Chapter 84 Jessica's Apology

"Wifey, you've met Attorney Scarlett. This is her husband, Kaleb Wright, the

CEO of the Diamond Hotels and my soon-

to-be business partner," Evan presented

after meeting Scarlett's family at the Intercontinental Hotel's grand ballroom. The Wrights had already settled at one

table with their kids.

Scarlett and her family were all dressed in white, coincidentally. Sharlette and Evan were too. Lucas was also in a white tux, and instantly, their party laughed at how they all turned up in the same shade.

"It's nice to meet you again, Scarlett."

Sharlette extended her hand to Kaleb and

said, "Mister Wright. It is truly an honor

to meet the great CEO who runs the

biggest corporation in the country."

"Oh, that's not me," Scarlett's husband

replied. "That would be my brother. Our company has become too big, and it was too difficult for my brother to handle everything. Thus, we decided to separate the Diamond Hotels and put it under my leadership. My older brother is the one handling the mother company."

"Oh, is that right?" Sharlette remarked.

It looked like she missed that detail

entirely. Last night, Evan had given her a rundown of the Wright family. Over the years, their company had risen as the country's wealthiest corporation. Being associated with the Wrights was

considered an honor and a once-in-a- lifetime opportunity. Thus, Evan was

looking forward to the partnership with Kaleb Wright, Attorney Scarlett's

husband.

"Like the Thompson Group of Companies, it will eventually separate

other companies as the expansion

continues for each entity," Evan described, and Kaleb agreed. Looking past Kaleb, Evan asked, "And these must be your lovely children!"

Scarlett's husband said, pointing to the tallest young man, "This is my eldest.

Liam. Next are Lewis and Levin. Our only rose, her name is Lily Rose, and there are Kayden and Kristoff."

"Wow, six kids," Sharlette remarked. " What a happy family."

"It is. While more kids can be a mess, in the end, it's enjoyable. You both should try it," Scarlett proposed. "Have at least five kids."

"Meaning, I'll have brothers and sisters!" Lucas exclaimed from behind Evan.

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Sharlette flushed while Evan laughed. He made a mess of Lucas' hair and said, " That depends on Mommy."

Guiding Lucas in front of him, Evan said, "And this is my son, Lucas."

"Oh, only one. Tsk. Tsk." Scarlett expressed. "The poor boy needs a brother and sister." Scarlett elbowed Sharlette and suggested, "Aim for a girl. It's really nice to have a girl – the dress up and how they act like princesses is just adorable."

"I wish it works that way," Sharlette responded, chuckling.

"Oh, it's simple. You just need to keep trying!" Scarlett suggested. "Take those supplements that make you ovulate more. Have sex more frequently!"

Yet again, Sharlette's face burned. She turned to Lucas, ensuring her son was not paying attention. She whispered, "I'm not ready yet to have another child. Even invested in a heart and lung center for my father and me. I can't fall him. He spent a lot of money so I could continue my

career here in Rose Hills."

"I understand, Sharlette. I took a break from making babies after Levin and Lewis, but you know what? Each time I was pregnant, I won big cases. They say pregnancy is a lucky charm," Scarlett winked at Sharlette. 3

"We will be joining your table. You are our most valued guest, after all," Evan proposed.

Sharlette and Evan sat next to Kaleb and Scarlett, while Lucas sat next to Lily. As Lucas settled himself, he smiled at Lily. He face stunning red at the beautiful

young girl. He said, "Hi, Lily. It's nice to meet you." 2

Lily Rose beamed at Lucas. Her cheeks also flushed as she replied, "Likewise, Lucas."

Seeing Lucas' and Lily's reaction, Kaleb's eldest son, commanded, "Let's exchange

seats, Lily. You should stay near Dad."

"It's okay, Liam. It would be good for Lily to chat with kid's her age," Scarlett recommended. "You need to watch over Kristoff and Kayden. They are still young to be on their own."

"No, Lily, stay with us!" This time, it was Lewis who ordered.

"Your sons sure are protective over your only rose," Evan remarked. 1

"Ah, yes, they are. Too overprotective, I should say," Scarlett acknowledged. She leaned closer and whispered in Evan's and Sharlette's way. "Sometimes, I worry about Lily's future love life, if you know what I mean."

"Anyway, sorry about that." Scarlett said before turning to Lucas. She said, "Sorry, Lucas. You can chat with Lily next time."

"If there will be a next time!" Levin

sarcastically said. "What? Do you like my sister? You'll have to fight us first, including Kayden and Kristoff."

"Levin! For crying out loud, Lucas and Lily are still young. You are feeding them the wrong ideas," Scarlett complained.

Just as Evan and Sharlette were getting

entertained by the kids, Mister Romanov

arrived. Evan excused himself to welcome

the client, saying, "I'll speak to Mister

Romanov. I'll be back in a few seconds."

Sharlette's eyes followed Evan, and after

seeing him with Mister Romanov, she

returned her regard to Scarlett and Kaleb. She said, "Thank you for coming."

"Oh, it's our pleasure. I have always been

interested in expanding my hotels here in Rose Hills. I never had the proper

connection before. I'm glad my wife

worked with you and Evan," Kaleb

replied. "By the way, you are wearing a

beautiful dress. I like it very much."

