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Adina stared at him without a word.

She recalled what the man had said in the morning.

"I never want to compete against you for custody because you risked your life to give birth to the four children. If I take them away, it would be like killing you. Would I do such a vicious thing?"

"I want the kids to be with the Winters family, and you want them to be with you. So if the two of us actually get together, won't they also have a dad and a mom?" "Adina, do you understand what I mean?" Adina's heart fluttered slightly. She pursed her lips, pushed open the door, and got out. "It's only been a day. How do you expect me to think about it?" she said indifferently. Duke stared at her quietly. "Okay, you can take your time to think about it."

He pulled open the door to the backseat before he carried Melody. "Did you miss Daddy?" Melody hugged his neck bashfully and spoke in a low voice. "Yes."

"Mel, come down," Adina said calmly. "Your dad's injury on his right hand hasn't healed yet. Don't move around on his body and aggravate it."

As she spoke, she took Melody from Duke and carried her.

Duke looked at her by his side and suddenly felt peace. Before the group of four could walk to the door, Harold rushed out like a happy frog.

Even George, who would usually not be at home, also walked out. He stood in front of Adina, pursed his lips, and shyly called her "Mom."

Mr. Brown was standing at the door. When he witnessed the scene, he smiled so brightly that his face became even more wrinkled.

All these years, he had never seen Young Master George so happy. He truly hoped that Ms. Adina Daugherty would marry his master as soon as possible. After the children entered the mansion, they headed to the climbing mat and played with the toys. Adina put on an apron and personally cooked for the children.

Her cooking skills were already top-notch. To make up for the motherly love that George and Harold had lacked for many years, she carefully prepared a more exquisite dinner.

She made six dishes and a bowl of soup on top of the dishes that the family's chefs had already prepared. With that, the table was full of food. "Wow! There's so much delicious food today!" Harold excitedly climbed onto the chair at the dining table and sat down. Alden held Melody's hand and sat on the right side. He also patiently put on a bib for his sister. George looked at one side before he glanced at the other. In the end, he sat next to Harold. Meanwhile, Adina sat on Alden's left, and Duke sat in the empty seat next to her. Therefore,

the family of six ended up sitting on one side, and the opposite row was empty. Mr. Brown massaged his forehead helplessly. "Young Master George, Young Master Harold, Young Master Alden, please come and sit here."

"No, I want to sit next to Mel!" Harold shook his head aggressively. Alden shook his head indifferently too. "I'll just sit here." Mom was on his left, while Melody was on his right. He did not want to change his seat. George had been in the last seat, next to Harold, so he directly sat on the opposite side, according to Mr. Brown's instruction. Now, he was sitting right across from Adina. There were five people over here, while only George was sitting there alone. He looked quite pitiful.

"Georgie, I'll sit with you." Adina stood up resolutely. The moment she stood up, Duke did the same. "I'll sit there as well. There will be exactly three people on each side."

Hence, Duke, Adina, and George sat on one side, while the other three children sat on the other side.

Alden instantly felt gloomy.

His mom had been stolen just like that.

"Mel, eat this. It's so delicious!" Harold kept adding food for Melody. "And this soup's really sweet. Let me feed you." Melody just obediently opened her mouth and drank the soup.

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Alden was speechless. His sister had seemingly been stolen too. He had lost their love.

Nevertheless, the family of six happily had dinner. Halfway through dinner, the sound of maids greeting someone at the same time suddenly came from the entrance. "Good evening, Mrs. Winters!"

Mrs. Winters was back.

Her birthday had been a few days ago, and ever since she returned from Ascrialia, she had been busy meeting old friends. As such, she was rarely at home.

It was considered early for her to come back at this time.

When Adina turned around and looked over, she saw Mrs. Winters walk inside, dressed in a gown.

Her fingers became a little stiff. She instantly did not know how to refer to herself as she faced Mrs. Winters.

"Grandma, you're back!"

Harold happily pushed his chair away and jumped down. He rushed to the entrance, held Mrs. Winters' hand, and dragged her into the dining room.

"Grandma, let me tell you. I have Mommy and a sister. I also have a younger brother now."

Alden was at a loss for words. Was he the extra one?

