

Flirtacious 1151

Chapter 1151 You Were Not Shy Earlier

Too lazy to move, Sally stayed curled up in the seat. "There's probably a pinhole camera in the bedroom, so look for it. Also, remember to cover your nose when you enter the house."

"Okay." Cooper pushed open the car door and alighted from the vehicle.

Sally proceeded to lock the car door. She then leaned back against the seat and napped for a while. When a knock sounded on the car window, her eyes reflexively popped open.

Only when she had ascertained that the person outside the car window was Cooper did she unlock the car door and move over to the passenger seat.

After the man got back into the car, the smell of agarwood clinging to his clothes discomfited her slightly. In a mild voice, she asked, "How was it?"

"It's best that you remain ignorant," Cooper said, then drove toward the city.

When Sally was feeling better, she divulged, "I sneaked into Geraldine's house today, deliberately staging a gas leak and luring her out before turning the whole place inside out. There was a safety deposit box in the bedroom. In it were a few hundreds of thousands in cash and two house deeds in her name. That aside, there was a wedding photo of her and Edward above the head of the bed."

Cooper gave a bark of laughter. "It looks like she's been with Edward for quite some time since they'd even taken a wedding photo together. And Edward must have accepted a huge sum in bribes that he could afford to gift his mistress two houses when he's only a chief secretary."

"I'll contact Edward tomorrow," Sally stated.

head. "No, that's too quick. A wedding photo can't prove anything unless they have a fake marriage certificate, or we unearth evidence of his corruption."

Edward would still be unaffected if Geraldine were to deny any relationship between the two of them.

Aware that Cooper was right, Sally decided to shelve her plan.

By the time they arrived back at Swallow Garden, it was already past seven o'clock in the evening. Cooper circled to the passenger seat and opened the car door, bending down to carry Sally.

"I'll walk by myself." Sally slapped his hand away.

slipped his hands under her knees and scooped her up. "You weren't the least bit

"I shouldn't have gone over. I should've had you experience the feeling of seeing yourself make news with seven women tomorrow," Sally retorted expressionlessly.

A frown marred Cooper's countenance. "Don't mention that anymore. It repulses me."

know to carry Aunt Sally! But why didn't you give her flowers? Daddy planted a lot of flowers personally. In the past, he used to gift Mommy a bouquet of fresh flowers every day."

"It's because your Aunt Sally doesn't like flowers," Cooper replied.

Amanda wrinkled her nose. "It must be because you're too lazy to bother."

After Cooper carried Sally into the living room, Amanda took a few award certificates and test papers out of her bag. "I scored full marks in three subjects and got three excellence awards!"

What do you want as a reward?" Cooper scooped her up and sat her on his lap.

Chapter 1152 But Not Me

At the crack of dawn, Sally scooped Amanda out from under the covers.

Initially, Amanda was still feeling all groggy, but the moment she learned that they were going to Baykeep for breakfast, she jolted wide awake. Seeing that Sally was wearing a black sweater, she likewise insisted on the same.

Sally carried her to the walk-in closet and had her pick her clothes herself.

Cooper and Lucian were already waiting downstairs. A while later, the sight of Amanda skipping down the stairs with her hand in Sally's greeted them.

She wore a black dress with thick leggings and had a round beret on her head, complemented by a pair of black boots on her feet.

Her face was chubby, and she gave off a cool vibe while looking adorable. On the whole, she was both beautiful and sassy.

Nudging his glasses, Cooper frowned. "Doesn't Mandy favor red and blue? You're wearing black, so you also made her follow suit?"

Before Sally could explain, Amanda interjected, "I chose it myself! I've never worn this dress before."

After going downstairs, she spun in a circle in front of Cooper. "Do I look cute, Uncle Cooper?"

Cooper picked her up and pecked her on the cheek. "Yes! You're the cutest,

Once they all boarded the helicopter, Cooper checked the safety equipment of both children in the back. Then, the aircraft slowly lifted into the air and

day was pretty great, and the sun gradually rose from the east.

An active person in nature, Amanda alternated between gazing out the window and chatting with Sally. "Can we go abroad by helicopter, Aunt Sally?"

"Yes, as long as the flight route is approved. Is there somewhere you'd like to go?" Sally asked.

go to Eskaria to look at the pyramids! Aren't they open to the public

decayed, leaving only skeletons

When Amanda heard that, goosebumps rose all over her skin, and she promptly stopped talking about that. "It seems that the pyramids in cartoons are fake." She propped a hand against her cheek and heaved a sigh. "I've lost my passion for life."

