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Chapter 711 Odell brought them out of Carter Corporation to a business district.

There were many good restaurants, and the environment was quiet and classy.

Odell asked, "What do you two want to eat?"

Isabel immediately pointed her little finger toward a hot pot restaurant sign and said, "I want to have meat in a hot pot!"

"Okay."

They had been eating children's meal sets for the past few days. They could have a change of menu on that day.

It was the peak hours. The private rooms upstairs were fully booked, but there was a wide seat by the windows.

Odell sat there with the children.

A waiter walked over with a smile and asked politely, "Sir, what soup would you all like?"

Soup?

Odell frowned.

He always had Cliff with him whenever he was outside. It was Cliff who did the ordering.

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Even if Odell had eaten hotpot several times with Sylvia and the children, Sylvia and the two kids always ordered the food. He never intervened.

Upon thinking of Sylvia, his chest felt stuffy. After suppressing his emotions, he asked Isabel and Liam, "What soup do you two want?"

Liam did not say a word.

Isabel stretched her hand and pointed to a pot with two soups on the menu. "I want this hot pot. Serve all of the meat you have here too."

The waiter was struck by her adorable look. He smiled and replied, "Okay, little kid. Do you want any vegetables?"

Isabel did some quick thinking. "I don't want vegetables."

However, after she spoke, Liam said, "She wants carrots, corn, cabbage, and mushrooms."

Isabel immediately pouted. "I don't want them."

Liam's little brows knitted into a tight frown at that moment.

Isabel closed her mouth instantly. After Liam was done ordering the vegetables , the waiter took the menu and left. Only then did she mutter, “Bad Liam.”

Liam looked toward her with his big cold eyes.

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Isabel’s gaze turned timid. She turned around and snuck under Odell’s arms.

Liam let out a “hmpf” and did not look at her anymore.

Isabel breathed a sigh of relief since he was no longer looking at her.

Odell took in the siblings’ interactions. The corners of his lips curved slightly. He did not know whether to feel happy or resigned.

Soon, the hot pot and fresh side dishes were served.

Isabel demanded to have meat. Odell helped her to put the meat slices into the pot right away.

However, not long after he started putting them in, Isabel made a fuss again. “Baddie, slow down. The meat will become tough if you put so much in one go. It’s not nice if it’s tough.”

Odell immediately slowed down his speed of putting the meat.

A moment later, Isabel nagged again. “Baddie , why are you so slow? Quickly put that plate of meat into the pot!”

Odell put the plate of meat slices she was pointing at into the pot.

The next moment, she grumbled yet another time, “Why

did you put them all in the spicy soup? You have to put some on the other soup too.”

Odell breathed in and continued putting the vegetables into the pot according to Isabel’s instructions.

At that moment, Lily was watching that scene with great shock outside the glass windows of their seat.

She did not think she could meet Odell while she was shopping. More unexpectedly , Odell personally brought the two children to eat hot pot. Not only did he accompany them to have hot pot, but he also kept being ordered around.

He was the man leading Carter Corporation. He was the Young Master Carter whom all the wealthy people of Westchester City feared!

Yet, he was endlessly doting on children!

In particular , the daughter sitting in his arms obviously had no manners. She must have been spoiled by Odell’s ex -wife.

Chapter 712 A hint of annoyance targeted at Isabel flashed across Lily’s eyes. She entered the restaurant through the back entrance and headed straight to Odell’s table.

It was only then that Odell noticed and looked toward her. Lily smiled and said, “Young Master Carter, what a coincidence. I didn’t think you’d personally bring the children to have a meal here. Is this the important matter that you mentioned during the day?” Odell frowned.

Before he spoke, Lily continued, “However, the children are indeed important. If I had such adorable children, I’d leave my work aside and accompany them more too.”

Odell’s brows relaxed. He asked out of courtesy, “Is Ms. Springsteen here to eat as well?”

“Yes, but I’m meeting other friends at another place. I have to head over now. Enjoy your meal.”

“Okay.”

Lily said to Isabel and Liam with a smile, “Young Master, Young Miss, enjoy your meal too.”

Isabel looked toward her with her big eyes.

For some reason, she could not bring herself to like that

aunty. However, her mom told her to treat others politely, especially when that aunty looked quite polite. Therefore, she replied, “Bye, aunty.”

Lily smiled. She also grinned at Odell, then turned around and left the restaurant.

Odell did not look at her anymore. He took his fork and continued getting meat for Isabel.

