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Always Been Yours Chapter 1466-At the moment, Tessa lay limply in his embrace with an alluring look in her eyes. After a few minutes, their breathing gradually slowed as they enjoyed the silence together. Then, Nicholas picked her up and headed into the bathroom for a shower.

For the next few days, Tessa obediently recuperated in the ward. However, when she saw that the injuries on her forehead had turned into scabs, she could no longer hide the impatience in her heart. Nonetheless, Nicholas was still concerned, so he requested a complete body checkup from the doctor.

After a series of checks, the doctor concluded, "Mrs. Sawyer has recovered very well. All will be well as long as she continues to take care of herself."

Nicholas listened carefully to all the advice given by the doctor and asked Edward to take care of the discharge paperwork that same afternoon. Just when they were ready to leave, Timothy came with Sabrina for a visit.

When they entered the ward, and Timothy saw the packed bags, he asked in surprise, "Are you ready to leave the hospital, Tess? Why didn't you give me a call so I could help you out? It's a good thing I came over, or I would have missed this." He even shot a reproachful look at Tessa.

A sheepish smile appeared on her face. "I have Nicholas around, so there's nothing for you to help out with, anyway."

"That may be true, but I'm still your brother and should be here when you're getting discharged, which is a big thing," Timothy grumbled and started to help her pack while Sabrina started chatting with her.

An hour later, they all left the hospital and returned to Tessa and Nicholas' place. As Tessa was still far from tired, she decided to have a little talk with her brother in the living room.

"Why did you guys come over today?" she asked, looking at Timothy curiously.

It wasn't a big deal, so he answered honestly, "Previously, when you were kidnapped, I asked for two weeks' leave from my university lecturer and delayed my boarding program abroad. Now that you're better and my leave is coming to an end, I've already bought a plane ticket abroad tonight and will attend classes starting tomorrow."

"You're leaving tonight? Why are you in such a rush?" Tessa was utterly taken aback. She actually wanted to have a proper farewell party for her brother.

Timothy read her mind and gave her a lopsided grin. "I can return home earlier if I start my classes early. Then, you can throw me a party once I return with flying colors. It doesn't make a difference when the party is."

She reluctantly agreed with his idea and nodded. Suddenly, Nicholas reminded Timothy, "Take good care of yourself when you're abroad and let me know if anyone tries to take advantage of you."

"Then, I'll be in your care if that happens, Nicholas." It didn't seem like Timothy had any plans to turn down his offer, and Tessa added in concern, "Please do take good care of yourself when you're abroad. Remember to take your meals on time, and don't you dare skip your meals just because you're busy."

Timothy nodded obediently. "I know, and I will."

Then, she stole a look at Sabrina next to him and teased, "Also, now that you're dating Sabrina, you'd better watch your actions even though the girls abroad are bold and open-minded. If you dare do anything to betray your lovely girlfriend, I'll disown you as my brother."

Although Sabrina blushed with embarrassment at her words, she felt a warmth in her chest. Timothy, who understood what his sister meant, turned to his pretty girlfriend next to him and held her hand affectionately. "Don't worry, Tess. I won't betray her," he promised.

Tessa nodded in satisfaction. "Alright, since you're leaving tonight and there's still a few hours left, I won't be bothering you, lovebirds, and your alone time together. Now go on. I don't need you to stay here and accompany me," she urged, shooing them off.

Timothy didn't bother rejecting Tessa's suggestion because he did want to spend his last hours before the flight with Sabrina alone. So, after they left, he brought Sabrina to a high-end restaurant where there was no one else except them.

Sabrina had a guess in mind as she smiled sweetly at him. "Did you book the entire restaurant?"

"Yes, I don't want anyone else to interrupt us during our last hours together," he admitted, and the waiter arrived with their main course.

After that, a violinist showed up and started playing the violin while they enjoyed their meal. The lights in the room gradually dimmed, and they had a wonderful time together. Although the place looked empty, the atmosphere was harmonious and pleasant, which painted a beautiful scene.

