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Chapter 41

Sophia whirled around to head upstairs. "Hold on a sec, you guys! Ill go check it out!

"Be quick about it I'm gonna get in touch with that agent we had before Patrick pulled out his phone and walked out to the balcony to make a call.

Emmelt had never thought a woman could be so bold!

When they got home, Clara bought Alex's favorite pizza to cheer him up

Watching Alex happily chowing down on his pizza, Clara couldn't help but crack a smile.

It's so easy to make a kid happy! If only Alex could always stay this simple and easy to please.

After Alex finished eating, he washed his hands and announced he had to go study

Clara nodded and patted his head, "Good boy! That's my son"

Alex dashed back to his room

Just as Clara was about to start working on her computer, her phone rang!

For some reason, her heart started racing!

She got up to answer it and it was Emmett

Why was he calling her this late?

"What can I do for you, Mr. Melendez?"

"There was a little boy at the company today, I want to know who he is."

Ive sent you his picture, go dig up some info for me"

Clara quickly glanced at her computer screen.

It was a picture of Alex!

Crap! Alex had caught someone's attention!

"Mr Melendez why do you suddenly want to investigate a little boy?" Clara asked nervously. She knew she shouldn't be asking this, it would only arouse Emmett's suspicion, but she had to know his intentions.

"That's none of your business, just find out for me."

"Mr. Melendez, is there any other information about this little boy? Just a picture?"

"His parents work at Melendez's company"

Great, Alex had gotten himself into trouble!

Emmett frowned, "You're asking a lot of questions, do you know this boy?"

"No, I don't! How could I possibly know him!"

"Good You better not."

Emmett hung up

But Clara was far from relieved. She paced around her room.

Suddenly, as if making up her mind, Clara picked up her phone and dialed a number-

"Hello I'm sorry, could you do me a favor?"

"Do you have any idea what time it is here?" a groggy male voice came from the other end, "It's 4 a.m.!"

"I'm sorry, I'm really in trouble! I need your help!"

The man sighed, "What happened now?"

"Could I send Alex to stay with you for a while? Alex's identity has been exposed here in the country. I'm afraid people will find him!" Clara nervously bit her lower lip. "I know this is a lot to ask. But I really don't have other options! You're the only one who can fully protect Alex now!"

"So now you remember me? When I proposed to you, why were you so quick to reject me!"

"Alright, I'll send someone to pick up Alex. Be ready!"

Hearing his agreement, Clara breathed a sigh of relief, "Thank you, thank you so much!"

Chapter 42

"You really have no shame, woman! I'm hanging up now, don't disturb my sleep with stuff like this again!

After the call ended, Clara looked towards Alex's room, her eyes filled with tears.

She and Alex were about to part ways Alex had never left her side in all these years Now, they were to be separated, and it was unbearable for her

But the reality was something she could not change.

To keep Alex from being taken away, this was the only path she could take.

The next morning. Clara got up and made breakfast for Alex. It was when the breakfast was served that Alex gol up

"Mama wow, today's breakfast is really fancy!"

"I'm glad you like it, Clara smiled, "You don't have to go to school today."

Alex was surprised, "Why mama? is the kindergarten closed today?"

"No, a friend of mama's has invited you over for a while!"

"Is it Mr Milburn?"

Clara nodded, "Yes. You need to behave yourself when you're there. Don't cause him any trouble, okay?"

"Can I refuse?" Alex didn't accept the invitation right away. "I want to stay here with you! If I go to Mr. Milburn's, I won't see you for a long time!"

Clara bent down to meet Alex's gaze

"Good boy, there's some issue with mama right now and I can't take care of you properly! You go to Mr. Milburn's first. Mama promises to come get you soon, okay?"

"Will you be lonely without me around, mama?"

"Of course I'll be lonely! That's why I promise to come get you soon!"

Alex said, "But I don't want to leave you, mama.

Hearing this, Clara could no longer hold back her tears.

She hugged her son tightly, saying

"I'm sorry Alex, it's mama's fault... I can't solve the problem, so I have to part with you for now! Can you forgive mama?"

