

THE DIVORCE PRESCRIPTION

Chapter 631

Perry picked Bella up and asked, "Bella, do you like that Mr. Handsome from earlier?"

Bella nodded. "I like that Mr. Handsome! He's so tall and handsome. Can you introduce him to my mommy? Let him be my mommy's husband!"

Perry curled his lips into a smile. Bella really was Celine's little sweetheart. The first thing she thought of when she saw a handsome guy was introducing him to her mother.

"Bella, let's go home."

"Okay!"

Perry took Bella back to the villa. That night, Celine called on video chat. Bella happily answered.

"Mommy!"

At that moment, Celine had already arrived at the Capitol. She was staying in a presidential suite at a six-star hotel. The sight of her daughter's delicate, doll-like face instantly wiped away her fatigue.

She smiled warmly. "Bella, did you miss mw?"

"I did! I missed Mommy so, so much!"

"I miss you very much too."

"Mommy, I saw a Mr. Handsome at the airport today! I want to introduce Mr. Handsome to you so he can be your husband!"

Celine was taken aback. She really hadn't expected her daughter to try and introduce a "Mr. Handsome" to her.

She never thought the one urging her to get married would be her own daughter.

"Bella, who is this Mr. Handsome you met?" she asked.

Just then, Perry walked over, holding Bella in his arms. "Celine, you know the Mr. Handsome Bella is talking about."

Celine frowned. "Who?"

Perry said, "Adam."

What?

Celine's long, delicate eyelashes trembled slightly. Bella and Adam ran into each other? Why was Adam in Florencia?

Perry explained, "Celine, Adam came to Florencia, but he took a flight back to the Capitol City. You two just missed each other. You didn't run into him, but Bella happened to meet him at the airport. Bella really likes Adam."

Celine never imagined that Adam and Bella would cross paths at the airport. "Did Adam recognize Bella?"

Perry shook his head. "Don't worry. He didn't."

Celine let out a sigh of relief. She didn't want Adam to recognize Bella. Though, even if he did, it wouldn't matter. After all, he had always believed Bella was her and Perry's child.

At that moment, Bella said in her childish voice, "Mommy, you know that Mr. Handsome? I want that Mr. Handsome to be my daddy!"

Celine was speechless. She would agree to anything her daughter asked for, except this. This was something she couldn't agree to.

She never expected genes to be this strong. Bella had never seen Adam since birth, yet after just one meeting, she already liked him.

"Bella, things between grown-ups are complicated. What if Mr. Handsome is already married? We can't go around playing matchmaker like that."

Bella looked a little disappointed, but she obediently nodded. "Okay, then."

"Celine, you should rest early."

Then, Perry and Celine ended the call.

Bella looked up at Perry. "Daddy Perry, does Mommy know that Mr. Handsome?"

Perry gently patted Bella's adorable

little head. He knew Bella longed for

a father. "Bella, do you want to go to the Capitol? Your mommy is there right now? How about I take you there?"

Bella's eyes sparkled. "Really? I want to go there!"

"Alright, let's head out now."

Perry had made up his mind. He was taking Bella to the Capitol.

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Adam didn't discuss this matter with Celine because he knew she would never agree. But for the first time, he made a decision on his own. He had to take Bella to the Capitol.

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At the Capitol, Adam had just gotten off the plane and was now seated in a Rolls-Royce luxury business car when he received a call. It was from Grace.

He pressed the button to answer. "Hello, Mom."

"Adam, you're back in the Capitol now, right? Come to Alvarez Residence and have dinner with me."

Adam would never refuse this request. He nodded. "Alright."

Soon, the Rolls-Royce pulled up on the lawn of Alvarez Residence. Adam got out of the car and entered the living room.

Grace was sitting on the couch, and next to her was someone else—Carly.

After three years, Carly had become even more dazzlingly beautiful. As the daughter of the wealthiest man in the country, she had certainly been living the high life these past few years.

Grace smiled happily. "Adam, you're back?"

