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Chapter 1041 The Hatred Deepens

‘Why not? We, the Twelve Knights, aren’t that bad! We are one of the top-notch bands in the world.’ ‘That was true back then, but after what happened... I’m sorry, but I don’t have any good impression on you guys.’

The netizens did not hide their disapproval of Twelve Knights’ decision to invite Eunice. They even leverage it to counter the band’s fans, who were exasperated and blurted, ‘Who invited Eunice? She claimed that she wished to join them in the first place!’ However, that comment incurred more backlashes from the netizens. ‘Do they accept whoever that volunteers? They do keep to their rules accordingly. I can see how they will be ousted sooner or later.’

Eunice almost choked on her food when she personally read those comments. “Since when do I wish to join them? It’s Kussen, that old fogey, who kept inviting me! Look at these comments! How is Tessa Reinhart better than me? Ridiculous!”

In the meantime, Susan almost lost her cool at the hospital. Ironically, as the victim of the whole case, she might be imprisoned.

Meanwhile, Eunice was doing fine as the culprit. Even if Sofia had dismissed her, she was going to join another first-class band soon, let alone Tessa, who was perfectly fine.

“No way. How can they be fine?!” shrieked Susan in the patient room. She could never tolerate how Hathaway stood up for Tessa as it was out of her expectation.

“And that ‘lovely’ mother of mine. Has she forgotten how I almost lost my life?!” She gritted her teeth as her eyes flashed deep hatred.

Rorion, who was standing right there, had his brows furrowed. Similar to Susan, he was equally displeased by how Hathaway took Tessa's side.

Now that Hathaway had nothing to do with Tessa, he could not understand why she would care for Tessa instead of their own daughter.

At that moment, Susan's menacing and murderous voice resounded in his ears again. "Tessa Reinhart, Eunice. I will never let you guys get away from this!"

Noticing that abnormal gaze of hers, Rorion began to worry about her ambition to exact revenge without taking her recovery into consideration. "Leave 'em to me. All you gotta do is to take care of yourself so that you can start anew."

Susan saw eye-to-eye with her father. Right, that's way more important. Once I get better, I'll can take my time to take my sweet revenge on those b*tches!

Nicholas knew of the articles posted online too. He intended to discipline Eunice for tampering Tessa's name, yet the issue was unexpectedly settled before he could take action.

Still, he had no plans to let Eunice off the hook that easily.

Recalling the matter Edward was looking into, Nicholas called him over. "Have you found the child kidnapped by Walter?"

As he looked at the deadpan face of his superior, Edward reported the progress guiltily, "N-Not yet."

He and his men had been checking on the surveillance footage during the past two days, but there were no leads of the child's whereabouts.

Nicholas' brows creased as he had not foreseen the stagnant progress. After a moment of pondering, he ordered coldly, "If that's the case, ask someone to keep an eye on Walter."

Edward nodded in response before leaving to make arrangements.

On the account that her son had not returned for the past three days with no updates from Edward, a distressed Evan visited Soren in jail.

When Soren found out that his son was being held captive still, rage laced with concern channeled in him as he requested to see Walter at that instant.

“I’ve done everything as you said. When are you going to let go of my son?!” roared Soren as soon as he saw Walter.

However, Walter remained languid. “It’s not over yet. Everyone’s talking about it out there. I’m worried that you’ll change your mind too, so I’ll let him go when it’s completely over.”

“That’s not what you’ve promised!” Despite the ire, Soren could not do anything to Walter.

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Chapter 1042 Rescue

In the end, Soren threatened, “You better not hurt my son. If he’s hurt in any way, it’s either you or me that’ll live!”

Walter did not take it to heart as he left the prison soon after, but his mind was unsettled when he entered the car. Now that Eunice’s name was tarnished, he could not afford to lose his company as well.

As a result of contemplation, he decided to check on the child. “To the apartment.” Little did he know that he was being trailed by Edward and his men. Soon, they arrived at a neighborhood that came with good security measures.

Stunned momentarily, Edward soon collected himself while reasoning that it could be the place where the child was being held captive.

As he watched Walter getting out of the car, Edward appointed a bodyguard a task. “You, follow them and check whether he’s going to Evan’s son.”

A couple of moments later, the bodyguard returned and reported, “He is meeting Evan’s son, Mr. Jackson. It’s the child we’ve been after for the last two days. The boy’s here.”

A pang of regret hit Edward as he did not expect the child to be here either. Their search stretched out to every mansion that was under Walter’s name, but they missed out his other properties.

Still, it was fortunate that they had located the child’s whereabouts. Instantly, Edward inquired about the situation inside.

