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Chapter: 521 Ariana crouched down to look at Theodore. "What's wrong?"

Before she could even register his response, she suddenly felt the warmth of a windbreaker enveloping her. Theodore had taken off his coat and put it on her.

The familiar scent of his clothes made her feel at ease.

Theodore gently ran his fingers through her hair and then traced the ring necklace hanging off her neck. "So you are finally wearing it, huh?" he teased.

Ariana felt a sudden wave of embarrassment wash over her as her secret was uncovered. She quickly grabbed the necklace and tucked it away inside her collar.

Theodore couldn't help but chuckle at her reaction, his face breaking into a beautiful smile. "I thought you threw it away. Why don't you just wear it on your hand?"

"Our marriage hasn't been made public yet," Ariana muttered softly, feeling a sense of relief wash over her. She was glad that Theodore was unaffected by Lyla's farce and could still make jokes. She wanted to finish their date.

Theodore glanced in the direction that Lyla had left and said with a meaningful tone, "It may become public soon."

Ariana suddenly remembered that she had forgotten to remind Lyla not to mention anything about this at work. Now she couldn't hide it anymore. Lyla was notorious for her loose tongue and always ended up getting involved in things that weren't her concern.

Feeling annoyed, Ariana glared at Theodore and scolded, "It's all your fault. You didn't remind me."

Theodore calmly raised his eyebrows and replied, "I don't care."

Ariana was at a loss for words at that. But she quickly gathered her composure and said, "Let's just make it public." This time, Theodore finally burst into laughter, a smug look crossing his face.

Meanwhile, Horace had already finished setting up the tables, chairs, and food for their date.

"I'll help Horace. You take care of Alina," Ariana said, pushing the little girl into Theodore's arms.

Alina had stopped crying, but her toy had gotten dusty. She didn't say a word, but gazed up at Theodore with her big eyes, silently challenging him to play the wooden doll game with her.

Theodore moved first. From the beginning, the game was one-sided. He expressionlessly took out a tissue and handed it to her. "Here, use this to wipe."

Alina accepted the tissue and began to wipe the dust off her toy. As she worked, the toy made a sound, "Caw... Caw..."

Theodore rubbed his forehead, feeling a headache creeping up on him. He meant to ask Alina to wipe away the tears on her cheeks.

Never mind. It was all good as long as she was happy.

Horace and Ariana swiftly set up the tent and grill together while Theodore watched from a distance. He didn't offer to help, so he was tasked with grilling for the group.

To Ariana's surprise, the food turned out as good as takeout. She looked at Theodore with admiration. He was her man! He's handsome and excellent at everything he did. She was giddy with delight.

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Theodore couldn't help but smile, enjoying the feeling of Ariana's admiration.

Unfortunately, Alina quickly drew Ariana's attention.

As a picky eater, Alina didn't indulge in much, only eating a small amount of broccoli.

As Ariana patiently tended to Alina, Theodore couldn't help but feel a twinge of jealousy.

His face turned cold and expressionless as he grilled the food.

Alina, meanwhile, couldn't stop staring at Theodore. Ariana soon noticed and kicked his wheelchair, hinting at him to feed Alina.

"So troublesome," Theodore grumbled, but he still picked up a fork and cut the roasted shiitake mushrooms into small pieces for Alina.

To everyone's surprise, Alina opened her mouth and ate the mushrooms she previously despised. "Why is she willing to eat what you feed her instead of mine?" Ariana asked, her confusion evident. Theodore sneered at her and gave her a smug glance.

Feeling down, Ariana took a bite of leek and observed Alina's gaze fixed on Theodore. She wondered if Alina had a thing for beautiful individuals.

Sure enough, Theodore was a sight to behold.

Even more surprising was that despite his impatience, Theodore was incredibly gentle while feeding Alina. He took care to peel, prick and serve the food at the right temperature. No wonder Alina was drawn to him.

Ariana placed a hand on her belly.

This child would surely adore its father in the future.

But what about Theodore? Would he return the affection?

