

## Still Loving You Nonetheless Chapter 1171-1175

### Chapter 1171

“Enough,” Josiah interrupted, not wanting to hear anymore.

However, Ivy continued, “Josiah, I repeat, as long as you’re willing to marry me, I can let you and Meredith raise Cooper. You don’t have to love or want me...I’ve already compromised so much, so why are you still worried?”

“I can’t marry you,” Josiah said indifferently.

Once again, Josiah rejected Ivy.

Ivy lightly took a deep breath, feeling a little tired.

Not long after Josiah left, Ivy was about to return to the ward when she saw Grandma Shelby coming. She immediately greeted her and called out respectfully, “Mrs. Shelby, why are you here?”

“Cooper is my grandson, so I’m obviously here to see him.” Grandma Shelby looked at her and asked, “why aren’t you going in? Are you scared to face Joe?”

“N-No...” Ivy lowered her head slightly, saying, “Cooper fell asleep, and Joe went downstairs.”

“What’s he doing downstairs?”

“He...” Ivy knew that Josiah was probably looking for Meredith and Nia downstairs. After all, the mother-daughter duo was still waiting for him there. However, Ivy did not dare to tell Grandma Shelby about it. Instead, she said softly, “He said it was too boring to stay in the ward, so he wanted to go for a walk”

“Why didn’t you go with him?”

“Mrs. Shelby, I have to stay here to accompany Cooper.”

“There are nurses around, right? Besides, Cooper couldn’t care less about your presence.” Grandma Shelby’s tone was unkind. “If you don’t find a chance to get along with Joe, how can you improve your relationship?”

“Mrs. Shelby, I’m already trying hard to find a chance to foster a relationship with Joe. Please give me more time.”

“More time? As long as you can afford to wait,” Grandma Shelby uttered and walked into the ward.

Ivy eagerly grabbed the hem of Grandma Shelby's clothes, sobbed, and begged, "Mrs. Shelby, I really can do it...give me one more month..."

"One month?" Grandma Shelby glanced at her and nodded. "Sure. I'll give you another month."

Grandma Shelby entered the ward and came to Cooper's bed, smiling gently at him. "Darling, I'm here. Are you feeling better?"

Cooper heard her voice and quickly looked at her, then shut his eyes again.

Grandma Shelby was obviously used to his aloofness, and she did not take it to heart. Instead, she held his little hands and said, "Cooper, I heard from the doctor that your wound is not serious. How about leaving the hospital?"

After all, they had a doctor at home too, so he did not need to suffer here. Unexpectedly, Cooper was not happy about being discharged from the hospital. Instead, he shook his head hard.

"Cooper, you don't want to leave? Why?" Grandma Shelby thought about it and asked, "Is it because you can see Daddy every day in the hospital?"

Cooper ignored her.

"Don't worry. If you want to be with Daddy, I'll make him move back home."

Then, Grandma Shelby looked at Ivy, who followed her in, saying, "Talk to the doctor about Cooper's discharge procedure."

"Alright." Ivy nodded, hesitantly adding, "But I can't convince Joe to come home with me, Mrs. Shelby."

"You're so useless." Grandma Shelby glanced at her.

## **Chapter 1172**

Just as Josiah dropped Meredith home, she started cooking for Cooper again.

Josiah pulled Meredith back, saying helplessly, "Edith, relax. The attending doctor just called and informed me that my Mother decided to discharge Cooper from the hospital."

"Why? Cooper's injury hasn't healed yet, and he's also refusing to eat. If he goes home..."

"Don't worry. We have a doctor at home too."

"Even so, Cooper has to eat when he gets home. I'd better go and make some food for him."

Josiah knew Cooper would not eat the food Meredith prepared, but he still let her cook to avoid hurting her feelings.

Meredith handed the chicken wingettes she prepared to Josiah. "Cooper ate a lot of chicken wingettes at noon yesterday, so maybe he'll like this. Hurry and send this to him."

