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But today, he replied flatly, "I've already eaten before I came back. I'm not hungry."

He then walked upstairs.

Lily was stunned. She then asked again, "Sir, are you really skipping dinner? Are you sure that you don't want to eat what Miss Meredith has prepared?"

"I'm not eating. Let Miss Meredith have dinner with Nia instead."

He then disappeared from Lily's sight.

Lily was confused by Josiah's sudden change in behavior.

Even Meredith was confused. With the cutleries in her hands, Meredith stood by the dining table dazedly.

Seeing her this way, Lily cleared her throat and said, "Miss Meredith, perhaps Sir is not feeling unwell, so he's got no appetite for dinner. He asked for you to eat with Nia instead."

Meredith came back to her senses, nodded and said, "Oh, okay."

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"Ah, yes. I'll go check on him right now." Lily then headed upstairs.

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Standing by the door, Lily asked, "Sir, how are you feeling?"

"I'm fine, don't worry," Josiah replied without even lifting up his head.

"Are you still having a fever?" Lily asked again.

“No.”

Nia too started to get concerned. “Daddy, you should go rest if you’re unwell. I can finish these by myself.”

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"Yeah, Sir. Miss Meredith went to lengths to prepare dinner for you and Nia. You should at least try some."

"It's fine."

Josiah stood up from the chair. "Nia, you should go eat now before the food turns cold."

He then went back to his study.

It had been a long time since he tasted Meredith's cooking and he craved them. But he wanted Meredith to feel what he felt when his good intentions were ignored.

For the sake of making Meredith feel what he had felt, Josiah was willing to stay hungry.

When Lily showed up at the dining hall with Nia, Meredith asked urgently, "So, how is he?"

“Sir said that he feels fine and he’s not having a fever,” Lily went on, “but that’s just what he claimed, I don’t know for sure if he is really okay. After all, I didn’t take his temperature.”

Indeed, it was not like Lily could go and check Josiah’s temperature.

Meredith then turned to Nia and asked, “Nia, did you not try to check if Daddy is having a fever?”

It would be more appropriate for Nia to touch Josiah.

Nia shook her head and then added, “Mommy, should I go upstairs and check?”

“Okay, go on.” Meredith nodded.

Nia then ran upstairs.

Hearing that it was Meredith who sent Nia to check if he was having a fever, Josiah felt slightly relieved.

He bent over and let Nia put her hand on his forehead. “It’s a bit hot, but I am fine, darling. I

just have to take some pills.”

Nia touched her father’s forehead and touched her own. Tilting her head, she asked, “Is it hot though? Why do I feel like it’s the same?”

“It is quite hot. You can touch here if you don’t believe me.” Josiah then put Nia’s hand on his neck. Indeed, the temperature was higher around his neck compared to his forehead.

Nia reported back to her mother, “Mommy, I’ve checked Daddy’s body temperature, it feels slightly hot but Daddy said he took some medicine and he will be fine soon.”

Nia then comforted her mother, “Don’t worry too much, Mommy. Let’s eat now.”

Meredith cleared her throat and put a piece of meatball on Nia’s plate. “Mm, let’s eat.”

After dinner, Nia held her mother’s hands in hers and asked, “Mommy, are you leaving again?”

“Yes, darling. I still have to go to work tomorrow.” Meredith unconsciously took a glance upstairs. She thought that it was rather strange that Josiah did not even care to greet her when she was leaving soon.

She wondered if Josiah's infection was too serious that he did not want her to worry so he was

choosing to avoid her.

But if he was really sick, he should have gone to the hospital.

Did he hate going to the hospital that much?

"Mommy, can you stay here for one night?" Nia shook her mother's hands and pleaded.

Lily, who was standing at a side, added, "Yes, Miss Meredith. It'd be great if you could stay here for one night. Besides, it would be nice to have someone with a medical background to be around to keep an eye on Sir."

"What about the family physician? Did you not give him a call?"

"Sir doesn't like having strangers in his house. He didn't allow me to call."

Lily then added, "But if you're willing to stay, I'm sure Sir will be really happy."

Would he be happy?

Inwardly, Meredith sulked a little as she thought to herself that if he really wanted her to stay, he would not have avoided her the moment he came home from work.

Josiah's unusual behavior led Meredith to finally decide to stay for a night.

Nia went back to her room to finish her homework whilst Meredith stayed next to her, reading a book.

Even after Nia showered and went to bed, Meredith did not see Josiah at all.

