

## Trapped 511

Chapter 511 I Forgot to Save It

Kenny swiftly took Caroline to a nearby wholesale market.

When Caroline spotted the market brimming with goods on display, she asked, “How did you discover this place?”

“I stumbled upon it two days ago.” Kenny led Caroline to the market. “I think you’ll find what you need in this store. You can simply speak with the owner.”

Caroline quickly scanned the shop. “What’s the quality of the products?”

“I guarantee it’s excellent,” Kenny assured.

Caroline nodded and entered the market to meet the owner,

An hour later, she had discussed her needs with the owner and paid a partial deposit while Kenny

discreetly took photos behind her.

After leaving the market, Caroline rubbed her shoulders and got into the car. “Kenny, let’s go to the

bookstore. I need to buy some books for the kids.”

Kenny was surprised. “You want books too? You just bought 10,000 bars of soap, and a truck couldn’t

even fit all the detergent!”

Caroline glanced at him. “We have elderly folks at home, too. Besides, daily care products don’t take up much space...

Unable to argue further, Kenny took her to a bookstore.

By the time they finished, it was already noon. They had a simple meal at a regular restaurant.

Caroline then sent a text to Axel.

Caroline: [Have you been studying hard lately, Axel? Your siblings and Mommy miss you very much.]

The doctor had brought Axel for a pre–surgery check–up at the hospital.

Evan was holding Axel’s phone and noticed Caroline’s message.

Pain surged through him as he recalled his previous conversation with Caroline. He had struggled for five years but couldn’t let go.

Gripping the phone tightly, he opened the text and winced at Caroline’s mention of “siblings”.

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He sneered, convinced that his son would never be considered a sibling to Neil’s children.”

A text from Tyler interrupted his thoughts, and he clicked on it.

Tyler: [I've sorted out Mommy's affairs, Axel. Don't worry. When are you coming back to school?]

Curiosity led Evan to scroll up since Axel hadn't deleted his chat with Tyler. After a moment, he read another text from Tyler.

Tyler: [Uncle is on his way. Hurry and come now. Mommy is making something delicious for you.]

There were no other messages before that.

Frowning, Evan couldn't help but wonder, 'Uncle? Does Caroline have a brother? Who is he?'

He decided to probe Tyler with a message.

Axel (Evan): I can't return at the moment. Do you have Uncle's WhatsApp contact?]

Tyler frowned, finding the question odd. Why would Axel inquire about Neil out of the blue?

Moreover, Axel had already added Neil's WhatsApp contact.

Tyler: [Did you accidentally delete his contact?]

Axel (Evan): [No, I forgot to save it.]

Tyler became increasingly cautious due to Axel's strange messages. Axel never communicated like that.

Furthermore, he had witnessed Axel saving Neil's contact.

Tyler promptly responded.

Tyler: (I know who you are. Stop trying to sound me out! Please let Axel talk to me.)

Evan was taken aback by Tyler's response and how quickly he had figured out who he

Axel (Evan): [Does your mother have a brother?]

Tyler: [That's none of your business

Chapter 512 Dirty Tricks

Evan: [My son is calling a stranger "uncle" with you guys. I must ask about it as his father.]

Tyler: [You can figure it out for yourself.]

After that, Tyler set his phone aside. "You want my opinion? No chance!"

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Evan wanted to keep texting Tyler, but Daniella's voice suddenly came from outside.

"Evan, Axel's checkup is done. He can have the surgery once we get the results and if all his signs are

okay."

Evan put away his phone and stood up to usher her out. "You can leave now."

"Huh?" Daniella looked surprised. "Axel is getting an infusion this afternoon. Just go ahead with your work."

Evan's expression was serious. He knew she was right, considering he had to go to the company and the project meeting

He hadn't been to the company lately due to Axel's illness. Moreover, his secretary had texted him about

today's project meeting.

"Then you can stay."

Daniella was thrilled. "Of course. Don't worry, I'll take good care of Axel."

Evan walked over to the hospital bed and placed Axel's phone back under the pillow.

Afterward, he walked to the door and instructed Julian, "You need to stay close and keep an eye on

Daniella. Don't let her be alone with Axel."

