

Master Odell 1331

Chapter 1331 The call was hung up within seconds.

A dark look wiped across Odell's face. He clicked "call" again and this time, it was an automated electronic voice that answered him, "The number you called is unavailable."

She must have blocked Cliff's number as well.

Was she completely done with him?

Clack.

He threw the phone on the table, picked up his jacket, and stepped out.

Cliff grimaced feebly and retrieved his phone.

Outside the door, Shermaine was at her station attending to her tasks. When she saw Odell marching out with a sullen look on his face, she hurriedly got up and asked with concern, "Master Carter, the dinner you ordered is on the way. Where are you going?" Odell ignored her and went straight into the elevator. Shermaine frowned.

After a while, Cliff emerged from the office. She quickly turned to Cliff and asked, "Cliff, why did Master Carter leave so suddenly? Is he in a bad mood?"

problems." Cliff glanced at the time and turned to her. "I don't think there's much left to do for the day. Why don't you

that, he walked toward

hurriedly grabbed her bag and chased

him.

slipping into the elevator with him, she asked in a hushed voice as if afraid somebody would overhear them, "Is it related

and grunted,

eyes as she tried to pry for more information. "What is it about? I thought she went out

only asking out of curiosity. "I think it's because Mrs. Carter blocked his number on all platforms. He tried to

had been told a life altering tale. She expressed

her. Shermaine immediately realized

has no way of ever finding out what happened to her?" Cliff considered this and stated, "She went with her colleagues at the academy so I think she should be

from home was not bad enough, she even went and cut off contact with Master

reflected that she would never

Now that the woman was out of the picture, she had a chance to get closer to Master Carter without any intrusion. Perhaps something could

at a hotel located at the foot

she dropped the phone on the

Chapter 1332 Odell returned home shortly after leaving the office.

By this hour, the madam and the children must have already had dinner.

It was only Aunt Tonya and Sebastian chatting in the living room.

Odell went upstairs.

He could hear Flint and Isabel's piercing shrieks and laughter coming from the game room.

It did not seem like they were upset with their mother's sudden absence.

There could only be one reason that they would not become upset. Sylvia must have informed them about her departure.

He shoved the door open.

Inside the room, Isabel and Flint, whose faces were covered with tiny slips of paper, suddenly fell silent. The two kids looked up at their father silently.

Liam, who was toying with a robot in his hand nearby, turned to him as well.

Odell asked abruptly, "Did Mommy call you kids?"

They stared at him without answering, their eyes like shining jewels.

were caught off guard by his

around on

hand

quietly removed the toy watch on his

gave him a short, quiet look, then he turned to Liam and

"My phone's

said the same

voice took on a sharper tone. "If you two don't give me your phones, don't

head and turned his attention back to the toy robot! Such an idle threat was not

Odell turned to Isabel.

seemed

hesitantly retrieved her phone

messaging app and immediately found a chat group with four
admin of the group was none other
sharp scowl flashed across his face. He palmed the phone in
folded her arms around
use my phone to call
suddenly realizes his mistake after Mommy leaves.

Flint nodded. "Yeah, yeah."

went to the
the conversation

Chapter 1333

Upon returning to the room, Sylvia figured that the children were probably still awake. She sent pictures
of the painting she drew today as well as some
of the scenery she had taken on her phone to the group chat.

Ding!

Liam's picture popped up on her phone's notification. She played the audio message, "Wow~ It's so pret
ty ~"

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Judging by the soft, enthusiastic cry, it must be Flint on Liam's phone.

It was quickly followed by Isabel's curious voice, "Mom, why is there so much snow everywhere?"

Sylvia grinned and replied, "It's winter here all year
round so there's snow all the time. It hardly has time to melt before a new pile of snow falls on top."

Isabel gasped, "Oh~"

She suddenly asked, "Mom, didn't you take pictures of
yourself?"

"Mommy, I miss you." It was Flint on Liam's phone again.

Sylvia smiled and answered, "Mommy forgot to take pictures today. Why don't I take one for
you kids right now?"

Flint continued hogging Liam's phone. "Okay!"

Sylvia approached the window and took a selfie, making sure to frame the snow-
covered terrain outside that was illuminated by the streetlights. She sent it to the group.

Meanwhile, at Westchester which was thousands of miles away from where she was.

At Carter's Residence.