Isabel stared at the pot and gave orders on what she wanted to eat.

Opposite them, Liam was slowly eating the food he scooped from the clear soup.

He was quiet, and his movements were elegant.

It was as if the noise in the world had nothing to do with

him.

Even Lily did not look in his direction when she came just now.

Liam was thinking of his mom.

He did not care about having his dad tending to him. However, if Mom were there, she would have taken care of him attentively like how Dad was taking care of his sister. She would gently tell him to eat more and keep getting food for him. He would happily eat more instead of losing his appetite after a few bites, which was what he was feeling right then.

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A week later.

Carter Tower.

Odell freed some time and went through the proposal Lily sent over.

She even sent her thoughts on the project. Every line was explained in detail. Although some parts were unrealistic, her perspective was unique.

He went through her idea, which had a few thousand words. After that, he gave her a call.

The call was connected after it rang twice.

Lily's gentle voice came from the phone. "Young Master Carter, have you taken a look at the proposal and my thoughts that I sent you?"

"Mm. I have additional opinions. Come to Carter Corporation when you're free. Let's talk face-to-face."

"I have time this evening. Is this evening convenient for you?"

"I can make it after 2:00 p.m."

"Let's meet at the cafe in Carter Tower at 2:30 p.m."

Odell thought about it. "Okay."

The cafe was not far, so walking over would not waste

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much time.

2:00 p.m.

Odell returned to his office after a short meeting. Liam was reading a book at his table by the window. Isabel, who was supposed to study and read with him, was secretly watching dramas on the phone.

When she saw Odell returning, she immediately hid the phone in her sleeve.

However, she did not turn off the volume. Odell could listen to everything clearly.

He walked to Isabel's side and extended his big hand in front of her. "Give me the phone."

Isabel pouted.

Odell frowned. His expression turned even more stern.

Isabel did not dare to hide the phone any longer. She quickly took it out from her sleeve and handed it to him.

Chapter 713 Odell turned off the drama and placed the phone in his pocket. He said to Isabel, "I'm going downstairs and will be back soon. Be obedient and study with your brother. Don't be naughty." Isabel pouted. "Okay."

Odell glanced at Liam. "Liam, keep an eye on your sister."

"Okay."

After that, Odell turned around and left. Isabel stood up while letting out a “hmpf” when the office’s door closed.

She crossed her arms in front of her chest and scolded,” Baddie.”

Those books were too boring. They were not as interesting as dramas. She did not want to read them at all.

However, her phone was confiscated, and there were no other toys she could play with. Isabel was depressed for a moment. Then, she suddenly thought of something and ran out with her short legs.

However, just when she reached the door, she was grabbed by her collar from behind.

Her chubby figure was pulled back.

Liam stood behind her and asked sternly in his babyish voice, “Where are you going?” “Liam, I just want to see what Baddie is going to do,” Isabel explained hastily. She looked toward Liam eagerly. “It’s too stuffy here. Let’s go out and play together for a while.”

Liam was silent for a few seconds. “We can only play for at most half an hour.”

Isabel immediately replied, “Okay!”

Then, she crouched down and snuck out like a thief.

Liam followed her.

Not long after, their two little figures went to the first floor by elevator.

At that moment, Odell’s towering figure was walking out of the main entrance.

Liam and Isabel exchanged glances. They bent down together and snuck out along the wall.

There was a cafe with a great ambiance within 30 meters of Carter Tower’s entrance.

There were not many people in the cafe at that hour. As soon as he entered, Odell spotted Lily sitting by the

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windows.

Her hair was curled. She wore a blush-colored haute couture dress and was sitting elegantly.

When Lily saw Odell entering, she smiled at him right away.

Odell returned a polite smile and sat on the seat opposite hers.

At that moment, a waiter walked over and asked what coffee he wanted.

Before Odell could speak, Lily said, “Give Young Master Carter an Americano.”

The waiter left after receiving the order.

Odell looked toward Lily. "How did you know my preference?" She smiled until her eyes curved into arches. "I made a guess."

Odell pressed his lips together.

Lily said, "I lied. I had my assistant get the information from Assistant Bogard when she contacted him two days ago."

After speaking, she winked and laughed playfully while maintaining her ladylike elegance.

Odell smirked.

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He did not like joking around with his business partners, but the Springsteen family and the Carter family had been friends for many generations. The project that Springsteen Corporation wanted to join was creative and promising

Odell returned a smile out of courtesy. He said, "Let's get into the main topic."