Listening to their juvenile conversation, Sally was tickled pink. Her lips curved up, and she laughed soundlessly. When she noticed Lucian's gaze drifting to the pilot's seat every so often, realization dawned upon her.

belt. Reaching back, she hoisted Lucian to the front.

Right then, the helicopter was on autopilot. She placed his hands on the steering wheel and started introducing the equipment around the

Beside her, Cooper glanced at them but said nothing.

been on a helicopter many times, but he had always sat in the back because of his tender age.

That was the first time he had had the opportunity to touch the equipment in the cockpit at close range. His eyes were so bright that they glowed.

Chapter 1153 The Ring On Her Finger

In no time, the helicopter entered Baykeep's airspace. Sally taught Lucian to contact the control tower.

Despite sounding young, Lucian was steady, so the control tower's staff didn't suspect anything and directed them about the altitude of the helicopter's descent.

Twenty minutes later, the helicopter landed on a helipad on the top floor of a hotel.

It was a touch chilly in Baykeep that day. In fact, it was still raining then. As it was also easy to catch a cold during that particular season, Cooper made a call and had breakfast delivered to the hotel.

He decided to wait until the weather had improved before going to the hospital to visit Herbert.

After breakfast, Sally pulled Cooper aside to talk. "Call Steven to come over. I want to make a trip to Baykeep University."

"Stefan is studying in Baykeep?" Cooper asked.

"Yeah," Sally said impassively. "Baykeep is the Zeigler family's territory. Mr. Zeigler has quite a close relationship with my father, so I can rest easier when Stefan is here."

It so happened that Stefan had no lecture that morning.

Without asking any more questions, Cooper took out his phone and gave Steven a call.

Sally took a taxi to Baykeep University. Before the vehicle reached the university gates, she spotted Stefan standing there with an umbrella in his hand.

When the taxi came to a stop, she swung open the car door. "Stefo."

"Sally." Upon seeing it was Sally in the taxi, Stefan quickly closed his umbrella and got in. A great many droplets of rain fell on his black woolen coat.

Wiping the water from his coat with a piece of tissue, Sally frowned and asked, "Why are you

"I did, but the zip broke."

It was early when Sally traveled to Baykeep. It was only half past eight right then. She brought Stefan to the diner from which they ordered

whined, "This is the first time you came to Baykeep to visit me, Sally."

over two months ago, she

She had watched Stefan grow up, and he was her only family besides her parents.

also exceedingly gentle. "Sorry, that was an oversight on my part. I've been busy investigating Edward, so things have been rather hectic. I'll call you once a week and inquire about things here from now on."

Eating a bite of spaghetti carbonara, Stefan asked, "Was it really him who reported Mr. Zane for pulling strings for someone?"

"Yeah..."

Since there was no sign prohibiting smoking in the diner, she took out a packet of cigarettes and a lighter. She lowered her head and lit a cigarette.

she told Stefan everything she had discovered in the past few days.

"Other than coming to Baykeep to visit you, I have something else to do." She tapped the cigarette between her fingers against the ashtray.

Chapter 1154 Would He Be So Kind

Following Stefan's gaze to the ring on her finger, Sally explained plainly, "Someone framed me. Cooper married me to get me out of police custody."

Stefan slammed his cup onto the table, his expression frightfully grim. "Would he possibly be so kind?"

Sally stubbed out her cigarette in the ashtray, her voice hoarse from smoking. "No, but we have our own motives. General Zeigler is Genevieve's grandfather. The Gaudette family wants to make a move against the Zeigler family. As it happens, the Loake family has a grudge against the Gaudette family. Cooper wants to link hands with me to bring down the Gaudette family."

Lifting his eyes, Stefan caught sight of some faint marks on her arm since she had rolled up the sleeves of her sweater. They didn't appear as though they were mosquito bites.

Immediately, irritation swamped him, and his face went as black as thunder.

"He's merely a businessman. How is he capable of bringing the Gaudette family down? He'd be lucky if the Gaudette family didn't pick trouble with him. Not only are you not getting anything out of the collaboration with him, but you even have to sleep with—"

"Stefo, I'm not a little girl, and I don't want you to meddle in my private life," Sally interrupted, cutting off the unpleasant words he wanted to utter.

Stefan clenched his jaw tight, his expression as gloomy as ever.

Inherently detached, Sally was admittedly bad at coaxing others. But when she saw that Stefan was livid, she gentled her tone slightly. "Let's not talk about this. I'll bring you to the mall to buy some clothes."

She got to her feet from the couch. When Stefan remained sitting there motionlessly, she could only walk over and pull him up.

"Let's go." Verily, she hadn't much patience.