Isabel, Liam, and Flint were all huddled together in the playroom.

intently at

to Liam and peeked intently

Liam's hand as well.

moment they received the picture and saw

appear on the phone's display, the closed door

figure sucked the

room.

immediately tensed up. Isabel and Liam quickly stuffed their phones into without skipping a beat.

swept an inquisitive look over the childcare's faces. "Why aren't your room yet?"

spoke up, "We'll

Flint chanted, "Room, room.

suspiciously. "I'll be in your

up on you. If I see you kids

room locked up so none of you

in here

Isabel scowled, "Okay."

Flint murmured something indiscernible.

Liam remained silent.

and

up and carried Flint

continue to

with her and quickly went

to their respective rooms, they continued chatting with Sylvia on the bedroom he once shared with Sylvia, picked up his phone that

finally saw replies inside the group. She wondered if it was an issue with the hogged Liam's phone for himself

"Mommy is

you stop talking like

Be

Chapter 1334

Several days passed.

Over the last few days, Odell had been coming home earlier than usual. Sometimes, he would be home before

the sun even went down.

Perhaps he did not have much to do at work.

It was also partly because Aunt Tonya and Sebastian had their hands full taking care of the three kids. With Sylvia absent and Madam Carter in her usual sickly state, Isabel and Flint demanded more attention than usual which meant Odell had to head home earlier. Fortunately, Liam was disciplined and independent as usual.

It was barely evening today and Odell's car was already parked in the driveway.

He had only walked into the yard when he heard sharp shrieks coming from inside the living room.

It was Flint running around and screaming.

Isabel was chasing after him and screaming for him to stop running.

Behind them were Aunt Tonya and Sebastian, imploring them to stop running around.

Odell quickly armed into the living room and was greeted by the sight of Flint running around with a tiny wooden bench held over his head. He was running around frantically like a headless chicken.

chasing after him, and she was carrying

balls as she ran.

Aunt Tonya and Sebastian's
refused to listen and continued their
knocked over many things all
several tableware and
had torn
his face in fury and yelled, "Stop
there!"

to be effective as
over the living room in an
screeched to a
sister had stopped chasing him
Tonya and Sebastian heaved a sigh of relief. Finally,
Flint and asked sharply, "What are
"I don't know why Sister wants to hit me. I accidentally touched her bag, then
he spoke would evoke sympathy
and took aim at Flint. "You fatso Flint, are you sure
to stuff a toy
you sure it was a
to whimper squeamishly. His eyes were round and
toy."

Isabel was speechless.

and went to the trash can.
into the trash can and pulled something out of it.
She quickly tossed it in Flint's direction, refusing to hold it for even
dodged out of
so-called toy fell in front of
a dark look flashed across
toy. It was a miniature

would even fling her phone across the room if the video

Chapter 1335

Aunt Tonya came this close to going up to Flint but was held back by Sebastian.

Isabel scoffed with disdain, "Yeah, keep acting.

""

She

sighed softly and followed it up with, "Forget it. I'll forgive you since you're my brother, I'll let you off the hook this time."

Flint, who had reached the top of the stairway, suddenly turned around with a wide grin on his face. "Thank you Sister, you're the best~"

It looked like he was going to run down the stairs to give Isabel a big hug.

Odell stopped him with a dry cough.

Flint immediately scratched the idea and stared at Odell with a blank look on his face.

Odell furrowed his brows and looked as fierce as always. "(Go back to your room right now."

selen

Flint complained sheepishly, "But... Sister already forgave me."

Odell would not be easily persuaded. "That has nothing to do with me, go to your room."

exasperatedly

suddenly softened significantly. He went up to Isabel and gently

It's just a toy

just mad that he'd try to scare me

that she was only embarrassed to

"He's in his room

went upstairs to Liam's

shared his

door and saw Flint's tiny little figure

did not pay much attention to Flint and

He was seated on the

his fingers tapping against his keyboard was

computer obeyed his commands and conjured

slowly approached him and watched the

a while, he asked, "What are you

Liam answered, "Learning."

seemed curious. "What

curtly,

not respond

began to make

Odell glanced at him.

face

Chapter 1336

After dinner, Odell spent some time with his

grandmother before going upstairs to put the three

mischievous children to bed.

Around ten o'clock, he finally returned to his and Sylvia's bedroom.

He got home before the clock even

struck six today and somehow the time passed by without him noticing. He felt like he had barely done anything at all.

