**Chapter 3 I Am on Your Side** 

Cathy worked busily in the kitchen for a while. She made an omelet and a few jacket potatoes. Then, she brought them to the dining table and said, "Arius, it's time to eat!"

Arius looked at the time. There were still around fifteen minutes left.

He jumped off the couch and walked elegantly to the dining table to have a seat.

can see that they are not tasty."

Upstairs, Abner wiped saliva from the corner of his mouth and snorted, "Although it smells nice, I

comment.

"It's delicious."

Cathy smiled happily and said, "Since you like it, I will cook more food for you in the future."

Arius took a bite of each dish and complimented them. It seemed as if he had heard Abner's

After that, she suddenly remembered something and asked, "By the way, why are you here this late at night? Where are your parents?"

"Are you a son of Mr. Adrian's friend?"

She had not heard any mentions of Adrian having children.

Arius frowned and nodded. "You can say that."

Cathy nodded and said, "Although Mr. Adrian looks a little ugly, he seems like a kind person."

Adrian lets his friend's son stay in his house freely. It shows that he is not as violent as the rumors

"Ah, I see."

say.

Arius reminded Cathy as he took another bite of the omelet.

Upstairs, Aidan looked at Abner salivating. His gaze seemed to indicate that Abner should emulate Arius' behavior.

"He is not ugly."

Arius always appeared elegant and mature. On the other hand, Abner did not hesitate to show

Adrian frowned slightly as he turned around to leave.

everyone how weird he was.

Abner pursed his lips and appeared indignant. "I don't want a strange woman to be my mother."

It was ten minutes past eight when Arius finished eating.

He ate slowly and attentively.

him as he turned around to head upstairs. "You should go to sleep soon."

In the end, he placed two uneaten jacket potatoes on a small plate. He took the small plate with

Once he reached the top of the staircase, he glanced at Cathy standing uncertainly on her spot and

said calmly, "Don't worry."

the determination that was unlike a five-year-old child.

"I will protect you from now on."

Although he was a small boy, he had an air of authority. When he gazed at her, Cathy could see

She was stunned for a moment.

She did not know whether she should laugh or cry as she watched his small figure disappear from

Even if I can't adjust to this environment, it doesn't seem right for a small child like him to protect me.

her line of sight.

Then, Cathy went to clean up the kitchen and the dining room. After she finished cleaning, she did not dare to return to that frightening bedroom.

In the end, she sighed and lay on the couch. She covered herself with her jacket and went to sleep.

Meanwhile, Arius entered the children's bedroom upstairs.

Arius placed the plate of jacket potatoes at the head of Abner's bed.

"Sure."

However, Abner sat facing the wall and refused to look at Arius. "I won't eat them."

Arius took the plate of jacket potatoes to his bed.

He pursed his lips and mumbled, "Didn't we agree to work together and stop that strange woman from becoming our mother?"

Arius went to his bed and glanced at Abner's back. "Her food is tasty."

"No matter how tasty her food is, she is still not our mother!"

mommy is dead."

"She is not dead."

It's delicious!

"How could you betray us so soon?"

Abner was rendered speechless.

Abner scratched the wallpapers with his fingers. "I want my real mommy!"

Arius sighed as he lay on the bed. He looked up at the ceiling and said softly, "But our real

He was more mature than Abner and understood that his real mother could never return.

Daddy should not remain single forever.

Furthermore, the lady downstairs seems alright.

Abner clenched his fists. "Mommy is still alive. She is waiting for us to find her!"

Soon, the children's room became quiet, but the fragrance of the jacket potatoes hung in the air.

In the end, Abner got down from his bed and tip-toed carefully to Arius's bed. He grabbed a piece of jacket potato and took a bite.

His eyes brightened the moment he tasted it.

"Remember to send the plate downstairs."

allowed to scare her anymore."

Is it because she made tasty food?

He could not deny that it was delicious.

He came near and stopped to look at her face.

If only she were my real mother...

He held a plate and stared at her.

Why is he staring at me while holding a plate?

cheek and said, "I'll cook something for you."

Furthermore, I made quite a lot of food just now...

Isn't this boy's appetite a little too much?

after eight o'clock?

Cathy was stunned.

lot."

portions for me!'

He even asked for seconds.

"I will protect her."

Arius closed his eyes and ignored him.

It tastes so much better than what the servants made.

Then, he pursed his lips and said, "Arius, you're not usually like this."

With this thought, Abner bit on the jacket potato fiercely.

Arius had never cared about my pranks. Why is he protecting that lady now?

For a moment, Abner did not know what to say.

Arius' childish voice sounded as Abner ate the second piece of jacket potatoes. "Also, you are not

After finishing the jacket potatoes, Abner brought the plate downstairs.

When he came to the living room, he saw a lady sleeping on the couch.

She is pretty and has good cooking skills.

She had curled herself up on the couch but was shivering slightly.

Cathy vaguely sensed someone watching her as she slept.

She opened her eyes suddenly and saw Abner standing before her.

Abner pursed his lips. He knew that she had mistaken him for Arius, but he still nodded. "Yes." He did feel a little hungry.

Cathy looked at Abner's adorable face and felt her heart melt from his cuteness. She pinched his

With that, she headed to the kitchen and wondered to herself. Didn't he say that he doesn't eat

She rubbed her sleepy eyes and said, "It's you... Are you still hungry?"

Cathy cooked up a few simple dishes suitable for children.

Abner finished everything.

appetite is too big?"

Abner was surprised by her question, but he chuckled mischievously and said, "Yes, I can eat a

Once Abner finished eating, Cathy could not help but say, "Arius, don't you think that your

Therefore, he said, "Furthermore, both portions must be exactly the same!"

Cathy was surprised by his request, but she still nodded and cleared the plates. "I understand. You are a growing child, so you need to eat a lot."

Then, he thought for a moment and realized that Arius could leave him with food he doesn't like.

He raised two fingers and said, "Whenever you cook anything nice, make sure to prepare two

After that, she took out a gift she had prepared for Adrian and gave it to Abner. It was a box of cookies she had made. "You can have this."

She smiled and patted his head. "You have to grow big and strong."

Abner blushed and ran upstairs with the cookies.

Then, Cathy finally breathed a sigh of relief and went back to the couch to continue sleeping.

In a room on the upper floor of the villa.

An expensive phone vibrated twice on the table.

It prompted a man to reach for the phone and turn on the screen.

It was a message from Arius. "She has passed the test."

Abner had also sent him a voice message. He was munching on cookies as he said, "I'll let her

arrangements. We shall register it tomorrow."

sake of my stomach."

The man put down the phone and tapped his fingers on the study table. "Make the necessary

pass for now. Although I don't like her, she cooked really tasty food. I have to compromise for the