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Yanne looked at him then at Madam Sheldon and said thoughtfully, "Liam, we can go some other day if you're not free."

"Why wouldn't he have the time on weekends?" Madam Sheldon replied instead, "He's already caught up with work on weekdays, he should get some rest during the weekends."

"You're right, Aunt Sheldon," Yanne flashed a smile at Liam and said, "don't overwork yourself, Liam. Your mother and I will be worried."

"Don't worry, I'll arrange my time reasonably." Liam put a piece of meatball on Yanne's plate and said, "Eat more okay? You've worked hard preparing dinner."

Yanna beamed happily.

Even though what Liam did was not much, Yanne was happy regardless.

Madam Sheldon was pleased with their interaction.

To ensure her son's schedule was packed, she said, "Oh, and a new restaurant opened at Gemma street. I heard that the food there is quite decent. Remember to bring Yanne with you to try out the place after the movies."

Looking up at his mother, Liam replied, "Mom, I thought I was expected there..."

"Oh forget about that, what can be more important than spending time with Yanne?"

To try to stop Liam from saying anything further, Madam Sheldon added, "If there's anything, just get Chomsky to settle it for you."

Liam had no choice but to do as he was told.

Hence Liam had spent the entire noon with Yanne.

After the movie, they walked around the mall and as Madam Sheldon had arranged, Liam took Yanne to the new restaurant.

After finishing everything on the list, Liam said to Yanne, "Yanne, it's getting late now. Let me send you home."

It was only 8 in the evening and it was still early.

But Yanne nodded and replied, "Okay."

Pulling over at Yanne's residence, Liam helped to unbuckle her seatbelt and said, "You must be tired from a long day. Get some early rest."

Nodding, Yanne then looked at him. "What about you? Are you heading home after this?"

"I still have something to do," Liam replied.

"Are you planning to meet Miss Ivy?"

Liam did not expect that Yanne would know about Ivy. He suddenly did not know what to say.

Yanne, on the other hand, smiled and said instead, "Liam, I heard from your mom that Ivy is a good and nice person. Now that she's in trouble, we as her friends should take care of her. That is why you should go see her whenever you want to. I wouldn't mind."

Yanne was being considerate but Liam was not moved at all. Instead, he felt guilty.

After all, only he knew what his true feelings were for Ivy and it was not as easy as Yanne thought it was.

What happened between him and Ivy that night, was something that he would never be able to forget or let go of.

He had tried to stay away from her but when he saw how Ivy was humiliated by some random strangers on the streets, Liam swore that he would protect and care for Ivy and would not let her be wronged.

He knew that he could never move on from Ivy.

"Yanne..." After a moment of hesitation, he mustered his courage and said to Yanne, "I want to introduce you to Ivy."

"It's alright," Yanne replied, "I heard things about her and you from your mom and Meredith. So I know roughly what's the relationship between you and her."

She then added immediately, "But don't worry. Everyone has a past and has someone that they can't move on from. And I want you to know that I don't mind any of that."

Yanne did not even give me any chance for Liam to say anything. Leaning in, she kissed Liam on the cheek and said, "Thankyou for spending them with me today. I'm really happy today. After we get married, let's go to movies together often okay?"

Before Liam could say anything, Yanne interrupted him and added, "You should hurry up and go see her now. Have a safe drive."

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Seeing how she was being generous and uncalculating, Liam, on the contrary, felt even more uncomfortable.

He did not believe that any woman could be this understanding, and even if there was, it just showed that the woman did not love that man enough.

But it is evident that Yanne was not someone like that.

Yanne got down from his car, waved at him, and walked into her house.

Liam turned his car around, pulled over by the roadside, and lit a cigarette.

Amidst the cloud of cigarette smoke, Liam looked bothered.

He never thought that there would come a day when his emotions would be affected by some woman.

He was even teasing Josiah for this.

After finishing the cigarette, he started his car again and drove to Ivy's residence.

Ivy had already fallen asleep.

She was sleeping when Liam left earlier, but here she was, sleeping again.

It was as if she was able to sleep better after she had lost her memories.

"Welcome home, sir," Quincy greeted Liam and immediately lowered her head to apologize, "I'm sorry Sir, I should have taken better care of Miss Ivy."

