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Chapter 536: Tonight, Don't Leave

Hayden Crawford deliberately didn't pick up her call!

Serena Sterling was in a state of panic. She was currently doing oral motor training with Caden and also performing acupuncture. This was part of a treatment regimen that couldn't be interrupted. However, Caden had suddenly disappeared, and she was anxious and worried.

Serena swiftly found Corvus's phone number and dialed it.

This time, the line connected, and Corvus's voice came through: "Hello, Miss Sterling."

"Where is your young master? Let him take the call. Where has he taken Caden? If he has any issues, let him come to me instead. Don't scare the child..."

"Miss Sterling, if you truly care about young master Caden's well-being, then please seriously consider what the young master told you last night."

What?

Serena was taken aback.

"Miss Sterling, the young master said that you probably now know about young master Caden's origins. Yes, young master Caden is the child you and the young master had through a surrogate mother, so he is your biological son. You always think of young master Caden, so show your sincerity now. Three years ago, you didn't hesitate to abort the child, and three years later, the young master said he's curious to see if your heart is still as ruthless as it was then. In short, when you've made up your mind, call the young master. He said he'll wait for you."

Serena sat on the chair, realizing what Hayden Crawford was up to.

What did he say last night? He seemed to say he wanted to keep her as his outlet, to willingly serve him.

She refused at the time, so today he took Caden away, not allowing her to see him.

She was certain that if she didn't agree, she would never see Caden again.

Serena then clearly realized how calculating Hayden Crawford had become over the past three years. He deliberately went on business trips over the past two weeks, giving her ample time to bond with Caden before abruptly taking him away, using her love for Caden to his advantage.

Serena's hands and feet were cold; she had reached this point with Hayden Crawford.

Serena sat from morning until afternoon, and when afternoon came, her phone rang—it was a call.

Serena pressed the button to answer, "Hello."

"Serena." A gentle voice came through—Seth Sullivan.

"Brother Seth..."

"Your phone is being monitored." Seth calmly interrupted her.

Serena quickly became alert. Her phone was being monitored, certainly by Hayden's orders. Here in the City of Aethelgard, she was essentially in his territory.

"Serena, you don't need to say anything. I just want to ask when you'll come to the State of Westria. You've already stayed a long time in the City of Aethelgard."

Seth was pushing her to go to the State of Westria. With Seth's detached, ethereal nature, he wouldn't rush her unless time was pressing.

"Brother Seth, I still need some time. In the State of Westria... you handle it first."

"Okay, Serena, we'll wait for you in the State of Westria." After speaking, Seth directly hung up the call.

We...

Serena noticed Seth used the word "we" in the end. Could it be that Pip and Stella had left the ancient state of Alani and had already gone to the State of Westria with Seth?

Serena really needed to go to the State of Westria. She had her own mission; this time, coming to the City of Aethelgard, the biggest worry was still her Caden.

Before she went to the State of Westria, she had to make sure Caden spoke.

Serena took out her phone and calmly dialed Hayden Crawford's number.

This time, the melodious phone ringtone on the other end rang twice before it was slowly answered. Hayden Crawford's deep, magnetic voice resonated in her ear, elegant yet indifferent, "Have you made up your mind?"

Serena curled her slender, fair fingers tightly around the phone, "Can I just... accompany you once?"

"You accompany me once, and I'll let you spend a day with Caden." Hayden Crawford domineeringly set the rules of the game; he called the shots in this game.

Serena's long lashes trembled, and she lightly bit her lip, "Seeing Caden once isn't enough... Aren't you the one who doesn't sleep with the same woman twice?"

"Serena, that's something you have to figure out. You're so clever; you should know how to make me make an exception for you."

Serena was silent for a few seconds, "I want to see Caden now."

She had tacitly accepted the rules of the game.

Hayden nodded, "Fine. Caden is at Maplewood Villa now. Just go there, and you'll see him. Tonight, don't leave."

Serena quietly agreed, "Okay..."

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Maplewood Villa.

Serena rushed over as quickly as she could, and seeing her, Auntie McCoy seemed as if she'd seen a lifeline, chanting prayers of relief, "Miss Sterling, you finally came. Today, I don't even know what happened. Sir suddenly wouldn't let the young master go to school. The young master wants to see you, and the father and son have been in a standoff for a long time. The young master has locked himself in his room and hasn't come out, not even for lunch."

Serena's heart twisted with pain, "Auntie Mccoy, I'll go up and take a look."

Serena wanted to go upstairs.

But just then, the room door upstairs suddenly opened, and young Caden Crawford heard Serena's voice and couldn't wait to run downstairs, "Fairy Teacher!"

Young Caden Crawford quickly ran into Serena's arms.

Serena opened her arms to catch the little bundle of joy, "Caden, did you miss Ms. Sterling?"

Young Caden Crawford looked up at her with big eyes like black grapes; he nodded vigorously, signaling, "Yes, I missed Fairy Teacher, but Daddy wouldn't let me go out!"

Serena patted young Caden Crawford's little head, "Caden, don't be afraid. Ms. Sterling has already talked with your daddy. From now on, you can normally go to kindergarten and see Ms. Sterling."

"Really?" Young Caden Crawford's eyes lit up.

"Of course. Ms. Sterling thinks your daddy is probably getting old. Older men enter menopause early, so he's moody and has a bad temper. Let's not mind him."

The prematurely aging Hayden Crawford, "..."

Young Caden Crawford immediately showed a sweet smile on his carved, jade-like little face, "Alright, I understand, Fairy Teacher. Play with me."

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Serena stayed at Maplewood Villa. When dinner time came, Hayden Crawford hadn't returned, so Serena had dinner with young Caden Crawford and Auntie Mccoy. After dinner, Serena and young Caden Crawford sat on the soft wool carpet reading a storybook.

At this time, two bright car lights were cast from a distance, and then a Rolls-Royce Phantom luxury car slowly stopped on the lawn.

Hayden Crawford was back!

Auntie Mccoy quickly opened the villa's door.