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Chapter 1021 When she thought about it carefully, that period should be the only good time she had with Josiah. She had crazily left all of her troubles out of her memory.

"Because it left a deep impression on me, so I remembered it very clearly." Josiah pointed at the recliner in the middle of the balcony. "You were right there. You even let me drink iced tea, which I had never drank before."

That, however, was something Meredith remembered.

She even met Maeve when she went to buy iced tea, but at that moment, Maeve had long passed away.

Indeed...how times have changed when the place remained the same!

Meredith could not bear to overthink, so she walked over to bring Nia back. "Nia, put on an extra layer of clothes before going out. If you catch a cold, then you won't be able to participate in the performance tomorrow anymore."

"Alright." Nia obediently followed her mother back inside.

Josiah also followed them in and said, "You're hungry, aren't you? What do you want to

have?"

Nia lifted her head to ask Meredith, "Mommy, what do you want?"

"Me?" Meredith said, "Of course, I'll go with whatever you want, Nia."

"No need, no need. Daddy and I will go with anything you say," Nia then said to Josiah," Isn't that right, Daddy?"

"Yes." Josiah nodded.

In any case, he was the one in the family who would be the last to have a say.

Meredith thought about it for a while. "Nia, do you want to have seafood?"

"Yes."

"Then let's go have seafood."

They have come to the beach, so of course, they should have seafood.

"Alright. Let's go have seafood, Daddy." Nia held her Daddy's hand. "Daddy, there will be your favorite scallops in the seafood."

"Nia has finally thought of me. How great." Josiah patted the top of her head while smiling. "Alright. Let's depart now."

They arrived at the most upscale seafood restaurant in the area which had a wide variety of seafood.

In comparison to eating then, Nia seemed to like enjoying the variety of seafood in the restaurant.

Josiah patiently accompanied her and introduced the varieties of seafood to her. In the end, he almost ordered all of the expensive seafood they had in the restaurant.

Meredith looked at that long list of orders and asked in shock, "Both of you have ordered so much. Can you even finish them?"

"Don't worry. I only ordered a small portion for everything," said Josiah.

"That's still too much."

"I've ordered them since Nia likes them."

Meredith looked at Nia with a smile and asked, "Nia, are you the one who ordered all these?

Nia shook her head. "No. Daddy was the one who ordered most of them for you."

Meredith looked at Josiah again.

He smiled innocently. "It's fine. If you can't finish them, I'll have them."

It was just that it had been too long since he had a meal with her, so he wanted to order all of the varieties that she liked. He did not even think if it would be too much at all.

Meredith had no choice but to go along with him.

Soon, the seafood dishes were served one by one. Josiah passed a scallop with a quail egg to Nia. "Here. Try and see if this scallop is good."

"You can have the first bite, Daddy," said Nia.

"Then your mommy should have the first bite." Josiah put the scallop in Meredith's bowl.

Meredith then pushed the scallop back to him to let him have the first one.

Josiah was slightly speechless. "Isn't there more on the plate? There's no need to be so nice to me. I'm not used to it."

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Chapter 1022 Nia burst out laughing and said, "Daddy, the main thing is that Mommy and I are afraid that it has a fishy smell!"

Josiah was speechless. He felt as if he was greatly hurt.

He simply accepted it and just directly lowered his head to take a bite. It was after he had taken a bite that he nodded and said, "It doesn't smell fishy. Both of you, my princesses, may eat it."

Nia burst out laughing again and then she picked up a small spoon. "Alright. It's my turn to have it now."

After she took a bite, she nodded. "It really doesn't smell fishy. It's Mommy's turn now."

Meredith was amused by the father-daughter duo, who looked like they had nothing better to do. She then picked up a spoon and had a bite.

The taste was indeed not bad.

As soon as she finished the scallop, there was suddenly a big shrimp, which had been peeled, added to her bowl.

Josiah peeled a big shrimp each for both her and Nia and placed them in their bowls.

Meredith looked at the scallop in his bowl that has yet to be eaten and said, "No need to peel them for me. Hurry up and eat your share."

"I'm not hungry."

It would be strange for him to not be hungry as it has already long past dinner time at that point.

"Daddy, I can peel my own shrimp too." Nia picked up a shrimp, peeled it, and put it in her Daddy's bowl. "Daddy, have this."

