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Chapter 98

It was only seven in the morning, but that had been the plan. We needed an early flight to make the most of the day. I'd booked a cabin in the mountains, with a huge hot tub and a heated pool beside a big fireplace.

Booking that mountain cabin had felt a little excessive. I'd planned a solo getaway to clear my head, but when Winona agreed to come, it suddenly felt perfect. Maybe, together, we'd finally figure out what was growing between us.

I took her suitcase in my left hand. With my right, I reached for her fingers and laced them with mine. The morning air felt crisp as we stepped outside. I locked the door, led her to the car, and we drove through quiet streets, sipping coffee while the sun began to rise.

"Wake up, Winona. We made it," I said, nudging her shoulder gently.

She fell asleep soon after the plane took off and stayed asleep for the entire flight, her head resting on my shoulder. When she finally opened her eyes, she gave me a soft smile.

"You should've woken me up, Davidson. Or did you just sit here the whole time, bored out of your mind?" she asked, her words carried on a sleepy laugh.

"I didn't mind. You looked so peaceful I didn't dare wake you. Besides, wait until you see the pictures I took of you," I said, trying not to laugh.

“What? Don’t tell me you took pictures of me sleeping,” she said, narrowing her eyes at me.

I laughed, wrapping an arm around her waist as we walked off the plane together. I made sure to grab our luggage before we left. Once we reached the terminal, I walked her to the car I’d reserved for the trip.

Our cabin was deep in the mountains, about a two-hour drive from the airport. By then, my nerves had faded, replaced by a quiet excitement. I wanted these days with her—just the two of us—far from the noise of the world and the gossip swirling at work. Out there, it would be only us and the endless stretch of mountains.

“I’m glad we’re doing this. I needed this break with you,” I murmured as I drove toward the cabin.

“Just you and me,” she said with a smile, leaning over to squeeze my knee. She left her hand there for a moment before turning back to the window, taking everything in.

The scenery around us was breathtaking.

I glanced at her, catching the light in her eyes as she watched every detail pass by. She looked completely enchanted, a wide smile on her face. Without thinking, I reached over and covered her hand with mine. Winona laced her fingers with mine, turned to give me another warm smile, then went back to watching the view.

We didn’t talk much on the drive. The silence felt natural, broken only by the soft music on the radio.

When we finally arrived at the cabin, we sat there for a moment, taking it all in. It looked even better than I'd imagined.

"Wow," she breathed, her voice reflecting exactly what I was thinking.