

## **Trapped 651**

Chapter 651 Will He Believe?

Caroline rushed over and gently placed Liora against her.

“Open her mouth so she can have the holy water,” Benjamin instructed.

Caroline followed his instructions, and Benjamin poured the holy water into Liora’s mouth.

Liora’s eyes snapped open as she choked on the water.

Startled, she spat out the water upon seeing Benjamin, then screamed and sought refuge in Caroline’s arms.

“Mommy! Hold me!” Liora cried out.

Caroline felt relieved at Liora’s behavior, hugged her, and gave Benjamin an apologetic look. I’m sorry,

Benjamin. She is...”

“It’s okay, Benjamin replied, standing up while holding the bowl. He glanced at the dumbfounded Kenny in puzzlement.

Catching Benjamin’s gaze, Kenny turned to him in a daze.

“Am I... possessed by unknown entities too? Kenny’s face turned deathly pale.

“No, but avoid using a car or driving this year and stay away from bodies of water as much as possible,” Benjamin advised.

“Huh?” Kenny was bewildered.

Caroline cleared her throat. “Don’t ask, Kenny. Thank Benjamin for his guidance quickly.”

Kenny promptly thanked Benjamin. “Thank you, Benjamin. I’ll remember that. I promise not to drive, but I’ll cycle to work!”

Kenny added, “Even though it’s quite far... I don’t want to be possessed. It’s terrifying!”

As Benjamin bustled about, Kenny scurried over to Caroline. “G, what is this practice here? It’s amazing!”

Caroline shook her head. “I don’t know.”

Benjamin sat on a chair and asked, “Has the child’s fever gone down?”

Caroline quickly checked Liora’s forehead and exclaimed, “Her fever has gone down!”

“Hmm. The child has a strong spirit but a weaker body than most. It would be beneficial for her to learn.

Caroline gazed at Benjamin with concern. “Skills like yours? What will happen to her if she doesn’t learn?”

“Days like today will repeat themselves. The consequences can be dire if her body can’t withstand possession. However, the amulet I gave you will help ward off evil entities. Do your best to avoid places like graveyards and hospitals, and limit nighttime travels.”

Caroline was frightened. “Benjamin, can my child learn from you?”

“It’s a challenging path with its shortcomings, like being orphaned, loneliness, disability, and a lack of wealth, life experiences, and power. Go home and think it over. I feel a connection with the girl. If you agree, I will teach her.”

Caroline and Kenny were puzzled.

Caroline asked, “When should we send her to you for lessons?”

Benjamin’s gaze lingered on Kenny, and he looked at him for a long moment before saying. “Not now. The

time isn’t right yet.”

On their way home, Kenny exclaimed, “G, Cheasians are incredible. We don’t have such powerful people abroad.”

“What our ancestors have left behind shouldn’t be underestimated,” Caroline said.

She had

never been

superstitious but realized there was more to the world than she had known after

Liora’s incident. Her understanding was just a small part of the whole.

Kenny suggested seriously, “You should discuss this with Evan. Will he believe in what Lia is learning?”

Caroline felt troubled, recalling her argument with Evan over the amulet Benjamin had given her.

“Lia isn’t his for now. I’m the one making the decisions,” Caroline said.

Kenny leaned back. “Tsk, I’d love to learn as well...”

Caroline glanced at him. “You’re always so curious.

Suddenly, Liora looked up and asked, “Mommy, does the old man really want to teach me?” Caroline smiled at her slowly recovering daughter. “Do you want to learn from him?”

Chapter 652 Overly Diligent

Liora whispered softly, “I’m scared of the old man’s eyes, Mommy...”

Caroline gently patted her back. “Lia, remember, not everyone is perfect. There are many unfortunate people with disabilities in this world, right?”

Liora leaned on Caroline’s chest and replied, “Yeah. I’m sure they wish they could be just like everyone else.”

Caroline nodded. “That’s right. So, do you think the old man might feel sad about how you treated him earlier? We should always try to understand how others feel, my dear, and put ourselves in their shoes, right?”

Liora looked down, feeling regretful. I was wrong. Mommy. I promise not to do it again.”