"How is she now?" Liam heard from the butler that Ivy was sleeping.

"She had just fallen asleep."

"How's the wound?"

"It's nothing serious but Miss Ivy refused to dress the wound, she said putting a bandage over makes it look ugly."

Quincy added, "sir, would you please try to convince Miss Ivy to dress her wound once she wakes up later?"

"Okay." Looking at Ivy who was sleeping soundly in her bed, he said to Quincy, "get me the first-aid box."

"Yes, Sir." Quincy quickly retrieved the first-aid box, left it on the bedside table, and left the room.

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Liam walked over to the bed and lowered himself so that he could take a better look at Ivy.

She still looked pale and frail. Her head of black hair was spread over the pillow and she was dressed in a satin nightgown.

The sleeves were rolled up to her arms, revealing part of her fair skin.

Holding up her wrist, Liam noticed a fresh scar on top of the rest of the scars.

The scabs were falling off but those scars still pained and terrified Liam. It was as if he was able to imagine how Ivy was lying helplessly in the pool of blood.

Taking a deep breath, Liam leaned in closer and pressed his lips against hers.

His kiss woke Ivy.

Opening her eyes slowly, Ivy studied him dazedly and asked, "who are you?"

Had she forgotten about him again?

Feelings of disappointment and sadness welled up in his heart. Introducing himself to Ivy for the tenth time, he said, "I'm Liam."

"Liam?" Ivy furrowed her brows and asked, "Are we friends?"

"Yes."

"Ah, I see. Thanks for coming to see me."

Ivy smiled at him and then pointed at his cheek.

Liam reached out his hands and touched his cheek. "What's wrong? If

Still smiling, Ivy replied, "There's lipstick here."

Liam was flustered. He quickly wiped away the lipstick stain with the back of his hands.

He forgot that Yanne had kissed him earlier.

Seeing how Liam was struggling to remove the stain, Ivy gave him a hand instead. "It's here."

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Ivy finally turned to look at him. Looking interested, she asked, "When we were younger? How was I when I was younger?"

"When you were little?" Liam pondered a bit before replying, "Smart, bright, confident, and of course, cute."

"Really?" Ivy did not really believe him. "But why did I end up being so stupid now?"

"You're not," Liam placed his hand on her head and ruffled her hair, and went on, "you simply lost your memories but it's okay, take your time. I'm sure that you're going to get better soon."

"Do you really think so?"

"Yes," Liam went on, "I can see that you're much better than a few days ago. You're more lively now."

Hearing Liam's response, Ivy finally pulled into a smile.

Seeing how Ivy was in a good mood, Liam took the chance and asked, "So, shall we get your wound dressed then?"

"What wound?"

"The one on your knee." Liam lifted Ivy out from the bed covers.

The wound on her knee was not deep but because it was not cleaned and dressed, it looked rather infected.

"Why aren't you more careful?" Liam blew softly on her wound.

Liam was heartbroken to see a wound on Ivy's beautiful pair of legs.

Before Ivy even replied, Liam asked again, "Is it painful?" "It's not." Ivy shook her head.

After being tortured by Mrs. Shelby for some time, small injuries like this one were nothing to Ivy.

“Don’t go around after you wake up, alright? And when you go down the stairs, make sure that your foot is in the right place, okay?” Like a nagging old grandmother, Liam was nagging at Ivy.

Ivy nodded obediently. “Mm, okay.”

After cleaning and dressing the wound, Liam carried her back onto her bed. “Alright now. Get some rest.”

“Are you leaving?” Ivy stared at him and asked.

Liam leaned into Ivy, closing in the distance between the both of them, smiled, and asked, “What’s wrong? Don’t want me to leave?”

Ivy shook her head.

Feeling disappointed, Liam straightened his back and said, “If that’s the case, I’m going to leave now.”

“Will you come to see me again next time?” It was clear that Ivy was scared to be lonely.

“I will.”

Before he left, Liam could not help himself and kissed Ivy on her forehead. “Be good. I’ll be back soon.”

After leaving Ivy’s residence, Liam finally returned to his house.

Sitting on the couch was Madam Sheldon who had a dark expression on her face.

