

# My Dreamy Old Husband

## Chapter 705

News of Michael and Irene rekindling old flames and the photo of their date had spread across Bayside City in a flash. Therefore, Michael's love rivals were itching to make a move, going around telling each other, trying to find a chink in the armor, and looking for an opportunity to slip in. As a result, they accidentally ran into each other.

Three well-dressed members of the Fletcher Family entered the residential area and walked to the entrance of Villa No. 8. Then, they saw Linus, who was equally dressed up with a bouquet of fresh flowers in his hands at the entrance. The four of them looked at each other and smiled. However, their expressions changed immediately when they looked away.

Upon entering the house, they discovered another dressed-up individual sitting in the living room. He had already handed his flowers over and finished saying whatever he needed to say.

The sight of that man left the newly-arrived crowd feeling speechless. Looking at those people, Sophia looked shocked. *Why are these people together?* "Linus... Joel and Claude! Why are you all here?"

Linus put down his flowers and gifts. "I heard you had an operation. Since I was still in Bayside City, I dropped by to visit you."

Claude also replied, "I brought some nutritious supplements as gifts. How is your body?"

Joel said, "I came to visit after hearing that you were sick."

With these bigwigs around, Stanley suddenly realized that he did not stand a fighting chance against them. Thus, he quietly put his gifts down and went to play with his dog.

Sophia invited everybody inside and asked Maria to prepare some tea for them. After all, they claimed that they were here to visit her. She also specially invited Linus inside. However, Linus felt very suffocated after the previous incident and left quickly after a short greeting. He had dropped by purely to visit her, but the rest didn't seem to have such pure intentions.

Naturally, he had seen the news before coming. *Practically everybody in Bayside City knows that Michael had gotten back with Irene, so Sophia must be feeling very sad right now.* Before he left, he deliberately said, "Love is not everything in life. You still have a long life ahead of you. It's going to be New Year's soon, so cheer up. If you're free, you can come and visit me in Africa. I'll take you hunting."

Sophia nodded. "Sure."

After seeing Linus off, her heart felt very heavy. She returned to the living room and saw the visitors glaring at each other. *Here to visit? As if! They're all here trying to take advantage of the situation to sneak in!* Joel was expressionless, Claude looked reserved, Sam was gritting his teeth, and Stanley was secretly observing them.

Since dinnertime was just around the corner, Sophia said to them, "Thanks for your concern. I only had a tooth extraction, and I'll be getting my stitches taken out tomorrow. Why don't you all stay for dinner?"

To her surprise, the door opened again just as she finished her sentence. Another dressed-up individual appeared with a bouquet of fresh flowers in his hands. As soon as he walked in the door and saw the four other well-dressed men in the living room, his expression immediately darkened.

Michael had been extremely busy all day long so that he could make it back in time for dinner. He even went out of his way to get a new haircut and buy a bouquet. He did not expect to come home to a house full of visitors. Moreover, the gifts, nutritional supplements, and flowers were piled all over the place—there was practically no room left for them to walk about.

"Dear, you're back!" Sophia happily came forward to welcome him home and took the flowers from him.

He replied with a cold expression as he changed his shoes and entered the house, "Yeah, I'm back."

He walked inside with a chilly expression and glanced at the people in the living room. Sarah, Sean, and Derek were not involved in the matter, and Ivan was hugging a cat while drawing up designs in a corner of the room. Under that chilling glare, Stanley jumped out of his skin in fright, Joel was undaunted, Claude had a clear conscience, and Sam was expressionless.

“Haha, what a crowd!” Michael said grimly.

Sophia replied in her usual tone, “They came to visit me after hearing that I had an operation.” Then, she added, “Linus came over too. But, he has already left.”

From her perspective, they were simply there to visit her.

Even if their intentions were seen through, they were fearless. It was as if they had expected that Michael would rekindle his relationship with Irene and break up with Sophia soon.

Michael frigidly said, “Since you’re already here, why don’t you have dinner before you go? I’ll excuse myself for a moment. I need to change my clothes.”

After that, he went upstairs to change. Stanley took the chance to follow him and hurriedly begged for mercy. “Uncle Michael, please believe me. I really only came to visit her!”

He felt like he was about to be murdered.

Meanwhile, Michael changed his clothes and studied Stanley coolly. *It’s not the first time this silly boy has tried to take advantage of the situation. He sure doesn’t know his limits. Doesn’t he realize that he is incapable of snatching Sophia away? Besides, Stanley isn’t the problem; I’m more afraid of the others.*

Over the past few days, he had been very busy. He discovered that somebody with a large influence was manipulating public opinion from behind the scenes. He had invited Irene out today to discuss holding a press conference to disclose the truth. He wanted to clear Sophia’s name. However, he had not expected to be secretly photographed. Moreover, the news instantly became a hot topic on the internet within a short period. It seemed like the entire Bayside City thought that he had reconciled with Irene, and Sophia was about to be thrown aside.

After watching the news intently over the past few days, he found something strange. The media seemed to be exaggerating the relationship he used to have with Irene. The media claimed that they were star-crossed lovers or that they missed each other by a strange stroke of

fate. It was as twisted as it could get, and it made Sophia into the other woman that had stepped in between them.

The story was going in a strange direction. Besides, the driving force behind it was very powerful—by manipulating public opinion, it had caused the entire world to wish for him to get back together with Irene. He had seen many similar methods of manipulating public opinion in his time, but they had never been as aggressive as this. The mastermind behind the scenes was very skillful—at the very least, they were leagues better than Richard Harper had ever been.

That person had created such a strong public opinion. However, the aim was not to force Michael and Irene to get back together. After all, Michael would not reconcile with Irene just because of the pressure of public opinion. Therefore, that person's aim was Sophia. If the whole world was wishing for Michael to get back together with Irene, Sophia would definitely be upset. Moreover, it would cause an undue amount of psychological stress.

*The identity of the culprit is obvious—it's one of the men boldly trying to seduce my wife in my living room right now. Was it Joel? Claude? Sam? Stanley? Or, was it Linus? Claude isn't capable enough to do this, and Stanley doesn't have the guts. So, the circle of suspects narrows...*

Upon seeing Michael's cold gaze and silent demeanor, Stanley anxiously said, "Uncle Michael, I'm telling you; the three of us are just the beginning! When the old man heard that you had gotten back together with Irene, he swiftly gathered all the unmarried men in the family that are below 30 years of age! The main force is coming soon! As you know, the old man hates your guts. It's not like it's something new. Moreover, you're over 30 while Aunt is in her early twenties. He would also be happy if you reconciled with Irene. He wants to find a man who is better than you for her."

Michael was so furious that he felt like rolling his eyes. He had been trying to investigate the mastermind behind this incident over the past few days. *I'm too busy for this! Why is the old man causing trouble for me at a time like this?!* He smiled viciously and said to Stanley, "If that's the case, call up everybody who wishes to visit and invite them here. In two days, I'm taking your aunt with me on a vacation. We won't be home for the New Year's, so the house will be empty."

Stanley didn't know what Michael's plan was. Even so, he swiftly went to make a phone call. When he was done, he came back to report, "Uncle Michael, I've made the calls. They will be assembled in 10 minutes and will arrive within 30 minutes."

Michael felt speechless. *From the way he talks, it must be quite a lot of people!*

