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Chapter 741 D-Day

He paused for a moment and pressed his lips together before saying, “Although I’ve never asked much about your relationship with Tess, I know that your family has always been against it, so I’m worried that they’ll use this matter as an excuse to attack her. As a brother, I don’t want to see my sister suffer.”

With a nod, Nicholas answered, “I get what you mean. I’ve also been thinking about this for the past two days.”

“Well, have you sorted out your thoughts yet?”

“I plan on registering our marriage here in the next two days. I’ve already gotten my men to prepare the documents,” said Nicholas, telling Timothy about his plan while looking at him.

The latter agreed with Nicholas and said with a nod, “Yes, the wedding can be planned later. It’ll be better to register for your marriage first.”

After seeing Timothy agreeing to his decision, Nicholas continued, “This matter is still under preparation, so I hope you can keep it a secret for me and don’t let your sister know. I want to give her a surprise.”

“Don’t worry. I’ll keep the secret for you,” Timothy promised with a smile.

On the other hand, Tessa had no idea about the discussion between Timothy and Nicholas.

She wasn't sure whether it was because of Nicholas staying by her side and taking care of her that made her in a good mood every day, but her condition while in training these days improved, and the minor mistakes that she always made previously were reduced as well.

At the same time, her appetite had increased in the past few days, so she was eating quite a lot. Her face also looked healthier with her pink cheeks.

When she saw that Tessa had such a good appetite, Mona felt relieved. "I was worried sick about your health previously. Now that you're getting better every day, I'm finally at ease."

When Tessa heard that, she recalled that she had made Mona worry about her previously, so she said in embarrassment, "I'm sorry for making you worry."

"It's fine. We're friends after all," Mona replied with a smile. After looking at Tessa's glowing face, she couldn't help but tease, "As expected, the power of love is always so strong. No matter how much time I spent by your side, you didn't get better. Once your fiancé arrived, though... Look at you now!" She even clicked her tongue on purpose after finishing her words.

Tessa blushed wildly upon being teased by Mona, and she stomped her feet shyly. "Mona!"

When Mona saw Tessa becoming angry from the embarrassment, she smiled even brighter. "Look at how lively you are now! You've really been nourished by love."

Two days later, Tessa was ready to go for her orchestra practice after having breakfast with Nicholas, Timothy, and Gregory.

However, just as she stood up from the chair, Nicholas stopped her. "Can't you skip orchestra practice this morning? I need to take you to a place."

"What place?" She looked at him curiously.

Nicholas just smiled and didn't answer her question. "You'll know when we reach there. You should go upstairs to get changed first. I've already asked the maid to prepare the outfit for you, and it's on the bed."

"Why are you being so mysterious?" Although she found him suspicious, she still complied and went upstairs to change her outfit.

It was an embroidered white bodice dress, and it came with a white mink shawl. When Tessa wore the dress, her near-perfect figure was on full display. That figure, together with her exquisite face, made her look as beautiful as an angel.

"Miss Tessa is so pretty." Gregory was the first one to notice Tessa coming downstairs. Once he saw her, he trotted up to her with a surprised face.

Hearing that, Nicholas and Timothy looked up, and they were amazed by what they saw.

At this moment, Tessa also noticed that they were all formally dressed. It was especially so for Nicholas, for he looked more charming than he usually was. In fact, it seemed as though he had spent a lot of time dressing up.

After getting lost in her daze for a moment, she held Gregory's hand and walked over to them before asking, "Are we going to a banquet?"

When he saw the curious look on her face, Nicholas smiled happily and said, "You'll know when we reach there." As soon as he said that, he naturally held her hand and left while Timothy followed from behind.

Half an hour later, they arrived at their destination—Vienna City Hall.

Tessa looked at the building in front of her, feeling stunned. She could already predict what they were there for.

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Chapter 742 Officially Married

She turned to the side and looked at the man beside her with mixed emotions. It was difficult to describe what she was feeling inside, but she felt loved and touched.

Soon, they arrived at the marriage department.

“Miss Hathaway? Why are you here?” Surprised, Tessa looked at Hathaway, who was standing in the hallway. In fact, other than Hathaway, Edward was there too.

Nicholas answered her question and explained, “She’s your teacher as well as someone you respect a lot, so I invited her over, hoping that she’d be our witness.”

When Tessa heard that, she was so touched by him that she was at a loss for words. Her eyes started to redden.

Nicholas looked at her and gently wiped the tears away from the corner of her eyes. “Don’t cry. You should be smiling for our big day.”

“You’re the one who made me emotional!” Tessa glared at Nicholas coquettishly. Then, she tried her best to calm her fluttering heart, but the sweet smile tugged on her lips the entire time.

