

Two Times The Charm Chapter 21 - 30

Chapter 21

The kindergarten was just in sight, the rain outside had lightened up, and the road conditions had improved a lot Emmett gradually slowed down his car

Emmett asked, "Where's the kid's father?"

"Huh?"

The question caught Clara by surprise she was at a loss for words.

"I mean, why is the kid with you? Why can't his father pick him up?"

Emmett glanced at her noticing her rigid expression, and decided to rephrase his question in a gentler way.

"He Clara was a bit evasive her voice slightly heavy "He has passed away

Clara made up an excuse. She couldn't tell Emmett that she had no idea who the child's father was She didn't want to arouse suspicion about herself or Alex. She could bear everything, but the child was innocent

Emmett responded, "Did he really pass away or are you hiding something?"

Clara said Really really he's gone!"

"apologize for bringing up your pain"

Emmett apologized softly, and Clara answered awkwardly. "It's okay

It was okay After all, she was making it up! The child's father to her, was as good as dead anyway!

The car stopped at the kindergarten gate Emmett got out of the car with her

Clara panicked and quickly stepped in front of Emmett, "Mr Melendez, it's getting late. You should go back I can go in myself"

She saw that Emmett seemed to want to go in with her, which made her a bit nervous

Apart from her two closest friends, she didn't want anyone to see Alex She worried that Emmett might know the relatives of that man. If so, she could lose everything

“it's still raining”

Emmett furrowed his brows with sympathy in his eyes. He felt that after he had asked about her and her child's situation, he should give them a nde home.

“Oh! It's okay, my son loves rainy days. After I pick him up, we can take a walk around. He especially loves splashing in puddles

Clara came up with another excuse with a smile

“You don't have an umbrella“”

“I do, seeing the cloudy weather this morning, I brought an umbrella for my son. It's enough for both of us. Mr. Melendez, you should go back to your family”

Seeing that Emmett had moved forward a few steps, Clara quickly stepped in front of him with a smile. Emmett stared at her, didn't say anything but felt suspicious about what she had just said and did.

Ding ding—

He was about to say something else but his phone suddenly rang in his pocket. He checked the message and put the phone back in his pocket, saying, “I have some things to deal with, you go ahead. Take this

umbrella

Emmett handed his umbrella to Clara, then turned around and got back in the car. Clearly, he didn't completely believe Clara's claim that she had an umbrella“.

Clara watched Emmett's retreating figure, her facial expression still a bit stiff

So, was her lie just found out? Was her lie really that awful?

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She was a bit worried inside Would Emmett suspect that she was playing hard to get?

But after all, the twin brothers look exactly the same If Emmett had ever seen Alex's brother her situation with Ales would be at risk! She couldn't take this chance

At night, in the Melendez family's villa

Aiden sat by the window in his room, watching the thin rain outside, and missing Clats a bit

It was already very late but his father hadn't come back yet

Suddenly he felt that it was better over at his mothers place His mother liked to stick around him, she liked to be with him taking him to eat all kinds of delicacies. She was always very enthusiastic about him, always had a full face of smiles every day unlike his father who was so gloomy

Other than scolding him, there was no other care Aiden received

Thinking about the quietly sent Alex a text message

Call me back when Mom isn't around]

Less than a minute after the text message was sent, Alex's call came through.

"Temporary big brothe

His voice was still very low, and Aiden knew right away that his mother was also at home

What a weird title "Where's Mom?" He couldn't help but ask with concern

Alex said glumly "Mom is in the study It seems like she's being squeezed dry by your dad, she has a lot of work to do"

Mentioning Emmett, Alex was clearly a bit dissatisfied, especially since his mother hadn't finished her work today and had to work late. He felt that Emmett was deliberately bullying his mother! Before now, she was able to coax him to sleep and tell him stories!

Aiden stated. Anyway, he's still your dad"

He knew his father's workaholic nature very well, so he didn't doubt that Emmett pushed his employees. But work was work. He felt that Alex should still respect his father regardless.