Later, when they were about done with their meal, Timothy suddenly rose to his feet and approached Sabrina in a gentlemanly manner. Then, he bowed slightly and asked

with mirthful eyes, "My beautiful lady, may I have the honor of having a dance with you?"

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Always Been Yours Chapter 1467-"Of course," Sabrina accepted gracefully.

Just like that, they started dancing to the violin playing in the restaurant. When the music ended, Timothy tightened his arms around her and said in a soft but deep voice, "Promise that you'll wait for me."

"I promise, and I'll visit you if time permits." She raised her head and gave him a beatific smile.

He couldn't stop himself from lowering his head at the sight of her pink lip and kissing her. It was a passionate kiss, and none was willing to stop. They only broke apart once they ran out of air in their lungs.

She rested her scarlet face against his chest; her eyes were glassy, and her body weak. Timothy was also out of breath, but the look in his eyes was clear because he hadn't forgotten what he wanted to do.

Then, he took out a jewelry box from the pocket of his trousers and a ring from within.

Sabrina was briefly startled when she felt something metallic slide onto her finger. Hence, she instinctively looked down and saw a delicately crafted diamond ring placed on her ring finger.

Then, a husky voice whispered into her ears, "Although this isn't an engagement ring, I hope that you'll wear it so that you won't be harassed by some idiot."

She giggled as a sweet, blissful emotion swept over her heart. "I'll wear it every day, then." Even though she didn't say anything about the ring, her eyes never left it. It was clear that she loved it.

The separation came after dinner, and she sent him off to the airport. Although she was mentally prepared, it was still unbearable for her to see him leave when they were at the airport.

"Take good care of yourself once you're abroad and have your meals on time. I'll call every day to check on you," she reminded with concern, her voice filled with reluctance.

Timothy naturally noticed this, so he hugged her and kissed her on the forehead. "Don't worry. I'll take good care of myself and visit you during every semester break."

Sabrina nodded, and then she remembered something and wriggled out of his embrace. "Also, don't check out girls when you're abroad."

"Okay, I'll do as you say." As he gazed at the girl, who was fierce but cute at the same time, his eyes were filled with utter love and adoration, and they stayed sickly sweet for a while before it was time for him to board the plane. Sabrina watched as he boarded and only left when she couldn't see him any longer.

Meanwhile, Tessa received a message from Timothy that he had boarded the flight. Then, she set aside her cell phone, tilted her head at Nicholas, and sighed, "I won't be able to see Tim for a long time after this. I wonder if he can take care of himself when he's overseas."

"He's already an adult. You shouldn't treat him like a child," Nicholas advised gently.

Tessa cast him an annoyed look. "He'll always be my little brother no matter how old he is."

He chuckled in amusement, pulled her into his embrace, and gave her a kiss. "You're right. He'll always be your little brother no matter how old he is." Then, when he caught sight of his wife's lovely smile, he tenderly said, "Once you're better, we can visit him if you miss him."

She nodded and wrapped her arms around his waist, smiling happily. "I'm so lucky to have you by my side."

He returned her smile with one of his own as he hugged her and drifted off to sleep. For the next few days, Tessa recuperated at home while Stefania helped to babysit the kids every day. At the same time, Sabrina would occasionally drop by to see her and the children when she had time.

On this day, Tessa was playing with the children in the garden when her cell phone on the table started to ring. It was a call from Sofia, "Tessa, I heard that you were kidnapped! Are you okay?"

"I'm fine now." As she didn't want her mentor to worry, she didn't tell Sofia the gory details and guided their topic to something else. So, she brought up her concerns about the performance of Group Two instead, "But I'm afraid I can't be the guest of honor this time. I'm really sorry, but you'll have to look for someone else to be the opening performer."