Lily was taken aback, but she returned to her usual self the next second. She smiled and said, "Okay. I wonder what suggestions Young Master Carter has for this project?"

"I think there are a few parts that are inappropriate."

"Please tell me about them."

"Firstly, I suggest that the project's construction site be switched to the new district. Although the new district has just started developing and can't be compared to the city center, it has good prospects. Our families have to establish a new market there too. Secondly..."

His voice was husky and powerful like the ones on tapes. Every word was pronounced clearly.

Lily sat opposite him and listened attentively.

However, she could not help but stare at Odell's handsome face as she listened to him. Her head went blank uncontrollably.

Chapter 714 It lasted until Odell took a sip of his coffee. He said to Lily, "These are all my suggestions."

Lily's gaze changed. She quickly said, "Okay, Young Master Carter. I'll have them make the changes after I return."

"Mm." Odell put down his cup. "Let's end our conversation here."

When Lily saw that he was about to stand up, so she said right away, "Wait."

Odell looked toward her.

Lily smirked. The admiration in her gaze at him could not be hidden. "Young Master Carter, I just took over my family's business, so there are a few things that I don't know how to handle. Can I get some guidance from you?"

Odell frowned. "You'll know how to handle those matters after you work for some time."

As he spoke, he was going to stand up. "I haven't told you about the questions yet, Young Master Carter," Lily called him and looked at him with anticipation. "Can you give me a few more minutes? I promise that I won't delay your time for too long."

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Odell glanced at the time.

He had been there for almost 20 minutes. He was not worried about Liam. On the other hand, Isabel did not like to read or study. He had confiscated the phone she liked to play with. He did not know whether she would be obedient or not.

However, a few minutes only meant exchanging a few sentences.

After a moment, Odell looked toward Lily. "You can talk."

The corners of Lily's mouth curved up. She smiled and asked him, "Young Master Carter, what will you do if you meet someone who made your heart pound during work?"

Odell immediately replied, "I've never been attracted to anyone during work."

"It's just a hypothetical question."

"There are no 'ifs'."

Odell said, "Does Ms. Springsteen have any other questions?"

Lily smiled again. "Can I have a meal with you tonight?"

"I'm not free tonight..."

Smack.

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Sounds were coming from behind him all of a sudden.

Odell was interrupted. He turned his head and had a look.

He saw the two kids, who were supposed to be studying in his office obediently, behind him.

Isabel had slipped and fallen on the floor. Liam's hands were placed below her armpits as he tried to help her get up.

Seeing that Odell had discovered them, their actions stiffened. They looked toward him with big eyes.

“Young Master , Young Miss, why are you here?” Lily’s surprised voice rang. Isabel got up with help from Liam. They walked to Odell’s side. Odell was looking at them with a stern expression. Isabel quickly let out a “hmpf”. “Baddie, didn’t you say you’d come downstairs and be back soon? Why are you talking about love with this aunty? Are you going to have an affair again?” She got even more confident as she spoke.

Odell felt a lump in his throat.

Lily’s expression stiffened. After a moment, Odell stood up and carried Isabel in his arms.

He turned back to look at Lily. “Ms. Springsteen , I think you should consult other people on this question.”

Lily smiled awkwardly. “Sorry for troubling you.” Odell did not say anything else. He exited while carrying Isabel.

Liam turned around to look at Lily. Then, he went after them.

Lily sat at her place. Her expression was stiff and awful.

Did they not know that their mother had left with Thomas?

Even if they did not know, they should not have eavesdropped on adults like that. How impolite of them!

Odell quickly brought Isabel and Liam back to his office.

On the way, he explained that he and Lily were merely business partners several times.

Chapter 715 Not only did Isabel not listen to Odell, but her eyes even reddened. She stared at him angrily. “Why didn’t she talk to you about work? Why did she have to ask whether you feel attracted? Why is she even treating you to a meal?”

Although she was young, she had sharp eyes. That aunty’s eyes were almost glued to Odell when she looked at him. It was obvious that she liked him!

Odell was instantly speechless.

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He could not resist spanking Isabel’s butt. “Where did you learn all these from?”

Besides being well – spoken but unreasonable for a five year-old kid, she even knew about love.

Isabel raised her chin and said smugly, “Despite being young, I’ve watched many dramas.”

She was proud.

Odell’s mouth twitched.

After that, his expression turned cold. He said to Isabel sternly, “From today onward, you’re only allowed to be on the phone for an hour. It’ll be confiscated during the rest of the day.”