“Four bodyguards by the door, and based on the noise, there should be more behind the doors,” answered the bodyguard.

Then, Edward reported the situation to Nicholas instantly.

“Good. Prepare for a rescue mission. Remember, the hostage’s safety is our utmost priority. Got it?” commanded Nicholas with solemnity.

Edward nodded before asking, “Should we report to the police?”

“That is for sure,” replied Nicholas coldly. With the irrefutable evidence in hand, he wondered how Walter would escape from his deeds this time.

Entrusted by the victim’s family, Edward took action alongside the police that night. Walter’s subordinates dared not fight back at the sight of the legal forces, rendering the rescue mission a great success.

Nevertheless, Evan’s son was terrified by the whole incident. Compared to the unfamiliar police officers, he trusted Edward more and did not once step farther away from the man.

Noticing the boy’s situation, Edward spoke to the police, “It must’ve been a traumatic experience for him. I’ll take him home before giving a statement at the police station.”

With that being said, he left the scene with the boy.

Evan was all jumpy upon realizing her son’s safe return. “Are you hurt? Did they torture you?”

While she checked on the boy from head to toe, he shook his head. “They didn’t. They locked me in a house and I wasn’t allowed to get out.”

She was infuriated nonetheless. At that moment, she noticed Edward standing right there. She quickly wiped off her tears to thank him from the bottom of her heart.

“Thank you for bringing my son back, Mr. Jackson.”

“Save it. I’m not doing it for free. My only wish is to have you confess that Walter is the kidnapper that had threatened you guys.” Edward waved his hand while blurting the reason behind the whole rescue mission.

“That’s...” Evan became hesitant upon hearing that, not because of the unwillingness to help, but she was afraid after what had transpired.

Seeing through her thoughts, Edward made a promise. “If you’re worried that he’ll take revenge on you after this, please rest assured. Our president has given his word that he will protect your family as long as you’re willing to tell the truth.”

Evan then gave her promise without a second thought. After tucking her son in bed, she and Edward went to the police station together.

With full initiative, she revealed the truth to the police officers. “Because my husband incriminated Eunice for her deeds, her father kidnapped my son just to save her. He even threatened my husband that he must take the blame to ensure our son’s safety.”

Edward was contented by her actions after which he handed over the evidence that attested to Walter’s crime.

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Chapter 1043 Arrest

The police officer took the evidence while stating professionally, “We will have to validate these before we file a charge to arrest the person.”

“No problem. We’ll leave them to you.” An unbothered Edward glanced at Evan. She read through him and proposed, “Can I meet my husband for a moment?”

The officer approved of that, thereby granting Evan the chance to meet Soren. His wife’s arrival at late night prompted him to frown. “Did something happen back at home?”

“Nothing. I just wanted to tell you that our son is saved by Mr. Jackson,” explained Evan with a relieved smile on her face.

He heaved a sigh of relief before inquiring in concern, “Is he alright?”

“Yeah, just a little terrified.” After roughly recounting their son’s situation, she brought up Edward’s condition. “Mr. Jackson promised to guarantee our safety as long as you attest to Eunice and her father’s deeds.”

“Got it. Please call over the officer in charge.” Soren nodded approvingly.

Once the officer was present, Soren changed his statement by divulging the threat he received. “I changed my statement at that time because Walter kidnapped my son. Eunice was actually the person behind all these.”

The next morning, Walter’s assistant walked into the office frantically not long after he came to work. “President Walter, there are a few officers looking for you downstairs.”

He looked at Walter as words stuck in his throat. Walter knew what it meant without the need of any further explanation as he furrowed and chided, “What’s there to panic about? Those people are just a humble family. They wouldn’t file a police report. The police must be here for something else.”

Having said that, he motioned his assistant to guide the officers to his office. As soon as they entered the office, they informed him of the reason for their visit without giving him the chance to act out of courtesy. “Mr. Walter, someone has accused you of abduction. Please follow us for investigation.”

Walter’s expression fell when he heard that, but he quickly gathered himself by forcing a smile. “There must be a misunderstanding. Why would I break the law?”

“I think so too. Since both Ms. Evan and her husband said that you’re the one, your subordinates have made a confession too.” The officers then forcefully took him away.

Leaving with no choice, Walter furtively gestured at his assistant before following them with a darkened expression. Never once had he expected that couple would file a police report against him, let alone thinking about his subordinates being arrested.

Soon enough, the police car vanished in the streets. Other employees noticed the situation and wished to pry further by asking the assistant, only to be driven back to their working positions because he had something more important to do at the moment.

