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Chapter 423 He could not help but doubt his 'ability'. "Meredith, do you not find me attractive anymore?"

"Huh?" Meredith was lost.

"How is it that you only care about talking in this situation?" Josiah got into the bathtub and adjusted her body so that she was sitting on top of him. While teasing her with his fingers, he stared at her intently and whispered, "Don't you want it?" Meredith felt her body go numb. Of course, she still found Josiah attractive.

Meredith whimpered softly, "Joe, what are you doing? It's not comfortable here."

"I can't wait anymore." Josiah adjusted her body so that she was in a more comfortable position. Seeing how she was reacting to his teasing, Josiah smiled in relief. "I thought you didn't need me anymore." Leaning in his arms, she whispered into his ear, "You're the man that I love, how could I possibly not need you anymore?" "Then why are you only paying attention to Caden?" "Because I feel sorry for Caden. I want to take care of him and I want to see him grow up healthily."

"I understand. But Caden looks so much better now. You should be feeling bad for me instead."

"Why is that?"

"Because my wife doesn't care for me anymore."

"Who said that your wife doesn't care (or you anymore?" Laying on his bare chest, Meredith patted him on his shoulders and went on, "Am I not here laying in your arms now? Am I not loving you?"

"Mm, but I had to fight for your attention." Josiah started scrubbing her body with a bath sponge. "Silly thing." Meredith held his face in her hands and pressed her lips against his. Josiah's entire body tensed up and immediately pulled her in closer to him.

After a passionate round in the bathtub, the lovebirds continued making love in their bed.

Only then did Josiah let her go.

Still holding her in his arms, Josiah rubbed her shoulders gently and asked, "Are you hungry? Should I make you something to eat?"

"Nuh-uh, it's fine." Meredith did not feel like moving at all, let alone eating. But shortly after, Meredith sat up and wanted to talk about where they had left off earlier."

Joe, can we talk about what you wanted to tell me earlier?" "Yeah, It's nothing important, really. Just that..." Staring at her, Josiah said, "promise me you won't overthink what I say, okay?"

"Mm, I promise."

"You're heartbroken about what happened to Caden, aren't you? But we can't adopt him legally so I've asked Yoseph to look into a family that is happy to adopt him." Meredith was stunned. She sat up abruptly and asked, "Joe, are you planning to send Caden away?"

Josiah too sat up and with a solemn expression, he replied, "Edith, you know better that we can't keep Caden with us forever. It is a good thing for him that a family is willing to adopt him. You should be happy for him. "Plus, Yoseph has his eyes on this family. The family has a stable financial background and they are both teachers, they're both well-educated. If Caden is adopted by them, I'm sure he'll be happy." "Do they not have a child of their own?"

"They do, but the child passed from an illness," Josiah went on, "and they have always wanted to have another child to fill in the emptiness in their heart, but they couldn't find the right one. I'm sure they'd love Caden wholeheartedly."

"But why is Caden the right one for them?" "Because Caden is roughly the same age as their son. They saw Caden's pictures and thought that Caden looked a lot like their son. Hence, they are quite fond of Caden." "But..." Meredith looked slightly worried and said, "in this case, Caden is sort of a replacement for their dead son, isn't it? Is this really good for Caden though?" At that moment, Josiah did not know how to answer his question.

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Chapter 424 To be fair, Caden was like a replacement for Nia as well. But Meredith did not seem to realize this.

Josiah comforted her gently, "It doesn't matter if he is seen as a replacement or not, as long as they are nice to Caden, love, and care for him." "But.." Meredith bit down on her lips and said, "I'm not ready to let Caden go." "Why? You've only know him for three days." "I'm puzzled too," Meredith tried to think about it and said, "it's weird that every time Caden calls me Mommy, I feel happy and touched. And I want him to be my son." "Joe, could it be..." She was hesitant to bring up the name, "Because of Nia?"

At the mention of Nia's name, Josiah felt his heart drop. Since Meredith sort of figured out Nia's presence, Josiah did not wish to keep her in the dark anymore.

"Perhaps," He said, "in fact, you might be replacing Nia with Caden as well. But this doesn't stop you from loving him and caring for him. So, you shouldn't worry about the new family seeing Caden as a replacement for their son or not, right?" Meredith tried to think about how she felt for Caden and nodded. "You're right." "But I'm not willing to let him go yet." "It's okay. The couple is on an overseas trip and they will only return in two weeks' time. We can still keep Caden around and let him call you Mommy."

"That won't do," Meredith shook her head and said, "Caden had just accepted me as his mother and two weeks later, he will be with his new parents. I'm worried that he might think that we don't want him anymore."

"Mm, you're right too. You should do how you see fit."

Meredith paused for a moment before asking, "Joe, is there really no other way for us to adopt Caden?!

"I'm afraid there isn't one." Josiah pulled her in his arms and kissed her. "Are the couple good people? Are you really sure that they'd take good care of Caden?" "Don't worry. We can always take Caden back if they are not good to him." Only then did Meredith feel relieved. Even though she was not willing to let Caden go, she knew that she had to let him go if there was a good family that could provide a good life for Caden. Josiah remembered that Meredith too had something to discuss with him but when he checked the time, it was already late so he decided not to remind Meredith.