Alex retorted. "Hmph, if I wasn't constantly told that I don't have a dad, I wouldn't have gone to find that Emmetti fl let you in on a secret, there's more than one person who wants to be my dad!"

Alex was clearly reluctant. Having lived in the Melendez family's villa for two days, plus the stress his mother felt, Alex's impression of Emmett was getting worse by the day

Aiden reacted. "Didn't you say before that you wanted Mom and Dad to be together?"

Aiden was a bit headachy about his little brother's complaints, but when he heard him say that others said he was a child without a father, a trace of pity flashed through his heart for Alex He understood that feeling well. Since childhood, people at home looked at him with pity, because he was a child without a mother. Everyone was very sympathetic, compassionate and friendly to him. He had never been told that he didn't have a mother, but his heart was still apprehensive about the topic, let alone his brother who was told he didn't have a father

"Yes, I do want Mom and Dad to be together, but, I have conditions"

Alex suddenly intensified his tone

"What conditions?" On the other side of the phone Aiden's face was a bit heavy

This little brother of his seemed a bit difficult to deal with.

Alex explained, "I need to be clear about whether Dad is a good person or a bad person and know why he left me and Mom in the first place. If he's not good to Morn, I will absolutely not let Mom suffer!"

Aler was very serious, this was his bottom line

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Clara had always been mining Alex alone She treated him like a treasure, and didel even want to date Emmett couldn't treat her sincerely he definitely won't watch his mum suffer

“Of course.”

He wouldn't agree if it would hurt her

Alex asked “But, Aiden. Is there any way you can let dad know I exist? Or let mom and dad know that they ate our parents?”

Alex has been thinking about this for a long time.

Aiden said, “Well I haven't figured that out yet”

Because it could be tricky trying to let his father know without him finding out it was planned

“Let's do it this wa Alex suddenly had a new inspiration, “We can go to the amusement park together on the weekends. You ask dad to take you, and I'll ask mom to take me. This way we can pretend to meet unexpectedly without raising their suspicions, and let them know about each other's existence”

Alex's face was full of triumph, thinking he was really clever. He couldn't help but laugh happily under the blanket.

“Amusement park?”

Aiden asked in a puzzled low voice

“Yeah, is there a problem?” Alex tilted his head, thinking there was nothing strange about going to the amusement park Aiden, don't you go to amusement parks? It's fun there

He suddenly opened his mouth in surprise. “Does that strict dad of yours not even let you go to the amusement park.

Aiden frowned. “I just don't want to go” He thought amusement parks were childish.

He thought about it seriously and then said, “And, do you think someone like Emmett would have time to take me to an amusement park?”

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From childhood to adulthood, it was always his Grandma and nanny who took him to such places Because those were the Melendez family's businesses, he knew that

“But. “Alex tilted his head, thinking his brother made sense and he felt a bit down, “So what can we do?”

Aiden was silent for a few seconds. “Let’s do as you said. I’ll ask dad when he comes back and see if he agrees:

“Okay, let’s talk about this later

“Mm”

After hanging up the phone. Aiden lay on the bed thinking

Beep-

The car horn sounded in the mansion, Aiden jumped off the bed, ran to the window and looked out, and sure enough, it was Emmett’s car. He quickly opened the door and ran down the stairs.

“Dad, good evening

As soon as Emmett walked in the door, he was tackled into a hug

He obviously froze for a moment, then bent down to pick Aiden up from the floor, “Mm”

Facing his son’s spontaneous action, he felt a little uncomfortable for a moment. If he didn’t know he only had one son, he would’ve suspected that his son had been switched

“Dad, did you just get off work? is work busy?” Aiden asked tilting his head and imitating a playful voice. Although he was a little uncomfortable, he still put his little hand around Emmett’s neck.

“Mmm”

Although Emmett answered, his tone was still somewhat cold Holding his son in his arms, he didnt know what to say at first, so he thought of a topic and asked, “Have you finished today’s homework?”

