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Chapter 3

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It had been a long wait already; they were waiting outside for almost thirty minutes now.

After walking back and forth for quite some time in front of the operating room, Senior Choi finally sat down on one of the waiting chairs with his hands clasped together.

He continued to say his silent prayer, 'Please save them. Let them surpass this. Please dear Lord help them survive this...'

Then he would look at the little girl sleeping in her nanny's lap beside him. Her entire dress was drenched in blood and she was crying incessantly when they arrived. He tried to leave her in one of the hospital rooms with her nanny, but she kept on crying whenever he was out of her sight.

Little Raven underwent various tests and miraculously all results were found normal. The doctors could not explain and even the investigators were shocked to see how the little girl had survived the tragic accident unscathed. It must be true that every child had their own guardian angel because only that could explain how she had survived completely unharmed.

Then the door finally opened and the doctor came out. Senior Choi quickly stood up and walked towards the doctor to know the status of the couple.

"We tried our best to revive them both. I am really sorry there's nothing else we can do now." The doctor sympathetically declared.

Senior Choi almost lost his breath at that moment. He could not believe what he just heard. It felt like he was in a dream. In that instant, he lost two good old friends. If not for the doctor who immediately caught him, he would have slumped on the ground because of the shock.

He felt the heaviness of his shoulders as he kept on absorbing the doctor's words and tried his best to compose himself and stayed strong especially for little Raven not far from him.

'What a heartbreaking fate for such a young age to lose both her parents.' he mused with grieving emotion.

His heart ached so much for little Raven who suddenly rose up from her nanny's lap as she rubbed her sluggish eyes. Senior Choi walked and sat beside her.

Little Raven, with her small hands, held his hand and smiled.

"Hello. H-ave you s-een m-y mom and dad?" She asked in a stuttering and toddler voice.

Senior Choi tried his best to control himself from stammering and suppressed the tears that wanted to fall from his eyes as he spoke, "My little Raven, you see, Mom and Dad went to a beautiful place already and will not be able to return for now. But, they asked me to take good care of you from today onwards. So from now on, you can call me father. Okay?" He carefully said the words in a low tone as he smiled at her wholeheartedly.

Little Raven, who was very fond of him the moment she met him, obediently nodded and murmured, "Father..."

She was still yawning while she carried her favorite teddy bear in her arms...

Senior Choi picked up little Raven to carr

y her and cuddle her. Then after tightly hugging her, he finally let out the tears to fall from his eyes...

"This old man will take good care of you our little Raven. I will be your father from this day onwards..." he murmured as tears continued to fall from his eyes.

Senior Choi made all the arrangements for the funeral of little Raven's parents.

Little Raven was totally abandoned. Even the relatives of the little girl wanted to send her to an orphanage. No one wanted to take the burden to raise the child and Senior Choi could not take the situation.

That was why after everything was settled; he decided that he would adopt little Raven as his own daughter and take all the responsibility of raising her.

He would like to raise the little girl as his own and since he did not have any other child than Jordan, he thought that it would be great to add one more to the family. He could finally have a daughter.

Besides, little Raven was the daughter of his dearest friend David who was also like a brother to him. He would not let anything happen to the little girl. He would definitely give her a good future.

But of course, he had to bring up the matter first to his only son Jordan and he strongly believed that Jordan would agree, but he was wrong.

"No! I don't want a sister! Why would I want a sister?" Jordan was mad as he yelled at his father.

Senior Choi released a deep frustrated sigh. He thought his boy liked little Raven.

He even remembered how his son was so fond of little Raven during the dinner they had with the Lee family.

'What's wrong with this kid now?' Senior Choi mused, totally confused by how strange his son reacted. Jordan was firm with his rejection to have little Raven as his sister.

The negative reaction of his son was really unexpected for Senior Choi and that left him dumbfounded.

"Son, please understand. Who will take care of little Raven? You also like her, don't you? She's an orphan now. She's so pitiful and helpless right now? She's just three years old and she just lost both of her parents," Senior Choi begged his son.

Jordan who now seemed to be moved by his father's words answered, "Alright, you can raise her, she can live with us like family, provide her with whatever she needs, but I don't want you to officially adopt her. I told you I don't want her as a sister. If you still insist on adopting her and change her surname to ours then you should forsake me instead."

Jordan's warning was intimidating as he left his father alone.

Senior Choi was left in a conflicted state. He couldn't understand Jordan at all. What was wrong with giving little Raven their surname?

He sighed at his own thought to justify his son's action that maybe Jordan was still not that mature enough at his age to understand such a situation.

'Maybe I spoiled that brat too much!' Senior Choi thought silently.