If Josiah was in his bedroom, Meredith would have guessed that it was because he had fallen asleep. But he was in his study.

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Meredith found it strange that Josiah stayed in his study and did not even care to come out to

greet her.

Meredith finally came to the door of Josiah's study as she wanted to know what was going on with Josiah. When she was about to knock on the door, the door was pulled open.

And Josiah finally showed up in front of her.

Meredith's hand froze mid-air as she mouthed, "You..."

Josiah looked at her indifferently and asked, "Miss Meredith, what are you still doing here?"

Meredith found herself not able to answer his question.

"I... Nia wanted me to stay for the night. So I decided to stay."

"Oh, you didn't have to take Nia's words seriously." Josiah then took a glance at Nia's room. "Has Nia fallen asleep?"

"Yeah."

"If that's the case, I think you can leave now without any worries."

"Huh..." Meredith was stunned.

Was he actually asking her to leave?

Josiah was actually not trying to get her to stay but instead, he was asking her to leave?

It was unlike Josiah to do such a thing.

"Is everything okay, Josiah?" Meredith studied him with a concerned look on her face.

The first thing that came to her mind was that something might have happened to Josiah.

Josiah, on the other hand, looked confused. "What do you mean? Do I look like something's not okay with me?"

Meredith took another careful look at him.

It was true that it did not look like something was going on with him. Aside from the wound on his forehead, Josiah looked normal and well.

She touched his forehead slightly to find that he did not have a fever either.

“I thought you had a wound infection and that you had a high fever?” She asked.

“I did but I got the wound cleaned today and had some medicine at the hospital earlier today. I’m feeling fine now,” Josiah went on, “thank you for your concern. Miss Meredith, you should hurry up and go back to get some rest.”

He was asking her to leave again.

And he addressed her as Miss Meredith.

Even though she did not know why he was behaving in an unusual manner, Meredith thought that it would be embarrassing for her to keep staying.

She nodded. “Alright. It’s good that you’re okay.”

Meredith then added, “I’m not that busy with work today so I decided to pick Nia up from school, sent her home, and made her dinner.”

“Okay. I will remind Nia to try not to trouble you with such trivial matters.”

Inwardly, Meredith was rolling her eyes at him.

Gnawing on her lips, Meredith turned around and started making her way downstairs.

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Behind her, Josiah asked suddenly, “Is it raining out there?”

Meredith looked out the windows to find that it was really raining.

“Yes, it’s raining and there might be thunder too,” Lily went on, “Miss Meredith, why not stay here instead? It’s quite late now and it’s not safe for you.”

“It’s okay. I brought my own car,” Meredith replied.

Josiah was clearly determined to have her leave the house. It would be embarrassing to insist on staying

“I’m just worried about Nia. She’s terrified of the thunder and what if she gets scared?” Lily then added, “Nia doesn’t want us to sleep with her and she can’t possibly sleep with her father too. It’s best if you stay here with her.”

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“Nia is afraid of the thunder?” Meredith asked.

She did not remember Nia being afraid of thunder.

“It’s still okay for her when it’s not that loud, but she gets terrified when it gets louder,” Lily replied.

Meredith turned around to see that Josiah had already left.

She then checked the time and realized that it was indeed a little late.

She finally decided to stay for the night for the sake of Nia.

Meredith returned to her previous bedroom.

Lily went to the kitchen and prepared a bowl of noodles for Josiah. Puzzled, she asked, “Sir, what are you doing?”

Josiah insisted on not having the food that Meredith prepared and insisted on wanting Meredith to leave. But in the meantime, he was secretly giving an eye to Lily asking Lily to convince Meredith to stay for the night.

Lily was utterly confused.

Slurping the noodles, Josiah replied, “It’s called playing hard-to-get.”

“What? What hard-to-get?” Lily did not understand what he was saying.

Josiah lifted his head, looked at her, and said, “It’s nothing. All you have to do, Lily, is to try to make her stay when I insist that she leaves. You don’t have to care about the other stuff.”

“Okay,” Lily nodded but she could not help and asked again, “but would this really work on Miss Meredith?”

“I’m not sure either. But we’ll see.”

Josiah was not sure if this approach would work but he agreed with what Mister Wesley had

said. So he had to change his plan.

Lily walked out of Josiah's room and went to Meredith's room.

"You're still up, Lily," Meredith greeted her gently.

Lily replied, "Sir didn't have dinner so he asked me to make him some noodles,"

"I see. And has he eaten?"

"He did."

"He...he is okay, yes?"

