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Chapter 1376 Unexpectedly Impressive

Ichika, too, saw the news the next day.

Fraught with concern, she immediately called to check on her family. Unfortunately, her calls went unanswered, which only worried her more. What's going on? Where's Mom?

"Ichika," Solomon called from downstairs. "Where are you?"

"Oh!" She hurried down in her pajamas. "Sorry, Darling. I was preoccupied with something and haven't started making breakfast yet... Let me do that now."

In Jetroina, it was customary for the wife of the newlyweds to take care of her husband by preparing meals. Solomon, however, did not seem to care about such traditions.

"Don't worry about it. I'll just have something at the office," he told her gently. "Are you preoccupied with what happened to your sister?"

"Yeah..." Ichika chewed her lip in slight distress. "There must be a misunderstanding. My sister... She's not like that, I'm sure. My family didn't raise us to be like that."

She was saying this not only to defend Himari but also to maintain her family's honor. After all, her upbringing had taught her that the Minamoto family name was everything and that she should never let anything or anyone tarnish it.

Solomon's expression was unreadable. "Ichika," he said slowly, "You have to learn to see the true nature of one's character. Unfortunately, not everyone in this world is as nice as you make out to be."

"Oh..." His wife blinked, looking at him with bewildered eyes.

She waited to see if her husband had more to say, but the man simply left it at that. He got up and headed toward the door, ready to set off for work.

"What's your plan for the day?" he asked casually.

"Vivi and Matteo don't need me at Frontier Bay, so I might just stay at home today," Ichika said, tilting her head in incomprehension. "Why do you ask?"

"In that case, why don't you come to the office with me?" her husband offered. "My secretary is on leave today. I could use some help in the office."

Ichika perked up immediately. "Really? I would love to!" A smile blossomed on her face as she nodded profusely.

With the scandal involving Himari momentarily forgotten, she headed to the office happily with her husband. By the time the matter surfaced again, it was a few days later. When she eventually managed to get a hold of her family, it was to the knowledge that Himari was married into the Nogita family.

Shocked, Ichika shared this news with her husband at once. "Darling, guess what? My father just arranged a marriage between my sister and someone from the Nogita family in Terrandya! But why would Dad do that? Everyone knows that the Nogita family has a bad name."

"Is that so?" Solomon muttered as he continued browsing his work emails on his computer.

"Yeah... It's the strangest thing," Ichika said, confused. "I thought my parents had wanted her to marry into the Tsurka family... I wonder what made them change their mind?"

Little did she know, the person who was responsible for this was sitting right in front of her, nor was she aware that he did it solely because of her.

Ichika left the study, still pondering the events that had happened to her sister. Solomon, on the other hand, was feeling rather pleased with himself.

His good mood lasted until he saw the texts in the Whatsapp group chat he was in.

Old Mr. Jadeson: So it's true that someone tried to poison the people in the research institute? But why?

Devin: I have no idea. The institute had been fine even when Eddie pulled those stunts. I don't understand why something like this would happen now.

Sabrina: Hubby, why don't you go there to check on things?

The group remained silent after that last message.

Solomon's brows knitted together. Though he wanted to comment, he was unsure if he was in the position to do so because he saw himself as an outsider in the group. The only thing he could do was remain on the sidelines and see how things would unfold.

Unexpectedly, a message from Ichika popped up in the group chat.

Ichika: Could it be a mishap? Zinc is sometimes used in forensic chemistry as a preservative for biological evidence. Maybe someone was using it to preserve something and caused an accidental poisoning.

The group fell silent once more.

Solomon cast a glance at the door. He could imagine Ichika in her room, carefully reading the messages and earnestly doing what she could to help.

His eyes twitched.

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Chapter 1377 Losing Control

Just then, a text from Sebastian came in: It's likely. We should get that looked into.

Sasha: Wow, Ichika! That's so impressive! We didn't even think of that possibility. Good job!