Josiah picked up the shrimp in his bowl to take a look. He clearly was suspicious. "What's the matter? You want me to try and see if it has a fishy smell again, don't you? However, I can tell you clearly this time that this shrimp doesn't smell fishy because your mother and I had it the last time we came."

Meredith recalled that they came to this seafood restaurant as well when she came for vacation with him in the past.

He was also the one who peeled the shrimps for her.

Nia burst out laughing. "Daddy, don't put it this way. Mommy and I like shrimps. We won't find it disgusting."

"Really? Am I really the one being paranoid?"

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Nia nodded to express that he indeed was overthinking it. Also, she even picked up the shrimp that her daddy had peeled for her and first took a bite herself. While eating it, she praised, "Mm! It's good. It's really very tasty!"

Josiah leaned closer to Meredith's ear and said, "Look at your daughter. Isn't she like a drama queen?"

"You're the one who taught her that." Meredith shot a glance at him.

Josiah did not mind taking the blame for that. He nodded and said again, "But I feel with our daughter's talent, if she were to become an actress, she certainly would be an Alister."

Meredith looked at Nia, who was enjoying the shrimp very much. "Girls will change when they grow up. It's better to not think so far away."

"Looking at both of our genes and appearance, can Nia not look good?"

"Josiah, is a person's appearance so important?"

"It is indeed not very important." Josiah pulled himself back and said with a smile, "It's the same old saying. Being healthy and alive is the most important. Everything else is not as important."

"It's good that you know that." Meredith grabbed a piece of crab meat for Nia, and then she also grabbed one for herself.

Josiah looked at her and then involuntarily said, "What about me?"

Meredith was about to eat the crab meat but she paused. Looking at the anticipation in his eyes, in the end, she still said, "Can't you grab one yourself?"

"The one that I grab myself is not as tasty."

"Let your daughter grab you one then." Nia immediately grabbed a piece for her Daddy, and she also reminded him, "Daddy, don't force Mommy if she doesn't want to grab a piece for you."

Josiah was a little hurt, but he still accepted it quietly.

He understood what Nia meant. He could not be too impatient or his actions would only backfire.

After the family of three finished the seafood and came out of the restaurant, it was already completely dark outside.

The surface of the sea was pitch black. Other than the lights that were radiating from the passing boats, there was only a faint moonlight Such a view of the sea was still very beautiful.

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However, when Meredith first took a look at it, she still felt her heart ache. It was so unbearable that she was slightly unable to breathe.

Josiah had long expected that she would have such a reaction.

He wanted to pull her into his arms to comfort her, but he was worried that would make her have an even more intense reaction. He had no choice but to use his

eyes and signal Nia to take action.

Nia immediately walked over sensibly. She held her mommy's hand and said, " Mommy, look, there're many boats at sea. So pretty. They're as pretty as a light show."

Nia pointed at a ray of light in the distance and said, "Mommy, look at that boat. Doesn't it look like a lighthouse?"

Meredith looked in the direction Nia was pointing and saw while looking at the light. "That is a lighthouse. It's the lighthouse that guides the people's course for them."

'Is that so? It turns out that the lighthouse is so big."

"Some are big, some are small."

"I really want to go and have a look."

"If you want to have a look, I'll go there with you the next time, alright?"

'Sure. Can you really do that?"

"Mm-hmm. I can." She certainly could.

With Nia's help, Meredith was quite distracted, so she was not that terrified of the sea in front of her anymore.

Josiah was very satisfied with Nia's performance. He smiled faintly and added," Alright. I'll rent a boat tomorrow and take both of you to see the lighthouse."

"Yay!" Nia was so happy that she jumped. Immediately after, she held her Mommy and said, "Mommy, the sand at this beach is very soft. Can we not take the car back to the place we're staying?"

"Sure. I'll accompany you and walk back." Other than the fact that the sea was affecting her emotions a little, Meredith also wanted to take a walk.

"Alright. Daddy, hurry up, and let's take a walk together," Nia held her Mommy's hand in one hand while waving to her Daddy with the other hand. Josiah caught up to her and held her little hand.

The family of three then walked on the soft sand on the beach together with the cold sea breeze blowing in their faces. It was a little cold, but it was also very comfortable.

