

Master Odell 1291

Chapter 1291

Dinner went on quietly for a while until the phone in his pocket rang and broke the silence.

When he picked up the call, his expression and tone turned serious. "What is it?"

It was Cliff who had called. "Sir, Secretary Ackerman can't make it tomorrow. His wife is seriously ill, and he has to be by her side."

"Let him stay with his family."

"But it might take him months to return based on his wife's condition, and there must be someone there to assist you."

"Tell administration to find someone to take his place."

A second of hesitation later, Cliff said, "Sir, I have someone that I would like to recommend. I wonder if she will be suitable."

"Who is it?"

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now and has always been at the front desk, doing

didn't even ask for a reward for helping either, so I believe she is qualified to take Secretary

decide," Odell said after he sipped a

decent employee and would be suitable as

nodded and said, "Thank you, sir. I'll go inform her right

up the

"Is there

and put a piece of rib on

smiled and then started munching on

rib.

Odell, Cliff

went downstairs to look for Shermaine. He beckoned Shermaine to the side and jokingly told her that she had been

was surprised and delighted, but her concerns followed. "I have no experience as a secretary, and as Master Carter's secretary, I must be super

Am I really suitable?"

are as super capable as you are,
and I believe you will do a great job. Master Carter might seem like a cold person, but he never gives his employees a hard time. Just

the position because of the hard work you've shown, and your own capability." Shermaine smiled.

it reminded Cliff of Sylvia during her younger

was stunned by the dazzling smile for a moment, but he managed to regain his composure. "Stay back after work. I'll guide you around and let you know what you

Chapter 1292 After dinner with Odell, Sylvia took a ride back home.

Everyone at home had eaten.

When she walked into the living room, Liam was reading a book to Flint while Isabel, Aunt Tonya, and Madam Carter were watching the latest drama series on television.

Everything felt harmonious and peaceful.

Her entrance caught everyone's attention.

"Mommy!" Flint abandoned his brother and wobbled his way to his mother.

Sylvia smiled and carried the boy into her arms before she walked over to Madam Carter.

Isabel tapped on the empty seat beside her and said, " Mommy, have a seat. This new drama series is awesome! We are at the climax now!"

Sylvia turned to the television,

The male and female protagonists were having an argument in the rain, and it seemed to be a fierce debate because even Madam Carter and Aunt Tonya were deeply fascinated by the storyline.

Sylvia smiled and chose to sit down beside Liam.

guy had a white shirt coupled with denim overalls which complimented his neatly combed hair. His clean and delicate face was glowing. Although youthful, he already had the features of a handsome man. He always had a cold expression on, similar to

Sylvia pinched his cheek.

her. "What is it, Mommy?"

on?"

pouted, seemingly helpless.

then that Flint extended his arm forward and pinched his brother's cheek

Liam's expression turned frosty.

hands trembled and quickly retracted his arm. He quickly crawled behind Sylvia's

are you

He continued to hide behind his mother and argued, "Brother, Mommy pinched you

cold. "You are not the same as

I are family. What's

as he

could not help but giggle at

attitude or Isabel's unruly behavior, but he was as

smart as his siblings. Besides, he knew how to win people's hearts, which made him the

along

the toddler's mischievous chuckle. She carried him back

was obviously scared of Liam, so he tried to climb

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Sylvia did not know what to do with

the little guy. Just when she was about to leave Flint to his little quirks, Liam with the book turned around and sized Flint up from top to bottom.

Flint was being adorable when his brother stared at him. He quickly retracted his hands from his mother's neck and sat obediently like a doll. "Sit next to me," Liam instructed.

Flint used his most adorable gaze at Sylvia, asking for help.

However, Sylvia

averted his gaze and feigned ignorance. Flint then crawled out from Sylvia's arms to Liam's side and sat upright like a little soldier. Liam stared at him coldly. "Bring the book over."

Flint pouted. He reluctantly picked up the book and started reading it from the first page. Meanwhile, Liam finally retracted his cold gaze and continued reading his book.

Sylvia, who watched the little scene from start to end, was left speechless. She was almost certain that Flint had pinched Liam's cheek on purpose earlier. He must have lived under his brother's oppression for too long to the

point that he seized the opportunity to execute his

revenge.

thought put a smile

got up and headed upstairs to her studio to settle some

floor, Liam put down his book and turned his attention to Isabel, who was watching television

8 o'clock. Time

her back shown to her brother. When she heard her room is with me. If you don't finish your homework by 9 o'clock later, you won't then continued reading up right away and stared at Liam with a grumpy expression. "Stupid not even sparing hid his face behind the book and peeked at his sister sympathetically, seeming stare and decided to vent her emotions on him. "What are you immediately concealed himself grunted and stomped her way upstairs. Hearing the little bickering from the second floor, Sylvia held her urge to laugh and went home

Chapter 1294

Sylvia only opened her eyes when Odell came out from the bathroom, clean and freshly dressed. He left the room before she could say goodbye.