Caroline smiled warmly. “I know you’re a kind girl, Lia.”

The next day, Caroline was abruptly awakened by her ringing phone as she slept with Liora. She grabbed the phone and answered it groggily.

“Carol!” Paige shouted loudly.

Caroline was startled. “Paige, your volume is way too loud!”

Annoyed, Paige said, “Do you know what time it is? Are you still coming on the trip?”

Caroline sat up and rubbed her eyes. “What time is it?”

“It’s already 10:00a.m.!”

Caroline checked her phone and apologized, “I’m sorry, Paige. I overslept because I got home late last night.”

Paige sighed. “Are you packed?”

Caroline removed her blanket and hurriedly replied, “I’m packing right now. I should be almost done by the time you get here.”

“I’m already downstairs! Reuben is waiting in the big MPV. Come down with the kids quickly,” Paige urged.

Caroline roused Liora, who was still sound asleep after the call. She then got both of them washed up and started packing their clothes.

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She went to wake Tyler and Axel, only to find them engrossed in their laptops. When they quickly shut their laptops.

Caroline leaned against the door and asked, "Don't you think both of you are working too hard?"

Tyler jumped off his chair. "You've got it wrong, Mommy. We were actually developing software."

Caroline raised an eyebrow. "What kind of software?"

Axel chimed in. "It's gaming software."

Tyler thought, 'Axel, you could be a little less honest!'

Tyler nervously clutched Caroline's top, wanting to explain himself.

Caroline bent down and pinched his cheek. I'm not upset. Just don't spend too long on the laptop, or it'll affect your eyesight."

Tyler rubbed his cheek. "I understand, Mommy. Are you going out?"

Caroline explained, "I'm here to pack for you. We're going on a trip. Axel, are your medicines downstairs?"

Axel nodded. "I can pack them myself."

Caroline was hesitant. "I'm not entirely confident in you doing it on your own. Go downstairs and have

something to eat. Take your sister with you.”

The two kids nodded and took Liora downstairs for breakfast.

By the time Caroline finished packing and joined them downstairs, they had already finished eating.

Paige and Alex were watching the children play with their toys.

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Alex exclaimed, “Paige, not carrying triplets in there?”

Paige retorted, “Would you like to try carrying triplets to full term? You have no idea how tired Caroline was when she was pregnant with them.”

Alex chuckled. “I’d do it for you if I could, but I don’t have that capability.”

Paige rolled her eyes. “Then please stop with the sarcastic remarks.”

She noticed Caroline descending the stairs and said, “Carol, is Kenny not joining us?”

Chapter 653 Huge Favor

Caroline shook her head. “He just wants to sleep in when he doesn’t have to work.”

“Alright then. Let’s go now.” Paige put her arm around Caroline’s.

Caroline glanced around. “Where’s Evan?”

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Paige explained, "Alex said he's got work, so he'll join us later."

"Got it. I'll go check with Eira," Caroline said and headed to the kitchen.

After their quick chat, she told the kids, "Time to go!"

Kenny, who had been standing barefoot upstairs, quickly changed and came downstairs after Caroline

left. He bumped into Eira as she exited the kitchen.

Kenny asked, "Are they gone? Are you sure they've left?"

Eira looked puzzled. "Why are you so nervous? Are you planning something without Carol knowing?"

Kenny mumbled, "I'm not her boyfriend, but there are things I'd rather keep from her."

Eira narrowed her eyes. "You seem off, Kenny."

"Don't ask too many questions. You're just a kid. I'm going out, bye! I'll bring food for you later." Kenny

patted Eira's head absentmindedly.

Eira said, "I won't be home today. Don't bother bringing me food."

Kenny waved and said, "Alright, got it."



After leaving the house, Kenny got in his car and made a phone call. The other party picked up, and Kenny asked, "Where are you? I'll come pick you up."

Fifteen minutes later, Kenny arrived at an ordinary-looking diner. He checked the storefront and entered with a frown, only relaxing when he spotted the woman with her back to him.

Sitting across from her, Kenny asked, "Why this diner? I can take you to a nicer restaurant."

"I like it here. Order whatever you want," the woman replied casually, taking her time to set down her utensils.