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Isabel's eyes widened.

How could she accept that she could only have her phone for an hour a day? She still had to watch many dramas every day!

However, Baddie's expression was scary. It was scarier than her not being able to watch dramas.

If Mommy were there, she would definitely not treat her so fiercely.

She missed her mom.

Isabel pouted. She raised her face and started crying. "Boo hoo... Baddie bullied Mommy until she left, and now he's bullying Izzy! Izzy misses Mommy! Izzy wants Mommy..."

Her crying intensified. Big drops of tears slid down her chubby face.

Odell's brows were knitted into a tight frown.

If it were before, Isabel would not cry so hard even if he prohibited her from touching her phone for a day.

She must have truly missed her mom.

Odell toned down his emotions. He took out a handkerchief and wiped Isabel's tears. "Don't cry. I'm already looking for Mommy."

Isabel's crying softened. She opened her eyes to look at

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him. "Where's Mommy? Izzy wants to find her now..."

"I haven't found her yet."

"Boo hoo..."

Odell frowned.

Isabel's mouth which was about to open closed immediately. She stared at him with red eyes.

Odell wiped the tears from the corners of her eyes again. He said softly, "I'll tell you when I find her."

Isabel let out a "hmpf".

Odell sighed and said to Liam, "Bring your sister to do her homework. I'll check it tonight. Your homework tomorrow will be doubled if she doesn't do well."

Liam was expressionless. "Okay."

The Springsteen family.

Lily finished working and returned home late at night.

The butler of the Springsteen family greeted her with a smile. The maids went up to her and took her bag and coat from her in an orderly manner.

Lily walked to the living room.

Under the extravagant chandelier, Madam Springsteen was taking a nap on the couch with a shawl over her.

When she heard the sound of footsteps, she immediately opened her eyes to take a look.

Seeing it was Lily, she said excitedly, "Lily, come to Grandma's side."

Lily went over and sat down beside Madam Springsteen.

Madam Springsteen stared at her and asked, "How's the progress on the partnership with Carter Corporation?" Lily said tiredly, "It's going well." "What about you and Young Master Carter?"

Lily immediately frowned. "There's no progress between

Us."

"What happened? Didn't you two meet each other frequently lately?" "He's very busy, and sometimes he'll be pestered by the two kids." Lily's expression turned cold upon recalling the scene in the cafe during the day. "Especially his daughter. She doesn't know that her mom had left with Second Master Carter. She asked Young Master Carter whether he was going to have an affair when I exchanged a few more sentences with him. Young Master Carter carried her away and didn't even say goodbye to me."

Chapter 716 Madam Springsteen said in shock, "What? She's just a five-year-old child. How dare she question her father in public like that? How rude of her!"

Lily also felt that Isabel was quite an unruly child too. However, there was nothing she could do about it. "Young Master Carter dotes on her a lot." "Hmph. She really has been spoiled rotten!" Madam Springsteen was furious. She said, "This isn't going to work. She's only five years old, yet she's already controlling him and not letting him interact with you. Due to Young Master Carter pandering so much to her, when she grows older, it'll be harder for you to spend time with him."

Lily frowned. There was an annoyed expression on her face. "You're right, but I can't think of a good solution for that now."

She was the eldest young lady of the Springsteen family. The line of men who wanted to woo her could stretch across the whole of Westchester City. There was no way she would even try to please a rude five-year-old child.

Madam Springsteen pondered this matter for a moment before a thought suddenly came to her mind. She smiled and said, "By the way, Ramona even asked about you and Young Master Carter today. She has a lot of ideas. I can

ask her about it."

"Is that Madam Carter's sister, Ramona Decker?"

“Yes. Young Master Carter greatly respects her. She’ll definitely be able to think of something.” Lily’s gaze brightened. “Then you should call her to ask about it.”

Madam Springsteen immediately picked up the handset of the landline phone that was on the coffee table.

Two days later, in the morning.

It was a weekend.

Perhaps it was because they had been under strict control in the past two days. Isabel, who would usually rush to climb into the car to follow him to the company, now hid inside Madam Carter’s room right after breakfast.

On the other hand, Liam calmly sat and read his book.

Odell glanced at him. “Be good and stay at home with your sister. Call me if there are any problems.” Liam said, “Okay.”

Odell turned around and walked out.

When he got into his car and left, a classy white car drove from the opposite end of the road and parked just outside the door.