"Grandma, look, isn't my sister cute and adorable?" Harold pointed at Melody. He spoke as if he was offering her treasure. "Grandma, you should know that Mel has a very nice voice. She's soft and sweet like cotton candy."

Harold was extremely excited.

But Mrs. Winters quietly glanced at Adina and the two children.

She had sent people out to conduct some investigation upon discovering that there were two more children who had been neglected by the Winters family.

Adina had given birth to quadruplets that year, and that b*tch, Dew, ended up carrying the first two babies to the Winters family for glory and prosperity. Meanwhile, Adina took the other two babies overseas and only brought them back to Sea City a month ago. One of the children was calm like water, while the other was exquisite like a porcelain doll. They looked exactly like the children in the Winters family. "Hello, Mrs. Winters."

Adina stood up under Mrs. Winters' judgmental gaze and greeted her in a neither humble nor arrogant tone. Alden stood up in front of Melody as well and shielded her from Mrs. Winters' uncertain gaze.

"You're Alden and Melody, right?" Mrs. Winters' tone became softer, and her eyes were filled with affection. "Come to Grandma."

Melody did not understand, so she hid behind Alden nervously. Alden held her hand and glanced at Adina. "Alden, this is your grandma. Go over and greet her," Adina said gently. While she appeared calm, she was clenching her fists tightly.

She still had no idea what Mrs. Winters thought about Alden and Melody. She kept staring at them nervously from the side. Suddenly, someone patted her on her back "My mom likes Mel very much. Don't worry," the man next to her said in a low voice.

Mrs. Winters truly liked Melody.

During her birthday, she did not know that Melody was a member of the Winters family, but she wanted to hold the little girl in her arms.

After she discovered that this was her granddaughter, she could not suppress her fondness for the little girl.

Unfortunately, Melody seemed wary. She hid behind Alden and refused to move a step forward.

"Grandma," Alden said obediently, "Mel doesn't like to talk. Please don't mind her rude behavior." Mrs. Winters looked at Alden. This boy looked very similar to George.

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Mrs. Winters turned around and motioned to Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown took the hint. He walked into the study before he picked up two boxes and handed them over to them.

"Alden, Mel, I prepared a gift for you. Open it and see if you like it." Alden looked back at Adina. He only accepted the two boxes after he saw his mother nod. He then gave the pink box to his sister. The box he held was the color of sandalwood. He lowered his head and opened the box, finding a set of stationery inside. The fountain pen appeared to be of high quality at first glance. Aside from that, there was also an

envelope. Alden took out the envelope, pursed his lips, and said, "Thank you, Grandma. I'll accept the stationery, but I can't take the money."

He took the envelope out and put it on the table. Mrs. Winters felt pleased as she nodded. She looked at Adina and said, "Ms. Daugherty, you've raised Alden well."

He did not grow up in the Winters family, but his behavior was elegant and noble like that of a Winters family member. Melody learned from Alden. She also took out the envelope from the box and put it on the table. However, there was a pink diamond in her pink box, and it glowed under the light. Adina could tell from a glance that the diamond cost at least several million dollars. Based on that, she could assume that Alden's stationery also cost about \$1,000,000.

The two envelopes might not contain cash. They possibly contained a check or a bank card. Mrs. Winters must have put in some effort to prepare these gifts. Did it mean Mrs. Winters also cared about Alden and Melody? Adina curled the corners of her lips. She smiled faintly and said, "Mrs. Winters, the kids will accept the gifts. Please take the envelopes back." Mrs. Winters took two steps forward and touched Alden's head. When she tried to touch Melody's hair, the girl hid behind Adina and blinked warily.

Mrs. Winters retracted her hands in disappointment. "When George and Harold were first born, they each had an envelope too. This is something that every child in the Winters family has, so Alden and Mel naturally will have it. You're their mother, so you can accept it on their behalf," she said indifferently. Mrs. Winters directly stuffed the envelopes into Adina's pocket. Adina had always been afraid of such things. She would pay the bill before others and refuse to receive money. She helplessly kept the envelopes as she pursed her lips and said, "Thank you, Mrs. Winters." Mrs. Winters nodded before she looked at George and Harold. "The two of you are the older

ones. Bring your brother and sister out to play. We adults have something to discuss."

