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Love could conquer all obstacles to bring prosperity to a family.

A loveless marriage would eventually lead to a split. Regardless of how good the foundation was, problems would eventually arise. This would lead to conflicts within the family that could affect other things like a career.

“Unfilial son, I will kill you!”

The old man was furiously brandishing his crutches at Zachary. Another blow descended upon the latter.

“But how am I wrong?” queried Zachary. “My father also married a good woman, according to your will. And what happened in the end? Nothing good, I can tell you that.”

Upon hearing this, Henry stopped his ministrations.

The tragedy involving his son, Harrison, was indirectly caused by him. That was the greatest regret of his life. Henry forbade the very mention of it, but Zachary alone was not afraid to reopen closed wounds.

The scars that hid endless amounts of grief and regret.

In an instant, all traces of Henry’s initial arrogance disappeared. Instead, he fell back into his wheelchair dejectedly. “I can’t deny that I caused that. But your father was stubborn, and he just had to fall in love with that Lindberg witch. What a tragedy that turned out to be.”

Having said that, Henry looked up at Zachary. “I just don’t want you to repeat his mistakes, so I’m just looking out for you, do you understand?”

Zachary felt a pang of guilt when he saw how sad the admission made Henry. He knew that his father was Henry’s albatross and that it seemed cruel to use this against him like this.

“Anyway, I won’t allow this woman into this family.”

Henry put his foot down and gestured at Spencer, who hurriedly wheeled him away.

Zachary frowned at Henry's retreating figure.

Bruce lowered his head and opened the door for them.

Spencer wheeled Henry out. Just then, the cheerful voices of the children could be heard from outside. "Great-grandpa? There he is!"

"Hey, the children are back!"

Hearing the children's call, Henry immediately raised a smile, and the dark haze just disappeared.

"Great-grandpa, why are you here?" Jamie excitedly ran over. "Daddy said mommy is coming home today. Are you here to see her?"

Henry was momentarily stunned, not knowing how to respond.

He might have been one of the best psychological tacticians in the world, but all of that flew out the window when he faced his grandchildren.

This child is too pure.

"Great-grandpa, Mrs. Berry made us a lot of delicious food. There is also the hot cross bunnies I used to talk about!" Ellie ran over from the table with two steaming buns in her hand and handed one to Henry. "It's still hot. Try it!"

"Oh, careful now! Don't burn your little hands."

Henry quickly received the hot cross bunnies and blew the heat off her chubby hands.

"Great-grandpa, daddy said you are discharged from the hospital today. Are you feeling better?" Robbie walked over, his face etched with concern.

"I'm feeling much better." Henry gently patted Robbie's head and smiled. "I hear that you recently helped your Daddy develop a new software?"

“Yes, it’s specially developed for kindergarten children.” Robbie chattered enthusiastically and immediately launched into all the details when talking to Henry. “It’s a tracking software to prevent children from getting lost!”

“That’s wonderful news!” The old man was very happy. Seeing the three children, he felt that there was hope in the world. Henry could die then and be at peace, knowing that the Nacht family was in the hands of its capable heirs.

“Mommy!” Just then, Ellie spotted Charlotte coming out of the study and immediately ran towards her excitedly. “I’ve missed you so much!”

“Mommy!”

“Mommy…”

Robbie and Jamie were also equally excited and bolted towards their mother.

Charlotte squatted down and gave the three children a tight squeeze. “I’ve missed you too.”

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“Mommy, you’ve lost weight,” said Ellie while cupping Charlotte’s face. “Did you lose your appetite because I’m not around?”

“Yes. But I will have a good appetite now since you’re back.”

Charlotte kissed her daughter’s chubby face. The woman had watery eyes though her lips were being curled into a gentle smile.

“Mommy, Mrs. Berry has made some fresh hot cross bunnies. I’ll go get you some.” With that, Jamie ran toward the kitchen.

Seeing that, Charlotte asked, “Has your leg recovered, Jamie?”

Robbie was quick to answer then, "Yes, Jamie has long recovered. His leg is now as good as new. Mommy, I helped Daddy develop a new software. He told me he will register a patent for me and name the software after my name."

"Robbie, you're amazing!" Overjoyed, Charlotte pulled the boy into her arms. "I am very proud of you!"

"Mommy..." In her arms, Robbie's eyes reddened. "Can you not leave us anymore? We were scared that you were not going to come back."

