her good friend apologetically. "Sorry for making you wait."

However, Mona merely smiled and waved her apology away. "It's nothing. I came unannounced." Then, she paused for a moment before asking, "Do you have time later? Let's go grab a bite."

"Sure," Tessa agreed readily. So, they headed to a restaurant near the orchestra. After they were seated and ordered their food, Tessa asked about the situation with Hathaway Philharmonic.

"How's the orchestra doing now?"

"It's okay. We've stopped our activities for the moment." Mona didn't hide anything and answered truthfully.

Then, Tessa continued with another question, "What about Miss Hathaway? How is she doing?"

"Miss Hathaway..." Mona sighed before saying grimly, "The day after Kathleen's execution, she took Kathleen's ashes and left. Mr. Brooks and I don't know what's happened to her now."

Tessa was a little worried when she heard Mona's words. Regardless, she didn't say anything as she knew Hathaway didn't want anyone to disturb her since she made it a point to leave so quietly.

Chapter 1482 Successful Performance

So, Tessa changed the topic, "Since Miss Hathaway has left, who is in charge of the orchestra now?"

"Mr. Brooks. He took a week off to settle everything here. He intends to further his studies abroad."

Mona hesitated for a moment as she wasn't sure how to express herself.

Tessa noticed her unusual expression and prompted her, "Do you have something you want to tell me?"

"Yes. Mr. Brooks wants me to further my studies as well and return to direct the orchestra," Mona blurted before releasing a sigh.

Tessa didn't understand why Mona was hesitating since this was a good thing.

So, she answered supportively, "If you have the chance to further your studies, I will encourage you to go. Even though you're a competent musician, it's always good to take the opportunity to improve your skills further."

"I know. Actually, I've already booked the flight. So, I'm going to leave with Mr. Brooks. I came here today to say goodbye," Mina nodded and finally revealed the intention behind her visit.

Tessa was taken aback and said with a laugh, "That's great. So, I'm the last one to know? Am I even your best friend?"

"I was really conflicted about this. But Mr. Brooks didn't stop convincing me, and I only made the decision last night to accompany him on this trip," Mona rushed to explain.

Yet, Tessa eventually caught on to something as Mona kept mentioning Scott throughout their conversation.

"Mona, do you realize you've been mentioning Mr. Brooks a lot more than usual? It's almost every other sentence. You and him..." Tessa trailed off, but Mona understood what she was hinting at.

Although she was slightly bashful at being caught red-handed, she still openly admitted her feelings, "Yes. I like Mr. Brooks, and I'm pursuing him now."

Tessa was stunned as she didn't expect Mona to admit it so straightforwardly.

As she came to her senses, she wished sincerely, "Then, I hope things go well for you. I can't wait to hear the good news the next time we meet."

In the blink of an eye, two weeks had passed, and it was the day for Group Two's performance ever since Tessa took over its management.

Early in the morning, Tessa and the Group Two members were like busy bees as they made the final tunings in the theater.

At the same time, Nicholas carried Gordon and held Gregory's hand as they exited Vienna International Airport through the VIP walkway.

Soon, their outstanding appearance caught the attention of many tourists.

Some women wanted to make a move but quickly dispelled that thought by the coldness Nicholas exuded.

"Daddy, Mommy will be very surprised to see us, right?" Gregory exclaimed as he bounced on his seat in the car.

Nicholas nodded lightly as he gently carried Gordon.

Tessa didn't know the surprise that was awaiting her.

Chapter 1483 Surprise Visit

"Daddy, Mommy is the best. They're all praising Mommy!" Gregory's cheeks were pink from the excitement, to which Nicholas nodded in agreement as well.

Then, Tessa was pulled aside by Sofia, "Tonight's performance was a success! You've given me such a big surprise. It seems that handing Group Two over to you was the right thing to do."

"It's all thanks to your guidance." Tessa was humble, but the smile on her face hinted

at her real feelings.

Sofia laughed out loud, "You are still far too humble for your own good."

The others all joined in on the laughter when they heard that comment.

After that, Sofia waved her off and said, "Alright, you don't need to stay here with us. Head backstage and check on the orchestra members. I'm sure they're all eagerly awaiting your affirmation right now."

Tessa nodded and bid goodbye politely to everyone.

Meanwhile, members of Group Two were almost done packing their belongings backstage.

When they saw Tessa enter, they all stood up and greeted her respectfully, "Miss Tessa's here."

"Great job, everyone! I just came over from Miss Hathaway. She said the performance was very successful, and several maestros were praising us!"

Tessa grinned from ear to ear as she announced the news to the group. Then, her eyes softened, and her smile deepened as she watched all the members cheer at the news with joyful hearts.

After all, she had put in her blood, sweat, and tears these two weeks to compose new music for the performance.

A moment later, she was about to announce the celebration party since the members had calmed down.

Yet, to her surprise, the quiet members suddenly turned rowdy.

She couldn't catch on to their reaction and asked in confusion, "What's wrong?"

"Miss Tessa, look behind you," the lead violinist reminded her with a mischievous wink.

So, Tessa turned around to see Nicholas standing not far away in a black suit holding a bouquet of roses.

Beside him was Gregory, who was also wearing a child-sized suit.

"Mommy!" Gregory's sweet voice made her heart melt.

Tessa was pleasantly surprised. "When did you get here? Why didn't you tell me?"