Sebastian heard the sound and walked out.

A driver opened the car door. Ramona got down from the car with an emerald necklace around her neck.

Sebastian smiled and greeted her. Ramona offered her hand to him. Sebastian quickly held it and helped her walk inside. As she walked, Ramona asked, “How’s my sister doing lately?” Sebastian replied, “Madam Carter’s health is the same as before. Everything is normal.”

“What about Odell?”

“Young Master Carter is doing fine too.”

“What about Izzy and Liam?”

“The young miss and young master are doing well.” “The children are at home, right?” Ramona asked

Sebastian thought that she was here to visit Madam Carter and the children so he quickly replied, “They’re here. They’re accompanying Madam Carter in her room.”

Ramona lifted her chin and said, “Okay.”

Half an hour later.

The car that Odell had sat in arrived at the entrance to Carter Tower.

He got down from the car and walked in.

The people that he passed stopped and greeted him.

Odell walked past the crowd. Cliff, who had just arrived at work, quickly greeted Odell at the elevator. Walking alongside Odell, he reported, "Young Master Carter, the private investigator you instructed to investigate Mrs. Carter has returned with some information."

Chapter 717 Odell immediately halted his steps and looked at Cliff. "Tell me."

"Two months ago, Mrs. Carter boarded a plane at Glanchester Airport with Second Master Carter. The plane was headed to Galston's capital, Woodville."

Odell's gaze darkened. "Is she still in Woodville?"

"The private investigator said he used all his connections in Woodville but couldn't find any traces of Mrs. Carter. She's probably not in Woodville any longer, but she's definitely still somewhere in Galston."

Galston was a developed coastal country. It was not very big, but it was not that small either. It was made up of more than ten cities of different sizes, and every city had a large population of locals and immigrants. There are even a few cities where criminal gangs are common. It's quite a mixture of people." Odell frowned. "Contact the local private investigators in Galston and continue the investigation."

"Okay," Cliff replied. "By the way, Young Master Carter, there's some information that the private investigator discovered about Second Master Carter as well."

Odell's expression turned cold instantly.

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Cliff said in a low voice, "Second Master Carter seems to be the leader of an organization with unknown motives. It has been operating underground and also with the government. The organization has handled many illegal businesses and is related to several famous underground organizations overseas."

Odell snorted. "He's really not that simple of a person."

To think that he had thought that Thomas was just a naive fool whose only interest was playing the piano in the past. He had not expected him to turn out to be such a cunning fox.

Suddenly, the phone in Odell's pocket rang.

He took his phone out. It was Sebastian who had called. He placed the phone to his ear. "What's wrong, Sebastian?"

"Young Master Carter, you have to come back now," Sebastian said urgently. "Madam Carter's sister came right after you left. I thought she was here to visit Madam Carter, as well as the young miss, and young master. I didn't expect her to tell the young miss and young master about Mrs. Carter and Second Master Carter. She even said that you and Mrs. Carter had already gotten a divorce long ago. The young miss is throwing a tantrum and demanding to leave home to look for her mom. The young master isn't able to hold her back either." Odell's expression darkened. He immediately turned

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around and walked outside. At the same time, he said, " Ask Ben and Jacob to keep an eye on them. I'm heading back now."

Cliff quickly went up to Odell and asked, "Did something happen, Young Master Carter?"

"It's a family matter. Continue contacting the private investigators in Galston and offer them a high commission. Ask them to find that woman's location as soon as possible!"

Cliff replied, "Okay. I'll do it right now."

The black MPV was speeding on the road.

Odell reached his place within 20 minutes.

He pushed the car door open and got out of the car.

Before he had even entered the door, he could hear Isabel wailing

Her throat had become hoarse and she sounded extremely sad.

Odell's brows knitted into a tight frown. He quickened his steps and went into the living room.

Sebastian, a few maids, Ben, and Jacob were standing together, forming a human barrier as they encircled Isabel and Liam.

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Isabel was sitting on the floor with a backpack full of stuff on her back. Her favorite pink bag had been slung across her body

She hugged her pink bag, not allowing anyone to touch her. She was all choked up as she sobbed, "Izzy wants to find Mommy... You are all bad people. Let me go out now

Her little face had turned red from crying, and her eyes were swollen.

Sebastian had tears in his eyes from witnessing the heartbreaking scene before him. Ben, Jacob, and other people around Isabel were looking at her worriedly.

However, they had already tried everything in their efforts to try and coax her. They had completely run out of ideas on how to coax her any further.

