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When the wardrobe door was open, Silas instinctively looked up. Seeing it was Eliana, he heaved a sigh of relief.

Eliana was also relieved to find him and her eyes lit up. She was about to call him, but he quickly shushed her.

He didn't want to be found.

Eliana understood and nodded.

At this moment, a maid's voice came from the door. "Miss Pierce, is he in the room?"

Looking at Silas who was so pitiful right now, Eliana shouted at the door, "I've searched the room, but there's no one here."

The sound of footsteps at the door grew more and more distant. After everyone looking for him left this floor, Eliana took Silas out of the wardrobe.

"Why are you hiding in here?" Eliana asked gently.

Silas looked extremely embarrassed and his face was red. He lowered his head and mumbled, "Miss Pierce, I'm sorry..."

"What are you apologizing for?" Eliana was confused.

Sobbing, Silas explained, "Because I made a mistake. I know you wanted to hide from my uncle, but because I secretly went to see Aileen and Adrian, he found them. Miss Pierce, I'm sorry. I didn't have many friends growing up, and I am very fond of them. I missed them too much and went to see them."

Eliana was stunned. So this was the reason why he was apologizing?

Eliana smiled and stroked Silas' head.

"It's alright. You don't have to apologize to me for this. Actually, I am the one who has to apologize to you. I didn't know taking Aileen and Adrian away would hurt the three of you so much. I'm sorry..."

"No, no!" Silas interrupted her at once. He raised his head and said seriously, "Miss Pierce, you did nothing wrong. It was all my fault!"

What a lovely child!

Eliana felt her heart melt. She squatted and hugged Silas tightly.

"Silas, I promise that whatever happens between us adults in the future, it won't affect your friendship with Aileen and Adrian. You will always be friends. Okay?"

When Eliana hugged Silas, the little boy's body stiffened and he looked stunned. As Eliana finished her words, his face slowly turned red.

He really liked Eliana, Aileen and Adrian.

The warmth of a motherly embrace was all he needed. He buried his head in the crook of Eliana's neck and said shyly, "Okay. Thank you, Miss Pierce."

Eliana finally let go of him and softly pinched his small cheeks. "Promise me you won't hide like this anymore. Okay? Go to school now."

"Okay."

Silas was very excited all of a sudden and he smiled happily. Now he knew he and the twins would be friends forever.

The servants heaved a sigh of relief when they heard that Silas was found and willing to go to school now.

Eliana helped him pack up his schoolbag and walked him to the door.

Silas was about to get in the car when something occurred to him. With a hesitant expression, he ran back to Eliana and said in a low voice, "Miss Pierce, I went too far just now. My uncle is actually a nice person..."

Eliana paused for a moment and then couldn't help laughing.

"I understand. You are his family. He loves you," she said in a low voice.

Of course she knew that Maurice was not a bad person. However, his quick temper would really hurt his family at times.

As he looked at the beautiful smile on Eliana's face, a glimmer of hope rose in Silas's heart.

"Miss Pierce, will you also be my uncle's family one day?"

He really hoped that Eliana would marry his uncle. In this way, they would all be family, together with Aileen and Adrian. Then they would never be separated.

However, Eliana didn't say a word this time. She had mixed feelings.

At that moment, Maurice came over and said sternly to Silas, "Why are you still hanging around? Go to school."

Silas snorted and ran away, ignoring Maurice.

Maurice looked helpless as he watched the little boy run away angrily.

Silas was actually Maurice's late sister's only child. What could he do about him?

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Eliana and Maurice were left alone after Silas departed.

They had made love the previous night. They later had a big quarrel about half an hour ago, and parted ways in anger. Now, they were standing together in awkward silence.

Finally, Maurice cleared his throat and broke the silence.

"What was it that you just said to Silas? That kid is very strong-willed and stubborn. How did you manage to convince him so easily to go to school?"

Eliana felt a little sense of pride. It was surprising to her that Maurice could have problems raising the child, even though he was quite shrewd and disciplined.

She chuckled and said, "It's my little secret. Besides, it won't make sense to you even if I told you."

Maurice was stunned by her response. He couldn't find any words to refute her statement.

He thought about the report that one of his subordinates had told him about Silas. The mood swings. The constant sense of gloom that hung around the boy. Maurice was lost in thought for a brief moment. Then he stared at Eliana and said, "I really don't know how to deal with kids. Silas' parents left him when he was very young. He almost had no friends before meeting your kids. Ever since you left with your kids, he has been very depressed."

Eliana's face became pale with sadness. It was her turn to remain silent. Her heart was heavy with the burden of the guilt that was torturing her.

She knew she was wrong and selfish to have taken a decision that was not beneficial to the kids.

She wanted to keep a good distance from Maurice, so she had deprived the three children of the friendship that they worked at building. It was quite unfair to the children.

Noticing that she was lost in deep thoughts, Maurice quickly had an idea. So, he turned to her and said, "I know you love the kids so much. However, you should know that they miss Silas. Otherwise, the three of them wouldn't have sneaked out to meet behind your back. Besides, I'm sure that Aileen probably has other friends in the previous kindergarten, right?"