This was immediately followed by a text from Sabrina containing no fewer than ten thumb-up emojis and a smiley face.

Devin: That makes sense, actually. Good job.

Solomon raised a brow at the multitude of compliments showering down on Ichika, and a smile crept up his lips without his knowledge.

Half an hour later, he heard light footsteps approaching his study. As he expected, it was his wife, who was carrying a bowl of soup.

"Darling, I made some supper. Would you like some?" She smiled at him sweetly, her eyes bright and her tone joyous.

This time, Solomon was aware of the smile he was wearing as he nodded.

Two days later, the results of the investigation were out. Ichika's speculation turned out to be true. The poisoned engineer, Hugh Giibson, had somehow gotten his hands on some preservatives that contained zinc, which he then used on the meat he brought from home in hopes of getting them to last longer. As a result, he ingested an overdose of zinc and got himself poisoned.

It ended up being a classic case of much ado about nothing.

Sebastian was slightly annoyed and embarrassed to have taken this matter so seriously. Amused, his wife was quick to comfort him.

“Come on, don’t be so grumpy. It’s a good thing that it turned out to be something so trivial,” Sasha said placatingly. “You should be happy that everything’s fine.”

Sebastian huffed but said nothing, which Sasha considered as an agreement to what she said. She chuckled inwardly. He can be such a child sometimes.

Just when everyone thought that the matter was concluded, the couple received an unexpected visit from Bertram Anderson, the director of the research institute.

On behalf of the institute, he thanked them for their help in the investigation and apologized for causing such trouble in the first place.

Not only that, he had come bearing a gift—an exclusive invitation for the couple to visit Aurora Island.

Sasha’s eyes sparkled with excitement. “Wow, seriously? Aurora Island?”

It was where the institute’s scientists conducted their most revolutionary research and experiments, some of which had led to changes in the island’s surrounding atmosphere. As a result, one could observe some stunningly beautiful aurora lights on the island, which was hence aptly named as such.

Despite being one of the most fascinating places in the world, Aurora Island was strictly off-limits to outsiders, and a chance to go there was considered by many a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence.

Sasha was determined to seize the golden ticket. “Sebby, let’s go, shall we?” she wheedled in a saccharine-sweet voice, hanging on to her husband’s arm and peering up at him through her lashes. “I heard the place has amazing sights. I want to go, please?”

Sebastian was powerless in the face of her beseeching look, though he tried to maintain a facade of aloofness in front of the director.

“It’s a classified location, isn’t it? Are we allowed to go?”

“Certainly.” Bertram smiled. “The island is off-limits to the world, but such a rule doesn’t apply to you, Mr. Jadeson. You are welcome to go whenever you like.”

It was the ultimate privilege granted to the man, yet at the same time, what Bertram said was true. There was nowhere in this country that would deny entry to Sebastian since he was a Jadeson.

To Sasha’s delight, her husband eventually accepted the invitation to go to the island. She shared the news in the Whatsapp group chat at once.

Sasha: Guess what? Sebastian and I are going to Aurora Island!

Sabrina: What Aurora Island?

Devin: It's where the research institute carries out its experiments, which frequently cause light anomalies in the air and result in aurora lights. I heard they are quite beautiful.

In a matter of seconds, Sabrina, who had been holed up at Oceanic Estate for the past two months, made an executive decision.

She texted: I demand that you take me with you!

Upon seeing the message, Devin and Sebastian both had identical expressions of exasperation, a fact unbeknownst to the two men.

Old Mr. Jadeson: That shouldn't be a problem. I'll make a call.

True to his word, Jonathan replied a short while later to confirm that he had gotten the research institute to accommodate for both Sabrina and Devin.

Old Mr. Jadeson: The more, the merrier.

As Sasha and Sabrina were excitedly chatting about travel preparations in the group chat, another message popped up.

Ichika: Sha, is it okay that I go as well?

