

Flirtacious 1171

Chapter 1171 Become A Father Again

After finding out that Johanna was pregnant, Loraine helped her into the car carefully. Loraine was afraid that the younger woman would injure herself. When they arrived home, she also refused to leave Johanna unsupervised.

Her actions rendered Johanna speechless. "You don't have to worry so much. I can navigate my way at home just fine."

"We need to take extra care as the child's development isn't stable in its first three months," Loraine said as she helped Johanna into the living room. She prepared some peaches and carried them over before continuing, "Should we give Mr. Timothy a call and inform him of the news?"

"No. I'll tell him myself when he returns." It wasn't as if it was Johanna's first time being pregnant. Besides, she did not want to interfere with Timothy's work.

Loraine merely hummed in response before hurrying off to prepare food that was good for pregnant women.

Asel, who had gone on an outing with her nanny, came back around ten o'clock in the morning. Holding a bright yellow balloon in her hand, the little girl appeared in high spirits.

Asel jumped into Johanna's arms the moment she spotted her mother.

Johanna propped the little girl onto her lap. Although she could not see Asel, she knew that the pretty little girl had chubby pinchable cheeks.

"Asel, you're going to have a little
not understand the words spoken by
smarter than an ordinary child. Moreover, her nanny
many words even though

to Amanda. Lowering her head, she planted a kiss on the little girl's face. "When Daddy comes back, we'll go

"Okay!" Asel giggled.

her pregnancy, but Johanna felt slightly sluggish. She felt very
and napped for some time. Since she could not see, her hearing was unusually sharp. When she woke up,

the familiar scent. She reached a hand

"When did you return?"

Johanna up and sat down

a lot earlier in the afternoon. Could you get me

from the coffee table

asked curiously, "Loraine appeared to be incredibly excited when I came back. She told me you
sip from her

Chapter 1172 Do Not Blame Yourself

Earlier that morning, Benson Corporation had declared bankruptcy as Jiminy Benson had acquired a debt of more than a billion.

Timothy had hurriedly departed that morning to deal with the fallout of the incident.

Timothy's father and Jiminy had an amicable relationship because of their friendship. While Timothy could help Charlotte out, he was unable to loan the Benson family money because the debt was not merely hundreds of millions but more than a billion. It was a bottomless pit that could not be filled easily.

Jiminy had been arrested in Xedells but had not been extradited yet. Due to the fact the Benson family's assets would eventually be sequestered by the court, Timothy arranged for Charlotte and her family to stay at a hotel temporarily.

Throughout this period, Timothy had been busy taking care of Johanna and had not contacted Armand for some time due to the resentment he felt.

After Timothy had settled Charlotte and her family at the hotel, he chatted with the latter. It was only then he found out that Armand and Genevieve were dead, and the two children were currently under Cooper's care.

Cooper had kept the matter a secret from the children.

During the journey home, Timothy was unable to return to his senses. He called Cooper, finding out from the latter regarding what had happened to Genevieve in Lostaria and how Armand had willingly followed her to her death.

Cooper replied faintly, "I know you did it for Johanna, so don't be too hard on yourself."

There was no way Timothy would not blame himself.

doctor release her from the hypnosis and forced her to travel to Lostaria in

If I had known...

informed Armand beforehand and tried to come up with another way to

Timothy's expression, but when the latter was silent for a long time, she
they've gone to stay at the Zeigler residence for New Year. I heard that
was aware of Herbert's poor

for her and Armand to visit the Zeigler

"Armand and the others can visit when he's not as busy. Would you

further. "Yes,

residence for several days, Cooper and the two children returned to Jadeborough on

had happened in the past

Xedells, died on the way back. As the police had not publicly announced the cause of death, rumors of Jiminy taking his own life ran rampant. Benson Corporation was

and one of the biggest real estate

no one else from the Benson family inherited Jiminy's assets after his death, naturally, there was no need to pay off the

Corporation going bankrupt

children. If it hadn't been for Timothy's quick thinking in making arrangements for Charlotte and return, she

Jensen came by with lots of presents the other day. He even had

Chapter 1173 Doing The Dirty Work

Amanda was noticeably taller after the past few months. When she stood on tiptoe, she could comfortably rest her head on Sally's stomach. Sally, who stood at one hundred and seventy centimeters, froze and could not help but ask, "What are you doing, Mandy?"

"Oh, Aunt Sally, I was wondering if you were having a baby." Amanda continued seriously, "If both Aunt Jojo and you bear one, I'll have a lot of friends to play with next time!"

Sally was amused by the little girl's comments.

Cooper overheard their chat as he returned from answering the phone. "Jerry called to ask us to dinner at the club," he said, ignoring the subject of the conversation.