After that, it was time to sign the marriage certificate. Since Nicholas had already asked people to prepare the paperwork beforehand, their registration process went smoothly.

Even after they received the marriage certificate, Tessa still found it surreal. It felt as though she was in a dream. I'm officially married to Nicholas...

At this moment, Hathaway came over and said with a gentle smile, "Congratulations on your marriage."

Hearing that, Tessa snapped out of her daze and thanked her with a smile while saying, "Thank you."

"I heard that you're pregnant. No wonder you looked sick a while back. Remember to take good care of yourself."

"I know."

When she saw the woman nodding, Hathaway couldn't help but sigh. "As your teacher, I'm happy about your marriage. But as a musician, I'm worried that your sudden decision to have a child will have a big impact on your career, especially when your career is just taking off," she said.

Tessa put on a mere smile as she had already thought of this before she decided to keep the baby. "Don't worry, Miss Hathaway. Even though I'm pregnant, I won't give up on my dream. Of course, I'll still go to orchestra practices and continue performing too."

Hathaway had nothing else to say when she heard how determined Tessa was. Since it was Tessa's big day, she gave her a one-day off. "You should go and celebrate with them today and come back for practice tomorrow."

"Thank you, Miss Hathaway." Tessa looked at her gratefully.

Hearing that, Hathaway smiled and left after bidding goodbye to Nicholas and the others.

When Gregory noticed Hathaway had left, he ran happily to Tessa's side. "Yeah! Miss Tessa will be my mommy from now on!" He looked at her with affection in his eyes, which had turned into moon-like crescents from his smile.

When Timothy noticed how happy that little guy was, he couldn't help but recall what Nicholas had told him previously. All of a sudden, he felt guilty once again as he was the reason Tessa had to be separated from Gregory for so many years after giving birth to him. He promised himself that he would make it up to Tessa and Gregory from now on.

At this thought, he suppressed his emotions and teased Gregory with a grin, "Greg, I'm really your uncle now. Let me hear you call me uncle."

"Uncle Tim," Gregory greeted Timothy as wished.

In an instant, Timothy's heart was melted by the little guy's soft and cute voice. "Good boy." He rubbed Gregory's black hair affectionately and said gently, "I've prepared a present for you, and I'll give it to you when we go back."

After hearing there was a present, Gregory was on cloud nine. "Thank you, Uncle Tim."

While the two of them were having a good time talking, Tessa was stunned and just stood there without moving an inch. She was surprised after Gregory had called her 'Mommy'. Nonetheless, it felt good since she had always treated Gregory as her biological son all this time. She knew that she had to take this title sooner or later, so she was able to process her feelings quickly.

That afternoon, the newly-wed family had lunch outside together with Edward.

During the meal, Edward held up his wine glass and congratulated them sincerely, saying, "Congratulations on your marriage, President Sawyer and Miss Tessa."

Seeing that, Timothy joined the toast too and said, "Congratulations, Nicholas and Tess. Here's wishing you both a lifetime of happiness."

After looking left and right, Gregory followed them and held up his juice to mimic the action of clinking glasses.

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Chapter 743 All Good Things Must Come to an End

“Congratulations, Daddy and Mommy.”

Gregory’s words melted Tessa at once. “Thank you, Sweetheart. Thank you.”

Her last sentence was meant for Edward and Timothy.

Although Nicholas didn’t say much, he drank the wine in one shot with a smile tugging on his lips the entire time.

After lunch, Timothy and Edward brought Gregory out to play, deliberately leaving the space for the newly-wed couple.

As she sat beside Nicholas, Tessa recalled what she had been through just now and couldn’t help but indulge herself in her emotions. “I still can’t believe we’re married just like that. It feels so surreal—just like a dream.”

Nicholas looked at the girl beside her, who was in disbelief, and he couldn’t hold back his laughter. He then took out a beautiful velvet box from his coat.

When Tessa saw the box, her heart started to pound uncontrollably.

Without wasting any time, he opened the velvet box to reveal an exquisitely wrought diamond ring lying quietly inside it. The diamond, which represented eternal love, sparkled under the light and formed a beautiful halo.

Stunned, Tessa looked at the ring and let Nicholas put the ring on her finger. Only then did she snap out of her daze.

At this moment, Nicholas said in a deep but delightful voice, “What about now? Does it still feel surreal?”

He looked at her joyously, his eyes full of affection. “The ring that I gave you before you went overseas was for our engagement. Now, you’re really mine. You can’t run away from me anymore.”

“What do I do? I don’t want to run away either.” She looked at him with her crescent moon-like eyes, which formed from her smile. There was a sweet aura surrounding them.