At the same time, Eunice, who was at home, was informed of her father’s arrest. Right when she was about to leave the house, the assistant had arrived at the doorstep, prompting her to inquire, “What happened? Why is Daddy arrested?”

“It’s Soren and his family. They told the police about President Walter kidnapping their son. He asked me to escort you to somewhere else as soon as possible before the police took him.” The assistant leveled everything out without hiding anything.

Despite the growing resentment in her, Eunice knew that it was not the time to throw a tantrum. Before long, the both of them left the house without the knowledge that their movement was being watched.

After receiving an update from his subordinate, Edward hurriedly knocked onto the door to enter Nicholas' office. "You guessed it right, President Sawyer. Walter asked someone to send Eunice away first thing after being arrested."

Nicholas snorted lightly and gave his orders. "Don't lose them or I'll hold you accountable for it."

Edward nodded in response. When the night dawned, Walter's assistant and Eunice came to the airport under disguise.

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Chapter 1044 An Attempt to Escape

“Miss, there’s five million here. Since we can’t guarantee anything regarding President Walter, it’s best if you spend it wisely.” The assistant fished out a credit card.

Eunice took it with a long face without responding much. Instead, she requested, “Once there’s news about Daddy, contact me immediately.”

He nodded after which she was ready to board the flight when something unexpected happened—Edward and his men had been waiting there for her so that they could seize her as soon as she made her appearance.

“Who are you? Let go of me!” yelled the woman in vain.

The assistant attempted to save her, but he was stopped by other bodyguards. At that moment, a snickering Edward came over. “I advise you to stop the useless fight, Miss Eunice.”

“It’s you!” She recognized him at that instant.

However, he did not wish to waste his time with her as he ordered the bodyguards to take them to the police station. Ultimately, Eunice’s second arrest was soon discovered by the media that had been watching her.

In addition to Walter’s arrest, the media sensed something fishy and initiated a further investigation regarding the situation.

The stage incident, which had died down, was broached up due to another revealed scandal on the Internet.

‘Shocking News! Eunice’s Father Kidnapped and Threatened Victims to Obtain a Scapegoat for Her Crimes’

The news surprised everyone to the core.

‘Eunice... I have nothing to say about this lady.’

‘I’ve seen someone who’s shameless, but not to this extent! This is totally absurd!’

‘And that Walter guy. Your daughter is your precious daughter, but what about others’ children? They’re as dear too!’

Everyone was gushing about Eunice and Walter on the Internet in no time. Some of them even mentioned and made fun of the Twelve Knights.

‘I wonder what they’ll do with their concert now without their main character. They should’ve done better.’

‘How dare they criticize Miss Sofia as someone who doesn’t appreciate what she has! From the way I see it, she is wise with her decision.’

‘Honestly, I thought Mr. Kussen is not as good as Miss Sofia only in music, but it seems like he doesn’t have the knack to do the right things. Miss Sofia is way better than him.’

Kussen, who was with the band members, almost snapped because of that last comment. Still, his carelessness was to blame for the issue that happened. He went gaga over buying Eunice over and enraged Sofia without looking into the matter first.

In the end, all he could do was to put up with it for the band’s sake and ask someone to delete the announcement of Eunice’s welcome party.

Needless to say, the netizens noticed his actions and hurled mockery at him.

‘Do you think you can erase the things you’ve done by deleting these posts?’

‘It’s useless, man. I’ve screenshotted everything. It will always remain as a disgrace to you guys forever.’

Due to the comment section, Kussen almost fainted in rage, but there was nothing he could do. Thus, he stopped reading them in order to have some peace for himself.

As a consequence of the exposure, Walter’s company was heavily affected with its stock price fall. Taking their president’s absence into account, panic struck upon everyone in the company.

The members of Sofia Symphony were equally shocked by the revelation as well, but Marjorie and the gang collected their composure instantly.

“It is what both of them will do.”

Spending twenty years as colleagues, they knew Eunice and Walter very well, hence they did not doubt the news one bit. Even Sofia had mixed feelings upon reading the article.

“I just don’t get it. Why would Eunice walk herself to that kind of ending?” She sighed before buckling down with her work.

It was not that she was cold-blooded, but she did make an effort by dissuading Eunice after knowing what Eunice did.

Yet, Sofia’s advice was water off a duck’s back because of how persistent Eunice was about it. Now that the police had irrefutable evidence, she should now pay the price for her deeds.

On the other hand, Nicholas was very pleased to receive the news of the custody.

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Chapter 1045 Sofia's Suggestion

Since you've done wrong, you should be punished accordingly. As an afterthought, Nicholas beckoned Edward over. "Relay the news to Soren. Tell him to put his worries to rest."

