

Love OT 371

Chapter 371 Esther or Bella?

Once again, the online viewers began to flood the screen with their comments.

'Vania's pretty tough, huh? She dominated the floor with just that sentence, "You're not worth the effort".'

'Melanie might've dressed like she owns the place, but she looks like a joke next to Vania's actual dominance.'

'Why does Melanie always end up getting exposed? I'm so curious to know what happened.'

'I don't get it. Why is Melanie still allowed to show her face in public? She poisoned her kids, set Vania up with a false accusation of plagiarism, kept trying to get her five minutes of fame by using President Luke, and cheated in the competition! Who on earth is backing her right now?'

'I agree with your comment. Melanie has been exposed numerous times now. Any ordinary person would've been hiding their head somewhere in shame by now, but she's shameless enough to show her face time and time again.'

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Melanie's image was tattered thanks to all that she had done, but she still did whatever she wanted, as if getting exposed for everything did not affect her at all.

This time, Melanie spoke up and seemingly addressed everyone's suspicions.

She glared at Vania and said, "I know you don't like me and I don't like you too, but it's an undeniable truth that I have two kids with President Luke. Even if you're in a relationship with President Luke right now, it still won't change this reality."

Her words left everyone else thunderstruck.

They heard about such rumors but never could tell if they were true.

Now that Melanie admitted it herself, everyone came to a realization.

'So Melanie really is the mother of President Luke's two kids, huh? She's that woman who has been hidden for the past five years.'

'It seems like President Luke is already in a relationship with Vania now.'

'I never thought these three people were involved in a love triangle. No wonder Melanie keeps picking a fight with Vania. This has to be why Melanie is still able to show up on stage despite all the negative publicity she's got. It must be thanks to President Luke.'

'Didn't any of you notice that President Luke doesn't seem that fond of Melanie? He has never said anything good about her.'

'I just hope Vania isn't the third party in this.'

'The mess just keeps growing. Didn't President Luke make an announcement about this before? Why is Vania the third party now? I hope President Luke makes a statement about this.'

Meanwhile, Vania did not pay any attention to everyone else's reactions. She scoffed at Melanie and taunted, "No one mentioned anything about this, so why are you bringing it up? You and I are both perfectly aware of who you are, so you don't need to bother announcing it to the world. The matter at hand right now is the validity of her identity."

She pointed at Bella and smirked. "You said your name's Esther Godwin, correct?"

Bella had not prepared for this at all and her mind went blank. She gave Melanie a frantic stare, hoping that Melanie would help her.

However, before she could catch Melanie's gaze, Vania spoke up again. "I'm talking to you right now. Why are you looking at Melanie?"

Bella forced herself to stand her ground as she said unconvincingly, "That's right. I'm Lunastella's assistant, Esther Godwin."

Vania snorted and said, "Bella Godwin, shouldn't you have tried harder when you picked your new alias? Changing to a name like Esther Godwin makes you seem like a joke."

'What?! You're telling me that she's Bella Godwin?! Did I hear it wrongly?'

'What on earth is happening today? This isn't the grand finale of 'The Voice' anymore. It's the last episode of some melodramatic soap opera.'

'I can't believe it. No wonder her face looks rather peculiar. It must be a result of plastic surgery.'

Chapter 372 Bella's Accusations

'I thought there'd be a twist, but I didn't expect an entire maze of twists...'

Bella trembled so violently that she nearly dropped her microphone.

Her surgery had been done in total secrecy, and she even disguised her voice today, so how did Vania find out about this?

She was stricken with fear and the voice inside her head kept repeating, I'm done for.

Melanie froze as well as a chill ran down her spine. She was on edge as she waited to hear what Vania would say next.

However, Bella's terror somehow made her bolder, albeit taking leave of her senses too. She gritted her teeth and berated Vania, "How dare you call me a fake? What gives you the right?"

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She screeched at the top of her lungs until the tiny device she placed inside her mouth to change her voice fell onto the floor without her noticing.

Bella continued to put up a fight. "Where's the evidence to back up your claims that I changed my name?"

Vania raised her brows in amusement and pointed at the device on the ground. "Would that count as evidence?"

Bella glanced at it and her eyes nearly popped out.

Melanie tried her best to catch Bella's attention and warn her not to say anything else, but Bella did not look at her at all.

By now, Bella forgot to keep her act up. Her expression was sinister as she screamed, "You're a b*tch, Vania Greyson! You're just trying to get back at me!"