Julian nodded. "Understood, Mr. Jordan."

Evan said a few words to Axel once he returned from his checkup and then left.

In the afternoon, Caroline returned to her office but received a call from Casey as soon as she sat down.

She glanced at the caller ID before answering with a frosty tone. "What's the matter?"

Casey chuckled. "I'll hang up if you don't want to hear about Daniella, Ms. Shenton."

Suppressing her impatience, Caroline said, "Go on."

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"Yes, you were right. I did inform Daniella about Evan's mother, Casey admitted bluntly.

"Did you use Daniella to spread that information?" Caroline asked, her agitation evident.

Casey laughed again. "No, don't misunderstand me. I didn't ask her to do anything. But Ms. Shenton, I must say, I'm quite pleased with how you shielded me from Evan's anger last night."

"You're a psychopath!" Caroline snapped, her anger boiling. She couldn't help but remember Evan leaning

on her shoulder, silently shedding tears.

"I look forward to our next collaboration, Ms. Shenton," Casey said.

"I won't do it again!" Caroline firmly rejected him.

"Don't be ungrateful," Casey warned. "Or perhaps you can't forget about Evan? Can't stand to see him upset? Oh, by the way, Evan took you away last night. Did the two of you-"

“It’s none of your business!” Caroline interjected. “You’ve used me enough! Don’t drag me into this mess if

you don’t want trouble!”

Casey replied sorrowfully, “Don’t misunderstand me, alright?”

“I can see right through you!” Caroline scoffed. “What can you do besides driving Evan crazy? Casey, you’re even worse than Evan. You’re nothing but a master of deceit, truly despicable!”

She coldly ended the call.

As she tried to regain her composure and focus on work, she received a text from Casey.

Frustrated, she checked it.

It was a photo.

When Caroline opened the photo and saw its contents, her eyes widened in horror.

Trembling, she texted him back.

Caroline: [How did you find out about this?]

Unfortunately, she received no reply.

She clenched her fists and wondered if he was trying to threaten her.

Chapter 513 I Didn’t Get To Help You

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When Daniella returned to Xander Residence that night, Grayson asked, “Ella, why didn’t you go to the company this morning?”

Daniella had crafted an excuse on her way home. “Grandpa, you know my company is in the fashion industry. I had to visit a fashion factory.”

Her response elicited a grin from him. “Ah, you went to negotiate a deal. Are you tired?”

Pouting and rubbing her neck, Daniella replied, “Yes, I’m exhausted. Grandpa, I’m going to rest upstairs.”

“Go ahead.”

Once Grayson retreated to his room, Daniella sneaked upstairs and changed into ordinary clothes to avoid Evan’s men tailing her. She then hailed a taxi and headed to Villa Foresta in the northern suburbs.

Thirty minutes later, Daniella arrived at Casey’s house and stepped out of the car. She approached the door, but a stern-looking bodyguard blocked her path.

Confused, Daniella furrowed her brows. I’m here to see Casey. Why are you stopping me?”

The bodyguard replied, “Mr. Jordan is not currently available to meet with outsiders.”

“Outsiders?” Daniella widened her eyes. “Look at me! I’m no outsider!”

The bodyguard remained resolute. “You can tell Mr. Jordan yourself.”

Reluctantly, Daniella decided against causing a scene and called Casey.

After a brief wait, Casey answered.

“Ella?” Casey’s voice sounded gentle. “Why are you calling me at this hour?”

Daniella adopted a flirtatious tone. “Casey, why is your bodyguard blocking me?”

Casey coldly glanced at the wounded and bloodied woman nearby, whom he had abused. “I’m getting ready. I’ll open the door for you in a bit.”

Although Daniella was doubtful, she kept her words brief. “Alright, I’ll wait for you.”

After ending the call, Casey got up and grabbed the woman by her long hair, dragging her to a guest room.

The woman woke up in pain and screamed in terror upon seeing Casey. “No... please, stop. I was wrong.

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Casey halted and warned, “I won’t hesitate to silence you if you make a sound.”

She was in pain but instantly fell silent as Casey removed her from the room.