Nia held both her Mommy and Daddy's hands and was skipping and hopping on the beach.

After they walked for a while, the child suddenly lifted her little head and said, " Daddy, tell us a story."

"Tell a story?" Josiah chuckled lightly. "Alright. What kind of story do *you* want to listen to, Nia?" "Hmm..tell the story of The Mermaid then." "The story of The Mermaid? I feel it's better for your Mommy to tell you that story."

"Why?"

"Because it's better when your Mommy tells it."

Nia then turned to her Mommy again. "Mommy, can you tell me the story?"

"Alright." Meredith nodded. She lifted her face and looked toward the lighthouse in the distance. While looking at the lights on top, the images regarding the mermaid gradually emerged in her mind.

She told the story very slowly and very emotionally. As expected, it was more moving than when a manly man like Josiah told it.

As Nia listened to the story, she actually was so moved that she started sobbing After Meredith finished telling the story, she lowered her head and looked at Nia's teary eyes, and then said with concern, "Are you alright, Nia? It's actually just a story. It's not real."

"I know it's a story, but I still feel very sad," Nia said while feeling moved, "Why did the mermaid have to become seafoam and disappear? Her prince would be very hurt like that. "Because they don't belong in the same world. Well... I should say that they are not fated." Meredith reached out her hand and rubbed Nia's head a little."

Everybody has to experience too many people leaving them throughout their lifetime. Not every relationship would last until the end, but it's also quite nice to have had it once, isn't it?"

Nia nodded but she did not fully understand it. She then asked, "Just like Mommy and Papa Charlie?"

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Chapter 1024 Meredith's expression slightly froze a little and then her face was gradually enveloped by sorrow.

Josiah immediately said, "Edith, what Nia meant was...well, she just hopes that you can look on the bright side a little."

Meredith's expression gradually turned back to normal, and then she nodded at Nia. "Yes. Just like me and Papa Charlie. He is gone. I am very sad, but I can only accept this reality." Nia encouraged her seriously, "Papa Charlie has just gone back to another world. You will certainly get better." "Mm–hmm."

Josiah felt a little relieved and smiled faintly. "Let's continue walking." After they took a few steps, Nia looked at her Daddy and said, "Daddy, it's your turn to tell a story now." "We have to take turns?" "Of course. It'll be my turn after you." "Alright. I'll tell you the story of The Sea Dragon, alright?" "Alright." Josiah then made up a story about The Sea Dragon in a serious manner while walking. As soon as he started, Nia immediately corrected him and said, "No, no. The story of The Sea Dragon is not like this. You're telling it wrong." Josiah smiled faintly and said, "Stories are all simply made up by others. You've had enough of the story of The Sea Dragon from the books. It's it better and more interesting for me to make one up for you now?" "You're going to make one up now?" Nia felt it was a little interesting. "You're making it up yourself?"

"Yes. Do you want to hear it?"

Of course, Nia wanted to hear it. However, she still tilted her head and asked Meredith, "Mommy, do you want to hear it?" Meredith said, "I'm fine with anything." To be honest, she was actually also a little eager to listen to the story that Josiah

was going to make up on the spot. After all, a newly made up story would belar more interesting than the stories from the books that had been told too many

times.

After he got the approval from the mother daughter duo, *M*ister Josiah started the story even more seriously. It was unexpected that a man like him, who had been battling hard in the world of business, was quite skilled at making up a story. Meredith could not help but think that Josiah, the Mister Josiah's, essays should be quite good when he was still studying.

After he was done, he even purposely asked, "Was it good?"

"Yes, it was. It's better than the one from the book," Nia praised him especially hard.

After she was done praising him, she even helped her Daddy to ask, "*M*ommy, do you think it's good?"

Meredith did not deliberately bring him down. She nodded and agreed. "It's not bad. It's more refreshing."

"If both of you like it, I can even make up another story." Josiah was a little pleased after being praised.

"Then, Daddy, can you make up a new version of the story of The Mermaid from earlier?"

Josiah said, "Sure, I can, but The Mermaid is such a classic story. Isn't it not that good for us to revise it?"

Meredith had just concluded the story of The Mermaid earlier. He felt her conclusion was done quite well, and he did not want to change her mind.

Nia did not insist on it either. She then let her father make up another story.

