

Chapter 819 Waited Outside Her Room

Elliana felt Cole had a right to know about Rita, so she made a group chat with him, Arthur, and Milton. Once they were all in, she explained how she had unexpectedly seen Rita at the Thompson estate the day before.

Milton practically exploded with joy. He sent a voice note right away. "Elliana, wait—are you serious? Is that really Mom?"

Arthur was just as shaken and quickly sent a voice message. "Please don't tell me you mixed her up with someone else!"

Elliana knew they were excited, but she still replied with a teasing emoji. "Do you honestly think I wouldn't recognize my own mother?"

Milton rushed to explain. "No! That's not it! I'm just losing my mind right now—I can't believe we found her like this!"

Arthur added, "Exactly! We know you're sharp—I just got carried away and spoke without thinking!"

Elliana sent a smiling emoji. "It's really Rita. No doubt. Life is strange. Maxine had stolen Rita right after she had been born, but after all those painful years, she ended up right back with her real family without even knowing it. She's lived with the Thompsons for ten years. Even though the Thompsons haven't learned the truth, most of them genuinely cared for her."

Milton replied, "Hearing she's been safe and loved... That's a huge relief."

Arthur went quiet in the group chat, but alone in his room, tears streamed down his face. Ever since Rita vanished from his life, he had lived with constant concern for her well-being. And when he later learned Miguel had driven her to jump into the sea a decade ago, the dread of the worst scenario had nearly consumed him. He had carried that worry for years. This revelation brought him tremendous comfort. For ten years, Rita had lived with her biological family and lacked nothing. That knowledge

soothed the raw concern that had haunted him.

Arthur typed. "Elliana, I want to see her—right now!"

Milton followed immediately. "Yeah! I can't wait any longer!"

Elliana replied, "I know how you feel, but we have to move wisely. The Thompsons definitely ran a DNA test on Amilia last night and probably already figured out she's a fake. Once that's confirmed, they'll start looking for the real daughter. We need to wait for them to reach out. It'll be easier to bring Mom home once everything is out in the open."

Milton responded, "You're right. No point hiding anymore. I'm heading to you—we'll wait for their call together."

Arthur added, "I'm coming too."

Elliana didn't stop them. Before this, she worried they might expose her plans and alert the Thompsons, but now that everything was unraveling on its own, secrecy no longer mattered.

Just then, Cole, who had been silent the whole time, finally wrote. "I'm coming as well."

"Perfect." Elliana typed. "I'm grabbing breakfast downstairs first. Let's meet at the hotel later."

After confirming the plan, Elliana washed up, got dressed, and opened the door.

The hotel restaurant was on the third floor, so she need to head down. Right now, she was still dressed as Dr. Atkinson in her men's disguise.

But the moment she entered the hallway, she stopped cold. A large group stood lined up outside her room. Edgar and Elsie were at the front. Rita stood to their left, while Kaleb and Jenifer stood to their right.

The Thompson family's uniformed servants and guards immediately bowed. "Good morning, Elliana!"

At this greeting, Elliana froze, stunned. It felt like her mind short-circuited. Great. They had discovered who she really was.

Before Elliana could decide what to do, Rita approached her with a warm

smile, held her hand, and whispered something softly.

As the words registered, Elliana's shock melted into delight. She whispered back, "Mom, are the Thompsons really that sharp? As soon as they learned Amilia wasn't related to them by blood, they knew you were their family?"

Elliana's surprised expression was utterly adorable, and Rita couldn't help but chuckle. "Your grandparents and uncle aren't easy to fool. They suspected me almost immediately and ran a DNA test right away."

Rita continued, smiling. "Honestly, it's because I look so much like your grandmother. After living with them for ten years, it wasn't hard for them to connect the dots once Amilia was exposed."

Seeing how radiant her mother looked made Elliana's heart feel light. Her heart felt full. After everything Maxine stole from her, Rita was finally back where she belonged.

Just then, Edgar and Elsie stepped toward Elliana with Kaleb and Jenifer by their side.



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