Ariana was lost in thought and remained still. Seeing that, Theodore pinched her hand and asked softly, "Why are you distracted? What's wrong with your belly? Are you uncomfortable?"

It was only then that Ariana came to her senses. When she met Theodore's worried eyes, she quickly removed her hand from her belly and said, "Nothing! I'm just full."

Theodore nodded silently. He was relieved to see that it was nothing serious and continued to feed Alina. When Alina had finished eating, Ariana dished some food and put it in Theodore's plate.

"you should also eat something," Ariana said softly. She picked up a bite of roasted squid with the fork and brought it in Theodore's mouth.

Theodore just took a bite of the food and stopped eating. He clenched his fists and said to Ariana, "Let me show you something good."

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"What's up? Why are you so mysterious?" Ariana asked curiously.

"Come closer and you'll see for yourself," Theodore said gently with a smile. He looked even more gorgeous now. Theodore's smile enchanted Ariana and made her lose all desire to resist. She leaned forward and asked, "What is it?" Theodore smiled but didn't say anything.

"Come on, what is it?"

Ariana's curiosity was fully aroused. She pulled Theodore's fist to see what he was hiding there.

"Alright, alright. Let me show you." Theodore didn't want to prolong the suspense any longer. He reached out and opened his fist. A huge cricket flew out and leapt directly in front of Ariana.

Ariana was so scared that she almost dropped the plate in her hand.

Alina also got scared. She rushed to Ariana and held her thighs tightly to protect herself.

Ariana finally understood why Alina had rushed to her earlier after going into the forest with Theodore for just a few minutes. Theodore probably did the same to the poor girl.

Theodore thought it was so funny and he laughed. Ariana stared at him and scolded him. "You are so childish!"

Theodore was stunned by Ariana's reproach and coughed awkwardly. He turned his face away to hide his embarrassment. He was so embarrassed that his ears were red.

He realized that what he had done today was indeed a little childish and he felt a little annoyed.

Ariana was so overjoyed seeing him like this that she forgot the whole cricket thing.

She leaned over to him with a sly smile and asked, "Hey, so Mr. Anderson can also be shy?" Theodore flicked her forehead and pretended to be annoyed. "Get out of my way. I'll clean up this mess!"

However, Ariana moved closer to him and said stubbornly, "I won't!"

Seeing her so stubborn, Theodore chuckled and said nothing. He just lowered his head and continued to pack up the things.

Seeing that he didn't say anything, Ariana became worried and she began to wonder whether Theodore was really angry. Then, suddenly, he said in a tone full of nostalgia and sadness, "Last time | went camping, | was eight years old and | was with my mother."

Ariana felt her heart sink and her face softened. She reached out and gently stroke Theodore's hair.

The touch of Theodore's hair was a stark contrast to his cold and hard personality as his hair was particularly soft.

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Ariana asked softly, "How did she pass away?"

Theodore kept silent for a long time, but his eyes were full of pain.

Seeing that, Ariana swallowed and said softly, "It's all over. You can tell me when you feel ready."  
"Okay..." Theodore held her hand and said in a low voice, "I'll take you to see her later."

"Okay."

At this time, Alina, who had been holding Alina's thighs the whole time, suddenly felt sleepy and yawned. Ariana picked Alina up and put her head on her shoulder.

"I'll take her back to the tent to sleep," Ariana said to Theodore. Theodore nodded silently and watched her walk into the tent. Night fell slowly, and the night sky was dotted with thousands of bright spots.

Sitting quietly in the wheelchair, Theodore was lost in thought. There seemed to be an impassable barrier between the bustling scene around him and himself.

The images of the past gradually appeared in Theodore's mind again.

He saw again the woman hanging before him, her face grim and pale. Her rolled up eyes were fixed on him, and a high-pitched female voice kept crying, "You killed her. You are the murderer, you are the murderer!"

Memories of the past were like an abyss that slowly engulfed Theodore. It was a burst of a child's cry that finally woke him. Ariana poked her head out of the tent and called to Theodore for help. "Come on, give me a hand, Alina is crying."