Maurice was a very smart man. A few words from him started to make Eliana reconsider her decision.

Somehow, he was quite right. Eliana could recall that the kids had never been as depressed as they had been recently since she came back to the country with them.

How about if she decided to send the kids back to their previous kindergarten? Would that work out for them?

Still... They wouldn't be able to...

"What are you thinking? You think it's a bad idea to send them back to their old school?" It was almost as if Maurice could read her mind perfectly. He said in a confident voice, "As long as you have decided to take that decision, I can help you make it happen."

Eliana opened her mouth after listening to Maurice, but no words came out. She instinctively knew that she ought to refuse his offer. She could not afford to have anything to do with Maurice, but with the thoughts of her children reeling through her mind, she could not completely turn him down.

Maurice didn't press the issue further, but waited for her to make the final decision.

Just as she was still caught up in this dilemma, Corbin made his way into the room.

"Boss, I just came to remind you that you have an important meeting today and you're going to be late..."

See a way out of her present dilemma, Eliana hurriedly said, "You should go to work now. I'm leaving."

As soon as the words were out of her mouth, she wanted to take her leave, but she was not given the chance.

Maurice suddenly grabbed her arm and asked, "Where are you headed to this time? I said I could help you and I wasn't just talking about the children's education. I can get you back into the Moran Group."

Help her back into the Moran Group?

Eliana could remember Earle's words again and all she wanted to do was to get rid of Maurice.

She might accept his help with the kids, but there was nothing that would make her go back to the Moran Group.

"Not a chance. I'm not going back there. I have my own career now. I won't come back to work in your company," Eliana said with a hint of excitement in her voice.

"You started your own career?" Maurice glanced at her, his face sullen. "Didn't you dream of being a jewelry designer? Are you going to give it up now?"

Eliana was stunned by the bluntness of his words. She was so angry that she snapped at him, "Yes, I quit."

Even though she had said those words in a fit of anger, it was her decision.

She had always wanted to be a jewelry designer since she was a child and she was full of regret now that she knew she wasn't going to achieve that dream. However, inheriting the factory would make her late father happy with her.

Maurice stared hard at Eliana's face. He could sense her strong resolve and surmised that something was wrong.

What problems had she faced?

He was quite certain that she loved jewelry design. It was her greatest passion.

When he had taken her to see the pink diamond necklace that she had designed, he had seen the excitement and satisfaction in her eyes. When she was working on jewelry design, she was always dedicated and consistent.

But now, she suddenly decided that she didn't want to be a jewelry designer anymore and was giving up her dreams?

Maurice couldn't just believe it. He decided that there was something behind her refusal. A bigger secret that she was keeping away from him.

"Eliana, I don't care about this new career of yours. Where do you intend to go now? I have to see you again tonight!"

Since she did not intend to tell him anything, then he swore to find out the secret by himself!

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The attitude that Maurice showed made Eliana heave a sigh of relief.

He didn't force her to stay with him, and they could just secretly meet at night. In that way, they wouldn't be discovered by Earle, right?

How could she turn down such a good arrangement?

"Okay, that's great," Eliana immediately said. "From now on, we'll meet in the evening. And as long as we keep it a secret, you can see me anytime you want. I promise I won't run away again. Just don't make it high-profile."

Maurice was already prepared to be rejected by Eliana. He didn't expect her to readily agree, and she even looked excited somehow.

However, one thing made him feel very uncomfortable.

"Why do we have to meet secretly? You'd better give me a good reason."

As he spoke, Maurice's face looked gloomy, and there was apparent anger in his eyes.

Why did he need to meet her in secret? She was the woman he loved, right?

Eliana got anxious. Of course, she couldn't tell Maurice the truth that she could only meet him secretly because she was worried about being caught by Earle.

An idea flashed through her mind. She grabbed Maurice's hand and said earnestly, "Don't you think it's exciting? It's the kind of thrill that I like."

Maurice's brows furrowed tightly, as he wondered if Eliana knew what she was talking about.

He was too angry to say a word. And countless means to punish her flashed through his mind.

When Corbin saw that Maurice looked unhappy, he wisely pretended not to hear their conversation.

He could tell that the situation was not good, so he had to leave this place. Otherwise, he might be implicated.

Actually, Corbin only wanted to walk around the villa casually. But as soon as he walked outside, he inexplicably felt that something was wrong around him.

Some people were sneaking around the villa, and all of them were strangers. But as soon as they came into contact with his line of sight, they immediately lowered their heads, not daring to look at him.

These people were obviously watching them.

Upon reaching this conclusion almost immediately, Corbin reacted quickly.

He ordered, "Guards, arrest those people!"

The security guards immediately rushed over after receiving the order.

Knowing that they were exposed, those people had no choice but to fight against the security guards.

The two groups of men soon broke into a fight.

Such a big commotion naturally attracted Eliana's and Maurice's attention.

Eliana followed the source of the noise and went straight to the outside of the villa. There she saw Brevard and the other factory workers fighting with the security guards.

She was confused as to what was going on. What were these people doing here?