There wasn’t any annoyance on Aiden’s little face as he said, “Yes, its all done!”

Chapter 24

There was actually no real homework in kindergarten it was all extra stuff that Emmett arranged for him to learn after school

Since he was a tot he had already learned so much that other kindergartners couldn't even scratch the surface on. He had even touched upon some business related work.

“Hmm, not bad Emmett gave him a rare compliment

“Dad” Aiden looked at him expectantly “If I get a perfect score on this test, can you grant me a wish?”

Emmett was taken aback

“What do you want?” This was the first time his son asked him for something

“I want you to take me to the amusement park on the weekend!”

Emmett's face darkened slightly. He wasn't a fan of such places. He spoke in a deep voice, “I thought you found such places childish?”

He himself had found such places childish when he was a kid

“But I see other kids' dads taking them I want you to take me just once

This kind of whining made Aiden feel so embarrassing today

Thank God he was at home if they were out in public, he would have become a laughingstock. He was way too clingy. That was his self-assessment for the night

“You can go with Grandma”

Emmett put him down and sat on the sofa signaling he didn't have time, but in reality, he just found such places too loud and chaotic

Aiden's face fell, but for the sake of his and his little brother's plan, he insisted. “But Grandma is too old, she can't join me on many rides!”

“We have a nanny at home!

“I don't want to go with the nanny! I want my dad to come with me!”

“Dont be stubborn”

Emmett’s face hardened

“Am i the stubbom one?” Aiden’s face turned red with anger, “Dad, is work all you care about? Is work more important than your own son? Why can’t you even grant me such a simple wish?”

He looked at Emmett with disappointment, like a pint–sized adult holding court. If it were Mom, she would definitely agree to take him to the amusement park and so would other kids’ dads. Only his dad seemed

to think he wasn’t important

Emmett’s gaze flickered, but he soon felt a pang of guilt. He remembered the time his son ran away from home and the resolution he made to be a better father. He softened

Aiden was about to storm off upstairs in a huff when Emmett called him back, “Stop!”

Aiden stood his ground not locking back, still furning

Emmett walked over, scooped Aiden up and muttered in his ear, “Alright, I promise”

“Really?”

Aiden’s eyes widened in surprise. He didn’t expect Emmett to cave in

“Hmm, you also promised me you’d get a perfect score”

“That’s a piece of cake”

Aiden was totally cool about it. Kindergarten homework was a breeze for him

Once back in his room, he couldn’t wait to share the news with Alex. Alex also told him that he and Mom made the same arrangement. Both kids started looking forward to their “coincidental encounter” on the

weekend!

Chapter 25

First thing in the morning. Clara spotted Emmett already in the office and humed over to report her itinerary. Emmett listened silently making Clara feel like she was talking to herself. “Oh, by the way you’re going on a business trip this weekend do you need me to pack your bags in advance?”

“This weekend”

Emmett furrowed his brows, suddenly recalling his plans to go to the amusement park with Alden.

“Um, yes” Clara nodded. “Mr Melendez, any changes?”

“Cancel it.”

“What?”

“I’m going out”

Clara pouted, feeling a bit miffed, but kept her smile on. “Alright, Mr. Melendez”

Just as she was about to turn away Emmett suddenly spoke, “You free this weekend?”

“Me? What can I do for you. M: Melendez?”

“I’m taking my son to the amusement park this weekend”

So what?

“Come with us

At AW Corporation’s conference room

As soon as Taylor stepped out of the room, his secretary hurriedly stopped him

“Mr Atwood, I have some leads on the person you’re looking for

Hearing this Taylor immediately stopped, “What leads? Did you find out who she is?”

The secretary quickly handed him a document with several photos, “Not exactly, but I found her image from surveillance footage of several stores

Taylor looked down at the woman in the photos, so familiar yet he couldn’t recall_

“She’s been frequently seen around Liberty Avenue. All these shops are on Liberty Avenue”

“Liberty Avenue?” Taylor raised an eyebrow, “So, she might work at the Melendez Group?”