Liam came to a halt in his steps and walked toward her. “Mom, what are you doing up so late?”

Placing the tea cup on the table, Madam Sheldon replied with an upset tone, “I’ve clearly made sure that you have a packed schedule but you still went to see that woman, didn’t you?”

Furrowing his brows, Liam replied, “Mom, I’m already thirty years old. Can you stop prying into my life like I’m a criminal?”

“So you do know that you’re already thirty this year huh?” Madam Sheldon fumed, “You should be getting married and having children at this age. What is it that you’re planning to do, really?”

“Haven’t I already agreed to marry Yanne?”

“But have you taken a good look at how you’re treating her? I’m just worried that there will come a day that Yanne won’t want to marry you anymore.”

Liam admitted that he was not that attentive to Yanne but still he tried to explain himself. “I’ve spent the entire day with her, haven’t I? I only went to check on Ivy for a bit before I came home. ||

“Do you still not see it, Liam? If I were you, I’d have cut ties with Ivy instead of spending time soullessly with Yanne.”

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“I can’t leave her alone when she’s in that state,” Firmly, Liam said, “mom, I hope you wouldn’t interfere with this.”

Madam Sheldon was rendered speechless. “But have you thought about what Yanne would think?”

“She already said that she doesn’t mind about my relationship with Ivy.”

“And do you really believe her?” Madam Sheldon went on, “Liam, just put yourself in her shoes and think, if this is Ivy that we’re talking about, wouldn’t you be bothered? You were bothered when she was all tangled up with Josiah, didn’t you?”

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“At least Yanne is sound-minded and she loves you a lot. she doesn’t really mean it when she says that she wouldn’t mind,” Madam Sheldon paused before going on, “even if you want to be together with Ivy, well, at least wait until you’re married to Yanne.”

Liam was once again rendered speechless.

He did not expect his mother to have such horrible and indecent thoughts. But he had to admit that he too was nowhere better compared to his mother.

He had clearly agreed to marry Yanne but he could not move on from Ivy. It was very lowly of him.

Seeing how Liam was not responding, Madam Sheldon went on, “ Besides, it is not your fault that Ivy ended up like this. It’s the Shelbys’ fault.”

“And I worried about leaving her under their care,” Liam replied.

Even though he trusted Meredith, she was all lovey-dovey with Josiah all day long, and Ivy would definitely be affected by them. It might even deteriorate her recovery.

“To put it simply, you just couldn’t let her go, could you?” Madam Sheldon sighed, “Liam Sheldon, I’ve warned you again and again that you shouldn’t let Ivy come in between your marriage with Yanne. Don’t make me put all the blame on Ivy.”

Both of them were getting all worked up.

Not wanting to argue with his mother, Liam came up with an excuse and went upstairs.

Madam Sheldon stopped him and said, “Yanne’s and your wedding outfits are ready. Don’t forget to go try them tomorrow with Yanne. II

It was something that had to be done sooner or later. Liam was not surprised.

Without even looking back, he replied, “Okay.”

The next morning, Liam was woken up by his mother.

She reminded her again to take good care of Yanne while they try on the wedding outfit. Madam Sheldon even instructed the driver to keep an eye on Liam.

After leaving the residence, Liam went to pick up Yanne.

Yanne was all dolled up today and she looked especially pretty, she was waiting quietly for Liam in front of the gate.

At the sight of Liam’s car, she put on a smile and walked toward Liam. “You’re here, Liam.”

“Why aren’t you waiting inside? It’s cold out here,” Liam asked as soon as he got down from the car.

“I was thinking that you might be on your way so I decided to wait outside.” Yanne put her arms in his and said, “Let’s go, shall we?”

Liam then got into the car after Ivy.

The both of them arrived at the wedding outfit boutique. As soon as they stepped foot into the boutique, on the couch was someone familiar.

It was Josiah and Meredith.

At the sight of Liam and Yanne, Meredith immediately got onto her feet and greeted, "Mister Liam, Miss Yanne, what a coincidence."

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"It sure is, Meredith," Yanna greeted Meredith back politely and greeted Josiah too, "Mister Josiah, it's been a while."