With eyes wide open in shock, she shouted, "Stop! All of you, stop it!"

Everyone stopped fighting and fixed their eyes on her.

The factory workers were the first to react. With Brevard in the lead, they got rid of the security guards and approached Eliana.

"Miss Pierce, are you alright?" Brevard asked with concern.

"I'm fine. What are you guys doing here?" Eliana asked in confusion.

Brevard wiped the sweat off his forehead and explained, "Last night, we saw you were taken away. We've been calling you, but your phone was turned off. Jennifer said that the man who took you away was your boyfriend. But I felt that something was wrong. I was worried about your safety, so I asked the other workers to come here with me."

It was only then that Eliana understood the ins and outs of the matter. She couldn't help feeling a little guilty.

She was so busy with Maurice all morning that she forgot to inform Brevard and the other workers that she was safe.

Maurice listened to their conversation quietly. After a while, he looked at the group of people standing beside Eliana and said sarcastically, "Eliana, I really underestimated you. It's only been a few days, but you already have so many hatchet men working for you."

Eliana frowned upon hearing his words. She said, "Don't be so mean. What do you mean by hatchet men? These people are working in my factory. They are my employees."

Maurice's face darkened at once. He said in a strange tone, "So that's what you have been doing recently? You are running away from me only because of these people?"

Eliana rubbed her forehead, feeling annoyed. She knew she had to coax him now.

"Maurice, didn't I promise we could meet privately from now on? I won't run away again. But I really have something to do now. Please let me go back to work first. I promise I won't break my words."

As she spoke, she looked into his eyes.

Maurice saw Eliana's sincerity, so he finally agreed, "Remember what you've promised. If you run away again, you know the consequences."

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After saying this, Maurice let go of Brevard and the other factory workers.

And with his consent, Eliana left with them.

On their way back to the factory, Eliana suddenly remembered Jennifer, who was with her yesterday. She immediately turned to Brevard and asked, "Mr. Wallace, what happened to the woman with me yesterday? Where is she now?"

"She directly went to the hospital after she left the club. We were worried about her being alone, so we sent someone to follow her. She just went to see her brother. She's okay," Brevard replied truthfully.

It was only then that Eliana breathed a sigh of relief.

She was glad that Jennifer didn't get hurt because of her.

Eliana took a deep breath. When he looked at Brevard's face, she noticed the weird expression on his face. It seemed that he wanted to say something, but he was hesitating.

"Mr. Wallace, is there anything you want to ask me?"

Brevard hesitated for a while before he finally decided to ask, "Eliana. Is the man arguing with you today the CEO of Moran Group? You and him... What is your relationship with him?"

Eliana was stunned, not knowing how to answer.

Her relationship with Maurice was too complicated to explain in a few words, so she could only say, "I... Well, we are sort of in a relationship."

"Sort of in a relationship?"

Brevard didn't know why, but he felt something was wrong.

And he couldn't help feeling a little worried.

After the Pierce Group went bankrupt, there were rumors that the Moran Group was responsible for it. And now, Eliana was in a relationship with the CEO of Moran Group. What was she thinking?

If the rumors were true, the factories left by the Pierce Group would be destroyed by the Moran family soon.

At the thought of this, fear surged up in Brevard's heart and he decided to keep an eye on concerning matters.

However, Eliana didn't notice the strangeness in Brevard's behavior. She was now focused on her career. As soon as she returned to the factory, she went straight to the production room and busied herself getting familiar with the business. She didn't rush home until it was very late.

As soon as she entered the door, Adrian and Aileen rushed over and hugged her tightly.

Aileen immediately said, "Mommy, where have you been? We were so worried about you. You scared us."

Tears welled up in her eyes as she looked up at Eliana with a fearful expression.

"Honey, what's wrong?" Eliana was confused, wondering what had happened. She was only out for a day.

Nana walked over to them and explained, "If you didn't come back tonight, these two would have run out to look for you."

Eliana didn't come home last night. This morning, Adrian called her because he was worried, but she just canceled his call.

This made the two children frightened and thought that something bad might have happened to her.

Adrian and Aileen went to meet Silas secretly yesterday. Naturally, Adrian assumed that it was because of this that Eliana got into trouble.

If she hadn't returned just now, they would have rushed out to look for her.

Eliana felt a lump in her throat when she heard Nana's words. She picked up the children in her arms and comforted them, "Kids, don't worry, okay? I am fine. I'm sorry. It was all my fault. I shouldn't have cruelly separated you from Silas and your other friends."

Aileen shook her head, wiping the tears in her eyes.

"Mommy, it was not your fault. You always make the right decision for us. Adrian and I will support you no matter what you do."

Adrian nodded in agreement.

Seeing that her two children were so considerate and sensible, Eliana felt even guiltier. She decided to do something to make up for them.

"No. I made a mistake, and I have to correct it now. I've decided... From now on, you will go back to your original kindergarten."

Adrian and Aileen were stunned for a moment. Then they became ecstatic and asked in unison, "Is that true, Mommy?"

"Yes, of course."

