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Chapter 51

"No, no need!" Clara quickly responded, Tm just feeling super wiped out, a good night's sleep will do the trick! I probably won't be able to make it to the cocktail party tonight, I'm really sorry, Mr. Melendez!"

"Just call me Emmett!"

"Huh? But it's just us here!"

"From now on, you have to call me Emmett, no matter who's around, or if it's just the two of us."

Clara was a bit confused by what he meant, but she just nodded anyway.

*Ok

"Tll take you home, you should get some rest."

Clara nodded vigorously, "Alright! Thanks... Mr. Melendez

Emmett felt a little helpless.

This woman....

He didn't even know what to make of her anymore!

Once Clara got home, she started waiting for Aiden's call while clutching her phone on the couch.

Suddenly, her phone rang!

Clara was startled, it was Elio who called...

And here she thought it was Aiden.

"Hello?"

"Mummy!" Alex's sweet voice came through, "Mummy! I miss you so much, I can't sleep."

Clara felt a pang of sadness, "Alex, mummy misses you too! I'll be there soon!"

"Don't worry mummy, Mr. Milburn and I are getting along really well! Mr. Milburn bought me lots of yummy things, I'm afraid I'll have to go on a diet when I get back!

Clara responded helplessly, "Don't be too mischievous, Mr. Milburn has work to do, you have to learn to play by yourself! If you're really bored, just give

me a call."

"Alright! Don't worry, mummy!"

Clara wanted to tell Alex about Aiden, but she didn't know how to bring it up, so she just decided not to say anything.

She'll just wait and see!

She was afraid that Alex might not be able to handle it, and she wasn't there to comfort him. If Alex started to cry, it would just cause trouble for Elio.

Suddenly, Elio's voice came through from the other end

"When are you gonna agree to be my girlfriend? Alex just complimented me, saying I'm the best candidate to be his daddy!"

Elio, don't joke about this in front of the kid!"

"Do I sound like I'm joking right now?"

"Yes, you do!"

"You're just ignoring my feelings for you!" Elio said, "What did I do to deserve knowing such a heartless woman like you!"

Clara gave a helpless smile, "Once this is all over, I'll definitely treat you to a meal!"

"A meal? You think treating me to a meal is enough to repay me?"

So what do you want?"

"You also have to do me a favor!" Elio chuckled "Can you pretend to be my girlfriend? My parents keep pressuring me to get married, and it's driving me crazy! So I told them I already have a girlfriend, and it's you! They've even met you and are quite satisfied with you! So, you have to help me with this acting"

Pretend to be his girlfriend again?!

"Can you stop making things up without my consent? You went ahead and told your parents without consulting me! How can I face them the next time I

see them?"

Then I'll try to make you my real girlfriend by the next meeting."

"Since you're not saying anything. I'll take it as your agreement! That settles it! I'm going to put Alex to bed now. Goodnight!"

After speaking, Elio hung up the phone without any further discussion!

Clara looked at her phone, helplessly furrowing her brow How did it come to the point where they're both asking her to pretend to be their girlfriend? She hadn't even finished playing the role of Emmett's wife herself, and now Elio also wants her to pretend to be his girlfriend!

Chapter 52

Clara got up and poured herself a glass of water, then walked to the window and looked outside

At this moment, she felt like she was in a dream

She was filled with fear and helplessness as she remembered the past. During her ten months of pregnancy, she would often burst into tears at the thought of having to part with her child once he was born!

Luckily, the doctor later told her she was having twins, and she begged him to keep it a secret. That doctor was Clio, who was on shift that day

That was when they first me!!

Over the years, Clara always felt like she owed Elio a favor, but she never had anything to repay him with

Sighing. Clara turned back to pick up her phone

She wanted to call Aiden She couldn't contain her desire to see her son any longer, but

But she was afraid she would cause trouble for Aiden!

He displayed a level of maturity and understanding similar to Emmett, which tugged at Clara's heartstrings. Letting out another sigh, she set her phone down

Aiden had instructed her to wait, implying that there must be a reason for the delay. Clara knew she should exercise patience and give it a little more time. However, despite her intentions, her eyes kept glancing at her phone. She had never yearned so desperately for it to ring

Suddenly...