"Yeah. We actually planned on running away from home to find you at the hospital..." Ellie quickly covered her mouth. She regretted her words the moment they emerged.

"Running away! Running away from home!" Fifi repeated after Ellie while flapping its wings, flying above Charlotte's head.

Charlotte was shocked. "Running away from home? Don't you guys ever think of doing something like that! I'm only staying in the hospital for treatment. See, now I'm back!"

"We can keep you company and take care of you while you receive your treatment." With his brows knitted, Robbie added sadly, "You're gone for a month, and we missed you so much!"

"Mommy, you promised you will never leave us!" Ellie pouted, and she almost broke into tears. "You broke your promise!"

"I..." Charlotte didn't know how she could explain to her kids.

"Mommy, here comes the hot cross bunnies!"

Jamie appeared just in time. The boy trotted toward them while holding a plate of hot cross bunnies.

"Hot cross bunnies! Hot cross bunnies!" Fifi flew toward Jamie the moment it saw the food he was holding.

"Fifi, stop! Let Mommy eat first." Jamie shooed Fifi away and then brought Charlotte the hot cross bunnies. "Mommy, you should eat more!"

"Thanks, Jamie." Charlotte caressed the boy's head affectionately before she enjoyed the food with the little ones.

Meanwhile, Henry couldn't help furrowing his brows. Although he had long known that the kids shared a strong bond with their mother, still, he couldn't help feeling touched seeing their loving interaction.

To prevent himself from going soft, Henry retrieved his gaze and signaled Spencer to wheel him out.

"Grandpa, are you leaving?" Zachary came up to him. "Why don't you stay and have dinner with us?"

Henry pulled a long face at that. Without even sparing a glance at Zachary, he said coldly, "I'm leaving now."

"Great-grandpa is leaving. Go, walk him to the door," Charlotte reminded the kids.

"Great-grandpa, you're leaving now?"

The kids immediately rushed up to Henry to persuade him to stay.

Holding Henry's hand, Ellie gave her great-grandpa the puppy eyes. "Great-grandpa, don't leave just yet. Stay and have dinner with us."

The little girl's sweet voice could melt anyone's heart.

Instantly, Henry's expression softened as he plastered a genial smile on his face. "Ellie, I'm going home now. I'll bring you little ones to eat out next time."

Ellie swayed his hand from side to side. "But I want you to stay..."

Jamie, too, coaxed him into staying, "Great-grandpa, have dinner with us. Mrs. Berry cooks delicious food." Then, he did a few straight punches and said, "After dinner, you can play with us in the garden. My leg has recovered, and I can show you some martial arts techniques."

Then, Robbie held Henry's other hand while he reminded, "Great-grandpa, didn't you say you want to have a look at my new software? I can show you after dinner."

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Henry wavered as it was hard for him to resist the temptation of spending more time with the kids. Just then, Fifi flew toward him and squawked, "Stay! Stay!"

"See, now even Fifi wants you to stay!" Ellie beckoned to Fifi. "Fifi, come here. Call Great-grandpa!"

Fifi repeated after Ellie, "Great-grandpa! Great-grandpa!"

"Haha!" Henry gave a hearty laugh. "Fine, I'll stay for dinner."

Having forgotten that she was holding Fifi in her arms, Ellie raised her hands in the air and cheered, "Hooray!"

As a result, Fifi fell into Henry's arms. Its head was spinning as it rolled its eyes, squawking, "I'm drunk! I'm drunk!"

"Hahaha..."

All of them burst into gales of laughter, amused by Fifi's cute reaction.

As for Zachary, the man was smiling like a Cheshire cat. He knew his grandpa couldn't say no to the kids.

Soon after, Ben hurried to the kitchen to have Mrs. Rawlston prepare some of Henry's favorite dishes.

Mrs. Rawlston whispered at him, "I've already had them on the menu. Mr. Zachary told me Mr. Nacht would stay for dinner."

Ben gave his forehead a slap. "Ah, I should be more mindful next time."

In the meantime, Zachary was talking to the kids, "You guys can play with great-grandpa first. Dinner will be ready in half an hour."

The kids answered, "Okay, daddy!"

Robbie was thoughtful enough to say, "Daddy, you and mommy can get changed and get some rest before we have dinner."

"That's right! Mommy looks tired." Ellie blew her mother a kiss. "Mommy, go get some rest."