Ten minutes later, Casey descended the stairs in his bathrobe and opened the door for Daniella. Her face was flushed from the biting cold, and Casey felt sorry for her. He took her hand and led her to the living room, covering her hands with his.

“Silly, are you cold?” he asked.

Daniella’s eyes welled up. “You took so long, Casey. It is freezing outside at midnight.”

Casey then placed her hands against his warm body and smiled gently. “Feeling warmer now?”

Daniella nodded with contentment. ‘Yes, I’m not cold anymore... Casey, I’m sorry I couldn’t help you yesterday.’

Casey caressed her face. “It’s alright. I understand the need for discretion.”

Daniella then nestled into his arms. “I want to stay with you tonight, Casey.”

Casey held her head and spoke coolly. “You need to be cautious, especially since you’ve recently had contact with Evan.”

His refusal made her sigh. “Alright. I’ll wait and be with you after some time.”

Casey asked, “How’s Axel doing?”

“It appears he can undergo the surgery tomorrow,” Daniella replied.

“Well, that’s quite swift.”

Daniella extricated herself from Casey’s embrace. “You don’t want it to happen so soon?”

Casey shook his head. "There's no rush for you to do anything. I'm just glad you're safe."

Daniella was moved to tears. "Thank you for being so kind to me, Casey."

With that, she leaned in to kiss his cold lips, igniting a spark in Casey's mind as he thought of Caroline's passionate and aloof demeanor.

Chapter 514 A Bad Expression

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Richie prepared for Axel's bone marrow transplant scheduled for Thursday. All the reports confirmed Axel's eligibility for the procedure.

Richie approached Evan. "Mr. Jordan, we can start the surgery immediately. However, Mr. Jordan Jr. must remain in an isolated, sterile room for some time after the operation."

Evan wore a worried expression and asked, "How long?"

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"Minimum one month," Richie replied.

Evan felt a sudden pang of anxiety. "Can he leave before Mardi Gras?"

Richie calculated and regretfully answered, "We'll do our best."

"Use the best treatments," Evan instructed. "Ensure a speedy recovery."

“Understood, Mr. Jordan. We’ll give our utmost to save him.”

Daniella arrived at the hospital at 10:00 a.m. and saw doctors wheeling Axel out of the ward,

Axel opened his eyes briefly.

Daniella’s eyes were teary as she approached Axel, gripping his hand tightly. Axel, however, resisted her touch, looking at her with fear and caution.

Daniella wiped her tears away and reassured Axel, “Don’t be frightened, Axel. We’ll be here, waiting for you.

Axel nodded nervously and glanced at Evan. “Daddy, don’t worry. Take care and rest well.”

Evan affectionately ruffled Axel’s hair. “Alright, make sure you recover quickly.”

“I will,” Axel replied with a reassuring smile.

He was determined to recover and see Caroline in good health. He would not let himself be defeated.

Soon, Axel was wheeled into the operating room.

Suddenly, Caroline experienced excruciating chest pain during a meeting at TYC Fashion, She broke into a cold sweat and clutched her chest.

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Concerned, her employees rushed over to inquire about her condition.

Naomi stayed calm and quickly ushered them away.

Naomi handed Caroline a pill for anxiety with some water, but Caroline pushed it away, gasping. "No, I'm

fine..."

Naomi insisted and forcefully placed the pill in Caroline's mouth, which startled everyone present.

Caroline looked at Naomi in astonishment.

Expressionless, Naomi explained, "You must take it." 1

She then gave the remaining pills to Josie, who was standing still. "Hold onto these."

Josie nodded in a daze. "Alright."

After a short rest, Caroline felt better and thanked Naomi hoarsely.

"You're welcome. It's the least I can do," Naomi said.

Caroline smiled, adding, "I also appreciate your meeting with the old factory workers."

Naomi replied, "It's my responsibility."

Caroline straightened up, her expression gloomy. "I was fine earlier. It was just a sudden chest pain."

She sensed that something was amiss.

Naomi noticed Caroline's tired appearance and advised, "You should rest more. You don't look well."

Caroline forced a smile. "Maybe."