Josiah took the chicken wingettes with one hand, pulling her in his arms with the other. Then, he lowered his head and kissed her forehead, "okay. Thank you, Edith."

"Why are you thanking me? Go, now!" Meredith pushed him toward his car.

Josiah sighed helplessly and left.

Naturally, Cooper knocked the chicken wingettes Josiah brought over to the ground again.

Josiah was fuming, but Cooper stubbornly met his angry eyes and whispered, "Mommy..."

This made Josiah angrier, and he gritted his teeth. "Didn't your Mommy feed you just now? why didn't you eat?"

Cooper was still stubborn, looking like he did not want to talk to Josiah again.

Josiah was so mad at Cooper that he turned and walked toward the bedroom door.

In the common room, Grandma Shelby and Ivy were sitting on the sofa drinking tea. To be exact, only Grandma Shelby was drinking tea while Ivy was just sitting.

When Ivy saw Josiah, she immediately stood and asked, "Joe, is Cooper still refusing to eat?"

"He wants you. Hurry and go." Josiah patiently pointed at the children's room behind him.

Ivy glanced at Grandma Shelby. They knew that the 'Mommy' Cooper wanted was not her but Meredith. Cooper had been thinking about Meredith since the first time they met on the plane.

"Forget it, don't worry about him," Grandma Shelby said lightly, "you don't want this son anyway. If he dies of starvation, we'll all be set free."

Josiah knew Grandma Shelby was only saying that in a moment of frustration, so he ignored her.

However, Ivy's eyes suddenly turned red, and she cried, "Joe, we only have one son. Do you really want to see him die of starvation?"

"I don't want that, but I also don't believe that he would rather starve to death than eat."

"Mrs. Shelby and I know Cooper's temperament best...he can definitely do that."

"So?" Josiah looked at Ivy disdainfully. "Are you trying to say that the problem can only be solved if we get married?"

“Even if you don’t marry Ivy, you can move back and spend time with Cooper until he recovers,” said Grandma Shelby.

Before Josiah could respond, Grandma Shelby ordered, “Josiah, if you dare to leave today, I’ll break your leg!”

Josiah obviously did not expect Grandma Shelby to say such a thing, so he replied coldly, “Mother, do you think you have the right to demand or threaten me?”

Grandma Shelby was angered and said rudely, “Josiah, Cooper will talk to you with the same attitude you talked to me today when he grows up because you’re a failed parent like me.”

“No, I’m different from you!” Josiah shook his head. “Because I didn’t give birth to Cooper and then abandon him.”

### **Chapter 1173**

Just as Josiah stepped out of the common room, he was blocked by several bodyguards.

He frowned and glanced at the group of men. “What are you doing?!”

“Like I said, don’t dream of leaving this house today,” Grandma Shelby announced.

Josiah was livid.

Ivy walked over and took his arm. “Joe, just stay and accompany me to coax Cooper to eat. Cooper will die if he continues to starve himself. Do you have the heart to see your son starve to death?”

“Joe, just pretend that you’re staying. You can leave when Cooper starts eating. I beg you...I really can’t lose my son.”

Ivy instantly became teary.

However, Josiah was unmoved by her tears, and he knew that this was Ivy and Grandma Shelby’s plan to keep him at home.

Nevertheless, it was true that Cooper was not eating, and Josiah really did not have the heart to see him like that.

If him staying back would make Cooper eat, Josiah would surely stay.

In the end, Josiah stayed.

Back in the bedroom, Josiah called Meredith. Meredith excitedly asked him if Cooper had eaten, and she was quiet when she heard him say no.

After a while, Meredith finally asked worriedly, “Then what should we do?”

Josiah pondered for a moment before answering, "Edith, I may have to live at home for a few days."

"That's right. You should stay at home," Meredith agreed without a second thought, "Cooper refused to eat because he couldn't live with Daddy and Mommy. You can pretend to get back with Miss Landers just to let Cooper eat first."