Theodore rolled his wheelchair over and entered the tent.

The tent was illuminated by a warm light. Ariana had prepared everything, down to the sleeping mat and bedding. With her head covered with a pillow, Alina sobbed and called for Sarah.

“She hasn't seen her mom for a long time. But Sarah’s performance is not over yet.

Besides, it seems that her phone is powered off. | am unable to reach her through video call.” Ariana had been coaxing Alina for a long time, and now, she was at a loss.

Theodore hesitated for a while and then reached out his hands. “Let me have a try.” He took the little Alina in his arms and patted her back gently.

He was a little stiff at first, but he quickly became more and more gentle. Ariana was in awe. It seemed that Theodore had taken care of a child in the past.

With her eyes closed, Alina slowly stopped crying. As the last droplets of tears ran down her cheeks, she gradually fell asleep

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“Oh, she stopped crying.” Ariana looked at Theodore in surprise. She would never have thought he had any skill in coaxing children.

Theodore noticed the surprised look on Ariana’s face and said with a smile, “When | was a child, my mother always coaxed me in this way. | didn’t expect it to work on her too.”

“Your mother definitely loved you very much.” Ariana sighed, feeling sorry for Theodore.

The more she knew about him, the more she understood how difficult it was for him to stay in the Anderson family. On the one hand, Darian was far from being a qualified father, and on the other hand,

his stepmother was trying to sow discord between him and Darian. And then there was his half-brother who was unpredictable. In Ariana's eyes, the Anderson family was not a good place to live. It hurt people.

"Really?" Theodore smirked, but Ariana was taking care of Alina, so she didn't hear him. Ariana gently placed the little girl on the bed and pulled the comforter over her.

Theodore slowly pushed the wheelchair out of the tent and quietly gazed up at the starry sky, lost in thought.

After making sure Alina was asleep, Ariana joined Theodore outside and put her hands on his shoulders. She said in a low voice, "You know, my mother died when I was very young. I don't have many memories of her now. If I hadn't kept pictures of her, I'm afraid I would have almost completely forgotten what she looked like."

Theodore turned around and took her hand. He said softly, "I'll always be with you in the future."

Ariana gazed silently into Theodore's eyes. After a while, she suddenly burst out laughing. When she laughed, her eyes squinted into the shape of a crescent moon.

She ruffled his hair, as Theodore often did with her, and said with a smile, "Why are you so sentimental all of a sudden? Today is our date. Let's talk about something happy!"

She suddenly frowned, looking bitter, and added, "Besides, so much happened today that kept us from really enjoying this day and it will soon be over. I made a point of arranging this date but it seems to me that it was a complete flop."

She was partly right. Not only did nothing romantic happen during their date, but they also had to share their spot with a whole crowd of people and even had a quarrel with some troublemakers. This place was noisy and the date was far from what she had imagined.

"Well, the day isn't over yet," Theodore said gently as he stroked her forehead.



Ariana was stunned by his words. She noticed a suggestive glint in his eyes. With a slight smile, Theodore gently held the back of her head and leaned closer to her.

When he spoke, his voice was low and deep. "Now that the little one is asleep, we can have some privacy — just the two of us!" Ariana was in a daze and she stared at Theodore for a long time, pondering over the meaning of his words. At the same time, she remembered what Marge had said in the office.

"Maybe you two can have sex there. It will add spice to your life as a couple and make you more intimate."

No! She had to stop thinking of that! She couldn't let those thoughts linger in her mind.

Ariana's face suddenly became very hot and her cheeks flushed with embarrassment. She stammered nervously, "Please don't do anything stupid. We are in the wilderness and there are people nearby. Besides, the tent is not well soundproofed and the child..."

She swallowed what she wanted to say next when she saw the strange look in Theodore's eyes. He asked straightforwardly, "What the hell are you thinking about?"

Ariana was stunned.

Theodore pointed at his watch, and then to the sky and said, "It's almost 10 p.m. Don't you want to see the legendary meteor shower?"