Kenny nodded and called the waitress to order a sandwich.

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The waitress said, "Certainly,"

Kenny turned back to the woman and asked, "So, is it just a sandwich today, Yuliana?"

"No, I want to know why you're living with Caroline," Yuliana said, looking at Kenny with indifference.

Kenny was taken aback. "I'm too lazy to rent a place, and G is a very good friend of mine. I'm comfortable

living at her place."

"Do you not like her?" Yuliana asked.

"I like her as a friend, but not romantically," Kenny replied without hesitation. "She's my best friend."

Yuliana pressed further, "Who can confirm this?"

Kenny grew frustrated and ran his hand through his hair. "Neil can vouch for it. I've known G for over five

years. Are you jealous?"

"No, I'm just curious about the kind of person my cousin is."

Kenny frowned. "You can find plenty of online comments about her character and you're family. Why doubt her character?"

Yuliana sneered. "I don't trust online comments, and I know she has a close relationship with a man."

"Dr. Wilson?" Kenny asked.

Yuliana nodded. "I think so. Am I mistaken?"

Kenny explained, "Dr. Wilson might have intentions, but G doesn't share those feelings. If they were to be

together, why wait until now?"

Yuliana scoffed. "The real question is, did both of them have those intentions at some point? Caroline

distanced herself from Scott when she got closer to Evan, treating the men around her as backups. What

do you call someone like that, if not a bad person?"

Kenny disagreed, saying. "No, she's not. Did you ask me out just to discuss this?"

Yuliana replied calmly, "I'm just objectively analyzing her."

"I don't need your analysis. I know Caroline well enough. She's not the loose woman you think she is. Do

you know how hard it was for her to raise her children abroad on her own? While you were enjoying the

good life, she was eating bread to afford formula for her kids," Kenny said, growing angry.

"Didn't my cousin financially support her? Why are you defending her?" Yullana asked.

Kenny chuckled. "Ask your cousin if Caroline took any money from him. I get it now."

Yuliana remained silent, looking at Kenny with indifference.

Chapter 654 She Listens to You

"You're claiming that she had an affair with Scott? Let me clarify. Caroline turned down Scott's offer of financial support at the time. Do you think they were together all the time? Scott was focused on his education and career while he was around. He would visit Caroline occasionally and bring her food.

"It's common knowledge that Caroline is proud and prefers to endure difficulties rather than accept sponsorship. Unlike you, a heiress, Caroline is not. She dated Evan before because of her gambling father and hospitalized mother. I can't understand people like you, accusing her based on trivial rumors. Do you think you have the right to do that?"

Kenny stood up and stated, "This discussion ends here. I must have been blind to have fallen for you. It's

over, you idiot!”

Yuliana’s expression was unpleasant after being berated.

‘Is Caroline really like this? I find it hard to believe. If she truly valued her pride, why did she get involved with Evan in those years? Was it due to financial stress? What a joke! She was more than capable of being a chief secretary, right? Wasn’t her salary enough to support her family?

The more Yuliana thought about it, the more disgusted she became.

‘It’s a shame that Caroline didn’t pursue acting with her incredible skills. I won’t ever allow someone like her back into the family. She’s a disgrace to the family and my late Aunt Eleanor. On the other hand, she

doesn’t deserve to be with Evan.”

With these thoughts, Yuliana took out her phone and opened Evan’s contact.

She pondered and began typing a text message.

Just as she was about to send it, she realized she lacked enough evidence to expose Caroline’s alleged

promiscuous behavior.

Rather than confronting Caroline directly, she decided to obtain evidence from Scott.

At Xander Residence.

Greta awaited Yuliana in the living room for dinner. However, Yullana didn’t return for quite some time. When she was about to call Yuliana, Neil entered the house.

Greta stood up and asked, "You're back, Neil. Have you been in touch with Yulla recently?"

Neil replied, "No, Aunt Greta. Is something wrong?"

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Greta let out a sigh. "I haven't seen much of Yulia lately. I have a feeling she's dating, but she won't tell me anything. Neil, I'm concerned she might be making the wrong choices. Can you please talk to her?"

