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Chapter 886 A Chat Part Two

While Anna stared intently at her, Natalie replied, "If you like a person, both of you will need to be equal. But you deliberately concealed your talents because you're afraid of hurting Caleb's ego. But he might not understand your sacrifices. Instead, he would expect you to take care of the family. If he doesn't even know about your sacrifices, he naturally won't treasure you... Due to his family background, his low self-esteem is inscribed within him. It is only by oppressing you that he can gain a sense of control."

Emotions raged in Anna upon hearing Natalie's words after the past two years.

"If I had listened to your advice earlier, I would've been much happier." A look of sorrow appeared on Anna's face.

"Although that man has hurt you a lot, you did not lose everything. Think about it! You now have Kyle." Natalie took a sip of her tea and smiled. "Like what Shakespeare said, 'What's past is prologue. If you want to shine again, it's never too late!'"

"Do... Do I still have a chance? I haven't touched a pencil for the past two years. I don't even know if I can draw as well as before."

"How would you know without even trying?" Natalie gazed at her. "Anna, I can help you only thus far. As for whether Muse can become famous again, it depends on your heart—what kind of life you wish to have and what kind of products you wish to design."

When Anna heard that, she was stunned and stared at Natalie intently.

Natalie had become much more mature and charismatic compared to two years ago. Her assured demeanor would give one an irresistible urge to follow her.

"I get it." Anna nodded. "I'll think about it seriously."

"Okay! But by helping you, I'm helping myself too." Gazing at the lake outside the French windows, Natalie said, "Dream Corporation has already developed significantly in Chanaea. However, in Loang, it's just a newly-registered company. The western mines of Loang are rich with resources. It's suitable for a jewelry business. I'm planning to enter the jewelry industry and establish a supply chain in Western Loang. While selling the jewelry in Loang, I'm planning to launch them in Chanaea and Irethiel at the same time. I'm recruiting now. Are you interested in becoming the chief designer at Dream?"

Previously, Natalie had already instructed Yandel to investigate Anna's whereabouts. However, the investigation yielded no results.

Yet, fate had allowed her to reconcile with Anna again. Naturally, she was reluctant to give up on a genius designer like Anna.

Immediately after Natalie finished speaking, Anna nodded and said, "I'm willing to join Dream."

"Huh?" Natalie frowned slightly. "You agreed so quickly, Anna. Aren't you going to think about it for a while?"

"There's no need to." Smiling, Anna shook her head.

"At Fullmoon yesterday, Caleb lost me to you." When Anna said that, a determined glint flashed across her eyes. "Were it not for you, I might still be delusional with the wishful hope that he'll wake up one day and return to us. I've already decided to file an official divorce with him and bid my past farewell."

"If you and your child leave him, he'll be left with nothing." Natalie narrowed her eyes. "Out of desperation, he might threaten you to concede by using the child's custody."

"Kyle is my everything! I'll fight with him till the end."

"Don't worry! I'll ask Yandel to follow up on the divorce proceedings." A vicious smile formed on Natalie's lips. "For matters that are inconvenient for you to handle, just leave them to Yandel."

After chatting with Natalie, Anna felt much more relieved.

"Thank you, Natalie. Thank you so much!" Anna laughed genuinely. "It's great that I got to know you."

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After sending Anna away, Natalie gazed at the scenery outside the window leisurely.

Propping her head up with her right arm, she could not help but recall that silver-masked man last night. It was his second time rescuing her.

"Xander..." Natalie mumbled his name.

Do coincidences like this really exist? Immediately after I left Chanaea for Loang, that man also came from Chanaea. He's following me too closely, isn't he?

Am I overthinking or is that man having ulterior intentions toward me? Does he want me to cure his burns? It doesn't seem like it. I've already offered to repay his favors to the

best of my abilities, but he doesn't seem like he wants anything. He didn't even ask for anything.

Natalie could not figure it out after mulling over it for a long time. Deciding to forget about it, she started working attentively.

After she was done with work, she searched for a kindergarten at Yaleview for the five kids. Since she would have to stay there for at least a year, she had to arrange for the kids to study at a school.

After searching through the kindergartens and comparing them, Natalie finally found one which she liked. She then left the company to check the kindergarten out personally.

After a long talk with the Director of Admissions, she felt very pleased with the kindergarten. Thus, she proceeded to enroll the kids in it.

"Five kids?" The Director of Admissions was surprised.

"Yeah!" Natalie laughed drily. "I gave birth to quite a few kids in one go."

