

## **My Wife is a beautiful Officer Chapter 986 - Chapter 985: The Hostility From Claire (part one)**

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The only reaction Leena did in response to Claire's dislike was to purse her lips a little. She did not even feel hurt. Just as what Kevin said, she was Claire's sister-in-law, which suggested that she was a senior to Claire. Even if she was actually younger than her, she should be generous and should not get angry with the woman because she was Kevin's sister. Plus, she was not in S City. She wasn't the princess here but instead a daughter-in-law of another family.

Leena, keep up." Kevin felt a bit sorry because Claire separated them. He turned his head and looked at Leena to remind her to catch up. It was only after he saw that Leena wasn't showing any signs of unhappiness that he felt his chest relieved.

"Let's go! Kevin. It's just a small place. She won't get lost as an adult," Claire pouted. She really hated it when her elder brother cared for Leena. Many girls had their vision of Prince Charming. Claire was no exception. For her, Prince Charming was no other than her elder brother whom she had grown up with. Kevin was handsome, not to mention, heroic. He had been her idol for all her life and now suddenly, here came another woman, his wife. How could she accept his wife easily? Leena was nothing but an outsider to her.

"She's right, Kevin. Don't worry about me. Let's hurry up and go back!" A slight smile showed on Leena's lips. There was no ground for her to be angry at Claire. A younger sister would always like to stay with her elder brother. They shared the same blood and family. Plus, they hadn't seen each other for a while, thus, it was understandable for Claire to be clingy with Kevin. Those excuses comforted Leena. There was no need for her to take this situation seriously. She was also like Claire whenever she was with Duke but Belinda had never shown any unhappiness about it. She would be too narrow-minded if she would feel uncomfortable with her sister-in-law.

Claire felt as if she was bigger than her body as she succeeded in setting the two apart. Yes, she did it deliberately. God knew how many times she had rolled her eyes in her mind upon seeing how Kevin cared for Leena tenderly. She really hated it. Leena might be Kevin's wife but that didn't mean that she would not crash her.

The three finally reached the house with their own thoughts in minds. Leena was smiling sweetly though she was silently upset. She had been using all her strength to keep her smile looking natural. She should or else they would know that she was faking it. Poor Leena! She had never encountered anything as hard before.

"You are back. Good. Go and wash your hands. It's time for dinner." Shannon Long was an amiable woman. She was both elegant and graceful, which made her deserve her title as an officer's wife. She was simply a breath of brilliance and dignity.

Yes! I'm sorry, Mom. I wasn't able to help with all the stuff." A sweet smile cracked Leena's lips. She liked it when Shannon looked at her with such a gentle expression.

"Hey, never mind it! You have just arrived here, thus, you're supposed to go around the place and get familiar with the environment first. Plus, young people nowadays don't enjoy the kitchen!" Shannon expressed her point of view with an understanding nod. For her, these days youngsters were usually too delicate to even care about kitchen things. Her daughter was an excellent live example.

"What are you doing here?" A solid voice suddenly boomed from behind and made Leena automatically tremble. It was Nathan. He looked so strict and aggressive with how he carried himself. This wasn't her first time seeing someone as such. Edward's father was a good example. It was just that she wasn't afraid of Edward's father because he was their family friend.

"Dad, you scared me! Don't speak in such a loud voice, please." Claire finally let go of Kevin's arm and fled to her father to ask for attention.

"You little girl. What did you do? Why are you scared of me?" Then just like magic, Nathan's voice went a lot gentler upon talking with his beloved daughter. It was a bold display of how much he adored Claire so much.

"Daddy, I didn't do anything! If I shout loudly from your behind, probably you will feel more scared than me," The young lady pursed her lips and argued for herself. She knew her father loved her the most and would not get angry with her.

"Don't you know who your father is? I won't be easily scared by you. All right. Let's go for dinner and stop being talkative." The aged man shook his head helplessly and walked to the dining table. Claire was his little baby princess and he doted on her so much. There was no way he would reject any chance to spoil her.

Let's go, Leena. I'll guide you to the washroom." Leena was totally frozen when Kevin claimed her hand and took her to the ground floor's restroom.

"Kevin, I thought your father is always serious with everything. I didn't expect what I saw back there." She was passive as Kevin led her. She was just so puzzled about her father-in-law thus she couldn't help asking.