In order to celebrate their marriage, Nicholas had booked a candle-lit dinner that night. The asymmetry of the candlelights, together with the lovely roses around the restaurant, made the place unrealistically romantic.

Throughout the meal, he took care of Tessa attentively as well. They had a good time talking, and the atmosphere was very lovely.

After they were done with dinner, they went back home right after. Before they reached home, Tessa was so tired that she fell asleep in the car.

With a gentle expression, Nicholas looked at her cute, sleeping face and increased the temperature in the car. He also slowed down his driving speed to let her sleep more soundly.

When they arrived home, he carefully carried her into the room and gently put her down on the bed. He even got some warm water to clean her body.

Just as he was ready to head to his study to start working after cleaning up, the phone beside him rang unexpectedly. It was a call from Remus.

“Yes?” he asked with a cold tone while entering his study with the phone in his hand.

Remus' furious voice came from the other side of the phone, saying, "I heard that you married Tessa in Vienna. Is that true?!"

Hearing that, Nicholas wasn't shocked at all. He replied coldly, "Yes. I'm married."

"Who allowed you to do so?! Come back right now and explain everything to me!" Remus nearly exploded with rage on the other side of the phone.

On the contrary, Nicholas was still calm as usual, for he didn't feel like he had to explain anything. "It's a done deal. I'm married."

Remus nearly choked as soon as he heard that. After all, it was totally out of his expectation that things would turn out this way.

Since they were at crossroads, Nicholas hung up the phone without hesitation. He then sat at his desk with an unfathomable look, and no one could guess what was on his mind.

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The next morning, they were having breakfast when Nicholas suddenly instructed the butler, "Sebastian, pack up a few pieces of Tessa's clothes later and send them to her apartment."

Hearing that, everyone at the table looked at him in surprise.

Before they could ask anything, Nicholas said, "Tim, I want you to take your sister to the apartment for a few days."

"Why? What's wrong?" With a frown, Timothy looked at Nicholas curiously.

Feeling upset, Gregory also pouted and asked, "Why are you asking Mommy to leave, Daddy?"

Nicholas explained without hiding anything, “My family found out about our marriage yesterday, and I don’t think that they’ll stay still. In fact, they’ll probably be here any minute.”

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Chapter 744 Tessa Is Pregnant

On the other hand, Tessa knew the reason why Nicholas was doing this after hearing what he said—he didn't want his family to attack her.

However, she felt that she should stay with him to face this together. "I'm not leaving," she said seriously and looked at him with determination. "I'm staying here with you."

Although Nicholas was moved by her words, he still didn't agree to it. The reason why he had asked her to leave was that he knew his family too well. She would only get hurt if she stayed with him.

In the end, Tessa couldn't defy him and left with Timothy with worry written all over her face.

When he noticed how worried she was, Timothy comforted her by saying, "Don't worry. Since Nicholas has chosen to stay, he definitely has a way to deal with them. You should trust him. With Greg staying there with him, it'll be fine."

Indeed, Gregory stayed behind too. According to the little boy, he wanted to stay to help Daddy.

As expected, all the elders of the Sawyer Family rushed here that night. Kieran even left his work behind and came along with his parents.

As soon as they disembarked the plane, he immediately looked for a chance to tip Nicholas off. 'Nicholas, we've stepped off the plane. Right now, we're waiting for our ride to your place.'

Nicholas read the text and stayed still in the house.

As expected, Sebastian soon came to inform him, “Master Nicholas, Old Master Sawyer has arrived along with Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer.”

“Okay. You can rest first.” Nicholas nodded and waved to Sebastian, asking him to leave the room. Then, he stood up to welcome the elders.

As soon as they came in, Stefania couldn’t hold back her curiosity when she saw her son, who was standing upright in the living room. She dashed toward him and asked, “I heard from your grandfather that you’re now married to Tessa. Is that true, Nicholas?”

The others all looked in Nicholas’ direction when they heard the question.

Meanwhile, Nicholas calmly replied with a nod, “Yes, it’s true.”

When Tobias and Stefania heard that, their faces darkened at once. “It’s your marriage we’re talking about! How can you make the decision so hastily without discussing it with us?!”

“Nicholas Sawyer! Do you see yourself as the helm of our family at all?! Do you know that your marriage would bring about serious impact from different aspects?!” bellowed a furious Remus while hitting the ground with the cane in his hand to express his anger.

As he watched the scene unfold from the side, Kieran felt anxious for Nicholas. Just as he was thinking about a way to soothe the scene, Nicholas’ calm voice resonated in his ears.