"I see."

The Director of Admissions glanced at Natalie's excellent figure, then at her own disappearing waist. God is so unfair! I only had one child, but my figure still can't compare to someone with a few children.

"What about the father?" asked the Director of Admissions when she noticed that Natalie paused for a while at the 'Father' column.

"I..." Natalie did not know how to answer this complex question. She had never been married to Samuel. Once he married Luna, she would have no right to place Samuel's name on the form.

"It's inconvenient to write his name." Natalie smiled, deciding to keep the reason a secret.

When the Director of Admissions saw her reaction, she thought that Natalie was either widowed or divorced. With an apologetic look, she said, "I'm sorry, I didn't know..."

"It's fine." After Natalie signed the form, she passed it to the Director of Admissions. "Have a look at this. Is it okay?"

After checking the form, the Director of Admissions nodded. "Yep! Once I let the principal approve it, the five kids can start school next Monday."

“Thank you.”

After settling the children’s education, Natalie left the kindergarten.

Unknown to her, a man also walked into the kindergarten soon after she left.

When the Director of Admissions saw such a handsome man, she could not help but fall into a daze. What day is it? I’ve just sent a beautiful woman away, and now a handsome man has arrived!

“Sir, are you...” asked the Director of Admissions as she approached him.

“Can I take a look at the form that the lady earlier signed?” asked Samuel in a deep voice.

“That’s a privacy issue, so I cannot...”

“I’m the children’s father.” Samuel took out his identity documents to prove his relationship with the kids.

The Director of Admissions was stunned. “So are you... Ms. Nichols’ husband?”

Samuel grunted a response, not denying it.

“Okay, then!” The Director of Admissions passed the enrolment form to Samuel. “Here.”

When Samuel read the handwriting on the form, he imagined Natalie filling it up. Eventually, his gaze landed on the ‘Father’ column.

It was blank.

Would she rather leave it blank than write my name?

Although Samuel knew that it was natural for her to hate him, his heart ached terribly when he saw the blank column.

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Noticing that Samuel was staring at the blank space on the form, the Director of Admissions explained softly, “Ms. Nichols said that it’s not convenient to fill in this information...”

“I understand.”

“Ummm...”

As the Director of Admissions stood on the spot awkwardly, Samuel suddenly took out a gold pen from his pocket and wrote his own name in that blank column.

“Samuel Bowers?”

“Is there a problem?” Samuel asked, fixing his deep-set gaze on the female director.

As the look in his eyes was too intimidating, the director kept quiet at once and took over the admissions form from the man.

Watching Samuel’s departing figure as he walked away, the woman could not help but feel slightly puzzled at the situation. What’s going on with those two people? Why does the atmosphere feel so strange?

Shortly after Natalie left the kindergarten, she received a phone call.

“Natalie, why didn’t you tell us that you’re in Loang? Have you forgotten us?”

The person on the line was Jerome’s mother, Patricia. Back then, due to a misunderstanding between Patricia and Jerome’s father, she had taken Jerome back to the village where Natalie and her mother were staying and raised him there.

As they were both foreigners in the village, Jennie had taken special care of Patricia and her son. Jennie had also requested Natalie to take Jerome, who was two years younger, with her whenever she went.

From then on, Jennie and Patricia became close friends while Natalie and Jerome were considered childhood sweethearts who grew up together in the village.

After more than a decade had passed, Daniel finally headed to that village in Chanaea from Loang to look for Patricia and cleared up the misunderstanding between them. After that, he took Patricia and Jerome back to Loang with him.

Jerome, who had always been inseparable from Natalie, had eventually followed in his father’s footsteps and joined the army, becoming a major-general.

Initially, Natalie’s plan was to visit Patricia after settling down properly in Loang. However, she did not expect that Patricia and Daniel would end up contacting her first.

“Aunt Patricia, of course I haven’t forgotten about you!” Natalie replied sweetly, as if she was speaking to her own mother.

“I’m glad to hear that.” Patricia was beaming from ear to ear, feeling happy to hear Natalie’s voice. “Are you free tonight? If you’re free, why don’t you come over to our

house to have dinner with your Uncle Daniel and I? Jerome is having training at the military base, so there are only the both of us at home. I'm almost bored to death!"

Since Patricia was so enthusiastic about having her over, and Natalie did not have any plans that night, she agreed readily. "Sure."

"That's great!" Patricia replied excitedly. "We will be waiting for you then!"