The happiness on the two children's faces made Eliana feel that she did the right thing this time.

Nana, standing at the side, couldn't help rolling her eyes when she heard what Eliana said. She immediately knew what it meant.

Maurice must have found Eliana already. Otherwise, how could she change her mind so quickly?

Sure enough, Maurice was the only one that could change Eliana's mind.

[Chapter 555 Maurice Came](#)

After Eliana made that promise, she couldn't help but feel worried.

"They kids just transferred to a new school. Wouldn't it be too much procedures to have them drop out of this school and go back to their old school?" Eliana asked worriedly.

Nana smiled calmly and patted her chest. "Don't worry. I've already taken care of it for you. You just have to take them back to the old school," she said confidently.

"You've taken care of it? What do you mean?" Eliana asked confusedly.

"Well, the kids aren't registered in this school yet, so it won't be a problem for them to go back to their old school." With a smug smile on her face, Nana added, "Actually, I was worried that you might change your mind again, so I just signed them up for trial classes that they could quit at any time. Plus, those classes are cheap."

Eliana didn't expect Nana to be so careful. She exclaimed with joy and surprise, "Well done! You made us save a lot of troubles and money!"

Nana couldn't help but giggle when she saw how anxious Eliana seemed to be about spending money. She teased her, "Eliana, you are a rich woman now. Why are you still so stingy?"

Hearing Nana's words, Eliana smiled bitterly. "I don't have any money. A part of the money my mother left for me was used to pay off my debts to Maurice. Some of the money has been invested in the factories. What's left is really not much. I have to be careful about how I spend money for the good of me and the children."

Nana heaved a sad sigh when she heard Eliana's words. She comforted her, "Don't worry. Things will eventually be alright. We have survived more difficult times than this, haven't we? You must be tired. Go take a shower and have a good sleep."

Eliana nodded. Now that she knew the kids won't have any trouble returning to their old school, she felt relieved. She turned around and went to the bathroom to take a shower.

While she was taking a shower, the memories of last night appeared in her mind again.

Thinking back to the fact that Maurice suppressed his sexual desires to give her a bath, she blushed.

As she was drying her hair, she remembered how Maurice dried her hair for her when she was wasted last night. He was so clumsy that he stuck her hair into the hair dryer. Thinking back at it, she couldn't help but giggle.

Eliana was overwhelmed with so many emotions in the bathroom.

Meanwhile, outside the bathroom, her phone kept ringing.

Nana couldn't stand it anymore. She walked over to the bathroom door and said loudly, "Eliana. Your phone is ringing!"

It was only then that Eliana snapped out of her memories. She took her phone and found that it was from Maurice.

Damn it! She forgot her promise to Maurice!

That must be why he called her.

Without wasting another second, Eliana rushed out of the room, although her hair was not yet dried. Nana and the twins were amazed.

But when she ran downstairs, she suddenly remembered something very important...

She forgot to tell Maurice where she lived!

She quickly dialed Maurice's number. The phone was soon answered.

"Hello, Maurice. Sorry for not answering your call just now. I don't want you to think I wanted to escape. I'll tell you my address now..."

While speaking on the phone, Eliana was running down the stairs. She was a bit out of breath.

To her surprise, when she raised her head once on the ground floor of the building, she saw Maurice standing under the lamppost by the roadside, his cellphone in his hand.

The light from the streetlamp was dim and so Eliana couldn't clearly see Maurice's expression. She stared at him blankly as he slowly walked towards her.

Maurice walked over to her and then looked at her intently.

Although Eliana wore conservative long-sleeved pajamas, her hot figure managed to stand out. Her wet hair was still dripping with water and the tail of her hair curled against her chest. Her wet clothes clung to her body, outlining her voluptuous breasts.

Maurice felt a strong desire rise in him. His eyes darkened and he raised his eyebrows. "Is this the thrill you wanted?" he asked in a low voice.

Eliana was in a daze. How did he find this place?

It suddenly dawned on her that Maurice might have already investigated where she lived. He just never came to her place until now. Perhaps he had just been waiting for her to go to him first. How stupid she was to think she could run away from him!

"It seems that I am the biggest fool!"

She sneezed several times in a row after saying that.

Frowning, Maurice stepped forward and immediately took off his coat to put it on her.

"I don't want it!"

Eliana struggled to take off the coat, but Maurice's hands firmly pressed it on her shoulders.

Suddenly, Eliana heard her children calling her.

"Mommy, where are you?" Eliana looked in the direction of the voice, and saw Aileen and Adrian looking around for her.

Damn it!

Eliana panicked. She didn't want the kids to see her with Maurice. At this point, she didn't care about the coat anymore. She quickly pulled Maurice to hide behind a tree.

[Chapter 556 Are You Ashamed Of Me](#)

Nana was worried when she saw Adrian and Aileen rush outside, so she followed them.

"Where is Mommy? How come she suddenly disappeared?"

Adrian was getting anxious. He looked around but didn't see Eliana.

"Adrian, do you think Mommy crossed paths with a bad person? I'm really worried. Let's call the police!"

Aileen nervously grabbed her brother's hand. Worry was written all over her face.