The sound of her phone's ringtone pierced through the stillness of the night. Clara swiftly picked up her phone and answered eagerly, "Hello?"

"It's me, Mommy! It's Aiden." came the voice on the other end.

"I know! Are you ready? I'm coming over right now! Clara replied with urgency.

"In about half an hour, meet me at the back door of the Melendez family's house!" Alden instructed

Clara bit her lower lip, attempting to steady her trembling voice. "Okay! I'm on my way, wait a minute!"

After hanging up, Clara rushed out of the house, forgetting to even change out of her slippers!

She was already at the door when she turned back to quickly put on a pair of sneakers and headed for the Melendez family's house!

Meanwhile, at the Melendez's company.

Since the banquet ended early today, Emmett drove to the company to finish going through the documents he hadn't finished reading during the day.

Just as he opened his computer, he heard a knock on the door.

He got up and walked over, "Ricardo? You haven't finished work yet?"

Ricardo was his secretary at the Melendez Group.

"Yes, Mr. Melendez. I have found some details about the child you asked me to investigate."

Emmett immediately said, "Tell me everything"

"I found that this kid has been seen at these few restaurants! The surveillance shows him entering and leaving"

Emmett took a look....

Why were they all fast food places like McDonald's!

"Any other information?"

*Not for now! As soon as I found this out, I rushed to tell you. Also..."

Ricardo hesitated

Emmett frowned. "Spit it out."

'Also... I think someone has been deliberately erasing this child's information! If he has appeared in this city, there should be more than just this bit of video surveillance! Someone must have deleted it through the internet!"

"Are you sure about this?"

".. I'm not sure yet! It's just a guess."

Emmett said, "Keep investigating! We must get to the bottom of this!"

Ricardo quickly nodded, "Yes fr Melendez, don't worry."

"Get back to work."

After Ricardo left, Emmell stood alone in his office. His thoughts were messed up, and it didn't seem like a good time to work.

Emmett glanced at his watch, took out his phone, and dialed Clara's number.

But after a few rings, she didn't answer!

An image of her possibly fainting or even collapsing suddenly flashed in Emmett's mind!

Isn't that dangerous if she's alone at home?

Emmett paused, picked up his coat, and headed out of the office!

Chapter 53

Clara, afraid of being discovered had already put her phone on silent

Anyway, no one was gonna hit her up at night!

She quietly snuck to the back door of the Melendez family's house, spotting Aiden's tiny figure under the streetlight from afart

"Mummy!"

Upon seeing Clara, Arden ran straight towards heil

Clara scooped up her son into her arms, hugging him tightly!

"Aiden my good boy. I finally found you! I never thought I'd see you again in my life!"

Aiden, squeezed a bit too tightly, couldn't help but cough a few times, "Mum Mummy."

"Aiden, I never thought you would call me mummy again! I owe you so much!"

Aiden gently patted Clara's back, "Mummy, don't be like this! I never blamed you, I know you had reasons for leaving me!"

"Back then I didn't even get a chance to look at you before the Melendez family took you away I'm powerless, I could only watch you being taken away" Clara's tears began to fall uncontrollably. "It was all my fault, but you had to bear it!"

"Mummy, actually actually we've met before today""

Clara was taken aback, "What do you mean?"

Aiden lowered his head, a bit embarrassed, "Actually Alex and I switched places for a while! The time he suddenly didn't like fast food, that was because it wasn't him, it

was me!"

It was you?"

Aiden nodded, "Yes it was me!"

Clara was so shocked she didn't know what to say!

"I'm sorry, mummy, I lied to you!"

"It's okay I don't blame you at all! It's all my fault, it has nothing to do with your Clara hugged her son as if she was dreaming!

Emmett rushed to Clara's neighborhood. He didn't know where exactly Clara lived, her resume didn't specify her address.

He tried calling Clara but she didn't pick up!

She missed all his calls!

For some reason, he had a flash of...Clara meeting Taylor!

He suddenly felt angry!

This woman was a real pain!

While he was frustrated, his phone rang

It was Clara^{*}

So she finally decided to call back!

"Where are you? Why didn't you answer my calls?"

