

## Still Loving You Nonetheless by Snow de Eira Chapter 41

Chapter 41 Josiah quickly took his phone out. He scrolled to the bottom of his photo album on his phone and showed Nia a picture. "This Meredith?"

Nia saw how Josiah had a photo of her mommy on his phone. She immediately laughed in delight, "And you say that you're not my daddy? Not only do you remember who mommy is, you still have a photo of her on your phone." Josiah's expressions turned even uglier. : Was this child really that woman's daughter? The family that she meant was this child? Hmph! "Daddy, are you angry?" Nia asked confusedly. Josiah nodded. "Yes, I'm angry." "Why are you angry, daddy?". "If you call me daddy one more time, I'll break your neck." Nia was frightened half to death as she scrunched her neck. She looked at Josiah with fear in her eyes.

Did her mommy not say that her daddy loved her a lot? Why did it not seem like it?

The elevator has reached the ground floor. Josiah lifted Nia up with one hand and strode out of the elevator.

Although it was a joyous thing to be carried by her daddy, Nia still asked in confusion, "Daddy, where are you taking me to? I need to have an injection."

"I'll say it one more time. I am not your daddy."

Nia shut up once more. She thought about how weird her daddy was. He was clearly her daddy, yet he kept denying it.

Alayna could not get through to Meredith's phone, so she called the nurses instead to ask if Meredith had reached the hospital. Upon hearing Alayna's voice, the impatient nurse answered perfunctorily, "She's already here. Stop calling us. We're busy." "I'm sorry. I just can't get Meredith, that's why I..." Before Alayna could finish her sentence, the other person hung up the phone. Alayna sighed helplessly. She placed her phone down and started tidying the house. Alayna's health was already in a bad condition. Accompanying her granddaughter for the past few days made it worse. She had to leave the hospital early and head home to sleep so she could get well and provide for Nia.

Bearing through the pain, she washed Nia's clothes and finished the other house chores before going to bed.

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The next morning, as usual, she got up early to cook some porridge. When she brought the porridge to the hospital, she found out that the bed was empty. Nia was not there. Neither was Meredith. Meredith's phone was still off. Alayna immediately ran to the nurses. When the nurse heard that Meredith and Nia were not there, she answered

sheepishly, "Are they not here? Maybe they went for a walk." Alayna immediately understood what happened when she saw the nurse's expression. She immediately asked, "Did my daughter come to the hospital yesterday? You lied to me, right?" Meredith would never turn her phone off. Even if her phone ran out of battery, she would charge it soon. The nurse did not like Alayna's questioning tone. She replied curtly, "I'm not your personal caretaker. How could I help you only look after them all day long?"

"So did you see her or not!" Alayna was flustered.

"I did, but I can't say whether I mistook her for someone else or not."

"Won't the nurses make their rounds at night? Don't you check the rooms?" Alayna was so anxious she was losing it. What was happening? Did Nia go missing? Did something happen to Meredith too?

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"What's happening right now? Did you get the hospital to help look for her?" "Yes, but we still couldn't find her!"

Meredith thought calmly and said, "Mom, calm down. Nia is so weak she could barely walk. She must not be far. She should still be at the hospital. She must have been afraid of being alone at night, so she found someplace to hide."

The more Meredith spoke, the more heartbroken and remorseful she was. Tears started falling. She hung up the call and immediately headed out for the door. The bodyguards immediately stopped her again and said coldly, "Miss Meredith, Josiah has already said. Other than the club, you can't go anywhere." "I have an emergency to attend to, all of you, f\*ck off!" Meredith shoved them both with all her might

They did not expect that she would dare to go up against them. They stumbled a little. Meredith took that opportunity to rush out toward the main hall.

After all, she was more familiar with the layout of the Luna Club. She soon managed to shake off the two bodyguards chasing after her.

When she reached the hospital, Alayna's eyes were already reddened from all the crying.

"Mom, can't you find her anywhere?" Meredith asked Alayna while holding both her hands.

Alayna shook her head. "We've searched everywhere. Nia is nowhere to be found."

"Have you seen the surveillance footage?"

"Yes."

"What about the footage downstairs? Perhaps Nia went downstairs?"

"Nia's a timid girl. She would never dare to go downstairs."

"You still have to go through it." Meredith ran and looked for the person in charge once more. The person in the surveillance said rather impatiently, "We've basically looked at all the places. There is no child to be found. What kind of parent are you, you can't even look after your child?"

"I'm sorry. It's negligence on our part. Please help me look at the ground floor once more."

"Not any Tom, Dick, or Harry, can use the surveillance room. Please wait for the full twenty four hours, then call the police. Let the police investigate." "We can't wait that long!" Meredith knelt to the ground with a thud. She pleaded, "Sir, my child is only three years old. She can't even ask for help. Something could easily happen to her. Please help me check the surveillance once more. I'm begging you."

