

Excerpt from *Beyond The Beach 2*

They continued teasing each other until Chance left to organize his things in his own cottage. He entered as the maid was adding the ice to the bucket. He spotted the adjoining door to the room that was Caren's.

"Is this locked?" he asked casually.

"Why yes, sir," the house maid said. "They're always locked to ensure your privacy."

"Unlock it."

"What?" She was flustered. "I can't do that, sir. There's another party in there. I mean ..."

"I'll take full responsibility," he said calmly. "Now unlock the door." He handed her some cash for her trouble.

She tucked it away, then without looking at him bowed her head, unlocked the door, and left. A slow satisfied smile crossed his lips as he saw Caren step out of the shower—naked.