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Chapter 2

Chapter 2 Always Love You

YEARS AGO...

"I got mom in my heart,

I got dad down in my heart,

I should never be afraid,

But be always strong and brave because I'm deeply loved..."

Young Raven was happily humming a lovely song while she walked around the beautiful garden that she thought to be a fairyland as everything was too beautiful and colorful there.

A beautiful flower caught her attention and she walked towards it. "Wow, s-uch a nice d-eep red," the girl commented in her sweet toddler words and voice.

She was too attracted by its vibrant red color so she grabbed it to pluck.

"Ouch," she cried when her fingers touched the thorns. She cut her fingers and she saw blood oozing out from there, making her afraid so she cried out loud.

"Mommy, daddy mommy..." she shouted in her small and stuttering voice.

At that time, a boy suddenly appeared by her side. He took her hand and squeezed her soft fingers...

"Tsk... Don't move it won't hurt, we just need to let some blood flow out." The boy said while he took out a handkerchief and tied a part of it on her finger to stop the bleeding after.

"There... See... You'll be fine now. It will hurt a bit but will not bleed again." The boy said, sweetly smiling at Raven whose eye's rounded towards him.

Raven felt the boy's fingers pinch her cheeks.

"What a cute little girl. What's your name?" the boy asked. If he was right, the little girl must be three years old.

"I'm Ra-ven..." she answered shyly.

He laughed and said, "Hmm you also have a cute name as pretty as you are. Well, Raven, I'm Jordan and it's nice to meet you."

"You must be Attorney Lee's daughter," the boy nodded while Raven nodded with a smile, hearing his father's surname.

She opened her arms and blinked her eyes. Jordan laughed and said, "What? You want me to carry you now?"

Raven nodded once more and smiled and gave him her sweetest smile, exposing the dimples on her cheek.

"Whoa, you're really one cute pretty bunny. Okay, I will carry you." Jordan said and carried Raven inside the house.

Attorney Lee was their family and corporate Head Attorney. His father was very close with the Lees. They were not the only family associate but a family friend as well. His father trusted no one other than Attorney. Lee. The last time Jordan left the country was when he was newly married and now the couple even had a very cute little daughter in their life.

It was the first time he had met their only daughter since he was studying abroad. He came back home upon making a final decision to continue his studies in their own country instead of abroad as this was his father's request too.

They had a family dinner with the Lees in their Ancestral Mansion and they all enjoyed the food while both families chatted about various matters.

"Are you going to enroll Raven soon?" asked Senior Choi to Attorney Lee.

"Yes, she will turn four

soon so we plan to enroll her in the nursery," replied Attorney Lee.

"How about Jordan?" asked Attorney Lee who turned his head and looked at Jordan. "Have you chosen a school you preferred?"

Jordan nodded and smiled then his father interrupted, praising and telling how proud he was for his achievements in his previous school.

Meanwhile, Jordan could not help but stare at the cute girl most of the time during dinner. He found her very cute and pretty especially whenever she smiled and her dimples would appear.

'I'm sure this cute girl will grow to be a very beautiful young lady,' he unconsciously thought. He was twelve years old and this was the first time he ever appreciated a cute toddler.

It's not that he was not fond of them but it was just that he rarely gave too much attention to toddlers and kids younger than his age.

His thoughts were interrupted when Attorney Lee asked him about his plan for the coming school year.

After a few more hours of chatting, the Lees bid their farewell to the Chois.

"Bye cute little Bunny," mumbled Jordan as he once again pinched Raven's cheeks who was carried up by her mother.

"Ba-bye..." Raven answered, waving her small hands both to Jordan and his father.

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Inside the car, Raven was singing her favorite song she learned from her mom over and over while her dad was driving happily as he listened.

"Wow, our little girl sings so well." commented her father that made Raven giggle and she even sang louder.

After a while, she finally got tired. "Mom, I'm sleepy already." She said as she stopped singing and rested her head on her mother's lap, both of them were seated at the backseat of the car.

"Alright darling, go sleep and mommy will be the one to sing a lullaby for you this time." Raven heard her mom say.

"I love you, darling," she heard her mom whisper in her ear. She closed her eyes and smiled as she felt the warmth of her mom while she gently stroked the strands of her hair as her mom started to hum.

Everything happened so fast. Her eyes opened when she felt their car jerked and violently wiggled.

Then Raven felt her mom hugging her tightly, covering her whole body with hers while she heard a loud scream both from her mom and dad then what followed was a very loud bang. Raven felt her heart stop at that moment. She got scared and clutched her little hands to her mom's clothes tightly. She could feel something bad was happening and all she could do was cry.

"Close your eyes darling. Everything will be alright. Mom and Dad are always here for you." her mom whispered to her followed by numerous gentle kisses on her hair.

Raven closed her eyes and didn't open them. She followed her mom's instructions and even sang with her mom who started humming her favorite song.

"Mom and Dad will always love you darling." were the last words Raven heard from her mother.