"Yes. Only when he talks to Claire though. He never really smiles like that with others." Kevin replied as he switched the hot water carefully. He'd already got used to it. He had been seeing that kind of scene ever since he was a child. There was nothing special about it.

"Is he strict with you?" The woman cocked her head a little. There was an unanticipated sadness creeping on her chest by the thought that Kevin must've grown up taking all the blame while his sister was being treated warmly.

"Of course. Didn't you see it? All right! It's done. Let's go now." Leena knew that Kevin was not the kind who would behave gently to any women. Thus, she felt touched with how he was taking care of her. She should probably stop being sad. She was the lucky one after all.

Everyone was already settled and ready on their seats when Leena and Kevin came into the dining room. They were the only ones missing. Undoubtedly, they caught everyone's attention and Leena felt how the atmosphere surrounding them oddly changed.

"I'm sorry to have kept everyone waiting for long." Leena was feeling awkward with how everyone was looking at them but still managed to apologize. She had always been a well-behaved woman who was born and raised up in a decent family. She was a beloved princess who grew in elegance and grace after all.

"It's alright. Take a seat, please! Leena, don't be so polite with us. It will make me feel distant. Remember, you are our daughter-in-law. It makes you a member of our family. Take it easy, my dear." Shannon looked at Leena with gentle eyes. She was curious about how Leena's family raised her to be such a well-behaved and excellent child. Claire was clearly left behind, be it about manners or talking.

"Yes. I see. Thank you, Mom." Leena was a cheerful woman. However, she chose to hide her true personality before the Gu family. She had become a quiet girl. She looked so gentle and soft that people would find it hard to resist her sweet smile.

## **Chapter 987: Chapter 986: The Hostility From Claire (part two)**

"You are not single anymore, Kev. You should take good care of Leena. Always remember that, okay? She is already your wife." Shannon seemed to be the happiest during the meal. She kept warning Kevin about things to remember with regard to marriage. The reason she kept finding topics was to keep Leena from anxiety. She hoped Leena could be familiar with this family as soon as possible.

"Mom, since when did you become so boring and repetitive? Come on, she is an adult. Couldn't she take care of herself? Is she disabled?" Claire wasn't able to control herself from butting in. She felt so much worse than how she felt earlier. Her mother paid all her attention to Leena and hadn't stopped comparing them since dinner started. She felt jealous of her. That was her mother!

Claire, watch your words and behave, please. Don't be so rude. It's Leena's first time here. It's natural for me to take care of her." Shannon frowned slightly. What happened to Claire? Why wasn't she nice to Leena? She disliked it when Claire spoke in a rude way. It made her look like she was born in a barn.

"Fine! Forget what I said!" Claire pressed her lips unhappily. She was silently blaming Leena for her mother's sudden dissatisfaction with her. Her mother criticized her all because of Leena! Why? Why did she even come into her life and take her mother and brother away?

"Leena, please don't be upset. We have spoiled Claire a bit too much, thus, she isn't good at speaking," Shannon explained to Leena with an embarrassed smile. Even if it was Claire who was misbehaving, Shannon still considered herself responsible for her daughter's actions. How she wished for Claire to be like Leena who was both well-educated and well-behaved.

It's okay, Mom. We are about the same age. I can understand her." Leena did not know how to respond to Shannon's apology but replied with an excuse. She hoped that her reply was proper enough not to make Claire any angrier. She was caught in tangles when she turned to Kevin in an attempt to ask for help.

Alright, Mom. Let's eat! Leena is not a narrow-minded person." Kevin interrupted their conversation in perfect timing to disperse the awkward ambiance. He noticed Leena's distressed signal and took it as a cue. His wife must be really anxious.

Nathan was the only one who kept silent all the time. He was not a talkative man, thus, he did not make any comments on whatever they were talking about. He was just listening without saying a word. However, tons of thoughts were running in his mind. He concluded that Leena must have come from a family of scholars, basing it on how she spoke and acted.

"Kevin! I'm talking to Leena. Don't interrupt us." Shannon rolled her eyes at Kevin. Was he still her son? They had been staying together for so many years but he did not notice her implication. Was it because he had been away from home for too long?

"I'm sorry, Mom! I thought I was involved in the conversation too. You didn't advise me in advance!" Kevin said in an innocent tone and looked at his mother blankly.

"Ha-ha! Mom, I'll say Kevin is playing the fool now. Don't trust what he said." Claire could not help bursting into laughter upon seeing how funny his brother was. Only a fool would believe he didn't say that deliberately.