As soon as he answered the phone, Emmett asked directly

"I felt a bit hungry tonight, so I went out to grab a bite!"

"You're out?"

"Yeah!" Because she was afraid of giving herself away, afraid that he would hear she's not at home, Clara simply said she was out.

"Where are you? I'll come pick you up."

"No need! I'm just out for a walk!"

"Well, I have something! I need to see you now!"

"Emmett, it's late! Can we talk tomorrow?"

"No, I need to see you now!"

"I'm really tired today, I want to sleep!"

"Who are you with? Emmett asked, "Did you go out to see Taylor?!"

Clara was taken aback, "What are you talking about! Why would I go see Taylor?"

"Then where are you?"

"I'm near the office"

Emmett's face hardened. "Send me your location, I'm coming now."

'Do you really have to come?"

'Clara! If you're not up to no good, why are you scared of me coming?"

Chapter 54

"I'm not scared of seeing you, it's just.. I'm dressed super casual for the late night and didn't expect to see you this late, so..."

"I don't mind."

"Alright then, let's meet at the company entrance!

After saying that Emmett hung up the phone and hopped in his car to head to the company.

Left with no choice, Clara had to bid her son a reluctant farewell.

"Aiden, mommy will come visit you again!"

"It's okay, I can sneak out to see you! Grandma said you're already married to dad, right? So doesn't that mean I can see you everyday?"

Clara paused and then sighed, 'Mommy and your daddy didn't really get married! Although explaining this... is a bit awkward, your daddy doesn't know that I'm your mommy yel! I can't let him know for now, so can you keep it a secret for me?"

Aiden stared at Clara, hesitated for a moment, then nodded, "Okay! I'll listen to you, mommy!"

"Good boy. Mommy has a request, can I give you a kiss?"

She's been wanting to do this for years!

Aiden hesitated for a few seconds, since he had never been so close to anyone before, this was a first.....

But in the end, he nodded.

"Okay!"

Clara quickly kissed his cheek, then hugged him lightly.

"Mommy has to go now! Don't worry, mommy will definitely come back to find you! We'll keep in touch over the phone!"

"Okay! Be careful, mommy!"

Emmett waited for a while at the company entrance before he saw Clara rushing over

This woman wore a dress and a pair of sneakers! You could tell it was a super casual outfit!

"Mr Melendez

"Where did you come from?" Emmett glanced at the direction she came from.

Seems like she came from the direction of the Melendez family...

"Just the restaurant over there!" Clara pointed to the food in her hand, chuckled, "I really like this place, so I went to get some!"

"You said you were too tired to accompany me to the banquet, but you ran to get this?" Emmett pointed at the food in her hand, frowned, "Clara, did you deliberately avoid going to the banquet with me?"

Clara quickly waved her hands, "No, no, not at all! I was laying in bed, suddenly thought of the food here, even though I'm really tired, but i was hungry, so."

"The food from this restaurant is that good?" Emmett looked skeptically at the bag of food

It looked very cheap

"It's really good! I can treat you tomorrow, Mr. Melendez"

"Just call me Emmett."

*Emmett

"Let's do it today"

Clara paused, "Huh?"

"I said, let's do it today"

"What about today?"

Emmett arched an eyebrow, challenging her statement. "Didn't you say you wanted to treat me? I suggested doing it today."

Clara was taken aback "Now? It's already so late Isn't it a bit inappropriate?"

"What's inappropriate about it? We're legally married, and there's nothing wrong with us having a meal together at this hour What are you afraid of?" Emmett retorted Clara fell into a brief silence. What was she afraid of? Of course, it was him!

"Get in the car I'll drive you home," Emmett said, already opening the car door. However, he noticed that Clara was not following.

"What are you thinking? Get in the car!" he urged.

"Mr. Melendez, i think it would be best to treat you during the day tomorrow. It's not suitable at this time, Clara suggested, hoping to find a compromise.

"If I say it's suitable now, then it is" Emmett declared, his tone firm

Knowing she couldn't win the argument with Emmett, Clara reluctantly got into the car. She had planned to video call Alex or send a message to Aiden after reaching home, or maybe even make a discreet phone call. However, it seemed that today she wouldn't be able to do any of those things....