"Mama, don't cry!" Alex hurriedly wiped Clara's tears, "I love going to Mr. Milburn's. I won't miss mama at all! Mama, don't cry! Mr. Milburn is very nice to me and buys me toys. So, mama, don't worry!"

The usually naughty Alex suddenly became well-behaved and understanding, making Clara feel even more guilty.

She would rather have him throw a tantrum right now, maybe that would make her feel a little better.

"Mama, does Mr. Milburn like you?"

The topic suddenly changed, and Clara was caught off guard.

"I think Mr. Milburn is so nice to me because he likes you, mama! Right?"

Clara said, "You're leaving me speechless! Mama is not a fairy!"

"In my eyes, you're a fairy, the most beautiful person in the world!"

"You're so sweet!"

Only after arranging everything for Alex did Clara go to work

She had planned to take a leave, but today was the day she was supposed to register her marriage with Emmett, and she couldn't back out!

She was also worried that Emmett would suspect something at this time.

Once Clara arrived at the office, Emmett called her into his office.

"Mr. Melendez."

"You were late today" Emmett looked at her and said, "You're usually never late."

"There was a bit of traffic today!"

"The roads were clear today, there was no traffic."

Clara pursed her lips, but before she could say anything, Emmett slammed his hand on the desk.

"Clara' How long do you plan on keeping this from me?!"

## Chapter 43

Clara felt overwhelmed and unsure of how to respond She was taken aback by Emmett's words and the mention of Taylor

"So. Taylor Alwood showed up outside Melendez's company today, and you were with him, causing you to be late, right? Ernmett questioned. Taylor? Clara's mind raced with a multitude of excuses, but they seemed futile now. So. Emmett was upset because of Taylor, not Alex?

"I didn't see Taylor" Clara denied

Emmett's expression turned cold, his voice stern. "You know better. Just remember, you're with Melendez now. Once we officially register our marriage, you'll be a married woman. We may not be a real couple, but your actions reflect on Melendez Don't underestimate the consequences. Especially when it comes to Taylor, you cannot meet

him

Clara hesitated for a moment and then nodded, "I understand."

"Prepare the car," Emmett commanded.

"Where are we going?"

"To register our marriage!"

"Ok

Clara turned around and left the office

He really freaked her out!

She almost thought Emmett was forcing her to hand over Alex!

But now it's clear that Emmett probably knows that family. He might have even met her other child'

Every time she thought about that son, Clara felt heartbroken!

For so many years, to avoid suspicion and not to lose Alex, she dared not blatantly look for that child, let alone find out information about that child and that family!

She was afraid that the child would hate her.

And she was afraid to meet that child. He might not acknowledge her.

After class, Aiden was trying to contact Alex on his phone.

He had no idea what happened on his end but he couldn't be reached! His phone was off.

"What are you doing?" The teacher noticed Aiden's unusual behavior. He rarely was so engrossed in his phone.

"I'm waiting for a friend's call."

"Oh, I see! Do you need my help with anything?"

"No." Aiden thought for a moment and said, "Teacher, can I take the afternoon off? Don't tell my dad or grandma."

The teacher was stunned, she couldn't take that responsibility

"That's not possible With your special status, if you go missing... the teacher would be in big trouble."

"I have some important things to handle."

"But..."

Seeing the teacher was in a dilemma, Aiden said, 'Don't worry, teacher. I'll go back to class "

"Okay!"

Alden got up to go back to the classroom, but that didn't mean he gave up on finding Alex.

There was a PE class in the afternoon!

He could excuse himself to go to the bathroom and sneak out. That should be easy.

Sure enough, during the PE class, Aiden easily slipped out of school under the pretext of going to the bathroom

On the way, Aiden kept trying to contact Alex But his phone was still off

When he arrived at Clara and Alex's place, he found no one there.

Had Alex already gone to school?

Aiden checked his previous chat records with Alex and found the kindergarten Alex was at.

Just as he was about to walk into the kindergarten, he heard a woman asking, "Are you Alex? Is Alex in class?"