"Indeed," Josiah returned her with a polite smile, looked at Liam then asked, "the both of you are here to try the outfits?"

"Yeah, we have an appointment for today."

"Outfit? What outfit?" Meredith was curious.

Meredith was forced to be here to pick a dress for tonight's dinner event. Hence, Meredith simply assumed that Liam and Yanne were here to choose an outfit for the dinner too.

Yanne explained, "We've reserved a wedding outfit here and we thought of trying it out today."

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"Ah, I see...your wedding outfit." Meredith was slightly stunned.

Because Liam had taken Ivy with him and she assumed that he would postpone the marriage with Yanne for Ivy's sake. But it seemed as if she had guessed wrong.

Meredith suddenly felt sorry for Ivy.

Yet at the same time, she felt bad for Yanne too.

"Yeap," Yanne nodded and asked, "what about the both of you? Are you here to try on some outfits too?"

"Yeah. There's an event tonight and Joe is determined to take me with him."

"Are you guys done with trying on the outfits then?"

"We've just finished."

"That's perfect. Meredith, would you mind choosing the dresses? I'm worried that my taste will be bad."

Meredith took a glance at Liam then nodded. "Sure. I'd be happy to help you choose a dress but I'm also worried that I'd have bad taste."

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"Fret not. I'm sure that you have a better eye than me." Yanne then walked inside the boutique with Meredith.

Liam took a step back and sat down next to Josiah.

Glancing at Liam, Josiah asked, "Is it still on the same day?"

Liam nodded. "Yeah. Same."

"Hmm. Congratulations then."

"Thanks a bunch," Liam scoffed.

"What's with the response?" still looking at Liam, Josiah said, "You were the one who agreed to the wedding, no? If you feel upset, I don't mind having a few drinks with you since you did the same for me back then."

"Tonight then." Liam took a sip of tea.

Josiah paused before asking in a lowered voice, "Is there really no way of changing the situation?"

"Nothing."

"You brought this onto yourself, my friend. If you had known that it would come to this, you shouldn't have done it in the first place."

"Josiah Shelby, stop adding salt to my wound." Liam shot him a side glance.

When he decided to get married to Yanne, Ivy had just returned to the country and she was determined to get married to Josiah.

Back then he only agreed because of the pressure from his family and because he wanted to get back at Ivy. Even though he and Ivy never really met each other after Ivy returned to the country.

In any case, he had agreed and there was nothing for him to do to change the situation.

"Mister Liam, we have your suit ready. Would you want to try them on?" The female manager walked over to him and asked politely.

Liam said to her, "There's no need for that as long as you make sure that the measurements are correct."

"Um...are you sure that you don't want to try it since you're already here?"

"I'm good, thank you."

"Alright then." The female manager smiled and went on, "You're right, Mister Liam. The outfit that we wear doesn't matter as long as you're marrying the right person."

In an attempt to stop the female manager from saying anything further, Josiah cleared his throat.

But the female manager did not understand Josiah's hint at all.

She then asked, "Mister Liam, your wife is almost done changing. Would you please follow me and I'll bring you to her so that you can give your suggestions?"

"Sure." This time, Liam did not reject her.

After all, his mother had reminded him again and again that he should help Yanne pick out a good outfit.

Yanne was wearing a light pink long dress. The dress reached Yanne's ankles and it looked especially pretty on her.

Yanne made a small turn and asked Liam, "Is it pretty?"

Liam nodded. "It is and it looks good on you."

"Meredith, what do you think?" she then asked Meredith.

Meredith nodded. "I also think it's pretty and I agree with Liam that it looks good on you."

"Really? Liam picked this one for me personally."

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"Yeah, it seems like Liam has good taste indeed."

"Yeah, I like everything that he picks out for me," Yanne then went on, "Liam, you can wait outside with Josiah. Having Meredith here is enough."

"Alright. Let me know if you need me then."

“Okay.”

Watching Liam leave, Meredith asked, “Yanne, are you really planning to marry Liam?”

“Of course,” Looking confused, Yanne asked, “Meredith, why are you asking that?”

“Mm...” Meredith hesitated for a moment and came up with an excuse, “I just think that you guys only knew each other for such a short period of time, and perhaps things are slightly rushed? After all, this is a marriage that we’re talking about – we can’t be rushed into these sorts of things.”