Chapter 55

Emmett showed up at Clara's place, his presence in the tiny room seeming to shrink the space even more.

"When are you moving to my place?"

"In a few days, I guess!"

"Tomorow"

Clara frowned, "I need some time to pack! I still have time on my lease here and I've already paid the rent!"

Emmett plopped down on the sofa, picking up a finance book from the coffee table, "You into this stuff?

"I'm not really into it. I'm just trying to learn something I mean, how else am I supposed to be a good secretary if I don't know anything?

Emmett smirked and responded. 'If you're interested in finance, I could teach you myself' Clara quickly declined, "No, not I can manage on my own! I wouldn't want to waste your time!" Emmett insisted "You're my wife, I should be doing this."

He suddenly got up and headed for the bathroom, and Clara hurriedly fullowed. She felt anxious, fearing he might find traces of Alex that she hadn't yet managed to erase. After

all, Emmett's visit was out of the blue! She was totally unprepared! Trying to change the subject, Emmett asked, "Do you live here alone?"

Clara nodded and replied, "Yeah!" Emmett continued, "Don't you have a son?"

Clara's face saddened as she responded, "He was taken away by my ex-husband's family"

Hearing her mention her ex Emmett frowned and said, "We should bring your son back at some point. I'd like to meet him"

"Oh okay Clara could only nod reluctantly.

This was proving to be a real ordeal for her.

Every second with Emmett felt like a scene out of a disaster movie!

"Let's eat" After a quick once—over of the place, satisfied that Clara was indeed living alone, he relaxed, "I'll have Ricardo help you move tomorrow"

"Alright. Clara agreed, thinking she'd be closer to her son, she nodded.

But she'd have to be extra careful when video chatting with Alex from now on!

She dumped the contents of her shopping bag onto plates in the kitchen.

Honestly, it didn't look appetizing at all!

She had bought it in a hurry, afraid her lie would be exposed! As for whether it was actually tasty, she had no idea!

When she brought the plates over, Emmett frowned, "What is this?"

"It's good Give it a try! It's spaghetti bolognese

Emmett scowled but didn't move his fork, "You say this is good?"

"Yes! It's really good!" Clara quickly tasted it.

The next second she almost threw upl

Did she forget to add salt to this bolognese?! It was tasteless!

Emmett looked at her "What's wrong?"

'Nothing! I just got too excited tasting such delicious bolognese!*

Emmett eyed her suspiciously, then picked up his fork and had a taste....

Clara watched his brow furrow!

"You enjoy eating this?"

Clara nodded vigorously "Yeah! Don't you like it?"

"You find this tasty?"

"Yes! It's absolutely delicious!"

Emmett put down his fork and stood up, "Then enjoy. I'm off to bed"

"You're leaving?" Clara hurriedly stood up. I'll walk you out!"

Emmett said, "It's late, I'll just sleep here."

"What sleep here?

"What's wrong?" Emmett looked at her as if this was the most natural thing in the world.

Chapter 56

Clara was at a loss for how to refuse.

"Um... my place is pretty cramped, and there's only one room! If Mr Melendez stayed here, it'd be a real drag for you!" "I take your room, you can bunk with your son

"Night Emmett said, getting up and heading straight for Clara's room, shutting the door behind him

Clara felt a sense of unease.

If she continued to interact closely with Emmett, it felt like it was only a matter of time before he discovered her past!

Aiden returned to his room, intending to read for a bit before going to sleep, only to be surprised by Sophial

"Aiden, are you asleep?"

Aiden quickly got up to open the door, "Granny, what's up?"

Sophia smiled and walked in, "Aiden, tell granny, do you like the lady from today?"

"The one dad brought home?"

"Yep! You've been nagging for a mom, right? Your dad wants her to be your mom. How do you feel about that?" Sophia was curious to know her grandson's thoughts. After all, he's just a kid? If he was resistant to Clara, things wouldn't be peaceful at home in the future.

"Um... I think... she seems pretty cool!" Aiden broke out in a grin, "Granny, is she gonna live with us from now on?"

"Do you want her to?"

Aiden thought about it and nodded, "Yeah! Then I can tell others I have a mom too! And they won't make fun of me anymore!"