Jamie tilted his head and reminded, "Mommy, remember to eat the hot cross bunnies before they get cold."

"I will." Charlotte grabbed two hot cross bunnies before she went upstairs with Zachary.

Henry cast a glance at the two ascending the stairs. Then, he started playing with the kids in the living room. "Jamie, come, show me your martial arts moves. I've never seen them before."

"Alright!"

Jamie held the hot cross bunnies with his teeth and then did a few flips. After that, he demonstrated some strikes and punches.

His moves were inch-perfect and swift, just like his father when he was young.

Feeling glad, Henry complimented, "Jamie, you're really good at it."

"Great-grandpa..." Jamie's hot cross bunnies dropped the moment he opened his mouth. In the blink of an eye, Fifi took a plunge in the air and snatched the bun. Jamie immediately went after him, yelling, "Fifi! Give me back my hot cross bunny!"

Having learned from Jamie's mistake, the clever Fifi knew it shouldn't open its mouth. It flew around in the living room in circles before flying out of the window.

"You naughty Fifi!" Jamie ran out the door, hopping up and down to catch the parrot.

"Stop chasing Fifi!" Robbie called out from behind, "Jamie, come back!"

"Boys are indeed childish." Ellie held her head high, pouting.

Hearing her remark, Henry, Spencer and the others burst into laughter.

Standing behind Henry, Spencer spoke up, "Oh, how wonderful it is to have the whole family gather around, spending some lovely family moments together!"

Henry's laughter died away after hearing Spencer's words. For a moment, he seemed to be deep in his thought. After some time, he returned to his senses and then beckoned Robbie over. "Robbie, show me your software."

Robbie brought his tablet and clicked into the software he designed. "Great-grandpa, this software is specifically for kids under the age of six. Once the parents save their kids' fingerprints, they can easily track their location. If a kid gets lost, or if there are any emergencies, the system will immediately issue an alert and send the kid's location to the parents' device."

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"That's wonderful. Let me have a look!"

Henry started inspecting the software for any flaws. In the end, he realized it was a mature piece of software. Its data encryption was comprehensive, and every aspect of the software was being taken care of in detail.

Although Robbie's software was incomparable to other high-tech software, it was still impressive that a three-and-a-half-year-old boy could come up with such well-developed software.

"Daddy said he will register a patent for me. This software will be named after me as Robbie. The marketing department will put it into testing before marketing it." Feeling proud, Robbie held his head high. "Daddy also promised me that the profits made will go into my bank account. I can use the money whenever I want."

"You're amazing!" Henry patted Robbie's head while he remarked, "Now that's the child from the Nacht family!"

While tapping on the tablet, Robbie stated, "Actually, I need to thank Mommy. She was the one who inspired me to develop this software. Back then, she gave me a lot of useful suggestions when I told her about my idea. It was only until we reunited with Daddy that I have the opportunity to turn my idea into reality."

Henry paid attention as Robbie was talking. He must admit that Charlotte was indeed a good mother. Although she was of humble birth, she had a positive influence on the kids.

Yet, that alone couldn't buy her the ticket into the Nacht family. She needed more than that to marry into the Nacht family.

Just then, Ellie asked meekly, "Great-grandpa, I'm not as clever as Robbie, and I don't know martial arts as Jamie does. Will you still like me?"

The little girl wrung her hands unwittingly, nervously waiting for Henry's answer.

"Oh, of course, I will love our little Ellie." Henry hugged the little girl. With his eyes full of affection, he reassured her, "You are the cutest angel—our little princess. You need not know how to develop software or do martial arts like your brothers. You need only to be happy."

Ellie tilted her head while asking innocently, "You won't hate me even if I still don't know a lot when I grow up?"

Smiling gently, Henry uttered, "Of course not! You are the Nacht family's precious little princess. All I hope is that you can live a happy life and always be healthy."

"Then I don't need to worry anymore." Ellie patted her chest in relief, and a bright smile appeared on her face.

"Well, our grandpa told mommy the same thing as well. He only wanted mommy to be happy. Now that mommy has daddy and us, I think grandpa's wish has come true. Great-grandpa, I am happy to be with mommy and daddy."

Henry was left dazed as Ellie's words made him realize that Charlotte was also someone else's precious little princess, just like Ellie was to him. When he looked down upon

Charlotte because of her family background, he seemed to have forgotten that the young lady didn't deserve to be treated that way.

