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"Sonny."

Serenity and Zachary quickly stepped forward. She anxiously asked the doctor, "Doctor, how is my nephew?"

"The soft tissue on the child's face was injured, and one side of his thigh was bruised. Was he kicked? There are footprints on his clothes. Other than that, there's no other injury. He's unconscious because of the shock."

The nurse was applying ice to Sonny's face.

"Who's so cruel to do such things to a small baby?"

The doctors felt distressed about what happened to Sonny.

Such a cute little baby was beaten until both sides of his face were black and blue. This showed how ruthless the perpetrator was for him to be so vicious to a small kid.

The abuser was simply mentally sick.

"His cousin."

The doctor was speechless and thought, 'What kind of grudge would someone have to pound their little cousin up this brutally?

"I took pictures of the child's injury earlier. You can keep them as evidence for the police. That way, you can sue the perpetrator."

Serenity quickly thanked the doctor and took out her phone to add the doctor's contact details. After the doctor sent her the photos, she immediately forwarded them to Liberty.

"'The child's injuries aren't that serious, but he's seriously traumatized, so you should spend more time with him. He's still young, so he'll slowly forget about this trauma as long as someone's there for him."

Serenity nodded repeatedly

"Thank you, doctor."

Zachary thanked the doctor again.

"You're welcome."

After the doctor left, the couple followed the nurses into a ward. Sonny was carried to a bed, and one of the nurses said, "He'll wake up soon and when he does, try to comfort him because he fainted from shock.

His face is still swollen, so you should continue to apply ice to his face for the next twenty four hours. After that, you can put a hot compress."

"Okay, thank you."

Serenity thanked the nurse profusely.

She sat on the bed and took over the nurse's job of applying ice to Sonny's face.

After a few minutes, Sonny woke up.

Sonny wanted to cry when he opened his eyes, but after he saw Serenity, he held back his tears. He then crawled over to Serenity and nestled in her arms.

"Sonny, don't be scared. Aunt Seren is here."

Serenity hugged him with one arm and held the ice pack with the other hand as she coaxed him softly, "Sonny, let me apply this to your face so you can get better soon."

Sonny's little hands were clasping onto Serenity's clothes. After Serenity cajoled him, he was finally willing to lift his face so that Serenity could put ice on it.

"Zack, Serenity."

Callum and the others came.

"How's Sonny?" Callum asked with concern.

"The soft tissue on his face is damaged. The doctor said to use ice cubes first, then a hot compress after twenty—four hours. One side of his thigh was also bruised from the kick. The main thing is that he fainted from shock."

The physical injuries could heal easily.

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On the other hand, Sonny's mental trauma would take a long time to heal.

"How's that little b*stard?" Zachary asked in a low voice.

"I didn't hit him. Instead, I forced his dad to slap his face until the corners of his mouth were bleeding. We also trashed their house, then tliey threatened to call the police. I told them to go ahead and call the police because if anything happens to Sonny, the police can just arrest that little b*stard.

"Once they heard that, they didn't dare make a sound."

Callum saw that Matthew was still a child, so if he hit Matthew, the Reptons would sue him in turn. That was not what they wanted. Fortunately, the York brothers outnumbered the Reptons. In order to protect himself, George ruthlessly taught his eldest son a lesson and slapped Matthew until the little perpetrator's face was red and swollen with his mouth bleeding

George was merciless when he hit his son. He even hit him with a belt.

He blamed Matthew for causing heavy losses to him because Matthew got caught by Serenity and the York brothers when he hit Sonny. That was why the York brothers trashed their house.

George was afraid that something happened to Sonny. He did not expect such a thing to happen and did not know how to explain it to his in–laws. Thus, in a fit of anger, George beat up Matthew cruelly.

George's parents cried that Matthew was just a child and that the York brothers were heartless as to make George hit his own son.

Callum retorted. "Isn't Sonny a child as well? Sonny is so young, yet he abused Sonny like that."

George's parents were speechless.

When their own kin made a mistake, the Reptons defended that Matthew was just a child, so the York brothers should not be harsh on him. The Reptons added that it was normal for children to get into small fights.

Was that a small fight?

Sonny was abused until he landed in a hospital.