“I don’t think that my marriage has anything to do with our family’s interests. Also...” Nicholas paused on purpose to look at his enraged parents and grandfather. He then said calmly, “Even if all of you are here, nothing can be changed since it’s a done deal. I’ve already signed the marriage certificate. Also, Tessa is pregnant.”

As soon as he said that, the room fell into a pin-drop silence as though someone had choked them by the throat.

Remus held his breath and put on a ghastly expression on his face, whereas Tobias and Stefania were frozen from the shock. They knew that Nicholas was married, but they didn't know that Tessa was pregnant.

"Is she really pregnant?" Stefania asked again in disbelief. She thought that it was just an excuse from him to let them agree to his marriage.

Of course, Nicholas knew his mother's intention for asking the question. He answered calmly, "Do I look like I'm joking?"

As soon as she heard that, Stefania was at a loss for words and glared at him in fury.

On the other hand, Tobias got his senses back and looked at Nicholas seriously before asking, "You married her because of the baby?"

"No." Nicholas denied it without a second thought. "I married her because I love her, and I want to give her proper status. It has nothing to do with the baby."

As expected, as soon as he said that, all the elders had a dirty look on their faces.

When he noticed that the atmosphere was becoming worse, Kieran quickly came forward and helped Nicholas. "Wow, Miss Tessa is actually pregnant."

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Chapter 745 She's Not Fit

He spoke loudly, pretending to be surprised while looking at Remus delightfully. "Grandpa, haven't you been asking Nicholas for another great-grandson? You have Gregory right now, and you might even have a great-granddaughter next. Imagine, she'll be so cute and adorable."

Remus didn't say a word, his face incredibly dark.

Meanwhile, Kieran didn't mind him either. He continued to jokingly canvass, "Of course, it could be twins as well. Aren't you at a loss for words at Nicholas' efficiency?"

Looking at Kieran's jovial look, Remus was even more enraged. "Shut up! You're not in the place to talk now. Stay aside quietly," he snapped at Kieran and took his rage out on him, for he didn't understand how things had turned out this way when they were here to ask for an explanation from Nicholas.

For a moment, no one said anything in the living room. Tobias and Stefania didn't know what more they could say. As for Kieran, he didn't dare to simply say anything after getting scolded by his grandfather.

At this moment, Nicholas looked at the silent crowd, and his gaze landed on Remus. He couldn't help but ask, "Grandpa, Tessa is a good woman. She's hardworking and self-motivated, and she'll definitely achieve something big in the future. Why do you have a biased opinion toward her?"

After a few moments of silence, Remus replied coldly, "That's because she's not fit to be Gregory's mother."

Hearing that, Nicholas narrowed his eyes as his face turned gloomy. “You should know very well that no one is more qualified than her to be Gregory’s mother.”

He stared at Remus and continued, “Also, has Gregory gotten worse because of her? He’s even becoming more thoughtful these days, don’t you think so?”

Remus was speechless once more, but he was unwilling to let Nicholas marry Tessa just like that. In the end, he ground his teeth in anger and said, “Even if she can take care of Gregory, the woman beside you should be someone who can help you with your business.”

When Kieran heard that, he started to have mixed feelings. He didn’t know that Remus would take Nicholas’ marriage as leverage for their family’s interests.

On the contrary, Nicholas was still calm as usual. After all, he already knew what kind of person Remus was.

“Grandpa, I hope you can understand that what I need is a life partner. I want a soul mate, not a business partner.” He looked at Remus with coldness in his eyes. “I have my employees to help me with my business. Why would I need a woman to maintain it for me?”

When Remus heard that, he turned blue in the face. Tobias also felt uncomfortable hearing that, so he snapped, “How can you talk to your grandfather this way, Nicholas?!”

“I’m just stating the facts. Why? Do all of you think that our Sawyer Family has declined so badly that we need to rely on a woman?”

His words shut the elders’ mouths completely. On the other hand, Kieran, who was observing from the side, gave his brother a thumbs up.

At this moment, Gregory ran out in little steps from the side. “Great-Grandpa, can you please let Daddy and Miss Tessa be together?”

All this while, he was hiding at the back since it was his first time seeing his great-grandfather and grandfather this angry, so he was afraid of them. Now that he realized the atmosphere had turned slightly better, he quickly came out to help his daddy.

When Remus saw his precious great-grandson beside him, his expression turned calmer, but he didn't answer the little guy.

Seeing Gregory here, Stefania felt that he shouldn't be present since this was a matter between the adults, so she wanted to let him leave the place. "Gregory, why don't you show me your room?"

Gregory was a smart kid, so he understood his grandmother's intention. He quickly hugged Remus by the leg and said, "I'm not leaving." He shook his head.