"Oh? Is there some kind of conflict between us? It seems like you're not Esther Godwin after all," Vania chuckled.

Bella's expression changed when she realized she had dropped the facade, but she could not take it back anymore, so she screamed, "You're just trying to set me up and get back at me because I like President Luke! Hah! I'm going to expose your true colors to the entire world today!"

She turned to the live-feed camera and said behind gritted teeth, "Vania Greyson is an evil and cunning woman! She pretends to be a weak and gentle woman to gain President Luke's trust, and then she uses all sorts of heinous tactics to get rid of any woman who comes near him so that she'll be the only one who stays beside him."

Vania had not said anything, but Bella turned to her and huffed, "Did I miss out on anything?"

Vania's expression was calm as she was not at all concerned by Bella's attempts to besmirch her. "What you're saying has nothing to do with today's competition."

"I don't care if it has nothing to do with the competition. If you don't have the guts to refute me, then it means I'm right! You can't say anything in your defense because it's the truth!" Bella gloated as she believed that she had managed to turn the tables on Vania.

Vania had a faint smile, but her expression was cold. Anyone familiar with her would know that she was well and truly mad now.

However, Bella assumed that she managed to expose Vania's schemes, so she pressed on. "Why aren't you saying anything? Is it because I exposed the truth about you, so you don't even dare to defend yourself?"

Vania's expression remained neutral as she looked Bella in the eyes and said coolly, "Why should I concern myself with such ludicrous accusations? Once we've dealt with this issue regarding the competition, everyone will know the truth about what's happening right now."

Bella kept her head held high as she retorted confidently, "Fine. I can't wait to see how you get out of this. Hurry up and explain yourself then. If you don't give a satisfactory explanation about why you're causing a scene right now, I'll sue you for slander."

Bella sounded so sure of herself that everyone else began to worry about Vania instead.

On the other hand, Melanie had no idea what got into Bella. Why was she going up against Vania? Did Bella have other motives that Melanie did not know about?

All Melanie could think about right now was how to distance herself from this mess later.

Vania leveled Bella a look that seemed to signify that she would soon get what she wanted. "Soon enough, you'll be taking the stand in court."

Chapter 373 Lunastella's True Identity

"However, you'll never be able to file a countersuit."

Bella felt a shiver run down her spine as she saw how confident Vania was. Her heart began pounding. Wasn't she afraid of me earlier? Why is she different now?

Melanie could tell that Bella's future was already a given.

She did not care about losing the help of Bella, but she could not allow Bella to drag her down as well. She frantically tried to formulate a contingency plan.

Just then, Vania turned to the perplexed host and said politely, "I would like you to help me with something."

The host had been at a loss for quite some time now, so now that Vania was willing to take the lead, he nodded at once. "By all means, ask away."

Vania took her phone out. "Help me connect this to the projector. There's something I'd like to share with everyone."

"Of course, just give me a moment." The host called out to the sound engineers and got everything set up for Vania.

Everyone, including the host, turned their gaze toward the giant screen on stage.

Vania swiftly opened the profile page on a music platform.

The Internet connection was a little slow, so it took a while to refresh.

'Why is she showing us this?'

'Isn't this the platform that Lunastella uses? Her songs were first released here.'

'My guess is that the profile page has a picture of her assistant.'

'Could it be that Vania Greyson is Lunastella's assistant?'

There was no way of knowing how the cogs turned in some of the netizens' heads as they came up with the idea that Vania would be an assistant.

To be fair, a lot of the contestants, judges, and members of the audience had the same thought as well.

Right at that moment, the profile page refreshed and displayed the information for all to see.

There were a few key pieces of information.

Artist Name: Lunastella

Legal Name: Vania Greyson

These two lines were followed by several certificates, as well as a detailed record of all her published works and the awards she won.

There were also platform notices, online comments, and so on. Everything proved that Vania was indeed Lunastella.

Once again, another of Vania's identity was revealed—a songwriting genius with countless awards to her name.

Everyone fell into a state of absolute shock and disbelief.

Melanie clenched her fists at once. It's her again? How many identities does she have? Her gaze was different from everyone else as she scrutinized Vania.

As for Bella, she had broken out in a cold sweat as she chanted to herself, It's all over. It's all over for me.

The online viewers started another round of frenzied comments.