After Mister Josiah made up a few stories continuously, the family of three finally made it back to the mansion.

Meredith was already a little tired, but Nia was still very energetic and was running up and down. She was probably feeling happy because that was the first time she had a vacation with her parents.

Meredith went to tidy up the luggage in the room, so it was only natural that she tidied Josiah's luggage as well. Josiah was looking at her side profile at the side. While looking at her skillfully

and carefully tidying his shirts, a warm feeling could not help but surge in his heart.

It had already been a very long time since he last saw her tidying up his clothes on his behalf so calmly.

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Chapter 1025 Meredith did not know that Josiah had been watching her while leaning against the back of the couch and holding a cup. After she was done tidying up the clothes, she turned around and saw him, and then she said in passing, "Mister Josiah, I'll put your clothes here. You may first take a shower."

Josiah took a glance at the clothes that she neatly placed on the rack and nodded gently

He stood up straight and walked toward her while reaching out to his arm.

He wanted to gently put her in his arms, but he was afraid she would be frightened and run away. Therefore, he could only move slowly, held her wrist gently, and pulled her over to sit on the couch, then said, "Edith, you're tired after a long day. Hurry up and have a seat to just rest for a while." As expected, even if he only held her wrist gently, she also felt uncomfortable. After she broke free from his hand indifferently, she said, "I'm not tired."

"I'll look after Nia. You may first go and take a shower." "I'll take a shower later after I've returned to the room next door," said Meredith with estrangement. "You should shower here. I'll go to the room next door in a while," said Josiah. The room they were in was the master bedroom of the mansion, which was also the most luxurious and the beast room.

The last time they came, they were still sleeping on the same bed. However, things were different this time.

Since they could not sleep together, of course, he would not hog the master bedroom.

Meredith did not refuse either. She took her pajamas and walked in the direction of the bathroom.

After she was done showering, she changed into the new pajamas and came out with water still dripping from her hair.

Josiah immediately got a hairdryer and wanted to help her blow dry her hair, but he was rejected by her. "Mister Josiah, I can manage these kinds of trivial matters on my own," said Meredith, and then she added while staring straight at him, "There's no need for you to care for me so much in everything. It's inappropriate."

"Edith," Josiah breathed in silently and helplessly, and then said, "Charlie is not here anymore. I should take care of you properly. Other than you, I won't ever care for another woman anymore in this life." "I am Charlie's wife," Meredith said calmly, "and it hasn't been that long since he passed away. We really shouldn't be so close to each other."

"Here you go again, Edith."

"Mister Josiah, I only want to be myself."

"It's Charlie's dying wish for you to accept my care and protection. If you really want to be yourself to show it to Charlie and let him not be worried, then don't push me away." Josiah still could not hold himself back in the end and put her in his embrace." Edith, let's let Charlie be at ease together." Meredith's mind gradually began to be a mess.

Would Charlie truly want to see her being together with Josiah?

Perhaps it was true judging from how Charlie had behaved in those days before he passed away. However, Charlie hated Josiah to the bones. It was also true that he did not want to see the image of her being together with Josiah.

She was already a little confused as to what Charlie was truly thinking. At that very moment, she felt it was best for her to stay a little further away from Josiah.

She pushed herself away from him with all her might.

"Josiah! Please don't do things that cross the line like this to me anymore!" She threatened him furiously, "Otherwise, I Will hate you!"

A sense of pain flashed across Josiah's heart, and then he silently took a step back.

"I'm sorry." He gloomily took a step back.

Meredith realized that her tone earlier was a little harsh. She breathed in softly and said, "As long as you don't touch me again in the future, you won't have to say sorry to me." "Alright. I will do my best to control myself in the future." Josiah then picked up the hairdryer and said, "Come over here. I'll help you blow dry your hair.

*M*eredith was at a loss for words.

Was this man doing it deliberately or did he subconsciously think that it was only natural for him to be close to her?

Was helping her to blow dry her hair not an intimate thing to do?

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Before she was done being speechless, Josiah already reached out his hand and pulled her over to let her sit on the couch. Immediately after, he turned on the hairdryer and started helping her to blow dry her hair.

Meredith, who did not know what to say, could only go along with him.

His movements were just as gentle as usual. His long fingers were *c*ombing through her hair. He was gentle and it was very comfortable.