"There, now I still have to work tomorrow Let's get some rest now."

Meredith was still lost in her thoughts about Caden and simply nodded.

She too had forgotten about bringing up Maeve to Josiah. At the thought of Caden leaving her soon, Meredith showered him with more love and even decided to bring him to the funfair on the weekend.

This time around, Meredith corrected Caden to address her as Miss Meredith instead of calling her Mommy

Meredith made some garlic butter prawns for Caden when she found out that Caden loved eating prawnis. She made sure to peel the prawns cleanly before placing them onto Caden's plate "You like eating prawns, don't you? I'IL." Before Meredith finished her sentence, Josiah completed her sentence for her. "She'll make them for you again next time."

Meredith and Caden exchanged a look with each other and burst into laughter.

After Caden finished his meal, Josiah looked at Meredith and asked, "Didn't you have something you wanted to talk to me about last night? Have you forgotten about it?"

It was only then Meredith remembered.

Smacking her forehead, she said, "Look at me, so forgetful."

"It's alright, we can talk about it now."

Josiah called Lily over and said to Caden, "Caden, go get ready and we'll leave for the funfair in a short while

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Chapter 425 "Okay!" Caden went upstairs excitedly with Lily. "Alright, go on." Josialı sat her down on his lap. Josiah thought he could be intimate with Meredith when Caden was not in sight, "Urm…" Meredith was wondering how she should bring it up. After a pause, she said, "You knew about me running into Maeve at the resort, right?"

"Yeah. I know that she broke your bracelet" Josiah nodded.

Josiah wondered why Meredith was suddenly bringing up Maeve.

Could it be that someone spewed nonsense to her when he allowed her to step out of the mansion?

"Look Joe, I've fixed the bracelet." She showed the bracelet around her wrist to Josiah The seashells on the bracelet looked shinier than before.

"Mm, I noticed." Josiah nodded and continued having his breakfast.

"And Maeve didn't really say anything as Yuna and the rest of the girls had taunted her away," Meredith stared at him and went on, "what I'm trying to say is that you don't have to be so hard on her."

Josiah's hand froze mid-air. Staring at her, he asked, "Who told you that?" Just as Josiah had expected, something always happens whenever she stepped out of the house. "Is it that important to know who I heard it from?" "Of course." He would never take mercy on anyone who got close to Meredith, whatever their intentions were.

"Joe, are you hearing what I'm trying to tell you?" Meredith shook his arms and said, "I heard that Maeve and I were good friends and she only did what she did because she wanted to help me regain my memories. Even though she took things into her own hands, you didn't have to put her in jail for so many years."

"Edith," Josiah listed her chin up with his finger and stared at her helplessly as he said, "why are you so naive? How could you fall for her words that easily?" "What do you mean?" "Maeve was trying to snatch your husband away from you, and you're putting in good words for her?" "My husband?" Meredith stared at him, puzzled, "You're my husband so you're saying that she wants to take you away from me?' "Why? Do you think that I'm not good enough and I'm not worth fighting over for?" "You're amazing, of course, but...isn't Maeve my best friend? Why does she want to snatch you away from me?"

"That is why you're naive. You're being backstabbed by your 'friend' and you're actually thinking of saving her." Josiah shook his head helplessly. "If it wasn't because I restrained myself, you would have lost your husband to so many ladies out there."

First Quinley, and now Maeve. All these women had done all they could to be his woman.

But his naive wife was clueless and even treated them as her best friends.

"Hear this, Edith. You don't have any best friends." Ever since she was in the ruts, she did not have any friends left.

"What about Quinley?" "She is not your friend either." "She too wanted to steal you from me?" "Yes. She tried, but she failed." Meredith sighed in relief and nodded. "That's good then." "But if you insist on being best friends with them, there might come a day that you'd lose your husband to them."

"I can't let that happen," Meredith wrapped her arms around his shoulders and said, "no one can steal my man away from me." Josiah was pleased with her reaction.

"But, about Maeve... I still think that we're too harsh on her," Meredith inches away to look into his eyes, and went on, "Joe, why don't we free her and I promise to stop being friends with her."

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"You can't be too sure," replied Josiah. "But because of this, you're asking her to spend eight to ten years of her life in jail. Isn't it a bit too cruel?" Seeing how Josiah was not willing to take a step back, Meredith was rather taken aback.

She did not expect to see this cruel and ruthless side of Josiah who only showered her with love.

And this was also the first time she felt slightly intimidated by him.

Noticing the look of terror in her eyes, Josiah could not help but be reminded of the days before she lost her memories. It was as if every time they met, she had this same look on her face.

Back then, Meredith too was intimidated and frightened by him. Could it be that he was being too ruthless?

