

Chapter 405 Reunion After A Long Separation

As the car approached the school, Melissa pulled over to the curb, glancing at the figure on the side of the road.

She was right about Aloys, who came to see Lindsey and Merrick. As she remembered the embarrassment when he met Johnny and Vivienne, she reminded herself to try to avoid the awkwardness.

"We're here. You can get out of the car now." Melissa walked around the car to open the door as she carried the children out.

"Mommy, where is our surprise?" Lindsey asked, the anticipation in her voice peaking as she was set down.

Merrick attempted to stay cool, but he looked over with excitement in his eyes as well.

The two children looked up at her, eager for her response.

Melissa was amused, smiling as she pointed at the figure who had approached quietly behind them. "Why don't you turn around and see who's here?"

The little ones could hardly wait until the end of her sentence as they turned around gleefully. They ran over, throwing themselves into Aloys' arms.

"Mr. Brustin! How long have you been home?"

"Is it really you, Mr. Brustin? Am I dreaming?"

"Where have you been? We all missed you so much."

They held Aloys tightly, speaking at the speed of light, unable to contain their excitement.

Aloys grinned as he held them each in his arms, zero hint of labor in his expression, only relaxation, as he answered them patiently. "I went to work. I missed you too, so I came back to see you."

"We were good and obedient, and listened to Mommy." Merrick hugged around Aloys' neck, not wanting to let go. He pulled back, looking at Aloys sincerely. "Mr. Brustin, are you leaving again?"

"Not for a while." Aloys knew that the question would be unavoidable, so he quickly changed the subject. "By the way, didn't you ask for birthday presents? I have them prepared, and I'll give them to you as soon as I finish some work with your mom, okay?"

"Okay!" The kids were easily swayed into forgetting their question about him leaving again. They hung on his arms, telling him all the stories of what he had missed since he was gone. They told him how they won first place in the school sports meeting, won many awards, and even made cookies at school yesterday.

Aloys wasn't annoyed by their rambling, though. In fact, he conversed with them happily.

Melissa couldn't control the smile on her face as she watched.

She wanted them to stay longer, but she needed to check the time to make sure they wouldn't be late for school.

Class began at half past eight, but the children refused to end the reunion until it was almost that time. In the end, it was Aloys who sent the reluctant children into class in person and promised to come back at noon.

"They really like you." Melissa watched on as her two kids disappeared into the school. "They've been talking about you, even before you came back. I'm afraid they aren't going to let go of you from now on."

"That's okay. I've been away for too long," Aloys said guiltily. "After all, I wasn't even here for their birthday."

"But you came back. It's not about birthday. They just want to be with you."

"I know."

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Aloys walked her back to the car, thinking for a moment before speaking.
'Melissa, how about I pick Merrick and Lindsey up at noon and come get you at the hospital? Let's all get lunch together.'

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