

Kendalls 611

Chapter 611 Strong Tea

Twenty minutes later.

Dylan instructed Ronnie to bring over a set of clean clothes, and once the clothes had been brought to him, he threw them to Frank.

"Go and change in the bathroom. Don't drip all over my floors and don't sit on my couch when you're soaking wet."

After hearing what Kendall said, Dylan went out with a dark expression and allowed his enemy to come into the house.

Frank caught the clothes Dylan tossed over.

He had been drenched in the rain and wearing his wet clothes all evening. When he entered the house, the air-conditioning made him feel even colder.

"Thanks."

Frank's lips were quivering as he took the clothes to the bathroom with Amos' help and got changed.

Ronnie had brought his own clothes over. He and Frank were of similar height, but he was a little heavier than Frank. The latter didn't have much of an appetite lately and had lost a ton of weight, so Ronnie's clothes looked baggy on him.

Nevertheless, it was better than wearing wet clothing.

Frank was feeling a lot better by the time he came out of the bathroom.

He walked over to Dylan and sat down, but as soon as he did, he started sneezing.

Dylan frowned in displeasure, but he was also eyeing Frank in amusement.

Kendall's right. Since Frank's providing me with all the fodder I need to mock him, I should accept it. When else would I get to see him looking this pathetic?

"Amos, prepare some tea for President Mendelson," Dylan instructed.

Amos acknowledged his order and left.

It's the middle of the night but Young Master Dylan is asking me to prepare tea for President Mendelson. It's as if he's doing it on purpose to make sure President Mendelson doesn't get to sleep tonight.

I suppose President Mendelson wouldn't be getting any sleep either way.

"Start talking."

After seeing Frank in his woeful state, Dylan's mood improved a lot.

He leaned against the couch and gestured for Frank to begin his venting.

"I just feel so frazzled, Dylan."

Frank's heart was a mess, but he didn't know where to begin.

"I'm sure Mrs. Taylor knows where Amelia is. I waited outside Taylor Residence the whole day. I stood under the blazing sun and the heavy rain, but she refused to tell me anything. Dylan, I know you want nothing more than to see me suffer, and I won't harbor any hope that you'll help me, but I still want to

ask you this. Can you help me ask your wife and find out where Amelia is, please? I can give you anything you want in return."

Dylan chuckled. "I want Mendelson Group. Are you going to give it to me?"

Frank was dumbstruck.

"See? You didn't mean what you said, so why should I help you?"

Frank sneezed a couple of times before replying, "I can give you my shares in Mendelson Group, but it doesn't belong to just me."

Thus, he could only give Dylan the portion he owned.

Dylan's eyes flickered thoughtfully.

"Are you truly willing to give me your shares in Mendelson Group in exchange for information regarding Amelia's whereabouts? You'll be left with nothing."

Frank chuckled bitterly. "I didn't know what love meant back then. When I met your wife, I still didn't know what love was. I pestered her and obsessed over her because I wanted the baby girl to come back to me. I kept thinking that the child was my daughter. I imagined what she looked like. I dreamed of her all the time. She was so adorable. When I found out that she wasn't my daughter, I was so disappointed and so reluctant to give up, but I had done terrible things to the two of you, so I had to give all the drawings of the baby girl to you. When I was down and depressed, it was always Amelia who stayed beside me, even though it was because I forced her to come over. I kept bickering with her. She pissed me off and I pissed her off too. We were like mortal enemies, but at some point, she entered my heart."

He started sneezing again.

Dylan frowned and snapped disdainfully, "Do you have some kind of contagious disease, Frank? Don't pass it on to me."

Then, he turned away and called out, "Ronnie."

Ronnie came into the living room.

"Young Master Dylan."

"Get a face mask for President Mendelson," Dylan instructed.

Ronnie glanced at Frank before acknowledging the command and heading off to find a face mask.

"I don't have a contagious disease," Frank muttered stiffly.

He was simply coming down with a cold after being in the rain.

Amelia wasn't around to prepare some ginger tea for him.

If she was here with him, she would have cursed at him and said she wished he would meet his doom sooner, but at the same time, she would prepare a heaping mug of ginger tea with plenty of ginger to sting his throat.

Frank never realized just how blissful it was to have a woman taking care of him.

Ronnie came back with a face mask. He held it out to Frank.

Frank took the face mask. When he saw that the clothes Ronnie wore looked identical to the set he had borrowed, he asked, "Do these clothes I'm wearing belong to you?"

"Yes, they're mine. It's an honor that I get to lend my clothes to President Mendelson."

Frank was speechless.

The person he was most jealous of right now was Ronnie.

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"If you don't like the clothes, you can take them off," Dylan piped up.

Dylan had done it on purpose. He intentionally wanted Frank to wear Ronnie's clothes.

Frank silently put on the face mask.

It was already kind enough of Dylan to get Ronnie to lend him a set of clothes. He couldn't afford to be picky if he didn't want to get back into his wet clothes.

Dylan signaled for Ronnie to leave.

It was his way of letting Frank preserve some dignity by not making the latter humiliate himself over Amelia in front of Ronnie.

In reality, Frank lost all dignity a long time ago.

Ronnie knew that Frank had sorted through an entire pan of sesame seeds for Amelia's sake.

Meanwhile, Amos was done with the tea, which he then poured for both Dylan and Frank.

Dylan didn't drink the tea. He was planning on going back to sleep with his wife later.

"You must've caught a cold in the rain, Frank. Have some hot tea to warm up first."

Frank thanked him and drank a few sips of tea.

The tea's so strong!

The caffeine in tea kept people awake, so there was no way he was going to sleep tonight, though it wasn't like he could sleep in the first place. Anyway, it was already past 3.00AM now.

"Dylan, help me ask your wife what she wants me to do before she's willing to tell me where Amelia is. Not being able to see Amelia has left me distraught. What if she can't think things through and isn't able to face me? What should I do then? I'm in my thirties and it's my first time developing true feelings for a woman."

"In the past, Kendall and I were forced to separate because of you. We were both agonized by that. At the time, my legs hadn't fully recovered yet and when my father-in-law took Kendall away, it felt as if the sky had come crashing down on me. The pain I felt was far, far more intense than what you're feeling now."

Whenever Dylan recalled the past, he became extremely unwilling to help the man in front of him.

"I'm sorry!"

Frank didn't know what else he could say apart from giving an apology.

He had done terrible things in the past when he tried to take Kendall away from Dylan.

Dylan was vengeful. He wasn't one to forgive and forget.

As for Kendall, she probably resented him because of his strange dream.

"Go home. We won't help you. We're already magnanimous enough for not attempting to stop you and Ms. Taylor from being together."

Dylan would've used this chance to sabotage Frank already if it hadn't been for the fact that Kendall cared a lot about Amelia, and also because Amelia did feel something for Frank too.

Chapter 612 All's Well if She's Well

"Kendall was extremely clear with you. Ms. Taylor has simply gone on holiday to clear her head and take her mind off things. It's not as if she's never coming back, so why are you this anxious? If you're that impatient, try and find her yourself. See if the two of you are meant to be or not. If you do run into her abroad, then it means fate wants the two of you to be together, and even distance won't separate you."

Frank took a few gulps of tea.

"My men have been searching for her, but they haven't found her yet."

Frank had never felt as frantic and helpless as he did now.

"Dylan, I'll give you my shares in Mendelson Group, so can you please help me? Amelia is all I want now."

