

Chapter 449 Are You Crazy

Melissa and her two children made their way slowly toward the exit.

Melissa, unable to cover her mouth and nose, was forced to hold her breath. Still, she coughed uncontrollably, tears streaming down her face.

She promptly shut her mouth as coughing would cause her to inhale more smoke than necessary.

The bookshelf beside them groaned when they were about to exit the room, as though it couldn't withstand the fire's heat any longer and was on the brink of collapsing.

"Run!"

Just as Melissa and her children attempted to escape, the bookshelf creaked and collapsed, falling toward them.

Bang!

Although the bookshelf made a loud noise, none of them were injured.

Melissa shielded her children under her body, and as she looked up, she saw a person standing in front of them.

Despite the room being engulfed in flames and thick smoke, Melissa was able to recognize the person standing in front of them at first glance.

It was Everett.

He was clad in a hospital gown and struggled to lift the bookshelf off his body. Grimacing in pain, he finally managed to heave it away and threw it down hard on the floor.

Everett turned around and rushed toward them, scolding her. "Melissa, are you crazy?"

Despite scolding her, Everett still took off his mask and put it on

Melissa's face.

"It's not necessary for you to..."

"Damn it! Stop talking and just put it on!"

He appeared to be genuinely upset and spoke impulsively without much thought.

Everett held his breath and picked up one of the children, placing the other on his back. With his free hand, he took Melissa's hand in his.

"Hold on around my neck tightly, Lindsey and Merrick. I'll get you out of here."

After speaking, he stepped out of the room.

"You..."

Melissa thought of reminding him to get something wet on his body to protect him from getting burned.

Upon entering the corridor, however, Melissa noticed that Everett had used the wet clothing on his body to smother the fire. The result was a significantly smaller blaze.

She couldn't fathom how this man had charged into the house just moments before.

She could feel Everett holding her hand even tighter.

Everett turned to look at her and spoke in a low voice.

"Cover your mouth and nose tightly, Lindsey and Merrick. We'll be safe once we pass through here. Don't be scared."

Melissa understood that he was addressing her with those words.

She said nothing in return, but simply squeezed his fingers even tighter.

They then accelerated and dived into the flames ahead of them.

This time, however, they spent significantly less time traversing the fiery corridor and arrived at the stairs in just a matter of seconds.

The fire department had shown up and were in the process of putting out the blaze on the ground level.

Had it not been for Johnny's intervention, Vivienne would have gone inside.

Inside the house were her beloved grandson, granddaughter, and daughter-in-law, along with her son whom she had not seen in a few days.

With vacant eyes, she leaned against the man next to her.

"If they are unable to escape, I cannot continue living..."

"Please don't say things like that." Johnny embraced her tightly and anxiously glanced toward the entrance. "Our grandchildren are fortunate. They'll make it out."

Just then, someone shouted, "They made it out!"

Vivienne regained her composure and focused her gaze on the entrance.

Aloys moved a few paces ahead, his brow furrowed in concern.

Earlier, someone mentioned a dubious figure, causing Aloys to investigate the area. However, he found nothing unusual when he searched the area, only to discover that Everett had already hurried into the house.

Indeed, two individuals emerged at the entrance, both of them hobbling with each step.

Standing at a considerable distance from the entrance, Everett gently set down the two children and playfully pinched their cheeks.

"Are you afraid?"

"No," the children replied. Lindsey shook her head, but her eyes lacked their usual sparkle. "Your hand is bleeding."

"I'm okay. Someone scheduled a test for you today. You've passed the exam, and you are now the champions."