"Yup. See you later!"

After hanging up, Natalie called Emma to ask her to take care of the kids before heading to the Sutton residence.

The Sutton residence was situated within a military compound with guards standing at the entrance. Even though the compound was not luxurious, it gave off a grand and majestic feeling.

As Daniel had already informed the guards beforehand that Natalie would be visiting, the guards personally escorted Natalie to the Sutton residence after she told them her name.

It was not Natalie's first visit to the Sutton residence.

When she was at Loang previously, she had also visited Patricia often.

From a distance away, Natalie could already spot Patricia and Daniel waiting for her excitedly at the door.

When Patricia saw Natalie, she waved at her immediately.

"Natalie!"

Natalie stopped in front of Patricia and Daniel and nodded politely before greeting them. "Hi, Uncle Daniel and Aunt Patricia. How are you?"

It had been two years since the couple last saw Natalie. When they noticed that the woman was looking even more gorgeous than two years ago, the two of them could not help but smile.

"We are very good!" Patricia stepped closer to Natalie and sized her up before continuing, "Natalie, I haven't seen you in forever!"

"Aunt Patricia, as time was a little tight, I wasn't able to prepare a gift for the two of you."

"There's no need to! Natalie, your presence is already the best gift to us!" Daniel said.

As he had been training with the military since a young age, the man exuded an imposing and solemn vibe. However, he couldn't help but smile cheerfully when he saw Natalie.

"That's right!" Patricia agreed with her husband before saying, "Come on in! Dinner is already ready. We can continue chatting while we eat."

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Natalie followed Patricia and Daniel to the dining room.

A sumptuous meal was laid out on the table. However, there was no way the three of them could finish that much food. It was obvious to Natalie that Patricia had taken special efforts and prepared all that food just for her.

"Natalie, these are all your favorite dishes. Dig in!"

Natalie picked up her fork and started eating. Patricia's home-cooked food had brought her back to her childhood days.

In the past, Patricia and Jennie would always research new recipes together and had similar cooking styles. As such, Natalie felt like she was tasting her own mother's cooking while she ate.

"Are the dishes to your liking?"

"Yup!"

Natalie nodded before lowering her head and continued eating.

Patricia and Daniel exchanged a meaningful glance. They knew that Natalie was missing her mother and could not help but feel their hearts ache for her.

"Eat slowly. Since Jerome isn't at home, no one's going to take your food," Patricia said with a smile. "If you like it, I'll pack some food for you to bring home."

"Thanks, Aunt Patricia."

Realizing that she was eating too quickly, Natalie slowed down and started chatting with the two elders.

Patricia started asking Natalie about her experience in Chanaea, being aware that Natalie had left Loang and returned to Chanaea in order to avenge Jennie and herself.

As Natalie had always treated Patricia as her family, she briefly explained everything that happened to her and Daniel.

After listening to Natalie's encounters, Patricia was in shock for a while before she regained her composure and said, "So it's true that you're not that bast*rd's daughter..." The woman sighed.

"You already knew? Did my mother tell you?"

"Your mother didn't tell me anything." Patricia shook her head and continued, "It's just my guess. Jennie did tell me that your father was a very good man, and she had never regretted having you and Yara. However, that bast*rd Thomas is definitely not a good man in any sense. That's why I have always suspected that you might not be his daughter..."

Initially, Natalie had thought that everything had finally come to an end after she took her revenge.

However, it seemed like there were still many questions that needed answers, such as her family origins, including the mysterious organization, Blaze, that killed her granddad.

"Natalie, don't be disheartened."

"Huh?" Natalie looked up at Patricia.

"Even though I don't know who your biological father is, there's one thing I'm very sure of, which is that Jennie loves you very much." Patricia cradled Natalie's face and continued, "Your Uncle Daniel and I are always here for you. No matter who your father is, this would never change."

"Aunt Patricia, Uncle Daniel..."

Tears welled up in Natalie's eyes when she heard that.

Daniel cast a reprimanding glance at Patricia and said, "Look at you, you're ruining Natalie's good mood by being so sentimental."

"How can you say that? I'm just speaking my heart, unlike you. I'm sure you share the exact same thoughts as me but couldn't bring yourself to say it out loud!" Patricia glanced back at her husband before continuing, "It's all because of that character of yours that resulted in us being separated for so long."

"It's not my fault!"

"Of course it is!"

“No, it’s not!”

“Yes, it’s all because of you!”