Liberty Avenue wasn’t a dining or shopping area it was filled with various companies, with the largest one being Melendez’s building

*Statistically speaking, that seems likely

Taylor gripped the documents, “I see you can go now”

“Alright, Mr. Atwood

“Oh, and cancel all my meetings this afternoon I have to go out. Let the vice president handle those that can’t be canceled.”

“Where is Mr. Atwood going?”

“To find this woman”

After a full day of work, Clara didn’t even have time to catch her breath as she ran to pick up her son from kindergarten.

Thankfully, the teachers knew her situation” and kept Alex occupied with a slide, so she wasn’t the last parent to arrive.

Once home, Clara gave her son a bath, hurriedly tidied up the house, then sat down at the computer to work. As soon as she sat down, a message came from an unfamiliar account on the company’s internal chat Software Clara quickly opened it and it turned out to be from the account of the CEO!

Wasn’t that Emmett’s father?

[You’re Emmett’s secretary, right?]

[Yes]

[Can we meet tomorrow?)

Clara stared at the screen, doubting whether the account had been hacked. He actually suggested meeting in person?

Although she was hesitant, she still replied politely [I be in my office during working hours. Please feel free to drop by anytime]

See you tomorrow then

Clarabit her lip, unable to stop her imagination from running wild

Could the CEO have some special “ideas about her?”

She immediately shook her head. “What am I thinking? All will be revealed when we meet tomorrow”

After all, she didn’t have an outstanding figure nor a pretty face, she was perfectly safe. There was nothing to worry about.

Chapter 26

Inside Alex’s mom, he wasn’t sleeping at all. Ever since he got in buch with Aiden it was like he had unlocked a whole new world.

“Aiden, I still crave the food your chef made its so damn good” Alex said

Aden paused on the other end sounding helpless “Weren’t you supposed to ask me for help with your homework?” “Yeah! But, cant we have a little chat?” Ales pouted, “Sure, studying is important, but a full stomach matters more”

“Dont forget our plan!”

“How could I forget? And if all else fails, I’ll just introduce some other guy to my mom! Men are a dime a dozen, right?”

“You!” Aiden said angrily. “How can you just change your mind so nonchalantly?”

Im just saying just in case Alex chuckled. “Your dad is still my top choice!

“It should be our dad!”

“Alright sight. Our dad?” Alex sighed.

His brother was great in every other way He was just too serious! He couldn't even take a joke, just like their stone faced father

"Open your book, to the fourth page from the end

Alex sighed, reluctantly pulling out his book. He suddenly wished his mom could just stay single. At least he wouldn't have to study late at night!

Emmett got home and headed straight for the study. After several video conferences with the head of the overseas branch, he suddenly saw a small figure at the stair turn

It was Alden. He was on his phone saying something, flipping through a book with one hand, like a mini teacher.

As Emmett approached, Alden heard him, quickly closing his book and hanging up the phone

"Good evening" Alden said, awkwardly. "Father"

"What are you doing

"Tutoring a classmate"

Emmett raised an eyebrow. "Your classmates need tutoring?"

Alden attended a prestigious school where all the students came from wealthy families. There was no reason they couldn't afford a tutor

"Um, hes not from our school"

"Don't waste your time on useless people Emmett said seriously, then got up to leave

Alden suddenly spoke from behind him. "Haven't you forgotten your promise to me, father?"

"My memory isn't that bad"

Just as he was about to disappear into the staircase, Alden's voice came

"In your eyes, am also a useless person? Since you're unwilling to waste your time on me"

Emmett stayed silent.

“Is it because of my mom?” Aiden caught up, looking into his father’s eyes. “Did she do something wrong back then that upset you?”

Emmett hadn’t thought about how to explain his mother to him, he was at a loss for words.

“Then why did you keep me and not let me leave with my mom? Why did mom leave? Was it because she cheated?”

Emmett frowned. “You’re so young for these words to be coming out of your mouth! What are your teachers teaching you?”