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Ariana felt embarrassed and annoyed. She didn't know what to say. After a while, she nodded.

It seemed that Theodore was much more innocent than her. She really had a dirty mind.

"Then let's go and take our spot," Ariana said quickly. She didn't wait for Theodore and went ahead.

Theodore watched as Ariana walked quickly away, her receding figure betraying her shyness. The smile on his face widened.

The huge parking lot was filled with all kinds of cars. Horace sat in the driver's seat of a pink car with stickers of cartoon characters.

Since becoming Theodore's special assistant, Horace has never driven such a girly car with such a small space.

However, this was far from bothering him, especially now that his mind was occupied with something else. In fact, Horace was on a video call with a lovely young woman whom he showered with sweet nothings.

Unfortunately for Horace, a call from Theodore interrupted his video call. "Come here and look after Alina!" After saying that, Theodore hung up the phone at once.

And just like that, Horace became a nanny. Ariana pushed Theodore up to the highest vantage point in camp to wait for the upcoming meteor shower.

In no time, the observation deck was filled with people. Ariana pushed Theodore into a relatively quiet corner. But even there, they were still pushed around by the crowd. Fortunately, the fact that Theodore was sitting in a wheelchair worked to his advantage because no one dared push him around. Ariana wasn't so lucky though as she was stepped on several times in a row.

"How about we go to another place?" Ariana suggested in a low voice. She was more worried about Theodore than herself. She feared he would be suffocated by the dense crowd.

Theodore nodded and looked up. He spotted a path and pointed to it. "Let's go over there."

Ariana looked in the direction he pointed. The path was dark, but the good thing was that there was no one there. It was better than this crowded place.

Ariana nodded and pushed Theodore to the path. There were no street lights on the road, so they could only rely on the stars and the moon in the sky. However, it was still too dark and the fact that the road was surrounded by tall trees around it only made it even darker.

Along the way, Ariana barely missed pushing Theodore down a slope she hadn't seen. Fortunately, she reacted quickly and pulled him back in time.

They finally arrived on the slope at the end of the path, and waited for the meteor shower. There were still a few minutes before 10 p.m.

Theodore held Ariana's hand tightly. In fact, what he wanted was for her to sit on his laps. However, Ariana refused. She was still shy. "Don't. What if someone comes?"

"No one will come," Theodore said firmly. His hands were already wrapped around her waist from behind. He could easily pull her in his arms.

Chapter: 527 But Ariana wouldn't let him hold her. She was actually afraid that she would want more.

She hurriedly escaped from Theodore's arms and pushed the wheelchair to the other side of the slope. She said in a tone that she meant to be threatening, "There's no video surveillance here, and no one will know if I push you down."

However, Theodore was very calm. "You won't. If you really do that, I will pull you down and we'll still be together in death." "Do you think I want to die with you?" Ariana asked with a smile. Just then, the laughter of two children came from far to near.

Ariana suddenly had a bad feeling. Before she could react, she was violently kicked from behind. She lost her balance and directly hit the wheelchair. Both she and Theodore fell down the slope.

The two kids shoved Ariana and Theodore hard. Theodore was directly thrown out of the wheelchair. Seeing this, Ariana quickly let go of the wheelchair and reached out to him.

However, she was falling way too fast and she couldn't catch him. She barely managed to touch the corner of his clothes. Unable to keep her balance, Ariana tumbled down the slope with Theodore.

Seeing the dire situation she was in, Ariana hurriedly protected her belly in panic. Although the slope was high, it was not steep.

After a moment, Ariana felt herself falling into a warm, powerful embrace. The familiar breath she felt on her neck filled her with a sense of relief.

The couple ended up in a lawn at the bottom of the slope. At this moment, Ariana turned to check Theodore behind her. "Are you hurt? Is your leg okay?"

"I'm fine. Don't worry." Theodore held Ariana's hand and reassured her. His body was covered in mud and grass, but he was fine except for a small scratch on his face.

Theodore had protected Ariana so well with his body that she had no scratches on her body.