She wanted to rest, but her busy work and Casey's threats kept her from getting proper rest. Moreover,

Casey hadn't replied to her messages, leaving her anxious.

Back in her office, Caroline received a call from Paige.

Caroline answered, sounding tired, "Paige."

Paige was taken aback. "You don't sound okay, Carol,"

Caroline took a sip of water. "I'm alright. Why are you calling at this hour?"

Paige asked, "Can't I call you without a reason? Are you free this afternoon? Can you accompany me to the hospital?"

Caroline checked her work schedule, which Josie had sent her. "Sure, what time?"

"Hmm... 1:30 p.m.?" Paige suggested. "Let's have lunch together before heading there."

Chapter 515 An Arranged Marriage

Caroline responded with a simple "Okay."

Worried about her sudden chest pain, Caroline decided to have a checkup at the hospital.

After receiving the restaurant's address via text from Paige, Caroline swiftly grabbed her bag and left work.

Ten minutes later, she joined Paige at Table One and sat in a private room.

Paige sat beside Caroline and eagerly extended her hand. "Look, Carol!"

Caroline raised her head and noticed the ring on Paige's middle finger. She asked, "Alex bought you a ring?"

Paige smiled warmly. "Yes, he wants to bind me to him. He's quite the romantic."

Caroline sighed playfully. "Looks like I'll need to prepare a big wedding gift for you."

Paige affectionately held Caroline's arm and said, "Honestly, I'd appreciate anything as long as you're with me."

Then, her phone rang. Paige retrieved it from her bag and frowned upon seeing an unfamiliar number.

Caroline leaned in and asked, "What's wrong?"

Paige replied, "It's an unknown number."

She answered the call on speaker, saying, "Hello, who's calling?"

A middle-aged woman's voice echoed. "You must be Ms. Watson."

Paige and Caroline exchanged puzzled glances.

"Yes, I am," Paige confirmed. "May I ask who's calling?"

"I am Rebecca Gomez, Alex's mother. Do you have time?" she replied.

Paige was stunned. "Hello, Ms. Gomez. Yes, I'm available. Let me treat you to a meal."

"You can choose a restaurant," Rebecca said.

Paige suggested, "How about Table One near MK, room 1067?"

"Alright, I'll be there shortly," Rebecca said before ending the call.

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Panicking, Paige turned to Caroline. "Carol, why does Alex's mother suddenly want to meet me? Do I look presentable enough?"

Caroline looked at Paige helplessly. "Stay calm. You look fine."

Clutching her head in her hands, Paige fretted, "No, I can't be calm. Did Alex tell his mother about me? Is that why she wants to meet me out of the blue?"

Caroline suggested, "Maybe you should try calling Alex and ask."

"Oh, right. I'll call him now," Paige said and dialed Alex's number, but he didn't answer after a prolonged wait.

Paige grew increasingly worried. "Why isn't he picking up? I'm so anxious!"

Caroline tried to reassure Paige. "Maybe he's busy. Why don't you text him instead?"

Paige followed Caroline's advice and sent a text.

Fifteen minutes later, a dignified middle-aged woman entered their private room. She was dressed plainly but elegantly.

Paige and Caroline both stood up, ready to greet her, but then they noticed another woman following her.

That woman was exceptionally beautiful with long, straight hair, radiating sophistication and grace.

Meanwhile, Rebecca appeared stern as she quietly pulled the younger woman into the room.

Without bothering with formalities, she held the young woman's hand and sat in front of Paige and

Caroline.

Rebecca introduced herself, saying, "I'm Rebecca Gomez, Alex's mother. This is Azure Miller."

Paige nodded awkwardly and extended her hand. "Nice to meet you, Ms. Gomez, Ms. Miller."

Rebecca glanced at Paige's outstretched hand and responded indifferently. "Please, have a seat."

Caroline sensed trouble when Rebecca assumed a hosting role.

She and Paige resumed their seats, and Rebecca went straight to the point. "My son is engaged to Azure.

I kindly ask that you refrain from bothering him, Ms. Watson."

Paige's expression changed dramatically. "Engaged?"

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Azure smiled politely and clarified, "To be precise, it's an arranged marriage from our childhood."