Dylan stared at Frank in silence.

He thought he was the man who was crazy in love and loved the most deeply.

Never would he have thought that Frank was even crazier than him. Now that Frank was in love, he loved far more deeply too.

His love burned so strongly that it made him lose all senses.

He's even willing to give me his shares in Mendelson Group just for Amelia's sake.

Dylan stood up. "It's very late. I need my rest. Go home once you're done with your tea. If you ever disrupt my sleep again, when Ms. Taylor comes back, I'll denigrate you in front of her and tell her to reject you."

"Trust me! I'll honor my word!"

When one was up against one's enemy, it was always crucial to hit them where it hurt. Thus, Dylan didn't hesitate at all to hit Frank where it hurt the most.

"I prefer defeating my opponent with my own capabilities!"

Dylan marched off, though he first instructed Amos, "Once President Mendelson is done with his tea, show him to the door."

"Yes, Young Master Dylan."

Frank had known that Dylan wouldn't be taking the shares he offered. After many years of rivalry, they understood each other fairly well.

They admired each other, but alas, a great man could not brook a rival.

Dylan went back upstairs.

He didn't care how long Frank stuck around.

Once he got back to his room, he pulled Kendall back into his arms and went back to sleep.

Hahaha. My life's so much better than Frank's!

The night resumed its silence.

When Dylan woke up the next day, Kendall was still sound asleep, so he got up and kissed her cheek before slipping out of bed to avoid stirring her.

A few minutes later, he took a seat on the couch downstairs.

He was dressed in a tracksuit as he planned on heading out for a morning run. When he asked Amos, he found out that it had been past 5.00AM when Frank finally left. Ronnie also had a sleepless night.

Thus, Dylan asked Amos to summon Ronnie.

Ronnie was fairly energetic but his dark eye circles betrayed his lack of sleep.

"Young Master Dylan," Ronnie came over and greeted respectfully.

Dylan gestured for Ronnie to take a seat.

Ronnie hesitated briefly before sitting down.

"You didn't sleep well last night?"

Dylan got straight to the point.

"It's only because President Mendelson only left when it was already past 5.00AM," Ronnie quickly explained.

Dylan stared at Ronnie.

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"Ronnie, you liked Amelia Taylor, right?"

"I did, and I still like her now, but that's not the same as love," Ronnie replied truthfully. "Although Ms. Taylor's interests are unusual, she's an outspoken and sincere young woman. Anyone who spends time with her will feel relaxed and at ease. She brings joy to others, and she's a lot like Young Mistress Kendall."

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Thus, even though Ronnie liked Amelia, he coldly rejected her confession as he didn't want her to know that he had feelings for her too.

He didn't want her to lead an exhausting life.

He didn't want her to grow bitter or become a scheming person who had to hurt others in order to survive.

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As the head of the family, Frank's word was law. He didn't have any domineering family elders and no one was able to interfere with his marriage. No matter whom he married, the Mendelson Family would accept his future wife without question.

Furthermore, the Mendelson Family wasn't bogged down by drama. If Amelia married Frank, she would be able to maintain her innocence and carry on pursuing her interests. She could live a blissful, carefree life of her choosing.

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Those words aptly represented Ronnie's feelings for Amelia.

As long as all was well with Amelia, Ronnie would feel as if his world was brighter too.

"You won't regret this?" Dylan asked.

Ronnie smiled.

After working with Dylan for many years now, he was influenced by the latter and had become a reserved and indifferent man who rarely smiled.

However, he was smiling now.

A genuine smile.

"I never do anything I'd regret, Young Master Dylan," Ronnie declared.

Dylan eyed Ronnie silently for a moment before saying, "Since you don't regret your decision, don't be affected by this any longer. It's true that Amelia isn't the right one for you. I'm sure you'll meet a wonderful woman who's right for you one day."

"No. Wonderful women wouldn't be right for me. Only a woman who can be vicious and cunning while still maintaining some sense of human decency would suit me."

If a kindhearted woman married him, the Muller Family would rip her to pieces.

"Young Master Dylan, I can say this now because I'm able to accept things for what they are. I won't be affected by them again. Thank you for being concerned about me."

Since Ronnie was able to reject Amelia from the start, he was also able to accept Amelia's relationship with Frank.

That being said, it still felt good to see Frank being that jealous of him.

Dylan rose and said plainly, "Come with me then. Let's run for a bit."

Ronnie immediately cast a worried glance at Dylan's legs.

"What are you looking at? I can walk now, so what's the problem if I went running? Are you doubting me?"

Ronnie hastily replied, "You've recovered a lot, Young Master Dylan, but as for running... I think you should wait a little longer. What if you end up injuring yourself? Young Mistress Kendall would be heartbroken and she'd give us a good beating too. She's pregnant now so it's best if she doesn't get

upset. She shouldn't be physically exerting herself too much either."

Dylan couldn't protest.

He knew how to hit Frank where it hurt the most last night, and in a similar fashion, Ronnie knew the right buttons to push when it came to him.

"Why don't I accompany you on a walk, Young Master Dylan? We can have a leisurely stroll."

Dylan pursed his lips and walked off. "Follow me to the animal compound."

Ronnie wasn't surprised. He knew that Dylan had already overcome his fear of furry animals for Kendall's sake.

Chapter 613 Practicing Beforehand

"Amos, if Kendall wakes up, tell her that I'm taking a walk outside and that I'll be back soon," Dylan instructed before leaving with Ronnie.

He was worried that Kendall would be anxious if she woke up and didn't see him around.

"Are you planning to walk all the way, Young Master Dylan?" Ronnie asked.

The animal compound was quite far away from Dylan's residence. It was a long walk and Ronnie was concerned that Dylan's legs might start acting up.

Furthermore, it would take some time for them to walk to and from the animal compound, which could end up delaying Dylan and Kendall's breakfast.

"Go and bring two bicycles over."

Dylan couldn't remember the last time he rode a bicycle.

When he was younger, he would often ride around the place with his younger brothers.

At the time, Alice was only a little over a year old, and every time he went out on a bicycle, she would cry and insist on tagging along with him.

He had no choice but to install a child's seat on his bicycle to take her around with him.

However, as he got older, he no longer had the time to ride around on a bicycle with his younger brothers.

Over a decade had passed since then, and it remained to be seen whether Dylan still knew how to ride a bicycle.

"You haven't ridden a bicycle in a while, Young Master Dylan. You might've gotten rusty. How about an electric scooter instead?"

"A bicycle will do. Since it's been a while, I should get some practice. Once I get the hang of it again, I can take Kendall out on a ride when we're free. I have a feeling that Kendall still can't remember the way back to the house yet."

Ronnie smiled without responding. He agreed that it was quite likely.

Young Mistress Kendall is only familiar with the paths near the house. She'd most likely get lost if she strolled around the entire Coleman Residence.

Since Dylan wanted to practice before taking Kendall out on a ride, Ronnie went to the garage and brought back two bicycles.

Coleman Residence was far too extensive. It would take too long to walk to places that were a little further away, so there were bicycles and electric scooters at every house. It was more convenient for them to ride around to the other buildings.

Although it had been a long time since Dylan last rode a bicycle, he still knew how to do it.

Initially, he fumbled around and his bicycle would swerve left and right. It looked as if he was about to fall at any time.

Ronnie was so alarmed that his hair stood on end as he followed behind on a bicycle of his own.

A few minutes later, Dylan got the hang of it again.