Edward nodded and headed for the police station. Considering that Soren was an accomplice, he had to be held captive even if he helped with the investigation.

However, he did not mind staying in prison after Edward told him the news. As long as his family was safe, imprisonment was nothing. Besides, it would not take that long either.

Eunice and Walter's imprisonment marked the end of the issue. Tessa returned to her daily practice routine and Sofia came to her when she finished her practice today. "Miss Sofia."

"Miss Sofia." Tessa and Gregory greeted Sofia politely. Sofia nodded in response with a smile before inquiring about their practice and brought up something serious. "How many songs are you short of at the moment to proceed with the recording?"

"Two more," replied Tessa honestly. Although she had been writing, there was not much progress. Hearing that, Sofia did not say much and talked about the following arrangement instead. "I'm planning to hold a concert just for you after you finish recording."

The joy in Tessa prevailed astonishment when she heard that. "It's my honor."

“It’s a concert, and you’ll be much busier than you are right now. Do you think you’ll be able to take it?” In spite of Tessa’s happy face, Sofia was still worried about her because she was a few months pregnant.

Understanding her teacher’s concern, Tessa caressed her belly as the gaze in her eyes turned determined. “Don’t worry, Miss Sofia. I’ll manage my time properly to make sure I’m all well.”

Still, Sofia prioritized Tessa’s health the most.

For the following month, Tessa was preoccupied with recordings. Not only did Simon put high expectations on her, she was also strict to herself.

One month later, the recording reached an end.

That night, Tessa walked out of the recording room while holding a violin in hand tiredly. She breathed a long sigh. “Finally, it’s done. I thought I was going to puke there.”

Although she possessed fervent passion for her career, it was natural for one to be bored one day after cooping themselves up in that room for almost every single day.

Simon watched her with a dotting smile. “You reap what you sow. I think those songs are perfect. I bet it’ll cause a huge wave when it’s released. Allow me to congratulate you in advance.”

Her eyes twinkled brightly at that. “I’m counting on that, but it is thanks to you and Miss Sofia too. I shouldn’t hog all the credit.”

Her humble attitude elicited an approving gaze in his eyes. “You and that humble attitude again.”

“I’m not being humble. I’m just telling the truth,” retorted Tessa as she scrunched up her nose.

Her adorable reaction softened his heart. While the two were laughing over the ending, Nicholas rang her up. “Have you finished with the recording?”

“Yeah, I’m packing up right now. I’ll be back soon.” She shared her part merrily while holding her phone.

He listened to her quietly on the other side of the line. Once she finished talking, he said gently, “Stay there. I booked an appointment at a restaurant. You should invite your teachers and your seniors over to celebrate.”

“I’m game. I’ll ask them about it.” She hung up the call joyfully.

Looking at her wreathed in smiles, Simon teased, “What’s with that smile? Is your husband coming over to pick you up?”

“Nope. Have another guess.” She blinked her eyes mischievously at him.

He raised his brow after which he made a few wrong guesses. “Fine. Save it for yourself then.”

Gazing at the prideful old man, she chuckled and leveled it out with him. “My husband is buying us dinner to celebrate the occasion tonight. You should hurry up and get ready. We’ll be heading there at any moment.”

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Chapter 1046 A Dream-like Night

With that being said, Tessa wheeled around to inform Sofia and her seniors.

A group of people filled the table in a private lounge that night. With Marjorie leading them, the seniors raised their glasses to toast for Tessa. “Congratulations on finishing the recording, Tessa.”

“Thank you.” She toasted with her glass of fruit juice. The smile on her face beamed wider as Nicholas, who was beside her, watched her.

Once she downed her drink, he placed a few pieces of fish on her plate. “Have some of these. Don’t just drink.”

“Okay.” She nodded and could not smother the sweet smile on her face.

The others witnessed the whole scene and began to tease the couple. “Tessa, stop being all lovey-dovey. We’re trying to enjoy the food here.”

“Poor me. I only had a glass of wine and I’m already full before I can taste these amazing food.”

“Mr. Simon, look at them calling us single by being all sweet and stuff!”

Red crawled onto Tessa’s cheeks as she stomped on her foot bashfully. “Cut it out.”

Nicholas then pulled her into his arms protectively. “If you don’t wanna see this, please bring your partners along in the future.”

“You’re poking us at the sore part, Mr. Sawyer. Don’t you know that we’re all single?” grumbled Kellen, who put on a hurt expression.

Nicholas remained unbothered as he smiled. “That’s none of my business. If you guys don’t find someone for yourselves, you shouldn’t blame us.”