He opened the door and stepped into the damning silence of the room, shored in darkness.

There were no sounds at all except for the faint whisper of the wind blowing in through the windows left open.

He reached for the

switch and turned on the light. The bedroom was completely untouched since he had left for work earlier this morning.

It was also uncomfortably cold.

The bedroom seemed like a foreign space to him. It was nothing like when Sylvia was here with him.

Back then, no matter what time he came home, he would

step into a cozy room filled with warmth. He would take a deep breath and catch the scent of Sylvia inside the room.

Now, it was nothing but an off-putting silence that welcomed him into the room.

It was disrupting the senses.

He went to the window and proceeded to close it shut.

After that, he went to the bathroom where he took a shower. Soon enough, he found himself on the bed

staring at the ceiling.

By this hour, Sylvia was probably asleep at Meadow Hills.

He shut his eyes.

The past few nights, he had trouble falling asleep.

seemed like he was about to fall

when he turned to his

someone that was no longer there, only

against the

felt a suffocating sadness

sat up and reached for his

for almost a week. She was

upset anymore by

texted her a short

The

blocked.

could not be sent as

face. He searched for Sylvia's number in his contacts and clicked the dial button without a second

the call

he had thought,

darkened, and he flung the phone aside and frowned. He was

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to get so angry with him just because of something rather trivial that Shermaine had

completely by accident?

so many days had

all? Did she not care about him at

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Meadow Hills.

colleagues were seated
set up
bonfire was gigantic, the
sky.
ate barbecue and danced around
having
brilliant light over their
to ear and radiating with
a memory to
wonderful atmosphere, Sylvia
unable to discard
memories to a side.
to the hotel until

Chapter 1337 Sylvia was already out of town. Why was he heading home so early?

Was it because he had three children at home?

Upon realizing this, a look of awe surfaced in Shermaine's eyes. She was wholly captivated by this man.

Not only was he handsome like a prince and more capable than most men, but he was also a man who was loyal and dedicated to his family.

She wagered that even if Odell happened to have the slightest bit of interest in her, his inbred sense of loyalty to his family would compel him to suppress his desire.

She decided that she could no longer follow Aunt Ruth's advice. So long as she remained passive, there would be no developments at all between them even if she waited for another year or two.

With this in mind, she racked her brain and tried to come up with something.

Odell returned home.

Liam and Isabel had come back from school as well.

Flint was lying on the couch with Isabel. Both of them

screwed their eyes onto their tablets. Isabel was watching her favorite show while Flint watched a cartoon.

Madam Carter was nearby and chatting with Aunt Tonya.

Liam was not in the living room. Chances were that he was in his room playing on the computer as usual.

Odell sat at the dining table and sipped tea while watching the rest of the family members. From time to time, he would exchange some words with Madam Carter.

hung around in the living room until it was

it was almost eight o'clock. Odell was about to

tell from the ringing that it was a

in the living room suddenly

a peek at

and Liam who were already halfway up the stairs suddenly turned around and drew over to Isabel's

children suddenly turned to Odell

if they had some reason to

a look and remained seated at the dining

five meters away

that Odell would not approach, she accepted

and Flint's radiated with joy the

first to cry

them was

them an immediate sense

she was having a good time

displeasure colored his eyes instantly. The children immediately started bickering away at the phone. Isabel asked, "Mommy, why

cold?"

I made sure to wear more layers of clothing so the cold didn't get

today?" Sylvia said, "Mommy went

then I went to a famous local street where I bought

she reached for several toys outside of the frame and presented them in

show.

Chapter 1338 Odell took two large gulps of tea and swallowed his bitterness along with the tea.

Meanwhile, Madam Carter overheard Sylvia's voice on the phone and joined in on the conversation. "Sylvia, you won't believe how well Liam is doing at school. Isabel has

been telling me that he always gets first place in every exam and competition he participates in. There have been several other schools in the district trying to get Liam to transfer over to their school. He's very popular." Odell felt his hand stiffening around the cup yet again.

What? Why was this the first time he had heard about any of this at all?

Sylvia smiled and answered jubilantly, "Grandma, I got a call from Liam's teacher two days ago as well. They're telling me they want Liam to skip a grade." Madam Carter remarked with a proud smile, "That's our boy Liam."

Sylvia echoed the same sentiment with a bright smile. "Certainly."

Flint chimed in, "Hurray, that's my brother!"

They continued chatting for quite some time before they finally wrapped up the call.