Neil asked, "Isn't she home today?"

Greta took a seat and replied, "No. She came home late on Lundi Gras and left after waking up on Mardi Gras."

Neil suddenly realized the gravity of the situation. "Understood, Aunt Greta. I'll reach out to her."

Greta said, "Thank you for doing this, Neil. She listens to you."

Neil patted Greta's shoulder and assured her, "Don't worry, Aunt Greta."

Upon saying that, Neil headed upstairs. As he passed Daniella's former room, he stopped and

contemplated for a while before entering the room. To his surprise, Daniella's belongings were still there.

Neil approached the bed and reached under it, discovering the voice recorder he had placed there earlier.

He exited the room and headed to his own room.

It had been some time since he retrieved the voice recordings. Neil transferred them to his laptop and utilized the voice-to-text function to call Yuliana.

Yuliana answered after a brief delay and asked, "Neil, why did you decide to call me today?"

Neil chuckled. "Where are you, Yulia?"

Yuliana replied, "I'm about to have dessert with my friends."

Neil continued. "Is that so? It's a shame. There's a new ice cream parlor opening on Marriott Street. I heard it's quite spacious. Since you're already out, forget it then."

Yuliana objected, "No, please! I'd love to go. It's been a while since you treated me to a nice meal!"

Neil laughed. "Would you like me to pick you up?"

Yuliana eagerly agreed, "Sure! I'll send you my location!"

Chapter 655 Do Me a Favor

The voice-to-text translation was finished once Yuliana shared her location.

Neil quickly scanned the text, and the words 'Mr. Hendrix' finally caught his attention.

In Daniella's voice recording, she mentioned seeking Mr. Hendrix's help in dealing with Caroline and Evan a few times.

'Who is Mr. Hendrix? When did Daniella meet him? Is there some grudge between him, Caroline, and Evan?

'he wondered.

Neil saved the voice recording in a folder and secured it with a password. Then, he grabbed his phone.

and headed out to meet Yuliana..

Twenty minutes later, Neil reached Yuliana's location.

He found Yuliana standing alone by the street, engrossed in her phone. He got out of the car and asked,"

Where are your friends?"

Yuliana immediately found an excuse. 'I told them to go ahead without me."

Neil didn't press further but led Yuliana to the car, and they set off to the ice cream parlor.

The ice cream parlor was bustling with customers despite the chilly early spring weather.

After waiting in line for half an hour, Neil and Yuliana finally found a seat.

Yuliana ordered a mango sorbet and some snacks.

Neil asked, "Yulia, why don't you look for a job?"

"I'm not ready for a job yet. I have other plans," Yuliana replied.

Neil knew Yuliana well enough to understand she wouldn't share more if pushed. He simply nodded.

Yuliana couldn't keep it in any longer and said, "Neil, aren't you going to ask what I've been up to lately?"

"You'll tell me when you're ready," Neil replied.

After a moment's thought, Yuliana asked, "Neil, why did you accept Caroline?"

The smile on Neil's face faded. "Yulia, you shouldn't be hostile toward her."

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Yullana argued, "I think a woman like her, who seems to be involved with multiple men, doesn't deserve to

be a part of our family. Who knows what's beneath her innocent facade?"

"Do you think I'm like that?" Neil asked Yuliana.

"No, of course not! I know the kind of person you are, Yuliana said.

Neil leaned back. "Since you know the person I am, why do you think I can't see Caroline's true character?"

Yuliana was taken aback. "Neil... I'm not saying you can't see her character..."

"Yulia, your hostility toward her is because of your feelings for Evan. What if you didn't have feelings for

him?" Neil asked, his tone resolute.



Yuliana expressed regret. "I haven't considered that."

Neil continued. "Yulia, it's natural for you to be skeptical of her and speculate based on your beliefs."

Yuliana was stunned. "She's your biological sister, Neil. Aren't you angry?"

"I'd be lying if I said I'm not angry. However, everyone has their own opinion, right?" Neil replied with a resigned smile.

"So?"

The waitress brought the sorbet as her voice faded.

Neil handed a spoon to Yuliana. "It's nothing. But I'm curious. Why do you think Carol is promiscuous?"