Carly was just as excited. She immediately stood up and ran eagerly to Adam. "Adam, you're back!"

Adam hadn't expected Carly to be here. He pressed his thin lips together, his attitude cool and indifferent. "What are you doing here?"

Grace spoke up. "Adam, Carly knew you were coming back today, so she came early to wait for you. Just look at how thoughtful your fiancée is. I really hope the two of you can get married soon and give me a grandchild to hold."

Carly gazed at Adam with deep affection and a shy expression. "Mrs. Alvarez, I want to marry Adam as soon as possible too."

Grace continued, "Adam, I already had someone pick out a few lucky wedding dates. Take a look."

"No need. I'm not marrying Carly," Adam declared.

The moment those words fell, both Grace and Carly stiffened.

Adam then turned to Carly. "Carly, a person should know their place. You already know I don't like you and will never marry you, so stop throwing yourself at me. It only makes me despise you more."

With that, he strode upstairs.

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Carly's face turned deathly pale. As the daughter of the wealthiest man in the country, she had been placed on a pedestal for the past three' years. The only person who Could treat her so coldly was Adam.

From behind, she called out, "Adam, is the reason you won't marry me because of Celine?"

Upon hearing Celine's name, Adam paused.

Carly pressed on. "You've been searching for Celine for the past three years, haven't you? This time, you left because you were looking for her again, right?"

He didn't turn around, but he responded, "Yes."

Carly's hands clenched into fists at her sides. It had been three years. Carly thought she had won.

Three years ago, when Celine left without a word, Carly believed victory was hers. But even after all this time, Adam still couldn't forget Celine.

Celine wasn't even here anymore, yet she remained an unbreakable wall between Carly and Adam.

Celine had done nothing at all, yet somehow, Carly always ended up the one losing.

Carly was absolutely unwilling to accept this.

Grace, sitting in her wheelchair, frowned in displeasure. "Adam, you've really lost your mind. That

woman, Celine, left with another net

man a long time ago, yet here you are, foolishly waiting for her. You should cherish the one in front of you. Carly is the one who truly deserves you."

Adam still didn't turn back. After a brief silence, he said, "The only woman I have ever loved is Celine. That was true in the past, and it's still true now. It will be true in the future, too."

With that, he walked upstairs. His tall, imposing figure quickly disappeared into the study.

Carly stood frozen in place, then stomped her foot in anger.

Grace scowled. "Adam is just too stubborn. What's so good about Celine?"

She turned to comfort Carly. "Carly, that woman is never coming back. Adam will come around eventually. You're the only daughter-in-law I acknowledge!"

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Of course, Carly wasn't going to give up on Adam.

Over the past three years, Adam had returned to the Capitol and taken over Alvarez Group, becoming the most powerful figure among the city's elite. His era in the business world had officially begun, and countless high-society ladies had their eyes on him, eager to win him over.

There was no way she would just hand Adam over to someone else.

Carly looked at Grace and smiled. "Mrs. Alvarez, I love Adam very, very much. I will wait for him to come back to me."

Grace patted Carly's hand. "Carly, you're such a good child."

Carly smiled confidently.

Adam entered his study and started reviewing documents. But suddenly, an image flashed through his mind. It was a delicate, porcelain-like little face-Bella.

He was thinking about that child again.

He had never liked kids before, yet after seeing Bella, he couldn't seem to forget her.

That child must be about three years old now.

Three years ago, when Celine left, she was pregnant. Had she given birth? Was it a boy or a girl?

For the past three years, he had thought about Celine every single day. When the longing became unbearable, his mind would wonder if she was with Perry now and if they were a happy little family of three.

Every time he thought about it, his heart ached unbearably.

In the end, he had lost his woman.

Just then, there was a knock at the door.

"Mr. Alvarez." Leo's voice came from outside.

Adam snapped out of his thoughts. "Come in."

Leo pushed open the study door and walked in, placing a document beside Adam. "Mr. Alvarez, this is the list of attendees for tomorrow's Apex Gala. Please review it."

