MY BABY'S DADDY

Novel My baby's daddy chapter 2627-"Just call me Zach, Ava." "Very well then, Zach." Ava didn't like honoraries either.

"He'll be having dinner with us tonight," said Shirley.

"Oh, good. I can show off my cooking." Happily, Ava went into the kitchen to work. Shirley wanted to help, but Ava kicked her out. "Go and accompany my future grandson-in-law." That was what she said.

Shirley covered her mouth and came back out, smiling. She saw Zacharias looking at the photos around the house. Ava's house had an Eastern design.

Standing in this house, Zacharias looked a little different than he usually was.

Shirley came up to him and held his arm.

Zacharias smiled. "So, when are your parents coming back for Christmas?" Oh, he wants to meet my parents. Shirley pursed her lips and shook her head.

"No idea. They haven't called me yet." She's trying to run away. Zacharias put an arm around Shirley's shoulder. "Why don't I invite your family to celebrate Christmas at my place this year?" Shirley's eyes went wide. "Really?" "Yes. Should be more fun celebrating Christmas with two families around," said Zacharias.

Oh, right. There's only him, his dad, and Tony celebrating Christmas anyway. It's a little quiet. Shirley nodded. "Sure. We'll celebrate Christmas together." Shirley then helped Ava wash the greens and set up the table.

Zacharias fell in love with Shirley more, seeing her working hard.

Ava made a five-course meal. Homemade food, of course. It felt like home having dinner here. Zacharias felt nostalgic. It had been too long since he had homemade food. Ever since his mother's passing, that household didn't feel like home. Back when he was a teenager, his father hired the best servants around to cook for him, but the food never tasted like home. Now, he found that taste again.

"Eat your greens, Zach," said Ava.

"You're a good cook, Ava. I love these." Zacharias smiled.

Ava loved the compliments. She liked Zacharias. Both Zacharias and Shirley had their fill. Later, they walked out of Ava's house, and Zacharias suggested they take a walk.

Shirley smiled. "Don't make things hard for Roy and his men. Let's go home and just walk around the field." Zacharias nodded. "Of course." They walked to the car. Even though the stretch of road outside Ava's house was a quiet spot, a car hidden nearby had someone in it aiming their camera at the couple. The person took careful but clear shots. In the photo, Zacharias was holding Shirley's hand, and in the photo of them in the car, Zacharias had an arm around Shirley's shoulder. The person also took photos of Zacharias kissing Shirley's hair and them sharing an embrace.

It was obvious they were in love. The person only tucked their phone away after Zacharias' convoy was gone. They sent the pictures to a private account and called someone.

"What?" "Those photos I just sent? Latest news. Zacharias is seeing someone." "Which family is the lady from?" "Looking into it ASAP." "Tell me everything after you find it. If we want to take Zacharias down, we have to go for his weakness, or he's not going to fall for any tricks. It was our failure that he didn't die in the explosion last time. This time, we can't fail." "Understood. We'll find everything we can about that woman and start all preparations." The couple came to the field outside Flintstone Residence, where silvery moonlight shone. It was spacious and quiet. On a whim, Shirley jumped onto Zacharias' back. Zacharias quickly held her steady and carried her on his back.

Novel My baby's daddy chapter 2628-Shirley rested her head on Zacharias' shoulder and happily enjoyed the piggyback ride. "I loved piggyback rides when I was little," said Shirley, reminiscing.

"You were adorable as a child. Of course, everyone loved to give you piggyback rides." Zacharias smiled. He was reminded of Shirley when she was younger, and he cursed himself for never trying to even give her a hug.

Shirley asked, "Was I really that cute when I was a kid?" "Yep, you were," said Zacharias honestly, nodding. Shirley was reminded of that time he brought up the talk about kids. If we have kids, I wonder who they'll take after. Me or him?

Christmas was coming soon. Shirley got a call from her mother. Her folks were coming back, so she went home and told the servants to clean the whole place.

It would be good to have a reunion. It had only been ten minutes after Shirley hung up when her mother called again. It surprised Shirley. Did Mom forget to tell me something? She took the call. "Hey, Mom. Anything you need to tell me?" "I just talked to your grandmother. She told me you're dating Zacharias? Is that true?" Angela was shocked like she had heard the most fantastical news.