'The great designer, Mia Stravinsky; the advertising guru, Mr. Wright; the songwriting genius, Lunastella; and the president of Galaxy Corporation, Vania Greyson! Are we in some kind of alternate universe where she's actually a goddess?'

'How can anyone be this accomplished? Is it possible for a person to be at the top of so many different fields?'

'Most importantly, she's a stunner too! If she chose to join the entertainment industry, she'd probably earn the title of Sexiest Woman Alive too.'

The online comments were going wild with praises for Vania. No one could be jealous of her as they were all completely floored by her accomplishments.

Hanson's eyes were also full of pride as he gazed at Vania. It was only befitting that the woman he loved was such an amazing person.

Vania caught his gaze, and they gave each other a warm smile.

'If Vania didn't smile at President Luke, I would've forgotten all about him.'

'Now's a good time to add that Vania's man is also one of the GOATs out there. I'm soooooo jealous of them.'

At last, the host seemed to have found his voice again. He reclaimed control of the room and asked the audience, "Does anyone have anything else they're curious about? Let's ask Ms. Greyson—that is, Lunastella herself, to enlighten us."

“I want to know where the assistant is right now.”

“Who on earth gets the vote?”

Chapter 374 Love of My Life

“Does this mean the winner’s going to be someone else? What are the results now?”

“I want to know what the theme of Lunastella’s latest song is!”

The audience called out all the questions they had.

Vania was very patient. She gestured for them to quieten down before speaking into the microphone, “My assistant was attacked while making her way over here.”

She emphasized the word “attacked” and the audience shuddered as their thoughts went straight to the worst-case scenario.

Melanie was ashen, and Bella was trembling so hard that she nearly lost her balance.

Even they, the ones who plotted the whole thing, did not know the condition and whereabouts of that assistant right now. Vania had been on-site all along, so how did she find out?

Melanie had a pretty solid plan in mind already. No matter what, she had to place all the blame on Bella for everything.

As everyone grew fraught with anxiety, Vania played an audio recording.

The sound quality was rather poor, but still clear enough to hear the conversation that had been recorded.

It started with a loud screeching sound of someone slamming the brakes on a car, and then a woman exclaimed in fear, “Who are you guys?! Let go of me!”

Following that, there was a rowdy group of men who began to holler and curse.

The woman’s mouth was stuffed with something as her screams turned muffled and indistinct.

At the very end, a man said, “Hey Daggert, I found it. Sandy and I will stay behind to keep an eye on her. You can go ahead and take the documents and credentials to them.”

The audio recording ended at that.

Just as a few people moved to question the validity of the audio recording, Vania spoke up first. “I’ve already reported this to the police, and based on the information I provided to them, they were able to locate my assistant. Thankfully, she only had a few external injuries, nothing serious. As for those three hooligans who kidnapped her, they’ve been found and taken into police custody.”

Melanie and Bella were in a daze to find out that Vania had managed to strike that quickly.

Vania added, "I won't say anything more about this case. The police will report their findings once they finish their investigation."

Even though Vania did not declare who the mastermind was, everyone knew the answer already.

They scoffed at Melanie and Bella with disdain.

The two women were ripped to shreds by the audience.

Melanie's eyes darted around as she tried to find an escape.

Bella was petrified. Her gut was telling her that there was no way she was getting out of it this time.

With how bleak things were looking for her, she tried to put up one last defense by shrieking, "No, it's all a lie! Vania made it all up! She's an evil and despicable woman who is willing to do anything to get Hanson!"

Bella looked like a lunatic as she screamed at Vania, "Explain yourself! Why don't you explain yourself? After saying all these things, why don't you dare to respond to what I said earlier?!"

She began to laugh maniacally. "You're scared of me. You dare not say anything. Hahahaha..."

However, Vania did not entertain Bella who seemed to have lost her mind. She continued to answer the audience's questions.

"As Lunastella, I did not have any opinion about any of the contestants. All I intended was to let my assistant share the lyrics of my latest song."

She chuckled shyly and said, "I wanted to use this program as a platform to dedicate this song to the love of my life."

"Wow..." The audience broke out in shrieks and howls as they heard the words "love of my life".

The tense and awkward atmosphere was finally broken by Vania's declaration.

'Doesn't Vania's smile look a little too coy? I can feel the love even through the screen.'

'That's so sweet! Are the lyrics written for President Luke?'

Chapter 375 Hanson's Stance

'Even the rich profess their love in a different way. Quick, reveal the lyrics.'