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Perplexed, Paige looked at Rebecca and asked, "If it's an arranged marriage, why did you encourage Alex to go on blind dates?"

Caroline quickly intervened, squeezing Paige's hand to prevent any rash remarks.

Chapter 516 Watch Your Tongue

Rebecca looked sternly at Paige. "Azure just returned from abroad, I only learned about this when her grandfather visited. He had mentioned arranging a marriage between Alex and Azure when they were

young."

Caroline frowned deeply, realizing Rebecca was lying.

Paige noticed this too and was about to speak when Caroline intervened. "Madam Price, does Alex know about this arranged marriage?"

Rebecca leered at Caroline. "Who are you?"

Caroline calmly replied, "I'm Paige's friend."

"You have no say in this," Rebecca said, dismissing Caroline. Ms. Watson can speak for herself."

Paige became visibly upset. "Why couldn't Caroline say anything? She's my best friend!"

"Are you unable to speak for yourself?" Rebecca rebuked Paige rudely.

Paige sneered. "I see now. You came to break up Alex and me today!"

Paige's accusation left Caroline helpless since she knew Paige could be unstoppable when angered.

Rebecca looked displeased. "Is this how you should address me?"

"I was being polite, but you were rude to my friend first," Paige refused to back down.

Rebecca retorted, "I'll never agree to you marrying Alex with your attitude!"

Paige shot back, "You think you're so superior, don't you?"

Rebecca was seething. "What a sharp tongue! Listen, you must leave my son!"

“Do you think your son is very popular?” Paige responded. “He’s the one pursuing me, not the other way around. Don’t get it twisted.”

Azure chimed in. “How will Mr. Price pursue you if you’re willing to let him go?”

Paige glanced at Azure. “You don’t have a say here. Don’t act like you’re Alex’s wife just because of that arranged marriage. It’s annoying!”

Her words made Azure’s face stiffen. “I’m only offering a friendly reminder, Ms. Watson.”

“Keep it to yourself.” Paige pointed to the door. “I don’t want irrelevant people speaking to me. Thank you!”

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Rebecca abruptly stood up. “It seems you won’t leave him. Don’t blame my son if he decides to end things.

“We don’t even know who’s breaking up with whom!” Paige continued arguing. “Tell your son not to approach me if you can!”

Azure stood up and tried to persuade Rebecca. “Let’s not engage with such a rude person, Madam Price.

Shall we go?”

“Who’s being rude here?” Paige retorted. “You both bullied my friend first. Watch your language!”

Rebecca and Azure realized they couldn't outtalk Paige and stormed off.

Once they left, Caroline turned to Paige. "Well, you..."

Paige huffed, "What kind of people are they? Such outdated thinking!"

Her phone rang, and it was Alex.

After tapping the screen and putting it on speaker, she exclaimed, "Pug, tell your mother not to interfere with me again!"

Alex was confused. "Huh? My mother?"

Caroline took Paige's phone and explained the earlier argument to Alex.

Alex said, "An arranged marriage? I had no idea about that. Calm down, Paige. I'll go home and talk to my grandfather."

With that, he quickly hung up.

Paige pouted dramatically. "I'm so angry! Who does she think she is, telling you to be quiet? You couldn't speak, but that Azure could!"

Caroline tried to calm Paige. "Let's stay composed. You both need to figure out how to handle his mother's objections now."

Chapter 517 She Can Break Up With Him

Paige was very upset. "Pug should handle this situation because she's his mother."

Caroline explained, "If you marry him, you'll have to deal with his mother."

"I'll deal with it when the time comes. Besides, I'm not obligated to marry him," Paige retorted.

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When Alex returned to the Price household, he encountered Rebecca and Azure, who had just arrived home.

Azure was thrilled to see him. "Alex!"

Alex sidestepped as Azure tried to hug him. "Who are you?"

Azure pouted. "It's me, Alex. I'm Fatty Azzie."

"Fatty Azzie?" Alex blinked, feeling like he had heard that name before.

"Yeah!" Azure nodded. "I used to follow you around in primary and middle school."