Luckily, Isabel was still willing to talk to Liam and let him wipe her tears.

As Odell quickly walked over, he saw Liam wiping Isabel's tears with a wet wipe.

The girl was sniffing and sobbing. She looked utterly pitiful.

Odell immediately became anxious. He quickly moved forward to take Isabel into his arms.

When Isabel saw him, she pouted and started crying more pitifully. "Boo hoo... Baddie, please take me to find Mommy now. Izzy wants Mommy..."

Odell pressed her face to his chest as he moved to carry her upstairs.

After taking two steps, he turned toward Liam, who was still sitting on the floor. "You come along too."

Liam did not say a word. He stood up obediently and followed Odell.

Chapter 718 Odell took them to his study upstairs.

The study was facing the sun, so the sunlight shone through the windows and the temperature was comfortable as well.

Odell sat down on the sofa with Isabel in his arms. At the same time, he looked over at Liam.

Liam then climbed up to sit beside Odell. The little girl was still sobbing, but her cries had become softer than it had been downstairs.

Odell wiped her tears. Then, he asked, "What did Grand Aunt Ramona tell you?"

Liam replied, "She said that you and Mommy had gotten divorced a long time ago and that she had not left us because she fought with you. Instead, she has run away with Uncle Thomas to go abroad. She also said that Mommy didn't want us anymore and told us not to meddle in your private life."

Odell frowned.

Seeing that he had not said a word, Isabel asked, "Baddie, what she said was false, right? She was just lying to brother and me, right?"

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"There are both truths and lies in her words."

Isabel frowned and asked, "Which of them is true and which one is false?"

"It's true that your mommy and I have gotten divorced. She then developed feelings for Uncle Thomas after we got divorced. She didn't run away with him. They're actually together in a proper way." Odell suppressed his anger as he said this. He said while stroking Isabel's head lightly, "Mommy wouldn't abandon you guys. She might've been delayed by some issues and could not get in touch with you two in time. Daddy will find her as soon as possible and ask her to return a message to you."

Isabel's eyes widened. There was surprise and confusion in her eyes.

Mommy had really divorced Baddie.

Mommy had even got together with Uncle Thomas.

Was that not a plot that would only appear in TV dramas?

However, why had Mommy not given her and her brother a call? Had she been delayed by some problems?

After a short while, she looked at him with her reddened eyes and bashfully asked, “Baddie, is everything you said

true?”

Odell said, “Yes. It’s the truth.”

“But Great-Aunt Ramona said Mommy doesn’t want Izzy

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and brother anymore.”

“She lied to you.”

“Really?” Isabel looked toward Odell with teary eyes.

Odell’s chest tightened. He wiped her tears with his fingertips and replied softly, “Yes.”

Isabel’s tears stopped flowing.

She sniffled and then she huffed, “Izzy hates Great-Aunt Ramona.”

Odell sensed that something was not right. He asked, “ Did she say anything else about you?”

Isabel pouted.

Before she spoke, Liam said, “Great -Aunt Ramona said Isabel has bad manners and that she’ll become an unwanted, naughty kid if she keeps meddling in your private life.”

Odell’s expression went cold instantly.

Had he been giving Great-Aunt Ramona too much respect? She had actually dared to enter his house and speak in that way to his children!

He took a moment to suppress his anger before saying to Isabel, “Great-Aunt Ramona is indeed hateful. Daddy won’t allow her to come over anymore.”

Isabel’s big eyes blinked. Then, she rested against his

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chest and replied, “Mm.”

Her baby voice was cute and sweet as she became well – behaved again.

Odell’s gaze relaxed. He spoke to Liam. “Call me immediately if anyone mentions Mommy to you, okay?”

Liam said, "Okay."

After some time had passed.

Once Isabel's emotions had stabilized and she was sleeping soundly in his arms, he finally carried Isabel back downstairs again.

Liam was beside him.

When the father and children came downstairs, Sebastian and the others looked at them at the same time.

Odell looked at Sebastian and said in a low voice, "Sebastian, please inform Great-Aunt Ramona that it will not be necessary for her to come here to visit Grandmother anymore. If she comes again, I'll revoke her monthly living expenses." Sebastian quickly replied, "Yes, sir. I'll give her a call immediately."

He was also quite angry that a lady of such an advanced age would come to pick a fight with a five-year-old child.

He would call her immediately after Young Master Carter went out and relay Young Master Carter's exact words to her. He would see if she still dared to come in the future!