As he helped Meredith blow dry her hair, she actually felt a little sleepy and almost fell asleep while leaning against his body.

It was after the sound of the hairdryer was cut off that she suddenly woke up.

Without realizing it, she asked, "Is it done?"

"What's the matter? Have you not had enough?" Josiah was not blind. Of course, he could feel that she was unable to help herself but to enjoy it just now. If it was not for the concern that her hair would be ruined, he would have kept helping her to blow dry her hair. That was because he enjoyed the moment of him helping to blow dry her hair very much

*M*eredith was made a little uncomfortable by his question, so she let out a dry *c*ough and said, "No. I just seemed a little sleepy just now and I almost fell asleep.

"I told you you're sleepy." Josiah put the hairdryer back into the cupboard, and then said to her, "Go to bed earlier if you're feeling sleepy. Just let me take care of

Nia."

"I'd better do it," Meredith said, "you should first return to your room to shower and rest."

He was usually the one taking care of Nia. If she still let him take care of Nia when they were out for a vacation, then she truly would feel slightly embarrassed.

When he did not care about Nia at all back then, she hated him very much. She did not want herself to become hated by others as well.

It so happened that Nia just ran up the stairs at that moment. She ran so hard that she was covered in sweat. She then pointed downstairs and said, "Daddy and *M*ommy,

there are many children downstairs drinking iced tea. I also want one, but the housekeeper won't let me."

The housekeeper that she mentioned should be the attendant that was temporarily sent over to take care of the family of three. Of course, she did not dare to simply let the child eat or drink anything.

"Nia, it's going to be hard for you to fall asleep if you drink iced tea late at night. Let's not drink that."

"But why are they drinking it?"

"Well...maybe they've gotten used to it, so they won't have trouble falling asleep."

"Don't worry, Mommy. I won't have trouble falling asleep as well," Nia said with a face full of anticipation.

Meredith was still going to say something, but Josiah beat her to the punch and said, "Then let the housekeeper bring you to buy a cup, but remember that you have to have it hot." "Alright. Thank you, Daddy!" Nia was so happy that she jumped. She turned around and rushed downstairs excitedly while calling out, "Miss, Daddy has approved! I can have tea!" Meredith was a little speechless when she heard Nia's laughter, which was gradually fading away in the distance. Especially when she saw that Josiah could still laugh, she could not help but ask," Have you always been spoiling her like that?" "She's a girl. You can't keep a tight rein on her. Only then she wouldn't be tricked by a boy with an iced tea when she grew up." Josiah smiled and said, "Besides, isn't iced tea what you girls love the most? Back then, when you also were making a fuss and saying that you wanted to buy iced tea when you were here, you'd get upset if I didn't agree." "What happened in the end?" Meredith asked in passing.

"In the end, Miss Meredith could not fall asleep in the middle of the night, and she made such a fuss that I did not get to sleep the whole night." Meredith was truly just asking in passing earlier. When Josiah answered her like

that, she felt embarrassed. She remembered everything that happened that night. In order to avoid the awkwardness, she changed the topic and said, "Forget it. If Nia couldn't fall asleep tonight and her competition tomorrow is affected, then it's all on you." "It's fine. The important thing is for her to participate."

Anyway, he was the one who got someone to organize this competition at the last minute and the purpose was to trick her into coming to the resort for a break

Since his goal has already been accomplished, it did not matter if she participated in the competition or not. "I'll go downstairs to take a look at Nia." Meredith turned around and headed downstairs. She also said to him, "Mister Josiah, hurry up and go back to your

room to have a rest. Don't stay in my room anymore." Josiah said, "Alright. Anything you say."

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Chapter 1027 When Meredith came to the cafe near the mansion, she truly saw some children inside having iced tea. They look like they were about the same age as Nia. They probably were the children who were going to participate in the piano competition tomorrow.

Meredith could vaguely hear two parents chatting next to her. They said that their accommodation and meals were all provided by the organizer of the piano competition this time, and they even gave them tickets to all of the entertainment inside the resort.

Even the iced tea was free for them to drink. It was simply a bargain!

It was no wonder there were so many children in the cafe.

