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Chapter 43

hapter 43 Paisley glanced up at Grayson , who was standing not far away , staring blankly at a tree .

She then turned to Serena and asked .

Arent you playing with Grayson ? What are you doing over here with me ? Serena pursed her lips awkwardly before replying , I was not playing with him .

Paisley nodded , thinking , Oh , geez .

Both of them are so stubborn Serena dgeted awkwardly for a moment before grabbing Paisleys hand and pulling her toward Grayson .

They stopped in front of a tree , and Serena said , Mom , come help us check this din ?

Paisley saw that the tree wasnt particularly tall , and its leaves were still green .

Hanging from its branches were long , pod like fruits .

Serena pointed at the pods and said , Mom , Grayson said these are green beans .

Can we pick some and take them home to eat ? Her eyes sparkled with excitement as she stared at the pods already imagining them as part of Marias green bean salad , her favorite dish .

Paisley looked at the tree and couldnt help but chuckle , Nope , these arent green beans .

Theyre not ? Serenas disappointment was obvious .

Meanwhile , Grayson scratched his head , looking puzzled .

Hed eaten green beans before , and these looked pretty similar to him .

Paisley crouched down and patiently explained to the kids , This is a Catalpa tree .

Those long pods are its fruit , and theyre actually used in medicine .

The mention of medicine made Serena scrunch up her face in distaste .

Medicine ? Grayson , on the other hand , looked intrigued .

What kind of medicine ? Paisley was a bit surprised by his interest but continued , Catalpa trees usually ower in May or June and bear fruit in October or November .

The pods can help with water retention and swelling .

The leaves can cool fevers , detoxify , and even stop itching .

The bark also has medicinal value .

Its a pretty amazing tree if I say so .

Grayson hadnt expected such a plain looking tree to have so many uses .

Mom , can we eat those little fruits ? Serena asked again .

Paisley glanced at the plant Serena had called little fruits and chuckled .

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You can eat them , but theyre poisonous , Paisley replied with a teasing smile .

What ? Serena exclaimed , taking a step back in alarm .

Paisley explained further , Thats nightshade .

Its another medicinal plant that helps with bruises , swelling , and detoxifying the body .

But kids should never pick or eat it its toxic .

Oh ... I see .

Serena said , letting out al of relief .

Grayson also looked enlightened , nodding as if it all made sense now .

He glanced at Paisley with newfound admiration , his 21:58 Mon , Jan 27 o Chapter 431 eyes sparkling with curiosity .

I didnt know you knew so much out this stu This time , his tone was no longer skeptical .

Instead , it carried a note of surprise and even excitement .

64 % 富 Serena stuck out her lower lip proudly and said .

My mom know everything .

Shes practically a walking encyclopedia The way she beamed with pride made Grayson stay quiet , unsure hor to respond .

Checking the time .

Paisley remembered Emery mentioning that Teddy would be dropping something o soon .

Paisley said , Its getting late .

Lets head back .

Turning to Grayson , she added Your dad should be here any minute to pick you up .

Lets go get your things ready Grayson nodded without saying a word .

Then , he quickly followed Paisley as they walked back to her home As they strolled , Serena pointed to a tree and asked , Mom , what that tree called ? Thats an elm .

Paisley replied .

Serena pointed at another one .

What about that one ? Thats a ginkgo .

Paisley answered .

Grayson chimed in curiously , Can it be used as medicine ? Paisley explained , Both ginkgo fruits and leaves can be , but we cant just pick and eat them .

They can be toxic .

Grayson nodded repeatedly while Serena acted like shed seen a ghost , keeping as far away from the fallen ginkgo leaves as possible .

Paisley couldnt help but laugh at the sight , caught between a mix of exasperation and ambisement .

The three of them continued walking home , learning about trees along the way .

Before they knew it , they were standing outside Paisleys apartment building .

Still reluctant to end the outing , Serena asked , Mom , when can we go to the park again ? Paisley could tell that when Serena said we , she included Grayson .

Although he didnt say anything , the look in his e mirrored Serenas eager anticipation .

Just then , a womans voice came from ahead .

Sonny Grayson froze for a moment before his eyes lit up .

He turned and ran toward the voice .

Marissa .

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