Chapter 68 : 63 % Soon after , everyone went to the rig room and had already taken their seats .

But Dominick was nowhere to be seen .

So , Lauren asked

Wherea Dom ? The butler replied , Mr.

Dominick is in the study .

Kayla pulled a face and said , Whats up with Dom anyway ? He came back and immediately locked himself in the study .

wont talk to anyone , and wont come out .

She turned to Marissa and asked , You came back with him , right ? Did something happen earlier ? Marissa forced a somewhat awkward smile as she replied , I'm not sure .

Probably something to do with work .

But she knew the real reason for Dominicks behavior.Paisley .

Dominick had seen Paisley with another man , and on top of that she had a daughter .

Today , he had even bought Paisley pink roses , symbolizing red love .

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Marissa couldnt stop herself from wondering what might have happened if she hadnt been there or if Paisleys daughters father hadnt appeared at just the right moment .

Deep down , Marissa didnt want to face the possibility that Dominick still harbored feelings for Paisley .

Marissa couldnt bring herself to accept it , nor did she dare dwell on it for too long .

Marissa couldnt deny that Paisleys words today had deeply unsettled her .

Marissa mused , Four years .

Its been four years since they divorced .

Paisley has already moved on , found someone new , and even had a daughter .

So why wont Dominick accept me ? Have I not made myself clear enough ? Has always been so good to me , treating me di wardly from any other woman .

I thought I was the one who stood out , the one who was special Still .

Marissa refused to believe or accept that Dominick only saw her as a sister .

She didnt want to be his sister she wanted to be his wife , the future matriarch of the Vanderbilt family .

Lauren then instructed the butler .

Go call Dom downstairs for dinner

Right .

Marissa stood up , volunteering to fetch Dominick .

Kayla and Lauren exchanged a glance , and a knowing smile spread across both their faces .

Kayla teased , Yeah .

Lat Marissa go .

She can comfort Doms tired body and soul .

Lauren tapped her daughter on the head .

Sonny and Stella are sitting right here .

Watch what you say Kayla giggled .

I didnt say anything wrong .

Theyll all be family sooner or later anyway .

For a moment , the atmosphere around the table was light and cheerful .

But then , Reginald , ever kind , said , Marissa , theres no need for you to go .

Let the butler take care of 11 .

Marissa blushed and quietly sat back down .

It wasnt long before Dominick arrived , having changed into casual attire , and settled in the seat next to Reginald .

His expression was neutral , almost cold , and his quiet demeanor casts cloud over the previously lively mood.Reginald glanced at Dominick and raised his hand to say , Okay .

Now that everyones here , lets eat .

With those words , everyone picked up their utensils and started eating .

13 21 59 Mon , Jan 27 C Chapter 18 Dominick quietly grabbed his plate , eating slowly and deliberately , without engaging in any exaggeration .

Seeing this , Marissa silently observed him , her grip on her fork tightening.Lauren sighed .

Oh dear , my sweet grandson , youve had a rough couple of days .

Eat up .

Eat more .

These are all your favorites .

As she spoke , she kept piling food onto Grayson s plate mostly meat and seafood .

63 % She genuinely felt bad for Grayson . thinking , I have no idea what kind of crazy idea Dominick had , insisting on sending Grayson to Paisleys house for two days .

Talking about how kids treat their biological mothers companionship and how adults shouldnt drag children into their problems .

What nonsense! Paisley ? A mother ? Belle cared about Grayson even a little , she wouldnt have been so determined to divorce back then .

Now shes gone and had a kid with another man how can she possibly treat my precious grandson well ? The more Lauren thought about it , the angrier she became and the more she felt sorry for Grayson .

But with so many people around , she couldnt lash out .

All she could do was keep piling food onto Grayons plate , making sure he got to eat what Paisley could never provide for him When Lauren reached out again with her fork to drop another piece of meat onto Grayons plate , he pulled it away , stopping her .

She froze for a moment before asking , Whats wrong , Sonny ? Dont you like this anymore ? Grayson shook his head in response .

Then , right in front of all the adults , he picked up a forkful of greens his least favorite , and put it in his mouth , chewing it big bites .

Lauren was stunned to see that This was the same Grayson who was famously picky about food , especially vegetables .

It used to take all kinds of coaxing .

and bargaining to get him to eat even a bite .

And when the little guy got stubborn , he wouldnt budge no matter what they tried .

In the end , the adults would always cave in .

After all , he was their precious treasure , and theyd do anything to make him happy .

Nutrition ? Well , they gurred it didnt have to come from vegetables .

Families like theirs had plenty of ways to ensure a healthy diet .

Lauren had even hired a top tier nutritionist for Grayson at an exorbitant price .

That was why , despite his picky eating habits , Grayson had always been in excellent shape .

But now , watching him voluntarily take such a big bite of greens , all those fancy nutrition plans and expert advice suddenly didnt matter .