While the kids were worried, Nana, who was taller than them, saw two persons' shadows under the big tree not far away. She instantly figured out everything.

One of the two seemed to be Eliana. She should be fine. She probably didn't want the children to see the man she was with.

Having understood what was happening, Nana hastened to reassure the two children.

"Hey darlings, don't worry. I assure you that your mommy is fine. It's so cold. We'd better hurry back inside, or we'll catch a cold."

Hearing what Nana said, Adrian was alerted at once. "Nana, how do you know Mommy is fine? What's going on?"

Adrian was very smart. It was getting more and more difficult to fool him.

Nana couldn't help but sigh in her heart. She looked at the big tree under which Eliana and Maurice were, and explained aloud, "Your mommy is fine! You kids should know that you should give your mommy some private time, okay?"

Aileen's eyes lit up upon hearing what Nana said. She replied immediately, "I understand what you mean, Nana. You want us to give Mommy more private time to go on a date, right?"

"Aileen! Don't talk nonsense!" Adrian said angrily. The idea of his mother dating someone just pissed him off.

"Adrian, you are still a kid. You can't understand such things. I won't blame you," Aileen said calmly, patting Adrian on the shoulder like an adult. As she did, she couldn't help laughing.

Adrian's face grew red with anger. He wanted to argue with Aileen, but before he could open his mouth Nana grabbed his and Aileen's hands and led them back inside.

Meanwhile, Eliana was hiding behind the big tree. It wasn't until the children had returned to the house that she breathed a sigh of relief and walked out from behind the tree.

"Why are we hiding? It's not like your kids have never seen me before."

Maurice's face darkened. He didn't understand why Eliana had dragged him here.

She was so nervous, like they might be caught committing adultery.

The moment Eliana saw her kids, she didn't think twice and just pulled Maurice away subconsciously. Why did she do that?

"Don't think too much, I just feel a bit ashamed..." Eliana explained shyly.

"Ashamed?" Maurice's face became even gloomier, as if he was going to lose his temper any moment. "Are you ashamed of me?" he asked coldly.

"No, no, no!" Eliana was stunned that he would think such a thing. His cold aura frightened her to the bones. She shook her head and explained, "It's all my fault. When we moved, I told the kids that I would never see you again. If they see us together, they'll think I've gone back on my word. That would destroy the image of the honest mommy in their hearts."

Eliana looked really miserable as she explained the matter to Maurice. Maurice couldn't help laughing at this moment.

He gently stroke Eliana's forehead with his fingertips and said, "I told you not to make promises casually. See what you've gotten yourself into now?"

It wasn't until Maurice's fingertips touched Eliana's cold skin that he realized they had been standing outside for a long time. He was fine, but Eliana's hair was still wet and she was wearing thin clothes. No wonder she was so cold.

It they stayed here, she would definitely catch a cold.

"Come, follow me," he said, pulling Eliana towards his car.

Eliana tried to protest, but he quietly shoved her into his car.

Once in the car, he turned on the heat and then took out a clean towel which he handed to her.

"Get your hair dry," he said with a gentle smile.

"Thank you."

Eliana gladly took the towel. The heat in the car did her a world of good. She had been out for so long that she was almost frozen.

She took the towel and began to dry her hair.

While Eliana was drying her hair, Maurice's eyes unconsciously fell on her hair which had been partially cut off.

He was the one who cut it last night.

He guessed that Eliana didn't remember what happened last night. After all, she was drunk. Otherwise, she would have already come to get even with him.

Maurice stifled his laughter, afraid that Eliana would notice it.

However, his eyes betrayed his laughter. Eliana could no longer hide her discomfort. She covered her partially cut hair and said angrily, "Stop looking at it! How dare you laugh after cutting my hair?"

[Chapter 557 Watching A Movie](#)

Maurice felt a little embarrassed and quickly looked away.

Eliana dried her hair quietly. Maurice looked down and was silent for a while. The atmosphere in the car was calm and harmonious.

The heat in the car warmed Eliana, and after several minutes, she was almost done drying her hair.

Seeing that the night grew late, Eliana turned to look at Maurice sitting next to her.

"Maurice, I kept my promise and didn't stand you up this time. We have met each other. I have to go back now."

After saying that, she opened the door and was about to leave.

But before she could step out of the car, Maurice grabbed her arm and pulled her into his arms.

"Did I say you could leave?" he whispered in her ear.

Eliana felt the warmth coming from Maurice's body and her heart began to race. "What are you doing? Whatever you have in mind, don't," she warned.

Once again, she misunderstood him.

Maurice couldn't help but tease Eliana when he saw the guilty look on her face. He lowered his head and whispered in her ear in a sexy, hoarse voice, "What do you think I want to do? Hmm?"

His magnetic voice sent tingles down Eliana's spine.

Did Maurice want to have sex with her in the car?

No way! However, she felt her body getting hotter and hotter. "You can't do it in the car!" she protested.

Maurice held back his laughter and continued to tease Eliana, "Since you don't want us to do it in the car, how about going to your place?"