Sally was aware that the Pann family carried considerable authority in Xedells. They had always kept a low profile and stayed out of other cities' affairs.

Despite her knowledge of the Pann family's reputation, she did not know Jerry personally.

Cooper had obviously told Sally about the meal with the purpose of having her join it. Therefore, after patting Amanda on the head, she followed the man outside.

Cooper, who was in the passenger seat as they drove away from Swallow Garden, stated bluntly, "You won't become pregnant."

a doubtful glance at the

azoospermia,"

Amanda's earlier comments and wish for

a long time, but

on his palm and gazed out the window.

and have no plans

and teased her, "But you and Mandy get along great, and you treat her so well. You didn't appear to be she's

Imperial Club, the two

had arrived early and was sitting in a

his short, sky-blue hair and casual

an actor

role do you have that requires you to have

ashtray and replied, "It doesn't

the menu, Cooper took a gulp of his coffee and said, "Charlotte

Chapter 1174 Trouble With Emotions

Cooper paused in his flipping through the documents to consider Jerry's words. He understood what the man meant when he said the Pann family had to do the dirty work. "Beatrix's and Eurydice's mothers were very close. If the Gaudette family needed money, the Lowes were always willing to lend a hand. Eurydice is certain to exact revenge now that her cousin has been bullied."

Jerry conceded, "This was all my fault. I shouldn't have underestimated Beatrix."

When Beatrix bullied Charlotte back then, he had sent his men to teach the former a lesson, even being bold enough to claim responsibility for the situation.

The Gaudette family must have heard about the matter and held a grudge against him for it.

Jerry did not expect the situation at Jadeborough would change so drastically once Armand died. The Gaudette family immediately seized the opportunity to weaken the Zanes' and Loakes' political influence.

Furthermore, the Gaudette family attempted to implicate the Pann family as well.

In the past, Jerry would have ignored the situation since he did not want to become involved with politics. However, he could not turn a blind eye now that he was affiliated with Charlotte.

Sally rested her arm along the back of her chair and continued, "With her father's high-ranking position, she must exercise extreme

when the Gaudette family attempted to

was able to tell Eurydice's true colors after

not handle the situation herself. He said to Jerry, "You need to explain things to Charlotte clearly

smile, "How am I supposed to

fact, Jerry had never disclosed his family background to Charlotte either, leading her to believe he was only a small-time

father's death, he was certain she would

he felt terrified. He did not dare to tell

defeating the Gaudette family in order to avenge

to Cooper, "Even if my influence is in Xedells and I have no

darkened as he glanced at the list. "It appears

are looking for a replacement." After taking a sip of wine, Jerry continued, "Mr. Gaudete's political career appears to be the most promising of the five candidates. He handled his responsibilities well as the city's deputy mayor. Even people outside his coalition were impressed by his

Chapter 1175 She Understood His Troubles

The meal dragged on until around eight in the evening, whereby they finally managed to wrap up their discussion.

On the way home, Cooper's brows were furrowed as he recalled the names of all the prominent individuals on the list that were backing the Gaudette family.

Sally's gaze strayed to the man seated in the passenger seat even though she was driving.

He had a troubled look that Sally knew meant he had a lot on his mind.

How could they stand against the Gaudette family without support when even her father and Robert had failed?

Overthrowing the Gaudette family would be far from an easy task.

Sally pursed her lips and refrained from speaking as she wasn't used to comforting others.

Cooper's voice sounded shortly after. "Steven managed to unearth all information on Ninette from her childhood till now. Her parents ran a small business, and she never owned luxury goods. Neither was she acquainted with any affluent progenies. In addition, their bank accounts showed no trace of having transacted significant amounts of money. She seemed to have been chosen by the school as a concierge for the meeting due to her looks since her records are clean. Unfortunately, however, she was raped. At the moment, all evidence points to Gerald being the perpetrator."

never do such a thing. My mom has faith in him

to Sally sternly as soon as she'd heard the news of Gerald's incident. "Your dad must

taken a fall when she was pregnant with Sally, causing her to give birth prematurely. That experience then became the

garner support to prove her husband's innocence, none was willing

attack, and she passed away soon after due to failing to take her medication

was unconvinced that
clue who Ninette had made a
Ninette's self-preservation instincts would compel her to give up
uttered a sound
Robert's residence after
the living room and poured her a cup of coffee. "I've
be reinstated to his former position as the truth was that
for him to vindicate Gerald without the authority of
other ways to clear my father's name. You should take care of yourself." Sally sipped from her cup of
flickered as he saw the

Chapter 1176 Not Entirely Due To The Deal

Robert's lips quivered as he had more to say.
Sally raised her head and smiled faintly at him. "You don't have to worry. The deal is not the only reason
I married him."