Solomon, who saw the message, frowned in displeasure. What is she thinking? She can't just go around making requests like that.

It was the first time since their marriage that he became angry at Ichika.

Though he was on relatively good terms with the members in the group chat, he could not shake off the feeling that he did not belong in their circle.

He considered himself as the outsider of the group. Hence, it had embarrassed him when Ichika made such a request in what he deemed to be a casual manner.

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Chapter 1378 Helpless

Solomon stood up abruptly, intending to find Ichika right away.

But right then, someone voiced out in the group.

Sasha: Ichika, let me ask Mr. Anderson if you can come. I need to get his approval since it's the research laboratory.

Ichika: All right. Thanks, Sha.

Even though Ichika did not receive a confirmation, she was delighted with the answer.

She was eager to see the aurora with her own eyes.

She had only seen it on the internet and it was beautiful.

However, that was not the only reason she wanted to join them. Envious of the merry atmosphere in the group, she had always wanted to get along well with them.

Just as she put down her phone happily, someone pushed the door open from the outside.

"Darling?"

She stood up immediately, startled by the man who had barged in without knocking on the door.

"What do you think you were doing? Who told you to make such a request?"

He had turned into an entirely different person.

Solomon stood at the door, his expression utterly stern and his gaze pierced through Ichika's heart like a cold blade.

Ichika was scared stiff.

She recoiled in fear, and tears started welling up in her eyes.

"Darling, did... did I do wrong? I'm sorry... I just... I just want to see the—"

"Do you think you can say anything you want? Are you aware of your status? What right do you have to request such a thing from them? Have I been too nice to you recently?"

Solomon flew into a rage all of a sudden.

He looked so fierce that it made Ichika tremble incessantly in fright.

The color drained from Ichika's face as her mind went blank.

She could no longer hold back her tears.

What does he mean by my status? Do I not deserve to go to the island with them just because I'm a Jetroinian? Even though we're married, he still sees me as an outsider. He never treats me as one of them.

With that thought in mind, Ichika started bawling her eyes out.

"What is my status? Am I not your wife? Why can't I make that request? Akiyama, you never wanted me to be part of your community. You're worried that I will be a burden to Sha, aren't you?"

"What are you talking about?"

A terrifying look contorted Solomon's face.

Ichika held her tongue. She bit her lip tightly as tears rolled down her cheeks.

Solomon cut her a cold glare and stomped out of the room.

With that, silence was restored in the room.

Staring at the closed door, Ichika jumped into her bed and cried out loud in agony.

Why is he treating me like this? I've been doing my best. I understand he still has Sha in his heart. But why can't he just look at me? Is he not going to accept me forever?

Ichika hid under her blanket and could not stop crying. At that moment, Akiko's previous words echoed in her mind. It was the first time she had felt so helpless in life.

In fact, she was only twenty years old, and it was indeed outstanding of her to have come this far.

Meanwhile, Solomon returned to the study room.

He sat down in front of his table and stared right at the computer screen. He froze for a long while, not knowing what to do.

All he knew was that his heart was filled with frustration, and he could not calm down.

What did I say to her?

He could not even recall what he had just said as rage had completely replaced his rationality.

He sat dumfounded in his seat for a long time.

Eventually, he turned off his computer and went back to the bedroom.

The following day when he woke up, he glanced at the clock and noticed it was already eight.

Why did no one come to wake me up?

He was momentarily stunned. He jumped down from his bed and walked into the bathroom.

Strangely, there was no one in the bathroom. Usually, Ichika would wake him up gently at this hour of the day,

She would even get his toothbrush and towel ready in the bathroom.

Yet, none of that happened today.

His heart skipped a beat as he stared at the empty bathroom.

“Mr. Solomon, are you up? Breakfast is ready.”

Just then, Wendy’s voice came from outside.

