

## Chapter 55

"Good morning, beautiful Cat!" Melissa walked into the kitchen in her pajamas, bubbling with excitement. "And is the most beautiful baby in the world already awake?" she asked, planting a kiss on my son's forehead.

"I wake up early, godmother," Peter replied with his unique morning enthusiasm.

"Good morning, Mel. All this joy is because Fred's coming today, right?" I asked, laughing at my friend dancing around the kitchen.

"Oh, Cat, my sweetheart arrives today, and I'm dying to see him!" She batted her eyelashes dramatically, placing her hands over her heart.

"Well then, let's have breakfast, get ready, and go prepare his apartment for his arrival," I said, happy for my friend.

After breakfast, we walked to the apartment Fred had bought, which was conveniently close to ours. Mel had spent the week coordinating furniture and appliance deliveries, and we'd planned to come today to put everything in place and do a thorough cleaning.

Lygia stayed with Peter in our apartment – I didn't want him exposed to dust right after recovering from a cold, and this way Mel and I could focus on organizing everything.

"Cat, I was thinking about surprising Fred with a romantic evening. Well, except for dinner, since we're all having dinner together..."

"No way, Melissa! You're going to prepare a romantic evening for you two, and that includes dinner. We can all have lunch together with Mari tomorrow," I interrupted, insisting that the evening should be just for



her and her boyfriend.

"But Cat, you know Fred misses you all and is dying to see his godson," Melissa whined.

"He can see us tomorrow. Let's finish up here, and I'll help you prepare this romantic evening. How about being here when he arrives, wearing super sexy lingerie, with good wine, a delicious dinner..." I suggested.

"I love it! Since he'll stop by here first to drop off his luggage, I can jump him right away," she said with a mischievous glint in her eyes, making me laugh at her expression.

"Then let's get everything done quickly because we need to go to the mall to buy your lingerie," I said, feeling excited about helping my friend.

It was great to keep my mind busy by helping organize Fred's apartment. It was the least I could do for my friends. After everything was ready, Mel and I went to the mall to buy everything she needed for her romantic night.

As soon as we got to the mall, we headed straight into a gorgeous lingerie store. Melissa chose a beautiful red corset set, bought a negligee in the same color, and I decided to treat myself to a white corset set with light blue ribbon details and stunning lace. I loved lingerie.

When we went to the checkout counter, I said to my friend:

"Mel, you're amazing to me, so no arguing - this lingerie is going to be my gift to you and Fred."

"You're crazy, Catherine, absolutely not, this is super expensive, I can't accept it," Melissa protested.



"You can and you will. Or are you going to offend me?" I countered, leaving her no way out. I really wanted to give my friend a nice gift to thank her for helping me get a new job.

"Oh, bestie, alright. Thank you! I'm going to look hot in this lingerie, aren't I?" Melissa said excitedly.

"You're hot no matter what, girl," I said, putting my hand on her shoulder.

We left the lingerie store and went to buy the rest of the things Melissa would need. We walked through the mall, bought everything, including little presents for Peter, and were heading towards the exit when I heard a familiar voice calling out. I looked back and recognized the saleswoman from the dress store from the other time.



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