Meredith said this not because she was worried about Ivy.

It was mainly because she could see that Liam did not really like Yanne, plus, he had kept Ivy by his side. Meredith guessed that the marriage would likely end up in a tragedy.

She was just worried about what would happen to Yanne.

Yanne smiled instead. “Meredith, I’ve known Liam for quite some time, but I never really had the chance to become his fiancée.”

“Is that so?”

“Yeah. That is why I am really glad that I ‘m able to get married to Liam. I’m not going to think too much about what’s going to happen in the future and I will most definitely not give up on US just because of some uncertainties in the future.”

It was then Meredith realized that Yanne knew what she wanted all along and she suddenly felt embarrassed.

“I’m sorry. I don’t mean otherwise.”

“Don’t be. I know that you’re only worried about me,” Yanne smiled and went on, “I’ll change into another outfit, and maybe you can have a look at that too?”

“Sure.”

After deciding on a dress, the two couples then parted ways.

After getting into the car, Meredith asked, “what were you and Liam talking about? You were laughing so happily.”

“Nothing much. Liam was simply saying that he was jealous of me. II

“About?”

“What do you think?” Wrapping his arm around her shoulders, Josiah went on, “Isn’t it obvious? He’s jealous of you and me.”

“Oh.”

“Edith, seeing how both of them were trying on wedding outfits, I suddenly have the urge to do it too.”

“You’ve tried some, haven’t you? Earlier.” Meredith knew what Josiah was hinting at.

“It’s not the same. I’m referring to wedding outfits.”

Meredith shot him a glance and said, “Aren’t you too old for that now?”

“Who says that we’re old? Can’t you see how baby-faced you are?” Josiah pinched her cheeks lightly and then planted a kiss on her cheeks. “You look eighteen, nothing more than that.”

“Oh stop it. It’s getting too much.”

“Then can you please promise me that you’ll go try on the wedding outfit with me?”

“Josiah Shelby, I thought you’ve made it clear that you want me to be the one to request for US to get remarried?”

“I can’t wait anymore.”

Josiah wanted to uphold his pride but no matter how long he waited, Meredith did not look like she was going to bring up their remarriage. And he was starting to get impatient.

Hence, Josiah decided to bring it up first.

“Even if we’re getting remarried, we don’t really need to wear a proper wedding outfit, do we?” Meredith asked.

Back then when Josiah and she got married, they had a very grand wedding. Meredith thought that they would be a laughing stock if they were to hold another wedding.

“I want to hold an event and let everyone that I have gotten back together with Meredith,” Josiah replied as a matter of factly.

After all, this was part of his plan.

“So Edith, when are we going to remarry?” Josiah bit the bullet and asked.

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"I need more time to think about it," Meredith replied, "who knows if I wait a little longer, there will be more girls like Yena or Maeve who would show up out of the blue? Then there's no need to get married again, is there?"

"Don't worry, I will get rid of them personally if any of them shows up."

Meredith chuckled.

"Let's get something to eat." she then pointed to the restaurant on the opposite street.

Josiah complained that he did not have enough alone time with Meredith so they decided to have both lunch and dinner outside, instead of eating at home.

And they decided to attend the event after that.

As for their two kids, Nia and Cooper did not seem to mind that they were not around.

"What do you feel like having?" Josiah looked toward where she was pointing and asked, "You want to have sushi?"

"Yeah, the sushi place was recently opened," Meredith went on, "I heard from my colleagues that they have some really good sushi and I have been wanting to try it."

She then sighed, "Too bad we didn't bring Nia and Cooper with us. The kids would love it."

"Today is supposed to be our day, and we agreed that we're not going to bring the kids along."

Josiah went on, "Besides, there are other sushi restaurants around. And you can bring the kids with you whenever you want."

Meredith agreed with Josiah.

The kids were staying close to her now and she would have plenty of chances to bring the kids around the town for good food and a good time.

Meredith suddenly said to Josiah, "when can we take Nia and Cooper on a trip together?"

"Sure, where do you want to go?"

"To the beach perhaps?"

"Do you like the sea that much?"

