

## Chapter 1711 Be Responsible

Locke had always held a soft spot for Mandy. Since she threw herself at him, he couldn't turn her away.

That night, they had sex.

Following that, Locke decided they were on the path to marriage.

The next morning, Mandy, seeing her body marked with hickeys, was overwhelmed with embarrassment. She felt her world crumbling.

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"I... I've got something to do. Can we talk later?" she said, her voice shaky, attempting to leave but Locke blocked her way.

"Now's the time to clear things up. I don't want you dodging responsibility," Locke said, his tone soft yet piercing to Mandy's ears.

Mandy shoved him aside and bolted from his apartment.

She had intended to take a moment to reflect on the situation before having a serious discussion with Locke. But she hadn't anticipated the news of her hospitalization due to poisoning becoming a hot topic and drawing his attention.

"Am I too old now to run to our parents? You used to tell them everything."

Locke's words snapped Mandy back to the

present.

"Humph! I'm done talking to you." Mandy let out a snort and chose to pay no attention to him.

She figured that since she couldn't escape Locke's grip, pretending to be asleep and shutting her eyes was her best option.

To her surprise, she soon drifted off into a deep sleep.

Mandy wasn't aware that being close to Locke made her feel more at ease, resulting in her peaceful sleep.

Meanwhile, after leaving the hospital, Janet had her driver take her back to her parents' home.

Johanna, busy gardening in the yard, noticed Janet arriving with her luggage and greeted her with a warm, joyful smile.

"You're back! Are you planning to stay for a bit?" Johanna asked cheerfully, showing no sign of concern.

A servant took Janet's suitcase as Johanna ushered her inside.

"What would you like to eat? I'll have the servant make it," Johanna inquired, still smiling.

Observing Johanna's happy face, Janet couldn't help but frown. "Mom, doesn't it bother you that I might have come back because Brandon was giving me a hard time?"

Johanna's smile only broadened at this, her

curiosity piqued. "Brandon, giving you a hard time? Do tell me, what did he do?"

This question brought back the memory of Brandon spanking her.

Janet's ears turned red, and she struggled to find the words. "I... I think I'll head to my room first."

With that, she quickly made her way upstairs.

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