"No way! You can't come to my house. The kids are home!" Eliana refused nervously.

At this point, Maurice could hardly hold back his laughter. He teased her even more, "Isn't that exactly what you want? Don't you like the thrill of it? It would be so exciting to do it in the car."

Maurice's incessant teasing embarrassed Eliana so much that her face turned red. She protested weakly, "Don't twist my words. That's not what I meant!"

"I see what you mean," Maurice said with a slight smile as he finally let go of Eliana. However, before she could react, he pinned her against the seat, and suddenly started the car. "I'll take you to find some excitement now."

Eliana was helpless. She felt she shouldn't have gotten into Maurice's car!

Now it was too late when she realized that. She could do nothing as he took her away.

"Maurice, where on earth are you taking me to?"

Eliana held the seat belt tightly. Her mind was in a whirlwind.

"You'll know when we get there."

Maurice smiled mysteriously.

Soon, the car arrived at a drive-in movie theater!

"Is this what you call exciting?" Eliana asked confusedly.

It was completely different from the kind of place she thought he would take her to.

"You owe me a date. This is your chance to make it up to me," Maurice said casually as he pulled the car in the parking lot.

Eliana was even more confused. "What do you mean by that? Didn't we go to the amusement park last time?"

"You have the guts to talk about that?" Maurice squinted at her. His gaze was so intimidating that Eliana felt a cold shiver run through her. "You went to the amusement park with me only because you were planning to run away. The three kids acted up. It was not a date in any capacity."

Eliana didn't dare to say anything more now. She knew he was right.

Anyways, his choice to take her to the movie theater wasn't odd. After all, most couples would go to see a movie on dates.

Having made up her mind, Eliana followed Maurice into the theater. They chose a room and sat there, waiting excitedly for the movie to start.

Maurice had intended to watch a romantic movie, but Eliana delayed, so the romantic movie was now over. The next movie was a horror movie.

As she stared at the blood picture on the big screen, Eliana was taken aback.

Why did Maurice like horror movies?

She actually didn't like horror movies, because they always scared her. However, she couldn't leave now. She had no choice but to stay and see the movie.

Eliana closed her eyes every time she saw bloody scenes. As she was about to swear, she discovered that Maurice sitting next to her looked very strange.

She looked at the screen again and saw that the lead character in the movie had a car accident. The bright red blood seemed to splash out of the screen.

Maurice's face grew paler and paler.

At this moment, something suddenly occurred to Eliana.

Maurice's sister and brother-in-law died in a car accident. Eliana was sure that the movie reminded Maurice of that accident!

[Chapter 558 Get Revenge](#)

Feeling inexplicably flustered, Eliana subconsciously raised her hand to cover Maurice's eyes.

"Stop looking..."

At that moment, Maurice was hopelessly immersed in the agonizing memories of his past. But Eliana's voice was like a lifeline, pulling him back to reality and saving him from drowning in his pain.

Was she worried about him?

Maurice pulled her hand away from his eyes and pretended to be calm. "I'm not scared."

Eliana pursed her lips. How stubborn was this man? Did he think that she was blind? He had no idea how bad he looked just now!

However, she couldn't help but feel sorry for him.

Instead of exposing his lie, she said, "You're not scared, but I am."

As she spoke, she moved closer to him, and threw her arms around Maurice.

At such a close distance, she could clearly see the truth: Maurice's face was ghastly pale.

He was just pretending to be tough.

Overwhelmed by the need to comfort him, Eliana hugged him tightly and continued, "I'm a little scared. Maurice, can you just let me hug you for a while?"

Maurice gladly grasped at the excuse to hold Eliana in his arms, as if he was clutching at the last piece of driftwood. The warmth of her skin and the scent drifting from her neck finally helped relax him.

They had gone to watch a horror movie, but the two of them seemed to have their own moment. On the way back, they were much closer than before.

Soon, they arrived at Eliana's apartment building.

When the car stopped, Eliana looked out of the window and broke the silence first.

"Thank you, Maurice. I had a good time today. I'll leave now."

While speaking, she didn't dare to meet Maurice's eyes, and her whole face was flushed red. As soon as she finished her words, she unfastened her seatbelt and got out of the car.

Maurice, who had just taken out a gift box to give to Eliana, was surprised to see that she was no longer in her seat.

When he raised his eyes, he saw her standing outside the car, waving goodbye to him through the window.

"Bye. Be careful on the way," she said with a smile.

Sitting in a stunned silence, Maurice put the gift box back.

Once again, he felt a stab of irritation.

Nevertheless, as Eliana turned around and went upstairs, he couldn't help but stare at her receding back until he saw her disappear into the building.

It was late at night, and the street was quiet except for the sound of crickets chirping. Maurice leaned against the seat, recalling the warm hug.

But he was soon interrupted by the sound of his phone ringing.

Once again, it was a call from Harriet.

What an annoying woman!

With a disdainful smile on his face, Maurice picked up the phone. As soon as he answered the call, Harriet's voice came from the other end of the line.

"Mr. Moran, even if my uncle did make a mistake, how could you do that to him?"