Chapter 44

"Didn't your mom tell you that you're leaving school? The teacher bent down to him and said, 'Are you sad to leave?"

"My mom said I'm leaving school?"

The teacher nodded, "Yep! Your mom said you're going to a far place and can't come to kindergarten anymore! But we'll miss you If you ever get the chance to come back,

remember to visit us!"

Aiden was shocked

He had no clue what was going on! Alex was leaving?

There must be something big going on. Otherwise, his mom wouldn't let Alex drop out!

Oh my God, Alex wasn't sick, was he?

Thinking about this, Aiden turned and ran

Behind him, the teacher shouted, "Alex be careful! Don't run around by yourself! Go find your mom!"

I got it thanks, teacher" Aiden said, hastily hailing a car.

"Driver, I need to go to Melendez's company"

"Melendez's company?" The driver glanced at him in the backseat and nodded, "Alright."

Clara was still feeling like she was dreaming while looking at the marriage certificate!

Whether it was real or fake, she legally had a husband

"What are you thinking about?" Emmett glanced at her.

Clara lowered her head and said, "Nothing...

"

'Remember our agreement. Be careful with your words and actions from now on. I don't want any trouble from you for the company."

Clara nodded, "I understand! Anyways, thanks for saving me, Mr. Melendez. You also paid off my debts so I don't have to hide from debt collectors all the time. I won't cause you any trouble"

Clara was grateful!

If it wasn't for Emmett that day, she didn't want to imagine what would have happened!

Emmett glanced at her and said, "As long as you understand."

"Thank you, Mr. Melendez' Clara bowed her head.

Emmett said, "Stop calling me Mr. Melendez."

"Call me Emmett, or Em"

Clara looked panicked, "That's not appropriate""

"Just do as I say!"

Clara couldn't say a word

"Is it that hard to call me by my name? You seem pretty cozy with Taylor."

"That's different!"

"What's so different? Do you and Taylor have something special?"

Clara quickly said, "Nothing!"

Her phone rang just as she finished her sentence.

"I need to take a call!"

Clara turned and walked to a corner before she dared to pick up.

"Hello, Elio Milburn have you settled Alex?"

Elio sounded a bit helpless, "I'm here, Alex will definitely be safe! What are you worrying about!"

"Alex has never left me in all these years, how could I not worry? I'm worried he'll cry. I'm worried he won't adapt to the new environment!

"Do you want me to video call you?"

Clara looked at Ermmett not far away and refused, 'Never mind! It's not convenient right now! I'll video call you when I get home from work."

Chapter 45

"You're off work and I'm just about to hit the hay. We've had a rough day, and you're still bugging unt

Clara suddenly heard Alex's voice from the other end, "Mr. Milburn, done with your chitchat? I want ice cream!"

"Alright! Gotta cut this short. I'm off to get Alex some goodies!

"Don't spoil him too much! Don't get him everything he asks for, youll spoil him rotten!

Before Clara could finish, Elio had already hung up

She looked at her phone screen and laughed.

Deep down. Clara knew Alex was just putting on a show to put her at easel

That kid always looking carefree and indifferent on the outside, but he's actually very sensitive!

Tucking her phone away. Clara walked back to Emmett

He asked. "Who was that?"

"Just a friend"

"A guy?"

Clara glanced at him, then to avoid any suspicions she replied, "A female friend"

Emmett didn't ask any more, 'Let's head back to the office."

"Sure!

Aiden searched high and low to no avail and finally had to head back to school.

His disappearance had caused a major panic among the teachers at school. They were all about to go out and search for him!

"Aiden, where have you been!"

"I just had to take care of something!"

The teachers looked like they were about to cry. "Do you know how worried we were! We almost notified the Melendez family!"

"You didn't, did you?"

"Not yet!" They were also afraid to alert the Melendez family.

Aiden finally breathed a sigh of relief, "Don't worry, I'm fine! There's no need to tell my father."

He walked back to his seat, feeling a little down, his mind full of thoughts about Alex.

He had no idea what had happened to Alex He just up and left so suddenly!

His mom had planned to settle down here with Alex, why did they suddenly leave?