Harold could not wait to go out and play. He promptly pulled Melody and ran out. The sharp Alden was aware of what the adults wanted to talk about, so he staggered slightly. George walked up to him and stoically said, "I'd like to ask you something. Let's go." After the four children left the dining room, Mr. Brown left with the other servants as well. The three adults were the only ones left in the spacious dining room.

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Mrs. Winters pulled out a chair and sat down with an indifferent look before she said, "You probably know what I want to say, right?" Duke pursed his lips and frowned slightly. "Mom, Addy and I will come up with a solution for this. I don't need you to interfere."

Adina pursed her lips tightly. Since she found out that George and Harold were her sons, she had been thinking about how to solve the problem.

However, she was still unable to come up with a perfect solution after many days.

She did not want to lose any of her children, and she did not want any child to feel aggrieved either.

"I won't interfere with your relationship. I just want to give you some suggestions," Mrs. Winters slowly said. "The Winters family children have to return to their family. They have to take 'Winters' as their family name. Ms. Daugherty, do you have anything to say about this?" Adina pursed her lips even more tightly. "Mrs. Winters, please carry on with your suggestions

first."

"The children of the Winters family have to be raised based on our family rules, so they have to live with the Winters family," Mrs. Winters said indifferently. "As for you..." She quietly sized Adina up. "...You have two options. Firstly, return the children to the Winters family and pretend as if you never had these four children." Adina's expression turned completely cold. She did not expect Mrs. Winters to have such a thought. Was she any different from Mr. Osborne?

Duke's expression also turned completely cold. "Mom, you better go back to Ascrialia tomorrow. I'll ask someone to send you back."

"I haven't mentioned the second option," Mrs. Winters said coldly. "It's very simple. The two of you can get married and give the children a complete family. That is the best solution."

As soon as she said that, Adina and Duke were stunned.

"The four kids are quadruplets, and they were born to be together. Due to the adults' negligence, they were separated for four years. It's very unfair to them. "I won't allow anyone to separate them!" Mrs. Winters' voice became colder. "No matter how others will criticize the Winters family, I won't let you bring Alden and Melody away again, Ms. Daugherty." Adina looked up calmly and sneered. "If I refuse to marry Duke, I won't be qualified to be the children's mother. Is that what you're trying to say?"

Mrs. Winters shook her head. "You'll always be the children's mother, and nobody can change that. But the Winters family will not announce your status, and we will limit the number of times, as well as the duration, you can meet the kids."

Adina's smile grew larger, but it was filled with hostility.

After a long silence, she finally said, "I would also like to tell you something, Mrs. Winters. Nobody can force me to do anything I don't want to." Once she said that, she turned around and left the dining room. She brought Alden and Melody into the car before she drove away. "Duke, even if you want to send me back to Ascrialia, I'll still stick to my point of view." Mrs. Winters' face darkened as she said, "Biologically-related family members should live together. Once they're separated, they'll turn against each other like you and your brother." Duke's expression was just as sullen. "Mom, we became enemies not because we didn't live together." "But it's one of the reasons. If your father and I hadn't sent Earl away, would he have turned out like that?" Mrs. Winters' voice suddenly sounded hoarse. "Duke, I've rarely stuck my nose in your business all these years because I know that I don't have the right to do it and you wouldn't listen to me either. But this time, you have to listen to me. The four kids are quadruplets, and they're telepathically connected. They shouldn't be separated because of the mistakes that their parents made."

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“As long as the four kids can be together, I don’t mind being the bad person.” Mrs. Winters’ expression was cold and profound, while her tone was incredibly resolute. “I choose the second option,” Duke looked away and said with a straight face. “What?” Mrs. Winters was stunned for a while. She had not registered his response. “I said, I choose the second option,” Duke repeated unhurriedly. “Mom, you can prepare for it on your own time.”

Mrs. Winters was taken aback again.

When she brought up the first option earlier, Duke had interrupted her and even threatened to send her back to Ascrialia. But he was taking the initiative to choose the second option now. Hold on, what was the second option that she had just mentioned? “Are you willing to marry Adina?” Mrs. Winters slowly asked.

Previously, she had constantly persuaded Duke to marry Dew, but he still refused. She had even suspected her son of being a celibatarian.