Josiah did not reply. He was originally worried that Meredith would be disappointed or feel left out when she heard that he planned to stay at home with Cooper. Unexpectedly, Meredith did not feel that way, but she even strongly agreed to the idea.

Josiah sighed in frustration, saying, "Meredith, is the only thing we have...our child and not affection?"

Meredith paused and asked wryly, "Josiah, do you think we can still be together?"

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"I can't," Meredith replied, "whether you like me bringing up the past or not, I won't forget the things you did to me before, and I can't forget them either."

This was not the first time Meredith had said such a thing to Josiah, but he still felt extremely sad.

There was only Nia before, but now there was Cooper. Josiah even suspected Meredith would push him to Ivy's side one day.

Upset, Josiah hung up and threw the phone on the sofa angrily.

There was a sudden knock on the door, but Josiah ignored it.

After knocking a few more times, Ivy walked in with a bowl of garlic shrimp spaghetti and said concernedly, "Joe, I'm sure you haven't had anything because you were busy with Cooper the entire day. Why don't you grab a bite first?"

Josiah glanced at the spaghetti she had placed on the table.

Ivy hurriedly added, "It's your favorite garlic shrimp spaghetti. I haven't made it for you in a long time, so I hope you still like it."

Josiah uttered, "Bring it out. I don't like garlic shrimp spaghetti."

"What? But back then..."

"Ivy, can we stop mentioning the past?" Josiah was furious. "To be honest, my biggest regret is knowing you. If I knew you would frame me, I wouldn't have befriended you in the first place."

## Chapter 1174

Ivy fiddled slightly with the fork in her hand, looking down and saying, "You're right. I also think I'm despicable, but I've already given birth to our son...don't you think we should be responsible for him?"

Josiah became even more annoyed when she mentioned this. He did not expect that his life would be affected by a child.

Ivy passed the fork to Josiah and said, "No matter how angry you are, you have to fill your belly. So why don't you eat first?"

However, Josiah took the plate of spaghetti and walked toward Cooper's room.

Standing at the bedroom door, he slowly adjusted his mood, turned around, and said to Ivy, "Let's go in together."

Ivy shook her head. "Cooper won't eat."

"Don't you want to try?"

Ivy knew well that it would not work even if they went in.

Nevertheless, since Josiah had spoken up, she could only go along with him.

Sure enough, Cooper still refused to eat.

Ivy quietly peeked at Josiah and gently said to Cooper, "Cooper, why don't you eat some of this first? Then, Daddy and I will bring you out after that. What do you think?"

Cooper looked away, completely uninterested.

Josiah looked at the little guy's obviously hungry and pale face, and he asked inexplicably, "Didn't you want Mommy and me being together? Now that we're together, why are you still unhappy?"

Cooper finally turned around and stared at Ivy.

Ivy instantly felt guilty and hurriedly chimed in, "Cooper, Daddy's right. From now on, Daddy and I will be with you every day, so why don't you eat the spaghetti first?"

Josiah took a spoonful of spaghetti, wanting to feed Cooper. "Here, I'll eat with you."

Both of them cooperated well, and their attitude was excellent.

Even so, Cooper could not accept it. He looked away once again, using silence to express his dissatisfaction.

Josiah was speechless, and his hand with the spoon froze in mid-air. He was starting to lose his patience again.

Ivy quickly reached out, took the plate and fork in his hand, and said, "Joe, don't mind him. Cooper's probably starving. Let me coax him."

After Ivy persuaded Josiah to leave, she turned to Cooper. "Cooper, I know what you're thinking...you want Meredith to be your Mommy, right?"

Cooper looked down and said nothing. Ivy sighed helplessly, "But I'm your Mommy, and you're hurting me by acting this way."

Cooper stared at Ivy and shook his head. It was obvious that he was saying Ivy was not his Mommy.

Seeing that Cooper was giving her the cold shoulder, Ivy once again explained, "I really didn't find someone to hit you. Cooper, you've misunderstood me."