Alex's eyes widened in surprise. "It's you!"

Azure smiled sheepishly. "You finally remember me."

"Yes, I do," Alex said. "But can you explain why you approached my girlfriend and my mother?"

His question made her blush.

Meanwhile, Rebecca stepped forward, furious. "I haven't questioned you about this yet. Come inside."

Once they were in the villa, Rebecca got straight to the point. "Break up with her! I won't accept her as your wife!"

Alex got angry. "I won't do what you tell me when it comes to my marriage."

"Don't provoke me," Rebecca demanded sternly.

Alex glanced at her, displeased. "I'm not trying to provoke you, but I won't do what you're asking."

"Alex Price!" Rebecca trembled with anger. "Do you know how she talked back to me?"

"That's because you two confronted her first," Alex argued. "You even falsely claimed I was engaged to Fatty Azzie and asked her friend to shut up."

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His complaints frustrated Rebecca. "How dare she complain to you!"

“She is my girlfriend and has every right to tell me, Alex said firmly. “Paige is the woman I’ll marry. I’m leaving.”

“Alex!” Rebecca yelled, but Alex walked away determinedly.

Azure tried to console Rebecca. “Calm down, Mrs. Price. He’s deeply in love now, and it’s impossible to make him break up with his girlfriend.”

Rebecca sank onto the sofa, rubbing her head. “I’ve run out of options...”

After a moment of thought, Azure said, “I’ve got an idea. If Alex won’t break up with her, we can make his girlfriend break up with him instead.”

Rebecca looked up, intrigued. “Azzie, are you suggesting...”

Azure smiled. “Leave it to me, Mrs. Price.”

Paige and Caroline arrived at the hospital in the afternoon.

After registering, Paige’s scheduled B–ultrasound had to be rescheduled for the next day, but Caroline could proceed with her electrocardiogram right away.

They headed to the relevant department.

Caroline asked, “Do you want to have a blood test today or wait until your B–ultrasound tomorrow?”

“Tomorrow,” Paige replied, exhausted. “I’m tired and don’t want to move.”

Caroline nodded. “Okay, wait here for me.”

“Sure.”

Caroline entered the department and quickly completed her checkup, receiving the doctor’s results in less than ten minutes.

Seeing her return, Paige immediately stood up and asked, “How did it go? Is everything okay?”

Caroline shook her head. “I’m fine, except for a slight irregular heartbeat. I just need more rest.” She then pondered why she had experienced sudden chest pain that morning.

Chapter 518 Wish Me Something Good

Meanwhile, at Grand East Hospital.

After a grueling four-hour surgery, the red light finally turned off.

When Richie emerged, Evan felt so tense that he couldn’t move a step.

Richie sighed with relief and announced, “Mr. Jordan Jr.’s surgery was successful.”

This good news quickly lifted the heavy burden from Evan’s shoulders.

Evan nodded and instructed, “Ensure Axel receives the best medical care.”

Richie reassured him, “Don’t worry, Mr. Jordan. We’ll cure him, and our nurses will keep him company.”

Daniella also looked relieved. Her eyes were teary as she said, “Evan, I’m so glad to hear that.”

Evan glanced at her and smiled faintly. “Thank you.”

Daniella blushed, surprised, and stammered, “Y–You’re welcome.”

“Let me treat you to a meal.” After giving Richie a few more instructions, Evan turned to Daniella and said.

“Let’s go.”

Caroline returned to Bayview Villa that evening.

She placed her phone on the table during dinner, waiting for Axel’s response.

Tyler and Liora noticed her distracted behavior and whispered to each other.

Liora asked in a hushed tone. “Tyler, why is Mommy so absent–minded? Did you do something to upset her?”

Tyler sighed and jokingly tapped Liora’s head with a fork. “Can’t you think better of me?”

Liora stuck her tongue out. “Then what’s bothering Mommy?”

Tyler sipped his milk. “Why don’t you ask her yourself?”

Liora nodded and cleared her throat, then looked up at Caroline. “Mommy?”

However, Caroline remained fixated on her phone, mechanically munching her food.

Liora and Tyler exchanged glances before yelling in unison, “Mommy!”