Because Meredith was wearing a mask, those parents did not recognize her. They asked her in a very friendly manner, "You're also here to accompany your child to the piano competition, aren't you?" Meredith pointed at Nia, who was already playing together with other children, and said, "Yes, that's my daughter." "Oh. She's your daughter. We were just discussing whose little girl she was earlier. She looked just like an angel."

All the other parents could not help but take a few looks at Nia while sighing," She truly is very good-looking."

"Thank you all," Meredith said gratefully.

Her daughter was praised by others, so as her mother, of course, Meredith was happy. "Oh, yes, do you want an iced tea? The iced tea here tonight is free," said one of

"No need. I'll have trouble sleeping if I have iced tea."

"Oh, then it's better not to have it."

Meredith looked at the iced tea in all of the children's hands and asked in *c*onfusion, "Won't your children have trouble sleeping after drinking iced tea?"

"My child won't," said one of the parents. "There's no need to raise the children too carefully. Otherwise, their immunity won't be good," said another parent.

"I could tell your daughter was probably raised too carefully." "It's alright." Meredith said that while smiling at Nia.

Nia has been sick since she was a baby, the things that she could eat were very few. On top of that, Meredith was so poor back then that she could barely afford to pay Nia's medical bills, so she could not afford to buy anything good for Nia to eat or wear.

If it were not for Josiah acknowledging Nia, perhaps Nia would have not even tasted iced tea at that moment. No, she should say that if Josiah had not acknowledged Nia, she would have been long gone at the moment when the doctors gave up with her treatment, much less be alive at that moment." Meredith could not help but feel softhearted when she thought of the sufferings Nia had gone through in the past.

"...I can only have half of it because my mommy won't let me." Meredith happened to hear Nia's voice.

One of the children asked, "Why? The iced tea here is very good."

"Because my Mommy said I would have insomnia if I drank iced tea."

"What is insomnia?"

"It's when you can't sleep." "Oh, but why don't I have insomnia?" That child said, "Actually, *y*our Mommy is lying to you." "That's right." Another child nodded in agreement. "Nia, your mother simply didn't want you to have iced tea, so she lied to you saying that you won't be able to sleep."

Nia gave it a thought and said, "It's fine. It must be because the iced tea is not good for my body that my Mommy doesn't let me have it."

*M*eredith walked over to the children and said to Nia with a smile, "Nia, it's true that too much iced tea is not good for your body, but it's fine to have it occasionally."

"Really?" Nia asked while looking at her mommy.

"Mm-hmm. If you want to have it, then just have it together with the other children."

It was rare that she was so happy, so *Meredith did not want to rain on her parade*.

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Chapter 1028 Sure enough, once she heard her Mommy saying that, Nia immediately continued drinking happily. After the children finished their iced tea, they said goodbye to each other. Meredith then held Nia's hand as they walked back toward the mansion that they were staying in. On their way back, Nia was very excited and she said she made some new friends.

Meredith said with a smile. "Don't you have many new friends in school as well?" "Yes, but I like making many, many good friends." Upon saying that, Nia looked at Meredith with confusion and asked, "Mommy, Daddy said that you don't have friends. Is that true?" Meredith was instantly speechless.

She once had many friends, which included Quinley, Maeve, and Yumi...

However, all of these friends distanced themselves from her after she suffered a misfortune, and they even became her enemies in the end.

Perhaps it was truly just like what Josiah had said. She had been too outstanding in the past, so she was unable to make friends who were sincere to her.

Nia took her mother's silence as her acknowledgment, so she then asked, "Why don't you go make some friends?"

Meredith was speechless. It was after she thought about it for a while that she answered, "It's not that I don't like making friends. It's just that too many things had happened in the past few years, so I did not have the time to make friends." "I see." Nia nodded her head seriously. "Then, Mommy, you can make many, many friends in the future." "Hmm? Why?"

"Because from now on, Daddy and I will not let you suffer any injustice anymore.

Meredith was speechless. She felt that this reason was a little far-fetched, but she still felt a little touched and she held Nia's little hand tightly. "Thank you, Nia. It's enough for me to just have you." As for good friends, after she had been through Quinley and a few more of them, she no longer believed in them and needed them anymore.

"That won't do." Nia shook her hand seriously. "It's not enough for you to just have me. You still need a partner that loves you and a bunch of sincere friends. Only then can you be happy." Meredith asked, "Who taught you that?"

"Daddy."