Unfortunately, no matter how she explained it, Cooper just did not believe her.

In the end, Ivy could only compromise. "Cooper, why don't we make a deal? If you help me marry your Daddy, I'll let you recognize Meredith as Mommy?"

Cooper refused with silence.

Ivy realized her coaxing was not working, so she changed her tone. "Little guy, what exactly do you want? If this goes on, Daddy will be so mad at you and leave."

Cooper remained quiet and closed his eyes.

When Grandma Shelby saw Josiah coming down from Cooper's bedroom dejectedly, she gracefully took a sip of her tea before saying, "Do you think it's that easy to raise a child?"

Josiah sat down opposite Grandma Shelby, looked at her, and asked, "I can tell that Cooper doesn't want Daddy and Mommy to be together, but I can't understand him.

"Mother, please tell me what exactly Cooper wants?"

## **Chapter 1175**

Grandma Shelby paused and stared at him. "As his biological father, you can't understand him, so how can I?"

"You've lived with Cooper for so many years, so you must know better than me."

"Okay, I'll tell you. Cooper wants you to marry his Mommy. Can you do it?"

Josiah was silent, when he heard that, he immediately got up and walked to the second floor. His attitude angered Grandma Shelby, but she could not do anything about it.

For Cooper's illness, Josiah also went to consult a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist said a lot, but there was no reference value as when the doctor heard Cooper's symptoms, he concluded that Cooper was insecure, so he went on a hunger strike to achieve his goal.

In other words, it was just like what Ivy said—Cooper needed a complete family.

Josiah returned to the mansion in the middle of the night without getting the desired result, and he heard Ivy's anxious voice.

"Where's Cooper? Wasn't he still in the room just now? why is he missing?"

The servants all went to sleep at this hour, so only Grandma Shelby came out draped in thicker clothes, asking, "What did you say? Cooper is missing again?"

"Yes. He was still here just now."

"Did he go out?"

"I don't know." Ivy saw Josiah and immediately went up to grab his arm and asked, "Joe, did you see Cooper on the way back? He suddenly disappeared."

"I didn't." Josiah shook his head. Then, he questioned doubtfully, "Cooper hasn't eaten anything for two days, so where else can he go?"

"I don't know either." Ivy shook her head. "Maybe he's still in the mansion."

"Then hurry and look for him," Grandma Shelby urged.

Ivy hurried to the third floor to look for Cooper, whereas Josiah turned and went to the garden. In an instant, the villa became hectic.

When Josiah was in the backyard, he looked up and found that the light in the master bedroom on the second floor was turned on. It was his bedroom, and most people would not enter.

Josiah walked toward the second floor suspiciously.

The door of the master bedroom was not fully shut, and Josiah saw Cooper's figure through the crack of the door as expected. He was standing in front of the cabinet, his little head raised slightly, and his eyes fell on the photo frames.

One of the photos was of him and Meredith, and the other had Nia with them. It was a heartwarming family photo of three.



Josiah glanced at the photos and looked at Cooper again, and he found a rare smile on his always cold little face.

There was also a look of envy and longing.

Josiah stared at Cooper and realized that he really needed a whole home.

“Cooper, can’t you hear that everyone’s looking for you?” Josiah faked a cough and interrupted Cooper.

Cooper then looked away from the photos and stared at Josiah.

Josiah felt a little guilty when he saw Cooper’s gaze. He stepped forward and gently carried Cooper, staring at him helplessly. “ Does this have to be like this? Can’t you give me a right to choose?”

Cooper’s eyes reddened, and tears fell instantly.

Josiah felt like Cooper was pushing him to a corner.

“Cooper, you’re here!” Ivy walked in and looked at Cooper in Josiah’s arms. “Don’t you know it’s already late at night? You scared US all!”

After that, Ivy took Cooper’s tiny hands and checked him everywhere. However, Cooper pulled his hands out from her grasp and turned his face away.

Josiah watched Ivy’s hand being pushed away, realizing Cooper’s resentment toward her.