Vania was not in a hurry to reveal the lyrics. Instead, she only said to the competitors, "I've participated in the whole competition and the judging was fair. As such, I will leave the final results to the judges."

This only meant that Melanie's first place did not count and that she needed to play fair.

The crowd applauded her again, seemingly satisfied with her decision.

'Vania is being very fair. I support her.'

'Melanie is obviously not at the level of being a champion. I support Vania's fairness too.'

Vania placed the microphone after that as a signal that she had finished stating everything.

Then, Hanson picked it up and made a rare joke, "My Queen has finished speaking, so it's my turn now."

"Hahaha..."

A self-deprecating joke made the crowd laugh out loud.

'It's finally President Luke's turn. I wonder what he's going to say.'

'Is the president's position that low in his household?'

'Even if President Luke was joking, I still feel pressured by him.'

'President Luke is too dominating. I could feel his aura even through the screen.'

'It looks like he really dotes on Vania.'

After telling the joke, Hanson immediately showed a cold face. "I will be revealing the answer to the incident concerning Melanie and that woman, Bella."

A trembling Melanie looked at Hanson with a flurry of emotions. Then, she heard Hanson slowly say, "I have two children, but it is unknown who their mother is."

Melanie was left in shock after hearing this. I'm done. Hanson still found out in the end.

The Internet was going restless too.

'Did Melanie lie again?'

'Did she get a slap in the face again? Are any of her words true? Last time, she published a post slandering President Luke and Vania. This time, it was revealed that it was all fake.'

'Why does someone like Melanie exist? Is she here to act as an anti-example for the kids?'

Hanson was still talking, "I announce yet again that the woman I love from the start till the end is only Vania. Besides her, I don't have another in my heart."

His last sentence showed just how loyal he was, making a lot of women watching the live stream green with envy.

After that, he laughed, a rare sight in front of the crowd. "I hope that she gets jealous more often, so she can chase away those hateful women."

Not only did Hanson deny Melanie and protect Vania at the same time, he also humiliated Bella.

It was enough for him to state his stance on the matter.

Feeling her heart shatter, the teary-eyed Melanie was numb as she waited for the final result.

On the other hand, Bella was scared out of her wits. Standing there, she also did not react.

The scene heated up in discussion, with Hanson finally controlling the crowd. "Now, let's invite the host to give out the awards."

Right then, the music resumed again, and the incident from earlier seemed nothing more than a fleeting memory.

The host announced, "Would our champion, Kiki, come up to the stage and take your prize?"

It was within expectation that Kiki would be the overall champion, as she had taken first place in the last competition. On top of that, her singing abilities were undoubtedly the best.

After the judges gave her the prize, Vania read the lyrics, seeing as her assistant could not come. "The song's name is: 'Gazing Upon the Moon'. You said that you would be with me for eternity and that the moon was our witness."

Hearing the name of the song, Hanson was a bit stunned as he looked lovingly at Vania. That was when their first kiss took place.

Chapter 376 At Wits End

Vania felt her ears go red, but she still maintained her composure. "Congratulations to Kiki, our champion. I hope we can have a happy collaboration."

"I will try my best. Thank you, Ms. Greyson and President Luke." Kiki was surprised at how she came in first place.

The host then continued, "Let us congratulate the champion, Kiki, for the last time. We'll see you next time."

'The Voice' then ended.

The moment the livestream ended, the police immediately entered and took Bella away.

Bella shouted while being escorted away, "Melanie, help me! Save me!"

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Yet, Melanie did not even look at her as she was afraid of being dragged down with her...

As she watched Bella getting taken away, she was afraid of ending up in the same situation as her. She was afraid of trouble finding her.

So, under everyone's noses, she secretly slipped away.

The first thing she would do was find someone to convict Bella of her crimes and let her take the fall. It would be best if she did not bother her ever again.

After the show ended, Vania and Hanson walked under the moonlight.

Holding her by the shoulders, Hanson said, "I'm really surprised that you wrote a song for me."

Vania only looked up at the moon and said, "The inspiration just happened to strike me."

Having other thoughts, Hanson said, "Did you already like me back then? After all, that was the day of our first kiss."

Blushing, Vania denied that. "What are you talking about? I was just a bit moved that day. That's all."

Of course, Hanson knew that she was being shy. Following her, he looked up at the moon and said, "I was really moved tonight."

The two then exchanged gazes before smiling.

