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Chapter 4

Chapter 4 Rain

The funeral went smoothly and in the end, Jordan's condition over his father won. Senior Choi no longer insisted about adopting little Raven since Jordan agreed that they could keep little Raven under their wing and provide everything she would need as she grew up.

As soon as everything was packed up, little Raven together with Nanny Rong was picked-up by Senior Choi's driver from Lee's residence. They reached Choi's Ancestral Mansion almost at noon.

Outside, Choi's maids welcomed and greeted them. Little Raven saw Senior Choi waiting at the entrance door of the mansion. She immediately ran towards him smiling.

"Father...." she happily called Senior Choi in her toddler's voice.

The latter picked her up and cuddled her.

"Hmm, my cute little Raven... Well, little Raven as I said this will be your new home and I hope you'll like it here," Senior Choi cheerfully declared as he swung the little Raven around.

Raven giggled and nodded at Senior Choi with a very blissful smile. At her young age, she truly admired how big and luxurious the Choi's Mansion was that she thought it was a castle and she was a princess who would now live inside the castle.

Jordan on the other hand just quietly stayed on the first floor of their mansion while he observed his father enthusiastically show the little girl every corner of their mansion.

'Nah... Look at that old man, so very happy that his smile is almost reaching his ears and his laughing can be heard even outside the mansion!' he exclaimed disdainfully.

He felt that his father's attention was too invested in little Raven. He had never seen his father smile and laugh like that before.

Then he looked at the little girl, to be honest, he also liked Raven. She was a cute and charming little bear like the one she was holding tightly in her hands. His face crumpled looking at how dirty the bear she was holding was, it was still stained with blood.

'She probably did not want to let go of it.' he sympathetically mused. He recalled Attorney Lee mentioned that night how little Raven loved that bear which she never wanted to be out of her sight even while sleeping.

He was actually not against Raven staying in their mansion and living with them; it was definitely fine with him that they would be the ones to provide her with everything. It was just that he was not comfortable with the idea of her being his sister at all. He did not need a sister.

He could not even understand why he was so against her legal adoption. He was totally not comfortable with it at all for an unknown reason. Maybe he was just selfish...

Raven saw him when Senior Choi and Raven went up. "There little Raven. See it's your big brother Jordan." Senior Choi stated with a wink.

Raven excitedly ran towards Jordan as soon as Senior Choi put her down.

"Jordan... Are you my big b-rother now?" little Raven said smiling as she opened her arms wide gesturing Jordan to carry her.

Jordan sighed and picked her up... Little Raven hugged him and kissed his cheek.

"Big b-rother Jordan..." little Raven cheerfully said.

Jordan rolled his eyes and said, "I'm not your big brother okay so call me just Jordan like before!"

Little Raven blinked thrice as if she suddenly wanted to cry with the hissing of J

ordan who was too sweet and friendly with her before.

"Geez... Don't cry... Okay, you can call me big brother for now." Jordan helplessly murmured, afraid that little Raven would burst out in crying seeing the crumpling of her face.

Then he mercilessly added, "But you are not my sister okay?"

Senior Choi who was observing the two interrupted, "Stop that Jordan. Let her just call you what she wants to call you."

Jordan scratched his head and explained, "It's better that she knows the truth early than growing up thinking we're related by blood."

Senior Choi's eyes rounded. "She's still a baby and will not understand you at all Jordan! You brat..." Senior Choi scolded.

"Come here to father my little Raven, and let's leave that ugly and rude Jordan behind. I'm sure he's just being jealous because you're a cute little baby while

he's no longer cute... instead, he is so scary with that crumpled face pasted on him. Just call him Jordan since he's not as cute as you..." Senior Lee said while he grabbed Raven from Jordan's arms.

"Tsk... What's wrong with you? Bullying a child so early," Senior Choi said to Jordan before they left him.

"Bully? How is that bullying? I just told her the truth. I'm not really her brother and she's not my sister. How can it be considered bullying!" He irritably mumbled and stomped directly inside his room.

Senior Choi sighed. His son Jordan was nine years older than little Raven. He was twelve years of age now. 'Maybe I have really spoiled that brat too much!' he thought inwardly as he walked to little Raven's new room. It was all decorated like there were raindrops inside similar to her previous room because little Raven loved the rains.

He looked at the small bear she was holding tightly. It still had bloodstains of her mother perhaps. Nanny Rong said that it was difficult to remove the bear from her hands and she even kept it while sleeping. Perhaps because she could feel her mother's scent in the bear she didn't want to part away from it for even a second, Nanny Rong explained.

"Little Raven, how about we buy you a new bear to be with him? Wait that bear, does it have a name?" Senior Choi asked.

Little Raven simply nodded and muttered, "Rain..."

"Rain? Did you name it Rain? Why?" Senior Choi curiously asked.

Little Raven gave him her sweetest smile and winked before she replied, "B-ecause I love th-e rain?"

Senior Choi laughed. Little Raven would surely bring laughter in their empty big mansion. "Hmm, but it's a bit dirty now. How about we let Nanny Rong clean it first?"

Little Raven pursed her lips, not pleased at the thought of Rain leaving her arms like her parents. Senior Choi panicked seeing little Raven's expression so he immediately retracted, "Oh no, you can keep it by your side of course. We will not have it cleaned for now..."

That instant, little Raven's face glowed back as bright as the sun. Senior Choi sighed because he completely sympathized with the little girl. He could understand her insecurity and this clinginess with the bear.

'I will definitely take good care of your daughter so please rest in peace wherever you are.' Senior Choi reassured little Raven's parents quietly in his thoughts hoping the message would reach his dear friends.