That same evening.

While Odell was sitting in the office and handling some matters, Lily gave him a call. He glanced at Isabel, who had dozed off on his desk, and placed the phone next to his ear.

Lily said apologetically through the phone, "Young Master Carter, I heard from my grandmother that Aunt Ramona went to look for the young master and young miss this morning because of me. Is that true?"

Odell's expression darkened.

He had intended on talking to her about it, but he had not expected her to call him first.

Lily seemed to sense his mood from the other side of the call. She said hastily, "Please don't misunderstand, Young Master Carter. I didn't tell my grandmother anything. Grandmother and Aunt Ramona have always wanted to bring us together. Since we're working on a collaboration together now, my grandmother likes to ask if anything else has happened between us. Having no other choice, I used the excuse of saying that the children didn't want you to have a girlfriend. Both she and Great

Aunt Ramona are close friends. I guess she mentioned it to her, and Great-Aunt Ramona went to look for the young master and young miss."

After explaining, she said guiltily, "I'm really sorry to have caused trouble to you, the young master and young miss."

Her tone was sincere.

Chapter 719 Odell's expression softened, but his voice remained cold. "It's okay. You didn't do it intentionally, Ms. Springsteen. However, I'm not a good match for you. If Madam Springsteen asks about us again, you can just tell her that I'm not interested in women at the moment."

For a few moments, Lily was at a loss for words but then she recovered and said, "Okay, I understand. I'm truly sorry about this incident."

Odell did not say anything else and hung up the phone. He glanced at Isabel, who was still sleeping soundly, and the cold expression on his face eased.

At the Springsteen family's home. Lily stared at the phone screen that had gone dark and frowned unhappily. That man truly did not know how to treat a woman with tenderness.

Madam Springsteen had been sitting by Lily's side throughout the call. Seeing that Lily had put away her phone, she asked, "Lily, how was it? What did Young Master Carter say? Did he believe you?"

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"He most probably did, but the tone of his voice was not very nice so he must've been quite angry."

"It's okay. He's angry at Ramona for going to his home and making that rude little girl cry, not you."

She had a point there. Lily had already given an explanation and pushed the responsibility off herself. Odell would surely not be mad at her.

Besides, his two kids already knew that he and his ex wife had gotten a divorce. Her goal had been achieved.

Lily's expression changed, but a smirk soon appeared on her face again.

Having received Odell's warning, Ramona did not come back to look for the children for some time afterward.

The two children had become quieter than before. Odell did not feel at ease leaving them at home so he would take them to the company from time to time. When the summer break ended and school started again, he sent the children to preschool.

The contract for the joint project with Springsteen Corporation had also been signed and preparations were underway to start the project.

There was a regular pattern to Odell's everyday life. First, he would send the two children to preschool before going

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to the company. He would then keep busy until late at night. Occasionally, he would pick the kids up from preschool when he got off work early. He would also make an effort to keep his weekends free for them.

The days passed quickly and soon, three months went by in the blink of an eye. The temperature dropped, and the weather turned cold. Winter arrived in Westchester City. There was still no news about that woman.

Knock knock

The sound of someone knocking on the door could be heard coming from outside the office.

Standing in front of the floor-to-ceiling windows, the man concealed the darkness in his gaze. He extinguished the cigarette and threw it inside the ashtray.

“Come in.”

The door was pushed open and Cliff entered with a document.

“Young Master Carter, this is the document that you wanted.”

“Leave it there.” Odell sat down behind the office table after speaking. Cliff placed the document in front of him. After seeing Odell’s expression, Cliff said softly, “Young Master

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Carter, there’s still an hour until the start of the event held by Westchester Business Association.”

Odell frowned. “Remind me in half an hour’s time.”

“Okay.” Cliff turned around and exited the room.

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The Westchester Business Association would hold a few events every year. The event that would be held that night was a business networking event. Large and small businesses that were members of the business association had been invited.

The venue for the event would be the Westchester Hotel.

Even before the event had started, the hotel’s parking lot was already filled with all sorts of luxury cars.

Young and talented youths, as well as mature and experienced business tycoons , had arrived beforehand.

Men wore suits, while women wore exquisite evening gowns. They were greeting each other and chatting in small groups with wine glasses in their hand.

Just as the event was about to start, Lily entered wearing an exquisitely made haute couture dress.

The venue instantly fell silent and everyone turned their heads at the sound.

Even the business association’s president went up to

welcome her with a smile.