The man was taken aback by Meredith's kneeling, so he gave in and said, "Get up first." Meredith wiped her tears and thanked him gratefully, "Thank you. Please help me check the footage on the ground floor after twelve last night." "The time range is too wide. Why don't you do it yourself?"

"Okay." Meredith immediately went to the computer to start looking at the footage. Her heart was thumping wildly.

Via, please be safe. I cannot live without you,' Meredith secretly prayed. Tears streamed

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Chapter 43 She would hate herself *forever*! No, she would loathe Josiah to death! If it was not for him constantly coercing her, she would not have been forced to drink so much alcohol the night before. She would not have missed out on her hospital visit to look after Nia. At the thought of him, Josiah's figure immediately appeared before her eyes. Meredith wiped her tears away. She realized that she was not hallucinating. She did see Josiah's figure in the footage.

It was not strange to see Josiah there in the footage. After all, Yena was staying at the same hospital too. However, it was strange to see him carrying a child in his arms! Meredith's eyes widened. She immediately waved at the person in charge.

"Could *you* zoom in? Please!"

The person in charge walked over and asked Meredith while helping her to zoom in, "Is that man carrying your child?"

"I'm not sure." Meredith shook her head.

As the footage was zoomed in, she gradually had a better look at it. "It's Nia! It's her!" She was so unnerved she started crying. The person in charge looked at Meredith in confusion. "You've found your child. Shouldn't you be happy? Why are you crying?" She was even crying out loud!

"You don't understand!" Meredith cried and shook her head. To her, if Nia was in Josiah's hands, it was much more terrifying and dangerous than if Nia were in the hands of a human trafficker!

Three years ago, Josiah had tried to kill Nia with abortion drugs. Later, he caused a fire, wanting to throw her into the sea of fire

If it were not for Meredith's mother begging that woman to give her child to her, Nia would have been burned alive.

Meredith had already hidden Nia well, why did Josiah still manage to find Nia and take her away from the hospital?

Would he harm her? Would he...

At the thought of Josiah's vicious tactics, Meredith's legs turned to jelly. She had to lean against the wall for support, walking out of the surveillance room with difficulty.

Alayna was crouching in the garden coughing violently due to overanxiety and fatigue. When she stopped coughing, she saw that her tissue had been dyed red with blood. As usual, she quickly wrapped the tissue out in a ball. When she got up, she saw Meredith just coming out of the surveillance room with a pale face. Alayna quickly walked over and asked, "Edith, how was it? Did you manage to find Nia?"

"Yes," Meredith nodded in a daze.

Wall? Where is she?" Alayna asked anxiously, "We have to quickly bring her back for her tasanent." – "she was taken away by Josiah Shelby."

"What?" Alayna was taken aback

Tears started falling from Meredith's eyes. "Mom, what should we do? Would Josiah..." "No, he wouldn't," Alayna interrupted Meredith and comforted her, "Josiah's not a beast. He is a man. No man would be that evil." "Is Josiah a man? Is he even human? He is not!" Alayna only thought that Josiah was not evil because she did not know what he did to Meredith over the past few days. She did not know the wounds on Meredith's back and the blood that was taken from her previously. Alayna helped Meredith to a bench and sat down with her. She said, "Edith, if you're afraid of him, I'll make the call." Meredith was indeed afraid of him because the person Josiah resented was her. If she got Alayna to go get Nia back, it might just aggravate him even more. "It's better if I go." Meredith sniffled. Her tone was clearer. "I'll go find him and get Nia back. What she needed to do at that moment was calm down and properly find a solution to get Ni back without infuriating him.

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"Daddy, I cannot have biscuits. I can't have any drinks either." Nia sat on the sofa, her body started to sway.

Usually, by then, she would have been on a drip. That day, because she was not on one, she was starting to feel faint.

Alfred looked at Nia's pale face and the sweat on her forehead. He could not help but ask, "Miss, what illness do you have? It looks serious."

Nia shook her head. "I don't know. Mommy says that I'll get better."

Alfred no longer pressed on. Nia looked at Josiah once more and said, "Daddy, I'm feeling terrible, can you send me to the hospital?"

Even if her daddy has been hostile toward her, Nia still liked him very much. Her words to him were filled with emotions and love.

Josiah was annoyed by Nia calling her daddy. The scene where Yoel was pressing himself on top of Meredith kept appearing in his mind. He angrily threw his cup by Nia's feet. "I've said many times. I'm not your daddy. You're just a bastard!"

Nia was frightened by Josiah's sudden anger. Her eyes widened. She gaped her mouth open a little, then...she fell to the ground head first.