"Her relationship with Evan isn't straightforward, right? And she pursued a relationship with Dr. Wilson simultaneously," Yuliana explained.

"Who told you that?" Neil inquired.

Yuliana replied, "I won't reveal my source."

Neil contemplated and asked, "You've been investigating Carol for a while, haven't you? You didn't find any evidence against her, did you?"

Yuliana looked disheartened, her shoulders slumping. "No..."

“Instead of wasting time on this, can you do me a favor?” Neil suggested.

“What is it?”

“Help me keep an eye on Scott.”

Yuliana was puzzled. Doesn't he already know about Caroline's relationship with Scott? Why is he asking me to investigate him?”

Yuliana asked, “Neil, why do you want me to investigate him?”

Neil paused for a moment. “I have a feeling that Scott might not have genuine feelings for Carol, In fact, something seems off about him. Please help me monitor if he's interacting with unusual people beyond his work at the hospital.”

Chapter 656 Don't Worry

Yuliana asked, “Why choose me instead of hiring a professional investigator?”

Neil grinned, replying, “You're a seasoned journalist, right? Plus, this is crucial, and I trust no one else with

it.”

Yuliana was amazed. ‘He doesn't trust anyone, but he trusts me? It seems that Neil doesn't only care about Caroline but cares about me too!

Touched, Yuliana pledged, “I'll help

you, Neil, because of your trust!”

At noon, Caroline and the group arrived at the Hot Spring Resort.

Seeing the empty parking lot, Caroline voiced her concern, "It should be busy now, right?"

Paige chuckled. "You should talk to my boss about this."

Caroline understood. "Did he book the whole place?"

Paige nodded vigorously. "Yes, to ensure last time's incident doesn't repeat."

Caroline felt grateful for Evan's effort to protect the kids.

The hotel manager, Charon Reddick, assisted them with their luggage.

After entering, Charon checked them into a spacious three-room suite.

Charon asked, "Ms. Shenton, lunch is ready. Would you prefer room service or the restaurant?"

Caroline asked Paige, "Room or restaurant, Paige?"

"Restaurant, to avoid any food odors in the room," Paige advised.

Charon nodded. "Very well. Mr. Jordan has an itinerary for you. After lunch and some rest, a spa session

at three, followed by a soak in the hot springs. Dinner will be ready, and our staff will organize fun

activities."

Caroline hesitated about leaving her kids with the staff.

She declined, "I'll take care of the children."

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Charon explained, "Mr. Jordan arranged for three medical and ten trained staff members on standby. He

wants you to relax."

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Caroline was at a loss for words.

Alex assured, "Evan's made all the arrangements. Have fun. He cares for the kids just as much."

Paige added, "Don't worry, Carol. Many people are watching over them, and they have phones."

Caroline wanted to hear her children's thoughts.

She looked at them—they were all smiles.

Caroline relented and told Charon, "Please keep a close eye on them and contact me if needed."

Charon assured, "No need to worry, Ms. Shenton."

She turned to Liora. "Remember to keep the amulet on, okay?"

Then she told Axel, "Rest if you're tired."

“And Ty, don’t stay on the computer all day. Go play,” she advised Tyler.

Paige intervened, “Relax, Carol.”

Caroline stood up. “I can’t help but worry.

Paige suggested, ‘Let’s have lunch with the kids.’”

At the restaurant.

The meal arrived promptly. Caroline glanced at the door a few times, expecting Evan.

Alex passed the bread to Paige, saying, “Caroline, stop looking. We don’t even know what Evan’s up to today.”

Caroline blushed. “I’m not waiting for him.”

While chewing her food, Paige teased, “Your face says otherwise.”

Caroline stayed silent but focused on cutting up the children’s food.

She wasn’t sure if she was looking forward to Evan’s presence, but she felt like something was missing when he wasn’t around.

Chapter 657 Grand Wedding

Caroline couldn’t help but think about how Evan still had a firm place in her heart after all this time. ‘If that’s the case, why am I fooling myself? Instead of postponing it, I should find the time to talk to him.’”

After lunch, Charon and the service staff took the children away.

