

## Chapter 456 News

"Buy a cake?" Annis asked, her face lit up by a playful grin.

She never saw herself as an outsider in any scenario.

Camila gave a consenting nod.

"Seems like Alick's too swamped to tag along. It's quite dull without company. Mind if I visit your place?" Annis inquired.

Camila had no intention of turning her away, but she was also swamped, especially with her kids needing attention.

When she wasn't working, she wanted to focus on her family.

"Don't you want to do something? Like finding a job that you enjoy, so you can make the most of your time."

"Well, I've pondered on that but Alick insists he'd handle all financial concerns," Annis replied, the joy in her voice was unmistakable.

Camila couldn't help but smile at her words.

Happiness seemed to create an infectious, uplifting aura around a person, making those around feel lighter.

"Why are you laughing? Did I utter something wrong?" Annis queried, her eyebrows knitted together in confusion.

"No." Taking a refreshing gulp of water, Camila responded, "Congratulations! You've found such a wonderful man like Alick."

Annis gently held her chin and said, "He treats me well, but he's always so busy. Sometimes I don't see him for two days, and sometimes he doesn't spend the night at home."

"He must be drowned in work," Camila reasoned.

"Oh, by the way..."

Annis was about to add something when the cake was finally ready, compelling Camila to rise and fetch it.

"I need to take off now."

"You carry on, I'll shop around a bit more," Annis responded.

Cake in hand, Camila walked towards the door, pausing to turn and ask, "Do you want to come over?"

Annis responded, her excitement barely contained, "Absolutely!"

An uncertain thought seemed to cross her mind. "Will Isaac have an issue with my presence?"

It wasn't like she had a direct connection to Isaac.

It was just that Isaac's mother had once raised her.

"He won't mind," Camila assured.

Relieved, Annis followed Camila and, in no time, was comfortable around her.

She even linked arms with Camila casually.

"What should I address you as?"

"Simply Camila will do," she replied.

"Nope, I'll call you sister-in-law," Annis declared.

This left Camila momentarily speechless.

Annis explained, "My mom raised me. Even if Isaac and I don't share a bloodline, we do share a mother. That makes me somewhat his sister, right?"

This logic amused Camila.

"You have a good personality," she complimented as they neared home. "I have kids waiting at home. Hope you're okay with that."

"Of course, I am," Annis reassured with a smile. "I absolutely adore

children."

As they pulled into the driveway, Annis volunteered to help Camila with her bags.

Once inside, Glenda helped unload their items, while Camila fetched a glass of water for Annis.

"Please, make yourself comfortable."

Annis surveyed the room, commenting, "You've done a marvelous job with the decor."

Camila put the water glass in front of her.

"Mom."

Joe ran out.

"Where's the cake?"

"Here it is," Glenda responded.

Upon spotting the cake, the child's focus instantly shifted from his mom, and he ran over to Glenda and said, "Glenda, I want some cake."

His voice was soft.

"Sure, I'll get you a slice." The cake was not very large. Glenda sliced a small piece for him.

Then she sliced two pieces and carried them to the living room for the guest.

Joe also ate on the sofa.

He was small, with his legs crossed, reclining leisurely on the sofa.

Intrigued by the child, Annis sat next to him. "Answer one question, and my cake slice is yours. Deal?"

"Deal!" he agreed eagerly.

"What's your name?"

"I'm Leonel, but you can call me Joe." He then asked, his eyes wide in wonder, "Who are you and why are you in our house?"

Annis chuckled and responded, "You can call me Aunt Annis."

Turning to Camila, she asked, "Is that alright with you?"

Camila gave a nod of approval.

Her only relatives were Rowena and Aldrin, while Isaac had no immediate family left.

Another addition to the family was a welcome thought.

"Mila, come take a look at the news." Rowena's voice suddenly echoed as she marched out of the room.