"Are you alright!?" Alfred immediately rushed over to catch Nia, preventing her from falling to the ground full of glass shards. Looking at Nia in his arms, Alfred said anxiously, "Sir, this child has passed out. She has a severe fever!"

Josiah looked at Nia's face which resembled Meredith's. His lips twitched. "I don't wish for her to live in this world."

"Sir, this is someone's life!" "Any child of Meredith's doesn't deserve to live."

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E "Sir, I'm taking her to the hospital." Alfred picked Nia up and quickly headed out.

Josiah did not stop him. This was perhaps the most mercy he could show. Not long after Alfred left the mansion, a taxi stopped by the gate of the mansion. Meredith anxiously rang the doorbell. While waiting for the gates to open, she looked at the huge mansion in front of her with tears in her eyes. This was the place where she stayed with Josiah after their marriage. They stayed there for more than a year.

There was much laughter and even the happiest times of her life were spent there. After all, to her, it was a blessing to be able to live with the person that she loved. The mansion had not changed, yet everything else had already changed a long time ago.

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"If I did not see it with my own eyes, I would not believe that she could be so cheap too."  
"I think this..."

"Enough. Alfred, you don't have to say anymore." Josiah interrupted impatiently. He did not want to hear that woman's name anymore. – Alfred gave up seeing how cold and hardened Josiah's stance was.

Meredith anxiously paced back and forth at the entrance of the emergency room. She wanted to rush in to check up on Nia.

Suddenly, she heard a thud. She turned back to look and saw Alayna, who was initially on the chair, on the ground. "Mom!" Meredith immediately rushed over. "Mom, are you alright? Don't you scare me!"

Alayna's face was pale. She lay on the ground without moving. Meredith immediately yelled at the doctors' office. "Doctor, help! Please help my mom!"

A doctor saw Alayna on the ground and immediately helped to resuscitate her.

Nia has not come around. Her mother has passed out. Meredith looked at the emergency room door in a daze. Tears kept falling. She did not understand why God would treat her that way. Why was she being punished when she was truly innocent? If her mother were to fall sick, Meredith did not know how she could go on. She wiped the tears away from her eyes and secretly prayed, 'Mom, you have to come around...'

She did not know whether her prayers were heard, and the doctor finally came out of the emergency room. Meredith immediately asked the doctor, "Doctor, how is my mother?" "Don't worry. She was just too tired and anxious, which was why she passed out. She has come around."

"Is that so! Is that really so?" Meredith cried tears of joy. The doctor nodded and continued, "But your mother is considered quite old. It's best to do a thorough check-up, just in case." "Yes. Thank you, doctor." After Alayna was transferred to a normal ward, Meredith immediately entered. She pushed Alayna who was about to get up and said, "Mom, why are you getting up? Lie back down."

Alayna smiled feebly at Meredith. "Didn't the doctor say just now? I was just too nervous, which was why I passed out. I'm fine."

"Even if you're fine you have to rest. Also, the doctor says you need to do a thorough check-up."

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"There is no need. Don't waste your money on this." Alayna saw how anxious Meredith seemed. She patted the back of Meredith's hand. "Edith, we don't know what has happened to Nia right now. We don't know how much money we need to spend. Save the money for Nia. I'm fine."

Meredith bit her lips. Her tears instantly formed in her eyes. She only thought of checking up on her mother's health, yet she forgot that she was so poor she did not even have 200 dollars with her at that moment. How could she afford the check-up?

"Let me discharge. I don't need to stay in this ward," Alayna said again.

"Mom, it's all my fault." Tears finally fell from Meredith's eyes. Alayna shook her head. "No. It's my fault that I can't help you at all. My body is also so weak." "Mom!" Meredith hugged Alayna, heartbroken. Alayna was also heartbroken. She hugged her daughter who went through so much. Mother and daughter hugged each other and cried for a while. They wiped tears off each other's faces and cheered each other on.

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Chapter 49 "Edith, everything will get better." Meredith nodded. She believed that everything would get better. She could only believe it! After resuscitating , Nia's condition was considered stable. Looking at Nia lying sickly on the bed, Meredith's tears, which she had tried hard to stop a moment ago, fell again. She held onto Nia's hand tightly, afraid to lose her once again. She sniffled and asked the attending doctor, "Doctor, didn't you say that Nia could head home to recuperate? Why did she pass out because she missed an injection."

The doctor looked at Nia and said, "Perhaps, because she suddenly stopped her treatment, she could not adjust to it. We need to do it gradually, to lessen the dosage each time, so that she can slowly adapt to it. No matter what, be more careful in the future, don't let her run out of the hospital next time."

Meredith nodded. "Okay, I got it."