Lily smiled and shook hands with the president before entering the venue.

As she was entering, she would sweep her eyes over the crowd from time to time.

A frown was just about to appear on her face because she could not find a certain person, the crowd suddenly became agitated.

The people who had just been staring at her a moment ago suddenly rushed to the entrance. There was someone yelling in the crowd, "It looks like Young Master Carter is here!"

Lily's gaze changed and she immediately turned to look at the entrance.

Soon, a towering figure entered while being surrounded by people

The man was wearing an haute couture suit that was simple but expensive. He looked strong and handsome under the lights, but he seemed so cold to the extent that no one dared to go too near to him.

Lily stood at the same spot.

Within a short time, Odell came to stand by her side.

Lily smiled at him. "Good evening. Young Master Carter." "Good evening," Odell replied, before walking right past

Chapter 720 The expression on Lily's face froze.

However, it was only for a moment before she quickly turned to follow him.

She felt that she understood his personality pretty well due to the time she had spent interacting with him on the joint project.

He just had a standoffish personality and did not like to talk much.

He was also the head of the Carter Corporation and the wealthiest person in Westchester City. He was young and handsome too. It was normal for such a person to have some attitude.

Lily followed him to the seating area.

Odell sat down on a sofa.

Lily stood still without moving from her spot. Once the single – seat sofas on both sides of Odell had been filled, she smiled and said, "Young Master Carter, would you mind if I sat beside you?"

Odell looked around, then replied, "Please feel free to do so, Ms. Springsteen."

Lily smiled and sat beside him at a distance of ten

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centimeters away.

When she sat down, many people's gazes focused on them, including the president of the business association sitting on the single-seated sofa that was on Odell's right. The president of the business association was an old man. Upon seeing the situation, he smiled and said, "Oh, it seems that Young Master and Ms. Springsteen seem to know each other well."

Just like today, Odell had never brought a female companion whenever he attended the business association's events in the past. He would never sit with any other people, whether it was anyone of the same gender, much less any member of the opposite sex. No one dared to sit next to him.

Odell frowned.

Lily noticed his expression and quickly said to the president, "Please don't misunderstand, Mr. Crawford. Springsteen Corporation and Carter Corporation have been working on a project together lately, so I've met Young Master Carter many times during this period of time. We're quite familiar with each other, but we're just good friends."

Mr. Crawford smiled and said, "Oh no, no, I didn't misunderstand anything." However, he continued to look at them in a teasing

manner.

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Lily and Odell were a perfect match. Even their family backgrounds were similar. In the eyes of other people, they looked like a match made in heaven.

Lily noticed the look the president was giving them but did not correct him further.

Soon, Mr. Crawford started talking to them regarding topics on business.

He asked for their opinions on some things that had occurred lately. Lily immediately expressed her opinions. There was logic and key points in her words, all of which she expressed very eloquently

From time to time, Mr. Crawford would look at her very appreciatively.

Odell sipped from the wine glass that he held in his hand. He would only give a reply when a question was directly addressed to him.

They chatted like that for a while but Mr. Crawford sensed that Odell was not interested in those topics at all. He quickly switched the topic by saying, "Let's not talk about these matters anymore. You guys were called here to have fun today. The dancing has already started. Young Master Carter and Ms. Springsteen, why don't you both have a dance together?"

Lily's expression changed and she looked toward Odell.

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Looking indifferent, Odell pressed his lips together. It seemed as if he had no intention of replying.

The atmosphere fell silent for a few seconds.

Lily smiled and said, "Young Master Carter, could I invite you to dance?"

Odell frowned.

Lily maintained her smile and said gracefully, “Young Master Carter, seeing that our companies will be working together, please just do me the honor of dancing with me.”

After she spoke, not only did Mr. Crawford stare at Odell, but a few people around them looked over too.

They were mostly prominent figures of Westchester City.

Odell sighed.

Forget it. He could not reject a woman in front of so many people.

“You’re too modest, Ms. Springsteen. Being able to dance with you would be my honor,” Odell stood up as he answered politely.

Lily immediately smiled sweetly at him.

Odell returned her smile and walked to the dance floor with her.

Several people with sharp eyes dancing on the dance floor

spotted them and made way for them. The brightly – lit dance floor was emptied very quickly. Odell and Lily walked to the middle of the dance floor.

He extended a hand to her in a gentlemanly manner.

Lily placed her hand on his while smiling bashfully.

After that, both of them danced along to the romantic music.