She picked up her phone and found out that it was already 10 o'clock in the morning. It was no wonder Odell left in such a hurry.

She wondered when the busy days would come to an end because it had been a while since they had woken up together. Recently, even seeing each other started to become a luxury that they could not afford.

'Sigh. I still have to go to the academy later...'

Sylvia sighed and got out of bed.

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When Odell came down to the living room, only Aunt Tonya and Madam Carter were around to take care of Flint. Isabel and Liam had gone to school.

Flint got up and ran over as soon as he saw his father come down, so Odell carried him up for a while and then put him in Aunt Tonya's care.

Madam Carter, "Grandmother, I

nodded.

him, "Odell, you haven't

I'll simply grab something along the way." Odell then strode out of

car leave the house, in Aunt Tonya's arms, Flint asked,

busy, but he'll come back when he's done with work," Aunt Tonya hasn't played with Tonya was silenced by with you. Come over here." Madam Carter waved at the boy from her down from Aunt Tonya's arms and went glued to the door. He really wanted his parents black MPV shuttled across the busy traffic and finally arrived strode into the building , the two receptionists bolted up and bowed at him. Even the other employees who passed by the lobby as he went into the elevator that sent him straight to the highest floor. As soon as he stepped out of the whole morning. She bolted up and bowed respectfully with her hands in front of her lap. "Good

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Shermaine quietly went in and put the cup of tea on his desk.

Odell was captivated by the documents in his hands and did not even notice her.

Therefore, she only stayed in the office for two seconds before wisely stepping out. Cliff had told her that the man hated being disturbed while working, and Aunt Ruth had also taught her to be patient in the art of seducing a man. 1

She finally got promoted to his secretary, so now would be the best time to practice the virtue of patience.

The thought put a grin on her face as she returned to her desk outside.

Several days later, which was a Friday, Sylvia finished class at the academy shortly after noon and went home.

It had been days since she saw Odell, so she pulled her phone out and wanted to text him. Coincidentally, she received his call.

to go abroad to deal with an urgent matter. I'm on the way to the airport to his voice was

the kids for me. I'll leave them in your hands." Sylvia smiled. "Don't worry about them. You be careful out there. Don't forget to get enough rest." He chuckled. "Yeah. I got it." Just when Sylvia

reply before

Sylvia raised a brow.

business trip abroad with Cliff and Morris, his assistant and
of that,

it at the moment. She was “probably his employee and must be
this particular trip
soon drove into

Westchester International Airport.

and the boarding procedures while Cliff carried his briefcase and followed Odell
sat down in the window seat. The seat beside him was left idle, and Shermaine’s eyes gleamed for
behind Odell and glued her eyes on

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There were mostly common snacks that were arranged neatly in a certain pattern. The handmade
candies were intricately constructed as well.

At home, his wife used to love making candy for the kids, but she got a lot busier after returning to the
workforce. In addition to taking care of the three kids, she also had to look after Madam Carter, hence
there was simply no time to make candy.

It was the little things that could warm one’s heart, especially how it was presented. He was not
interested in snacks but would indulge in some whenever Sylvia put a box or a bowl by his side.

His eyes flickered and he instinctively picked a piece of dried berry.

Shermaine grinned widely when she saw Odell eat the snack she prepared.

Two days later, on a Sunday, Sylvia brought the kids out earlier in the morning and spent the whole day
at a theme park. They only arrived home in the evening.

Flint in her arms and sat in the rear seat

his mother’s shoulder.” Sylvia could only doze off

his mother’s neck and stuck his cheek on her chest. His eyes were staring outside the window blankly,
seemingly having a plethora

pouted and answered meekly, “I

surprised

that Liam woke up and looked up

are you missing

The duo loved to play tickles as always, and the car was soon filled with Flint’s chuckles. The siblings got
so carried away that they did not notice Flint’s leg was right in

onto his brother's ankle to stop him from
cheerful and

on a business trip. Other than the text that she received that night when he arrived at Hemingway, she
had never gotten a call from him. He must be ridiculously busy, and she started to

later, the car stopped outside the

Chapter 1297 The three of them turned to Sylvia together when she came into the room.

"Mommy!" Flint was the first to bolt up with his tiny legs and wobble over to her.

Sylvia carried him and sat in between the other two." Issy, Liam, hold on for a while. I want to call
Daddy."

Isabel and Liam put down their toys obediently. Flint looked up at her with his chubby face and glued his
eyes to the phone she held.

It should already be after work hours in Hemingway, so Sylvia tried video-calling Odell.

As the dial tone sounded from the phone, Sylvia and the kids widened their eyes at the screen. A while
later, just when the call was about to reach time off, the call got through.

The man's handsome face appeared on the screen.

Sylvia smiled, but before she could say a word, Flint blurted in delight, "Daddy!" His sweet and adorable
voice could easily melt hearts.

Odell smiled at his wife and kids. "Have you guys eaten?"