Sophia patted his head, smiling. "Then III talk to your dad about it! Also... there's something else I need to tell you!"

Aiden felt uneasy seeing his granny looking so serious

"What is it?"

"It seems your new mom has a son too! You'll meet him sooner or later. Can you promise to get along with your new brother?"

"Have you met him, granny?"

Sophia shook her head, "Not yet! But I'm sure I will at some point. We're bound to cross paths."

"Then I'll do as you say, granny! Don't worry, I won't bully my little brother."

"Good boy! I knew my Aiden is the sweetest, most understanding child!"

Aiden beamed, "Granny, I'll be a kid with a mom too from now on!"

"Yes, you will! You'll have a mom, and Alex will too." Sophia sighed inwardly after saying this.

She felt guilty towards this grandson!

If she hadn't insisted on having a child for the Melendez family first back then, Aiden wouldn't have such a sad story. He had never even met his biological mother! It's just too cruel for a child.

That night, Clara barely slept a wink.

She couldn't fall asleep, so she covertly texted Alex and Aiden from under her blanket.

Alex didn't respond, he must be out having fun with Elio! Aiden texted back after a while.

[Mom, are you still awake"]

I miss you, I can't sleep! You're not asleep yet?]

[Yeah! I'm reading]

Seeing the text, Clara pictured Aiden's well behaved and understanding demeanour.

She felt relieved

She had been worried that without a mother's love, the child might develop personality issues. But now it seemed her worries were unnecessary

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Hit the hay early! Mommy can't stop thinking about you]

Mommy, when can you move in with Alex? I want to see you and Alex all the time

"When..."

Clara let out a sigh.

She didn't know the answer! Maybe, that day would never come!

If Emmett knew that she was the woman who took his child away years ago, would he be furious and take Alex away, and kick her out?

Then she wouldn't have a single child... Clara dared not to think about it.

[Sweetie, Mommy wants that too! But Mommy is dealing with a lot right now, you must understand! But I want you to know that you're always in my heart! Both you and Alex are my children]

Mommy, I never thought about competing with Alex! Even though he's always had a mommy, he never had a daddy! Just like I've always had a daddy, but no mommy! We're both the same]

Seeing Aiden being so understanding. Clara felt a pang of sadness again.

Just as she was about to reply to Aiden, she suddenly heard a noise from the living room

Clara quickly got up to find Emmett about to knock on her door

"Mr Melendez, what can I do for you?"

"Nothing I just want to discuss some business with you"

"Could you wait a moment? I need to change."

When Clara emerged from her room, she found Ricardo in her house! In his hands... were a man's pajamas!

"You can leave now"

"Yes, Mr Melendez"

After smiling at Clara. Ricardo turned to leave.

Clara was stunned!

Emmett had no plans to leave, he even had his pajamas delivered!

*I'll change and then we can talk. Saying this, Emmett went back to his room.

He acted so naturally, as if... they were a real couple!

Taking the chance, Clara quickly sent a message to Aiden.

[Mommy has something to do, can't chat now! Go to sleep early! Goodnight!]

Just as she put down her phone, Emmett came out.

"Who were you texting?"

"A friend"

"A guy"

Clara shook her head, "No, a girl!"

"You're lying"

It was a statement, not a question!

"I'm not lying."

"Then show me."

Clara didn't show him, "Mr Melendez, that's my privacy, right? If I say it won't cause any scandal for you, I'll make sure of it! Don't worry"

Emmett glanced at her but didn't say anything.

Clara breathed a sigh of relief.

If Emmett saw her chatting with Alex, she didn't know how she would explain!

She was on the verge of being exposed, Clara was about to collapse!

Night fell

Everything outside was pitch black

After freshening up, Sophia lounged on the bed and glanced at her husband, "Patrick, do you think Emmett is really in love with that secretary?"

Patrick, who was reading, paused and looked at his wife, "What do you think? Emmett is pretty fickle, I don't think so."

"But I feel like Emmett's attitude towards that secretary is really different!" Sophia sighed, "And we still haven't found that woman from years ago, this situation probably won't change, right! What if that woman insists on marrying into our family with her child? My other grandson has been with his mother for so long. If we suddenly bring him back, he definitely won't accept it!"