Vania then changed the subject, asking, "What did you mean when you said that Morales and Morgan's real mother were unknown?"

"It was exactly as it meant," stated Hanson nonchalantly.

Seeing him so nonchalant, Vania did not continue asking.

The incident five years ago had something amissed, which Vania had suspected long ago. She had sent her people to look into it, thinking that she would soon know the answer.

Now that the business with Dylan, Bella, and the show had come to an end for now, Vania could take a slight breather too. "It has been a tiring day. Let's quickly go home and have dinner with the kids."

"Okay." Holding her hand, they then went back to Haling Villa together.

Even though Melanie was scared out of her wits, her mind was still repeating the words Hanson said, 'It is unknown who their mother is.'

What do I do now? After hesitating for a while, she finally called the strange and familiar number.

Soon enough, the call went through as a charismatic voice came from the other side, "Speak."

As straightforward as always.

Panicked and nervous, Melanie immediately said, "Hanson is suspicious of my identity. What should I do next?"

The man on the other side laughed without a care, obviously not sharing her worries.

Instead, he only replied, "So?"

"But..."

"Stop. No buts." The man was growing a bit impatient.

Frowning, Melanie could not accept the man being so nonchalant, so she asked, "What if Hanson finds out that I'm not the mother? What do I do then? I can't possibly return to his side after that."

Yet, the man only laughed louder at her words. "I gave you a chance five years ago. But, it was your own stupidity that made you fail in getting him five years later."

Chapter 377 Abandoned

Melanie became a bit angry after her incompetence was revealed. "Do you think I didn't want things to go my way? What do you want me to do now that everything has already happened?"

Snorting, the man only replied, "Just wait for further instructions." He then promptly hung up.

Melanie gripped her phone tightly while hearing the beeping tone.

What does this mean? Am I abandoned by everyone? How can this be? She was racking her brain, trying to come up with a solution.

The moment Vania and Hanson reached home, the six children surrounded them.

Naturally, they had seen the livestream today as the eldest and second child praised Vania. "Nicely done, Mommy. Baddies should get the punishment they deserve."

Jacob and Jude also nodded in agreement at Vania, thinking how satisfying it was to look at Melanie's and Bella's terrified expressions.

Smiling, Vania then noticed Morales' and Morgan's inexplicable expressions before she glanced at Hanson.

In comparison, both of them were not so excited since Melanie was their mother.

Naturally, they heard Hanson denying Melanie's words tonight. Morales asked perplexedly, "Daddy, are we really not Mommy's children?"

Hanson only rubbed their heads dotingly. Not wishing to hide anything, he replied, "Five years ago, there was an accident between me and your mommy. Maybe there's some misunderstanding in all this. I will investigate everything clearly."

He then looked at Vania and the four kids. "But, no matter what happens, I, as well as your brothers and Miss Greyson, will always be here for you."

The four kids nodded. "Yup. We'll always be your brothers." They would help in the investigation too.

Lowering herself, Vania gently said, "We'll be with you, always."

"Okay." Both Morales and Morgan nodded obediently.

The family then ate their dinner in a peaceful manner.

Next morning in the office of Galaxy Corporation.

Linda, who looked somewhat disappointed, was holding the results and said, "Boss, the results were the same as five years ago."

Feeling a bit down, Vania felt very pensive after perusing through the report.

Was this all just wishful thinking on my part? Was the man that night not Hanson? Were the children really not mine?

At the same time, Vania was not the only one feeling sad as Hanson was also upset over the results of the report.

Frowning deeply, he thought about how Vania was the one who said the room number, so how could this be wrong?

Could two people have entered the room? No. Someone must be interfering in all this.

Then, Hanson asked coldly, "How are things on Eddie's side progressing?"

Larry responded, "As per your instructions, we've been searching for him, but we still couldn't find any traces."

"Concentrate the search in Hammond." Since he wasted all this effort in doing this, that means he will come back here.

Now that a lot of things are out of his control, he might be making a move soon.

Larry nodded. "Understood. I will increase the men on the search."

After pondering for quite a while, Hanson, who was a bit expectant yet afraid, asked with a frown, "Do you have the results of the blood test?"

With a lowered head, Larry did not dare utter the truth, as he feared that this might hurt Hanson. After all, he knew how hopeful his employer was. "About that..."

Chapter 378 A Quiet Date

Upon noticing Larry's expression, Hanson already knew the answer. He waved at him. "Say no more."