“So, is it our fault for being single? Man, that hurts. Guys, we should form an alliance and take Mr. Sawyer down.”

The others played along, raising their wine glasses in an attempt to make Nicholas drunk. The latter gladly received the challenge.

Looking at how languid he was in the face of their attack, Tessa did not stop them. Instead, she turned her head to converse with her teachers.

Merriful laughter filled the room and before long, the seniors began to raise the while flag.

“I don’t think I can drink anymore.”

Jenny was the first to give up before Daniela did. Even Marjorie gave in after holding onto it for a while longer.

In the end, Kellen was the only one left. However, he was no less better as his whole face was red. He was going to get drunk obviously.

On the other hand, Nicholas’ eyes were crystal clear without a smidgen of stupor.

Sofia found Kellen’s tenacity hilarious as she thwarted him. “Enough. Stop it. Tessa can take care of President Sawyer, but no one will do the same for you if you’re drunk.”

“It’s alright. I have my members. They outnumber them.”

To his bewilderment, the seniors were reluctant to take his side as soon as he said that. His face fell as he complained, “Don’t you guys love me?”

Tessa burst into laughter at that. Even Sofia and Simon could not hold in their laughter anymore.

The gang finished their meal in mirth and the conversation was eventually steered to Tessa's concert.

Sofia suddenly thought of something and smiled. "This time, I invited your seniors to help you out with your performance. You better show what you got."

"Thank you, everyone. I will not let you guys down," Tessa expressed her gratitude at the lovely surprise.

The others waved their hands. "Nah. It's no big deal, but you gotta treat us to something nice if it's a success."

"And do not bring Mr. Sawyer along. We've had enough today," the vengeful Kellen added.

Nicholas lifted his brow and wrapped his hand around her shoulder with a smile. "That is out of the question."

After returning home, Tessa was still in high spirits as her smile did not disappear from her face. It had been a while since Nicholas saw his wife being so happy. He hugged her and asked, "Are you that happy tonight?"

"I am. I really am. It's like a dream. I can finally have a concert and release my own album!"

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Chapter 1047 Nicholas' Role in Tessa's Success

Tessa looked at Nicholas with glittery eyes. All of this used to only be my wildest dreams.

As soon as Nicholas noticed this, his voice turned more tender than ever. "You've worked hard to gain all this. So, congratulations. You're one step closer to realizing your dreams."

"Although this is the result of my hard work, I reckon that you played a part in this too."

Tessa wrapped her arms around Nicholas' neck and spoke with gratitude, "If it wasn't for your unconditional support, I wouldn't have been able to achieve all this today. So, thank you, darling."

"Shouldn't you express your gratitude by doing something else for me?" Nicholas lifted his brows slightly and enticed Tessa with a hoarse voice.

Naturally, Tessa grasped the underlying meaning behind his words. Although she felt shy about that, she went forward on her own accord and kissed him.

The two remained in an embrace as they kissed passionately under the lights. Yet not long after that, Nicholas curbed himself and released Tessa. After all, she was pregnant right now and he could not do anything.

Glancing at the man with a look of forbearance, she felt amused yet touched at the same time. She switched the topic and asked, "During the special performance, can I arrange for Dad, Mom, and Grandpa to come and watch?"

"Of course! I'll invite them then," Nicholas agreed without any hesitation.

At that moment, Tessa buried her face into his chest with a touched look. “You’re such a nice guy, aren’t you?”

“Well, that’s all because I’m only nice to you.” Nicholas lowered his head and kissed his wife on her forehead while saying enticingly, “Let’s go to bed. It’s getting late now and you’ve got your ensemble practice tomorrow, right?”

Tessa nodded and lifted her head to plant a kiss on his cheek.

“Good night.”

“Good night.”

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The next day, Tessa kept Nicholas company and they had breakfast together before she brought Gregory to the orchestra.

Before they left, she also brought along the snacks and drinks that the kitchen staff specially prepared for them. That was because she planned to visit Group Two.

Although she did not directly cause the entire second orchestra group to be banned from performing, it was still more or less related to her, so she felt bad about it.

After she entered the room, the members of Group Two were surprised to see her.

“Tessa, why are you here?” Everyone crowded over toward her.

Tessa held Gregory’s hand and smiled. “I came over to visit you guys and I’ve brought along some refreshments for you. Have you guys had breakfast? If you have, then you can leave these for afternoon tea.” As she spoke, she indicated for the servant behind her to come forward and distribute the refreshments. Gregory helped too as he milled around the crowd like a busy bee.

“Hi, pretty lady. This is for you.”

“Thanks, Greg. You’re such a great kid.”