If it weren't for the fact that he was her brother, she would have long since spun on her heel and left when he acted so obstinate with her.

This time, Stefan didn't continue throwing a tantrum. He got up from the couch and grabbed her hand instead. Then he stuffed it into his coat pocket.

His brows knitting together, he asked, "Why are your hands always so cold, Sally?"

I'm used to it." Whenever it was winter

simply allowed him to hold her hand.

They shopped in the mall until afternoon, and she bought him a

When they walked past a children's clothing store, she noticed that the blue rabbit gloves on the mannequin's hand looked incredibly beautiful and remembered that Amanda didn't wear any gloves when they left home, so she bought them for her.

"She's not your kid. Why are you being so nice to her?" Stefan grumbled in displeasure.

General Zeigler's great-granddaughter. It was also with the Zeigler family's

If the Zeigler family or Cooper were unforgiving, I wouldn't be capable of going up against the Gaudette family alone.

Subsequently, she added, "Besides, she's pretty cute."

Stefan tilted his head and stared at her, his gaze eerily dark. "Have you fallen in love with Cooper, Sally?"

"You seem to be greatly prejudiced against him," Sally said with a

all over the place. Back then, he even almost killed you,

Chapter 1155 Just Say The Word

Sally called Cooper over and introduced Stefan to him. "This is my younger brother, Stefan Loake. You've probably never met him."

Cooper swept a gaze over Stefan. The latter was still young, and his displeasure was blatantly etched across his features. "I don't think an introduction is necessary. He knows me. He merely couldn't care less about me."

"I never said that." Stefan pursed his lips.

Sally had no intention of having them make conversation in the first place. She watched as Stefan left through the revolving door before she headed toward the elevator with Cooper.

While doing so, she eyed the boxes of snacks in the man's hands. "Why did you go out and buy them by yourself?"

"The store doesn't offer delivery, but Mandy was craving their snacks. I was free, so I just made a trip there." When the elevator doors opened, Cooper walked in ahead of her.

After turning around to face the front, Sally pressed the button for their floor.

Out of the blue, she heard a snigger from the man. She jerked her head back and regarded him in puzzlement. "Why are you laughing?"

Cooper's thin lips curved into a sneer. "I merely feel that little boys are truly intriguing. They pull a long face in front of outsiders but become all obedient before their sisters. It's as though everyone is picking on them."

Aware that he was mocking her brother, Sally countered evenly, "So, you never did the same when you were twenty years old?"

"I've got no elder sister, so I was never that childish at twenty years old," Cooper replied.

"If you'd like to experience it, just say the word. I don't mind having another younger brother." Sally had her arms crossed, her indifferent voice threaded with a teasing hint.

Cooper's brows furrowed. "Stop grossing me out."

When Steven saw Cooper and Sally coming back together, he asked whether they would like to go to the Zeigler residence for dinner that night. In response, Cooper said that they would only be going tomorrow after visiting Herbert at the hospital.

Steven could only put his down jacket back on before leaving.

Cooper had reserved a presidential suite with two luxurious bedrooms. Sally wasn't worried that it would be unsafe for Amanda and Lucian to sleep together.

The bright bathroom was filled with steam, and two figures were lying in a tangle of limbs in the bathtub.

Cooper was extraordinarily aggressive, so much so that Sally was gripped by the urge to break his arm.

Her hair was all drenched and stuck to her cheeks. Panting, she snapped irritably, "Go and seek my brother out if you don't like him. Why are you taking it out on me?"

defend him quite staunchly?" Switching their positions,

"Kids will always be kids. He couldn't even mask

of the steam, Sally's cheeks were slightly

"He is a Loake."

brother." Even if they were related

was displeased. His hand that had dropped

went limp, and she almost collapsed on the man. The knuckles of her hand clutching at his shoulder turned white from the strength of her grip. "Can you

Cooper merely chuckled softly.

Sally found him to be seemingly far gentler at that moment compared to the times a sense of menace and aloofness emanated

lights rendered

wildly. She couldn't help leaning forward and

tenderness, Cooper asked lightly, "You're

my man?" Sally

mood took a turn for the better. "If there's no restriction on Stefan, send him abroad

brows. "But he has never been abroad

good, then? He can go out there and get used to life," Cooper said

in Stefan's eyes when they were in the lobby of the hotel earlier made him exceedingly ill at ease. He added, "One

of foreboding lingering

Chapter 1156 Amanda Went Missing

Lucian caught a cold after being in the chilly wind for a short while because he wasn't wearing a cap or scarf when he disembarked from the helicopter. The next day, he turned sickly.