Chapter 58

When it came to the stuff from the past, Patrick couldn't help but sigh.

"I'm at my wits end about this whole thing! You've seen the state our son's in right now, he's finally agreed to marry his secretary! But who knows if they're actually serious or just pulling our leg"

"What if... what if I go and have a chat with the secretary tomorrow?"

"No need" Patrick said, "If he's really trying to pull a fast one on us with a sham marriage, he's just trying to pull the wool over our eyes! Even if we find out, what will we do

about it?"

"At least we can save our son from forcing himself to do thi=""

"And then what? He still won't get married, won't find a woman! At least there won't be any rumors going around that Emmett is a broken man"

Sophia made a face, "Alright! I thought the secretary seemed pretty nice when I saw her today!"

You just want our son to get hitched pronto, so you're seeing the good in everyone!"

"Weren't you the one who went to the company to find the secretary before?"

"That was before I knew she had a kid if our son wasn't in this state right now, we Melendez family couldn't accept a divorce! It's not that I'm prejudiced, it's just people will talk! Patrick said, "We're getting on in years! We should let the younger generation handle their affairs! As long as we see Aiden grow up safe and sound, and our son's career goes smoothly, we don't need to make trouble for ourselves"

Sophia nodded, lying next to her husband, "I feel the same

But after she turned off the light, she couldn't help but keep thinking about it!

After all, who knew how this whole thing will turn out? And when will her other grandchild be able to come back to her...?

The next morning, Clara woke up early

Since Emmett was staying here, she couldn't very well not make breakfast for him.

She was worried that Emmett wouldn't be used to her cooking, so she went out and bought breakfast.

When she got back, Emmett was already awake, standing in his pajamas in the living room.

"Where did you go?"

"To get you breakfast!" Clara held up her bag, "I didn't know what you like, so I just grabbed something*

"I already asked Ricardo to bring some."

All Clara could do was smile and put the breakfast in the kitchen, "Well, then you can wait for Ricardo's delivery!"

She looked at Emmett, standing there in the living room, and he seemed to have a sort of master of the house vibe.

Clara quickly shook her head, trying to dispel these strange thoughts from her mind.

Emmert could never be the master of this house!

"In the future, you don't need to go out and buy breakfast, I'll have Ricardo do it.

Clara nodded, then suddenly realized something was off and looked at Emmett in surprise, "Future?"

"To not arouse my parents' suspicion, I may need to stay here until you move to my place. If you're not comfortable, then move to my place sooner."

He wasn't keen on staying in such a small house either.

Wasn't Emmett just forcing her into this!?

"Is there a problem?"

"Mr Melendez, I think..."

"Emmett!"

"Emmen!" Clara quickly corrected herself, "Um, Emmett... I think since we have a marriage of convenience, our marriage is fake! It's not normal for us to be together all the

time!

Chapter 59

Emmett glanced at her and said, "Are you resisting being with me because you have someone you like?"

Clara quickly retorted, "That's not It! But after this agreement is over, I still have to live my life! If that's the case, there will be a lot of gossip about me! They would say that she's loose, messing with the boss and all!

And that would be hard to explain

"We still have a long way to go before the agreement ends, don't worry about the future"

Before Emmett could finish speaking. Ricardo was already knocking on the door

Clara quickly went to open it.

Upon seeing him, Ricardo immediately said, "Ms Calloway good morning!"

At this address, Clara could only laugh, 'Morning!"

"This is Mr Melendez's breakfast, and the car is ready! I'll wait for you outside."

"You're here, why don't you come in and eat something?"

Ricardo quickly said, "No need! I've already caten!"

Emmett walked out of the living room, still in his pajamas, and put his arm around Clara's waist.

He then spoke to Ricardo, "Prepare all the materials for today's meeting! I'll need them soon."

Ricardo nodded, "Okay! I got it, Mr Melendez."

After saying that, he quickly turned around and went back to the car

Clara couldn't help but sigh

Now she really didn't know how to explain!

How was she going to explain that she and Emmett were fake married'?

"Why are you so bothered? Don't want people to see us together?"

"I just feel. I don't know how to face my colleagues in the future"

They definitely wouldn't say anything on the surface, but she didn't know what they'd say behind her back!