Startled, Caroline dropped her fork on the table and looked at them in panic. "What's wrong?"

Liora pouted. "Mommy, you've been staring at your phone and ignoring us."

Caroline sighed awkwardly. "Oh... I'm waiting for a text from Axel."

Tyler chimed in. "You don't have to wait anymore, Mommy. Axel's phone is with Daddy."

Caroline was taken aback. "How did he manage to take Axel's phone?"

Liora sighed, disappointed. "Oh no! We can't contact Axel now."

"Stop it!" Tyler scolded Liora. "He's safe at home."

Liora quickly covered her mouth. "I'm sorry, I misspoke."

Caroline refocused. "Let's plan an outing this weekend. What do you think?"

Liora's eyes lit up. She looked at Caroline excitedly. "Really? Do you have time, Mommy?"

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Caroline rested her chin on her hand and watched her enthusiastic daughter. "Yes, I'm taking you both to

a hot spring."

Sipping his milk calmly, Tyler asked, "Is there something else you want to tell us, Mommy?\*"

Caroline chuckled. "You caught that, didn't you?"

Tyler encouraged her, "Go on."

Caroline served them some beef and said, "I might need to be away for three days next week."

Wide-eyed, they understood she was trying to soften the news with a nice treat.

Thus, Caroline proceeded to explain the reason for her upcoming trip.

Liora scratched her head. "Those people seem to be in a tough spot. Mommy, I support your decision to help them."

With a thoughtful expression and a smile for Caroline, Tyler remarked, "What you're doing is pretty impressive, Mommy."

Chapter 519 Let's Go Together

Caroline said, "The signal might be weak in the mountains. Please inform Axel if he asks about me."

"Absolutely!" the children assured her.

Alex met Evan at Villa Rosa at 9:00 p.m. They sat in the lounge, sipping wine.

Alex asked, "I'm sure you're relieved now that Axel's surgery went well."

Evan leaned back with his wine glass and took a sip. "Axel has to stay in a sterile room for a month."

“Don’t worry. Richie will provide top–notch care. By the way, are you attending the opening ceremony in

two days?”

Evan looked at him disapprovingly. “Aren’t you taking Paige with you?”

“No, because my parents will be there too.” Alex sighed. “Paige had a major argument with my mother today.”

Evan looked at Alex with curiosity. “Whose side are you on?”

“Undoubtedly on Paige’s side!” Alex replied firmly.

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“What an ungrateful son!” Evan teased.

It put Alex in a tough spot. “I know, but I love Paige.”

“What’s your plan?” Evan asked. “Your mother isn’t easy to sway.”

Alex looked at Evan pleadingly, but the latter turned away in disgust. “Stop looking at me like that.”

“Can’t you help out a friend, just this once?” Alex asked anxiously.

Evan put his glass down. “How much do you love her?”

After a pause, Alex answered, "I couldn't eat or sleep when we broke up. Does that count?"

Evan looked down. "Your mother may not listen to me."

"But my father will!" Alex asserted. "He always values your opinion."

Evan reluctantly nodded. "Alright, I'll give it a shot."

Although he disliked meddling in family matters, he agreed to help because he understood Alex's pain all

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Suddenly, the thought of Caroline overwhelmed him, causing excruciating pain. Her casual reply had left

him in a daze. Was it really that easy for her to move on?

Caroline woke up early on Saturday with the children. As she was preparing clothes for them, she

received a call from Paige.

Upon answering the phone, she heard Paige's excited voice. "Hey Carol, are you free today? Let's go to a

hot spring!"

Caroline looked at the luggage in her hand, surprised. "Did you put a surveillance camera in my house?"

"Huh?" Paige was puzzled.

Caroline chuckled. "I'm taking the kids to a hot spring in Rusvil."

"Is it the one opening today?" Paige asked. "You don't see me as a friend? I was about to invite you to go

together!"

Caroline explained, "I didn't ask because I thought you were busy with Alex."

Paige countered, "Well, he's occupied with his mother."

"How about we meet there at 10:00 a.m.?" Caroline suggested.

"I'm already on my way to your place. We can go together later."