Oh please! Claire, don't speak with your mouth full. Look at what you just did!" Kevin frowned and warned Claire. Yes, Claire laughed so hard as to spew her food on Kevin's face. Kevin shot a stare at Claire helplessly and then pulled a piece of tissue to clean his face.

"Ur! I'm sorry, Kevin. I won't do that again, I promise." Claire also took some tissues in a hurry and started wiping off the food on his face heavily.

"Are you trying to skin my face? Stop it, please." Kevin finally knew that he should have stayed away from his sister from the very beginning and should not have expected too much from her. Wouldn't do that again? Oh, no! Only God knew if she would keep her words or not.

"Leena, leave them alone. Let's have dinner. Eat as much as you like. I don't know much about your taste so I prepared these dishes according to Kev's appetite. I hope you enjoy them," Shannon said as she put meats on her plate. She felt that Leena was too skinny. Probably more meats would help her gain some weight.

"It's okay, Mom. I'm not a picky eater. Plus, you've prepared so many dishes. I'm really enjoying them." Leena felt like weeping with how warm Shannon was treating her. Goodness! Her mother-in-law just told her to feel at home. But why was she so polite with her? Leena could not help but feel nervous because of Shannon's intensive attention and care.

"Mom, these dishes may be just regular home-foods to you but in some ordinary families, they could be a banquet." Claire said as she threw a meaningful look at Leena as to imply that she was from an 'ordinary' family.

"Claire, focus on your meal and don't talk too much." That was the very first time that Nathan's voice was heard over dinner. His words were definitely deterrent that even Claire suddenly stopped talking and began concentrating on her food. She could easily tell whether her father was talking to her gently or he was giving an order. It was the most tasteless meal Leena had had ever since she was a child. It was not that the dishes weren't delicious, it was just that she was too nervous to enjoy any flavors at all. She was feeling both anxious and awkward that it wore her out. Kevin was called by his father to the study as soon as dinner was done. On the other hand, Leena was left sitting in the living room while chatting with Shannon. Claire was there too, of course. She would never let go of any chance to find fault with Leena.

"Leena, how are your parents?" Shannon asked in a casual tone. Actually, she was just pretending to be casual. She did not want to appear like a police officer who was interrogating a prisoner.

"Well, my father is good. As for my mother, she passed away when I was a baby," Leena replied in a polite tone. She did not feel sad when she talked about her mother because she never saw her. Plus, she never looked at herself as someone who grew up in a broken family. Her Dad and brother had been perfect. Both of them loved her and that was more than enough.

Oh, I'm sorry! I didn't know that," apologized Shannon. She never anticipated that Leena lost her mother at an early age. She was so well-behaved after all, thus, she thought that it was her mother who educated and influenced her well.

"It's okay. I've already got used to it." Leena smiled distantly. She understood Shannon's reason for asking such questions. Anyway, she was the daughter-in-law of their family and it was just rightful for her new mother to get to know her.

"Oh, I see! No wonder." Claire mocked in a weird tone upon hearing Leena's words. She would not miss a chance to disrespect her.

## **Chapter 988: Chapter 987: The Hostility From Claire (part three)**

"Claire, what are you talking about? No wonder what? Don't be so rude." A resigned sigh came from Shannon. Why couldn't Claire be a bit polite? It was too late to teach her manners now even if she wanted to. They had already completely spoiled her and she would not even listen nor accept other's warning anymore.

"Well, I didn't mean anything! Don't ask me anything more, Mom. Please! Just keep on talking with my sister-in-law!" Claire dared not act too offensively in front of her mother, thus, she called Leena her sister-in-law instead of a single word of 'she'. She did not want to hear her mother keep informing her over and over again to be polite or that kind.

"Don't be so talkative and stop interrupting me when I'm talking to Leena." Another sigh came out of Shannon to express her frustration. What could she do to make her daughter be the same with Leena? It worried her that Claire might find it difficult to find a date and moreover, get married. She was too willful and no one would like to marry such a girl.

"It's alright, Mom. You can ask me anything you want to know. I'll tell you everything as long as I know." A sweet smile appeared on Leena's face and it made her eyes cutely chinky. What an adorable sweet girl!

"I see, Leena. Then I'll just ask straightly. You look quite young!" Shannon stopped being polite and asked Leena. She really wanted to know more about her and her family. She liked her.