Watching Daniel and Patricia bicker like a pair of quarrelsome lovers in their teens, Natalie could not help but envy the love between them, and the overload of sweetness brought a smile to her face.

“Natalie, what are you smiling about?” Daniel asked curiously.

“Obviously she’s amused at how silly you are!” Patricia said, rolling her eyes at Daniel.

“No, no. It’s not that,” Natalie clarified at once, worried that Daniel might misunderstand. “I just find it really sweet that the two of you are so loving.”

At the mention of that, Patricia got excited. She looked at Natalie expectantly and asked, “Natalie, are you still single?”

Naturally, Natalie’s thoughts drifted to Samuel. However, the next moment, she remembered that he was currently in Greenview, happily spending time with Luna.

If that’s the case, I guess I’m single now?

With a smile on her face, Natalie replied, “Yup. I’m still single, Aunt Patricia.”

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“Still single...”

Patricia’s gaze was fixated on Natalie. Judging from Natalie’s answer, it meant that Jerome still had a chance.

“Natalie, you’re only twenty-four. There’s plenty of time and you should be cautious in choosing your life partner. There’s no rush to get married. It’s one thing to capitalize on your youth, but marrying an atrocious partner will be tormenting, just like how your mother suffered throughout the years.”

Patricia was advising Natalie genuinely based on her own experience.

Natalie could tell that Patricia was speaking from her heart, but it was a second too late.

Natalie never believed in love. It was unimaginable to experience the grievance of loving someone, only for one’s heart to be trampled by betrayal. The devastating pain would be impossible to move on from.

“I understand.”

“It’s a great opportunity to expand your company in Loang. It will be perfect if you can stay at Yaleview from now on.” Patricia’s eyes glistened with joy. “With Jerome and your Uncle Daniel around, no one can bully you in Yaleview!”

“Thank you so much.”

After dinner, Natalie played a few rounds of chess with Daniel.

Having waited two years to challenge Natalie again, Daniel, despite his valiant efforts, was once again defeated by Natalie.

Daniel nonetheless took it lightly. As opposed to being frustrated, he took pleasure in the challenge.

It was eight o’clock at night.

Natalie bid goodbye to Patricia and Daniel.

Daniel was still analyzing the sophisticated moves by Natalie in the last two rounds of chess.

Patricia however interrupted him and lifted the chessboard up. “Hey, you! It must be tough for Jerome, given that you’re his father.”

“Put down the chess board!” Daniel frowned. “What do you mean? Are you saying that it’s a disgrace for Jerome to have me as his father?”

“Do you even understand your child?”

“Why do you think otherwise?”

“Jerome liked Natalie ever since he was young. Don’t tell me that you’re oblivious to this?” Patricia said sternly.

“I knew Natalie ever since she was a small child. She’s a perfect ten. What happened five years ago is in the past. If Jerome is able to look past it, so am I. If Natalie is willing to get together with Jerome, we’ll treat Xavian and Clayton just like our own grandchildren. It shouldn’t be an issue raising them. Besides, Natalie and Jerome will also have their own kids in the future. I’m warning you not to mess up their relationship! If you happen to cause a ruckus, I’m going to end you!”

Unlike Patricia, Daniel still had his doubts.

However, Patricia was right. Natalie was simply too perfect. Not only his wife and his son liked her, but even Daniel himself was also fond of her.

Daniel cleared his throat and said, "I know what to do. I'll get in touch with him and get him to apply for his unused leave."

"All right. Do that!" Patricia's face lit up at the thought of a future with Natalie.

Natalie, who had just left the Sutton residence, was under the impression that Patricia simply liked her as a person. It never occurred to Natalie that Patricia wanted her to be Patricia's daughter-in-law.

Back at the mansion.

Natalie stood at a corner while staring at her five children.

Among them, Sophia's medical skills still required further guidance from Natalie.

After a while, Natalie asked Sophia to join her in a one-on-one session.

Natalie had grown immune to Sophia's meteoric improvements over such a short span of time. Looking at her progress, Sophia had already mastered the syllabus for the first and second grades in the university for traditional medicine.

Natalie started crafting a new syllabus to be adopted into Sophia's learning program. After that, she wanted to carry Sophia back to her room.

Out of a sudden, Sophia curled her arms around Natalie's neck. Her dark, round eyes welled up, and she seemed like she wanted to say something.

Natalie quickly asked, "Sophia, what do you want to tell me?"

"Mommy, I miss Daddy." Sophia tightened her grip and spoke in a tender manner.