As he said that, he tilted his little head and looked at Remus before saying in a baby voice, "Great-Grandpa, Miss Tessa is very good. She's very good to me too. She even taught me how to play the piano and violin. She also taught me to be a thoughtful kid. Can you not dislike Miss Tessa? She has a little baby in her tummy now. If she's sad, the little baby will be sad too."

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Chapter 746 She Wants to Head Out

Remus eventually yielded in the face of his beloved great-grandson's coaxing. "I swear I can't get you guys to listen to me anymore. Forget it. Do whatever you want." He snorted disdainfully and headed upstairs in spite.

Seeing so, Ian hurriedly went up and helped Remus. "Old Master Sawyer, please walk slowly."

Ian had come along as well this time, for Remus practically had one foot in the grave now and would need assistance wherever he went.

As Nicholas watched his grandfather's retreating figure, he knew the old man would very likely continue to devise plans in secret despite saying he wouldn't bother himself with this anymore.

Thus, Nicholas decided to strike first and gain the upper hand. "If you're not willing to accept her, then I'll have Tessa think twice about the baby, Grandpa. However, even without the baby, I still won't leave her."

He sounded dead serious that Kieran was shocked, even believing for a moment that his brother would actually follow through with his words. However, it occurred to him very quickly that this was probably Nicholas' scheme.

After all, there was no way he'd do anything that would harm Tessa, judging from the way he loved her.

Gregory was also stunned by his father's declaration. However, unlike his uncle, he didn't know this was just Nicholas' scheme and he instantly reprimanded Nicolas after coming to himself. "How can you do that, Daddy?!"

Tobias and Stefania's faces turned grim as well; they knew their son well, and he would definitely do as he said.

"I dare you! That child is a Sawyer!" Stefania berated Nicholas.

However, Nicholas ignored them all and only bore into Remus, who looked beyond grim and was livid with rage.

"Is this a threat?" He returned the stare, exuding a sense of dominance.

It wouldn't be Nicholas if he cowered, and just like that, the two came into a standoff, making the atmosphere in the living room tense.

When he sensed that the situation would only worsen, Tobias nudged his wife, who hurriedly went up and smoothed things over after catching her husband's hint.

"Dad, since things have already come to this, we can't let Nicholas do anything regretful. The baby's also a Sawyer. Didn't you say that it's quiet with only little Greg around?"

Kieran also hurriedly stepped in and mediated the situation. "Grandpa, Nicholas is only saying things out of anger. Please don't get upset with him. It's getting late, and you've taken a long journey to get here. Why don't I help you to your bed? We can all cool down in the meantime and talk about something else tomorrow."

With that, he walked up to Remus with a beam.

Remus shot a frosty glance at him but said nothing more. Instead, he headed upstairs.

When Kieran saw this, he shot his brother a knowing glance for fear that the man would give their grandfather a stroke or something because of anger.

On the other hand, Tobias and Stefania tried to talk some sense into Nicholas after Remus was no longer in sight.

“Nicholas, we know you don’t like people meddling in your life, but you shouldn’t butt heads with your grandfather either.”

Nicholas only pulled a sullen face and said nothing, but Tobias didn’t care as he continued his lecture, “Your grandfather’s just old-fashioned, not obstinate. He will still listen if you sit down and talk to him. Butting heads like this will only give your grandfather a heart attack—worse, a stroke.”

Stefania echoed Tobias’ words. “Your father’s right. Don’t butt heads with your grandfather, alright? As for the girl, why don’t you bring her over and let me have a look at her?”

At last, Nicholas’ mood lifted after hearing Stefania’s words, knowing his parents had decided to meet in the middle.

With that, he nodded. “I’ll make the arrangements.”

Gregory was a sharp one as well, buttering up to his grandparents immediately when he saw that they had softened. “Grandpa, Grandma, can I sleep with you guys tonight?”

“Of course.”

Tobias and Stefania carried Gregory in their arms, overjoyed.

Meanwhile, Tessa tossed and turned in bed at the apartment, feeling so distressed about Nicholas’ situation that she got up a few times while intending to head out.

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Chapter 747 When Have I Ever Lied to You?

Tessa believed this was something they had to face together and not just Nicholas. She wanted to bear the responsibility with him, but every time she wanted to go out, Timothy would stop her, and this time was no exception either.

Timothy knew from the looks of his distressed sister that they could forget about sleeping if he didn't manage to dissuade her.

"Tess, you should have faith in Nicholas. Since he has decided to take care of it himself, everything will be fine." He analyzed with well-founded reasoning as he took Tessa to the couch.

If anything, he had a good idea why Nicholas had them come back here.

It was probably because his family didn't quite approve of their relationship. After all, the gap between them was far too great.