Once the doctor left, Meredith stayed by Nia's bed looking after her. It was until evening only Nia finally started to come around. Meredith delightedly held Nia's hand. She said, "Nia, are you awake?" "Mommy..." Nia blinked and tried hard to open her eyes. Seeing her coming around, Meredith let out a sigh of relief, "My darling! You're finally awake!"

You gave me a fright!" Seeing how Nia was so weak she could barely say anything, Meredith immediately said, "Nia, you don't have to say anything. I understand. It was my bad last night. I couldn't come in time to the hospital to accompany you. I was wrong."

Nia looked at her and her lips quivered a little. Meredith saw Nia's eyes widen and slowly reddened. She said heartbrokenly, "Nia, are you angry? It's my fault. Don't cry, please?" However, Nia merely said, "Mommy, daddy doesn't like me."

Meredith was stunned and speechless. She never would have thought that this was the first thing Nia would say when she woke up. She cried because her daddy did not like her?

"Nia..." Meredith choked up and shook her head. "You're mistaken. He is not your daddy."

"He is," Nia said with tears in her eyes, "daddy has a picture of you, mommy. I saw it..."

Meredith was stunned once again. How did Josiah have a picture of her? No. When she got married to Josiah, it caused quite a sensation. There should be pictures of them together on the internet.

Perhaps Josiah simply found a picture from the internet for Nia to see to confirm Nia's identity.

"Nia, he is really not your daddy. Have you forgotten? Mommy never lies," Meredith patiently coaxed, "Do you not love mommy anymore? Do you not believe me?"

Other than the matter about her daddy, Meredith has never lied to Nia.

"I love you, mommy," Nia said, but her expression seemed sadder. "But, mommy, I want him to be my daddy."

"Why?" Meredith did not understand. She heard that after Josiah took Nia back, he never treated her well nor said anything positive to her. Why did Nia still like him? Was this what the legends said about the power of blood?

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Chapter 50 "Because he smells like what daddy should smell like." Smells like daddy? What smell was that? Meredith could not imagine. "Nia, that's all fake, but don't worry. I will find daddy back" "Will you?" "Hmm, so if you see him again in the future, stay away from him, please?" Nia furrowed her brows and stayed silent. "Edith, what do you plan to do?" Once Nia fell asleep once again, Alayna asked worriedly.



Meredith said bitterly, "Mom, I don't know, except the fact that we cannot let Nia go near that jerk Josiah anymore." "Does he really hate Nia that much?"

"I guess so. When I got pregnant back then, he told me that even if Nia was his, he would not want her, so..." Meredith shook her head guiltily. "Mom, I'm useless. I should have changed Nia to another hospital." "Where else can you go?"

"Yes, where else could we go?" Without mentioning the transferring fees and the exorbitant amount needed to do a check-up once more, Josiah was onto her at that moment. Would he just let her go? Impossible! "Mom, let me think about it," Meredith said.

Alayna nodded and said nothing more.

To escape the control of Josiah, Meredith did not go to the Luna Club that night to work. She went to other clubs for interviews instead.

However, most of the club managers rejected her when they heard that she wanted to perform the piano. Those that were willing to take her in also kicked her out once they saw her face clearly. After a night of futile attempts, Meredith returned to the hospital the next day. She saw Zade standing by the door of Nia's ward from afar. She stopped in her tracks for a while before approaching him. "Zade, how do you still dare to come here?"

Zade grabbed Meredith's hands and looked at her affectionately. "Edith, I heard you didn't go to the Luna Club last night, so I wanted to come and see if anything had happened to you." "I'm fine, but you..." Meredith sized him up. "Have you forgotten what Josiah warned you about the night before? Why are you still here looking for me?" "Edith, I have been looking into the incident between you and Josiah the entire night. I believe that you are not that sort of person."

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"You believe me?" Meredith smiled bitterly. Even an outsider would believe her, yet Josiah, her husband, would not even believe her. Why was that? Perhaps Josiah has never loved her. How pathetic! "That's right. I believe you. My feelings for you wouldn't change because of this." Zade held her hands even tighter. "Edith, no matter how great he is, he is just your ex-husband. Is he going to control you your entire life?"

"Zade, you clearly have not looked into him in detail yet." Josiah was not just as simple as her ex-husband. If he could send her to hell back then, he could do the same at that moment. Meredith did not care about her own life, but she did not want to drag others down. She did not want Zade to end up like Qira because of her. "Even if he is the devil, from what you say, I'm not afraid of him." Zade's tone was firm. Meredith withdrew her

hands from Zade's grip. She shook her head. "Zade, you don't have to sacrifice your life for me. It's not worth it."

"I think it's worth it," Zade said, "Edith, didn't he hurt you? Why don't we take Nia and leave Jehovah City, far away from him?"