“It has nothing to do with my teachers’ Alden stood firm in front of Emmett, “I want to know what my mom did wrong”

“You don’t have a mom”

“I don’t have a mom. I was picked up from the trash I was wen in a lottery. I was found on the side of the road. You don’t have to tell me these lies, Dad! fve read a biology book”

Emmett said, “You how do you know everything?”

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“I bear a striking resemblance to you, therefore I undoubtedly must be your legitimate offspring! Moreover, my grandmother showers me with excessive affection, thus negating any possibility of me being adopted! But why am I unable to reside with my mother?” Aiden lowered his head in contemplation “All my schoolmates have mothers, so why do I not?”

“Your mother has passed away”

“No way!”

Emmett suddenly turned his gaze towards him, furrowing his brows “How can you be so sure? Have you seen her?”

“No, I have not its just that i don’t believe she is deceased, I suspect you’re lying to me

“When you mature you shall naturally come to know the truth! Now, hasten to bed! Otherwise, you can forget about visiting the amusement park this weekend”

With that, Emmett turned and left, his departing figure appearing somewhat flustered

The following morning, Clara accompanied Alex to the nursery, then proceeded to take a taxi to her workplace.

Upon entering the premises, she initially intended to greet the receptionist, but her attention was drawn to two individuals engaged in hushed conversation nearby

It was not her intention to eavesdrop, but the volume of their voices was simply too conspicuous

“This is the sole woman in the CEO’s vicinity, Isn’t it?”

“Yes, indeed She appears rather ordinary. How could the CEO allow her to remain by his side?”

“Perhaps she possesses some means to captivate the CEO’s favor

Clara sighed helplessly.

What tricks could she have? It was Emmett who asked her to be his personal secretary!

Clara walked straight past them and took the elevator.

Just as she got to the boss’s office a pair of black leather shoes appeared in front of her.

Clara was startled and locked up-

The man in front of her somewhat resembled Emmett, but he was clearly much older!

This must be his father

“Hello” Clara quickly bowed her head

Patrick nodded slightly, “Are you Clara?”

“Yes, I am Clara”

“Come to the lounge with me” After saying this, Patrick walked ahead

Clara hesitated for a moment, but had no choice but to follow

If he tries anything, she'll just scream!

Once they entered the lounge Patrick poured himself a cup of water and then gave Clara a once-over

Clara felt uncomfortable under his gaze.

“You don't need to be so nervous, I called you here because I have something to tell you”

“Go ahead!”

“My son has always disliked contact with women, he keeps his distance from all females, even his own mother! But you.. you're the exception”

Clara gently rubbed her forehead “Um I really haven't done anything with your son! Im just an ordinary secretary!”

“You are not ordinary Patrick cleared his throat and spoke solemnly “Let's not beat around the bush. I assume you haven't been married, correct?”

No. I haven't”

“Then marry my son!”

Ah?

Clara could barely resist the urge to cover her ears, thinking she must have misheard!

“You don't have to be so surprised. I said, marry Emmett, my son!”

“Mr. Melendez, there truly is nothing between him and me! He once saved my life, and I merely wish to repay him! As for anything else, I genuinely have no further thoughts!”

Patrick furrowed his brow slightly “Whether or not you have other thoughts is not important. What matters is that you have not been rejected by my son”

“The Melendez family cannot continue without a young mistress His mother and I have been troubled by this issue for a long time. Emmett has always been reluctant to engage with women, but you are the only

exception

Chapter 28

Clara was actually pretty baffled too. She had no idea Emmett had such a particular habit

But he really didn't seem to interact with women much Even during business negotiations, if there were women present he'd always keep his distance.

But that's not a reason for her to marry Emmett

"Mr. Melendez, there must be a reason for this. Maybe he's got a special lady he's into. Marrying him wouldn't be right in just a secretary. I'm no match for a big family like the Melendez family"

She never thought she'd become Patrick's daughter-in-law and she didn't dare to think about it

"Are you reacting met Patrick raised an eyebrow

I'm not rejecting just think this is unreasonable"

"If I say it's reasonable, it is"

Clara was left speechless, so she dropped a bomb

"Mr Melendez, I have a son"

At this Patrick's brows furrowed "You have a child at such a young age?"