"Yeah! I'm 22 years old. A bit young." That question embarrassed Leena a bit but nonetheless, she remained smiling. Although she was legally allowed to get married at this age, it was still too early since nowadays females did not get married at such a young age.

"Oh, I see. Then you are younger than Claire," Shannon said to Leena and then turned to Claire. "Claire, you see? Leena is even younger than you but she is politer. You can

stay with her to learn the manner." Shannon took the chance to give her daughter a lecture, not knowing that what she did just made Claire even more furious with Leena.

"Mom, why do you keep talking nicely of her? And why should I learn the manner from her? To learn her tacky manner?" Claire shouted irritably and then shut her mouth. Fine! Leena was undeniably beautiful. Her main concern was not how she looked but her family! No matter how beautiful she was, she would be nothing in her eyes should she come from a poor or ordinary family.

"Claire, what are you talking about? Be nice! Tacky manner? Leena is not tacky at all. But you? You always buy those strange clothes at will and I did not say a word to it," Shannon rebuked Claire in a low voice. She could not help but feel a headache at the thought of all the clothes inside her child's wardrobe. It could have made her feel better if she was using all those clothes. Unfortunately, no. Most of Claire's clothes were still with price tags on them and were left inside the wardrobe for long.

"Fine, fine, Mom! Keep talking with my sister-in-law, please! Why did you get me involved in your conversation?" Claire snuggled up to Shannon and asked for affection. A complex feeling emerged in Leena's heart. She never thought it was a big deal without her mother beside, but now she could not help but feel a bit sad. She never had the chance to enjoy having a mother. How did it feel to have a mother?

"Hey, you interrupted our conversation, okay?" Shannon said and knocked on Claire's head slightly. Why couldn't she be quiet for a while? She was obviously stealing the scene. How could she go on with her conversation with Leena now?

"Fine. Help yourself, please! I promise I won't speak a word out from now, okay?" Claire put her finger and thumb over her mouth and acted as if she was zipping her lips from left to right.

"Leena, don't take her words seriously. She always talks nonsense," Shannon said with an apologetic smile. Although this daughter-in-law was quite easygoing and sensitive, Claire should not be so bold to offend her over and over again. It was her duty as her mother to apologize on her behalf.

Mom, don't worry! It's okay. I wouldn't mind." In return, Leena let out another sweet smile. That was her trademark smile, not to mention, her secret weapon as well. She had seen many people melt on her feet just because of it.

"Do you have any other family members such as siblings apart from your father?" Shannon believed that there was a high probability that Leena was not an only child because she was such an easygoing girl. Those who were born as only child had this huge tendency of being more difficult and selfish compared to those who were not. Leena was far from those descriptions after all.

"Yes! I have an elder brother and a sister-in-law," Leena replied obediently. She did not try to hide something from her at all.

"Oh! "I see. Then what do they do?" Shannon regretted asking the question too instantly. Did she go too far on doing it? Leena just had been here for a short time. It was definitely not polite to just ask her that question too abruptly.

"Oh, they? They run businesses." Leena did not tell her that they were the presidents of their companies. She chose to make a very simple introduction because she was afraid that they might consider her as a show-off. She did not want to make a fuss about that. Being low-key and humble was still the best.

"What? Run businesses? Come on, stop it, please! Why don't you just admit it that they work for companies. Please get to the point and don't beat around the bush." Well, yes, Claire grasped a chance to tease Leena again. In her eyes, Leena was nothing but a vain woman.

"Ur! Well, yes, if that's what you think," admitted Leena. She reached out her hand to touch her nose. In one way or another, Duke and Belinda worked for companies indeed. It was just that the two were actually the bosses. Claire was technically right.

"Claire, you might as well go back to your room if you cannot stop being impolite." Now Shannon was really angry. Claire's sarcasm was too much and it kept making the conversation even more awkward than how it already was.

"Come on! I'm just telling the truth. Why do you refuse to hear the truth?" whispered Claire unhappily. Somehow she was quite uncomfortable with Leena.

## **Chapter 989: Chapter 988: I Care (part one)**

"Mom, don't be mad at Claire. She is right. It's true that my brother and his wife work for companies." Leena said as a realization hit her. Gradually, she became hypocritical. She pretended to be calm despite being irritated by Claire's words. Her friendliness was suddenly so fake that it made her feel sick.

"I know you're very kind, Leena. But you may suffer if you're too nice to others," sighed Shannon. In her opinion, there was nothing wrong about being nice to the family, but then people outside of the family would still intend to bully a nice person. Leena might come to grief if she would continue being such.