"Because we wanted to give Mommy a surprise," Gregory said as he ran into Tessa's embrace.

Then, Nicholas followed after him and handed the bouquet over as he spoke,

"Congratulations. The show was a success, and the songs were fantastic."

Tessa took a whiff of the flowers before looking up at him and flashing him a sweet smile. "Thank you."

He couldn't resist and lowered his head to kiss her on the forehead as he watched her smile. Then, he asked in his magnetic voice, "What's next?"

"Oh, it's nothing. Just the celebration party," Tessa replied truthfully.

Nicholas nodded in acknowledgment and diverted his gaze to the members of Group Two standing beside them.

The conductor got the hint in his gaze and stood up with a smile, saying, "Miss Tessa, I'm sure it was difficult to be separated from President Sawyer for so long. But, since your family is here, you should return with him and the children. The concertmaster and I will arrange the celebration party. So, don't you worry."

Everyone else went along with him and urged Tessa to leave.

Alice also persuaded her, "That's right. Tessa, have fun with President Sawyer. I'll be

here, so things will be fine.”

Tessa couldn't resist their kindness. Besides, she didn't really want to refuse their suggestions, so she announced, “Thank you, everyone. I'll take my leave, then. I'll treat everyone another day!”

She swept her gaze across the members gratefully.

Nicholas was also very pleased with the outcome. So, he declared as he wrapped an arm around Tessa, “I'll get my assistant to bring everyone to a hotel under the Sawyer Group for the celebration. The celebration party is on me.”

“Thank you, President Sawyer!” Alice was the first to come to her senses and thanked him cheerily.

The rest were also excited since the hotel under the Sawyer Group would at least be a 5-star hotel.

As they left the theater, Tessa finally inquired, “Where's Gordon?”

Chapter 1484 Say Mommy

“He's at home with the nanny,” Nicholas answered with a smile.

Then, Tessa turned her head to speak to Gregory.

Along the journey, his sweet and cute voice reverberated in the car.

They soon arrived home, and Tessa went straight to the children's room with Gregory. Gordon was already sound asleep, and Tessa felt her heart bursting with warmth.

Even though she had been video calling the children during these two weeks, it wasn't comparable to seeing them in person.

She wanted to hug Gordon but was afraid of jostling him awake. So, she could only suppress the desire in her heart as she leaned down to plant a gentle kiss on his forehead.

Of course, she didn't forget about Gregory. The little guy even started jumping with joy when he received a kiss.

He wanted Tessa to sleep with him that night, but Nicholas' cold voice came from the door, “You're sleeping on your own. Your mommy has to accompany me.” Then, he forcefully pulled Tessa to him.

Gregory was angry but couldn't do anything but release a huff, “Bad Daddy!”

However, Nicholas didn't care one whit and led Tessa back to their room.

As soon as they entered, he turned around and pulled her into his arms, and a passionate kiss landed on her lips to show how terribly he had missed her.

Tessa was taken aback by his actions but still wrapped her arms around his neck and responded with a kiss of her own. The night was still long.

When Tessa woke up the next day, it was already late, and Nicholas wasn't in the room. Nonetheless, she didn't mind as she got up to freshen up.

Then, she went downstairs to see Gregory playing with Gordon in the living room.

Gregory heard the rustling sounds of her dress and turned to the side to see Tessa.

The smile on his face became wider. “Mommy, you're awake?!”

He dashed into her arms, and she picked him up.

“What are you playing with Gordon?” she asked as she strode to the couch Gordon was on.

Gregory wrapped his arms around her neck and said in his sweet voice, “I am talking to Gordon.”

Then, as if he suddenly thought of something, he struggled to jump down from Tessa's embrace.

He ran to Gordon and helped him sit up before pointing at Tessa and instructing, "Gordon, this is Mommy. You have to say 'Mommy'."

"Mom... my." Gordon looked at Tessa adorably.

Tessa was dumbstruck and couldn't believe what she had heard.

A moment later, she went forward and carried Gordon in her arms excitedly. "Say Mommy again."

Alas, Gordon merely tilted his head and graced her with a pure and beautiful smile.

It was apparent he didn't understand Tessa.

She wasn't disappointed and patiently guided him, "Gordon, follow me. Mom... my."

This time, Gordon heard the words clearly and drawled out the words slowly, "Mom... my."

"Yes! Gordon, you're the best!" Tessa was elated and kissed him contentedly.

Gregory was also smiling cheerfully and didn't forget to remind her of the effort he put into this.

"Mommy, I taught Gordon to say that. Am I the best?"

Tessa's eyes were practically dripping with love as she looked at Gregory, begging for praise.

She placed Gordon down and carried him before kissing him. "Yes. You're the best.

When did Gordon know to say that? My little boy has been keeping secrets from me!"

"A few days ago. But Daddy said we have to give Mommy a surprise. So, we didn't tell you."

Gregory betrayed Nicholas without a second thought.

Regardless, Tessa didn't mind them hiding this from her and only felt touched by their actions.

Right at this moment, Nicholas had also made his presence known as he strode down the stairs.

He saw Tessa and Gregory laughing so merrily and asked curiously, "What are you guys talking about?"

"You're done with work?" Tessa turned around and placed Gregory down before approaching him.

Nicholas naturally held her in his arms and inquired his question once more.

"Gordon can speak now. Why didn't you tell me about this?"

Tessa glared at the man before her coquettishly.