"Yes, so I really can't marry your son I appreciate your kind intentions" Clara added, "I think your son is a very outstanding man. He should find a more suitable partner You might want to have more private talks

with him

Patrick sighed, "I wish he would just talk to me. But never mind, let's forget this conversation ever happened. If you're not interested in being with my son, I hope you'll stay away and avoid causing any scandals for the Melendez family. It would damage the reputation of our entire family"

Clara quickly nodded, showing her understanding “Don’t worry, I get it

As Patrick walked away, Clara felt a wave of relief wash over her. She had been worried that Patrick wouldn’t accept the fact that she already had a child. And she hadn’t even thought about marriage yet. Even if she did want to find a partner someday she wouldn’t choose someone from a wealthy family She didn’t want the media prying into her personal life. If her son’s identity was revealed, she might even risk losing custody of him, as per their previous agreement

Clara let out another sigh, relieved that her fears had been unfounded.

When she returned to the office. Emmett was already there

He was unbuttoning his shirt, and his deep voice rang out, “Where were you?*

I was making copies.”

My father was here

Clara really wanted to roll her eyes

He knew all along, so why did he ask her?

“What did he say to you?” Emmett suddenly looked up at her.

Clara hesitated. “Your father came to check on you.”

“Did he ask you to get women close to me?”

Clara immediately shook her head. “No!”

“So what was it? You’re not going to marry me, are you?”

Clara opened her mouth, but no words came out

Emmett raised his eyebrows, “Did I guess right?”

“No, no! Your father was just worried about you! He said you were too tired and asked me to remind you to rest more!”

Clara breathed a sigh of relief

Emmett calmly handed her a document, “Make ten copies of this and take them to the conference room”

“Okay” Clara took it, and saw

There was Taylor’s name on it

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She didn’t hesitate for a second, grabbed her files, and spun around to leave. She never noticed Emmett behind her, his eyes fixated on her retreating figure.

Emmett was actually trying to swallow up Taylor’s company!

Clara carefully examined the document in the recording studio.

The document outlined a detailed plan even listing the expected time of acquisition.

AW was Taylor’s life’s work. If it really got bought out by the Melendez family, wouldn’t all his efforts go down the drain?

Clara’s fingers hesitated over the document. Her lower lip caught between her teeth.

If she warned Taylor, he should be able to brace himself, right? He wouldn’t get bought out then!

But would this be considered leaking trade secrets?

Clara stared at the document, lost in thought.

This might be the most torn she’d ever been in her life.

In the Melendez Corporation’s conference room.

All the shareholders sat silently in their seats, waiting for Emmett.

Soon enough, he walked in with Clara.

Everyone stood to greet him, “Mr. Melendez”

Emmett nodded slightly. “Hmm. I assume you have all reviewed today’s meeting agenda?”

“We have all gone through it

Emmett glanced at Clara, and she immediately pulled out a chair for him

“As for the acquisition of AW Company does anyone have any opinions?”

“I believe AW Company is currently one of the few competitors that can be considered a challenge for Melendez. If we can acquire it, it would not only reduce our competitive pressure but also showcase our strength to other companies.”

Emmett nodded slightly, intermittently jotting down some notes on the paper

Clara, on the other hand, was biting her lip. She didn't have a say in this meeting, but what would happen to Taylor if AW really got acquired?

She was lost in her thoughts, oblivious to the meeting's end

Until Emmett stood up and cleared his throat, “What are you thinking about during working hours?”