The two of them rode in single file.

Emily was walking with a tray in her hands. She had prepared a hearty, nutritious soup specifically for Kendall and was bringing it to her. Fergus came along to keep her company.

"It's still early. I don't think Kendall's awake yet," Fergus piped up while walking. "All of you keep bringing her soup every day. I think she's beginning to develop a phobia of soup. Didn't you notice that Dylan's been putting on weight these days?"

"We need to go early to be the first. Once Kendall wakes up, she can have the soup I prepared for her, and as long as she's well-fed, our granddaughter will be healthy too. People are always in good spirits when good things are happening to them. Dylan's about to become a father, and since he's overjoyed, his appetite has improved as well. It's not surprising that he put on some weight."

Despite saying so, Emily did not pay any attention to Dylan and had no idea whether he had gained any weight.

Ever since she found out that Kendall was pregnant, she had been focusing entirely on her daughter-in-law.

She disliked Kendall so much in the past, but now, everything had changed completely.

In fact, she would even be willing to wait on Kendall herself.

"Kendall's so busy all day. She must be exhausted, so we must ensure she's well-nourished."

Fergus paused before reminding, "Dear, regardless of whether Kendall gives birth to a boy or a girl, we're still going to love our grandchild. Don't keep referring to the baby as your granddaughter in front of Kendall. She'll feel pressured to have a daughter."

"All the women who marry Coleman men feel pressured to have a daughter," Emily retorted. "All the women out there know that the Colemans prioritize daughters. Think about it. No daughters were born throughout the last five generations of your family. Even when it came to Dylan's generation, there have been a total of fifteen sons. Ally's the only girl. Everyone says that the Colemans are like a monastery. Now, I can empathize with your mother's feelings when she yearned for a granddaughter back then."

Two bicycles whizzed past Fergus and Emily.

They halted instinctively.

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Fergus stared after the bicycles and replied, "I think it's Dylan and Ronnie."

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Fergus smiled and said, "It's good that you've had a change of heart now. Two of our sons are still unmarried, but you don't need to get involved in their relationships. Let them find the person they love themselves. Our boys are good judges of character."

Emily side-eyed Fergus before continuing down the path to Dylan's residence.

"I'm not worried about the two younger ones. Yoseph and Jane are already engaged so we don't need to worry about them. As for Matthew, there's no rush."

She hadn't been worried about Dylan's love life either back then. She had only started fretting after his accident.

Dylan had no clue what his parents were discussing behind his back and didn't care either. He continued riding the bicycle to the animal compound.

All those who saw him were surprised.

Some of the household staff even smiled and cried out cheerfully. "I saw Young Master Dylan riding a bicycle! How lucky of me. I'm going to buy a lottery ticket. I'm sure I'll win something."

On the other hand, the staff at the animal compound were shocked to see Dylan coming over.

They rushed out at once, and Alice came out after them. She was carrying a Persian cat in her arms.

"It's really you, Dylan!"

Alice thought the staff had given her the wrong information.

Why would Dylan come to the animal compound himself?

Kendall's pet was only allowed to enter Dylan's residence because of Dylan's love for her. Furthermore, he was the one who gave it to her, so it was a sign of their love as well.

That set it apart from the other animals.

Dylan didn't go in.

"Carry on with your work," Dylan instructed. "I'm not going in."

The staff exhaled in relief and swiftly cleared off.

"That's a pretty cat you have there, Ally," Dylan remarked.

Alice brightened up. "This is a Persian cat, Dylan. It's pretty, right? It's so adorable too. I love it so much. I've got quite a few Persian cats. Kendall likes them too. Why don't I give this to Kendall? You can take it back to her."

"No need. I just think it looks pretty. Kendall's pregnant right now. She shouldn't have too much contact with animals."

"All the animals here have been vaccinated and are free of any diseases or parasites like fleas. They're very safe."

The staff working at the animal compound had some degree of veterinary knowledge. There was also a team of veterinarians to ensure that all the animals were healthy and well taken care of.

"Young Master Dylan would like to buy one for Young Mistress Kendall himself," Ronnie stated boldly.

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Alice remained silent. That's true. With how domineering Dylan is, he wouldn't let Kendall accept a Persian cat from me.

She giggled and said, "Ignore what I said, Dylan. Since you're here, don't you want to go in and take a look?"

"I still don't like them. If I went in, I would just feel like getting rid of them."

The only furry animals that Dylan could stand were the ones Kendall raised.

"Are there animals that won't need to be avoided?" Dylan asked abruptly.

"A tortoise," Alice answered.

Ronnie stifled his laughter.

Dylan stared at Alice with a complicated look in his eyes.

"It's true, Dylan. Tortoises are easy to raise, and even though Kendall's pregnant, a tortoise wouldn't pose any risks to her. They're also a symbol of longevity, you know. Wouldn't it be great to have one?"

After a moment of silence, Dylan replied, "I think Kendall would rather keep some fish. Once they're all fattened up, they can be prepared for dinner."

"Kendall needs to maintain a balanced diet and shouldn't eat too much of one thing," Alice reminded.

Both Kendall and the baby needed to get the right amount of nutrients.

"Yes, she shouldn't be craving all sorts of things, so that's why we can't keep any animal that can be used for food around, lest her mouth starts watering."

Alice chuckled. Kendall does love to eat.

Alice saw Dylan pushing the bicycle back out so she hurriedly asked, "Can you give me a ride, Dylan? It's been so long since I got to ride on a bicycle with you."

She was about four or five when Dylan stopped taking her around on a bicycle, but she could still remember what it was like.

"I'll take you if you leave the cat behind, disinfect your hands, and make sure that you're completely free of cat fur. Hurry up. Kendall should be awake soon. I need to go back and drink some soup on her behalf."

Alice rushed back into the animal compound with her cat, ignoring the last thing Dylan said.

After washing her hands as quickly as possible, she took off the apron that protected her clothes from animal fur.

The animal compound provided fur-resistant aprons for those who didn't want to get covered in fur.

"I'm ready!" Alice happily climbed onto the back of Dylan's bicycle.

"Make sure you don't fall."

Dylan rode off on his bicycle with his sister sitting behind him.

He pedaled fairly quickly.

Alice grinned blissfully as she cried out, "It's so fun, Dylan! Go faster."

"Don't go so fast, Young Master Dylan! Wait for me!" Ronnie was trying to keep up with Dylan, but the latter ignored him.

Soon, they arrived at Dylan's residence.

"How did it feel, Ally?"

"It was amazing! Take me on a ride again when you're free, Dylan. I want to relive my childhood."

Dylan tapped Alice's forehead affectionately. "You wish! I'm just practicing so that I can take Kendall out on a ride. Since you think it's pretty fun, I have nothing to worry about then."

Alice was stupefied. Once again, she was forced to endure Dylan's display of affection when she least expected it.

"You're so mean, Dylan. I don't even know what it's like to be in a relationship yet and you keep showing off your relationship in front of me."

Dylan chuckled. "You're still young. There's no reason for you to get involved with anyone now. You can think about it in a few years. But, I'm telling you now. If you do get into a relationship, make sure you tell me. I'll help you check on the guy."

The two of them walked into the house.

"No one in Orapolis dares to go out with me," Alice grumbled. "Who would dare to start a relationship with me? As soon as they find out that I'm Alice Coleman, they avoid me like the plague. They say that if they date me, they'd feel like they're carrying the weight of fifteen mountains. It's too much pressure for them to handle. I'll be 24 next year, Dylan. I'm not a little girl anymore, so you guys should stop scaring off the guys around me. It's all your fault that I don't even know what it's like to be wooed by a guy."