As expected, it was Mister Josiah again who taught Nia that. Nia immediately added, "But I feel what Daddy said made a lot of sense."

"Mm-hmm. He indeed made sense." Meredith squatted before Nia and then said while touching her head. "Don't worry, Nia. I will make friends properly in the future, and live my life happily."

"Mm-hmm. I believe in you, Mommy!"

"Thank you, Nia." Meredith pointed at the iced tea in her hand. "But, Nia, it is not quite right for you to be doing this." "What is it?" Nia looked at her iced tea in confusion.

"You already had your fill just now, and you can't drink any more of it. How can you ask for one more cup to waste just because it's free?" Meredith educated her daughter seriously and said, "Even though it's only just a cup of iced tea, it's not right to waste food." Unexpectedly, Nia also said very seriously, "Mommy, I didn't waste any food. The iced tea is for Daddy."

Meredith was speechless. She thought she had heard it wrong. "You ordered iced tea for your daddy? But he doesn't drink iced tea."

"The iced tea from this cafe is very good. You will have trouble sleeping after drinking it, but Daddy won't."

"But he doesn't like to drink it."

"This is such a tasty drink, so, of course, I have to share." Nia smiled at her." *M*ommy, let's go." "...Alright."

Since she loved her Daddy so much, Meredith had no choice but to go along with her.

When the pair of mother and daughter returned to the mansion, Mister Josiah had already finished taking a shower. He was holding his phone as he was about to call someone.

When he saw the pair of mother and daughter return, a smile appeared on his handsome face. "I thought both of you had dumped me here and ran away."

He had just finished taking a shower, so his hair was still wet and the droplets were hanging a little on his forehead. On top of that, with his handsome facial features and the sexy and half-exposed chest muscles, he looked extra sexy.

However, after he saw Nia, Mister Josiah subconsciously wrapped the robe on his body a little tighter.

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Chapter 1029 Nia did not understand why her Daddy would say such a thing so **she asked seri**ously, "Daddy, what are you talking about? Why would we dump you and run away?"

"Because your Mommy has done such a thing before." "Really?" Nia raised her head to ask Meredith. "Mommy, have you really done that before?"

*M*eredith let out a dry cough. She did not answer the question directly, but she said, "Didn't you bring an iced tea back for your Daddy? Hurry up and let him **have it.**"

As for the matter of her running away in secret, she had already done it more **than once.** She even almost got Mister Josiah killed because she got in danger the last time **she ran away.**

When she thought about it again, Mister Josiah used to not care about his own life and safety for the sake of her back then. It was just that she had been thinking that he was doing it for his reputation back then.

Of course, whether it was for her sake or not, she also had no clue at that moment.

As expected, Nia was distracted by her and handed the iced tea that she was holding in her hands to her Daddy. "Daddy, this is for you." "For me?" Josiah pointed at himself. Clearly, even Josiah himself did not expect that he had to drink iced tea. "Yes, the iced tea from this cafe is especially good. I had plenty just now." "Is that so?" Josiah glanced at Meredith. "Then, did your Mommy have some?" "Mommy would have trouble sleeping if she had some, so she can't. However, you won't have trouble sleeping."

"But I…"

Meredith let out a dry cough to remind him that it would not be good if he did not drink it since his daughter was so thoughtful. Josiah immediately held back what he wanted to say. He acce pted Nia's iced tea and said gratefully, "Thank you, Nia. I'm very touched." "There's no need for you to be touched, Daddy. I'll still bring you iced tea next

time."

Mister Josiah subconsciously looked toward Meredith. That gaze was as if he was asking her, 'Didn't you tell our daughter her Daddy doesn't like to drink iced tea?'

Meredith turned her face away and pretended that she did not see his gaze.

However, Josiah truly could not bear to refuse Nia's kind intention.

He accepted the iced tea and took a sip in front of Nia.

Nia immediately asked him with anticipation, "Daddy, is it good?"

"Mm–hmm. It's good."

Even though Mister Josiah did not like this kind of cheap beverage, in order to let his daughter be happy, he still drank it one sip after another. Nia thought that her Daddy liked drinking that, so she was beaming broadly. Meredith watched Mister Josiah drink the iced tea, and then held Nia's hand and said without any sympathy, "Nia, let your Daddy drink it slowly. I'll first take you to take a shower."

