

Chapter 554 I Want The Custody Of Evelyn

After saying that, Leonel was poised to leave.

Although he had only been with the puppy for a couple of days, it still recognized him as its owner and wanted to go with him.

It jumped off Evelyn and rushed towards Leonel.

With one hand, Leonel picked it up. He then smoothened its fur with his long fingers before returning it to Evelyn.

As he did, a touch of tenderness appeared in Leonel's eyes. "Take good care of it," he told her.

Upon hearing this, Evelyn's eyes narrowed in confusion. She didn't quite understand what he was trying to say.

"T-Thank you, Mr. Douglas," she said, her voice sounding like a kitten's.

Leonel stared at Evelyn's face for a while. He wanted to tell her that he was her father, but when he saw Calvin and Alexis sitting side by side, his heart stung, forcing him to say nothing.

Leonel got out of the bedroom as quickly as possible.

Upon leaving the villa, he looked up and saw the last rays of sunset on the horizon, flooding the sky with a golden light.

He stopped in his tracks to admire the picturesque view in front of him. However, after a while, he began to feel a dull pain in his chest, and his heart started to race. With trembling fingers, he took out a cigarette and lit it.

"Leonel," Rena called softly as she slowly approached him from behind.

When she saw him smoking, she couldn't help but frown. "You've got bad lungs. Didn't the doctor tell you last time to smoke less?"

Leonel flashed a faint smile. "I can't help it once in a while."

Despite saying that, he still stubbed out the cigarette.

Rena wanted to say something but was hesitant to speak her thoughts. In the end, she decided not to say anything. She just gave him a lecture about his health, similar to how normal parents did it.

"I know, Mom," Leonel replied, a tinge of bitterness in his eyes.

Rena stared at him for a while before she walked up to him and straightened his collar. "Come back for dinner once in a while."

Before Leonel could say something, Alexis came out.

Rena looked back at her daughter and guessed that she and Leonel had something to talk about.

At that point, Rena was at a loss. She didn't know what to do.

If Alexis had come back alone, Rena and Waylen would've been able to deal with the situation. But now, Alexis had returned with Calvin. From the looks of it, the two of them seemed to be romantically involved, which was a different situation from before.

As parents, it wasn't appropriate for Rena and Waylen to interfere.

Even after all these years, Rena managed to retain her gentle nature. "You two have a talk. I'll go and see Evelyn."

When she left, only Leonel and Alexis were left on the driveway. The sun had now fully set, the light of the shimmering twilight taking its place.

It had gotten so dark outside that they could only see the silhouettes of each other's face.

Alexis looked up at the sky and said nothing, while Leonel stared at her from a distance.

There was a mixture of struggle and confusion in his eyes. He couldn't understand how she could love him so much back then but be able to be with another man and raise their child as though nothing had happened.

"Alexis, do you even have a heart?" Leonel asked pointedly.

Hearing this, Alexis shifted her eyes to Leonel.

During that brief silence, Leonel lit another cigarette and blew a few puffs. The entire time, his eyes were fixed on her. After a while, he said in a hoarse voice, "I... I won't make a fuss about the past few years."

It took all his pride to utter these words.



Three years ago, he was engaged to Alexis, but in the past few years, she had been with Calvin day and night. He felt as though Alexis had betrayed him. He couldn't bring himself to imagine whether Alexis and Calvin had sex and how many times they had done it. The mere thought of it made him want to explode.

But in the end, Leonel chose to compromise. He wouldn't make a fuss about the past three years, for her sake.

They shared a solemn silence for a long time.

It was Alexis who broke this silence when she opened her mouth and said, "Leonel, do you have any idea what you're talking about?"

Of course he knew.

Alexis sank her head and stared at the ground. "But I don't want to be with you anymore. Let bygones be bygones."

After saying that, she turned around and left. But before she could take another step, Leonel grabbed her arm.

"Alexis, let's talk about Evelyn's custody."

At the mention of this, Alexis quickly turned her head away.

Leonel was still smoking, his thin cigarette nestled between his slender fingers. His eyes were slightly narrowed, which made him look very charming.

However, in Alexis's eyes, he was being extremely hateful.

"You want to have custody of Evelyn?" she asked.

"Yes."

Alexis flashed a faint smile before taking a few steps forward. She leaned so close to him that he could smell the scent of her shampoo. It was fresh and clean.

That was how lust started to appear.

Leonel hadn't had any sex during the years she was gone.

He barely even masturbated.

Of course, Alexis didn't know about this. She just approached him and whispered to him, "What you contributed was just a few seconds. Were

you the one who went through the labor? Were you the one who made Evelyn her milk during the middle of the night? Were you the one who took her to the hospital whenever she had a fever?

It wasn't you, Leonel, was it?

Why do you even want custody of Evelyn? How could you even entertain that thought?"

For a moment, Leonel wanted to refute her accusations.

He wanted to say that if Alexis hadn't left, he would've always been by her side.

However, he knew that even if he said that, she wouldn't listen to him. Her hate for him would overpower his reasoning.

Instead, he just smiled and said, "Because I'm her father. Because I'm shameless and despicable. Because I'm one of those shameless people who would only give a little to have it all. Are you satisfied with this answer?"

Alexis stared at him, her eyes sharp as a knife.