But now, he was actually telling her that he wanted to get married?

Was she dreaming? Duke’s expression remained unchanged as he said, “But we can’t rush this. I have to take it slowly.”

Mrs. Winters’ gaze was filled with complex emotions.

It looked like her son really liked Adina.

Luckily, it was Adina and not some other woman. Otherwise, she would be worried about the stepmother mistreating the four children.

Adina drove her car at a leisurely pace on the road.

She held the steering wheel and slowly asked, “Alden, what do you think about George and Harold?”

Alden looked up and replied, “In terms of what, Mom?” “For example, do you like to hang out with them?” Adina weighed her words as she asked, “Would you be happy to live with them?”

Alden’s gaze froze. “Mom, are you sending me and Mel to live with the Winters family?”

“Of course not.” Adina smiled. “Maybe George and Harold will live in our house. I just wanted to ask for your opinion in advance.”

Alden sighed in relief. “They’re quite nice. Of course I welcome them as our guests.”

Adina pursed her lips.

As our guests... Those three words exposed Alden’s inner thoughts. To Alden, George and Harold were only outsiders. They were biological brothers, but they could just be each other’s guests. Adina suddenly understood what Mrs. Winters meant. The quadruplets should live together. But why should Alden and Melody change their family name? Why should she marry into the Winters family? Adina knew that she should not think that way, but she had reached a dead end, and she could not escape. Once she parked her car in front of her home, she glanced at the double-story villa. There were three bedrooms and a

study on the upper floor, while there was a guest room and another study downstairs. If she renovated the house, there could be two more rooms.

She had started to imagine a life with George and Harold, but her abilities were limited. No matter what, she could not steal custody from the Winters family. Adina sighed before she took the two kids inside.

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A motivated Melody went off to practice her piano, while Adina took out her laptop and searched for Earley Wynters on the Internet.

She was no longer keen on collaborating with Elitos Corporation because of Earley. However, she had to collaborate with Elitos because of her four children. She needed to be strong so that it could increase her probability of getting back custody.

No matter how scary Earley was, she had to face the challenge.

Adina clicked the “Enter” button, and a lot of information about people with the name “Earley Wynters” appeared on the web. The most famous person was actually a celebrity. She filtered out all the information on the celebrity before she searched for Earley’s information from millions of search results. After she looked around for a while, she finally found an introduction.

(Earley Wynters was the CEO of Elitos Corporation’s branch company in Cairnstan for one year. During his tenure, Elitos grew rapidly in the market of Cairnstan.)

This introduction only stated Earley’s contribution to Elitos. There was none of his personal information.

The information about this Earley Wynters must have been removed.” Alden had come over at some point. “Mom, do you need me to investigate him?”

Adina passed him the laptop. “Find out anything that you can.”

He was her next collaborator, hence she had to understand this man thoroughly. Being a mother, she dared not take any risks.

Alden took the laptop and speedily tapped on the keyboard. A while later, the laptop screen turned black, and only white fonts appeared on the screen.

“He changed his name to Earley Wynters. His previous name can’t be found.”

Alden narrowed his eyes as he slowly dug up the deeply hidden information.

“He used to live in an orphanage for eight years. His experiences in the latter years have once again been erased, and no trace of them can be found online.

“He also has an underground company that runs illegal businesses.”

When Adina heard what Alden said, she recalled the human biological testing.

That should be the underground company under Earley. What was that company about? Was it related to Fililos?

“Mommy, here’s all the information that I can find.”

Alle stood up and clicked on the folder that he had created. Everything was arranged clearly, all the information that had not been available were also marked

“Thank you. Alden hurry up and get to bed” Adina caressed Alden’s side (a) the couch and continued to study the files,

and Then, she

Earley had changed his first name and last name. No trace of it was left on the Internet, though. Therefore, no matter how skilled a hacker was, they would not be able to find his original information. Earley had two identities. He was the CEO of Elitos in Cairnstan, which everyone knew, and that was his mask to appear publicly. His other identity was that of an underground company owner. That was part of some encrypted information. No one aside from a hacking expert would ever find out.

Fortunately, those two companies were not related. In other words, if she collaborated with Elitos, she would not have anything to do with the real Earley.