"That's not a problem. Just take care of your injuries at home, and don't you worry about the band," Sofia replied, and they hung up after a small chat.

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But at this time, Tessa heard Gregory's surprised gasp, saying, "Mommy, come quick! Gordon can roll over now!"

The instant she heard that she jerked her head to him in surprise and happened to see Gordon rolling over while kicking his chubby little legs.

Gregory crouched next to the baby and watched unblinkingly. "Gordon is so cute."

Tessa totally agreed with him on this and saw that Gordon seemed to be celebrating after successfully making his first flip, waving and kicking his tiny hands and feet gleefully, his lips letting out peels of delighted giggles.

That night when Nicholas came home, she immediately shared with him what happened during the day. "Gordon has already learned to roll over," she said, wildly gesturing with her hands as she described the scene to him.

He had a slight smile on his face as he listened patiently and started feeling curious about how Gordon rolled himself over. Hence, he couldn't stop himself from picking the sleepy Gordon out of the baby crib and placing him on the blankets.

The scene amused Tessa, and she said, "Why are you tormenting Gordon like this?"

"Even though this isn't the first time Gordon rolled over, I would still like to witness it." The look in his eyes turned soft, and he didn't want to miss any second of his child growing up.

She huffed in amusement and said, "There's nothing to witness. It's the same as Greg when he learned to roll over."

"But I've never seen Greg roll over," he said, and his voice turned sad. "I wasn't around when Greg was born, and by the time I returned from the military, he was already three years old. I wasn't there to see any of his milestones when he was young."

At that time, he didn't know how to communicate with a child, and his relationship with Gregory was rather strained. Afterward, it took him a lot of effort to get Gregory to familiarize himself with him.

For Tessa, this was the first time she heard Nicholas speak about the relationship he shared with Gregory, and it broke her heart. But at the same time, she was curious because she hadn't heard him mention anything that happened when Gregory was a baby. Eventually, she couldn't suppress her curiosity and asked tentatively, "May I ask about Greg's mother?"

He was stunned by the question as he stared at her and was at a loss for words. On the other hand, she misunderstood the look on his face and hurriedly said, "It's fine if you don't want to speak about it. We can forget I ever asked that question."

Although she said that, she couldn't hide the disappointment in her eyes, and he tightened his arms around her. Then, he kissed her on the forehead and assured her, "It's not that I don't want to speak about it, but now is not a good time. If you trust me, I'll tell you once the time is right." He looked deeply into her eyes, trying to convey his genuine sincerity over the matter.

Although she could feel he was hiding something from her, she didn't want to pry it out of him if he wasn't willing to share it with her. Nevertheless, that didn't matter because she trusted him.

Meanwhile, after Zachary and the others were arrested as they had their hands in the kidnapping incident, their families were thrown into disarray. Furthermore, Nicholas had already made it very clear to the police that he wasn't interested in meeting their families either. So, their families couldn't even meet them, no matter what means they resorted to.

Tonight, those left behind gathered for a meeting. As the elder in the group, Madeline spoke before anyone else could, "Now, Zachary and the other decision-makers in our families have been sent to the police station by Nicholas. In my personal opinion, I think we should negotiate with him tomorrow in order to get them out of that cell. Even if it means that we have to use all our assets in exchange for their release."

After she said that, everyone broke into a clamor, "If we hand over all our assets to Nicholas, we'll be in no position to ever voice our objections in the Sawyer Family!"

"Exactly. More importantly, will Nicholas let us off because of these assets?"

"Moreover, how will we live if we give them away?"

Everyone had their own opinions, but in reality, they couldn't bear to part with their assets. Madeline realized this but still said indifferently, "I know that none of you are eager to give up your assets on a silver platter, but without Zachary and the others, we don't even know if we can hold on to the assets in our hands. I'm sure all of you know this pretty well without me having to make it this clear. So, we might as well use these assets to exchange for their freedom rather than risk losing everything without gaining anything in the end. Once they're out, I'm sure we'll be able to get them back."