If Tessa stayed, she'd inevitably hear many unpleasant words, and this was also why Timothy kept stopping his sister from going.

After all, he didn't want his dear sister to suffer any grievances.

However, Tessa knew none of this.

"I know I should trust Nicholas," she said with glumness, "but I just can't help feeling worried."

Just as Timothy wanted to talk some sense into Tessa, she began blaming herself. "It's all my fault. Even after all this while, I still haven't made a name for myself

overseas. Had I at least achieved something, Nicholas's family wouldn't put him in such a difficult position."

Timothy didn't like how his sister put things into perspective, and it only fed his guilt. "If that's how you think, then it's not your fault at all. If anything, the blame's on me. If I hadn't kept you from your ambition, you'd have been a world-renowned violinist by now."

Timothy's words stumped Tessa for a second, and she hurriedly tried to convince him otherwise when she registered his thoughts. "How can it be your fault?"

"If it weren't for me, you wouldn't have had to defer for one year or even give up your chance to study abroad."

At that, indescribable self-reproach enveloped his face, and his conviction also strengthened at the same time. "At the end of the day, I'm just too weak. Nonetheless, I'll work harder and push our family up into the elites. That way, you can stand tall and proud when you face the Sawyers."

Tessa was touched to see her brother in high morale, but she didn't want to burden him either.

"It's good that you're committed, but I don't want to be the reason behind it. You have your own purpose in life. Besides, this issue is between me and Nicholas. How can I impose it on you?"

Timothy wanted to speak up at that, but Tessa interrupted him before he could say anything. "Don't overthink it. Nicholas doesn't care if our family's rich or not."

"Having said that, I don't want people to think you've married way above your league," Timothy mumbled. "No matter what anyone else thinks, you deserve the best in the world."

Tessa chuckled upon hearing so, and her originally heavy heart had eased a lot.

Timothy talked a little more with Tessa after seeing the smile on her face, and when he saw that she was no longer persistent, he tried convincing her to go to bed. “It’s getting really late. You should go to bed. I’m sure Nicholas will bring good news by tomorrow. Besides, my little niece needs her beauty sleep even if you don’t. I can’t have you abusing her, can I?”

Tessa thought he was right. She was carrying a life inside of her now, so she couldn’t be reckless.

Just as she was about to head into her room, her ringtone sounded. Seeing it was Nicholas, she answered the video call in two shakes. “Nicholas, how did it go?”

The thing she was most worried about was that his family would make things difficult for him.

Nicholas smiled upon seeing her worried face. “Everything’s naturally okay if I handle it.”

“Really?” Tessa was dubious, for she feared that Nicholas was only lying to her because he didn’t want her to worry.

Nicholas chuckled in response. “When have I ever lied to you?”

She finally eased upon hearing that. Then, she couldn’t help but ask, “Well, did your family say anything?”

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Chapter 748 Don't Worry, I'm Here

“Nothing much, it’s just that they want to meet you.”

“In that case, do I need to prepare anything?” Tessa couldn’t help feeling nervous upon hearing so, for this would be her first time officially meeting his family after they got together.

“Relax, alright?” Nicholas cooed when he caught her nervousness. “I’ll get everything ready for you.”

As he spoke, his family’s temperament popped into his head, and he thought she would need a heads-up. “My family will probably give you a hard time when you guys meet, but there’s no need to worry. I’ll be with you.”

Tessa smiled lovingly when she heard his last few words and nodded furiously. “I won’t be worried if you’re around.”

Nicholas changed the subject as he looked at his beloved’s gorgeous smile, his gaze filled with nothing but tenderness. “Did you eat well tonight?”

“How can I not when you’ve sent your chef over?”

Tessa couldn’t help feeling frustrated yet loved at the mention of that.

Nicholas chuckled under his breath in response. After chatting a little while more, he urged Tessa to go to bed.

After the call ended, Timothy urged again as he looked at the bright smile on his sister’s face, saying, “What did I tell you? Everything will be fine if Nicholas says so. Alright, go to bed now. You have to go to the orchestra tomorrow morning, don’t you?”

Tessa nodded in response and entered her bedroom. Then, she fell sound asleep the whole night.

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Early the next morning, Timothy sent Tessa to the orchestra after having their breakfast.

Meanwhile, Mona noticed the siblings from afar and was rather surprised, but she didn't go up to the two.

Very quickly, Tessa bid Timothy goodbye and went inside, and it was only then Mona jogged to her while greeting, "Morning, Tessa."

"Morning," Tessa replied with a smile.

"I noticed that your brother sent you here," Tessa gushed after approaching Tessa. "I'm honestly jealous. Your whole family's good-looking, especially your brother. I swear he looks more mature and charming than the last time I saw him."