Leonel took a step back and stubbed out his cigarette before saying, "You should know that I can now deal with the Fowler family. I don't care what curses you throw at me. You're just going to call me a heartless and ungrateful man anyway. Let's go to court, Alexis. I want Evelyn. Of course, you can skip all that if you just bring her back to me."

As he said this, a sad thought came to his mind. As long as she came back to him, he would let go of her past with Calvin.

Alexis lowered her eyes and smiled. "Okay. Let's go to court."

After saying that, Alexis turned around and left.

After walking a few meters, Leonel's tense voice rang from behind. "Do you love him?"

His words had no effect on her. She just kept walking until she was out of his sight.

Leonel stood still, the twilight looming behind him.

After a while, he looked up at the third floor.

There, Calvin was standing on the balcony, wearing a white shirt and light



blue half-worn jeans. Although he looked young and fresh, he had a mature air about him.

When he saw this, Leonel's original firm belief was somewhat shaken.

In the past, Leonel thought that Alexis loved him so much that she would never fall in love with anyone else.

Even if she was with Calvin, he believed that she was only settling with him.

However, under the twilight, it was clear that Calvin was the type of person people couldn't take their eyes off. He emanated a compassionate aura that seemed to draw people in.

In contrast, he himself appeared so abhorrent and mercenary.

This was the first time that Leonel felt his confidence rocked.

After staring for a long time, he opened the door and got into the car. Then, he twisted the key in the ignition and drove away.

Meanwhile, Alexis was headed upstairs.

The moment Calvin heard her footsteps, he turned around to see her.

"Everything is going well," Alexis told him. "All I need is to find the right opportunity to be alone with him."

Calvin pursed his lips and kept quiet. There was no man in this situation who didn't feel sad.

Perhaps feeling uncomfortable talking about this, Alexis said no more.

She went back to the bedroom, where she saw Evelyn holding the puppy in her arms.

Evelyn seemed to like her new pet very much.

Leonel didn't want to go to court with Alexis immediately. After all, he knew that the custody of a child under the age of three was usually given to the mother. Thus, he had to wait and bide his time.

However, since the two of them were in Duefron, they would bump into each other occasionally.

From time to time, Alexis and Leonel would run into each other at the Fowlers' house. When Alexis returned to work at the law firm, she would

sometimes run into Leonel on business occasions.

Leonel had a flock of women around him. From the looks of it, they all seemed to be popular female stars with high status. Maybe Leonel was doing this on purpose to piss Alexis off. Given his high profile, it was easy for him to do this.

However, his antics didn't have any effect on Alexis. She just ignored him and didn't pay him any attention.

One day, Alexis was reviewing documents at the law firm. During the past three years, she never asked about the business.

She naturally had a lot of things to deal with after she came back this time.

The secretary knocked on the door. "Miss Fowler, Mr. Douglas wants to see you."

Alexis stopped writing and looked up. "Leonel?"

The secretary was aware of their relationship. However, since Leonel was in a high position, she couldn't just blurt his name out loud. Instead, she simply nodded and smiled.

Alexis sank her head back and said, "Let him in."

Hearing this, the secretary went to call Leonel. However, when he came up, he brought a female star with him.

Last week, this female star went to a social event with Leonel. It even made it to the papers and caused quite a stir.

As soon as Leonel came in, he made sure to observe Alexis' reaction.

However, Alexis only shot them a blank look. She casually perused her documents as she asked, "Are you trying to draft a prenup?"

The female star felt a bit awkward being there. She wanted to marry Leonel, but he didn't seem interested.

She was only here to put on a show.

Leonel sat on the sofa and made himself comfortable. After the secretary brought him a cup of coffee, he took a sip and said flatly, "No. I'm here for my answer."

Alexis put down the document she was holding and stared at Leonel for

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a long time. Then, she took a deep breath and said, "Mr. Douglas, you're so sincere. I can't believe you would bring a woman here while asking me if I would like to be with you. What? Do you think I have zero self-esteem just because I have given birth to a baby? Do you think I'm no longer desirable?"

Of course this wasn't what Leonel was thinking.

He stared daggers at Alexis, gritting his teeth as he tried his best to control his temper.

Although she had given birth to a baby, it only made her look even more enchanting. It was hard to see now that she was wearing a business suite, but he had seen her wear a dress several times before. He could still picture her curves in his mind, and it was absolutely dazzling.

At that moment, he was longing for her.

"What's your decision?" he asked again in a hoarse voice.

Alexis turned her attention back to her documents. In a low voice, she replied, "Didn't I tell you? We'll go to court."

There was a touch of softness in her voice.

It was much better than her stiff tone the other day. Although she refused him, she didn't sound so overbearing this time around.

In fact, Leonel even thought that Alexis was seducing him.

He stared at Alexis for a long time, and noticing the tension in the room, the female star beside him sensibly left.

Upon hearing the door close, Alexis looked up and smiled. "Childish," she uttered.

This word seemed to have closed the distance between them.

Leonel walked towards the door and locked it. Then, he slowly approached her desk and leaned against it, his tall frame blocking her view.

Alexis had no choice but to crane her neck to meet his gaze.

Leonel slightly leaned over and said in a hoarse voice, "Alexis, why do I get the feeling that you're seducing me? What? Is Calvin not good in bed? Is he failing to satisfy you?"