

Chapter 534 Go To Timton Right Now

Although it was Lindsey's nightmare, Merrick couldn't shake the premonition that something terrible was about to happen. The absence of their mother's nightly video call only exacerbated his unease.

He retrieved his phone from the drawer and dialed his mother's number.

The ringtone echoed in the hushed night. It rang and rang, but no one picked up.

As time wore on, Merrick's anxiety grew. Though typically an optimist, this was the first time he felt genuine fear.

His heart clenched at the thought of something happening to his mother.

Finally, the call disconnected.

Merrick persisted in his attempts to reach her. She had always been quick to answer her phone when he or Lindsey called her, and it was unlike her to miss one. At this hour, Melissa should have been asleep, her phone within reach. What could have caused her not to answer?

Mulling over the potential dangers of venturing to Timton, Merrick couldn't help but feel a twinge of fear. Could his mother have faced any peril during her time there?

Gazing at the moon outside, Merrick silently wished for news of his mother's safety.

Restlessly perched on the edge of the bed, he debated whether to wait until dawn to inform Everett. But his concern for his mother grew, and he rushed to knock on Everett's door.

"What's wrong?" Everett asked, rubbing his sleepy eyes. He was taken aback by the worry etched on Merrick's face.

"Mr. Mayfield, I can't get a hold of Mommy tonight. I'm afraid something's happened to her."

Everett sprang into action upon hearing this.

"Since when?"

"She hasn't called all night. Lindsey said she had a dream that something happened to Mommy, so I tried calling, but no one answered. It's so late, and her phone should be in her room..."

Before Merrick could finish, Everett returned to his room. He threw on his coat and instructed his bodyguards to get the car ready.

Merrick trailed him as he strode out of the room.

"Mr. Mayfield, where are you going?"

"I'm heading to the Carter family in Timton. I'll do everything in my power to bring your mother back."

With that, he dashed downstairs and left the house.

"Tell me, where is the jade pendant?" Joyce demanded, her patience wearing thin with Melissa. She hadn't anticipated Melissa hiding the jade pendant. Despite being beaten by Joyce's henchmen, Melissa remained silent.

"Melissa, I'm your grandmother. The jade pendant belongs to our family. All I want is for you to return it. Is that too much to ask? Hand it over, and I'll let you go. You'll live a life of luxury, and the entire Carter family can be yours."

Dangling from her bonds, Melissa erupted into bitter laughter. Her face pale, she glared at Joyce's deceitful expression and spat a mouthful of blood in defiance.