“Nothing, nothing at all”

Emmett raised an eyebrow slightly. “I noticed earlier that you had insightful thoughts on business analysis. What do you think about my acquisition of AW Company? is it possible for it to succeed?” Clara lowered her head and hesitantly replied, “I think acquiring a competitor is not necessarily a good thing New competitors may emerge. If we keep AW Company, it can also help Melendez fend off some powerful adversaries Because AW Company has its fair share of enemies, and if it is acquired, those enemies might transfer their focus to Melendez

Emmett arched his eyebrow “Are you genuinely considering Melendez's interests, or are you considering this for Taylor's sake?”

Clara was taken aback and quickly responded, “Mr. Melendez I have no relationship with Taylor

“Is that so?” Emmett suddenly approached coming in a corner of the conference room. They were so close that Clara could even feel his breath on her face dont like it when people lie to me.”

“Mr Melendez. Im just a secretary, and you know very well that my financial situation is not good! If I had any relationship with Taylor, how could I be in such a predicament? Besides. Taylor couldn’t possibly know someone like me, right?”

Emmett narrowed his eyes slightly “Clara, you know your lying face is quite unappealing”

“I dont care about your relationship with Taylor you better understand your position! You work for Melendez’s company, not AW! Clarfy your role”

Chapter 30

Clara kept nodding “Gotcha, Mi Melendez”

Emmett gave her a quick glance and then turned around to leave

Only then did Clara let out a sigh of relief

The day went by in a flash, and Clara realized it was already time to leave the office Just as she was about to make her way out, she unexpectedly ran into Emmett

“Remember tomorrow is the weekend”

Clara nodded in acknowledgment “Yes. Im aware

up with work, and I dont want him to feel neglected

but Mr Melendez, I might not be able to accompany your son. You see, my own son wants to go out and play too. Tve already promised him! I’ve been so caught

hope you understand, Mr. Melendez

Emmett’s brow furrowed in concern, in that case, bring your son along. We can all go out together tomorrow”

Clara hurriedly explamed, “My son is quite shy and gets scared around strangers! I apologize Mr Melendez Thope you understand.”

“Oh Emmett didn’t give her a hard time, he just gave a slight nod and motioned, “You can go”

Watching Clara's retreating figure Emmett's brows furrowed

It wasn't that he insisted on having Clara around, it's just that he felt somewhat at a loss dealing with his son alone!

From childhood to adulthood, his son had never spent alone time with him, let alone had much conversation. They probably didn't even meet five times in the past year!

Now he was to take his son out alone to bond and he didn't know how to go about it.

He had hoped that Clara could join and ease the awkwardness a bit, but she had her own son to take care of.

Emmett took a deep breath and rubbed his forehead.

When Emmett's car pulled up at the house, his father Patrick came out to greet him.

Emmett "What's up, Dad?"

"What do you think? Patrick looked at his son, helplessly frowning. "What else could it be? It's always about your marriage! You're not young anymore, Alden is at an age where he needs a mother, haven't you thought about settling down?"

"I'm not interested in women."

"What kind of excuse is that? I've never heard such a thing in my entire life! Can't you control yourself? Or perhaps if you interact more, you might just get over it!"

Emmett calmly replied, "I can't control it."

"Didn't you hire a female secretary? Aren't you guys getting along?"

Emmett looked at his father for a moment, suddenly recalling Clara's words.

"Dad, did you hire Clara to be my wife?"

"That was indeed my original intention" Patrick didn't intend to hide it, "But I just found out she already has a son and doesn't seem to have any plans to marry you! I thought she would happily agree, but she kindly rejected me. Emmett, don't you think it's time for some self-reflection? Why haven't you had a woman by your side all these years? If it

wasn't for your mom and me insisting on you having Aiden, we probably wouldn't even have a grandchild by now!"

Every time this topic came up, Emmett seemed somewhat impatient

"I already have a grandson, why do you still insist on me getting married?"

"You can't stay single forever! Haven't you heard the rumors outside? I've heard them! Patrick studied his son for a moment, his eyes suddenly bulging, "Could it be you really are."

Emmett, feeling exasperated, said. "When Aiden was born, it wasn't by means of IVF in the end"