"You're the boss's wife, whoever annoys you, you have the night to fire them" Emmett locked at Clara, "Without my permission."

Emmett turned and went to the kitchen, leaving Clara standing there dumbfounded.

What did he mean?

He had given her the power to fire anyone from Melendez company?!

You know, this kind of privilege.... she had never dared to dream of it! It was the kind of power only a real boss's wife would have

After breakfast, Clara and Emmett got in the car together and headed for the office.

The atmosphere in the car was a bit off, with Ricardo there, Clara felt awkward

Suddenly, her phone beeped

Clara looked down

It was a goodnight message from Alex.

Emmett noticed her and then asked, "Your son?"

Clara nodded and quickly put her phone away, 'It's a message from him."

Emmett paused, then pulled out a check, casually wrote a series of numbers on it, and handed it to Clara.

Clara was taken aback, "What's this?"

"This is a gift for your son"

"You don't need to Clara quickly pushed it back, "He's still young, he doesn't need money!"

"This is what I should do as a stepfather"

Clara didn't say a word Stepfather...

She let out a heavy sigh

If Emmett knew that he was Aler's biological father, what would the scene be like?

Would he just kill her on the spot?

Chapter 60

Clare Calloway's car pulled up at the company entrance and she hopped out, striding toward the building

Just before she entered a familiar voice echoed frm behind

"Clara!"

Emmett Melendez, standing beside her, also turned to look...

The voice belonged to Taylor Atwood

What on earth was he doing here?

Upon seeing Taylor, Claras first instinct was to book it!

Taylor made to chase after her but was stopped by Emmett

"Mr Atwood, this is the Melendez company, not a place you can walk into

1 need to see Clara"

"Who you want to see is none of my business, but if you don't work for Melendez, you can't come in

Taylor frowned at him, "Emmett, what are you playing at? All I want to do is explain things to Clara Why are you stopping me?"

"I don't care about your personal affairs, but you can't come in."

With that, Emmett turned and went into the building.

Taylor tned to follow but was stopped by Ricardo.

"Mr Atwood, I suggest you stay out here"

"You" Taylor was angry, "Fine, fine! If you won't let me in, then I'll just wait for her out here!

He didn't believe he couldn't wait Clara out

Clara sprinted to her office, only relaxing slightly when she saw no one was following her

Not long after, Emmett walked in

"Why did you run?"

"No, no reason

Emmett looked at her flustered face. "And you say you have nothing to do with Taylor?"

"You bolt at the sight of him. Did you con him out of his money?"

Clara gave an awkward laugh, "No, I just felt there was nothing to talk about with him."

"You two used to date

This wasn't a question, but a statement.

"No! Taylor's way out of my league, how could I possibly..."

"But you're married to me now, arent you?"

Clara was speechless.

"Better figure things out with Taylor and let me know the deal. I can protect you now, but I can't do that forever!"

"Really, there's nothing to say about him. We were just friends back then."

"That's it?"

"That's really it!"

"But you used to have feelings for Taylor"

He wasn't blind He could tell.

Sure enough, Clara lowered her head

Her reaction didn't sit well with Emmett! 'Print out all the documents needed for today and bring them to the meeting room!"

"Okay, got it!"

"Also, relay tomorrow's tasks personally to every department"

As Clara watched him leave, she was taken aback

With this much work, there was no way she was leaving the office today.

Back in his office, Emmett was also feeling edgy today

He had a hunch that this Taylor would be a big headache in the future, for both his work and Clara

"Mr Melendez, Mr Atwood is still waiting for you outside Ricardo knocked on the door to remind him

Emmett waved him off, "Let him be. If he wants to wait, let him wall"

"Linderstood"

After Ricardo left, Emmett looked at the files in his hands, but his mind was elsewhere He couldn't concentrate.

He got up and walked to the door of Clara's office. Watching her busy figure, he felt an unusual sense of calm....

What kind of charm did this woman possess that made her stand out so much?

Over the years, many women had tried to curry favor with him, but only she caught his attention!

From the moment he first saw her, he felt that she was special, completely different from other women.

Emmett gave a slight smile and strode into the office