Everyone who received the refreshments praised him.

After distributing the refreshments, Tessa also took the opportunity to ask about Group Two’s current predicament.

“Did Miss Hathaway mention any further arrangements for Group Two? When will you guys resume performance?”

“Our performance might not resume anytime soon. Miss Sofia has been guiding us personally over this period. I reckon that she plans to get us to keep a low profile for the time being before we make a comeback.” The assistant concertmaster of Group Two smiled as he brought up the recent situation.

After Tessa heard that, she realized that Group Two was in a good state, so she finally felt much more at ease than before.

Around noontime, Sofia came over to seek her and handed over a stack of invitation cards to Tessa. “This is the invitation card customized by the orchestra and I’ll hand you a stack for now so you can distribute it to the people you want to invite. If this isn’t enough, you can get some more from me afterwards.”

“That didn’t take long at all. Thanks, Miss Sofia.” Tessa happily put away the invitation cards.

Meanwhile, Sofia gave some further advice before leaving to attend to her personal matters after which Tessa left to send Gregory to his home tutoring as well.

After lunch, Tessa considered the situation for a moment before bringing her violin to visit Louis.

Surprisingly, she had just alighted from the car when she bumped into Angus, who had just gotten out of his car too.

“Mr. Angus, it’s been awhile since we saw each other,” she greeted him on her own accord.

Angus looked at the smile on her face and his gaze remained on her prominent baby bump with a strange look on his countenance.

In a blink of an eye, he restored his mild-mannered look and revealed a courteous smile. “It’s been awhile indeed, Miss Reinhart.”

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Chapter 1048 Appear to Be More Like a Family

After a brief exchange of pleasantries, both of them entered the manor and the atmosphere was silent along the way. Angus shot a sideways glance at the quiet girl beside him and expressed his concern, “I saw the news on the internet previously. Are you alright?”

“I’m fine.” Tessa shook her head and took the initiative to ask, “I noticed that you haven’t been here to see Mr. Louis lately. Have you been busy?”

“Previously, there was a medical conference and I was abroad the whole time. I just got back a couple of days ago and I intended to ask you out for a meal, but then I saw the news on the internet, so I didn’t want to bother you.”

Angus explained briefly as his eyes landed on the violin case Tessa was carrying. With a smile, he asked, “Are you here to get Uncle Louis to tune your violin?”

“Oh, yeah. That’s secondary to why I’m here, though. I have a special concert planned some time in the near future and I’d like to invite him to attend.”

“Am I invited too?” Angus met Tessa’s eyes and joked, “Since you’ve invited Uncle Louis, then I should be invited too, right?”

At that moment, he looked irresistible.

Even Tessa, who was used to Nicholas’ handsome looks, could not help being mesmerized by this charming man in front of her. Soon enough, she came back to her senses as a look of frustration flashed across her eyes.

How dare I be enraptured about another man other than Nicholas!

Undeniably, though, Angus was quite the devil and she did not know how he could possibly turn out to be prettier than her.

On the other hand, Angus did not miss her moment of rapture and the smile on his face deepened.

Just as he was about to say something more, he heard his uncle's voice ring out. "Why are the two of you standing out there? I heard from the butler that you guys arrived earlier on, but I waited for quite long and yet I didn't see you walk in? Don't you find the sun scorching hot?"

Meanwhile, Angus glanced at his uncle, who had just ruined the perfect moment. With a resigned expression, he had no choice but to stifle his words.

As for Tessa, she did not even notice his odd behavior as she grabbed her violin case and happily ran toward Louis. "Mr. Louis, look here. I've brought my precious over to pay you a visit."

"I reckon that you're just here to take advantage of me."

Louis appeared to chide Tessa, but in fact, he glanced solemnly at her and frowned while nagging at her, "Stop running. If you fall with your violin in your hands, you'd be sobbing all night."

On the contrary to his words, he quickly went forward and headed in her direction before carefully escorting her to the side.

Soon, the three of them entered the living room. Subsequently, Louis asked the two of them regarding the reason for their delay.

Tessa brought up the special concert once again and handed over the invitation card to both of them respectively.

As soon as Louis saw that, he clearly approved and said, “Your teacher’s excellent in what she did. We should definitely let those who aren’t convinced of your talent realize how spectacular you are!”

Louis took the invitation card from her and then asked her about how the orchestra was doing recently.

“Everything’s great. Everything is pretty much back to normal,” Tessa explained briefly.

Louis nodded and finally felt at ease. He chatted idly with her, “Do you still have more of the nice tea that you bought for me last time? I kinda like it. The more I drink it, the better it tastes.”