"Mom, thank you for reminding me. I'll be careful." Leena didn't think that her kindness would make her suffer at all. As a matter of fact, she had never suffered from someone doing her wrong. She was born with a silver spoon in her mouth and everything had been catered to her. Her family loved her dearly, and she had never experienced working hard for even just a day. She had been protected all her life that the word suffering was almost a foreign word.

"Leena, what are you talking about with my mom?" Kevin walked over slowly and whispered to Leena. One of his arms automatically wrapped her waist as he looked at her tenderly and lovingly.

"Nothing important. Just a casual talk. Have you finished talking with your dad?" Leena looked up to Kevin with twinkling eyes. She didn't intend for her expression to be that way but her heart unconsciously made her do so. She was nothing but charming!

"Yeah. If I'm not wrong, my mom must have asked you something about your family." Kevin glanced at his mother as he spoke to Leena. It was only seconds ago when his father had a conversation with him inside the study. Nathan asked him about his work and Leena's family background. Nonetheless, he told Nathan all he knew without any reservations. Nathan had a wide range of contacts. It would be pointless to hide anything from his dad as he would eventually find things out anyway. Thus, he thought that he'd better tell Nathan everything frankly. Moreover, Leena was from a decent family. There was no need to hide anything in connection to his wife. Nathan might not like Leena right now. Kevin had decided he would do everything just to make his father like her.

"Kevin, can't Mom ask these things? Look at you. You're nervous." Claire pouted after saying those words. She couldn't bear the affection that her brother was showing to his wife. She was jealous because Kevin had never treated her in such a way.

"I didn't mean that. I was worried that Mom would ask too many questions. It's Leena's first visit here and everything is new to her. She needs some time to find her feet." Worry wrinkled Kevin's forehead. He was usually careless but he had sensed that his sister was unfriendly to Leena. However, he couldn't do anything but silently pray for Claire to change her attitude after knowing his wife.

"Don't worry, Kevin. Mom didn't make detailed inquiries. We just talked about some ordinary subjects. Don't get her wrong." Leena was embarrassed. She felt that she was a stranger in this family. Claire's rude remarks hurt her feelings and put her on a defensive mood. The relation between Claire and her reached deadlock on the very first day. It would be unbearable for her to live under the same roof with Claire in the next few days.

"See? I didn't make any excuse for myself. It's your wife who said that. You should trust her, right?" Shannon gave Leena an approving look. She was quite satisfied with her sensible daughter-in-law. Kevin would have blamed her if Leena didn't speak for her.

"Mom, what are you talking about? I trust both of you. Are you guys done talking? If you are, we'll go upstairs." Kevin had always been poker-faced in front of his family. The tenderness he was giving to his wife wasn't something they saw every day. His father was always strict with his children. It was probably what influenced Kevin to be stiff as that was what he was usually exposed to at home.

"Relax," Shannon joked at Kevin, "We won't make things difficult for your wife." Reputedly, a man would ignore his mother and have eyes only for his wife after he got married. Kevin was a huge breathing proof of that. Shannon wouldn't make a fuss about it though because she sincerely liked her sensible daughter-in-law. Moreover, it would be useless to feel down about her son's changes since they were staying inside the same house. It would just stress her if she took everything to heart.

"Mom is right," Claire ironically said as she rolled her eyes. "Seriously, Kevin, who cares?" She made a dismissive gesture with her hand. Her disdainful face was clearly displaying how much she hated Leena. She was from a family of officials while Leena was just from a regular family. She was simply out of her league. Their families weren't of equal status and it was embarrassing. She would never want to accept Leena as a member of her family as it would be humiliating once her friends and classmates found out that she was just a cheap nobody.

"I care. Leena is my wife. She makes my heart smile. Every day without her is like a book without pages. As the saying goes, she who has never loved has never lived. Claire, you should try to love someone hard." Kevin stared at his sister intently. Although Claire didn't like Leena, Leena occupied a very important space in his heart. He cared for his wife dearly and there was no way that he would leave her in the future.

## **Chapter 990: Chapter 989: I Care (part two)**

On the other hand, Leena's eyes were wide with astonishment as she stared at the man. Something about what he said made her heart ache in a really sweet and good way. The simple remark he said was beyond any "I love you". It was simply worth more.