Adam had rushed back from Florencia to the Capitol specifically for this event.

As he picked up the list, his eyes immediately landed on one name-Linny.

"Linny?" Adam frowned. "Who is she? I've never heard of her before."

Leo responded, "Mr. Alvarez, I've already had someone investigate. Linny is the real owner of the largest pharmaceutical conglomerate. She's the hidden boss behind Phamarsphere."

Adam paused in his actions.

Linny was the person behind Pharmasphere?

Years ago, in Capliona, he had

caught a glimpse of this mysterious figure. He could still recall that moment. She was a silhouette standing beneath the dim lights, breathtakingly elegant and utterly captivating.

So her name was Linny. And she would be attending the Apex Gala tomorrow.

"Mr. Alvarez, Linny's attendance has already caused a huge stir. Everyone is eager to see what this powerful woman looks like."

Adam understood why. Linny had secured a spot on the Billionaire List, making her a true business tycoon.

He closed the document. "I got it. I'll be there on time tomorrow."

Leo hesitated for a moment before asking, "Mr. Alvarez, we didn't manage to find Ms. Celine in

Florencia. I believe she has deliberately erased all traces,

herself. It seems she doesn't

you to find her. Mr. Alvarez, should we continue the search?"

Adam had been looking for Celine for three years. This was like searching for a

needle in a haystack. It was endless, directionless searching and waiting.

Should he continue?

Adam's voice was firm. "Keep looking. I have to find her."

Leo nodded. "Got it."

Adam sat in his office chair, his mind once again conjuring up the image of Celine's delicate, beautiful face.

"Celine, where are you?"

The next day, Adam was preparing to leave for the Apex Gala when Grace and Carly appeared.

Grace asked, "Adam, are you heading to the Apex Gala? Perfect timing. Take Carly with you."

The Apex Gala was a gathering of

the most powerful and influential

this kind of

people Carly loves

high-society event, and of course,

she wanted to attend, especially with Adam by her side.

However, Adam refused outright. "I'm not taking her."

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Grace sputtered, "Adam, you—!"

Carly had already expected this response from Adam, so she came prepared.

"Adam, the Hampton family was also invited to the Apex Gala this time. My father won't be attending, so I'll be representing our family. Can I ride in your car?"

Adam's response was cold. "No."

She stiffened up at that.

Then, he turned and walked away without hesitation.

Carly was frustrated after being shut down so bluntly, but she quickly adjusted her emotions. "Mrs. Alvarez, since Adam won't take me, I'll have my driver take me instead."

Grace nodded. "Alright, Carly. You'll still be able to see Adam at the Apex Gala. Go and have fun."

"Okay."

Half an hour later, Carly arrived at the Apex Gala, with Melody tagging along.

Melody also moved to the Capitol three years ago. She had since broken up with Ewan, who had given her an astronomical sum for the breakup, and was now single again.

Melody was here with Carly to take advantage of the Apex Gala. With all the powerful figures in attendance, she figured she could easily find a wealthy man to latch onto

Melody clung to Carly's arm. "Carly, this Apex Gala is so grand!"

Carly smiled. "Yes, today I'll take you inside to see for yourself."

Just then, a Rolls-Royce business sedan sped into view. Adam stepped out of the car with Leo.

Carly beamed and said, "Adam, you're here."

Adam glanced at her. This woman was truly persistent. No matter where he went, she always seemed to show up.

Ignoring her completely, he strode toward the entrance.

At that moment, another business sedan pulled up. The rear door opened, and a stunningly elegant figure stepped out.

Celine had arrived.

Adam, as if he had sensed something, turned his head and saw her.

His pupils contracted sharply. "Celine?"

Celine? Where?

Carly and Melody turned around as well.

Celine had just stepped out of the car when several event staff members immediately surrounded her. They greeted her warmly.

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Linny, please come with us."

The staff led Celine away, and all Adam saw was her retreating figure before she disappeared from view.

Carly and Melody hadn't seen anything.