Alice sighed. She was full of woe over the fact that she had fifteen older brothers and male cousins.

When she first started elementary school, she looked so adorable that a lot of boys liked to tease her. Sometimes, they went a little too far and would accidentally cause her to fall. Once, her arm ended up getting bruised.

The moment she got home, her brothers found out about it.

Dylan and all her other fourteen brothers and male cousins marched over to her school to stand up for her.

The little boys were petrified, and those who were the most cowardly even peed their pants.

From then on, Alice became famous among all the students for having fifteen older brothers and male cousins!

All throughout her schooling days, she was famous for being someone that no one dared to offend.

Naturally, a lot of girls tried to get on her good side in the hopes of becoming her sister-in-law.

Unfortunately, all her brothers and male cousins had extremely high standards. None of her schoolmates managed to win them over.

Alas. What a shame.

"24 isn't that old, and you're not even 24 yet."

"Kendall's only three years older than me and she's about to become a mother."

"That's because Kendall met a great man like me who's one in a billion," Dylan declared proudly. "She married young so that she can be doted on even sooner. Look at us right now. Our lives are filled with bliss and delight. All the singles are so jealous of us."

"I'm single too, Dylan."

Dylan didn't know what to say. I guess she really wants to experience what it's like being in love.

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Alica was stupafiad. Onca again, sha was forcad to andura Dylan's display of affaction whan sha laast axpectad it.

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Dylan chucklad. "You'ra still young. Thara's no raason for you to gat involvad with anyona now. You can think about it in a faw yaars. But, I'm talling you now. If you do gat into a ralationship, maka sura you tall ma. I'll halp you chack on tha guy."

Tha two of tham walkad into tha housa.

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"I'm singla too, Dylan."

Dylan didn't know what to say. I guass sha raally wants to a XPARIANCA what it's lika baing in lova.

Nevertheless, in all of the Colemans' eyes, Alice was still young. Though she wasn't completely innocent and clueless, they were still afraid that she would choose the wrong person and end up being fooled and hurt.

The conversation stopped once they went into the house.

Kendall was awake by then. She was envious of Dylan when she heard that he went out cycling with Ronnie. Why didn't he wait for me?

As soon as Kendall woke up, she had to face her mother-in-law's earnest gaze and several bowls of hearty soup.

Why am I not getting any morning sickness yet? If she did start throwing up in the morning, the family elders wouldn't be bringing soup over for her every day.

Kendall's eyes lit up when she saw Dylan and Alice walking in. She finally had someone to shoulder the burden with her.

"Oh? Why are you two coming in together?" Emily asked before turning her attention back to Kendall and smiling. "How do you like the soup, Kendall? Is it good? If you like it, you should drink more. You must be exhausted after all your long days of work, so you need to have more nourishing food."

"I'm not tired, Mom, really. I'm not tired at all. I'm used to it."

Kendall was holding the spoon, but she didn't drink any of the soup.

Although Emily switched up the types of soup that she made each day, Kendall was still sick and tired of soup.

She was still in the early stages of her pregnancy and her belly wasn't even showing yet. It would be many more months before the delivery, but she was still terrified by the way her in-laws were pampering her.

Kendall decided to go back to her parents' home tonight and stay there for a few days to avoid having to drink any more soup.

Truth be told, her mother would make soup for her too, but it was easier to deal with just her mother alone instead of all the family elders among the Colemans that were lining up to feed her.

"Dylan's the one who's exhausted. He didn't even get to sleep well last night. He needs more nourishment too, Mom. He can have this soup," Kendall added as she dragged Dylan over and pushed the bowl of soup over to him.

Dylan went along with it and had two spoonfuls.

"That's for Kendall, Dylan."

"But, I've already had some, Mom. What should we do?"

Dylan grinned mischievously. "Since I've already had some, I'll just finish the rest. I went cycling earlier and it was quite tiring since it's been so long. I need to head to the office too, so I'm the one who needs more nourishment."

"You've already gained weight," Emily scoffed disdainfully. "Any more nourishment and you'll be as round as a ball."

Dylan was speechless. I think you're going to have to drink this soup yourself, honey.

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"Darling, even if you become as round as ball, I'll still love you just as much."

Kendall stared at Dylan with affectionate eyes and a sweet smile.

She had to butter him up to get him to drink some soup for her.

Dylan paused. Thanks to his wife's adoring gaze, he ended up losing the battle and basking in the sweetness of love as he continued drinking the soup.

I go out on walks every morning, so I'm sure I won't keep putting on weight.

Soon, I'll be able to exercise in the morning too, and if I exercise hard enough, I'll lose even more weight.

Now that Kendall managed to convince her husband to help her finish the soup, she quickly started working on her sister-in-law.

Alice was speechless. I shouldn't have followed Dylan in.

Emily and Fergus were a little dumbstruck too.

"Dylan? Kendall? Are you still at home?"

Tilly's voice rang out.

Kendall's hand trembled. Is she bringing me soup too?

She had a phobia of soup now.

Fortunately, Tilly wasn't here to deliver any soup to her.

Tia and Vivian came in with Tilly.

Vivian was holding a tray filled with a stack of paper. It was hard to tell what was written on them.

"Good morning, Grandma," the younger ones greeted.

Dylan and Kendall set down their spoons and stood up.

Dylan walked over to Tilly and Tia silently stayed back to let Dylan take her place.

Kendall followed suit and mimicked her husband as she held one of Tilly's arms as well.

Tilly, who was as healthy as a horse, chided, "I'm not so old and fragile that I can't even walk by myself. You don't need to help me." However, she was smiling widely.

It was clear that she enjoyed having her grandson and granddaughter-in-law take care of her.

"Good morning, Mom," Fergus and Emily stood up and greeted.

Alice quickly stood up too, even though she hadn't finished swallowing the soup in her mouth.

Tilly saw all their reactions. She was in a good mood, so she walked over to Alice and gently tapped her on the forehead before chuckling, "You were gone so early this morning. I thought you went out somewhere, but now I see that you scampered over here to drink your sister-in-law's soup."

"That's not true, Grandma! Kendall made me drink the soup. She said I'm too skinny. I had no choice but to drink the soup. If I don't, Kendall might think that I'm turning my nose up at her soup, and if that upsets her, the baby will be affected too. What will I do then?"

Tilly was speechless, then she looked at Kendall who was beside her.

Kendal decided to be honest. "Grandma, just the thought of soup makes me queasy now. You guys don't need to bring me soup every day. I eat a ton of nutritious food every day and I'm getting more than enough nourishment. In any case, it's only the first few months. I don't need to be supplementing my diet with anything yet."

Dylan knew just how scared Kendall was of soup now, so he backed her up. "Grandma, our nutritionist has already come up with a menu for Kendall that's suitable for pregnant women and the kitchen staff have been preparing all three meals based on the nutritionist's advice. She doesn't need any more nourishment. Take a look at me, Grandma. You guys keep bringing soup over to her every day, and not only has she developed a phobia of soup, but I've also gained some weight as a result. Mom was saying that I'd become as round as a ball earlier. Thank goodness I'm already married, or else Kendall might have thought that I led an unhealthy lifestyle and wouldn't have married me."

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be enough."