While he was deep in thought, his phone buzzed!

A text message!

Aiden quickly opened it, it was from an unknown number, but as soon as he read the tone of the message, he knew it was from Alex!

[Aiden, I'm leaving for a while! I'll come to find you when I get back! Don't fight with me over mom during this time!]

Aiden sighed

Even at a time like this, he was still thinking about fighting over their mom!

His immediate response was, [Mom didn't go with you?]

[Yeah, she said she had some stuff to do, she'll come and get me later! Don't show up when I leave! I've thought about it for a long time and I don't want to share my mom with anyone! You have everything in the Melendez family, but all I have is mom! Bro, leave me someone, will ya!]

Looking at the occasional mistakes in the message, Aiden knew it was something Alex would do!

But

To be honest, Aiden could understand Alex's feelings!

To others, he undoubtedly was a child born into a wealthy family, and the Melendez family was a large clan.

But they didn't know that he toe, was yearning for a mother's love.

On the way back to the office. Elio sent her some photos, but Clara didn't dare to look at them until she was sure that Emmett had gone into the meeting room.

The kid in the photos looked happy enough But Clara could tell from his expression that he was pretending to be happy

At that moment,/Clara's eyes filled with tears.

Chapter 46

Right now, she just wished she could disappear, just like that, and leave with Alex!

But if she suddenly left too, it would definitely draw attention!

Especially from Emmett, he'd dig into her past in a heartbeat! Then her past would be hand to hide from Emmett

'Alex Mommy is doing all this for your own good! Don't blame mommy!"

Before she could finish her sentence, she suckkenly felt someone behind her

Clara quickly put away her phone and turned around it was Emmett

What the heck was he doing here!

"What are you up to? Emmett looked into her eyes. "Have you been crying?"

Clara hastily wiped her eyes with her sleeve. "Nothing! Just got something in my eye

"What a lame excuse" Emmett didn't press the issue, "My parents want to meet you tonight"

Clara was taken aback, hurriedly nodding. "Okay!"

T|| have someone send over some clothes, try them on!"

Clara quickly nodded in response

"Also go pick up some toys that kids like! Apart from my parents, you'll be meeting my son today as well."

The CEO's son?

Clara was stunned, it took her a while to snap back to reality, "Alright! Got it! I'll go buy them later!"

"Also, I need to explain something about my family to you' Emmett said solemnly. My son is pretty introverted, he doesn't really like socializing, so don't worry about his attitude"

"Don't worry, I know my place, I won't give a damn about your son's attitude! Besides, he's just a kid, it's normal for him to reject a stepmother! I'm prepared for it."

"He's never met his mother since he was born, so he's more aloof than you think!"

Clara was taken aback.

He's never seen his mother since he was born?

Poor kid!

Clara sneakily glanced at Emmett

It seemed like another tragedy in a wealthy family, and a child was left to bear the brunt. The child must be so upset!

But then again, she was also tempted by money back in the day

After all, in this world, you can't survive without money!

Clara was quickly taken to the fitting room. When she saw the magnificent dress, she felt like she was dreaming!

"Miss, you can try it on now! I'll wait outside for you, if anything doesn't fit, just let us know!"

"Okay Thank you."

Clara took the dress into the fitting room, the magnificent dress seemed out of place on her in the mirror.

She hadn't worn such nice clothes in years!

After trying on the clothes, Clara rushed back to work in the office.

She didn't know what was wrong with her, she was actually a bit nervous!

She was restless, as if something was about to happen!

Finally, it was time to get off work, Clara just got up and saw Emmett already standing at the office door!

She quickly walked over, "Mr. Melendez"

"Just call me Emmett"

Clara awkwardly began, 'Emmett...)

'Let's go, my parents are waiting for you"

Clara nodded, following behind him.

In the car, Clara's lands were nervously twisting together.

Emmett seemed to have noticed her nervousness, and spoke in a deep voice, "My parents won't eat you"

\*But I'm afraid I might blabber! I'm not good at lying"

"Then keep your mouth shut

Clara quickly nodded, "Okay!"