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Chapter 1379 His Mind Went Blank

His face paled as he recalled what happened the previous night. Without hesitation, he got out of the bathroom and went to open the door.

“Wendy, what are you doing here?”

“I’m sorry, Mr. Solomon. Vivi insisted on seeing Ms. Minamoto, so I had no choice but to bring her here. Ms. Minamoto went to see her off, so I stayed to prepare breakfast for you,” Wendy explained to Solomon apologetically.

I see. So she only went to see Vivian off.

Solomon let out a sigh of relief upon hearing that.

Returning to the bedroom, he started freshening himself up diligently. And by the time he almost finished eating, Ichika came back.

"Ms. Minamoto, you're back."

"Yes. Vivi is at the school already. Wendy, thanks for preparing breakfast for my husband."

Ichika, dressed in a purple dress, got out of the minivan. Her hair was tied up in a loose bun. At first impression, she looked extremely adorable.

Wendy was already waiting for her in the garden.

Upon hearing Ichika's words, Wendy flashed her a smile. "I should be the one thanking you. I keep troubling you with Vivi. Oh, you bought groceries too?"

"Yes, I walked past the market and saw my husband's favorite broccoli. I even bought some meat. I'm gonna cook for him today." Ichika grinned.

Inside the villa, Solomon felt as though someone had slapped him in the face.

At that moment, his heart was filled with guilty and remorse.

He could not believe he had got mad at her for such a small matter.

And to his befuddlement, Ichika acted as though nothing had happened. She even went to the market to buy groceries to cook for him.

Solomon turned his gaze away and went back inside.

After a while, he heard familiar footsteps behind him.

The young woman stopped at the door.

"Darling, good morning," she greeted him gently with caution.

Solomon, wearing a formal coat, turned around and stared at Ichika, who seemed nervous.

"I'll arrange two housemaids to come over. Just leave it to the housemaids in the future."

"Huh?"

Upon hearing that, Ichika widened her eyes, and they began to turn misty.

"Darling, am I not good enough?" She almost burst into tears again.

Solomon was surprised.

Not at all. That's not what I meant. I merely want...

He immediately realized what he had done wrong. Ichika came from a country where women were honored to take care of their men when they got married. Hence, hiring a housemaid would mean that the wife was not doing a good job.

"Not at all. Please don't get me wrong. I'm just worried that you're tired, so I wanted to hire two more people to help you out. You can leave works like cleaning and shopping to them," he explained in frustration.

Only then did Ichika wipe the tears off her face.

"I'm not tired at all. This is what I love to do. But anyway, thanks, darling."

After expressing her thoughts, she went into the kitchen with the groceries in her hands.

Solomon said nothing.

He was never defeated by any problem, not even the most complicated business matter in the company. Yet, a woman had managed to make him speechless.

Eventually, he headed toward the company.

There had been all sorts of meetings throughout the day. By the time he stepped into his office, it was almost time to get off work.

Sasha: Ichika, why aren't you going anymore? I've talked to Mr. Anderson. He said it was merely a spaceport and there was no big secret. You can come if you want.

Sabrina: That's right. The more the merrier.

Ichika: It's okay. I forgot that I still got classes. Sha, sorry for the inconvenience.

It was the chat history that morning, where everyone was still talking about Aurora Island.

Only this time, to everyone's surprise, Ichika suddenly took back her words. She apologized politely and then gave a reasonable excuse.

Solomon clenched his fist slightly.

A few minutes later, he clicked into the group chat.

Solomon: Will it really be all right if Ichika tag along?

Sebastian responded after two minutes: Of course, it's okay. It's just a deserted island.

His response was brief but straight to the point.

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Chapter 1380 Take Care Of Your Wife

Seeing that, Solomon finally let out a sigh of relief.

No one knew how stressed he was as he waited for the answer.

Solomon: Then I'll arrange for her to join. Please tell Sasha to look after her.

Sebastian: Why should my wife take care of your wife? Can't you do that yourself?