"He looks fine to me. Don't worry too much, Miss Meredith."

Lily added, "And let me know if you need anything, Miss Meredith."

"I will, Lily. You're the person that I trust the most in this house. I will rely on you a lot."

"I'm glad that you think that way." Lily nodded and then said to her, "Oh, I wanted to ask if you're hungry. There are still some noodles left."

"Thanks, Lily, but I'm good."

"If that's the case, I'll leave you to rest now." Lily then walked out of the room.

Before going to bed, Meredith checked on Nia in her room. After making sure that Nia was tucked properly under the covers and that the room temperature was right, Meredith only went back to her room to sleep.

Even though it was still raining outside, there were no thunderstorms.

To prepare breakfast for Nia, Meredith woke up earlier than usual.

She made Nia her favorite sandwich and made Josiah's favorite pumpkin porridge.

Nia was especially happy to see Meredith stay for the night and even made her breakfast. With a sandwich in one hand and a glass of milk in the other, Nia was eating away happily.

"Eat slowly," Meredith reminded her.

“Mommy, I can’t. I have to leave for school soon,” Nia said.

“Will Daddy be sending you to school?”

“I’m not sure.”

“Is he still sleeping?”

“No, he woke up. I even greeted him good morning just now.”

“Then why is he not coming down for breakfast?”

Clueless, Nia shook her head.

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Meredith then said to Lily, “Lily, why is Josiah not coming down to eat? Is he not going to send Nia to school?”

Right then, heavy footsteps were heard coming down the stairs and Josiah showed up in front of everyone.

Adjusting the watch on his wrist, Josiah said, “Nia, I won’t be able to send you to school today, I’ll have Grandma Lily send you instead. I’ll come to pick you up when you’re done with school.

Nia responded, “It’s okay, Mommy can send me to school too. You should hurry up and leave for work now.”

“Okay. See you later, Nia.”

“See you, Daddy.”

Meredith was silent.

Seeing how Josiah had left hurriedly, Meredith thought that she was seeing things.

Josiah just left...like that?

She looked toward Nia and Nia, and upon meeting her mother's gaze, shouted, "Daddy, have you forgotten that Mommy is at home too?"

Josiah came to a stop in his tracks and turned around.

Not looking at Meredith, Josiah said to Nia, "No, I haven't. What's wrong?"

"You didn't even greet Mommy good morning or say goodbye to her," Nia reminded him.

Josiah finally took a glance at Meredith. "Oh, I was in such a rush that I forgot."

He then added, "Thank you for your help, Miss Meredith. See you."

Josiah then left without looking back.

With a spoon in her hand, Meredith was left dumbfounded.

She then asked Lily, "Lily, did he somehow hurt his head?"

Lily smiled awkwardly, "Well...I am not too sure either. Perhaps so? After all, Sir did get injured pretty badly,"

Meredith put down the spoon and rushed out the door.

Josiah had just put on his seat belt and was ready to leave when he noticed Meredith standing in front of his car.

Meredith asked Walter to get down from the car before walking over to where Josiah was sitting, "What is all this about, Josiah Shelby?"

"What do you mean?" Josiah wind down the car window and went on, "And why would you suddenly come running out of the house and block my car? Or...there's something else you

need?"

Meredith fumed, "I wanted to ask why you have avoided and ignored me since last evening?"

"Weren't you the one who asked me to leave you alone?"

"L..."

Meredith explained, "Back then I've also asked you to leave me alone, but you've never taken me seriously."

Seeing how Meredith was looking all confused, Josiah thought to himself that Mister Wesley was right.

That his efforts would be taken for granted if he clung onto her, whilst playing hard-to-get would make her attracted.

"Perhaps I've been hit hard by the reality," He replied bitterly.

He then pointed at the wound on his forehead and went on, "I'm clearly injured but you didn't even care to ask about me. I guess that you might really hate me and think that I'm annoying.

"Since you hate me that much, it's time that I finally take the hint and give up, isn't it? At least, it wouldn't cause any unnecessary awkward situation between us when we meet each other during Nia's visits."

Meredith stared at him in surprise as she wondered if Josiah had really gotten over it.

The stubborn Josiah Shelby had finally come around?

It was definitely good news.

But for some reason, she felt a strange feeling bubbling in her.

She took a deep breath and asked, "You've finally come around?"

"Yes. I will respect your decision and find Nia a stepmother soon."

"Miss Meredith, from now on, you can feel free to do anything that you want. I won't stop you or bother you anymore," He added.