"All I did was break one of his hands. It's a small price for provoking me. Tell him that if he dares to do it next time, I won't be so lenient."

With those words, Maurice curtly hung up the phone.

At this time, Harriet was visiting her uncle Kelvin in the hospital. Fuming at how abruptly Maurice had hung up on her, she tightened her grip on the phone.

Maurice was obviously acting like this because he didn't take her and the Stone Group seriously at all!

Kelvin was lying in the hospital bed, sweating profusely because of the pain, but he still tried to add fuel to the fire.

He complained tearfully, "He broke my hand just for that little bitch, Eliana! Can you stand it, Harriet? I won't let this go anyway! I already told your mother about this. I won't rest without getting revenge!"

As soon as Harriet heard Eliana's name, the anger inside her turned into jealousy.

Eliana? It was that bitch again!

As long as Eliana was in the picture, Harriet knew that she could never get Maurice.

How could she let this go?

In front of Kelvin, who now considered Maurice as an enemy, she didn't mind letting down her disguise. With unconcealed resentment and fury in her eyes, she looked so evil that it sent a chill down Kelvin's spine.

"Uncle Kelvin, you want to get revenge, right? Have you found out where Eliana lives now?"

Harriet swore to herself that this time, she would get rid of Eliana once and for all.

Lying down in her bedroom, Eliana suddenly sneezed for no reason.

Was someone thinking about her?

Could it be Maurice?

The memory of tonight's date flashed through her mind, instantly bringing a smile to her face.

The date with Maurice reminded her of her beautiful school days.

With a sweetened heart, Eliana slept soundly that night.

[Chapter 559 Harriet Came To Stir Up Trouble](#)

The next morning, Eliana awoke comfortably. She felt rejuvenated when she got out of bed and was in a good mood for the entire morning.

As they watched Eliana cheerfully go about her morning, Nana and the twins shared a meaningful glance. The three of them knew that she had secretly gone out last night, but they didn't dare to say this out loud.

After her night out, Eliana was full of energy. She even shocked Nana when she made a large breakfast that filled the whole table.

Had she made such a substantial breakfast to help them put on weight?

"Eliana, what's going on with you today? Was it necessary to prepare such an elaborate breakfast?"

Eliana sheepishly looked at the table and gave a dry cough with embarrassment. She was so caught up in

her happiness this morning that she had cooked too much without noticing.

She pretended to be serious and said, "Today is a big day! Our babies will return to the original kindergarten. As their mother, I naturally have to celebrate such an occasion!"

Nana couldn't help but roll her eyes.

Eliana was even using the children as an excuse! After seeing her performance this morning, who would believe her excuse?

Children were simple. As soon as they heard that they could go back to the original kindergarten, they were very happy.

"Thank you, Mommy. You are the best! You are the kindest and most beautiful woman in the whole world!"

When Aileen wanted to, she could really charm a person with her sweet words.

Adrian was not to be outdone. It was rare for him to say sweet words, but today he said, "Mommy, you are so kind!"

Then the three of them happily embraced each other.

In the middle of such a lively atmosphere, Nana was unwilling to be left out. She raised her hand solemnly and coughed to get their attention. Then she announced, "My dear babies, I also have a piece of good news to tell you!"

The three of them instantly focused on her with curiosity in their eyes.

"I've already received a new shoot, and it's a big project. When I am paid, I'll invite you to a lavish meal!"

"That's wonderful!"

"That's great, Nana!"

The three of them delightedly reacted to her news at the same time.

Everyone's spirit was lifted by the good news. After breakfast, they all left at the same time. Nana planned to head to the shoot while Eliana would take the twins to school.

Suddenly, an unexpected event occurred.

Out of nowhere, Harriet appeared with a group of people downstairs and blocked the four's path.

"I didn't expect you to hide yourselves so well!" she said.

As soon as Eliana saw her, she felt alert. She pulled the two kids behind her, and Nana immediately stepped forward.

Seeing the shocked expression on Eliana's face, Harriet became more arrogant. She looked behind Eliana and stared straight at the two children with vicious eyes.

"What's wrong? Are you afraid that the news of you being a mistress will be discovered by others? This is the first time I've seen someone like you who lives as someone's mistress while raising two children. No wonder you have to hide yourselves. You have done such a shameful thing."

As she spoke, she deliberately raised her voice, which immediately attracted the attention of the surrounding people. She had done this in public on purpose.

Eliana stepped forward. Indignation instantly blazed in her eyes. She was like a lioness protecting her cubs, ready to attack her enemy with her teeth and claws.

"You say I'm a mistress? Tell me, whose mistress am I?"

Harriet sneered, a diabolic expression on her face. "Of course you are Maurice's mistress. I am going to be engaged to him, yet you have still seduced him. Is that not the degenerate behavior of a mistress?!"

"I see," said Eliana. "You said you two are going to be engaged. So, did the Moran Group announce the news? Or was it Maurice who announced it? Or did you hold an engagement ceremony? None of those things happened? So you are just spreading rumors!"

Harriet was caught off guard by this series of questions and couldn't think of a retort.