Carly frowned. "Celine? Where is she?"

Melody looked around in confusion. "I didn't see her. There's no Celine here, Adam. You must be mistaken!"

Adam ignored them and ran forward, staring in the direction where Celine had vanished.

No, he wasn't mistaken. That was definitely Celine.

Celine, who had been missing for three years, was back.

Without another word, he took off running.

"Hey, Adam!" Carly stomped her foot angrily.

Adam chased after Celine, but when he reached the spot where she had been, the area was empty. Celine's delicate and enchanting figure had already disappeared into the vast crowd.

Adam looked around frantically. "Celine? Celine!"

On the second floor, Celine had stopped in her tracks. She had heard Adam's voice.

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she looked down and saw him

seated by the ornate railing,

line

for her with urgency in his

Her long, delicate eyelashes trembled slightly.

Three years had passed.

"Adam, it's been a long time," she murmured.

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Kaiya Murray, the assistant beside Celine, said, "Linny, we should head into the venue now."

Celine glanced at Adam downstairs, then withdrew her gaze and turned around. "Let's go."

She and Kaiya were about to leave when she suddenly paused. Two people had appeared in front of her. It was Carly and Melody.

Adam hadn't been able to find Celine, but Carly and Melody had.

Their expressions were filled with shock. "Celine?"

After seeing old acquaintances again, Celine smiled slightly. "Carly, Melody, long time no see."

Carly had never expected that Celine, who had disappeared for three whole years, would suddenly show up in the Capitol-and at the Apex Gala, no less. She was stunned. "Celine, why are you here?"

Celine arched her elegant eyebrow and countered, "Why? Am I not allowed to be here?"

"Celine, you actually came to the Capitol? You shouldn't have. Carly is the daughter of the richest family now. This is her territory."

Carly looked at Celine arrogantly. "Celine, why didn't you tell me you were coming

to the Capitol? I could have played host and entertained you properly."

Celine replied indifferently, "There's no need to be so hospitable. I'm here to attend the Apex Gala."

"What? You're attending the Apex Gala? Celine, what status do you have to attend the Apex Gala? As the nation-renowned genius Dr. C?" Carly asked in surprise.

Melody chimed in disdainfully, "Celine, do you know what kind of people are invited to this Apex Gala? They're all financial tycoons on the Billionaires List, the elite of the elite. Even if you're Dr. C, your wealth isn't at that level."

At that moment, Carly took out her invitation. "Celine, do you see this? It's my invitation. My father isn't coming, so I'm attending on his behalf. Of course, Adam is coming, too."

"Celine, you should leave now. You're not qualified to be here!"

Kaiya was furious. "How dare you! Do you even know—"

Before she could finish her sentence, a deep and magnetic voice rang out.
"Celine!"

Celine looked up and saw Adam approaching.

He had been searching for her downstairs, and the moment he looked up and saw her, he immediately rushed over.

When he saw Celine standing before him, Adam stepped forward at once.
"Celine, it really is you!"

Celine's clear, bright gaze landed on Adam's handsome face. She smiled.
"Mr. Alvarez, hello."

Without hesitation, Adam reached out and pulled her into a tight embrace.

As he held Celine's soft, delicate body in his arms, he said hoarsely, "Celine finally found you! Where have you been these past three years? I've been searching for you all this time!"

Carly clenched her teeth as she watched Adam embrace Celine.

Celine remained passive in Adam's arms, once again surrounded by his clean and refreshingly masculine scent. It felt so familiar, yet so distant.

She reached out and pushed him away. "Mr. Alvarez, I don't think our relationship

is close enough for hugs upon meeting."

Adam froze at the cold and distant expression in Celine's eyes.

Carly quickly spoke up. "Adam, Celine has probably been with Per
all

e years. Who knows, maybe
they're already married."

Melody added, "That's right, Adam. Don't let Celine fool you again. She said she

came to the Capitol to attend the Apex Gala."

Adam looked at Celine. "You're here for the Apex Gala?"

Celine nodded. "Yes."