Tessa chuckled to herself, already used to Mona's occasional shocking statements.

Lo and behold, next came another shocking statement.

"Tessa, why don't you hook me up with your brother since he's so cute? Don't you guys have a saying, goodies... family..."

Mona mumbled to herself for a long time, but she just couldn't put the saying together.

To that, Tessa shook her head while smiling and helped her out. "Keep the goodies within the family."

"Yes, that's it. What do you say to that?" said Mona jokingly as she looked at Tessa, who nodded in response. "Sure. If you can win him over, why not?"

Though Mona was a non-native, she had gorgeous facial features and a bubbly personality as well. Tessa had to admit that Mona was a good match for Timothy.

Of course, the conversation was mostly just blabber, and neither took it seriously.

The two left the conversation at that and moved on to rehearsal very quickly.

At noon, Tessa got a call from Nicholas saying he would be taking her home at night.

Instantly, she figured out that she would have to face his grandfather and parents.

When night fell, Nicholas came and took her away as soon as she left the orchestra.

“Timothy, what are you doing here?” Tessa was surprised to find her brother standing at the doorstep when they arrived at the mansion.

“Since both families are meeting, and I’m your only family member, it’s only right that I come and meet Nicholas’ family,” Timothy explained. In actuality, he was worried that the Sawyer elders would bully Tessa since she had come alone.

Inside, Remus, Tobias, and Stefania sat in the living room with grave expressions, and Kieran couldn’t help feeling worried for his brother and Tessa.

The woman immediately found the atmosphere tense as soon as she followed Nicholas to the living room, and she couldn’t help but freeze on the spot, feeling intimidated.

Timothy, who followed right behind, frowned upon seeing the scene. The Sawyer elders’ stance...

When he sensed Tessa’s fear, Nicholas held her hand tight, giving her courage as he cooed, “Don’t worry, I’m here.”

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Chapter 749 Your Love Drags Nicholas Down

The nervousness in Tessa alleviated after hearing Nicholas' words, and she smiled at him, believing there was nothing she needed to be afraid of with him by her side.

Of course, the couple's interaction didn't go unnoticed by the Sawyer elders.

Remus continued to pull a straight face, his mood indiscernible.

On the other hand, Tobias and Stefania gazed at Tessa with mixed emotions, for never in their lives had they ever seen their eldest son this gentle.

Of course, Tessa was unaware of everything.

She stepped forward with Nicholas and greeted the Sawyer elders graciously, "Grandpa, Dad... Mom."

Tobias nodded in response, still considerably amiable, but Stefania only looked impassively at the gentle, gracious, and courteous young woman.

Remus, on the other hand, remained straight-faced and clearly upset.

Even so, Tessa still remained smiling as she hinted at Timothy, who got the cue and handed the gifts in his hands to her.

Though Nicholas said he would prepare the gifts, Tessa thought it was still better that she prepared them herself.

"I heard you like tea, Old Master Sawyer, so I deliberately collected a few types overseas. I hope you like it."

While speaking, Tessa pulled out an exquisitely packaged tea and presented it to Remus, who only shot her an indifferent glance, showing no inclination to accept the gift.

Nicholas turned grim upon seeing so and shot a glance at Sebastian, who was standing aside.

Sebastian nodded and took the gift from Tessa, who glanced gratefully at Nicholas. After all, she would certainly be stuck in an awkward situation if Remus kept ignoring her.

Likewise, Timothy wasn't any happier about the situation either.

However, because it was within his expectations, he said nothing, intending to play the situation by ear.

Next, Tessa brought out Stefania's gift.

Knowing Stefania's love for the violin, Tessa gifted her a sheet music collection.

As for Tobias, Tessa gifted him a painting.

The gifts were all lots she managed to bid from the auction.

After handing out all the gifts, Tessa returned to Nicholas' side.

Just then, Timothy stepped forward and introduced himself. "Good evening, Old Master Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer. I'm Timothy and Tessa's only living relative. Since our families are supposed to meet today, I've invited myself over."

Tobias and Stefania sized Timothy up upon hearing his words, somewhat surprised, for they could sense that he was no average Joe from his speech, especially his neither overbearing nor servile gaze.

This girl does have a nice younger brother, the couple complimented.

On the other hand, Remus made no comments as he sized Timothy up, but he snorted when he shifted his gaze to Tessa. “I didn’t realize you’re actually so scheming. What? Did you think you could marry into the Sawyer Family just because you’re pregnant?”

Remus’ words undoubtedly upset Nicholas and Timothy, especially the former.

However, just as he wanted to retort his grandfather, Tessa stopped him.

As much as Remus’ words upset her as well, she knew this was her battle, and Remus would only despise her even more if she let Nicholas shield her.

