

Chapter 582 Quit Chasing Things You'll Never Have

Adah carried an effortless charm that drew people in, and when she purposely lowered her tone into a coy whisper, her magnetism became irresistible.

Lance, still unseasoned and naive, had no chance of resisting a temptation like that.

Until now, Lance had only met refined young women. No matter if their charm was genuine or rehearsed, they always carried themselves with elegance. Adah, with her lively and daring manner, was unlike anyone he had ever known. His cheeks turned red before he even managed to get a single word out.

Adah found amusement in his nervousness, and the more embarrassed he became, the more she wanted to toy with him. Wearing a mischievous smile, she stretched out her hand, preparing to rush forward and brush his cheek.

But the moment Adah moved closer, Elliana's sharp look cut her off.

Adah stopped at once. Since Elliana disapproved of her flirting, she wouldn't dare push any further.

Elliana refused to let Adah toy with Lance, for she understood that Adah had no sincere feelings toward him. Adah's games came from nothing more than boredom, and Lance was simply a distraction for her.

Elliana did not mind when Adah teased other men, yet Lance was strictly off-limits. He belonged to the Evans family, he was Cole's cousin, and above all, he was her mentee. Watching him turn into Adah's toy was something she would never allow.

Adah flashed an awkward grin and propped herself against the doorway wall, holding back from making another move.

Lance let out a quiet breath, thankful Adah had decided not to come over and tease him. Yet, a small sting of disappointment crept in. Even with his unease, part of him secretly welcomed her attention.

Eliana turned to Lance and Jeff with a firm voice. "If there's nothing more for you here, then it's time to go. Don't come back unless I say you can."

Lance and Jeff exchanged a glance and obeyed, stepping out without protest.

As they passed through the elaborate iron gate, they spotted Taylor still waiting nearby. The sight made them both roll their eyes.

Taylor ignored their annoyance and quickly asked, "So, what did you two do in there?"

Of course, neither Lance nor Jeff had any intention of giving Taylor the truth.

"I'm only here trying to find the cat," Jeff replied, glancing around as if it might leap out at any moment.

When Taylor noticed them coming out with nothing, he asked, "So, you didn't find it?"


Lance glanced at him with indifference. "No, we didn't. We're heading back now. What about you?"

Taylor shifted his eyes toward the mansion and broke into a flattering grin. "Jason told me earlier that he doesn't like Lilah. He didn't come here to chase after her..."

"So you believe that gives you a chance now, huh?" Lance retorted, casting a mocking look at his brother. "You'd better drop that idea. Even if Jason didn't come here to pursue Lilah, you still don't stand a chance."

Taylor nearly asked why everyone kept saying the same thing, but Lance added with a cold glare, "That's enough. Quit chasing things you'll never have. Go home and stop making a fool of yourself!"

Taylor fell silent, not daring to argue any longer. Lance had always been the older brother who kept him under control. Whenever Lance ordered

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him to go home, he could only comply. His fame as a star meant nothing
in front of Lance's authority.

Soon after, Taylor trailed behind Lance and Jeff as they left together.

At last, calm returned to the entrance of Rosewood Villa.

Watching the scene through the security cameras, Elliana finally let out
a breath of relief.

By then, the sun had disappeared completely, and darkness had begun to
settle in.

Elliana thought of treating herself to a soothing hot bath before settling
in for a restful night's sleep. Tomorrow, she intended to visit Ublento
Medical University to investigate issues related to the Medical Codex.

Right at that moment, her phone started ringing once more. When she
looked down at her phone, she noticed the call was from Ruben.

After hesitating for a brief moment, Elliana picked up and greeted him
with respect. "Ruben."


Ruben's tone came alive with excitement. "Elliana, is that truly you? You
never changed your number, and I was still able to reach you through the
old one!"

As she recalled the time Ruben sent reliable bodyguards to shield her in
Cadena, she smiled with gratitude. "Ruben, is there something you're
calling me about?"

Ruben's response came with urgency. "Yes, absolutely, there's a lot I
need to tell you! Elliana, do you resent me for what happened? I told you
to pull back at the time so we wouldn't make things worse with the
Campbell family, and later, I failed to protect you. That failure left you
facing those hardships in Cadena..."

His words trailed into a long, regretful sigh that carried the weight of his
remorse.

Although his choices had left her in a difficult spot, Elliana could still see
the reasoning behind them. As the Evans family's matriarch, Ruben was
bound to protect them all, and she knew his decisions came from that
duty.

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A light laugh escaped Elliana before she answered, "Ruben, I don't place blame on anyone."


Hearing her say that only made Ruben's remorse heavier, and he released another deep sigh.

Once he finished sighing, Ruben's voice shifted to one of sudden excitement. "Elliana, I've got good news! Cole and Wanda broke off their engagement. The truth is, it wasn't the Campbell family targeting you at all—it was Eva and Wanda acting on their name."

Elliana pressed her lips together tightly when she heard his words. Even though Eva was Ruben's daughter, he spoke of Eva as though she were no more than a stranger.

Confusion settled over Elliana, and she asked, "Ruben, what exactly are you trying to say?"



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