

Chapter 29 Eliam's Aunt Returns

Eliam came in with several gifts.

"What are you doing here?" Rhonda was surprised to see him.

"Grandma has been in hospital for so many days. I wanted to visit her."

Eliam looked at Leonard and asked, "Is this your brother?"

"This is Eliam, your brother-in-law. Come and say hello." Rhonda pulled Leonard and made him stand before Eliam.

Leonard looked Eliam up and down and asked, "Rhonda has never mentioned you before. How did you guys get married all of a sudden?"

"Just because you haven't heard of me, it doesn't mean I can't marry her."

"You should have told me anyway. I feel like an outsider." Leonard pouted unhappily.

"Don't say that. The suit I bought for your sister was so expensive, but she didn't think twice before giving it to your girlfriend. How could you be an outsider?" Eliam admitted that he was mad at Rhonda for giving the suit away.

"Did you buy that suit for Rhonda?" Leonard's impression of Eliam changed at once.

Rhonda's eyes widened when she heard that. She became restless. She understood why he had been cold and distant lately. He had found that she had given the suit away and had been mad at her. Perhaps he still was. 😞

"The suit..." Rhonda wanted to explain, but Eliam interrupted her.

"Forget it. It's just a suit." Eliam shrugged and handed the gifts to Rhonda. "These tonics and health supplements are for Grandma."

Judging from the packaging, Rhonda could tell they were expensive.

Leonard nudged her with his elbow and whispered, "Rhonda, what does he do?"

"He works in the IT industry."

Leonard's eyes lit up with excitement. "Eliam, you look like a big shot in the IT industry. I once saw him on an international magazine's cover. And his name was..."

"You've got to be kidding, right? I don't even have a passport. I've never been abroad." Eliam broke into a cold sweat. He decided never to allow his photo to be published in any magazine again.

"Really? I thought you were that big shot." Leonard was a little disappointed. "Which company do you work for?"

For a moment, Eliam wanted to slap his brother-in-law. ☹️

Rhonda also looked at him. They had been married for a while, but she never had the time to ask Eliam where he worked.

Eliam touched his nose in embarrassment and told a random name that came to his mind.

"Wade Technology?" Leonard said he had never heard of such a company. "My ambition is to work for the Sloan Corporation. Eliam, do you know anyone there who would help me?"

"Sloan Corporation?" Eliam pretended to think. "Well, typically, it's difficult for inexperienced people to join that company. Besides, I don't think there is any suitable position for you now."

Leonard's shoulders slumped in dejection. "Then, I should probably try other companies."

"Leonard, stop questioning your brother-in-law and ask him to sit down."
Nora was happy to see E Liam. He was handsome, polite, and perfect for Rhonda in every way.

Leonard hurriedly fetched a chair for E Liam. "Take a seat, please."

E Liam was overwhelmed by their enthusiasm. He had always been introverted and withdrawn since he was a child. He had maintained a reasonable distance from his family as well.

If Richard hadn't asked him to visit Nora today, he would perhaps still be hesitating whether to see her or not.

"Grandma, I can't stay here long. My grandpa is getting discharged from the hospital tomorrow. I need to go through some formalities later."

"Rhonda, go and see what you can do. I have Leonard here with me. Don't worry."

Rhonda wanted to ask E Liam about something, so she followed him out. E Liam strutted out quickly as soon as he stepped out of the ward, fearing Rhonda would ask him something that he might not be able to answer.

"Hey, E Liam! Wait for me!" Rhonda caught up with him and grabbed his arm.

"Do you know the police almost arrested me today?"

"What? You didn't tell me about it," E Liam pretended to look shocked. "What happened?"

"You really don't know?" Rhonda sensed something was wrong. Today, the police told her that someone had provided the chat history of Cristina and the man who had made a duplicate key for her.

The police found the man. The man revealed that Cristina had asked him to make a duplicate key. They identified it was indeed the key to the safe.

Rhonda mulled it over and realized only a few people knew about the issue. Robert and E Liam were the only outsiders aware of it.

Rhonda had an inkling that E Liam had obtained the chat history, even though she didn't know how he would have done that.

"I know nothing about it. Are you all right now?" E Liam subconsciously touched his nose again. Rhonda had found out that he touched his nose every time he felt guilty.

"I heard someone gave Cristina's chat history to the police. They followed this clue and found the man who had copied the key for her. I want to know if you provided the chat history to the police."

"What key? What are you talking about?" E Liam frowned in confusion. He felt he could win an Oscar for his performance.

Rhonda believed E Liam wasn't pretending and began doubting her intuition.

"Didn't you promise to come to my company to restore the surveillance video today? Did you go there?"

"I forgot it because I was bogged down with a meeting. I'm sorry." E Liam touched his nose again.

"If not you, who would have done it?" Rhonda was confused.

"Oh, don't worry about it. Everything is fine now. That's all that matters."

"You are right." Rhonda decided not to think about it anymore. She cleared her throat and said, "I have another thing to tell you. I have resigned from my job. I can stay at home and look after Grandpa from now on."

E Liam was not surprised because he already knew it.

Rhonda didn't notice anything fishy.

The two walked all the way to Richard's ward and saw him talking over the phone.

Seeing them, Richard hung up the phone and said that Eliam's aunt would return home tomorrow and live with them for a while.

Rhonda was a little nervous. She didn't know anything about Eliam's aunt and wondered if she would be able to get along with her or not.

The next afternoon, Eliam's aunt, Miranda Sloan, arrived home. Eliam picked her up from the airport.

Rhonda dropped her grandma home first, so she hadn't come back yet. Nora lived in a suburban farmhouse, and a distant relative lived next door. He would help and look after her.

Rhonda wanted to hire a servant for Nora, but the latter firmly refused, and she didn't like living in the city either.

Rhonda had no choice but to collaborate with the distant relative. She decided to give him eight hundred dollars a month, and he would look after Nora every day.

She got all her work done and returned to the Sloan family's residence. The dinner was just ready.

Rhonda saw a middle-aged woman wheeling Richard out of his room. She knew it must be Miranda.

Miranda was wearing a white silk dress and opulent jewelry, looking a little domineering.

She turned and looked at Rhonda.

"Rhonda, you are back. Let me introduce her to you. This is Miranda. She is Eliam's aunt, which means she is your aunt too. You can call her Auntie." Richard smiled.

"Hello, Auntie Miranda."

"Dad, why didn't you tell me about Eliam's marriage before? We could have discussed and planned it as a family. It's a hasty decision,"

Miranda said discontentedly.

"It's Eliam's marriage; his wish. All that matters is whether he likes Rhonda or not. Besides, you have been abroad all the time. How do you expect me to discuss this with you?"

"But... She doesn't seem like a good match for him." Miranda didn't like Rhonda one bit.

"Stop it. You know nothing about Rhonda. She is a wonderful girl. Besides, Eliam has accepted her. Only that is important," Richard grunted in annoyance.