The car arrived at the Melendez residence,

From the style of the gate, you could tell it was a rich family's house.

Chapter 47

After getting out of the car, Emmett saw Clara hesitating, and he just reached out and grabbed her wrist, "Let's go

Clare looked up at his eyes!

For some reason, he always leht somewhat familiar to her.

Walking in with Emmell, Patrick was already waiting at the door!

"You're back."

Emmett nodded, glancing at Clara beside him, "This is Clar

Patrick nodded, "I know"

Clars kept her head down, not daring to look around, 'Hello, Mr Melendez

"You're still addressing me so formally? Aren't you already married to Emmett?"

Emmett interrupted 'Don't make it hard for her, she's nervous

Patrick chuckled softly, "Let's talk inside then' Your mother is helping Aiden with his homework, they'll be out when it's done!"

Alden"

That must be Emmett's son

Clara followed Emmett inside, and the Melendez family's servants were all lined up to welcome her!

The feeling was terrifying'

People who haven't experienced it have no idea what it feels like! Because only she and Emmett knew she was a complete fraud!

"Ms Calloway, didn't you say before that you didn't want to marry Emmett? Patrick sipped his water, then looked at Clara sitting on the sofa

Clara quickly responded, "Well I was moved by Emmett afterwards."

"My son managed to move you?" Patrick chuckled, "I thought he was too icy to chase girls."

Emmett frowned, "You guys talked about this before?"

He had no idea!

"Just a bit briefly

"What was your answer then?"

"Ms Calloway said she wasn't interested in you"

Emmett looked at Clara!

She felt even more embarrassed at this point!

She suddenly felt that she shouldn't have come today!

"Um, Im suddenly feeling a little unwell, can I go to the restroom?" Clara just wanted to find a place to cool down a bit.

Emmett stood up. "I'll take you

"No need' Just tell me where it is, I can go by myself"

"Go straight, turn right."

"Okay!"

Clara hurried off, but she didn't actually go to the restroom. Instead, she found that this road led straight to a small garden.

She sighed

"I just chill here for a bit!"

Otherwise, she would have to confront their interrogation upon her return! Those two individuals were extremely intimidating! She had no clue about the nature of their upcoming inquiries! Any question posed to her might inadvertently expose her true identity.

Clara entered the garden and had just settled down when she overheard a conversation amongst a few servants behind her

"Aiden seems to be in a rather foul mood today"

"Yes, he has been quite lethargic since his return. Perhaps it's because... Mr Melendez recently got married! To Aiden, that's like having a stepmother!"

Another servant let out a sigh. "Aiden is such an adorable child Inever expected him to endure such hardships! Rumor has it that he has never even laid eyes on his biological mother! He was taken away immediately after birth!"

"Really? The Melendez family can be so merciless!"

"Shh! Keep your voice down, you want to lose your job?!"

"Sorry, sorry.

Clara turned to look at the two of them, suddenly feeling a bit strange.

The youngest of the Melendez family has never seen his biological mother, and was taken away right after he was born, isn't this similar to the fate of her own other son?

So there's another poor child in the world whose life is so similar to her son's

Clara sighed, stood up to go back, after all, she couldn't stay here too long.

Suddenly, she heard a somewhat childish voice from behind.

Very familiar

Chapter 48

Hold up, who're ya?"

Clara froze, turning around...

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Hold up, who're ya?"

Clara froze, turning around...

For a split second she felt like her soul was about to jump out of her body!

The boy standing before her looked exactly like Alex!

Exactly the same!

When Aiden saw Clara there, he was also taken aback.

"Mommy?"

"You. You're Emmett's son?" Clara was stumped, she felt like she was about to lose her mind.

Aiden nodded his head, seeing a servant approaching, he quickly pulled Clara into a room nearby, "Mommy, what are you doing here?"

"I was brought here by Emmett..." Clara paused, suddenly asking, "What did you just call me, mommy? You. You know who I am..."

"Of course I do! I'll explain everything later! Mommy, can you tell me why Alex was sent away? I've been looking for him, but I can't find him!"