Madam Carter was getting tired and went back to her room.

Isabel put away her phone. Then she took Flint and proceeded to head upstairs.

Liam followed after them.

Thump!

Odell clapped his cup against the surface of the table and called out after them, "Stop."

quickly halted and turned back to

arms of his sister, asked in a curious tone, "Daddy, who are you talking to?" Odell fixed

Flint answered, "Okay, okay."

he headed upstairs with

Odell and asked

asked sharply, "Why didn't you tell me about what you

responded with another question instead, "A lot of things are going on at school at the moment. Which one are you referring to specifically?" A gloomy look appeared on Odell's face. "About your getting first place in the math competition as well

a grade a long time ago but I never saw you at home around that time

his voice caught

voice, "I won't be so occupied with work from here on. One way or another, you can always give me a call and talk to

"Alright, I got it."

back to your

and

a glass of wine.

finished the

bedroom. As neat and tidy as it may be, there was a clear lack of warmth

a shower and went

him but

to call Sylvia

could not text her

Chapter 1339 The problem was that he could not find the concentration to do anything at all, nor did he have the capacity to socialize with his peers. He would head to Sylvia's workshop on the third floor and stay there with no specific purpose in mind. Sometimes he would sit there for hours on end.

The only thing

that preserved his sanity was thinking about how he would confront Sylvia when she finally returned home from her spontaneous getaway.

At last, he had bided his time until the day when Sylvia was appointed to return. He had come up with dozens of approaches to confronting Sylvia by this point.

It was only slightly past noon and he was already done with his work for the day and headed home.

Aunt Tonya and Sebastian were playing hide-and-seek with Flint.

Madam Carter was enjoying herself watching them play.

When Odell returned home, he saw all of them hanging around in the living room but there was no sight of Sylvia.

They were all rather astonished to see him returning home so much earlier than usual.

Flint stopped hiding and emerged from behind the couch.

He ran toward Odell and threw himself at him while crying out, "Daddy!"

Odell took Flint into his arms and went to the couch.

Flint asked in a perplexed voice, "Daddy, why did you come home so early today?"

Odell answered nonchalantly, "There's not much to do at work today."

"Oh, I see."

Tonya, Madam Carter, and Sebastian exchanged knowing looks behind Odell's back. It took a lot of effort for them to suppress

today was the

what specific time she would arrive at

while, nobody uttered a voice in

Odell's lap. He hopped down from the couch and went to Aunt Tonya and Sebastian to get them to continue

cup of tea and absent-mindedly flipped a book while listening to

to set. It was

watch to see

already, where in the world

when he heard a stampede of

rose from his seat

Liam who had just come

as she sprang toward the door. Liam trailed calmly behind her with his hands tucked inside his

look in Odell's eyes darkened, and he went back to

was the only one who ran

"Hello, welcome back!"

pinched

suddenly took off and ran toward Liam,

head and said softly, "Go play

and went to

upstairs without another

Chapter

1340 Isabel stated calmly and unceremoniously, "Mommy called us when we were having lunch today. S he mentioned that she made a last-minute decision to check out some other places with her colleagues and that it will probably be another two weeks until she comes back."

Two weeks?

Odell scowled and seemed upset..

The woman was having way too much fun out there to want to come home to her children!

He immediately picked up the phone and dialed her number.

His number was still blocked.

He turned to Isabel. "Give me your phone."

Isabel hesitantly handed her phone over.

Odell took the phone and promptly called Sylvia.

The call was answered after only two rings. He immediately heard the familiar voice of Sylvia coming through the speakers. "Hey Isabel, what's up?" Odell growled, "Where have you been?"

Beep.

The call was promptly hung up.

Odell was at a loss for words.

face was horridly pale, countless veins bulged

nothing but a damning silence in

did not dare

burrowed himself into Isabel's

arms around him and

Clack!

table and stomped

after him, "Odell, it's almost time

continued marching out without giving

Madam Carter grimaced

enraged. He came home at noon

to come back. Then she goes and hangs

Madam Carter remarked with slight disdain, "It's his fault for always staying out till

the car on the

Sylvia stuffed the phone back in her bag Miss Johnson and Miss Forest who were

Sylvia, was that your daughter? Why did you hang

accidentally dialed my number without

see." Miss Johnson left

further to add. They went back to what they were previously

discussing the wonderful

ago

could not focus on a single word