Only then did Adina feel at ease.

The next day, Adina drove to her company after she sent the kids to preschool. “Serene, compile Elitos’ information and send one set to each member in the Technical Department.”

When Serene heard Adina’s instruction, she was momentarily stunned. “Ms. Daugherty, I heard that they’ve decided internally to give Mdm. Jones the position you’re planning to bid on. Should we waste our time?” Adina smiled and said, “They’ll hold the bid again, and we still stand a chance. Go ahead and make preparations for it.”

Serene was a qualified assistant. Since her superior had said so, she needed to do the necessary. Adina switched on her computer and wrapped up Project A-F. The project had already begun, so her job would end soon. At noon, Serene walked in at a hurried pace. “Ms. Daugherty, some people are looking for you outside.”

Adina did not raise her head. “Did they make an appointment?” “They say they’re your parents, Ms. Daugherty.”

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Adina’s fingers froze, and she immediately raised her head. She put down her work and walked outside. Before she stepped out, she saw Aaron and Ruby through the glass door. They were standing there with anxious expressions.

She suddenly sneered.

It had been two days since Dew was arrested. These two people must have run out of options, hence they came to her.

“Addy!” When Ruby saw her come out, she got so worked up that her hands trembled. If those who were uninformed had seen that, they could have thought that the mother was so excited that she almost cried because she had not seen her daughter for a long time. Adina’s expression was cold. “Why are you looking for me?” As she spoke, she glanced at her watch. “I still have a meeting. If you have something to say,

say it.”

Aaron was instantly triggered, “Why are you still in the mood to attend a meeting when your sister’s in such a state? Adina, you have to think of a way to save your sister!”

Adina smiled faintly. “What does it matter to me what happens to her?”

She smiled. “Don’t forget that she kidnapped my son. My son nearly died because of her, and you want me to save her? Do I look like Virgin Mary to you?”

Aaron raised his arm in anger.

However, Adina did not fear him at all. She looked at Aaron with a cold expression.

“Dear, don’t do it.” Ruby held Aaron’s arm and bitterly begged Adina. “Addy, I know it’s Dew’s fault. But she’s too young and immature, so she did all those reckless things. I apologize to you on her behalf. Please forgive her, okay? Addy, Dew’s your sister. Do you really want her to spend the rest of her life in prison?”

“If she had succeeded the night before last, my son and I would have been separated forever,” Adina replied scornfully. “Addy, have you forgotten? That night when you gave birth four years ago, George and Harold died as soon as they were born. Dew had not been kind enough to send the babies to the hospital. you and your sons would have been parted forever!” Ruby grabbed Adina’s arm as she cried and pleaded Dew saved George and Harold four years ago. Can you lend a hand and help low get out of prison four years later? Addy, I swear to you. As long as you get Dew out of prison, Drw and I will disappear from Sea City, and we won’t disrupt your life anymore. Please

Adina was unaffected as she moved out of Ruby’s grip. Sitze lagkrd at the two Individuals and spoke to the coldest tone that she had ever spoken in,“

Dew has nothing to do with me. Please don’t come to me anymore!”

After she said that, she attempted to walk into her office. But Ruby grabbed her wrist. “Addy, are you really going to be so heartless?” Adina instantly chuckled. She looked away and firmly said, “Five years ago, when you drugged and put me on a stranger’s bed, did you ever think that this day would come? Four years ago, after I gave birth to the kids, and you set the fire to the Daugherty family home, did you ever think that this day would come? In the past four years, when you helped Dew pose as my sons’ biological mother, did you ever think that this day would come?” She moved her wrist out of Ruby’s grip again before she smoothed out her collar and continued, “You’ve always been the heartless one. How could you ask me to think about kinship?”

Ruby’s eyes were filled with hopelessness.

Dew was her only daughter and the biggest pride of her life. But Dew was going to spend the rest of her life in prison. In an instant, Ruby seemed to age by ten years.

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Adina’s heart was filled with excitement, but that excitement only lasted for a second before it quickly disappeared.

She pursed her lips and pulled the glass door open to enter her company. "Hold on," Aaron said with a cold and angry demeanor. Adina did not stop moving. She really had a meeting to attend, so she did not have time to waste there. "I raised you for eighteen years. Shouldn't you repay me for my parenting and kindness throughout those eighteen years?" When Adina heard Aaron's words, she suddenly chuckled from anger.