So... Alex and Aiden had already me!!

They knew everything!

"Mommy?"

"Ah... Alex, Alex went to Europe, he had some business to take care of."

"You're afraid of being found out by my dad, aren't ya?"

Aiden looked around and then whispered into Clara's ear, "Mommy, I don't know what happened between you and dad, but right now it's not safe for us to be together for too

long So, every night when my grandmother goes to sleep at around half past eight, I'll sneak out and call you, you come pick me up, okay?"

Clara nodded blankly.

Aiden reached out his small hand, "Mommy, give me your phone."

Clara quickly handed it over.

"This is my number, now I have yours too, I'll contact you before I head out! You come pick me up around the Melendez family estate"

"Okay!"

Aiden gave a small smile and turned to leave.

Clara instinctively grabbed her son's hand. They stared at each other for a few seconds...

Soon, tears welled up in Clara's eyes, and they began streaming down her face.

"All these years, I'm so sorry, kiddo..." she uttered, her voice filled with remorse

"I know you had your reasons, mommy I don't blame you her son replied, displaying a remarkable understanding.

Clara bit her lip forcefully, determined to conceal her tears. She didn't want her son to witness her crying during their first meeting. She had envisioned this moment countless times, wondering whether he would blame her, hold resentment towards her, or perhaps even curse her. She had prepared herself to endure all of that, as she believed it was the retribution she deserved. However, she never anticipated that he wouldn't harbor any resentment towards her. This realization only intensified Clara's feelings of guilt.

"Mommy, if I stay away for too long, grandma will start searching for me! I have to go," Aiden gently reassured Clara, patting her hand. "We'll meet again tonight, I promise." Clara nodded fervently, her gaze fixed on Aiden as he vanished from her sight. In that moment, it felt as if she were caught in a dream. The man from her past turned out to be Emmett The confusion within her mind was overwhelming, leaving her unable to sort out her thoughts.

Suddenly-

She felt someone tap her from behind!

Turning around, she saw Emmett.

"What are you doing?"

"Uh I thought the view here was pretty nice, so I wanted to enjoy it.

Emmett glanced at his own garden, "If you like it, you could move in here."

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Clara instinctively wanted to refuse, but then she thought of Alden....

Her son!

If she moved in, she could see Aiden every day

Seeing Clara hesitate, Emmett was quite surprised

After all, Emmett thought Clara would refuse immediately

"Can can I live here?"

"You're my wife now, of course you can live here. "Emmett looked at her, "But... are you broke again?"

Clara was taken aback, "Why would you ask that?"

"I think you can't afford to rent a place, that's why you didn't refuse the idea of moving into the Melendez family house."

Clara didn't expect Emmett to give her such a good excuse!

She was thinking if she agreed right away, would he suspect something

But.. if she moved into the Melendez family's, wouldn't the past be revealed instantly!

Then she'd be kicked out and Alex would be taken away by force.

Clara hurriedly shook her head, "I'd better not live here, I'm not good at lying. I'm afraid it won't end well! I can rent a place close to here."

Emmett was silent for a few seconds, then suddenly pulled out a key. "This is my villa nearby, you can live there."

"Huh?"

"You don't have to pay rent."

Clara didn't reach out to take it.

Emmett firmly pressed the key into Clara's hand. "Now that you're my wife, it's crucial to play this role convincingly. Remember your status and believe it yourself before you

Clara gazed up at his handsome face, her voice filled with nervousness. "Mr. Melendez, L. I'm really anxious!"

Emmett raised an eyebrow in response. "You're still addressing me as Mr. Melendez?"

"Emmett..."

can deceive others."

Taking a deep breath, Emmett reached out and held her hand directly. The touch sent a wave of familiarity through Clara Since seeing Aiden and discovering the truth, she realized she had experienced this touch before—it felt so familiar.

"Now, do you feel like my wife? Emmett questioned, their hands still entwined.

Clara gazed at their joined hands, lost for words. Suddenly, Emmett leaned down and kissed her lips—a moment that consumed Clara's thoughts.

After a brief pause, Emmett stepped back slightly. "And now?"