The first thing that came into Sharlette's mind was how Scarlett's husband was

flirting with her. How does she get out of this situation? However, before she could

answer, Scarlett laughed and revealed,

He is just proud of her sister because you are wearing her sister's designed dress."

"What?" Sharlette asked, utterly

bemused. "Sarah Kate?"

"Yes, Sarah Kate. My sister designed the dress you are wearing," Kaleb revealed

proudly. "Sarah Kate is my twin." 1

Sharlette leaned back in her seat. She

figured the designer Sarah Kate must have carried her married name. She clarified, "Sarah Kate is a Wright?"

"Yes, she is. She married Carlos Ronaldo, the tennis superstar, and that's why she carries a different last name," Kaleb

explained.

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"Oh, my god! I wanna meet her! I wanna see her! I want a custom-designed dress,

Sharlette went on and on with

excitement that her eyes sparkled.

"That can be arranged," Kaleb promised. "She would be delighted to meet you too."

"I'm sure she would, and if she ever finds

out that you are planning to have a child

in the future," Scarlett moved closer to Sharlette again and then suggested, "My sister-in-law is very good with sexual advice." 1

"Oh, my!" Sharlette laughed. She loved the idea of meeting her favorite designer, and she supposed getting sexual advice

would be a bonus? 2

Sharlette continued to have a pleasant talk with Attorney Scarlett and her

husband until she heard a woman's voice. "Doctor Shant, I am sorry to interrupt, but I would like to apologize for

everything. Will you find it in your heart to forgive me?"

In response, Sharlette leaned back. She asked, "Miss Turner?"

"Yes, it is. I wanted to show you how I am

sincere about my mistake, so I

approached you personally. I am still

invited to the party since my father, and I

own half of the condo unit," Jessica

reminded.

Sharlette only blinked her eyes. While

that was true, Evan had another reason for not canceling their invitation. She told

Jessica, "I don't know what your plan is,

but if you are going to use this to cause

trouble. I'm telling you, Miss Turner, it

won't work." 1

"I swear, I am being sincere. I won't bother you at the center ever again.

Honestly, I admire Mister Thompson

greatly, but I give up knowing he is fully

committed," Jessica admitted.

"And about the article featuring you and Evan?" Sharlette asked. she remained seated while asking. "Aren't you going to take that back?"

"The article?" Jessica pretended to be clueless. She replied, strengthening her voice, "I swear I have no involvement in that article." Jessica's eyes scanned the area, searching for witnesses to their exchange. When she locked eyes with a few, she continued, "Some people think Evan and I look good together. I can't dictate their actions or opinion. It's because I am a known socialite who is single, reputable, and available ."

"Evan is not available, though,"

Sharlette retorted, "You knew that."

"Yes, but the people don't know that, and whoever wrote that article was probably just a fan whom I don't know," Jessica

insisted, making her voice more audible. She giggled, and while looking at others, she remarked, "Please, Doctor Shant.

Don't be jealous. Evan and I are just

friends."

Sharlette lifted a brow at Jessica. On the

other hand, Scarlett quickly whispered to her, "So this is Jessica Turner. She is on to

something."

"She is trying to make me look bad,"

Sharlette admitted.

"Be mindful," Scarlett said.

"I definitely will," Sharlette replied.

Meanwhile, Jessica saw Evan glaring at her. She also noticed how Evan's security

team was approaching her. She said loudly, "Again, I am sorry for any misunderstanding, Doctor Shant. Please

don't be jealous. I really don't have a clue

about who made the article. Thank you for listening. Goodbye."

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Minutes went by, and all the guests had already arrived, including Evan's friends

and their dates.

Sharlette was surprised to see Karise with Keith. It made her wonder if there was something more going on between them. However, because she and Evan were with special guests, they only said their hellos before Keith brought Karise to the table where Wendell and Sean were.

Soon Evan was asked to go on stage. He spoke of his achievements last year and the company's upcoming growth. Evan highlighted a potential partnership with The Diamond Hotels, introducing Kaleb Wright to all the visitors. At the end of his speech, he spoke of the most significant people in his life.

"Of course, I would not be as successful as I am today without my parents' support –

Erick and Clara Thompson," Evan said.

And I would not be as motivated to create

more projects if it were not for my

personal inspiration. Ladies and

gentlemen, you have read the feature from CELLE Magazine. In front of you now, let me introduce you to the two

people I love the most, Doctor Sharlette

Scott and my son, Lucas."

When Evan called their names, a

spotlight spotted Sharlette and Lucas.

Everyone applauded, throwing them compliments.

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At another table, Jessica was rolling her

eyes while Sharlette and Lucas walked to

the stage. She took a walk, not wanting to see any public display of affection. As she left, she heard murmurs around.

"I don't know what Jessica was talking about. Why would Mister Thompson's

wife be jealous of her when Doctor Shant is so much more beautiful!" One woman

said.

"And classy too!" Another one praised.

Jessica stopped in her tracks, hearing those remarks about her. Her eyes

darkened as she mumbled, "Let's see

later if you still think that woman has

class."