He was a bit overwhelmed right then. It all points to Vania being the woman that night. But, why is everything being overturned?

Somewhat tired, Hanson said, "Just keep investigating it. I want to see what Eddie will do."

"Understood."

After Larry left, Hanson kept massaging his forehead. For some reason, he felt a bit bitter inside and only wanted to go see Vania. Yet, he did not know what to say to her.

Grabbing his keys, he drove around aimlessly.

In the end, his car arrived at Galaxy Corporation. It was already after office hours by then, as Hanson looked at his watch before calling Vania.

“Hey, Hanson.”

One could, if they listened closely, hear Vania’s slightly tired voice.

“I’m downstairs. I’ve come to pick you up.”

Vania replied, “Okay. I’ll come down now.” She then sighed after seeing Hanson’s car through the window.

Regaining her composure, she went downstairs, acting as if nothing had happened.

Yet, while waiting for Vania, Hanson took out a cigarette from his shirt pocket in frustration.

This was the second time he smoked after meeting Vania, but he remembered that she did not like the smell of tobacco upon taking a drag, so he extinguished it.

Nevertheless, Vania still detected the smell with her sharp senses. “Is something up?”

Smiling bitterly, Hanson noticed Vania’s fatigue. “That’s right. You too?”

When Vania came down, she made herself look calm and collected, but she still could not escape Hanson’s eyes in the end.

Smiling, she replied, “I’m not in a good mood.”

“Care to share what happened?” Hanson asked.

Lowering her head, Vania hid her emotions. “It’s just that I thought of things wrongly.”

Since she did not want to speak, Hanson did not question her further, as he silently drove.

Vania reached out and caressed his tightly furrowed eyebrows. “What’s wrong?”

Glancing at her, Hanson replied, “Same as you. An unwanted result.”

Even though the two did not expose each other, they had a feeling that they were thinking about the same thing.

Noticing the familiar street, Vania said, “We should go back later. The kids will know something’s up, seeing how obvious I am.”

“Where do you want to go?” Hanson turned the car around while asking.

“Let’s go to Hammond International Hotel.” Although she detested that place, she wanted to go there today, thinking that something might come to her mind.

The hotel was a place where food and entertainment met. It was a nice and relaxing place.

However, Hanson grew a bit worried upon hearing that Vania wanted to go there. Still, he conceded after seeing how much she wanted to go. “Okay.”

Hanson chose the top floor with the best view, as the two sat opposite each other on the balcony.
“Some red wine?”

Nodding, Vania replied, “Sure.”

The two did not talk while they drank from their cups and admired the view.

It was only after a long time did the wind blow their worries away, and their expressions slowly relaxed.

Chapter 379 Putting on a Show

It had been five years since then, and it was something that had been considered to be in the past. Thus, it was still up to them to decide on the future.

The two seemed to smile at the same time.

Hanson said, “Ladies first.”

Smiling relaxingly, Vania changed the subject. “There are still three days left before the kids go to school. Which kindergarten will Morales and Morgan be attending?”

“Blooming Kindergarten,” Hanson answered. “They’ve been attending there from day one.”

Vania did not think that they were attending the school too, as she had not met them.

“What a coincidence. Jude is attending that school too.” Vania smiled, as if fate had brought them together.

“That’s great. The brothers can get to know each other better then.” Satisfied, Hanson was happy that they were even fated to choose the same kindergarten.

Raising her glass, Vania stated, “We should go back now.”

Now that they had mostly calmed down, the children would only panic if they did not go back sooner.

Hanson toasted her before drinking from his glass in one shot. “Let’s go.”

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Time flew by, and three days passed in the blink of an eye.

Melanie, who was still terrified, did not dare come out of her house. She was afraid of Hanson severing her and the kids’ relationship if he found out about what happened.

Yet, after waiting for three days, it did not seem that Hanson had made any moves.

Then, she recalled what the man said. Who is he? The things he arranged can’t even be detected by Hanson. How is there such a capable individual?

Noticing her daughter looked so worried and in her own world, Josie walked over and reminded her, “Have you forgotten what day today is?”

As Melanie looked back at her confusedly, Josie sighed. "Forgetting even such a major event. I think you can give up on returning to Hanson's side."

Hearing her own mother's quip made Melanie angry. "What are you talking about, Mom? How could you curse your own daughter? Just spit it out."