Then, she added, "We're all so happy that you're pregnant, Kendall. That's why we got too excited and tried to think of ways to ensure you're in good health. Everyone meant well, so you don't need to take it to heart. No one's trying to make things difficult for you."

Due to the family's poor attitude in the past, Tilly was afraid that Kendall might take things the wrong way.

"I won't, Grandma. I know that everyone's just trying to take care of me."

Even when they disapproved of her, she didn't hold it against them. Now that they were trying to care for her, she naturally wouldn't take it the wrong way.

Dylan and Kendall helped Tilly over to the couch.

Once Tilly sat down, Vivian brought the tray over. Tilly picked up the stack of paper.

She passed it to Dylan and said warmly, "This is the list of wedding gifts from the family, Dylan. I added a few things to your original list. Take a look and see if you want to add anything else to it. If there's nothing else, then we can bring it over to the Parkers next Tuesday. Tuesday's a good day. I already checked the date."

"I also narrowed down a few dates for the wedding. It's written on the back of the list. They're all good dates, so you can go ahead and pick one. It'd be good if the two of you decide on one before you take the gifts over to the Parkers to discuss in further detail."

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The Parkers might be in even more of a hurry than us.

Meanwhile, all Kendall could think of was, Grandma really cares a lot about the baby I'm carrying. She's even getting involved in the preparations for our wedding.

Kendall's hand flitted down to her belly. It was still flat, but the child, the product of her and Dylan's love, was growing inside her.

You'll be receiving so much love in this life, baby!

In her previous life, the Whittles showed no love for the baby, but in this life, she and the baby were reunited with the baby's father. Not only did she change her own life, but she changed the baby's life too.

Kendall believed that if her baby came back to her, the baby would be the most beloved child in the whole world.

The entire Coleman Family would shower the baby with love.

Dylan began flipping through the stack of paper, and Kendall was stunned.

She had seen the list of wedding gifts Dylan prepared when she registered her marriage to him, and at the time, she already thought that the list was far too extensive.

She never would've thought that Tilly's version would surpass his by a mile.

Even without taking a closer look, Kendall could tell that the whole city would be gob-smacked by the list of wedding gifts the Colemans were giving to her family and her.

She was deeply touched by how much respect the Colemans were showing her, as well as the love and affection Dylan had for her.

The way a husband treated his wife would affect the way her in-laws viewed her too.

If a husband protected the wife and stood by her side, her in-laws would also respect her and welcome her into the family.

She had been hurt by the Colemans many times in the past, but thanks to Dylan coming to her defense time and time again, they were now able to have their happy ending.

Now that she was pregnant, the entire Coleman Family favored her the most.

Even Dylan ranked beneath her in the hierarchy of favored family members.

The best thing she did in this life was to latch onto Dylan and insist on marrying him.

Thankfully, she had been shameless enough to constantly hit on him and wriggle her way into his heart, which led to the blissful life she had now.

Once again, she felt enormously thankful that fate had allowed her to start over in this life!

Chapter 616 Dylan the Liar

Dylan looked through the list of gift list.

Tilly said, "Your parents, aunts, and uncles chipped in. Everything's ready, and now all we have to do is wait."

It was Friday. Tuesday was just a few days away, and the Colemans were almost finished with their preparation. Even the decoration for the wedding was done. Everything was in place. And now they just had to give out the gift list.

"I'll be staying with my folks then, Grandma." Kendall was going to stay at her parents' place for the weekend anyway.

"You and Dylan are already officially married anyway. Nobody's gonna say you've broken up even if you go back home. You should stay here. It's good for the baby. But if you really want to go back, take Dylan with you. It's safer."

Kendall was getting better at dealing with a lot of things, but the Colemans still thought she needed more experience. Dylan was the head of the family, and a lot of people in Orapolis feared him. With him by Kendall's side, there was nothing to worry about.

"I'll tag along, honey," said Dylan.

He folded the list of gift list. Kendall was a little curious since she didn't get to see what was on the list, but she held her curiosity down. I'll find out what it is in a few days.

"The list is perfect, Grandma." Dylan also thanked his parents. He would also have to thank his aunts and uncles.

It was normal for his parents to chip in some of the dowries since he was their son. But his other relatives had no obligation to, so he needed to thank them personally.

The Colemans put a lot of importance on this wedding because Dylan was the eldest of his generation. And they needed to make sure his wedding was perfect, so the other kids would be encouraged to find a partner. They were getting worried about their children's marriages.

"What about Yoseph and Jane's engagement, Grandma?"

"Was going to be held on Tuesday. Double the delight, but Jane said she wanted you two to be the main spotlight, so their engagement is delayed to Friday. Just a few days after yours."

Yoseph and Jane's engagement party would be held at the residence. The place was seldom open to the public, and even fewer people could enter the house. But now, all the elites of Orapolis were invited to the engagement. The Colemans wanted Jane to feel appreciated.

Everyone promised they would attend the engagement, and with their families too. It wasn't every day they could attend a Coleman event. The next one would be Dylan and Kendall's wedding.

Dylan nodded. He too didn't want to outshine his brother on his special day.

Since the talks were done, Tilly left. The kids had to go to work, after all.

Once they sent off everyone, Kendall picked her bag up. "Come on, honey. We're gonna be late."

"We won't." Dylan pinched her nose and pulled her into his embrace. "Aren't you curious what your gift list is going to be?"

"I am, but you won't let me see it. You're a meanie."

"Just trying to leave something for the imagination. It's yours anyway. You'll find out sooner or later."

"That was a long list. How much is the gift list worth?"

"At least fifteen million. At least."

Kendall grinned. "Guess sometimes marrying a rich guy isn't so bad after all. The gift list alone is enough to make me a millionaire. If I can give your family a few girls, I can be a multi-millionaire."

The Colemans had a rule. Any woman who gave the family a boy would receive a fifteen-million-dollar reward, and anyone who gave them a girl would receive five times that. If I give birth to four girls, then I'll have... three hundred million. And everyone's gonna love me. But that's just a fantasy.

Dylan laughed. "Guess we'll have to work hard for the reward."

"Yeah, right. As if we can get more than one daughter. Almost every one of your generation is a boy." She got into the car, sat down, and caressed her belly. "Hope you're a girl. I'd really love to get the money."

Yosaph and Jana's angagamant party would ba hald at tha rasidanca. Tha placa was saldom opan to tha public, and avan fawar paopla could antar tha housa. But now, all tha alitas of Orapolis wara invitad to tha angagamant. Tha Colamans wantad Jana to faal appreciatad.

Evaryona promisad thay would attend tha angagamant, and with thair familias too. It wasn't avary day thay could attend a Colaman avant. Tha next ona would ba Dylan and Kandall's wadding.

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"Hope they're twins. Then you can get a hundred and fifty million."

"Pity they're not twins." She went through ultrasonography after her pregnancy was confirmed, and she was only pregnant with one.

"It's alright. Once it's older, we can try to make another child. Just make sure they're twins."

"To hell if you can control the chances. And not like we're going to plan for another kid."

"Really? But you promised you'd give me all the kids I want."

Kendall pinched him. "I can't believe you'd lie to me in that situation, Dylan. You dummy."

He pulled her into his embrace and pressed his lips against hers, even though there were bodyguards around.

The driver and Ronnie pretended they heard and saw nothing.