Just then, Mrs. Rawlston showed up in the living room. "Mr. Nacht, dinner is ready!"

Her voice brought Henry back to his senses. The latter nodded absent-mindedly. "Mm."

"I'll go and call daddy and mommy!" Ellie trotted upstairs in cheerful steps.

"Great-grandpa, let's go and wash our hands." Robbie placed the tablet aside and then wheeled Henry to the washroom.

Spencer offered to help, "Mr. Robinson, let me take over. I'm afraid the wheelchair is too heavy for you and that you might accidentally hurt your feet."

Yet, Robbie looked up at him and uttered seriously, "Mr. Spencer, although I'm still a kid, I can do what adults can do, and I can understand a lot of things that the adults know."

Henry was proud of the little boy. He concurred with him, "That's true! Robbie is the cleverest kid I've ever seen."

Spencer nodded in agreement. "Mr. Robinson is a genius, just like his father."

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In the washroom, Robbie turned on the tap and helped Henry wash his hands.

The latter's eyes reddened. He was touched at the sight of Robbie's little hands rubbing his wrinkled hands. As he grew older, the younger generations in the family would soon grow up and nourish the next generation, just like he did.

Robbie asked casually, "Great-grandpa, do you still remember about your mother?"

Henry seemed surprised by his question. Looking into the distance, he started recalling about his mother. "Of course, I remember about her. She's a great woman. Although she comes from a peasant family and is not well educated, she is kind and hard-working."

Robbie turned off the tap. "Great-grandpa, I believe your mother must be a great woman to raise an honorable man like you, just like how my mommy is."

Henry was thrown off balance when Robbie suddenly mentioned Charlotte. He realized his great-grandchild had led him by the nose the moment he brought up this conversation.

Robbie helped wipe Henry's hand dry with a towel. With a smile, he spoke up, "My mother might not be clever, and she is definitely not a successful career woman.

"She is careless and forgetful. Sometimes, she would forget to season her cooking, or she would forget to put detergent into the washing machine. She doesn't even understand my research.

"Her hot cross bunnies actually taste awful, but Jamie and Ellie would always finish them. Well, to us, it's really awful, but we never complain about it.

"My mommy is in no way perfect, but she risked her life to give birth to us. She spends all her time and energy taking care of us.

"When we are in danger, she would always be there to protect us.

"She took up several part-time jobs to earn a living to send us to the best kindergarten, yet she was reluctant to spend even a single penny on new clothes for herself.

"When she got bullied and injured, she would hide her injury from us. But when we got bullied, she would put on a brave front to argue with the bully's parents. She would do anything to defend our dignity and protect our safety.

"To us, she is the best mother in the world. Although it was a rough time, we were happy living together. At times, we would be bullied by the kids from rich families, but we believe we could overcome any hardship as long as we were together."

At this point, Robbie looked at his great-grandpa through teary eyes. After a short pause, he went on by saying, "We will go wherever mommy goes, even if that means we can't be a

Nacht family member. As long as we can be with mommy, we don't care if we can no longer stay in a beautiful house, or go to school in a luxury car, or even lose our daddy."

Henry was visibly panicked. "Oh, you silly Robbie, who taught you these? You're still young, and you don't understand about the adult's affairs."

Robbie said seriously, "No one taught me that. That's my genuine thought. I know you don't agree with daddy marrying mommy and that you've found Daddy another woman as his future wife. I saw that woman before. She is very mean, and she even scared Ellie to tears. We don't like her. In fact, even if you find daddy another kind woman, we won't like her either. To us, mommy is irreplaceable. If mommy leaves, we are not staying as well."

Seeing the boy's resolution, Henry gabbled in a panic, "Robbie, you are a member of the Nacht family. No one asks you to leave. This is between the adults, and it has nothing to do with you. Don't think too much, okay?"

"But Great-grandpa..."

Just then, Mrs. Berry's voice and the sound of her footsteps rang out. "Robbie, Jamie, Ellie, it's time for dinner!"

Robbie stopped talking. He then wheeled Henry out of the washroom.

In the meantime, Zachary and Charlotte were seen walking downstairs. The latter ordered, "Robbie, Jamie, Ellie, wash your hands!"

"Alright."

As soon as the kids were no longer in sight, Henry shot daggers at Zachary before he left the house.