Afraid that he would pass it to Amanda, Cooper and Sally took two separate cars from the hotel to the hospital, bringing with them a child each.

Sally took Amanda to the inpatient department while Cooper led Lucian to the outpatient department for an injection.

Because of Herbert's unique identity, he was the only one on the eighth floor of the inpatient department. Those from the Zeigler family took turns coming to care for him every day.

Regretfully, he was still in a coma even then.

When Amanda entered the ward and saw Herbert unconscious, she trotted to the side of his bed and carefully took his hand.

Intending to give Amanda some space to keep the man company alone for a while, Sally left the ward.

She went to the end of the corridor and lit a cigarette as she stood by the window.

That part of the building faced the south gate of the hospital. She casually glanced out the window and saw a taxi coming to a stop in front of the building. Someone then alighted from the vehicle.

The man who got out of the taxi was tall and bore a vague resemblance to Stefan.

he have a class

appeared to have entered the hospital,

persisted for a long time before Stefan
through the south gate. What happened?" Sally asked mildly, for she could hear something amiss in his
I just sustained a minor injury," Stefan
voice drifted out from the other end of the phone. It sounded like a nurse confirming with Stefan
whether he was making
suddenly remembered that Stefan seemed to have been nursing his right arm when he climbed out of
had told her that he merely sustained a
peeked in. After ascertaining that Amanda was still talking to
department, however, she didn't see any signs
the man. The instant the call was connected, she stated, "I know you made an appointment with the
orthopedic department. I'm right at the
intense aura and told her he was
signage, Sally made her way to the CT scan room. She arrived just as Stefan had completed his CT scan.
But then, he needed to wait ten
walked over and scrutinized his right
the dorm this morning, someone threw a pot of daffodils down. It hit me. There's no staff on duty in the
infirmary on campus during the holidays, and my arm hurt badly, so
marred Sally's countenance, and she

Chapter 1157 Watching The Child

Sally then rushed to the inpatient department and found out from the nurse that Cooper had gone to
check the surveillance footage.

It turned out that shortly after Sally left the inpatient department, Amanda left the ward. However, she
took the stairs instead of the elevator.

Besides, Amanda's GPS watch was dumped in the corridor on the fifth floor.

Meanwhile, Cooper went through all the surveillance footage from over twenty surveillance cameras,
yet Amanda was still nowhere to be seen.

At that point, Cooper was getting worried. Right then, Sally arrived, so he put on a cold expression as he
reprimanded, "I told you to watch Mandy, didn't I? Why did you leave her alone in the ward?"

In response, Sally said, "I wanted her to keep General Zeigler company—"

"Why couldn't you just stay outside the ward?" Cooper interrupted her speech. He was so angry that the
veins on his neck were bulging. "If you can't even watch a child, what are you good for? Warming my
bed?"

Those words hurt Sally like salt in a wound, and her expression turned grim on the spot.

Just then, someone rushed over and shoved Cooper aside rudely. "How is this Sally's fault? That child ran away on her own, no? Why aren't you blaming the child for roaming around alone?"

shielding Sally as he glared at Cooper. "I dare you to scold Sally once

Cooper shot Stefan

Stefan to show up, but when she saw that Cooper was clenching his fists, she was afraid that he could end up beating her brother up.

to scold you?" Stefan gritted his teeth in anger.

Stefan!"

was angry, Stefan fell silent, though

Cooper seemed to have understood something when he saw the medicine bag that was dropped on the ground. "You

don't need you to search for Mandy anymore! Bring your brother along with you and get lost!" Cooper

picked up the medicine bag and gave it to Stefan. "I can't look

to say something in response, but Sally had already turned around and left. While

outside of the inpatient department, but

feeling grew in her heart when she found out that Cooper was still unable to locate Amanda. I shouldn't have attended to Stefan and

Sally wanted to check the outpatient department. When she was on her way out, she vaguely heard the nurses passing by, grumbling about how there was a new batch of medicine arriving, but the

asked the nurses for the location of the

on the first floor. It was built

Chapter 1158 Go Away

Cooper only retracted his gaze when he felt his eyes tearing up.

It was then he saw Sally standing behind him, but he had no energy left in him to scold her. Hence, he said, "Go away and stay away. I don't wish to see you."

Sally pursed her lips and left silently.

Shortly after, a nurse approached Cooper and gave him a glass of warm water. "Sir, please have a glass of water to calm yourself. Besides, your lips are chapped."

"Thank you." Cooper didn't take the glass of water. Instead, he just kept staring at the emergency room.

Left without a choice, the nurse put the glass of water on a chair nearby and left. After turning a corner at the end of the corridor, the nurse said to Sally, "He's very anxious and wouldn't drink any water."