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Always Been Yours Chapter 1469-The voices of the people who disagreed with her initially started to die down. Madeline was right; it wasn't news that Nicholas wanted to

restructure the branch companies abroad. If it weren't because Zachary and the others, they wouldn't have been able to keep the companies that they owned now.

"Will Nicholas really let them go if we hand over these assets, though? Is he going to fool us again like he did the last time?" someone asked timidly.

A fierce voice boomed in reply, "I dare him to!" The person who said this was Felix's wife, Tamira. She had a ferocious look on her face as she added, "If he resorts to trickery, I'll send someone to trash all the branch companies abroad!"

Nobody argued with her because this was another way for them to vent their anger.

Madeline swept her gaze across the room, and when no one said anything against her suggestion, she announced, "Since we've come to an agreement, we'll negotiate with Nicholas tomorrow."

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Early morning the next day, Nicholas had breakfast together with Tessa and the kids before leaving for work. Soon after he entered his office, Edward knocked and came in. "President Sawyer, the wives of Mr. Zachary, and the others are here."

This came as no surprise to Nicholas because he expected them to look for him when he sent Zachary and the others packing to the police station. "Tell them that I'm not free."

"Okay." Edward left after receiving his order and arrived at the first floor very quickly with the elevator. "Madams, I'm sorry, but President Sawyer is fully booked. Nonetheless, he has made it clear that he will do everything by the book concerning Mr. Zachary and the others." Then, he immediately turned around and returned to his work, ignoring the shocked looks on their faces.

Madeline and the others were left on the spot with dark expressions. It had never occurred to them that Nicholas would completely disregard them. Frankly speaking, they hadn't even planned for such a possibility.

"What are we going to do now, Madeline?" Lisa asked, turning to Madeline with a worried frown. "We can't negotiate with Nicholas if he couldn't even be bothered to meet us face-to-face."

"If he doesn't want to see us, we'll think of a way to make him see us!" Madeline hissed through gritted teeth and brought her sisters-in-law to Dynasty Gardens.

In the living room, Tessa was a little surprised to hear from Andrew that Madeline and the others were here for a visit. Although she didn't turn them away, she could already guess the reason that brought them here.

It looks like they want me to withdraw the charges against Uncle Zachary and the others, she thought as Andrew led the women into the room.

"Hello, everyone," Tessa greeted them politely out of courtesy, but the expression on her face was stoic.

As Madeline and the others were already disgruntled because of Nicholas, they fumed with anger at the look on Tessa's face. Still, they knew that they were the ones coming here to ask for a favor, so they restrained their temper and tried their best to appear friendly on the surface.

"Tessa, we're here today only because we're out of wits. I know that Zachary and the others have done you wrong, and we're willing to make up for it. But, of course, we wouldn't let you go on your way empty-handed. We'll hand over the administrative rights of the branch companies in Europe to the headquarters as long as Nicholas gives the green light on their release," Madeline began, trying to persuade Tessa as she placed all her chips on the table.

Lisa chirped in as well, "Furthermore, you're alright now, aren't you? We're a family, after all, not enemies. Tell Nicholas to let his uncles and granduncles go, and we'll cooperate with him on all the businesses abroad."

Tessa was so furious by their shamelessness that she sneered, "Aunt Lisa, I simply can't agree with what you just said. If I hadn't tried my best to save myself back then, I might not have made it. There was a high chance I would have lost my life far before Nicholas could have rescued me along with the rescue team. Yet, you still have the gall to say that I'm alright now?" Then, she threw an icy look at Lisa.

Her glare made Lisa uneasy and ashamed at the same time, and before she could say anything, Tessa continued coldly, "As for the matter with Uncle Zachary and the others... Let's just say that you shouldn't hold your breath on it."

When Madeline and the others heard that, they could no longer maintain an amicable facade as they glared at her sullenly.