"Enough of the chitchat. Kevin, take Leena upstairs. The long trip must have tired you. Leena, we have years ahead of us. Go to sleep now. Otherwise, your husband may think that I'm bullying you." Despite Claire's unwillingness to accept Leena, Shannon was pleased to see such a happy and satisfying marriage. She could finally set her mind at ease watching how her son and daughter-in-law couldn't seem to get enough of each other.

"Okay. Leena, let's go." Kevin stood up and reached out to help Leena.

"I'm fine. I don't feel tired. We rarely come back. Stay to chat with your mom." A mild blush appeared on Leena's cheeks as she disapproved Kevin's command for the first time. She might not have a child yet but she knew how a mother's concern for her child was. And Shannon was no exception.

"Okay. I'll go upstairs to take a shower. I will join you after that." The man checked his watch. It was still early, and thus, he didn't force Leena to go upstairs with him. Plus, this could be a good opportunity for Leena to get closer to his Mom.

"No need. Leena, go with Kevin. I'll see what your dad needs." Since their conversation turned out displeasing due to Claire, Shannon simply pushed the boat with the current and let Leena go upstairs with Kevin. She knew that Leena didn't really mean to stay. Leena was just being her naturally kind self who wouldn't want to hurt her feelings. She could sense how much the lady wanted to flee from the living room to avoid more commotions with Claire. As Shannon was also a daughter-in-law of the Gu family, she knew Leena's situation like the back of her hand.

"Okay. I'll go back to my room. Good night, Mom. Good night, Claire." Leena politely bid her good night to both ladies.

"Good night. Hope you can be used to the life here," was Shannon's worried reply. The weather there was different from that in S City. It was much colder at night than the daytime.

Don't worry, Mom. I'll take care of her. Leena, let's go." Kevin pulled his wife's hand and strode upstairs and Leena ended up looking back to Shannon with an apologizing smile.

"Humph! Mom, look how arrogant Kevin is!" Claire curled her lip. Obviously, what Leena did annoyed her. She bet that Leena was cursing them while pretending to be cultured and sensible.

"Watch your mouth, Claire. You're lucky that your sister-in-law is nice and doesn't take things seriously. You would have a hard time if she fussed about what you did." Shannon was back to scold her child as soon as Kevin and Leena disappeared. She was very pleased with how Leena behaved. Her daughter was haughty because of her love and indulgence.

"Mom, why do you take her side? I don't think she is nice. Didn't you see how fake she acted? I think she is trying to fawn on you. Her hypocritical smile is annoying," pouted Claire. There was no way that she would like Leena at all. The woman was simply a thorn in her flesh.

"Are you jealous, Claire? As the darling of our family, you think everything about you is perfect. Therefore, you can't bear the reality that your sister-in-law outshines you. That's why you hate her. Am I right?" Shannon thought that she had made a very close guess as she knew her daughter so well.

"No! I'm not jealous of her! She is from an ordinary family and she dresses rather rustically. Why would I envy her? Don't compare us. I'm a white swan while she is an ugly duckling!" Claire retorted with a loud voice. She couldn't hold her feelings back anymore. She was indeed jealous of Leena's sweet voice and smile. She thought that a pretty girl of humble birth like Leena didn't deserve to have innate charm.

"What's wrong with her family background? Her family isn't wealthy or prestigious but she is a well-bred young lady. I think she looks elegant and cultivated in her dress and it

is at least better than your garish clothes." Shannon scowled at her daughter. She had never hated anyone who was socially inferior to them. She was never born as a snob and it was surprising how she ended with bringing up one. How ridiculous was that!

I knew that you would speak for her! Since you like her so much and you can treat her as your daughter, then I'd better disappear!" Claire stomped her feet and then ran for the stairs. The way her mother scolded her made her hate Leena even more.

Looking at Claire's angry silhouette, Shannon furrowed her brow and sighed inwardly. Somehow she felt uneasy and had a hunch that something bad might happen. This thought disturbed her. Thus, she remained staring at the stairs, lost in thought.

Meanwhile, inside the bedroom, Kevin was taking a shower while Leena stood in the balcony. The curtains billowed in the breeze. What Claire said echoed in her ears. The sky was misty and she couldn't look far. She focused her eyes on the darkness as thoughts began to flood her mind. 'Everyone generally likes me. Why does Claire loathe me much at the first meeting? It really shatters my confidence. Sheesh! This is making me miss S City so much. I miss my family members who love me. Even Justin who often pisses me off seems so cute now.'