Shocked, Clara quickly covered her mouth, her eyes fixed on Emmett.

He chuckled. "Do I need to kiss you every day for you to grasp the feeling?"

Clara quickly shook her head, "No, no need..."

'Let's go then! My mother should be here already, and my son."

Son!

As soon as Clara heard she could see Aiden, she quickly nodded, "Okay! Let's go!"

Emmett frowned, "Why are you in such a hurry all of a sudden?"

"Well... I want to see what Mr. Melendez's son looks like! I'm curious!"

"He doesn't look much like me."

"Okay"

Emmett looked at her, "He does look a lot like you, though."

Hearing this, Clara felt even more anxious!

"Like me? How is that possible!"

"You just look a bit pfmilar" Emmett took her hand again, "Let's go, don't make them wait too long"

"Okay"

Clara looked at Emmett's back and took a deep breath.

Why did she feel like she couldn't keep this secret for long!

Now she was basically in enemy territory, she felt danger everywhere!

Chapter 50

Back in the living room, Clara felt a bit guilty and hid behind Emmett

When Sophia came out with Aiden, she immediately spotted Clara!

For some reason, she found herself really liking this girl!

"Mom, this is Clara Emmett promptly pulled Clara out from behind him and pushed her towards his mother.

Clara quickly greeted, "Hello, Mrs Melendez'

"No need to be so formal! We're all family now!" Sophia smiled, then tugged at Aiden next to her, 'Aiden, say hello to Clara!"

Aiden glanced at Clara, pretending as if it was his first time seeing her, and refused to speak. Sophia felt a little embarrassed and scolded, "Aiden! Where are your manners?" "It's okay, it's okay!" Clara quickly intervened 'It's normal for kids to be afraid of strangers"

Sophia chuckled and reassured them, "You'll get to know each other better over time! And when are you moving in? I can clean up a room for you in advance! Emmett's room is a bit small. Now that you're married, you should have a master bedroom! i'll clear out the entire third floor for you!

Emmett waved his hand to decline the offer. "No need, we'll be living in my villa up front."

Sophia paused for a moment, then nodded. "That works too! You young people don't like living with your parents, I get it! It's fine."

As long as Emmett could get married and interact with women, they had nothing to ask for!

Emmett knew what his mother was thinking, and felt a bit helpless.

But his parents left a good impression on Clara!

After all, in her mind, Emmett's parents were part of a wealthy family and they would definitely have a condescending attitude!

But today, they were exceptionally warm and friendly

"Let's eat! Everything's ready in the kitchen."

Emmett nodded, "Let's go."

Clara smiled and whispered, "Can I get to know your son a bit?"

Emmett raised an eyebrow, "You want to get to know him?"

"Yeah! Didn't you say I should interact with him more? I also want to make a good impression on him, is that okay?"

Emmett paused, then nodded, "Go ahead! He's used to being introverted, just don't be upset."

"No way, no way!"

How could she be upset with her own son?

After the meal, Emmett was going to drive Clara home.

Reluctantly, Clara cast one final glance at Aiden before reluctantly trailing behind Emmett. They settled into the car.

"So, any progress on the investigation I assigned you?" Emmett inquired, his tone expectant

Clara was taken aback by the question and shook her head "No, I haven't found any leads yet."

"Try harder! I need to know as soon as possible, Emmett urged, emphasizing the importance of the matter.

"Alright," Clara replied, determined to put in more effort.

Observing her tense and uneasy demeanor, Emmett became aware of her discomfort. "What's wrong? Are you feeling unwell? Did my parents say something to you. privately?

Clara hastily shook her head. "No! Your parents have been very kind to me. They treat me well"

"Then why the troubled expression?" Emmett pressed for an answer.

"Maybe I got up too early today and I've been nervous all day, so I'm a bit tired now." Clara rubbed her forehead, "I want to go home and rest early today, so it doesn't affect

work tomorrow."

"I have a cocktail party tonight, we're going together"

"Can I not go?" As soon as Clara thought of her promise to her son, she immediately spoke up. "I'm really... very tired!"