On the other hand, Frank was bedridden and couldn't stop sneezing. He was down with a fever, and his head felt light. And he had a headache from a lack of sleep. He hadn't been taking care of himself well after he started to search for Amelia. He staked out the Taylor Residence for a whole day before he eventually made his way to the Coleman Residence late at night.

Dylan gave him some clothes to change into. Ugh. Ronnie's clothes. He hated that. Ronnie was his romantic rival, after all.

"You can always go home naked, you know."

"Shut it," said Frank.

Dylan told Amos to make Frank some tea. Frank had a few cups, and it kept him awake, yet his head was still in pain. A wet towel was lying on his forehead, and he took selfies of himself looking weak. Then he sent them all to Amelia, though her number was not in use at the moment.

He had no idea where Amelia was, but as long as her family was in Orapolis, she would come back eventually. All he had to do was text her every day. Once she came back and picked up her old number, she would receive his texts and photos right away.

Chapter 617 Frank's Scheme

Someone knocked on the door.

Frank finished taking his selfies and placed his phone on the nightstand. Then he lay back down and said weakly, "Door's not locked, Desmond."

Desmond came in with a glass of warm water and some light breakfast. He approached Frank, asking. "How do you feel, sir?" He placed the tray on the nightstand. "Sir, here's breakfast. And remember to take your medications after you eat."

Frank turned around, refusing to move.

Desmond persuaded, "Sir, you have to eat. Eat and heal up. You need strength if you want to search for Ms. Taylor."

"But I hate pills," said Frank. He didn't like pills and injections. His family physician wanted to give him an injection, but he refused, so the physician gave him a prescription instead. And then Frank sneezed. "It's a big world. How on earth am I going to find her? Kendall won't say anything. Mrs. Taylor is keeping her mouth sealed too. And our men still haven't found her." He sat up, but everything spun. Damn the headache. He quickly massaged his temples. Like it's not bad enough I am down with a cold, I have a headache as well. It's even worse than a hangover.

"Sir, Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Taylor both told you Ms. Taylor is just out for a vacation. She'll come back soon. Just have patience." Worried about Frank, Desmond picked up the bowl of soup and sat down beside Frank. "Here, sir. Let me feed you."

"No." Frank snatched the bowl of soup away. "If I do nothing while she's absent, Kendall and Mrs. Taylor are bound to tell her. And she's going to think my feelings for her are fake. Yes, falling sick sucks, but at least they know I really love her. And I even told Dylan I would give him my shares if he would help me. At this point, they wouldn't smear me in front of Amelia when she comes back. Only then will she realize I truly love her."

I see. That's a good idea. Ms. Taylor has gone on vacation. If the master still goes to work like usual, she's going to think he doesn't care about her. But now, to search for her, the master is going that extra mile and staking out her place. The neighbors know. And he fell sick from that. Once Ms. Taylor's back, the neighbors are gonna tell her even if her mother won't.

"Sir, you promised Mr. Coleman your shares? What did he say to that?" asked Desmond nervously. If the master loses everything, how's he supposed to support the madam? And they're going to have kids sooner or later. Raising children costs money too.

Frank took a sip of the soup. "I know Dylan. He won't take anything I give willingly. A humiliating victory, he'd think. He would love nothing more than to beat me with his own two hands and take everything I have."

Desmond heaved a sigh of relief. "He probably refused for Ms. Taylor's sake. She is a good friend of his wife, and you only went after Ms. Taylor because of Mrs. Coleman. They'd think they owe her this much." Before Ms. Taylor makes her decision, Mr. Coleman won't attack the master. He's doing it for her.

After finishing the soup, Frank felt a bit of strength coming back to him, but his head still hurt.

"Take the pills, sir. It'll bring your fever down. And your headache will go away. And you'll sneeze less."

Frank complained, "They're bitter."

"They're good for you, sir. Just a gulp of water, and down they go. Now if it's alternative medicine, you're going to have to deal with a bowl of goopy, bitter mush." If Amelia were here, Desmond would have asked the family physician to prescribe an alternative medicine. He would then get Amelia to force Frank to finish it. He's still reluctant. Fine. "Sir, if you want to show everyone how you feel about her, then take your medications and go to her place again. The neighbors are gonna find out you're sick. And her mother, your future mother-in-law, might take pity on you."

"Sir, you promisad Mr. Colaman your sharas? What did ha say to that?" askad Dasmond nervously. If tha mastar losas avarything, how's ha supposad to support tha madam? And thay'ra going to hava kids soonar or later. Raising childran costs monay too.

Frank took a sip of tha soup. "I know Dylan. Ha won't taka anything I giva willingly. A humiliating victory, ha'd think. Ha would lova nothing mora than to baat ma with his own two hands and taka avarything I hava."

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"Taka tha pills, sir. It'll bring your favar down. And your haadacha will go away. And you'll snaaza lass."

Frank complainad, "Thay'ra bittar."

"Thay'ra good for you, sir. Just a gulp of watar, and down thay go. Now if it's alternativa medicina, you'ra going to hava to daal with a bowl of goopy, bittar mush." If Amalia wara hara, Dasmond would hava askad tha family physician to prascriba an alternativa medicina. Ha would than gat Amalia to forca Frank

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Frank shot Desmond a glare. Dammit, Desmond. You can be really persuasive. Fine. I'll let this slide, but just because you're worried about me. He picked up the glass of water, and Desmond quickly gave him the pills. "This must be about a dozen pills." The hell are you doing, doctor? Are you trying to kill me? It's just a common cold.

Desmond smiled. Half of these pills were just vitamin tablets. Since Frank hated pills, these tablets should make the overall taste less awful.

Despite his complaints, Frank shoved all the pills into his mouth and took gulps of water. Once they were all down his throat, he took another swig of water. Huh. Doesn't taste that awful this time. In fact, they're a little sweet. No way. Must be the cold. It's affecting my taste buds. And Frank got out of bed.

"Sir, you should rest."

"Like hell I should. I can't sleep, and my headache's killing me. Not like I can work anyway. I'll stand outside her house again. See if she'll come back. If she doesn't, well, her neighbors will tell her about

my sickness." I'm going to make everyone see me looking sick. That'll evoke their sympathy.

With no way to stop Frank, Desmond gave in and took him to the Taylor Residence. If I'm not with him, he might get himself killed. But Desmond didn't stop right in front of the residence. Instead, he stopped nearby.

Frank got out of the car and slowly made his way to the residence.

"Sir, call me if you can't hold on. I'll pick you up," said Desmond.

But Frank didn't answer. Instead, he took step after agonizing step toward Amelia's place. God, the headache is killing me. And when he came to the front door, the gates swung open, much to his delight.

Sophia quickly stopped her car. Whew. Good thing I didn't step on the pedal, or I'd have crashed into him. Oh, it's Frank again. Gods, he's persistent.

Chapter 618 Obstinace

Sophia rolled her window and stuck her head out, looking upset. "Mr. Mendelson, what were you thinking? I could have crashed into you."

Frank forced a smile. "Really sorry, Mrs. Taylor. I didn't see you. Was too happy to see the gates open, so..."

Sophia shot him a glare. Noticing his sickly look, she frowned. "Are you unwell?"

"I'm fi—" And Frank sneezed.

Sophia almost rolled the window up. He's down with a cold. Must be because of the rain last night. She sighed. "Mr. Mendelson, I've told you I don't know where Amy is. She's really annoyed. Haven't called us ever since she left. I swear, that girl can be cold sometimes, but we can understand. She's annoyed, so she needs to vent it out. Calm herself down."