She held the doorknob of the glass door, then turned around and said, "Parents have a legal obligation to support their children, and children have an obligation to support their parents. I can financially support you, but I don't have an obligation to get Dew out of prison." He actually wanted to guilt trip her with his eighteen years of so-called parenting. It was hilarious.

"If you were my biological daughter, it would be my duty to raise you for eighteen years, but ..." Aaron raised his head, and his gaze was profound. "You're not my daughter, but I still raised you for eighteen years. Shouldn't you repay me for the kindness you received in the past? I don't have any other requests either. As long as you get Dew out of prison, we'll call it even."

Adina felt like she had been struck by lightning.

The Daugherty family had been extremely cruel to her over the past five years, but she had been happy in the eighteen years before that. She might have come up with that guess over the recent years, but she had been filled with grief and resentment. She never thought that she was not a member of the Daugherty family. Then again, if Aaron was truly her father, would a father be that cruel to his biological daughter? She should have expected this.

Adina removed her fingers from the doorknob and gradually snapped out of her daze.

Ruby suddenly saw a sliver of hope. She gritted her teeth and said, "Yes, Adina. You're not part of the Daugherty family's bloodline. Our family supported your living expenses and studies for eighteen years. Don't you plan on repaying our kindness?"

Adina smiled saintly and scoffed. "Is it really as you say? I don't believe you."

"When your mother was young, a lot of men courted her. Who would have known that she would sleep around with someone and get pregnant? She went around searching for someone to marry, but she found Anrun!" Ruby wore a cold and menacing smile as she said, "She was pregnant with any illegitimate child, so she couldn't just marry anyone. Therefore, she had to marry Aaron who had nothing at that time. Do you really think you're a lady in the 14150s? You're just a tegetachille."

Slap!

Adina raised her hand and gave her a strong slap.

Ruby widened her eyes with fury. "How dare you slap me?! Who gave you the audacity?! You actually slapped me!"

She covered her face and wanted to rush over to slap Adina back.

Adina twisted her wrist before she ruthlessly swung her hand away. "If you dare to insult my mother again, I'll break your hand. If you don't believe me, you can give it a try."

Ruby's face had been smacked, so she was in great pain. Her wrist had also been twisted and nearly broken. It hurt so much that her facial features were distorted.

She cried and yelled, "Aaron, look at the 'good daughter' whom you insisted on raising. This is how she treats me! When she was first born, you should've sent her to the orphanage. She caused our only daughter to be imprisoned. We only have Dew, our only daughter. She's in prison now What should we do?"

Chapter 409 Adina ignored Ruby's cries.

She stared at Aaron. "Am I your daughter?"

Aaron suppressed his anger and said, "I promised your mother that I would keep this secret until I die. But now, with all that has happened to Dew, I have no choice but to expose the truth. After your mother passed away, I could have sent you to an orphanage, but I didn't. Instead, I raised you until you were eighteen. I've done my duty as a father, and I have a clear conscience toward you--"

"Haha!"

Halfway through his sentence, Adina scoffed.

At this point, she truly believed that she was not a daughter of the Daugherty family because no father would say something like that to his daughter. But she would not let herself be manipulated by Aaron either. "Why didn't you send me to the orphanage? Wasn't it because I held the shares of Daugherty Corporation?" She sneered. Aaron's expression instantly darkened. "But all of Daugherty Corporation's shares have been purchased. The owner of Daugherty Corporation has changed. I've lost everything. I only have Dew, my only daughter. Can't you show some mercy and spare the Daugherty family?"

Adina frowned.

She really did not have the time to pay attention to Daugherty Corporation. She just knew that the price of their shares had dropped drastically, and the company would go bankrupt after some time. During such a critical time, someone had actually purchased the shares?

"Dew saved George and Harold, and I raised you for eighteen years too. Can you spare her?" Aaron slowly said, his cold and angry voice giving way to pleading. Adina stared at him coldly. "Dew kidnapped the young master of the Winters family. It is the Winters family that insists on looking into this. It's none of my business. Mr. Daugherty, you better go to the Winters family and beg Duke." She did not want to look at Aaron anymore. She pushed the glass door open and entered her company.