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Always Been Yours Chapter 1470-"In other words, you're determined to sow discord in the Sawyer Family, huh?" Madeline questioned sharply. The way she worded her question was sly because it sounded as though Tessa was the reason the Sawyers were at odds with each other.

An amused Tessa looked at her. "Don't you think that's rather unreasonable of you to say that, Aunt Madeline? It was Granduncle Adam's and Granduncle Joseph's greed that led them astray, using the company assets for smuggling. They even tried to kill Nicholas to write off the whole matter. Yet, when this was exposed, instead of thinking

of a way to make up for their mistake properly, they ganged up with outsiders to kidnap me, their relative, in an attempt to threaten Nicholas. I'm the victim, and here you are, trying to shake off all responsibilities and blame the victim. Aren't you ashamed of yourself?" At last, she added sternly, "Furthermore, everyone should be responsible for their mistakes."

Maybe it was because she had been with Nicholas for a long time, the air of authority she carried with her was terrifying, and it stunned Madeline and the others into silence. In the end, they went home without accomplishing anything.

Not long after they had left, Nicholas rushed home, surprising Tessa. "Why are you back so early?"

"Andrew called earlier and told me that Madeline and the others came here unannounced. I was afraid that they'd threaten you, so I rushed home," he explained briefly and looked around the living room. When he didn't see Madeline and the others, the anxious look on his face relaxed. "They're gone?"

"Yes, they are." Tessa nodded and dragged him into a seat on the couch. "You didn't have to come back, especially for something so trivial like this. I can deal with them myself."

"I know, but I can't help it," he said solemnly, holding her hand.

A chuckle escaped Tessa's lips, and she felt her heart warm at his words. Nevertheless, he stayed behind and accompanied her for a while before returning to the company. Once he was in his office, he called Edward and instructed, "Get the police to close the case as quickly as possible."

Edward nodded, and two days later, the offenses of Adam and Joseph were announced to the public. They were charged with smuggling, embezzlement, and murder and were sentenced to life imprisonment. Even though the sentence for Zachary and the others wasn't as harsh as Adam and Joseph's, they were accomplices and were sentenced to ten years of imprisonment.

Meanwhile, Kathleen, who was given the mandatory sentence, was denied return to Vienna after the court hearing, and on the day of her trial, the court was packed with swarms of journalists who heard about the news.

'The past great musician, Kathleen, faked death to avoid punishment and is now on death row after committing a crime.'

When the news was published, all the netizens were stunned beyond words. After all, it created such a buzz back then when news of Kathleen's death got out, and some of her fans even demanded justice for her death. Not only did they boycott the Hathaway Philharmonic, they even hurled abuses at Tessa.

But the person that should be dead had returned to life, and something so unexpected was difficult for people to accept, especially Kathleen's fans who had defended her. The deeper the love they had for Kathleen, the deeper the hate they had for her now.

'Now, I finally understand why Miss Hathaway refused to care about Kathleen back then. There was no doubt she was very disappointed in Kathleen.'

'I'm curious about how Kathleen was able to fake her death to avoid punishment. Also, is it truly confirmed that Hathaway was not in the know about this?'

'You can stop being so curious. BBC News already reported that she was able to pull this off because her father spent a huge amount of money to pay someone to make a mask that looks like the real thing. They also clarified that Miss Hathaway has no idea about this.'

Once this comment was posted, several netizens immediately searched the BBC website to check their report on this sensational news. At the same time, there were a lot of journalists crowding around Hathaway's office. All of them hoped to get a chance to interview her and receive the latest firsthand information.

Mona frowned deeply when she learned about the news. This matter was also a big shock to her. Never in her wildest dreams did it occur to her that Susan was, in fact, Kathleen. Honestly, if she wasn't swamped with work, she really wanted to call Tessa and ask about the whole situation in detail.

Just when her thoughts were running wild, a band member suddenly ran to her anxiously.