“There is definitely plenty for you if you want more. Once my violin’s been tuned, I’ll bring some over with me.” Tessa chuckled and promised him instantly.

Louis was obviously pleased and they chatted happily, rendering the atmosphere warm and inviting. Meanwhile, Angus sat by the side and stared at the duo with a surprised look.

Uncle Louis and Tessa appear more like a family while I seem to be the outsider here. Yet, as he looked at the girl’s beaming smile, he found all this to be natural. After all, it would be hard for one to resist such a warm and kind girl.

Noticing that the time was getting late, Tessa excused herself when evening came.

“Miss Reinhart, it’s not often that you’re here. Aren’t you going to stay for dinner?” Angus was keen to get her to stay on.

Nonetheless, Tessa rejected him with a smile, “I’ve got something on tonight, so perhaps next time.”

“What are you up to? Do you need help?” Angus expressed concern.

She rejected him once again, “Thanks, Mr. Angus. You’re too kind, but it isn’t a major issue. I just need to send my friend an invitation card.”

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Chapter 1049 Willing to Forsake His Pride

In fact, Tessa had already made plans with Mona and Scott to meet up that night. Hence, Angus had no other option but to get up and walk her to the door.

Louis watched with tightly knotted brows as the duo walked out of the living room. Evidently, he could tell that his nephew had yet to give up on Tessa and his expression instantly darkened at the thought of that.

Disregarding the fact that Tessa and Nicholas were happy together, their family rules did not allow for his nephew to get involved with a married woman and end up being a home-wrecker either.

After a short while, Angus came back after sending Tessa off and he noticed that his uncle was sitting on the couch with a solemn expression.

Angus lifted his brows slightly and sat by the side elegantly. Subsequently, he cracked a joke. “Uncle Louis, I know that Miss Reinhart’s gone, but is it necessary to pull a long face at me? The smile on your face has disappeared completely.”

“Stop joking around and answer me frankly. Are you still in love with Tessa?”

Then, Louis glared at Angus and warned, “She’s happily married right now and is about to give birth to a child. You’d better put a stop to your wishful thoughts. If I see that you’re intentionally wrecking someone’s relationship, then I definitely won’t let you get away with it!”

“Uncle Louis, I’m supposed to be the one related to you. I’ve finally found the girl of my dreams after such a long time. Do you really need to be that harsh?” Angus looked accusingly at Louis and his stunning looks made him appear to look rather pitiful.

Too bad for Angus, though, because Louis did not buy that and even warned him once again, “You’d better be mindful of my words.”

Angus pouted slightly and felt that there was nothing wrong with him being in love with Tessa. There was a mesmerizing tenacity within that girl; she was pure, independent, and entirely sincere.

He had watched with his own eyes as to how hard she had worked and evolved from an ordinary orchestra member into a slightly renowned virtuoso now.

Over the period, Tessa had encountered various difficulties, but she had never been defeated by all that and only found a way to prove herself instead. Precisely because of that, Angus found that Tessa was a very charismatic woman.

However, as he recalled the girl who seemed to have a blissful aura surrounding her, he could not help admitting that he had met the right person at the wrong time.

Right now, he could merely admire her from a distance.

Not aware of Angus’ thoughts, Louis noticed that his nephew remained silent, so he frowned and snorted. “Did you hear what I’ve just said?”

“Don’t worry. I am not interested in being a home-wrecker.”

After Tessa left, she went over to the restaurant where she had agreed with Mona and Scott.

During their meal, she took out the invitation cards that she had prepared. With a cheeky smile, she said, “This is my first ever special concert in my entire life. So, as my friends, you guys must attend!”

“This is the chance to experience your moment of glory, so I’ll definitely be there!” Mona took the invitation card from Tessa with a smile. She was sincerely happy that her good friend had received such a great opportunity.

Scott also revealed a faint smile and nodded. "I'll spare some time to attend it."

Sometime later, they finished their meal and Nicholas came over to pick her up. As such, Tessa bade farewell to her two friends and went back with him.

As soon as they arrived home, Nicholas expressed his concern, "Are you tired?"

"Kinda. I've had a long day running errands outside and my feet are quite sore." Tessa clung to Nicholas' arm and acted cutesy.

As soon as he heard that, he was resigned yet sympathetic. "Gosh. I really have no idea what to do with you."

Meanwhile, Tessa stuck out her tongue upon hearing the man's doting tone of voice.

At that moment, the butler came over and asked, "Master Nicholas, here's the nourishing soup you wanted me to keep warm for Miss Tessa. Should I send it over later?"

"Serve it right now."