Caroline and the others had some tea and then headed to the spa zone.

Alex saw them off at the door. As soon as it closed, he made a quick escape, found a secluded spot, and called Evan.

Evan picked up, and Alex said excitedly, "Evan, they're already at the spa. I'm going to set up the place now."

Evan impatiently replied, "I've been waiting for you at the mountain slope for half an hour!"

Alex walked to the lobby. "I need to take care of Paige first, right? I'm going to be a father soon!"

"Quit with the nonsense. Do you think just the two of us can handle this?" Evan frowned at the messy pile

of items before him.

Alex replied, "Where there's a will, there's a way. I'll do what you can't."

Evan said coldly. "I hope you don't waste my effort of standing in the cold for half an hour."

Alex retorted, "I've spent a lot of money to help you pursue Caroline, okay? What's wrong with you waiting

a minute longer?"

Evan sneered. "Are you sure you're helping me and not yourself?"

Alex chuckled. "We're hitting two birds with one stone! Let's not separate it so clearly. Wait for me!"

In the spa room.

Paige asked Caroline as they undressed, "Carol, what are your current feelings toward Evan?"

Caroline was taken aback. "Why are you asking all of a sudden?"

Paige explained, "I just want to see you happy with someone you love."

Caroline sat on the bed. "Honestly, I still have feelings for him."

"Just feelings? Not love?" Paige inquired.

Caroline lowered her gaze. "I can't be sure."

Paige pressed on, "Let's say if something happened to Evan, if he had an accident, you would-"

"No! It's not good to talk about that!" Caroline interrupted before Paige could finish her sentence.

Paige shrugged. "See? You can't even imagine Evan's death."

"Paige, let's not discuss this further, Caroline said, displeased.

"Alright, alright. So, you love him! If you do, you should let go of the grudge."

Caroline remained silent.

Paige grabbed her phone and sent Alex an 'okay' emoji with a smile. She put her phone down and lay on the bed. "If possible, I'd like to have a joint wedding with you. Carol."

Caroline lay down. "I've never considered that."

"Evan will definitely throw a grand wedding for you if you agree," Paige said with certainty.

Caroline turned to look at her. "What's gotten into you today, Paige?"

Paige was caught off guard. "Huh? Nothing!"

"Something doesn't feel right about you. You asked about my feelings for Evan, and then you brought up

the wedding," Caroline said suspiciously.

Paige closed her eyes, trying to hide her guilt. "You're overthinking it. I just have a wish to share a wedding with you."

"Does Alex's mother know about your pregnancy?" Caroline asked.

Paige stayed quiet for a moment. "Not yet, and I haven't told my parents either."

"What's your plan? You can't hide it as you progress further." Caroline expressed her concern.

Paige explained, "I don't want to pressure Alex. It must be tough for him to be caught in the middle."

Caroline sighed. "You're being too passive."



“What else can I do now that I’m pregnant? Let’s not talk about heavy things like this.” Paige forced a small, bitter laugh.

Chapter 658 Doubt

Caroline did not question further after noticing Paige’s reluctance to speak.

“Carol...”

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“Hmm?”

“I envy you so much!” Paige exclaimed.

Caroline opened her eyes and turned to Paige, asking, “What do you mean?”

Paige explained, “I can tell that Evan truly loves you. People can’t control their gaze when they’re in love.”

Paige circled back to a topic that left Caroline uncertain about how to respond.

“Speaking of that\_”

“What?”

Paige continued. “You spent a long time upstairs with Evan on Lundi Gras night, yet Scott didn’t seem uncomfortable at all.”

Caroline looked up at the ceiling and pondered. "Maybe he's moved on?"

Paige disagreed, "No, he's been in love and sticking with you for six years. Even if he's figured it out and moved on, a regular person would feel sad, right? There was nothing in his expression except calmness."

Caroline confessed, "I haven't speculated about his feelings, but I do feel guilty toward him."

Paige insisted, "He's been trying, and you've been rejecting him. That's clear."

Caroline defended herself, saying, "I told him before that I would consider exploring a relationship with him after Daniella's situation."