Hearing what Theodore had said, Ariana breathed a sigh of relief. However, there was something bothering her. When they fell just now, Theodore was a little far from her. How then could he hold her in his arms?

While she was unable to keep her balance, Theodore, despite his crippled legs, was able to not only keep his balance, but also protect her.

For a moment, Ariana was confused. It was as if a secret was being revealed to her.

However, before she could think any further, Theodore patted her on the shoulder, interrupting her thoughts.

"Look, the meteor shower is coming."

Ariana looked up quickly, the doubts in her heart dissipating immediately. A meteor with dazzling light first shattered the night sky. Then, more meteors fell like waterfalls, making thousands of bright spots in the sky.

“Hurry up! Make a wish!” Ariana shook Theodore’s arm several times and shouted excitedly. She then closed her eyes and made a wish.

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Theodore adjusted his sitting position and leaned back against the tree, staring intently at the woman in front of him. He didn’t make a wish, because he never believed in such things.

In Theodore’s eyes, Ariana was much more beautiful than the starry sky.

He suddenly felt an urge to kiss her. Without thinking twice, he bent over and kissed her very gently on the lips.

Ariana was stunned and quickly opened her eyes, only to see Theodore staring at her with a faint smile on his face. Her heart beat faster.

Beautiful things did not last. The meteor shower that lit up the night sky with a thousand lights was soon over. “Did you make a wish just now?” Ariana asked Theodore.

Theodore hesitated for a while and ultimately nodded. He then asked, “What wish did you make?”

“If I tell you, it won’t work,” Ariana replied with a naughty smile.

Theodore raised a brow and asked tentatively, “Does it have anything to do with me?”

“Come on! Who will waste such a rare opportunity on you?”

Ariana didn't give a straight answer. She quickly looked away and started talking about something else. Theodore stared at her with shining eyes and said nothing.

"Oh, let me go get the wheelchair." As she spoke, Ariana stood up and walked up the slope. She didn't dare turn around. Touching her belly, she felt the baby inside move. She thought about the wish she had just made.

She hoped that she, Theodore, and the unborn baby, could be happy forever. Rate the book using the stars!

The wheelchair got lost in the shuffle down the hill. Ariana searched all around for it but couldn't find it. After that, she went back to the tree.

Theodore was still seated where she had left him. He was having a conversation over the phone when she returned. His statements made it plain that he was asking Horace to bring a replacement wheelchair to their location.

After Theodore ended the call, he waved to Ariana. "Come sit here with me. The new wheelchair won't arrive anytime soon." Ariana sat down next to him and rested her head against his sturdy shoulder.

"My bad. Everything I predicted came to pass." Ariana felt a twinge of annoyance. It was unwise of her to say those things at the edge of the slope just now. That was entirely her fault in every respect.

Theodore chuckled and clutched her hands. "This is our second date. It's going to leave an indelible impression on our mind."

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"Is that so?" She talked to him with a tone of regret as she gazed at him. "To some extent, you are right. It is genuinely memorable, but not in a good way. So many things went wrong on our date that I believe it's fair to say it was a bust!"

How could someone fall down a slope during a date? It was so ridiculous.

As Ariana ruminated on it, she spiraled into a melancholy state. She had initially hoped to capture a photo with him under the meteor shower, but the incident earlier had thrown her off course.

Theodore, on the other hand, was in high spirits. "I think it was a great date," he exclaimed. He then leaned in and planted a kiss on her forehead, sending a wave of warmth through her. "As long as I'm with you, any experience is a good one."

"Really?" Ariana's face lit up with joy at his words. She grasped his head and peppered his face with kisses. "As long as you're happy, I'm happy too. I just don't want you to have a bad time."

Theodore shook his head earnestly. "The place you picked was perfect. We even stumbled upon a meteor shower by chance. I've been considering buying this land to turn it into a private resort for us to visit frequently. That way, we won't have to deal with so many people."

He yearned for some peace and quiet with Ariana, free from the distractions of others.

"Mr. Anderson, can you please try to curb your extravagant lifestyle? Is there really nowhere else for you to spend your money?" Ariana teased.