"Okay. Drive safely." He knew how opinionated Sally was and that she had everything under control.

It was already 11 p.m. by the time Sally reached Swallow Garden.

The help had long since fallen asleep. Sally unlocked the door and went upstairs to the bedroom, where
Cooper was sitting in front of the floor-to-ceiling windows in long sleeve pajamas.

There was a laptop on the coffee table before him. It seemed like he still had work to do.

"I thought you wouldn't be coming back tonight." Cooper voiced his surprise as the sound of the door
opening caught his attention.

"Where would I be staying if I don't return?" Sally replied while heading to the bathroom for a shower.

Cooper had finished up his work when she stepped out of the bathroom.

his temples. "I'll be leaving for Xedells tomorrow

she hadn't expected him to leave for Xedells early the next day

I send you

I'll be bringing my

as the heater was on. It clung to her skin and contrasted starkly

others from coming close, only permitting others to admire her beauty

around her waist, pulling her against him as his fingers

Sally lowered hers and caught
do it yourself?" He lowered the straps
mumbled a vague reply and buried her fingers
of her free time while Cooper was on his business trip to bring the two little ones on a helicopter ride
around Chanaea, where they visited all the fun attractions in
himself as he became more proficient in communicating with the control
in Springwyn and bought them two buckets of plasticine.
had been playing upstairs when he decided to
up information regarding Edward previously. I've since found something," Lucian explained as he
showed his screen
of the day Edward passed

Chapter 1177 You Kidnapped Cooper

After she had hung up the phone, Sally recalled her last visit to the prison. She had asked Gerald about the bullets, but Gerald had told her that he had signed too many documents and that it was impossible for him to remember everything.

Both the gun and the bullets were taken by Dad. He was the one who signed the slip. How does one simply forget something like this?

Nonetheless, Sally refused to believe that Gerald would kill Ethan.

Just as Sally was lost in a daze, her phone rang again.

"Sally, Cooper's with me."

Upon hearing Stefan's voice, Sally instantly regained her senses. "Where are you? Did you kidnap Cooper?"

To her dismay, Stefan ended the call without another word.

Panicked, Sally quickly called Stefan's number, but no one picked up.

Stefan had never liked Cooper because Sally had married him to save the Loake family. Worried that her brother would do something to harm Cooper, Sally immediately rang Steven.

surprise, Steven was already in

With a solemn expression, he pulled Sally to the side. "We

the men would get it sorted. It was out of the norm for Steven to

Sally to piece together the clues and figure out the culprit. Her expression darkened as she let out a low hiss. "Stefo has kidnapped Cooper. Look after the kids. I'll go

sudden news. "No wonder all my calls to Cooper kept ending up in voicemail. He went on

After leaving Steven with

hour later, Sally arrived at Baykeep on a helicopter.

Stefan picked

Stefo?" Sally's tone was ice-cold. "Cooper is not an enemy to the Loake family.

you guys previously

the hotel and dashed to the topmost floor of the building. Reining in her temper,

door was opened

was wearing a plain hoody. The short hair above his forehead was slightly ruffled. Paired with

speak, Sally raised her hand and slapped him harshly across the cheek. Her expression was dark.

"Marrying Cooper was my decision. Didn't I ask you not

had always advised her to take care of Stefan, Sally would not hesitate

throbbing on his cheek, Stefan turned his head to face Sally

Chapter 1178 Guilt

Stefan turned a deaf ear to the person behind him. After injecting the liquid into Cooper and removing the needle, he grabbed Cooper by the hair and slammed him into the wall with tremendous force.

The sudden pain at the back of Cooper's head jolted him awake.

Opening his eyes, he tried to make sense of what was happening around him. When he regained his vision focus and saw the person in front of him, his expression darkened as something clicked inside his head.

Cooper spoke up in a hoarse voice. "Ninette was the one who invited me, yet you were the one who showed up."

Initially, Cooper would have finished his work that morning and be back in Jadeborough by the afternoon. Suddenly, Ninette texted him and inquired if he was in Baykeep, saying that she wanted to have a meal with him.

Since Cooper wanted to extract information from Ninette, he jumped at the opportunity.

Cooper was a cautious man, but he had not expected the invitation from Ninette to be a trap. Yet, the trap was not set by Ninette but by Stefan.