“I’m afraid you’ve mistaken me, Grandpa. I have no intentions of using the child in my belly to marry into your family.” At that, Tessa fearlessly looked straight into Remus’ eyes and continued, “No doubt many women hope to marry into your family, but not me. I have my dreams to pursue.”

“That’s what they all say. If you’re so different, then why are you here now?” Remus had no intention of sparing Tessa any mercy, behaving aggressively.

However, it didn’t bother Tessa as she explained composedly, “No one can decide for themselves who they fall in love with. I’m standing here because I love Nicholas.”

“Well, do you know your love will only drag Nicholas down?” Remus struck again, this time hitting home. “Nicholas is the patriarch of the Sawyer Family. He needs a helpmate who can stand next to him and provide him aid. What can you do for him?”

Tessa held her breath as her face turned a little pale, having difficulty answering Remus’ question for a moment.

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Heartbroken, Nicholas held Tessa's hand and defended her, saying "I've said it before—I need a life partner. I want a soul mate, not a business partner or a subordinate. Or are you possibly thinking that the future of the Sawyer Family lies in the hands of a woman?"

His words were indeed personal, which undoubtedly caused Remus' face to turn beyond grim.

"Nicholas, how dare you speak to your grandfather like that?!" Tobias reprimanded.

Still indifferent, Nicholas wanted to continue, but Tessa tugged on him while shaking her head.

"Admittedly, the wealth of the Sawyer Family can have someone want for nothing, and this might be why many women want to marry into the purple. However, I'm not one of them, and this isn't the kind of life I want. I can understand why you'd have such a misunderstanding," said Tessa word by word as she fixed her gaze on Remus.

"I have my own dream to pursue, and I can honestly tell you getting pregnant isn't part of the plan. But now that I am, I have no plans of giving the child up. The baby is proof of our love."

Remus was somewhat at a loss for words, looking grim when he saw how Tessa felt her belly.

However, Tessa wasn't bothered, continuing to speak her thoughts earnestly. She said, "Nicholas and I stumbled many times before our relationship finally became

stable, and I'm sure you're aware of the incidents that happened in between. He doesn't want me to suffer any grievances, and I don't want to put him in a difficult position either. Hence, I'll strive to be excellent and worthy of him. I hope you can accept me."

Timothy couldn't sit back anymore at this point, backing his sister up. "I get what you're trying to tell us now, Old Master Sawyer. My sister might not be born into the purple, but I will work hard and move the Reinhart Family up into the ranks of the elite, becoming a family that's worthy of the Sawyers. Even if the goal seems impossible now, it's not going to stop me."

Tessa couldn't be more touched to hear her brother's pledge.

Meanwhile, Gregory had come downstairs at this time.

Remus and the Sawyer couple were worried that their plan would foil with the child around, so they purposefully sent Gregory to his room. However, who'd have thought the child was a quick-witted one, having ditched the maid who was supposed to look after him?

"Great-Grandpa, I like Miss Tessa being my mommy. Please don't make her leave," Gregory begged his great-grandfather as he stood before Tessa.

Of course, Remus wasn't pleased to see that even Gregory was protective of Tessa, and he chastised, "Who brought Gregory down here?!"

"No one did. I snuck out. Great-Grandpa, please don't make Miss Tessa leave. I want Miss Tessa to be my mommy."

Gregory made a moue at Remus once more, his big, crystal-clear eyes pooling with tears, looking like he would bawl the second Remus refused.

As angry as Remus currently was, he couldn't blow a fuse in front of Gregory even if he wanted to.

Meanwhile, Tessa's eyes turned red-rimmed with oncoming tears as she looked at the little fellow currently defending her, beyond touched.

With that, she took a deep breath, forced back her tears, and looked straight into Remus' eyes. "If you mind my status and worry that I'll be an embarrassment, Nicholas and I can keep our marriage a secret until the day you think I'm good enough."

She had thought her compromise would get Remus' agreement in return even if he still wasn't pleased. However, who'd have thought she only received a sneer from him? "I have to hand it to you, Miss Reinhart. You sure know how to manipulate. No wonder these two are bewitched."

"I never bewitched them. I only ever returned sincerity with sincerity."

"Sincerity with sincerity? Doesn't it still ultimately mean you're manipulative?" Remus snorted disdainfully, his tone filled with nothing but contempt.

Tessa chewed on her lips, speechless. She didn't expect Remus to be so obstinate.

Of course, Remus didn't know what Tessa was thinking, and a glint of light flashed across his eyes as he looked at the silent young woman. "I will not recognize this marriage even if you two end up getting married. Also, I want you to comply with one thing."