"Mommy, I can take a shower myself," said Nia thoughtfully. "Alright. Then I'll help you pick out the clothes." "I can also pick out the clothes myself."

Nia entered the walk–in closet, pulled out her own small luggage, and was prepared to return to the nursery opposite the room they were in.

*M*eredith called out to her, "Nia, where are you going? Just take a shower here." "Mommy, I have grown up. I want to sleep alone."

"This is not our home. It's better to sleep with me."

"It's fine. The housekeeper said it's very safe here. I will be fine on my own."

The child insisted on sleeping on her own, so Meredith could only accompany her.

After Nia had taken a shower, she laid down on the bed and then smiled very sweetly at her parents. "Goodnight."

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Chapter 1030 Meredith breathed in softly with slight sorrow and said, "Goodnight, Nia. All the best for your competition tomorrow!"

"*M*ommy, I will do my best." It was after they saw the child close both her eyes that Meredith and Josiah turned around and left. Josiah looked at Meredith, who was looking a little down, and comforted her with a smile, "Our daughter has grown up. She is starting to learn to be independent. You should get used to it earlier.

*M*eredith turned her head to the side and looked at him. "How do you know what I'm thinking about?"

"Edith, haven't we known each other for a long time?" Josiah smiled miserably." If I don't even know what you're thinking in your head, then what right do I have to say that I love you."

Meredith was speechless. His words did not make her feel touched. Instead, she had a sense of uneasiness as if her mind had been seen through. However, she did not say that out loud, she just said calmly, "Ever since my mother passed away, I was busy working, so Nia had always been taken care of by a caregiver, so she has been used to being independent since childhood." As she brought up the past, it was only natural that the pain Josiah felt in the past was uncovered again. That made him apologize like each time in the past, "Edith, I'm sorry," Meredith cut him off and said, "It's all in the past now. It's fine as long as Nia can be happy in the future." "Don't worry. I'll definitely let Nia grow up happily.",

"Good."

Meredith turned around and returned to her own bedroom.

The master bedroom was facing the sea. The sound of the waves was not very loud, but it was clearly audible. On top of that, Meredith had trouble getting used to unfamiliar

beds, so she simply could not fall asleep. After tossing and turning on the bed for a few hours, she finally got up and

walked toward the balcony.

The breeze at night was a little chilly, so Meredith subconsciously pulled her clothes tighter around her body. Once she thought that Nia might kick her covers off the bed as she slept alone, Meredith turned around and walked toward the nursery. Unexpectedly, she happened to run into Josiah, who was coming out of Nia's bedroom. It seemed like he was also there to see if Nia was still tucked in. "Edith, why are you up?" "I couldn't sleep, so I came over to take a look at Nia." Meredith glanced at him." What about you?" "Me?" Josiah raised his eyebrows. "Isn't it obvious? Of course, I'm having trouble falling asleep after drinking the iced tea."

"I thought you won't have any trouble falling asleep?" "The cup of iced tea that our daughter got was a big one. No matter how easily a person can fall asleep, the person won't be able to take it either." Josiah paused *f*or a while. "Besides, I don't sleep very well myself." "Is that so? I thought you were already getting better sleep," Meredith said softly. "How can I sleep well when the person I like is right in front of me but I just could not get her back no matter what?"

*M*eredith glanced at him, and then she turned around and was preparing to go back to her room. Josiah said to her back, "Edith, since you can't sleep, let's have a drink together." "What are we drinking?" Meredith asked. "Anything. We'll have whate *v*er you want." He said, "There's a bar inside the resort. It shouldn't be crowded at this hour."

"What about Nia?"

"Don't worry. Someone is watching over her."

*M*eredith, who could not fall asleep, indeed wanted to sit down and have a proper drink. After she gave it a thought for a moment, she said, "I don't drink alcohol."

She was very tempted to drink at that moment, but it was very easy to make mistakes under the influence of alcohol, so she could not have it.

Josiah smiled faintly. "Alright. No alcohol."

*M*eredith nodded and agreed.

With the misty moonlight and the sound of the waves, both of them went together to a bar nearby.

*M*eredith asked for a cocktail with little to no alcohol. When the waiter asked Josiah what he wanted to have, he thought about it for a moment, and then he ordered the same drink as Meredith.