

## Chapter 344 An Old Friend

Melissa could hear the voices outside the door. Everett held her regardless, clearly having no intention to let go of her.

She scowled at him and murmured, "Everett, Zaid and the rest are about to come in."

"Okay." He nodded casually with a grin. "They can go ahead and come in. What's wrong with them seeing us like this?"

"Stop it Everett!" Melissa glared at him.

Everett knew that she wanted to keep their relationship private. Yet, he behaved nonchalantly.

She let out a sigh and said softly, "Fine. I'll do as you requested, so please do this for me. But I have to make it clear to you again, Lukas and I are just friends."

"You should have said so earlier," Everett said with a hint of satisfaction before releasing her.

She began to feel relieved, but the next moment after he let go, he leaned down and captured her lips in a kiss.

"Everett... You are a crook!"

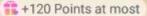
She was still speaking when the door opened. She turned to see Zaid and the rest walk in and quickly withdrew her hand which had been lifted to hit Everett.

The assistant pretended not to know what was going on. He had done all he could to warn them before going in, and luckily it seemed his boss was happy with the situation even though they had been disturbed.

Zaid sensed the tension from Melissa and diffused it with a smile. "Mr. Mayfield seems to be interested in recruiting Dr. Sherman to the biological lab."

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His words neutralized the awkward situation. He was indeed an experienced businessman. Every word he uttered was cryptic, He sat on one of the couches like everyone instead of sitting behind his desk.

The office had three couches.

Naturally, Leilany avoided sitting with her father. The thought of it alone made her skin crawl. She joined Melissa on a double sofa.

This led to Everett sitting alone. Everyone knew that he would not want to sit next to them, so they didn't bother joining him where he sat.

Zaid could tell what had been going on between Everett and Melissa. After looking between the two, he decided to change the topic. "Dr. Sherman, I was in haste when we last met, and I never got to thank you for looking out for Leilany at the hospital. I pampered her, so I know she can be ill-mannered and act spoiled."

Melissa smiled and said, "There's no need to thank me. Leilany is exceptional. She performs her tasks skillfully and even assists me with mine."

Zaid felt that Melissa was just being polite, but he nodded regardless. He took a sip of tea and waved. "Don't praise her too much. I know her well. She is not as strong as Lukas."

There was something about the way Zaid addressed Lukas. They seemed to be close. Melissa instantly knew that something was amiss.

Lukas smiled. "Don't make fun of me, Mr. Green. Leilany and I were interns at the hospital. If there hadn't been a delay in her graduation, she would have been a licensed doctor by now," he said.

Leilany was initially upset that her father said she was spoiled, but now she was confused about the conversation between her father and Lukas. She asked, "What's happening? Do you two know each other?"

"You don't seem to remember." Zaid laughed. "When we were abroad, you were very young and often visited his parents' house. However, when we returned, we lost contact with his family. I finally figured out who he was today."