"Alright, I'll wait for you."

Caroline and Paige arrived at the Grand Hot Spring Hotel around 9:30 am.

The hotel entrance was bustling with luxurious cars, and elegantly dressed upper-class individuals were stepping out of them and heading inside.

This scene left Caroline and Paige momentarily speechless.

Paige asked, "Did we make a mistake? Isn't this the Grand Hot Spring Hotel?"

Caroline scanned the area. "Yes, it is. Why would a newly opened hot spring hotel have such a wealthy

crowd?”

Caroline and Paige were bewildered, wondering about the hotel’s owner.

Paige leaned in closer to Caroline. “Carol, they’re dressed so elegantly, and here we are feeling like

country bumpkins...”

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Caroline chuckled helplessly, teasing Paige, “Not everyone dresses up like that, you know. Look, there are

regular guests here, too.”

Tyler scoffed. “Godmother, maybe you should consider laser eye treatment.”

Upon hearing that, Paige glared at Tyler. “You never say anything nice!”

Tyler raised an eyebrow. “Should I buy you an elegant suit, then?”

Paige replied haughtily, I’m already charming enough just by being myself. I don’t need superficial things

to enhance my charm.”

Liora affectionately hugged Paige. “Godmother, you’re the prettiest. Tyler doesn’t appreciate beauty. He’s

a bit clueless.”

Paige pinched Liora's cheek with joy. "Lia, you always say the sweetest things! Come on, let's have some

fun!"

As they strolled toward the lobby, a sudden scream pierced the air.

"Alex!"

Paige and Caroline stopped in their tracks and turned their heads.

They saw Azure in an elegant gown, waving gracefully.

Alex stood beside a nearby car, dressed in a sleek suit with a gleaming black stud. He grinned at Azure. "Hey there, Fatty Azzie. You made it, too?"

Azure walked over and held Alex's arm. "You look so handsome in that suit, Alex! You've changed so

much from your younger days."

However, Alex quietly pulled his arm away from her. "Of course. Don't you know that?"

Caroline's heart skipped a beat as she watched their interaction. She looked stiffly at Paige, sensing it wouldn't be a day of carefree enjoyment with the children, not when Paige was staring at Alex in disbelief.

With her head tilted, Liora remarked, "Mr. Price has a lady with him--"

Tyler swiftly covered her mouth. "Shh!"

Before Liora could nod, Paige released Liora's hand and marched angrily toward Alex.

However, Just as she took two steps, a familiar car pulled up in front of her.

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Caroline's heart raced when she spotted the license plate.

Why was Evan there, too?

Evan's chauffeur opened the car door for him, and he stepped out in a black suit, exuding an air of cold intensity.

Paige halted in her tracks. "Mr. Jordan."

Evan approached her. "Today marks the Grand Hot Spring Hotel's opening ceremony for the Price Group.

There are paparazzi everywhere. Please think before you act."

Paige's eyes welled up with tears. "This is between Alex and me. Please don't interfere."

"Do you still want to be with Alex?" Evan asked coldly.

His question made Paige clench her fists. "Do I have to witness him being so intimate with another woman here?"

Evan raised an eyebrow. "You should calm down now."

"I can't!" Paige's emotions got the best of her.

Unbeknownst to her, Alex was standing behind Evan and overheard her.

Realizing the situation, he hurried over to Evan and gazed at Paige, whose eyes were now red.

Panicking, he asked, "Paige, why are you here?"

Indignantly, Paige glared at Alex. "I wouldn't have seen you arm-in-arm with that woman if I hadn't come."

Alex frowned. "I pulled my arm away as soon as she linked hers with mine."

"Is that so?" Paige retorted, her anger intensifying. "I also heard what you called her!"

Alex was caught in a dilemma. "Azure is my childhood friend, Paige... Can we discuss this later?"

"No, I don't want to!" Paige snapped. "A delayed explanation is unsatisfactory!"

Caroline and the children watched the scene unfold with sighs of frustration.

Tyler commented, "It's frustrating to be kept in the dark..."

Liora felt sympathy for Paige, saying pitifully, "Cut it out with the sarcasm, Tyler."