Solomon was rendered speechless by that and did not reply.

It was a very strange feeling.

After all, they had been rivals all this while. Even though the situation had eased after Sasha married Sebastian and gave birth to a child, their feelings had never really changed.

Now that the man had said such a thing, Solomon could not take his mind off it the entire day.

However, he had to admit that he felt as though a burden had been lifted off his shoulders when the man said that.

Sometimes, it's not difficult to let go of someone. But the scary part is how people view you. Even if you have let go, people might still judge you otherwise. Yet, now he's addressing our wives in such a manner...

Solomon's mood improved a lot when he got off work in the evening. He approached Luke and inquired about the weather on the island. He asked the latter to buy some warm clothes and prepare things that could be played on the island.

Things that can be played?

Luke could not wrap his head around it.

Does he mean stuff for Mr. Ian to play?

Two days later, it was finally time to depart.

“Darling... are we really going to the island? And are you really going with me?”

Even though Solomon had told Ichika the day before, she still came to confirm with him anxiously. And repeatedly.

After getting an affirmative answer from Solomon, she covered her face with both hands and jumped around in excitement.

Even Vivian was left bewildered when she saw Ichika’s behavior.

“Uncle Solomon, is Aunt Ichika a fool? She’s asked about it five times.”

“Yes. That’s why you’ll have to keep an eye on her this time. Don’t let her get kidnapped by the bad guys,” Solomon joked.

Oh God! Is she really that dependent on Uncle Solomon?

Vivian widened her eyes upon hearing that. Without delay, she ran off to find Ichika.

She wanted to give the latter a smartwatch so that she could get hold of her location.

Meanwhile, Matteo let out a sigh as he packed his luggage with Solomon. “Uncle Solomon, I feel bad for you. You were stuck with us when we were young, and now you’re stuck with your wife.”

Solomon did not know how to react to that.

Indeed, I have no choice.

With that, all of them departed together.

On the island, Sasha and Sebastian were busy preparing as well.

Since there were so many people joining this time, they had to make sure every one of them got taken care of. Even though Aurora Island was not far from their island, aurora usually only appeared at dawn.

Hence, it was necessary for them to stay there overnight.

“Sebby, how many tents should we bring? Will Sab and Ichika bring their own tents?” Sasha asked when they were packing the tents.

“Don’t worry about that. They’ll handle it themselves.” Sebastian did not even turn his head as he was studying the best direction to view the aurora.

Sasha was dumbfounded.

Is he serious? We’re considered half a host here. How could we expect the guests to handle such things?

Sasha did not feel right about it.

In fact, when they were preparing, a lot of messages came in.

Sabrina: Hurry! List down what you guys are bringing in case we miss out on anything.

Ichika: Sab, we’ve prepared hiking jackets for everyone. Other than that, we got food, a camera, a telescope...

Ichika even attached the photos of the items they had prepared as she replied.

Not wanting to lose to her, Sabrina attached all kinds of photos as well. There were tents especially for military use and even a canoe.

Seeing that, Sasha was utterly impressed, and she eventually appeared in the chat too

Sasha: I’m sorry. There’s nothing much on the island, so we didn’t prepare much.

Sabrina: Yes, we’re aware of that!

Ichika: That’s right. Sha, you don’t have to worry. We’ve got everything handled. By the way, we bought a lot of toys and swimming suits as well. Let me show you.

That was followed by another wave of photo sharing.

There were all sorts of toys, including adult toys. The amount was so overwhelming that Solomon almost muted the group.

Mr. Wand: Not bad. Everything seems to be well prepared. Have fun!

Old Mr. Jadeson: Yes. It’s been a while since everyone hung out together. Enjoy! Devin, Yariel, please take good care of your wives and children, okay?

Devin and Sebastian did not reply.

Mr. Wand: You too, Solomon. It’s Ichika’s first time going to that sort of place. Remember to watch over her.

