

Happiness 153

The Promise of Happiness

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Kenneth alighted the Maybach that pulled up nearby. He then walked toward Franklin and Sophia with a n icy expression before lecturing, "What kind of behavior is this? I heard that you two have been treatin g Yara poorly, but this is unacceptable! She gave birth to the both of you after ten difficult months of pre gnancy. Is this how you repay your mother's hardships?"

The twins fell silent as that was the first time Kenneth had yelled at them with such a harsh tone.

However, the twins refused to give in...

They thought in unison, *Treat Yara as our mother? Never! Over our dead bodies!*

"Great— grandpa, I've done nothing wrong!" Franklin exclaimed. "That woman started it! She forced us to call he r our mommy, and she even hurt Sophia! I told her to let Sophia go, but she refused! Sophia was crying i n pain!"

He would not have reacted so violently if Yara had chosen to hurt him instead of his sister.

Meanwhile, Kenneth's arrival had surprised Yara too. She did not expect him to witness Franklin's attack on her but was pleased that it worked in her favor.

Yara knew the twins harbored a great deal of respect for Kenneth. Thus, she decided to brainwash the la tter into taking her side. That way, the twins would have to think twice before ever disobeying her again.

"It's my fault..." she uttered, fake tears rolling down her cheeks. "I know that you two don't like me very much, but I've been trying my best. All I wanted was for us to spend some quality time today. I didn't think that you guys hated me that much.."

"You're a wicked woman!" Franklin clenched his jaw. "Who would want to spend quality time with you? Why don't you talk about how you hurt Sophia?"

"I would never do that!" Yara uttered pitifully. "I'm your mother! Plus, all I want is to spoil Sophia rotten. Why would I ever hurt her?"

"You're lying!" Franklin rebuked.

Yara feigned a hurt expression as she said, "Fine. This is all my fault, okay? Please don't be upset..."

Franklin was a smart kid, but he could never win against Yara's sly acting.

Kenneth was losing his patience as he stood by and listened.

Eventually, he had enough and bellowed furiously, "Shut your lips, Franklin! I will punish you once we get home!"

Franklin and Sophia were the precious twins of the Bowers family.

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Even Steven had to give in to them when they played tricks on him.

The only people that the twins feared were Samuel and Kenneth.

Thus, the twins obediently entered the car under Kenneth's instruction."

Sophia glanced over at her brother with an anxious look. "F—Franklin... Franklin..

"Don't be afraid, Sophia... Deep down,

Franklin was afraid of whatever punishment awaited them at home. However, he did not want Sophia to worry, so he reassured her, "I'm not afraid of a little punishment! I would rather suffer than apologize to that woman!"

Sophia nodded but held tightly onto her teddy bear out of guilt.

She secretly felt bad that Franklin was getting punished for protecting her.

Once they got home, Kenneth sat in front of the twins at the Bowers residence's living room.

It was the first time that the two witnessed Kenneth's anger, and thus, they were starting to worry.

Yara, who sat beside Kenneth, felt utterly pleased with the situation.

Even without Samuel's help, she was confident that she could deal with the twins; After all, she had Kenneth's support.

"Grandpa, I'm fine.." Yara pretended to assure as she exposed the wound on her arm. "I haven't been a good mother. I

failed to spend quality time with them while they were growing up. I am to blame for our estranged relationship... Everything is my fault!"

"Blood runs thicker than water," Kenneth emphasized firmly. "Family comes first. Yet, those two don't seem to understand something fundamental like respect for family