Chapter 111 By the time Paisley got home, she was utterly exhausted.

Rena , Mommys home Mommy Serena came running out of her bedroom in excitement , barefoot and ready to leap imo Paisleys arms .

Maria quickly stepped in and scooped Serena up.

Paisley had no choice but to shower quickly.

Come cat quickly .

Youve been up all night .

while her mother slept .

WE When she grew tired of reading, she went o

Paisley ended up sleeping until the afternoon.

Johnson, Renas previous teacher, Maria said.

She mentioned shes now at a di

school yet.

I want to go to Ms.

work ernails .

Ms.

Ms.

Sutton .

Will you attend the event ! Ms.

She sighed and decided to return Lucys call

Sutton, are you coming to the studio today Lucy asked.

nas best as you can , and if you cant , Not today .

 $\mbox{Oh}$  , theres one thing that needs your con rmation .

Flynn from Crown & Culture asked me to double check .

so , II proceed with the contract  $\mbox{.} \label{eq:so_eq}$ 

girls in impoverished remote areas .

Im taking Rena to visit a kindergarten later .

so get some rest after breakfast .

put on a radiant smile.

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come from the hospital , she didnt want to bring any of its lingering germ near her child .

Stop right there, and dont move, she said gently Serena pouted but obediently stopped

Paisley longed to scoop her daughter up and smother her with kisses, but having just

But as she opened the door , she forced herself to summon every ounce of energy and

in her tracks .

Mommy ... le a good girl , Rena .

I will take a shower and change my clothes, then III hug you Paisley said softly.

Rena , let your mommy take a shower rst While Paisley showered , Serena stayed right outside the bathroom , refusing to leave .

She was like a little puppy guarding its owner, occasionally leiting out small whimpers

as if asking how much longer it would take ..

As soon as she stepped out, Serena threw herself into her arms.

All her fatigue and gloom melted away in that moment You havent eaten yet , have you ?

Maria asked with a warm smile as she laid out a steaming breakfast .

Picking up her daughter, Paisley planted two big kisses on Serenas soft, rosy cheeks.

Honestly, her wish had always been this simple After breakfast, Maria urged Paisley to

take a nap Serena , being an obedient chill , kept herself occupied with picture books

to play with Maria.

erent kindergarten and asked if Rena had found a new

That reminded ber it was time to enroll Serena in a kindergarten Oh , by the way , I got a call yesterday from Ms.

When she woke up, she found Maria teaching Serena how to read.

If not , she said Rena could join her there .

Serenas eyes lit up at the mention of Sophia .

Johnsons school Paisley knew how much her daughter adored Sophia .

Alright, wheres the kindergarten located? Ill take Rena there later to check it out.

If everything looks good, well enroll her there Hearing that shed get to see her beloved

teacher again, Serena was overjoyed and clamored for Maria to help her change into her

prettiest dress While Serena got dressed , Paisley took the chance to check her phone and work emails .

As expected , she received numerous missed calls , unread messages , and a backlog of

rst .

If its not urgent , put it on hold .

If its pressing , handle it as then let me know , Paisley said .

Lucy was competent , and Paisley trusted her judgment completely .

Got it Lucy replied , her voice suggesting she was multitasking typing while talking .

Are you sure youre okay with submitting your oil painting for their charity auction? If

Crown & Culture was a magazine dedicated to empowering women .

The funds raised from this charity auction would be allocated speci

Paisley had reviewed the proposal Janet sent and found it meaningful .

cally to support

Yes , go ahead One more thing .

Ms.

Flynn hopes youll be there and even suggested doing a feature interview with you for

the next issue of the magazine , Lucy added Lets skip the interview , but III attend the

auction Paisley was curious to see how much her painting would ultimately sell for

Breaking her usual rule, she decided to contribute her painting to the cause.