The three men fell into dead silence.

Are we going there to have fun? Or are we going there as parents?

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Chapter 1381 Look After Her

It was already evening by the time they arrived on the island.

Including the flight and the boat ride, it was a rather long journey.

“Mommy! Mommy!”

“Mommy, we’re here!”

Vivian and Matteo were beyond delighted to see their parents as they rushed toward the house as soon as they got off the boat.

Sasha was also overwhelmed with excitement.

She ran outside and hugged the two kids.

“I missed you two so much. How was the journey? Are you guys tired?”

“Nope. Mommy, we brought you a lot of nice food. Aunt Ichika is carrying them.”

Vivian turned around and pointed at Ichika who was behind them.

Sasha lifted her head and gazed at the boat.

Devin and Sabrina seemed used to this kind of environment.

On the other hand, Ichika froze on the spot, not knowing where to put her feet.

“Darling... why is there so much grass over here? Will there be snakes?”

The color drained from her face as she spoke.

Indeed, besides the Minamoto residence, she had not been to many places.

Besides, the local beach at Jetroina was usually well managed. She had most probably never seen a beach in such a natural state.

Sasha was amused upon seeing that.

"Vivi, is your Aunt Ichika always that cute?"

"Huh?" Vivian blinked in puzzlement.

"No, she's not cute at all. She's a coward. She held my hand tightly the whole time when we were on the boat. She didn't even dare to go up the deck. Jeez," Vivian complained and let out a sigh at the end, remembering what Solomon had said to her about looking after Ichika.

Hearing that, Sasha did not know how to react.

After everyone arrived, Sasha and Sebastian took out the food and fruits and placed them on a random long table outside the house.

Sabrina was at a loss for words.

This is way too remote. Don't they have a proper table?

Sabrina was another woman who was born with privilege. She walked over to the table and picked a few grapes reluctantly.

"Sasha, so this is how you guys have been living for months?"

"Yes. You don't like it?"

Sasha, who was carrying the chairs from the inside, smiled faintly after hearing Sabrina's comment.

It was true that the condition here could not be compared to Frontier Bay or Oceanic Estate.

Despite that, the environment was good, not to mention the warm sunlight and the irreplaceable peace. Sasha had deeply fallen in love with this place.

Devin felt great as well.

However, he had gone into the house to look for Sebastian. It had been a while since they last met, so they had a lot to talk about.

As such, Solomon was the only man left at the table with the women and the kids.

"Solomon, let's eat. You must be starving after a long day. Let me get you a plate."

Sasha knew him well enough to know that he would feel awkward and lost on such an occasion. Thus, she went over to greet him.

And indeed, Solomon felt better seeing Sasha's gesture.

"How are you guys holding up here? Are you feeling better?"

"Yes, much better. The weather is great over here, and I don't need to worry about anything. I feel more relaxed, and thus my body recovers faster too," Sasha answered honestly.

Hearing that took a weight off his mind.

Just as he wanted to give the busy woman a hand, she handed him a plate of fruits and sandwiches.

"Give these to Ichika. The kids have been pestering her since the moment she arrived. I bet she's hungry."

Sasha paused for a second and reminded, "Right, she has never been to such a place before. And she's still young. You have to look after her and make her feel safe."

Solomon froze for a moment.

It was a peculiar feeling for him. Back then, if Sasha had asked him to look after another woman, he would have been utterly pissed and sad.

But now, he did not seem to feel so anymore, although there was still a slight sense of uneasiness.

Nevertheless, there was no more anger in his heart. With his face blushing red, he took the plate and went to find Ichika.

"Darling, you're here."

Ichika was busy helping Vivian to plant the firework. Her eyes lit up with warmth when she saw Solomon bring her food.

He still remembers me.

In fact, Ichika noticed Solomon had been hanging around Sasha ever since they arrived on the island, but she did not dare to interrupt them.