But he would not take a step back just because she was intimidated by him. Staring into her eyes, he said, "Edith, I don't care what happens to others, I just need you to be safe. I'm only doing all this for your sake and for the sake of this family. Do you understand

me?" Josiah sounded sincere and Meredith was actually convinced by him. "I do." Meredith nodded. "There are some things in life where being kind to them is only being cruel to ourselves. So, you can't be kind to just anyone or believe in what other people tell you." Meredith suddenly got curious. "Joe, do you normally do the same and think the same too?" "Yes," He nodded and went on, "if not, how do I manage to lead such a big company?" "But if that's the case, wouldn't a lot of people hate you? Or not want to be friends with you?"

"What do you think?"

Meredith tried to recall the dinner event they had the other day. Shaking her head, she said, "I don't think that's the case. I realized that there are a lot of people who want to have a drink with you and want to have a conversation with you."

"Exactly. When you're the best version of yourself, you'd naturally attract people to you." But what he lacked was a close friend.

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When Meredith was at her peak, she used to be surrounded by people...but when she was in the rut, those so-called friends were nowhere to be seen. There was no point in having fair-weathered friends. "Mm, I get it now." Meredith nodded. "Do you still plan on pleading for Maeve?"

"Not anymore," Meredith added, "because I have to protect myself and my family." "That's my girl." Josiah placed a kiss on her lips and put her down from his lap. "Alright now, we should get ready to leave soon." "Joe, are you coming with us to the funfair?" Meredith was surprised. "Of course. Am I supposed to watch the house alone when you and Caden are out having fun?" "Okay, let's go together then." Meredith walked upstairs with him. "Let's get changed." By the time they came downstairs, Caden was already waiting for them. Caden was excited to be wearing the new clothes that Meredith had gotten for him.

Meredith walked toward him and helped adjust his clothes. "Don't you look handsome with the new clothes?" "Thanks, Miss Meredith! I really like this shirt that you got for me," said Caden.

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Josiah teased, "Are you not calling me weird uncle anymore?"

Caden shook his head and started chuckling.

'The little guy had one hand in Meredith's and the other in Josiah's. Looking at the both of them, he then exclaimed excitedly, "Yay! Let's go, let's go!" Meredith exchanged a glance with Josiah and said, "Caden looks much happier now than when he first came to us."

"This just shows that Caden is quick in adapting himself to a new environment. There is really no need for you to be worried about him when he moves in with his new family."

"Mm." Meredith was finally relieved.

Jehovah City had recently launched a large-scale project on building a funfair. Not only was it Caden's first visit to the sun fair, but it was also Josial's and Meredith's.

Since young, Josiah had been receiving harsh training so he would become the future leader of Shelby Group. Hence, he rarely had a fun childhood, let alone played at a funfair. Meredith, on the other hand, had a rather lovely childhood but the funfair development project was only finalized after tragedies started happening to her. Besides, with Nia's weak body, she did not have the time nor the money to visit the sunfair.

Staring at the rowdy yet lively funfair, Meredith and Caden looked utterly mesinerized.

Josiah though did not have any interest in the place and he looked rather calm.

"What do you want to play?" asked Josiah.

Meredith looked down at Caden and asked, "What does Caden want to play?"

"That one." Caden pointed at the roller-coaster that passed over his head. Meredith looked up at the roller-coaster and said, "It looks fun. Joe, do you want to come with

us?"

Josiah scruffled Caden's hair and said, "But Caden is too young to be allowed on those thrilling rides."

"Huh? Caden is not allowed to go on the roller-coaster?"

"Yeah, didn't you see that only those who are above the height of 140 centimeters are allowed to get onto it?" Josiah pointed at the reminder that was displayed at the entrance of the roller coaster.

Meredith's and Caden's faces crumbled almost at the same time. "What a pity!"

"You should eat more so that you grow up faster," Josiah smiled and added, "now Miss

Meredith is not able to get on it because you're not allowed to." With a sad face, Caden said to Meredith, "Sorry that you won't be able to ride the roller coaster, Miss Meredith." "That's alright," Meredith crouched down so that she was looking into Caden's eyes and gently pinched his cheeks, "I don't really dare to ride that as well." "Don't worry, Miss Meredith. I promise to eat well so that I can grow up faster." Meredith nodded. "Okay. I'll wait until you grow taller and we'll then come to ride the roller coaster again."

"Let's pinky-promise, Miss Meredith." Caden reached out his pinky finger to Meredith. Meredith made a pinky promise with Caden and pressed her thumb against his thumb. "What should we play next then? Let's find one that you can get on," Meredith stood up and said to Josiah, "Joe, let's see which ride is suitable for Caden." "Let me check," Josiah started looking through the map and pointed at an area as he said, " there we go, there's an area with rides suitable for kids." "Let me have a look," Meredith took the map from Josiah and said, "let's ride the merry-go round first, then we'll go for the water pistol, and then ride the train...

"Alright! Let's go then." She handed the map back to Josiah then held Caden's hands in hers and started running toward the kid's section. Looking at the duo leaving with hurried steps, Josiah followed closely behind.