

Chapter 73 My Name is Cathy Shaw, I Love My Twins

The woman responded with so much vigor that Adrian was slightly taken aback. "You seem very confident in yourself."

"Of course, I'm a professional after all." Cathy raised her head proudly. "Confidence is key to achieving success. Besides, I know I'm good at my job."

Seeing Cathy radiating with self-satisfaction made Adrian smile uncontrollably. "If you're so confident in your abilities, why have you only worked as a stunt double all these years without playing an actual role?"

Her face paled at the question. All her pride from before was replaced with visible anguish. She lowered her head, hesitation clear in her voice "It's because Xavier didn't want me in the entertainment industry..."

"That's it?" Adrian frowned in disbelief. "But Xavier's current girlfriend is in it. Not to mention, the lengths he's gone, and is still going, to get her a foothold in the industry."

Adrian wasn't lying when he said he was smart. But this was the worst time for him to be pointing out the discrepancies in the lies she was trying so hard to mask the truth with. Cathy bit her lip nervously as she fidgeted under the table.

Forgive me, Master Adrian. With status and wealth that far exceed the likes of ordinary people, he shouldn't even be associating himself with a tainted woman like her, much less have her as his wife.

A sudden knock from outside the door broke the awkward silence in the room, and the headwaiter entered seconds later, followed by a group of wait staff. "I hope I'm not interrupting you two?"

"No." But the slight growl in Adrian's voice betrayed his displeasure. Cathy, on the other hand, let out a silent sigh of relief.

"Sir, ma'am, your dishes are ready." After two minutes of serving all the food on the table, the waiter finally bowed and excused himself, not before saying with a smile, "I wish you two a great meal."

As soon as the waiter left, Cathy quickly pushed a few dishes to Adrian in hopes to deter him from the previous topic. "Let's eat! I'm starving."

Adrian narrowed his eyes suspiciously. But to her delight, he didn't probe any further.

After their satiating meal, Adrian took Cathy to the theaters as per his sons' suggestion. The movie started as a comedy. But towards the middle, the female lead suffered a memory loss which led her to forget everything about her lover.

It was a romantic comedy turned tragedy.

Cathy sobbed uncontrollably in her seat. She had used to look down on cliché amnesiac plots like these until she lost about a half-year worth of memory from the car accident five years ago. Since then, movies like these always hit a little too close to home.

Her waterworks only worsened when she saw that the female lead had no recollection of the child she bore with the male lead. It had somehow reminded her of her stillborn baby.

"It's all fake," a gentle voice reassured her, and she found herself falling into a warm embrace. "Don't cry."

The tenderness in the man's voice only caused her to cry harder, leaving Adrian helplessly wiping her tears each time new ones threatened to flow out.

After what felt like an eternity, the credits finally rolled, and Adrian patted himself on the back for holding out through his wife's emotional rollercoaster.

Except, Cathy was far from done.

The movie ended with the heroine's memories restored, and she lived a happily ever after life with her family. But unlike the heroine, Cathy would never be able to get that half a year's worth of her memory back. The doctor had even suggested she gave up as that part of her brain was damaged beyond repair.

Throughout the entire ride home, Cathy remained sullen with her eyes downcast.

"Mommy and daddy are back!" Abner's excited voice bounced off the walls as soon as Cathy and Adrian entered the door. He greeted them with a warm smile. "Daddy, mommy, did you have a good date?"

"Yes," Cathy replied through a forced smile, which Arius saw through almost immediately.

"Did daddy bully you?" Arius asked, frowning as his suspecting gaze traveled to the man behind Cathy.

"No." With a deep sigh, Cathy squatted down to pinch both sides of Abner's cheeks. "You already knew that Mr. B. Olton was your father, didn't you?"

Abner pursed his lips and nodded sheepishly. "Yes..."

"What about you?" She turned to Arius while her hands were still glued to Abner's chubby cheeks. "Did you know it too?"

Arius didn't answer, only looking away as the crease between his brows deepened.

"Alright, alright. I'm not mad at you." She laughed helplessly at the two boys. "It's just, I would appreciate it if you could help me instead the next time something like this happens."

What an unlucky day!

The woman ruffled both her sons' hair before standing up and stretching herself. "I'm a little tired, I'm going to rest," she muttered and made her way up the stairs, disregarding the looks of concern from the three males in the living room.

"This..." Abner stared blankly at his mother's back until she disappeared around the corner of the corridor. "Why do I feel like mommy is not happy at all..."

Arius directed his frown back at Adrian. "Daddy, explain."

Adrian let out a helpless sigh. "She has been in a bad mood ever since we went and watched the movie you two recommended."

"What?" It was Abner's turn to frown, more so out of puzzlement than annoyance "I had briefly checked the contents of the movie, and it didn't seem to have any triggering scenes apart from the few twists in the middle. It even ended on a good note. So, why would mommy be unhappy?"

"Plus," Arius chimed in with a nod, solemnly setting the book he was holding onto his lap. "Mommy is an actress herself. She'd know better than anyone that movie plots are nothing but fiction. The fact that she's this unhappy can only mean..."

"A certain scene triggered an unpleasant memory," Adrian finished, perfectly summarizing their collective inference.

"Mm." Letting out a hum of agreement, Arius swiftly whipped out his phone and swiped at the screen. "I'll get tickets for another show. Abner and I will go watch it tomorrow and analyze it well."

A soft smile lit up on Adrian's face. "Do you care about her that much?"

"Don't you care about her?" Arius retorted with a pout. "I'm sure Evan is currently working overtime because someone had instructed him to dig deeper into mommy's background."

Ignoring his son's cheeky remark, Adrian turned on his heel and headed up the stairs.

In the bedroom upstairs, Cathy had already fallen fast asleep in the opulent comfort of her soft, enormous bed. But even then, restlessness continued to consume her as she sank into a strange dream.

She found herself laying on a hospital bed with several tubes attached to her frail body. Through the glass window, she could see two twin infants sharing a cubicle outside her room. The sight of them made her smile weakly; those were her newborn babies.

Suddenly, a fire broke out of nowhere within her ward, and billows of thick smoke soon began filling the room. In a panic, Cathy wanted to get up, but her body refused to move.

Just as she was about to call for help, she noticed a man's figure emerging through the raging fire. But instead of rejoicing, she yelled out in a feeble voice, "Leave me and take the kids!"

The man didn't seem to heed her cries and continued to approach her. Although she couldn't make out his face, she could tell he was desperately trying to save her. Once again, she cried out, "Save the kids! I can't move, you won't be able to get me out of here!"

Her pleas seemed to get through to him this time as the man stopped in his tracks. After a few moments of hesitation, he finally picked up the two infants from the crib. "Wait for me, I'll come back for you!" he yelled out in a hoarse voice before rushing out through the flames.

"Don't come back!" Her voice croaked weakly. The flames had already begun spreading along every corner of the room. She knew it would be difficult for him to leave if he came back again. Mustering the last of her might, she cried out in hopes that by some miracle, he could still hear her. "Forget about me and find the kids a new mother! My name is Cathy Shaw, and I love my twins!"