"Is it because I don't think Cooper has been to the beach? And I thought of bringing him there."

The last time they went was with Nia and it was the three of them.

This time around, Meredith planned to take Cooper with them.

Josiah nodded. "Mm, you're right. Let's make it today then, what do you say?"

"Today? What about the event later this evening? And we still need to go to work on Monday," Meredith shook her head and said, "I don't think it's a good idea, it's going to be too rushed."

"It won't be. We can all just take leave on Monday."

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Josiah was saying that they should take leave on Monday together. Meredith thought that Josiah must be out of his mind.

Josiah, on the other hand, thought otherwise. He smiled. "It won't hurt for us to take leave on Monday, it won't affect our work.

Cooper and Nia are both at the top in their classes, so it doesn't matter for them to skip a day of class, right?"

Meredith was rendered speechless.

"Josiah Shelby, is this how you think a father should behave?"

"It's not always that we're doing this, are we?" Josiah then ordered Walter to drive home and he then called Lily and let her inform the kids.

"Hold on, what about tonight's event?" Meredith asked.

Hanging up the call, Josiah said to Meredith, "I can have someone attend in my stead. It doesn't necessarily have to be US to attend."

"What about the outfit that I tried earlier? It's going to be a waste, isn't it?"

"Why? Do you want to attend the event?"

"No, it's not that. It's just that you're too fickle-minded."

"Aren't you the one who wanted to have sushi and then the next second, you wanted to bring the kids to the beach?"

"I..." Meredith was rendered speechless and she quickly said, "I did say that but I didn't say that it must happen today."

Josiah ruffled Meredith's hair and said, "It's alright. We have plenty of chances to attend events like these. Your dress won't go to waste."

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"Rather than contemplating this, why not think about what you want to do at the beach."

Josiah was right. Besides, Nia and Cooper might already be over the moon knowing that they were going on a trip. Hence, it would not be nice to cancel the trip.

Hence, Meredith surrendered and decided to accept Josiah's plan.

By the time they reached home, Nia was already dressed in a sundress and had on a sunhat, and she was dancing around happily in the living room.

Cooper, on the other hand, was calm and even though he was not as excited as Nia, his face was overflowing with happiness.

"Daddy and Mommy, are we really going to the beach?" Nia hopped cheerfully towards them.

Meredith nodded. "We are, are you excited?"

"Of course! I'm super thrilled!" Nia went on, "I was telling Cooper last night that I wanted to collect sea shells."

"Is that it? That's a nice coincidence, isn't it?"

"Yeap," Nia nodded and went on, "Dad, Mom, can we go back to the beach that we visited the last time?"

"Of course." Meredith walked over and held Cooper's hands in hers. "Do you want to come with US, Cooper?"

Cooper nodded. "Yeah."

“Great. We can finally go on trips as a family of four.” Meredith held Cooper and Nia’s hands in each of her hands and she was overwhelmed with feelings of happiness.

Lily who was watching aside said, “The kids already had their bags packed. It seems like they are really excited.”

“Is that so? This is great!”

“Yeah, look at that, Mommy,” Nia pointed toward the two small luggage lined up next to the couch and said, “one is for Cooper, and one for me.”

“Yes, darling, I can see it. But I would need to have a look at your luggage, okay?” Meredith was about to go through their luggage but Josiah stopped him.

“What’s wrong?” Meredith was confused.

Josiah smiled. “Nia and Cooper are old enough now. You should trust them a little more. Even if they’ve missed out on some of the things, we can always buy them later, right?”

“Don’t worry, Daddy, Mommy. Cooper had already made sure that I brought everything with me,” Nia replied.

“Oh is that it? That’s really amazing of Cooper, right?”

“Yeap,” Nia nodded and went on, “at first, I’ve forgotten to pack my toothbrush and toothpaste, it was Cooper who reminded me.”

Meredith patted Cooper’s head and said with a soft voice to Josiah, “I didn’t expect that Ivy had taught Cooper well.”

Even though she had tried to lower her voice, Cooper still managed to hear her.

A look of disappointment flickered across his face.

Josiah walked over to him and said, “Cooper, your mother is doing fine now and she has someone looking after her. You don’t have to worry too much.”

Cooper nodded and he looked a little happier.

