

Chapter 553 A Jealous Man

"Did you miss me?" Aloys asked.

"Yes, Mr. Brustin, we missed you!"

The two children chimed in unison.

Aloys tousled their hair before setting down the toys and snacks he'd brought along.

"Here, I brought you some gifts."

"Thank you, Mr. Brustin."

After exchanging a few words with the kids, Aloys took his leave.

As he departed, he crossed paths with Everett.

Their gazes met, crackling with unspoken tension.

"Aloys, it's been a while," Everett said, extending his hand. Aloys shook it with a smile, but then felt a sudden, painful pinch.

Despite the discomfort, Aloys remained composed, feigning indifference to the pain.

"Hey, Everett. You're back." Melissa, sensing the tension between them, quickly intervened to prevent a confrontation. "What are you guys doing?"

Aloys replied, "Nothing. We were just chatting."

Chatting? She knew Aloys and Everett had never gotten along. Why were they talking now?

She couldn't quite put her finger on it, but something seemed off about their interaction.

Everett leaned in and whispered into Aloys' ear, "You'd better not develop any feelings for Melissa."

He then patted Aloys' shoulder forcefully and said, "You can go now."

Aloys turned to Melissa, waved goodbye, and said in his usual gentle tone, "See you another day."

As he left, Everett's expression darkened.

"Why was he here?"

Aware that he was jealous, Melissa reassured him, "I've told you before, Aloys is just a friend, and we consider each other family. It's only natural for him to visit the children."

But her words did little to assuage Everett's displeasure.

He eventually relented after some persuasion. He wrapped his arm around Melissa and kissed her. Satisfied, he remarked, "Your kiss still tastes as sweet as ever."

Melissa was at a loss for words. She couldn't help but think Everett would feel happy as long as he got a chance to be intimate with her.

One week had passed quickly. Over the past week, Melissa had applied to numerous hospitals, but each one had rejected her.

Despite her unhappy experience working in the previous hospital, she remained committed to her work as a doctor.

However, the harsh reality was taking its toll.

Each hospital provided the same excuse, claiming she wasn't a good fit.

Melissa suspected Peter was orchestrating this, seeking retribution for her outsmarting him.

How could someone so vindictive be a hospital director? Melissa wondered.

He must have connections.

As she fretted over her career, she stumbled upon the business card Aloys had given her.

Maybe this could be the solution to her problem. With little hesitation,

she dialed the number.

"Hello, how may I help you?" a voice on the other end inquired.

Melissa introduced herself and briefly explained her situation.

The man's enthusiasm was palpable. "Ah, you must be Aloys' friend. He mentioned you specifically, stating that we should hire you if you applied. He's spoken highly of your abilities. We believe you would make an excellent addition to our university."