Theodore chuckled and playfully pinched her cheek. "I just want to make sure that when we come here in the future, you'll always feel good."

Ariana grasped his hand and planted a kiss on it. "I understand. I didn't expect so many people to show up because of the meteor shower. And those rowdy kids really ruined the ambiance."

The two mischievous children who knocked them over earlier had fled the scene, showing no sign of remorse. If anything really happened, things would become ugly.

If something had gone wrong and the baby in her belly had been harmed, the outcome could have been disastrous. Ariana resolved to stay clear of such troublemakers in the future.

Theodore was equally frustrated with the children's behavior. He pinched her nose and muttered, "Our little one doesn't behave like that."

Initially confused about whom he was referring to, Ariana soon realized that he was talking about Alina. She couldn't help but scold him lightly, "Her name is Alina."

To her surprise, Theodore didn't appear to be put off by Alina and even seemed to be fond of her.

Ariana thought for a moment before asking cautiously, "Do you think raising a child will prove to be an arduous task?"

"I don't think so," Theodore answered without hesitation. "You seem to really like Alina. We could even consider her as our goddaughter."

His words emboldened Ariana to share her news with him.

It was time for him to know about her pregnancy.

She took a deep breath and summoned the courage to speak. "Maybe we don't have to take in Alina as our goddaughter. We can have our own child, right? Our child won't be any less cute!"

Ariana glanced at Theodore as soon as she finished speaking, not wanting to miss his reactions.

She had decided she would confess to him as long as he agreed.

Chapter: 530 However, Theodore remained silent for a long time before frowning slightly. "Why did you say that out of the blue?"

Noticing that Theodore wasn't reacting the way she thought he would, Ariana's courage waned and she hesitated, wondering what to do next.



Just then, a commotion came from afar. Horace and his team had arrived.

Their conversation had to end, and while Ariana felt a tinge of regret for her impulsive behavior, the atmosphere felt right to be asking those questions.

Forget it. She decided to ask Theodore again next time.

Horace brought a lot of people with him. However, the first thing Ariana was concerned about was Alina. Horace assured her, "Don't worry, Madam. I have sent someone to guard Alina. She is safe."

In the meantime, Theodore mounted his wheelchair.

They stuck close together as they exited the camp and arrived at a three-story reception area outside, accompanied by professional doctors.

Although Ariana and Theodore didn't sustain any injuries, Horace still requested the doctor to perform a quick check-up, just in case.

Ariana was afraid the doctor would reveal her pregnancy, so she waved her hand and said, "No, thanks. I'm not injured. I'll be fine after some rest."

She pointed at Theodore and continued, "He appears more injured than I am. I don't know if his leg was hurt when he fell from the slope."

As expected, everyone's attention shifted to Theodore. Ariana sighed in relief as she sat on the sofa and drank a cup of hot water.

After a while, a bald man came rushing in. He looked terribly anxious as he apologized to Theodore, "I'm sorry, Mr. Anderson. It's our fault. I've found the boys who pushed the both of you. Do you want to call them in?"

The bald man was in charge of the camp. He was shocked when he heard that Theodore had an accident on his grounds. Theodore glanced at him and answered, "Sure."

The bald man soon brought in the two boys. They looked about seven or eight, and they were the ones who accidentally pushed Ariana and Theodore down the slope.

When their parents saw Theodore, they felt intimidated and didn't dare to say anything that might offend him. Instead, they repeatedly urged their children to apologize.

Theodore glanced over at Ariana, who was sitting quietly in the corner. Seeing that she had her head down, he could tell that she was absent-minded.

He clenched his fists and coughed. He didn't want to pursue the matter any further, but said a few words and dismissed them.

Horace was surprised at how lenient Theodore was. He suddenly understood why when he noticed Theodore staring at Ariana. Men in love would never waste energy on people they considered unimportant.

After some negotiation, Theodore got Horace to take Alina back to the car. Although he was satisfied with the date, he didn't want to sleep in the camp because the bedding was too hard. So they returned.