"Nana, call the Moran Group and tell them that someone is spreading rumors about their CEO's engagement. Let's see how they deal with it," Eliana said to Nana beside her, taking advantage of the moment to get one up on Harriet.

"No, you can't!" Harriet said in a panicked voice as she came back to her senses.

Her engagement with Maurice had already been denied by the Moran Group. If Maurice knew that she was still publicizing the matter, she would be done for.

Without giving Harriet more time to react, Eliana urged, "Nana, call them now!"

Anger surged in Harriet's heart and she felt herself losing control.

Since this bitch wanted to ruin her life, then she would fight back.

"All right then! Hurry up and arrest them!" Harriet shouted to the goons around her.

Eliana, Nana and the twins were immediately surrounded.

Harriet was the first one to rush forward. She anxiously approached Eliana and prepared to slap her in the face.

However, Adrian, who had been hiding behind Eliana, saw this as an opportune moment to strike and stretched his foot out to trip Harriet.

A moment later, Harriet lost her balance and fell to the ground.

[Chapter 560 Stop Whatever You're Doing](#)

No one was expecting to see Harriet tumble down.

After hearing her order, the goons rushed from behind and almost trampled Harriet.

"Miss Stone, are you alright?"

The goons weren't concerned about hurting Eliana. They rushed to help Harriet to her feet.

Harriet's overbearing aura was ruined by her fall. Her entire body was covered with dust, and mud was splattered all over her face. She looked like a mess.

"What a funny woman. She was planning on teaching someone a lesson but ended up falling to the ground!"

"I thought this like one of those scenes in a drama where the wife teaches the mistress a lesson. It turns out that someone overestimated their capabilities!"

"How embarrassing! If it were me, I wouldn't have the courage to see anyone anymore..."

Harriet heard everyone's harsh words as they mocked her.

Her face flushed, and she felt a mixture of anger and shame.

"Harriet, you've made a fool out of yourself today. It would be best if you left as soon as possible. Otherwise, something worse might happen to you! You wouldn't want me as your enemy."

Eliana glared at Harriet and refused to give in.

Although Harriet had suffered losses that day, she showed no intention of backing down.

"Do you really think I would take your advice and leave? Don't think too highly of yourself!"

"I know what happened previously was your fault. I'm also aware of what's troubling you, but I can tell you that I have no plans of going back to the Moran Group," Eliana stated. She laid all of her cards on the table.

"Why would I believe someone like you?" Harriet sneered.

"I don't care whether you believe me or not. As long as you promise you won't make a fuss here again, I won't get involved in your business with Maurice. I can guarantee you that," Eliana said plainly and laid out her terms for Harriet.

After that, she turned away from Harriet and was about to leave to send her children off to school.

Harriet spent a few moments trying to collect her thoughts, but she couldn't get over the humiliation. She ordered her men to surround them again.

"I won't let you leave so easily!"

Eliana took a step back when the men crowded around her. She was only with her two children and Nana. They were so weak that they looked like they would collapse at any moment.

All of a sudden, a strong female voice cut in, "What do you plan on doing to her?"

Rosamond appeared out of nowhere.

"Miss Deleon, what are you doing here?"

It never occurred to Harriet that Rosamond would show up and get her hostages out of trouble.

"Miss Stone, there might be some misunderstandings between you and Eliana. She works with me now. I hope you can behave yourself in the future."

Rosamond was clearly standing up for Eliana. Harriet couldn't understand why Rosamond would do such a thing.

Why would she defend Eliana? Why did Eliana always manage to get away with everything?

In the past, Maurice offered Eliana protection. Now that he was no longer around, Rosamond was defending her. As far as Harriet knew, Rosamond had nothing to do with Eliana!

Harriet refused to back down and yelled, "I'm confused, Miss Deleon. Why would you protect a woman like her?"

Rosamond's face darkened at the question. She had never been questioned that way in her entire life.

"Miss Stone, I don't think you can afford to offend someone like Eliana. Even if your mother appeared today, you would have no choice but to make a concession."

Harriet's eyes widened in shock. "I don't believe you!"

She was so angry that she was determined to punish Eliana no matter what it took.

For a moment, the air was thick with tension. It felt as if a bomb would explode at any second.

Suddenly, Harriet's phone rang.

When she reached for her phone, she saw her mother calling.

Harriet was thrilled when she saw this. Her mother would avenge her!

Harriet's smirk vanished the moment her mother began speaking.

"Stop whatever you're doing, Harriet! Don't interfere in your uncle's business!"

Her mother harshly ordered Harriet to come back as soon as possible and to stop harassing Eliana.

Although Harriet was angry, she believed that there was a reason for her mother to tell her those things. Something was probably wrong, so she had no choice but to leave.

On the way back, Harriet called her mother and loudly asked, "Mom, why did you stop me? I don't understand! What's going on right now?"

It was difficult for her to walk away from that situation.

Her mother's voice sounded weary on the other end of the call.

"Don't underestimate that woman, Harriet. She has an influential person backing her. That woman is not just the daughter of the bankrupt Pierce family. You must avoid her at all costs in the future."