Shirley pursed her lips. Okay, didn't think Grandma would spill the tea. Sheepish but honest, Shirley answered, "Yes, we're dating." "Tell us when you're taking him to see us. We need to get ready for it." Angela smiled.

Shirley thought Angela would lecture her. After all, she did start dating without telling her family. She didn't think Angela would talk about the meeting with the parents. "You and Dad have to get ready before you come back. Zacharias said we'll be celebrating Christmas together. Both our families." "Oh, that's fast." Angela was delighted. "I thought we'd have to wait for a while." "You aren't surprised I'm dating someone, Mom?" Shirley asked, curious.

"Nope. Who do you think wanted you to get that internship? Not your dad. Yes, it was me all along. I wanted you to date Zacharias." Shirley's eyes went wide. What? Mom got that internship for me on purpose?

"So, you've been planning this all along, Mom? I can't..." Shirley was at a loss for words.

"I know. Unbelievable, right? Just a hop and a skip, and hey presto, Zacharias is now your fiancé." Angela was happy she made this decision.

Shirley was half amused, half annoyed. So, Mom set me up.

"I'll tell your father about this. You kids get along now." Angela hung up.

Shirley put her phone down and smiled happily. Maybe destiny wanted us to be together.

Three days later, Shirley was told that Imogen had been extradited. She would serve her sentence in the nation. Her sentence? Life imprisonment.

Shirley didn't feel fazed hearing that piece of news. Everyone has to pay for their actions.

It was late at night. In a private, upscale tea shop, three silhouettes congregated. The light was dim, so their faces could not be seen. On the table were photos of Shirley and her parents. The trio fell into their thoughts.

"We cannot go after her unless we're out of our minds." "Our target is Zacharias. Only when he steps down or disappears will it benefit us, or we're going to be kicked out of the game." "Zacharias' policies are impossible for us. He's obviously coming after us. His ascension to power will rid us of our strength. Apparently, he's dating this woman because he wants the power and backing of her family. They can strengthen his hold on his position." "We need to come up with a perfect plan. This time, we cannot let Zacharias escape."

Novel My baby's daddy chapter 2629-The trio's eyes glinted cruelly. These men were Zacharias' enemies. They were also the ones who sent killers after Zacharias on the highway, but Lady Luck was on Zacharias' side at that time, and he escaped.

In the morning, three days later, Shirley was told that her parents were back.

Happily, she drove back home to welcome them. Zacharias had work to do, so he couldn't leave. She was the only one who could come to her parents.

Richard was in the garden, watering the flowers. The first thing his wife saw after their return was the wilting of her beloved flowers. It dampened her mood, so the first thing he did was to tend to the flowers.

"Dad!" Shirley called, and she went into the lounge. Angela was in the lounge, sorting out the flowers she bought. She was trimming them, about to house them in her vase. Angela was a woman who loved life. No matter which home she was in, it was a warm and lovely place.

"Whoa, Mom, you're getting better at flower arrangement." Shirley was always in awe of the art pieces in the house when she came in.

Angela smiled. "Of course. This is my life's love." She looked past her daughter.

"You're alone? Where's your boyfriend?" "He's busy, especially now. Tons of work to do.

so he couldn't make it," said Shirley, a little resigned.

Angela paused for a moment. Oh, right. I forgot about that. Zacharias is perfect, but he's a super busy man. "You'll have to bear with him. His work is monumental," said Angela.

"I know." Shirley nodded before looking at her mother curiously. "Mom, can you tell me how you wooed Dad?" Angela stopped trimming her flowers for a moment. She recalled her sweet memories, and she said, "I made the first move. He was too popular. If I hadn't made the first move, I would never have made him mine." "Didn't you only make him yours because he stayed in the base all the time and never got to see any girls?" Shirley asked.

"It was a romantic process, how your father and I met. And one little thing kickstarted our relationship." "What is it?" "A stick of lipstick," said Angela.

"Was Dad that romantic?" Shirley smiled.

Angela told Shirley about her past, specifically how she met her husband.

Shirley thought it was an interesting story, and she was glad she was born into a family filled with love. A while later, Angela took Shirley with her and picked Ava up. They were going to have dinner together that night.