Paige was surprised. "Huh? I thought you didn't have feelings for him."

Caroline admitted, "Honestly, I felt I was being selfish too. I said that at the time because he was a good candidate for marriage."

Paige remarked, "You can't force a relationship. You're not going to sacrifice your happiness for the rest of your life because of him, right?"

Caroline sighed. "I just feel very guilty toward him."

Paige questioned, "What if he doesn't love you anymore? He doesn't seem sad at all."

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Caroline replied, "If that's the case, I will feel relieved."

Paige pondered for a moment before asking, "Carol, have you noticed something?"

Caroline asked, "What is it?"

Paige expressed her disbelief, "Scott doesn't show his emotions clearly!"

Caroline frowned, trying to recall something. "I haven't noticed that, to be honest."

"Tsk!" Paige added, "It's not his expression but his gaze!"

Caroline mumbled. "I haven't really noticed it."

Paige settled back down and remarked, "Carol, I feel a bit uneasy."

Caroline asked, "Why?"

Paige explained, "I suddenly realized that Scott is a person with many hidden layers, or rather, he's too good at hiding his emotions."

Caroline asked, "Could the pregnancy cause your doubt?"

Paige considered that. "You might be right. I've been overthinking a lot lately."

Caroline suggested, "Alright, let's just enjoy the massage."

Paige nodded. "Sure."

On the viewing platform on the mountainside.

Evan leaned against his car and watched as Alex carried the items, sweating from his work.

Alex stood upright and glared at Evan, saying, "Hey, can you come and help out?"

Evan casually declined, "I can't do that."

Alex was frustrated, "What am I doing this for?"

Evan retorted, "Aren't you involved as well?"

Alex was rendered speechless. He scratched his head in frustration and said, "I wouldn't be doing this myself if I weren't worried they wouldn't do a good job."

Evan approached Alex and asked, "Do you think they'll like flashy things like this?"

Chapter 659 Come With Me

Evan unbuttoned his collar, "This is unnecessary," he muttered.

Alex's eye twitched, "So, what do you think women actually like?"

Evan glanced at Alex. "Just give 'em money, right? They can get whatever they want."

Alex let out a forced chuckle. "You're not romantic at all. No wonder your attempts to win over Caroline aren't working."

Evan's gaze turned cold. "Shut up!"

Alex looked away, annoyed, "Let's focus on work!"

At 5:30 p.m., their masseuses woke up Caroline and Paige. They sat up, still drowsy.

Caroline checked her phone and mumbled, "It's 5:30..."

Paige yawned and said, "Let me see if Alex is finished with his task."

"Task? I thought he was getting a massage? Caroline furrowed her brow, puzzled.

Paige was stunned but recovered quickly, saying, "I misspoke, I meant if he's done with his massage."

Caroline looked at Paige strangely. "You better not be hiding anything from me."

Paige laughed. "I'd never keep anything from you, I'm a trustworthy friend."

Paige called Alex but was met with a busy signal. She hung up and said, "Why isn't Alex answering?"

Caroline got changed and suggested, "Maybe he's asleep?"

"I don't know. I'll call again." Paige tried once more and got the same busy signal.

"What is he up to?" Paige tapped her phone in frustration.

Caroline handed Paige her clothes. "Let's get dressed and go find him."

Paige thought, "How am I supposed to find him when he's with Evan, working on setting up Caroline and

Evan?

Paige's task was to gauge Caroline's feelings for Evan and text him an 'okay' emoticon if Caroline was interested. She sighed.

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They changed and found Charon waiting for them outside. They exchanged glances before approaching her.

Paige asked, "Where's Alex?"

Charon replied, "Ms. Watson, Mr. Price is occupied with something. I'll take both of you to dinner first."

"How coincidental that he's also busy." Caroline scrutinized Paige as she spoke.

Sensing Caroline's gaze, Paige chuckled and suggested, "Let's eat, shall we?"

Caroline didn't press further and followed Charon to the restaurant. She noticed the absence of the kids

and asked, "Where are the children?"

Charon assured, "Don't worry, Ms. Shenton, Mr. Jordan has arranged meals for the children. The adult

menu isn't suitable for them."