After Nicholas finished saying that, he turned to Tessa and continued to say, "After you finish the soup, take a warm bubble bath and then I'll give you a massage before you go to bed."

Hearing that, Tessa nodded meekly.

Shortly after that, she finished the soup and went to enjoy her bubble bath. With the man's help to the bed, Tessa then enjoyed a massage treatment from her man, who applied the perfect pressure onto her.

She squinted her eyes in comfort before glancing at her masseur husband. It was then her heart was filled with warmth and fuzziness.

In the eyes of outsiders, he was the formidable leader of the Sawyer Family. However, he was willing to forsake his pride in front of her and be an ordinary man while he did all the ordinary things. Just for her.

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Chapter 1050 Little Slick

The more Tessa thought about it, the more she was touched inside. In the end, she wrapped her arms around Nicholas' neck affectionately and said in a sweet voice, "I'm so lucky to have you, darling."

As she said that, she went closer to him and planted her lips on his. When Nicholas looked at his gorgeous little wife in front of him, he couldn't take her teasing anymore. He closed his eyes and lost it a little; he had been restraining himself since Tessa was pregnant, after all.

However, he didn't dare hold her too tightly because their child was there. Thus, he just kept inhaling her luscious scent. At this moment, the temperature in the room increased while she immersed herself in the gentleness that he created.

The moment Nicholas realized that things were going to get out of hand, his last piece of sanity made him let go of her. Likewise, Tessa slightly regained her senses as well.

When she looked at the man who was trying so hard to hold it in that his veins were popping up on his forehead, her gaze showed sadness, and she felt bad. I shouldn't have teased him.

"Why not take a cold shower?" she suggested out of guilt. Hearing that, he raised his brows and felt tempted. With a smirk, he then said, "You're the one who started it. Shouldn't you be taking responsibility instead?"

As he said that, he pulled her hand over to him...

After a round of intimacy, Tessa hid under the blanket with her face flushed. Nicholas saw this scene as soon as he came out of the shower, and he immediately knew that someone was being shy.

He walked over to her with a smile and pulled the blanket before saying gently, “Come on. Come out already. Don’t stuff yourself.”

“I don’t want to...” Tessa’s shy voice came from under the blanket. She felt like she wouldn’t be able to look at her own hands seriously tomorrow.

Without any other way, he could only drag her out of the blanket on his own.

He kissed her on her forehead affectionately and coaxed her with his deep and husky voice, saying, “Don’t worry, I’m not going to play with you anymore. Rest well.”

For the next two days, Tessa gave herself two days off for a good rest.

On the third day, Louis called her to notify her that her violin was ready for collection.

When she reached the place, Angus was there too. After she greeted him respectfully, she followed Louis to get her violin.

“Take a look at it.” He handed the violin to Tessa.

Although they were close to each other, he still held onto his principle of business being business.

With that, Tessa could only obey him.

After a simple inspection, she praised him cheekily, “You have magical skills, Mr. Louis. I was right to ride on your coattails.”

“Don’t butter me up. You still need to pay what you should. I won’t be giving you any discounts.” Louis sneered while acting tough, but the nonchalant smile in his eyes gave him away.

It was obvious that her compliment had an impact on him.

Since Tessa had spent a long time with him, she understood his temperament as well. As such, she replied with a smile, “Don’t worry, I won’t pay you any less. I will even give you extra material remuneration so that you will treat my violin more attentively next time.”

“You’re really smart, little slick.” Louis poked her forehead affectionately.

Hearing that, she nodded without trying to be humble at all. “Of course.”

As both of them were talking, they returned to the living room together. Tessa then took out the tea leaves she brought for Louis this time.

“This tea is different from the tea I brought you last time, but it’s also a premium tea from our country. Let me make a cup for you to try.”

As she said that, she took the teapot beside her and started to make some tea. Her actions were so smooth, and it was a feast for his eyes.

“Try it.” After a while, she put the half-full tea cup in front of him. Then, she took out a box of pastries from the side and said with a smile, “I heard that you need to drink this tea with some pastries, so I asked my chef at home to make a box too.”

“Oh, nice. How thoughtful of you.” Louis was delighted. He took a sip from the tea cup and picked up a piece of the pastry to taste.

Meanwhile, Angus was looking at them from the side and feeling a little jealous. Hence, he commented enviously, “Miss Reinhart, you’re treating my uncle too well.”

“That’s because he treats me well too,” Tessa replied to him with a smile.

Hearing that, Angus felt even more envious.

Later that day, Louis asked Tessa to stay to have lunch with him.

When she recalled that she had rejected him previously, she didn't want to reject him again this time, so she accepted his invitation.