Frank stayed silent for a while. "Mrs. Taylor, I'm not here to ask you where she is. I'm here to wait for her. I will do it no matter how long it takes."

And Sophia was infuriated. Amy, I've told you this man is obstinate. Obsessed. He won't stop until he gets what he wants. I've told you to stay away from him, but did you listen? No. Gods, Kendall, I totally understand how you feel. I will one hundred percent whoop his *ss too. But not like that's going to stop him. "You have work to do, Mr. Mendelson. A company to run."

"My team is made up of professionals who've worked for me for many years. It can still run fine even if I

leave everything to them. I won't go broke. I promise I'll give Amelia the best life she can imagine if she'll marry me."

I have Chris helping me out. And even though Frank hadn't gone back to the company for a while, he was still keeping an eye on it. Chris would come to him if there was anything important.

Sophia was annoyed. Amy hasn't even agreed to date you, and you're already planning your marriage? Seriously?

Sophia looked at the sickly, listless Frank. He's an obsessive freak. He'd even go after Kendall even though she had someone she liked. Would go to great lengths just to steal her. And Amy's not even dating anyone yet. He won't give up until he gets her.

Sophia wondered if this was a good thing for Amelia. When she brought this up to her husband and son, both of them said Amelia should make the final call. They were scared of Frank, and Sophia was livid. Nobody would take my side.

And Frank sneezed again.

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Frank said, "I've taken my pills. The fever's gonna go down soon."

"You're down with a fever?"

"I can hold on, don't worry. Headache's killing me, but I can still hold on. You do your stuff, Mrs. Taylor. I'll just keep on waiting. Maybe Amy will come back today."

Noticing the lack of cars behind Frank, Sophia asked, "Where's your ride?"

"I am down with a fever, and I just took my pills. Desmond was worried I might get myself killed, so he took me here."

Sophia cursed, "Desmond? Gosh. Go home. She won't come back today." Goddammit, why did the butler help him? He should be more sensible than this.

Frank moved out of the way so Sophia could leave, but he obviously wouldn't go back, much to Sophia's chagrin. In the end, she left and didn't give permission for Frank to go inside. Her servant closed the gates the moment she was gone.

Frank leaned on the walls and slowly slid down. He was feeling really unwell. The Taylors' neighbor came out and saw him on the ground, then he stopped his car. "Mr. Mendelson? What brings you here today?"

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The neighbor said, "The sun's getting hotter. You're gonna get heatstroke at this rate. I can't believe Sophia wouldn't let you in. Amy's gone on vacation. Won't come back so soon. One or two months at the very least."

Adamantly, Frank said, "Then I'll wait for her until she comes back."

"So, what's the deal between you and her?"

"I like her. I don't really love Kendall. Amy is the one I like." Frank professed his love for Amelia. He wanted everyone to know he really loved Amelia. Everyone could see that he came here every day just for her. Once she came back, he knew someone would tell her.

Knew it, the neighbor thought. Most people didn't believe Frank truly loved Kendall. They thought he was just trying to annoy Dylan by taking whatever he liked. "You don't look too good. Are you unwell?"

"Yeah. Stood in the rain last night. Down with a cold and fever."

"You stood in that rainstorm all night? Honestly, I can't believe Mrs. Taylor didn't let you in."

"It's not her fault. She was asleep, so probably didn't know there was a rainstorm. And I had forgotten to bring my umbrella, so part of it was my fault," he defended Sophia. She's my future MIL.

"Do you... really love Amy? After everything you did to her, it's understandable that she harbors great doubt. Heck, even I doubt your love for her a little."

A moment of silence later, Frank said, "I'll prove my love for her eventually."

The neighbor looked at him in silence. Perhaps he does love her. Or he wouldn't have stood here waiting for her, much less talked to me. Frank was on par with Dylan. Most people wouldn't even have the chance to see him. But here he is.

Chapter 619 Stubborn

"I'll get you a chair and a parasol. Don't want you getting a heatstroke now." The neighbor called his family and told them to prepare a chair, a table, and a parasol for Frank.

Frank took the offer and thanked him.

The neighbor laughed. "Oh, don't need to thank us. We've been neighbors with the Taylors for decades. Amy's half my child. We hope she'll find her own happiness. Sure, she has a... peculiar hobby, but she's a fine lady besides that. If you do marry her, just remember to invite us to your wedding."

Frank quickly said, "Of course, sir."

"I'll be waiting then. Well, gotta go, Mr. Mendelson. Things to do."

"Thank you, sir."

"Sure thing. Just take good care of Amy." The guy got into his car and left.

Kendall went to her father. There was a file that needed his signature. Her phone rang when her father was in the middle of going through the file. "Can I take this call, Mr. Parker?" Kendall called her father 'Mr. Parker' whenever they were at work, or Kelly would be mocking her.

Adam grunted. "Do it outside."

"Thank you, Mr. Parker." She exited the office and turned to the VIP room. Then she took the call. It was from Amelia."

"It's me." Amelia smiled. "Hope I didn't disturb anything."

"You sound happy."

"Oh, you know. Vacation, good food, good scenery, it makes tossing the annoying stuff back easy." Amelia was in a good mood after having a few days of vacation.

"Are you still out there?"

"Came to Nuander. Just checked in. Haven't gone shopping yet, so I thought I should call you."

"Thanks for remembering me, I guess. Called your folks yet?"

"Only my mom. Dad and Ethan will tell him where I am the moment I call," said Amelia.

Kendall smiled. "Still can't reach a decision?"

"I don't want to talk about this, Kendall. All I want is to just go wherever I want and do whatever I want. I'll go back after the Spring Festival is over. So, when's your wedding? I'll come back early." I'm her bridesmaid after all.

"Before the Spring Festival, but the date hasn't been set in stone. I'll tell you eventually. You really are gonna vacation until that time? Don't you miss him? Aren't you worried about him? He's suffered for you," Kendall teased.

A moment of silence later, Amelia said, "Well, I do miss him, but I don't want to face him so soon. And he's not suffering at all. Please, it's just a session of splitting the sesame seeds into their own color groups. Besides, he was cruel to me. Even if you can let it slide, I can't."

Frank used to dump food on her head and did not stop his dogs from running after her. Even now she was still mad at that. She wanted him to suffer more. I'm not his slave who'd do his every bidding. And before he apologizes for what he did, I will not accept him. Amelia was delighted she could finally get back at him.

Kendall smiled. "You said that, not me."

"Oh, Kendall, you know I don't blame you for that. I have to thank you. Thanks for letting him go. Both you and Dylan." Amelia knew Dylan only spared Frank because Kendall was her friend.

"Do you know what he did just to find out where you are?"

"No. And I don't want to know. He can kill himself for all I care. I won't go back."

"Please. You're not that cruel. If you don't care about him, you wouldn't call me. Not even once." She only calls me because she wants to know how Frank is doing.

Even though she was exposed, Amelia wasn't embarrassed. Instead, she chuckled. "You know me so well."

"He's waiting right outside your house. Every single day. Wouldn't leave even when there was a rainstorm last night. Got drenched and came to our place late at night. Dylan was fuming."

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Kandall smilad. "You said that, not ma."

"Oh, Kandall, you know I don't blama you for that. I hava to thank you. Thanks for latting him go. Both you and Dylan." Amalia knaw Dylan only sparad Frank bacausa Kandall was har friand.

