

## Chapter 386 Are You Avoiding Me

Melissa wasn't comfortable with taking her children to kindergarten after what happened at the office, so she drove them back to the Mayfield family's house.

Vivienne was in the kitchen cooking soup when she saw Melissa and the children coming in.

"Why did you come back so soon, Melissa? Is something wrong?"

"No. Everything's fine," Melissa shook her head and quickly changed the subject. "They decided last minute I should have an afternoon off at the hospital so I came back home."

"Then the two kids..."

"I didn't want to go to school today," Merrick blurted out his words suddenly. He winked at Lindsey so she would follow his lead.

"Yes, we both didn't want to go to school. We wanted to stay home with you instead."

"Alright, so nobody goes if they don't want to," Vivienne was excited about the day and smiled. "We'll have a great time. I bought groceries already so I can cook lots of good food for us. Let's enjoy our day off."

"I can help too."

Melissa followed Vivienne back to the kitchen.

She was very relieved. It was fortunate that her children were intelligent enough to follow along with her story.

She hadn't received the results of the blood test yet. It didn't seem fair to make Johnny and Vivienne worry about her and the children this early.

If she could deal with the problem on her own, she didn't think it was fair to tell them. The Mayfield family had enough things to deal with already.

Vivienne stirred and tasted the still boiling soup, and then nodded as it was to her satisfaction.

"Johnny just began to feel better and he has already asked Everett to go into the study to discuss business. His attitude is troubling."

"The board meeting is tomorrow." Melissa got out two bowls and spoons and placed them on the tray as she spoke. "There has been an increase of bad characters and strife within the company. There are also many external problems. You know he's going to worry about it."

"You're right. Everett has to take on the brunt of the responsibility then." Vivienne sighed before continuing to speak. "Melissa, I need you to take some of the soup up to the study. I'll wash some vegetables now to cook later."

"Don't wear yourself out. I can always help you later."

Melissa went up to the study with the tray. She knocked at the door, but no sound came from inside.

"Hello, Mr. Mayfield? Your wife asked me to bring up some soup for you."

"Come in."

When she opened the door, she immediately saw the figure sitting on the sofa. He had casual clothes on, and his hair was not meticulously combed as usual. He was leaning on the back of the sofa.

She looked in another direction, but she knew the man on the sofa continued to look at her.

Johnny grabbed at a bowl of soup and looked up. "Why are you home, Melissa? I thought you had work now."

"I wasn't busy this afternoon, and Lindsey and Merrick didn't want to attend school, so we all came home."

"Good then. It's good for you to have a rest."

Melissa was uncomfortable with being stared at and moved to leave the room.

"I won't disturb you then."

The moment before the door closed, she met Everett's eyes. For that quick moment, she was able to see the banter in those eyes.

Vivienne really did cook a lot of food that evening.

They finished the meal happily and then they each returned to their own room.

Melissa watched as the children fell asleep and then left the children's room.


She stretched as she walked toward her room. A figure was lurking in the nearby hallway, staring at her as she approached.

She walked toward the man and lifted her eyebrows.

"My bedroom is here. You're blocking my way."

"Are you going to talk to me now?" Everett laughed and leaned toward her. His voice rose as he continued, "You wouldn't even spare me a look earlier. Are you avoiding me?"



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