Caroline glanced at Paige. "She can't have smoked foods either because she's pregnant.

Charon explained, "Mr. Jordan has made alternative arrangements for Ms. Watson."

Caroline contemplated how Evan had arranged everything but was nowhere to be found. "He's acting all mysterious.

Paige grabbed Caroline's arm, "Let's not worry about them. We'll eat and let them starve!"

They sat down, and the waiters began serving the meal. The courses were served one by one, and

Caroline and Paige chatted as they ate, their focus distracted from Alex and Evan.

By 7:00 p.m., they had finished dinner.

Charon asked, "Ladies, would you like to order anything else?\*

Paige and Caroline shook their heads.

"Alright, please follow me," Charon said, leading the way.

Caroline and Paige exchanged glances and followed Charon.

As they stepped out of the room, they were greeted with a breathtaking sight. The corridor was adorned with flower petals of different colors, and a path lit with red candles lay before them.

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All the lights suddenly went out, and the swaying candlelight illuminated the corridor.

It was dim yet romantic.

Charon said, "Please follow me."

Caroline and Paige walked ahead, stepping on the petals.

They walked past the corridor and lobby that were meticulously decorated before they arrived at the back

garden.

The small path decorated with tiny lamps stretched to the hill behind.

Caroline's heart was racing. She had a feeling that Evan was at the end of the path,

Paige said, "Carol, I'm a little scared to walk inside."

Caroline said, "Why?"

Paige pointed at the uphill path in fear. The path looks scary. It's dark."

Caroline held Paige's hand. "Don't be scared. Charon is here, so

here, so am I."

Paige clung to Caroline with one hand and caressed her belly. "Alright then\_\_"

They walked slowly, and a muffled bang echoed just as they stepped onto the first flight of stairs.



“Gah!”

Paige hugged Caroline in fear.

Caroline was startled as well. Soon, the sky suddenly burst into a brilliant fireworks display.

Paige opened her eyes and looked to the sky with Caroline.

The first firework burst, and the words ‘C+E’ came into view.

Caroline’s eyes widened in surprise when she saw her and Evan’s initials.

Soon afterward, the second firework exploded, and the words ‘P+A’ showed up.

Paige covered her mouth right away, her eyes welled up with emotions.

“Carol. It’s them... They did this...” Paige was so emotional

that she was rambling.

+20 BONUS

She had assumed that it was all to set Caroline and Evan up. She had not expected Alex to be doing this for her after he disappeared for such a long time!

Caroline felt the urge to cry and was overwhelmed by emotions as the firework’s brilliance reflected in her

eyes.

“Paige, let’s go.” Caroline said while sniffing.

Paige nodded strenuously and wiped her tears. She said smilingly, “Sure.”

The fireworks burst in the sky, illuminating the winding hill path.

As they stepped onto the last flight of stairs, they stopped walking, awed by the scene before them.

Colorful flowers were strewn across the ground, wrapped with dazzling light strips.

Evan and Alex were standing in the middle of the flowerbed, facing where they came from.

The lighting accentuated their faces and added a tinge of ineffable gentleness to their expressions.

“I can’t hold it in anymore...” Paige shed tears instantly.

The ambiance and their meticulous preparations visibly moved Caroline.

She looked at Evan with tear–reddened eyes.

He gazed at her with a faint smile as if he was very pleased with her not running away.

“Surprise!” Alex spread his arms and told Caroline and Paige, “Are you satisfied with our service?”

Paige approached, pulling Caroline along. “So you’ve been keeping me in the dark, you scoundrel!”

Alex giggled and said, “Would it still be a surprise if I told you?”

Paige loosened her grip over Caroline and threw herself into Alex's arms. She bawled loudly. "I'm really touched, Alex. Thank you, I love it very much!"

Caroline wiped her tears at the sight of Paige's joyous state.

Evan approached her, removed his coat, and draped it over her. He said with a deep yet gentle voice, "It's

cold up here."

Caroline looked into his eyes. She could see her reflection in his eyes under the dim lighting

Her heart was beating out of her chest. She smiled after holding the gaze for a moment. "Aren't you

colder than me?"