Sylvia hummed a reply.

then said, "Stupid Daddy, we've eaten. How

slightly pursed his lips. "I've eaten

this moment, knocks came from the door, followed by a female's voice. "Sir, the documents you
requested are here, and so is the dinner you

an irritated tone, he said, "Go

the woman who spoke, but she heard the woman going out and closing the

Stupid

said, "I haven't eaten dinner, but

raised her brow.

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"Yeah. Really.'

finally

suddenly asked, "What Daddy

boy's question. He said, "Daddy ate some

"Oh-oh-ooo..."

then looked at Sylvia. "How're

Chapter 1298 A soft sigh later, he got up, tidied his collar, and walked out.

When he came out of the room, he saw Shermaine . She was waiting outside with the stack of documents, and when she saw him, she smiled. "Sir, here are the documents you requested. The dinner we've pre-ordered is ready downstairs. Are you having it here, or on the way back?"

Her smile rivaled that of a sunflower and even resembled Sylvia's.

He unconsciously spared her an extra glance. "I'll have it on the way back."

He headed out after that.

Shermaine swiftly followed him with the stack of documents, and her eyes glittered for a moment.

A few days went by in the blink of an eye.

It was a Friday, which should be the day of Odell's return. After the class at the academy in the morning, Sylvia pulled out her phone but hesitated whether to call him or not.

video call with the kids, and there had been zero communication between them

busy back then that he almost missed dinner to answer her call, so he must still be extremely busy, or else he would not have

to go have a look at his

road later, she arrived at Carter

was only one receptionist at the front desk, and

with a smile, "Is Odell

around two hours ago,"

"Great."

into the elevator and pressed

Ding!

door opened on the highest

out and

office, Shermaine, who had been working

got up immediately and flashed a welcoming smile.

Chapter 1299 Sylvia's patience wore thin. She wanted nothing but a peek, even if it was just through a wall or a door.

Besides, whenever he had a meeting in the past, even if he was scolding a subordinate, she had walked in before and had never disturbed him once. She was not an idiot and knew he was busy. Why would she go in and disturb him on purpose?

Sylvia ignored Shermaine and strode forward.

"Mrs. Carter, you really mustn't go in!" Shermaine rushed forward and stood right in front of Sylvia.

Sylvia frowned. She tried to maintain her last bit of civility and said, "Move."

Shermaine was put in a difficult situation. "You really mustn't go in. Master Carter really does not like it when his meetings are interrupted."

Sylvia said coldly, "I've been with him so many years. Do you think you understand him more than me?"

— Shermaine was stunned.

Sylvia refused to argue with the girl anymore. She walked around her and wanted to push on the door.

Shermaine persistently stepped up again, but she got in

the way when Sylvia tried to push the door open. As a consequence, Sylvia failed to react in time and accidentally shoved her against the door.

Thud.

Shermaine fell on the door and then crashed into the wall as the door opened.

The men who were discussing work—related matters on the couch further away turned around to the door when they heard the sudden commotion.

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The man's dark and sharp brows furrowed. The others from the business development team were also startled and baffled because they were just at the most crucial part of the discussion. Sylvia saw the man's irritated and gloomy glare. She paused on the spot and frowned too.

Finally, Shermaine regained her balance. She lowered her head and bowed nervously.

"I'm sorry, Master Carter. Mrs. Carter is here to see you, and I tried holding her back

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girl went cold. Odell pursed his lips. The irritation on his face faded as he

returned

at Sylvia. He looked a lot better

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could tell he was still

you, and she had to get in my way, so I accidentally pushed her against

Sylvia then turned around and

he grabbed his

turned to his men and said,

The meeting continued.

elevator , but Shermaine caught up

mean what happened. Master Carter

at her. The girl's brows were furrowed, and the apologetic expression on her face seemed sincere,

so many employees, yet Odell had to get her to replace Secretary Ackerman while he was away. Why the young girl from the front desk? Was it because

suppressed her irritation

not even do anything, and things had started

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forehead. "I might not be coming home tonight. Don't wait

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Chapter 1300 After coming out of the building, Sylvia got a ride home.

On the way back, her phone suddenly rang. It was Odell. She hesitated for several seconds before picking it up.

The man's voice on the other end sounded a little heavy." Where are you?"

"I'm on the way back. What's wrong?"

"Why didn't you wait for me?" His gruff voice was a sign that he was unhappy.

Sylvia was annoyed by his tone too. "Why should I wait for you? You're busy, aren't you?"

When Shermaine had knocked the door open, the man had obviously been unhappy, so why would she choose to be stupid enough to stay back?

Hearing her tone, Odell assumed that she was mad because he did not talk to her earlier. He frowned and explained in a small voice, "I was really busy. I didn't mean to ignore you."

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text when she walked out of the office, but Shermaine had held her up and

spoke on the phone, any further explanation became unnecessary, so she

blank screen of his phone. He furrowed his

turned around to Shermaine and said,

replied with a smile, "Yes,

We're

Carter seemed upset when

her

wanted to, but she refused to listen, so he planned to settle the

directly." He