Behind her, Aaron and Ruby looked completely hopeless

Adina attended the meeting, in the meeting room, where they discussed the summary of the previous month and a work plan for the next month. She was absent-minded during the meeting (100-110,40) she coded it earlier

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“Oh, Ms. Daugherty is here.”

The servant was surprised as she went to open the door. She was delighted to see Adina.

“The madam was just talking about you. Now, you’re here after she mentioned you.” Adina smiled while she walked up to Mdm. Xavier. “Grandma, how have you been lately?”

Mdm. Xavier held her hand. “How come you have time to visit me today? Where are Alden and Mel? Why didn’t they come along?” “They went to preschool.”

Adina looked down as she thought about how she should open up the conversation. Mdm. Xavier could tell that Adina was there for a reason, so she said, “Addy, if you have something to say, just say it.”

“Grandma, after I spoke to a client about the past today, I finally discovered that the Daugherty family was nothing twenty years ago.” Adina pursed her lips and said, “But the Xavier family was already well-established in Sea City twenty years ago. Back then, the gap between the two families was huge. Why would you agree to marry my mother off to a poor guy who had nothing?”

Hearing that, Mdm. Xavier appeared gloomy. “Your grandpa and I disagreed for a long time back then, but your mother insisted on marrying your father. What else could we do? Later, we only realized that your mother had been pregnant with you before marriage when you were born three months early. It was considered a marriage arranged on the basis of a pregnancy.”

Chapter 410 Adina’s heart sank

In other words, her mother married Aaron only after she had gotten pregnant with her.

It was clear why Aaron would agree to marry her mother. It was because the Xavier family was extremely rich. If he married the Xavier family’s only daughter, would he still need to worry about his future?

That was the truth. The following year after Aaron married her mother, Daugherty Corporation was established. During the two years that her mother was alive, Daugherty Corporation grew rapidly. Although her mother passed away, she had provided a sufficient amount of funding to Daugherty Corporation. That was enough to help Daugherty Corporation grow higher and further

Without her mother, Daugherty Corporation would not have existed.

But without her, the marriage between the Xavier family and the Daugherty family would not have happened either.

Adina pursed her lips and tried to ask, “Grandma, before my mother knew Aaron, was she in a relationship with other men?”

“Of course not.” Mdm. Xavier shook her head. “Your mother was an innocent woman. She didn’t understand boy-girl relationships. When she was studying, I forbade her from being in a relationship. She only met Aaron after she graduated from university, and she was completely swept away. Sigh! if I had allowed her to get in a relationship when she was studying, she would not have been so fascinated by Aaron that she lost her mind in just a few months.”

Mdm. Xavier let out a long sigh, and her eyes were filled with strong resentment. She loved and protected her daughter too much and ended up ruining her daughter's life. If her daughter had not married Aaron, she would not have passed away in that accidental manner.

When Adina saw Mdm. Xavier's eyes become teary, she immediately changed the subject." Grandma, I just wanted to come over and visit you. Nothing's going on. Please rest well I'll return to my company first. I'll bring Alden and Mel over to keep you company next time"

Mom. Xavier waved. "Go ahead. You don't have to worry about me."

Adina looked at the time and drove to the children's preschool.

On the way, she fell into deep thought. No matter what the truth was, she had to do a paternity test.

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She confirmed that she was Aaron's daughter, she could consider other things

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NH 110v to consider other options?

Was it very important to know who her biological father was?

Adina parked her car outside the preschool. There were still at least ten minutes before school ended, so she did not get out of her car. She just sat in the driver's seat and frowned. That man had made her mother pregnant, but he did not marry her mother. In the end, her mother had to marry Aaron. From that alone, she could see that he was an irresponsible jerk. As such, she did not have to find out who her biological father was.

She did not need to do a paternity test either.

After Adina made up her mind about the matter, she finally felt much relieved. The shock that Aaron gave her could no longer affect her.

She cast a glance at the time. Just as she was about to step out of her car and wait outside the preschool, she saw a familiar black sedan slowly approach the preschool's entrance. Adina instantly narrowed her eyes.