Lily then said, “sir, Miss Meredith, we have your luggage ready.”

“Alright, thanks, Lily!” Meredith went on, “Since we’ve got everything ready, let’s go then, shall we?”

“Okay, let’s go!” An excited Nia then pulled Cooper along with her toward the door.

The four of them walked out of the house and got into an SUV that was stopped in front of their house.

It was the first time the kids got to sit in a car this huge. Hopping excitedly around the car, Nia exclaimed, "Look Cooper, this is such a big car. We can even sleep in here!"

Following behind Nia, Meredith reminded her, "Nia, don't pull Cooper like that, you might trip him over."

Nia sat Cooper down in one of the car seats and said, "Don't worry, Mommy. Cooper won't trip."

"Even if he did, it won't hurt, don't worry too much," Josiah added as he sat Meredith down in the car seat.

The last time they went to the beach, they had a blast. This time, both Meredith and Nia believed that it was going to be better. Because this time, Cooper was with them.

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"Are we really going back to the beach?"

"Yeah. I wanted to go to another one but Nia said she wanted to go back to the previous one."

"I think Nia wanted to go to that private beach."

"Let's go there then. I think Cooper would like it there as well."

"I thought it's not completely developed yet? And that we can only visit there once."

"It's developing."

"That quick? when was this?"

"Right after we visited there. I bought the entire beach," Josiah chuckled, "I was planning to take all of you there once it's

developed and I wanted to make it a surprise. But I didn't expect that Nia would want to go there now."

Meredith gasped softly, "You're out of your mind, Josiah Shelby."

“What’s wrong?”

“How much did you have to spend to buy the entire beach?”

“Do I look like I wouldn’t be able to afford it?” Josiah teased, “It’s alright. Even if I run out of money, I can always depend on my wife, right? You will take care of me right?”

“In your dreams. I will not take care of you.”

“Seems like you’re really sure of that?”

“Of course,” Meredith then warned him, “so you better stop spending money like that.”

“Yes, Ma’am.” Even though Josiah promised Meredith but he did not mean his words.

Josiah had been through so much to finally have Meredith and his children by his side. He thought that it was only right for him to pamper them and give them whatever they want.

This time around, they did not stay at the vacation house like the last time, but they went to the private island instead.

Even though the island was not fully developed, there were still places for them to stay.

After putting down their luggage, Nia then dragged Cooper with her to pick up seashells.

Standing in front of the balcony with her hands supporting her chin, Meredith sighed, “Seems like Nia doesn’t need me anymore, all she needs is her big brother.”

The last time they were here, Nia stuck to her like glue.

Josiah handed over a glass of water to her and smiled. “What’s wrong? Are you getting jealous of your own son?”

Meredith rolled her eyes at him. “Oh please, it’s not like Nia wants you to play with her too.”

“But I think it’s better this way, isn’t it?” Josiah did not care too much, but he felt rather relieved. “It’s good that the kids can play together with each other. I am quite glad that the kids are not interrupting us. I prefer this to not having any chance to spend time with my wife.”

Meredith rolled her eyes again, “what kind of logic is that?”

“It’s my kind of logic.” Josiah turned her around, leaned into her, and pressed his lips against hers.

Meredith flinched slightly but she did not avoid him.

They were a family now and Josiah had forced her to move back into the master bedroom with him. Hence, there was no chance for Meredith to run away anymore.

Josiah, on the other hand, was pleased with the situation now. He could kiss her and hug her whenever he wanted to. He could even sleep with Meredith in his arms at night.

And nothing would be able to take away what they had now.

Josiah wanted to continue on the bed, but Meredith pushed him away.

“The kids are still on the beach, we have to keep an eye on them.”

“Don’t worry, the staff will take care of them.”

“I can’t,” Meredith said, “I have to watch them myself.”

Meredith had been through too much to let bad things happen again. She did not want to risk her chances anymore.

Josiah nodded understandingly. “Alright then. Let’s go to the beach together then. We can collect sea shells, just like the kids.”

“Who said that only kids can collect sea shells?”

“There, there. You’re not a kid, you’re just an adorable woman, okay?” Josiah then put on a sunhat on Meredith’s head.

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