

Chapter 784 Shallow

Cole got the full story from Paulina, and hearing that Sunny had stayed overnight left him visibly irritated. He scowled. "Call Donovan and Seth and tell them to take their son home!"

With a hint of amusement, Elliana glanced at him. "Are you honestly going to pick a fight with a four-year-old? Donovan raised me and taught me so much—how could I send his son away?"

Cole realized how ridiculous he sounded and chuckled, "I know I'm being ridiculous. But with that little troublemaker lurking around, I can't even step outside comfortably. He's after either my wife or my daughter. With that kind of ambition, how am I supposed to relax?"

"Ha-ha!" Elliana burst into laughter. "Tomorrow, we're heading to Harmony Estate to visit my dad and brother. You won't have to face Sunny for an entire day."

True to her word, Elliana and Cole left for Harmony Estate with the twins early the next morning. When they departed, Jeff and Sunny were still sound asleep.

The moment Jeff and Sunny woke up, they raced down the stairs together, eager for a glimpse of Beatrice. But by then, Elliana and Cole had already been gone for nearly an hour. Realizing Beatrice and Elliana wouldn't be around that entire day crushed their spirits, and breakfast lost all appeal.

Barely touching their toast, the two boys soon slid right back into their usual bickering.

Elliana and Cole had never mentioned their trip to Delta to Arthur and Milton, only calling to report their safety after everything was resolved.

Overjoyed to hear that Elliana's daughter had been brought back safely, Arthur and Milton were up early, waiting in the living room for their arrival.

With Eva and Wanda gone, the first two floors had undergone a full

makeover, brand new furniture restored a sense of order and peace to the house.

No longer restricted to the upper levels, Arthur and Milton could finally enjoy the first floor, hosting guests in a proper family sitting room once again.

As soon as Elliana and Cole entered, twins in their arms, Arthur and Milton hurried over, both eager for a turn holding Beatrice.

Although Arthur and Milton cherished Felix, Beatrice was the star today, their first real chance to dote on her after so much turmoil.

Arthur beamed, never letting his smile fade as he showered Beatrice with affectionate words.

Milton grinned, gently brushing his hand across Beatrice's cheek before admiring her tiny fingers and toes.

Seeing how much Milton adored the baby, Elliana couldn't resist teasing him. "You're so great with kids, Milton. Maybe it's time you settled down and had a few of your own."

Milton lifted an eyebrow at her words. Her suggestion was far easier said than accomplished. Years devoted to his career and the search for his lost family had left him with little time, or inclination, to think about settling down. Romance and parenthood simply hadn't entered his world, and he never noticed anyone who might change that.

Elliana, picking up on his hesitation, kept up her playful prodding. "How about this? If you're not seeing anyone, why don't I set you up with Adah? She's smart, gorgeous, and I've known her forever. Honestly, you'd make a great match."

Before Milton could respond, Cole frowned at Elliana, silently begging her to stop talking. His old friend Allan had been hanging on to hope, desperate to meet Adah, who had captured his heart.

Every secret between Cole and Elliana had come out, so he knew all about Adah's real background. Allan, however, was still clueless.

All Allan knew was that the woman who had captured his heart in an instant was named "Ava." He had no idea she was really Adah, the same fiancée he had once dismissed and pushed aside so cruelly.

Since that night at Nightfall, Allan hadn't seen "Ava" again. Missing her more each day, he constantly hounded Cole for updates.

Determined not to blow Adah's cover, Cole repeatedly assured Allan that Ava was overseas and would be home eventually.

If Elliana really matched Milton with Adah, Cole wondered how he would ever be able to explain things to Allan.

Elliana, noticing the tension in Cole's face, leaned closer and whispered, "What's wrong?"

Cole knew hiding the truth any longer would only create a bigger disaster. Keeping his voice low, he told her everything.

Elliana's eyes grew wide by the time he finished. "Is Allan honestly that serious about Adah?"

She had known Allan was attracted to "Ava," but she had assumed he was just flirting with another pretty woman for fun. She had never imagined he was genuinely invested, much less planning to marry Adah.

Cole nodded, his expression earnest. "He is."

Elliana pouted, unimpressed. "Well, that's what he gets. When Adah was his fiancée, he treated her horribly and even threw away a fortune just to end the engagement. Now, he's chasing her? It's obviously only because she's beautiful. He's being completely shallow."

Cole said nothing, not daring to defend Allan. Allan had ignored Adah but was infatuated with Ava. The only difference was her appearance, and that spoke for itself.