Josie only glared at her and said, "Today is the day those two brats, Morales and Morgan, are going to school. Are you still going to stay here and mope around?"

Her words made Melanie stand up in regret immediately. How could I have forgotten about this? This is a good chance to see Hanson.

She then said to Josie, "Thanks for the reminder, Mom."

After that, she quickly applied makeup and drove to Haling Villa.

Now that she could not enter the villa's main gates, she could only wait outside anxiously.

Fortunately, half an hour had not even passed before the two adults appeared with six children in tow.

Seeing this, Melanie got out of the car and rushed to them.

She explained upon seeing Hanson's solemn face. "Today is the day where the kids are going to school. I'm here to send them to school with you."

Vania and her children were not surprised at Melanie's sudden appearance, as they calmly watched her put on a show.

Meanwhile, Morales and Morgan were different, calling her intimately upon seeing her, "Mommy."

Hearing the children address her so intimately nearly made her burst out in tears before she asked, "My sweethearts, have you readied everything for school?"

The two brothers instantly replied, "Ms. Greyson and our brothers had helped us prepare."

Smiling subtly, Melanie raised the item in her hand. "Mommy was afraid that you might not get used to school on the first day, so I especially prepared something for you. It's all in this small baggy. Take it."

Back when the kids went to school, she did not prepare so thoroughly, nor did she ever volunteer to send the kids.

Chapter 380 A Mother and Her Offspring

With a cold face, Hanson uttered, "Since you've given them the things, you can go back now."

Melanie was shocked since she had assumed that he would at least be fazed a bit by Morgan and Morales' excitement upon seeing her.

She bitterly said, "Please, don't chase me away. Let me send the kids to school since today is their first day of school. Other kids have their parents to send them. How bad would Morales and Morgan feel if they didn't have theirs?"

While saying that, she was already crying, as if wanting to use her tears to prove her pain.

Nonetheless, Hanson was not moved by this. "Vania and I being with them is enough. We don't need you."

Melanie's heart was crushed by this. What Hanson was essentially telling her was that she had been completely replaced by Vania.

Now, she did not dare ask Hanson again, as she knew he would not agree to it.

So, she could only place her hopes in Morales and Morgan while she spoke with tears in her eyes, "Can I send you to school?"

After these few days, Morales and Morgan were already aware of Melanie's wrongdoings.

Nevertheless, since she was still their mother and since they had lived together for five years, it was impossible for them not to have any kinship with her.

Although they were sad and angry, they still wanted her here. They looked at Hanson with pitiful eyes, seemingly asking him if it was possible.

Seeing how Hanson was not responding, Morales spoke timidly, "Daddy?"

Morgan also opened his mouth, "Can she, Daddy?"

Hanson was a bit troubled over this. I've already told them all they needed to know, so why are they still acting in this manner?

It seems like it hasn't reached the time to sever their relationship. In the end, Hanson could only concede. "Do you really want her to go with you?"

The two children immediately nodded upon hearing this. "We do." This was because their mother had never sent them to school before, so they wanted to experience it at least once.

Seeing this development, Melanie instantly knew there was still hope for her. She said, "I'm only going to send them to school. I'm not going to cause any trouble."

Hanson glanced at Vania. Even though he had repeatedly promised her that he would stop contacting Melanie, he failed to do so. Thus, he blamed himself for it.

On the other hand, Vania knew just how inseparable a mother and her children could be.

She recalled how Jude was still speaking to his foster father even after the mistreatment he went through before he left. So, one could see just how hard it was for Morales and Morgan to leave Melanie, especially when she had not done anything yet.

"Just listen to the kids' wishes." Vania smiled at Hanson, indicating that everything was fine.

Coincidentally, she also had a lot of questions about the incident five years ago. If she gave Melanie a chance now, there might be an opportunity that might present itself.

Hanson turned and looked at Melanie, warning her, "I think you should know what you should and should not say."

Teary-eyed, Melanie was overjoyed at this. "Yes, I know. I know."

"Drive your own car. You don't need to ride with us," stated Hanson coldly before he got in the car with Vania and the kids.

This made her very bitter. Do I not even deserve to sit with them now?

It's not as if such a big car can't fit me.

Even though she was very reluctant, she still drove her own car in the end.

Throughout the whole trip, she followed them closely, like a stalker.

With cruel thoughts in mind, she wanted to step on the pedal and crash into them, making Vania and her children all perish in the process.