"Do you know what ha did just to find out whara you ara?"

"No. And I don't want to know. Ha can kill himself for all I cara. I won't go back."

"Plaasa. You'ra not that cruul. If you don't cara about him, you wouldn't call ma. Not avan onca." Sha only calls ma bacausa sha wants to know how Frank is doing.

Evan though sha was axposad, Amalia wasn't ambarrassad. Instaad, sha chucklad. "You know ma so wall."

"He's waiting right outside your house. Every single day. Wouldn't leave even when there was a rainstorm last night. Got drunk and came to our place late at night. Dylan was fuming."

"That sounds just like him," Amelia said. He's obsessive and stubborn. All he cares about is himself and no one else. "Dylan should have thrown hands with him."

Kendall chuckled. "He didn't bother. Frank was drenched. Dylan would get himself wet too if he fought Frank. He guzzled down a pot of tea and left when dawn broke. Bet he's down with a cold, a fever, and a splitting headache. Lost sleep, of course." No way he could sleep after having that much tea.

Amelia was a little worried, but she refused to show it. "Next time he disturbs you guys, tell Dylan to toss him out." I just know he won't ever take his medication.

Amelia was seized by an urge to call Frank and yell at him, but she resisted. She wasn't ready to accept him yet. Let him suffer for a bit longer. This is in exchange for what he did to me.

If Frank were here, he'd apologize profusely. If he had known this would happen, he would never have done anything to Amelia, but alas, Frank was no seer.

"You sure?"

"I'm not the one tossing him. You can toss him around the globe and I won't care."

Kendall chortled. "Fine. Next time he comes, I'll tell my men to beat him up, toss him out, and upload a video of it to YouTube."

Okay, that's a bit too much. "Don't you have anything else to say? Why do you keep bringing him up? He's an obsessive freak."

"Alright, alright. I don't want to talk about him either. Every time he's mentioned, I feel like punching someone. Just take more photos and buy some more local stuff for me, alright?"

Amelia smiled. "Sure thing. I bought everything I think you would like." She had similar tastes to Kendall. When they used to attend parties with their mothers, they'd hide in a corner and gobble up all kinds of food.

Chapter 620 Recorder

"You're busy, aren't you?"

"That I am."

"Sure. Talk later." Amelia had nothing to do but fool around. I shouldn't waste her time.

"Have fun out there. And come back soon."

"You miss me, don't you?"

"Of course."

Amelia chuckled. "He's not with you, is he? I bet he's going to be really angry if he heard that."

"We're both working. And he's not that territorial. If you're a guy, then he's gonna get jealous, but you're a girl, so..." Kendall blushed a little. She was reminded of the time Dylan got jealous of Scott.

Amelia smiled, but she said nothing.

The call came to an end, and Kendall returned to her father's office.

Adam had finished signing the file, and he gave it to her. "Show a bit more results and I can promote you. Then, we can shut those people up." Even if he did promote Kendall right now, the only one who would protest was Kelly.

Kelly's lackeys were smarter than she gave them credit for. They knew Adam wanted Kendall to inherit the company. Besides, Kendall had a big family supporting her. Kelly was no match for her, and they were slowly drifting away from Kelly. No longer did they want to support her.

"I'll do my best, Dad."

"Work hard. I know you will, but please don't push yourself too hard. Your baby needs its mother to be healthy," said Adam. He was worried Kendall might push herself and hurt the baby. That would be bad.

Kendall smiled. "Don't worry, Dad. I will. I won't push myself. I'll be going home tonight. Dylan is coming too. And we'll be staying until next Wednesday. They'll be sending the gift list our way on Tuesday."

"So, I've been told. Your grandpa called this morning." Adam put his pen down and happily chatted with his daughter. This was a private moment. "It's been a while since you two got officially married. This wedding should've come sooner. It's a weight off my shoulders, you know. Yeah, I know Dylan's been nice to you, but as long as there's no wedding, there's a chance he might dump you again." Only after they held the wedding would Adam believe that the Colemans had accepted Kendall.

"Sorry I worried you."

"Oh, don't mention it. We owe you a lot. We'll invite the Colemans for dinner next Tuesday. It's an important affair, so call the Woods. If they have time, invite them over."

Kendall said thankfully, "Thank you, Dad." The Woods would come if it was an invitation by Kendall.

"They've raised a great woman. We should thank them. We shouldn't have stopped you from contacting them."

"They won't mind, Dad." All they want is for me to be happy.

Adam smiled. "I know. Tell your mother we'll be having dinner at home tonight."

"Sure."

"If nothing else, you may leave now."

"Of course, Dad." Kendall took the file and left.

Adam saw her off and went back to work after she closed the door.

And then Yasmine called Kendall. "Kelly wouldn't see you? And she told the guards to chase you off?" That's surprising. "I thought she was trying to mend your friendship." She has no friends now.

Yasmine grumbled, "As if. She's trying to con Brian again. And that idiot is gonna fall for it again."

Oh, this is some tea. "What did she do this time?"

Brian walked into the trap willingly. He loves Kelly, but Kelly picked the wrong person from the start. None of this would have happened if she hadn't chosen Jackson. It would be bad news for Kendall if Kelly did go with Brian because Brian was a lot tougher than Jackson.

"Do you have time, Kendall? Let's talk over coffee."

"I don't drink coffee now. It'd keep me up all night." She didn't tell Yasmine about her pregnancy. They were no longer romantic rivals, but they could never be friends even though Yasmine trusted her a lot more now.

"Sorry I worriad you."

"Oh, don't mantion it. Wa owa you a lot. Wa'll invita tha Colamans for dinnar naxt Tuasday. It's an important affair, so call tha Woods. If thay hava tima, invita tham ovar."

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Adam smilad. "I know. Tall your mothar wa'll ba having dinnar at homa tonight."

"Sura."

"If nothing alsa, you may laava now."

"Of coursa, Dad." Kandall took tha fila and laft.

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"The drinks don't matter. What matters is if you have time. If you can't make it, tell the guards to let me in. I'm gonna tear that b*tch apart. I can't believe her. And I can't believe Brian either. Mom is gonna get a heart attack one of these days." Yasmine was livid.

"It's working hours, Miss Zorn. You can't just barge into our company's VP's office."

Yasmine hissed, "I don't care. If you're not helping, I'll wait right outside your company. She's bound to come out eventually."

"What did she do this time? You are furious."

"We'll talk over whatever you want. I just need someone to hear me out. Honestly, I can't believe I used to be friends with her. I'm part of the reason Brian is head over heels for her." Yasmine hated Kelly's guts. She'd tear Kelly apart if she could.

Kendall mused over it. "Fine, but only for a bit. I've been busy lately."

"Gimme half an hour. I can finish this in half an hour."

Half an hour? What did Kelly do this time to make her this angry? Even her mom is pissed? Yasmine came to yell at her, but Kelly told the guards to deny her entry. Something's wrong. A few minutes later, Kendall came to the coffee shop beside the company and ordered a glass of warm water, though she barely touched it.

Yasmine ordered a cup of coffee and cursed away while she was stirring her drink. But all she said was how shameless Kelly was.

"Yasmine, is that the extent of your creativity in verbal abuse? C'mon, give me the details. What exactly did Kelly do this time?"

Yasmine whipped out a recorder from her bag and handed it to Kendall. "Turn down the volume. I don't want anyone else to hear it. This is scandalous."

Curious, Kendall took the recorder.