"That's right. I'm the one that Ninette is working with." Stefan tilted his head as he spoke plainly, not bothering to hide the truth.

elevator. I absolutely despise that kid. She's not

glowered at

been drugged, causing all of his muscles to be paralyzed, he would have ripped

was working with Ninette, the one who tainted

had grown up with, a

icily. "Your parents passed away when you were young. It was Dad who adopted you and treated you like his own son. He could

Stefan whipped his body around to glare at Sally. "If it wasn't for him, my parents

brows drew together. "What are you talking

filled with hostility. "The position of commanding officer belonged to my dad. It was Gerald who killed him. And before you try to say anything, this is not a misunderstanding. I heard about

birthday, and his group of friends went all out to celebrate. By the

he passed by Gerald's bedroom, he heard Gerald talking to his

night. Ridden by

men were of the same rank, and both of them were after the

did and was more experienced, Marcus had better leadership skills. Having

Marcus would be injured. That way,

Chapter 1179 Go Back On His Word

Stefan clenched his teeth in fury as he recounted the night. His eyes were bloodshot from the rage he was feeling.

As for Sally, disbelief was written all over her face.

She had always believed that Marcus had sacrificed himself to save Gerald, so Gerald had brought Stefan home to raise him. She thought the reason Gerald was always nice to Stefan and never had the heart to hit him was because of the guilt he felt.

As it turned out, she was partially correct. Gerald did feel guilty, but the guilt stemmed from directly causing the death of his friend.

Stefan took a few deep breaths to calm himself down before continuing, "During that time, I felt as though I was living in a daze. I loathed Gerald. I wanted to kill him, but he had raised me. Besides, my real father is dead. What good would revenge do? So I pretended. I pretended not to know the truth and forgave him. Yet, he had the audacity to go back on his word."

He looked at Sally. Hatred filled his eyes as he bared his teeth. "I told him that I like you and that I don't want you to marry Ethan. He said okay, yet after a while, he went to find Ethan. He even told me that you could only ever be my sister. Once you've married Ethan, it would be easier for me to get promoted once I join the army. It was only then I found out that Ethan had decided to return from the frontlines and take over Robert's position so that he could marry you."

Sally tightened her grip on the blanket. Her pitch-black eyes stared frostily into Stefan's. "So you killed him?"

word! It was Ethan's fault for coming back and dreaming of marrying you!" Stefan roared like a
to give you to me

had come up with countless theories about Ethan's death. Never would she have imagined the killer of
her one true

the bullet casing, but

of Sally's eyes, Stefan leaned closer and wiped away her tears with his fingers. "Sally, you're mine. You
told me that you'll always be by my side. You must not go back on

turn her face away, but try as she might, she

as you can. Otherwise, once I can move again, I will kill

thumb across her cool lips as his

down and kissed her on

enough for Sally to talk, so her closed lips were easily

was like a dead fish on a

so insane. He wanted to move, but he, too, had been injected with anesthetics. He

Chapter 1180 Not Good News

After a long while, Stefan removed the shirt that was covering Sally's eyes.

Satisfaction was written all over his face. He lowered his face to kiss Sally before whispering, "You're
mine, Sally. Always and forever..."

Just as he had finished speaking, he felt a sharp pain at the back of his head.

Warm blood splashed unto Sally's face and neck as Stefan's limp body fell onto the bed. Even as his head
rolled onto her shoulder, Sally did not even blink.

It was as though her soul had left her body. Her eyes were as empty as a blackhole.

After the trigger was pulled, the gun slipped out of Cooper's hand. He collapsed by the bed and lay still
for a long time, gasping for air.

It took another half an hour for the drug's effect to wear off before Cooper felt himself regaining control
over his muscles.

Picking up the clothes on the floor, Cooper took out a phone and made a phone call before making his
way to the bed.

Stefan's blood had soaked the pillow red while some of it was splattered onto Sally's face.

If it weren't for the slow rising and falling of Sally's chest, Cooper would have thought that the bullet had
hit the woman as well.

away and patted her cheeks gently. Seeing that she did not respond, he carried her into

the bathtub at high speed. As the
towel was soaked, he
or the tenderness of Cooper's movements, but Sally's blank eyes slowly
clean her face on her own. Soon, she became her usual silent and
wash, Sally got out of the bathtub and accepted the clothes Cooper had handed her. Her voice was still a
little hoarse as she
hotel. She had no contact with the people that would help
Cooper's gaze swept across Sally's face. When he
brought
By the time they got out of the hotel, it was
against
Sally's shoulder, but
cold. I'm gonna go buy
the past, which was why she knew that there was a pharmacy and a convenience store around
the pharmacist took out the drug she wanted from the cabinets. Upon receiving the pill, she swallowed
it on the spot before
Sally into the pharmacy, his
not
a glimpse of Sally going into the convenience store and buying herself a pack of
held a cigarette by her lips as she lit it up with her other hand. Her shoulder-length hair was blown all
over the place by the night breeze. She was wearing a black sweater and jeans, which