In response, Sally hummed and thanked the nurse.

room were finally pushed open. The

she still looked as pale

side and bent down to check over her. After heaving a sigh of

shook her head and answered,

said, "The child fainted because she was dehydrated. She's fine. If you're still worried, you can keep her here

the doctor off.

visit Amanda, but he was still feeling unwell after taking the flu shot. Therefore, he kept his mask on and stayed a

few segments of the orange Cooper had peeled for her, Amanda said, "Uncle Cooper, Lucian told me you scolded Aunt Sally when you

you guys, but she didn't even take good care of

added, "I was told that there was a pond behind the hospital. If I were to make a wish sincerely as I walk toward the pond, my wish would

asked, "If that's the case, how did you end up in the freight

don't know." Amanda gave it some thought and continued, "As I was walking down the stairs, I was praying for Granddad. However, someone suddenly came from behind me and held a hand over my mouth. I caught a whiff of a nice smell and fainted there and then. When

Chapter 1159 I Forgive Her

Cooper decided not to go and stayed by Amanda's side instead.

Steven subsequently dropped by.

It was just as Cooper had imagined. There were no surveillance cameras in the stairwell, while the one beside the freight elevator had been shut off. There was just no way they could find Amanda's kidnappers.

Steven asked softly, "If they really wanted to hurt Mandy, why did they take the trouble to throw her into the freight elevator?"

Cooper was just as confused as Steven was.

He would rather believe that a mentally unsound patient had accidentally run into Amanda and locked her in the freight elevator as a prank.

If the perpetrator had ill intentions, they could have made a move when Amanda was in the stairwell, and she would have lost her life.

Once Amanda had gotten enough sleep, Cooper helped her get changed.

Sally, who had been standing outside the ward, stood at attention and looked at Cooper when the latter emerged from the ward with Steven.

Unfortunately, Cooper didn't spare her a glance as he walked past her with Amanda in his arms.

around to look at Sally. "We're going over to my aunt's place for a meal. Why don't you

eating somewhere else. There's no need to worry about her,"

elevator, Sally couldn't

angry at her, for she had indeed made a mistake. If they hadn't searched the freight elevator, Amanda would have

she had now

everyone had to take turns taking care of Herbert, all

though many in the family were married, few of

she brightened

Zeigler family knew about what had happened with Armand and

was already past eight. Cooper and two children subsequently spent

that Amanda had wanted to go

of Granddad at the hospital. Why

Mr. Sullivan to switch with Uncle Yuvan," Cooper

want Aunt Sally to come with us." Amanda tugged his hand and shook it. "It has already been one night, Uncle Cooper. Stop being angry at Aunt Sally. It really isn't her

her. "I'm your real uncle. Why

not an outsider. She's my aunt." Amanda added, "Even if she's at fault, I forgive her. Will that do? Uncle Cooper, it would make

stared at Cooper with her big innocent eyes. They were capable of melting anyone's heart and dissipating the

to relent, Cooper gave Sally a

Chapter 1160 You Disappoint Me

"Because the balls will be wasted on you," Amanda replied candidly.

Provoked by her words, Cooper maintained an emotionless expression as he took the balls from Sally's hands. "Just you wait. I'll win that stuffed bunny for you."

When it was his turn, Cooper stood outside the yellow line and made his shot. The ball subsequently went through the hoop.

“Wow, Uncle Cooper, you're pretty good!” Amanda cheered for him.

“It's just shooting hoops. No big deal.” Cooper adjusted his spectacles before throwing another ball. Unfortunately, the ball hit the rim and fell onto the ground this time.

Out of six balls, Cooper only managed to score twice.

In order to win the stuffed bunny, one had to score all six hoops, with none of the balls going into the same one.

Amanda shook her head with a sigh. “Uncle Cooper, you're such a disappointment.”

Cooper was rendered speechless.

deftly put all six balls through

Amanda cheered, “Hurray! You're amazing,

as she handed the stuffed toy she received from the staff to

of

other tourists playing the game, the small hoops and the requirement to score all six times made it difficult for

hand a tug, her face brimming with excitement. “I also want the Valentine's Day edition of StellaLou

Amanda hurriedly joined the queue in

when the other tourists heard that a Valentine's Day edition of StellaLou was available, they, too, queued to

young man, who was right in front of Amanda in the queue, did well by having scored five

am I going to miss out on

worry,” Sally replied. “He

Sally's words. He immediately turned around and

chill run down his spine, the youth

as Sally predicted,

his girlfriend saw how he failed to score, she snapped at Sally, “It's your fault that my boyfriend missed. Your