Back in Zacharias' office, Freddie asked someone to come in. He presented a report from their secret trackers. After reading the report, Zacharias' face fell.

"These parasites think they can topple me." "We need to make our move, sir. We cannot let them have the high ground. If we had evidence about their involvement in the explosion, we would never have let them run around for so long." Zacharias nodded. "Summon the minister for security. We need to work together this time." He raised his head. "And on what day am I free?" Freddie checked the itinerary. "Your schedule for this week is full. Even your mealtimes are reserved for appointments." "See if you can cancel any." Zacharias frowned.

"No. They're all meetings with foreign guests. You have to be present," said Freddie, a little troubled.

Zacharias nodded. "I see. You may leave now." After Freddie was gone, Zacharias picked up his phone and called Shirley, Gently, he asked, "Are your

folks back?" "Yes. Are you free after this?" "My schedule's full for the week, but I'll try to swing by for a visit," Zacharias said.

"Nothing's more important than your work. They'll understand," Shirley replied.

"Of course. I'll pay them a visit after I'm done with work." Zacharias sounded apologetic.

Novel My baby's daddy chapter 2630-"I'll be staying at my place tonight, then. I probably can't go back to your place for a few days," Shirley said. With her parents around, she couldn't stay overnight at someone else's place.

"It's alright. Spend some time with your family." Zacharias chuckled. "I can hold it in." Shirley chuckled, too. "What if I can't hold it in?" "Then you come to me anytime you want," Zacharias responded in a husky voice.

Shirley blushed. It's getting worse. Can we even do it if I go at random times?

She then imagined how she would flirt with the serious Zacharias, and she thought she was getting a little pervy.

After the call, Shirley went out with her parents to get some Christmas stuff.

Moreover, they had to visit their relatives. Three days went by, and not once did Shirley get to see Zacharias. She couldn't even call him at night, worried that he might be seeing guests.

She would love to video call him at eleven, but it was too late, and she didn't want to disturb him. He would be having an early day the next day. Eventually, Shirley's longing was getting too heavy to bear.

The same went for Zacharias. Every day, when he came back home from work, it was already late at night. He missed Shirley dearly, but he didn't want to wake her up, so he held his longing back. Unbeknownst to him, Shirley would also be in her bed thinking about him.

Ugh, it's so hard just to see him now that I'm not at his place. She started missing the days at his residence. She could see him any time she wanted to.

Time passed, and it was now two days before Christmas. It had been five days since Shirley saw Zacharias. She texted him, 'You busy? Can we meet up for just ten minutes?' Zacharias called her. Shirley's heart raced, and she

took the call. "Hello?" "Come to my office. I've spared twenty minutes to see you," said Zacharias. His time was valuable-his itinerary was even scheduled to minutes.

Shirley quickly said, "I'm going right now." She hung up, picked up her bag, and trotted to the porch just to backtrack and check her outfit in the mirror. She then got a new outfit and changed into it. Only then did she leave. No one but lovers who were madly in love could understand the delight someone could have when they were on a trip to see their beloved.

Even the air was sweet despite how chilly it was. The scenery was gorgeous, and Shirley smiled. After going through a series of checks, she finally stood before Zacharias' building where he worked. The people going around were staff members or those who had important business to settle. She was the only one here to see a guy.

Freddie was waiting for the escalator. When he saw her coming out, he said, "Ah, Miss Lloyd, you're here." "Hey, Mr. Hurst, is the vice president..." "He's waiting for you in his office." Freddie smiled.

Shirley went around Freddie, her cheeks burning. Freddie knows why I'm here, but why am I embarrassed? I'm just here to see Zacharias. Eventually, Shirley was standing in front of the office. For some reason, she was breathing heavily, and as her heart raced, she knocked on the door.

Someone opened the door from inside. Zacharias had taken his suit off, leaving a white shirt on. He looked and felt professional, and he radiated a regal air that many leaders had.

Shirley could never hold back when something so delightful was standing before her. She acted natural when she came in, but right after she stepped into his office, she pounced on Zacharias. Zacharias held her tightly and closed the door, and then he bolted it.

Shirley raised her head. Zacharias pinned her against the wall beside the door.

He held her chin, leaning down for a powerful kiss.

Electric currents swam through Shirley's body, and she tensed up. We're in his office! His sacred office!