"Zack, when we trashed their house, we found that they had surveillance cameras installed. I watched the footage and found the whole process of Sonny's beating recorded. I retrieved the hard drive of their surveillance system and kept it in my car."

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Zachary said in a deep voice, "We called the police too. When the police arrive, let the officers watch the footage."

Callum agreed.

Sonny's abuser was also a minor, so the police might not be able to arrest Matthew. However, Chelsea and George could compensate them and apologize. They would also have to promise that they would be strict with Matthew.

This could also serve as a warning.

"Stay here. I'll go out and make a call."

Callum nodded.

Zachary left the ward, walked to a secluded corner, and called Josh.

At this moment, Josh was riding his newly bought bicycle while he gently held a rose between his teeth. As soon as Josh arrived at the entrance of Beans and Cream, he received Zachary's call.

Thinking that his friend was concerned about the progress of his blind date, Josh stopped riding and propped his slender legs on the ground to support the bicycle. He then removed the rose from his mouth and answered the call from his friend—cum—boss.

Josh thought Zachary would ask him about the evidence of Hank's transfer of property. As soon as the call was connected, Josh said, "Zachary, I'll sort out the evidence after my blind date. I'll print it out and send it to you later.

"You don't need it now since it's the weekend, right?"

The City Hall was closed on weekends.

"You can send me that evidence later. Can you help me investigate where Hank's sister and brother—in—law work? Also, suppress Waltham Electronics and send a message to their boss saying that if they want to keep their company, they just need to get rid of Hank and that Jessica woman.

"Let the word out that if any company dares hire Hank and his mistress, they'll become York Corporation's enemies. I don't care what method you use, get Hank's sister and brother—in law fired as well!"

Zachary wanted to wait for Liberty and Hank to get divorced before he made Hank lose everything

However, he did not want to wait any longer since Sonny was bullied. Even if his true identity would be revealed in the end, he wanted the Browns to end up with nothing.

Whoever dared touch his nephew would be courting death! Since death was foreign to them, Zachary would teach them what it means..

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osh figured something big must have happened because Zachary spoke with gritted teeth and sounded infuriated.

"The Browns took Sonny, and when we found Sonny, he was being abused by Hank's nephew. Sonny is now in the hospital. His face is swollen, and his facial soft tissues are damaged. He was also in shock."

Josh cursed. "What the f*ck! How could scumbags like the Browns still exist? They're a disgrace to all mankind!

"How's Sonny?" Josh asked with concern.

"His physical wounds will heal in a few days, but his mental trauma will take a long time to heal."

"Have you taught that demon who abused Sonny a lesson? Do you need me to bring some people over and beat him up? He's simply inhuman to be so cruel to such a small kid."

Zachary was silent for a while and said, "He's a ten—year—old boy. We called the police, but at his age, he'll just be reprimanded. His parents will be ordered to discipline him and compensate us, but he won't go to jail.

"But his father beat him up until his face was swollen."

Letting George hit Matthew was merely a father teaching his son a lesson and had nothing to do with them.

"F*ck! Even a ten-year-old could be so cruel?! He'll certainly end up in prison in the future.

"Zachary, don't worry. I'll handle this. I'll get my people to act now and make sure they end up with nothing!"

Zachary said apologetically, "I hope this doesn't affect your mood for your blind date."

"Ms. Sox is Serenity's best friend. If I make a bad impression this time, I'll get more opportunities to meet her again. If we're fated to be together, then so be it. But if we're not, it'll be useless even if you bind us together."

Although Josh looked forward to the blind date with Jasmine, he was quite open-minded.

He would let nature take its course.

"The police officers are here, so I'll head back to the ward."

"Okay. Let me know if you need me. You know me, I'm a knight in shining armor who will wipe out all injustice in this world!" Zachary was in a bad mood at the moment, but when he heard Josh's self—proclamation, he

could not help but laugh. "Isn't it because you have a strong appetite for gossip?"

Josh replied, "Well... That's true too."

"Go on with your blind date."

Zachary hung up the phone.

Josh was not in a hurry to enter the cafe and called his cousin, Julian Bucham, for help.

They first had to find out the Brownis' jobs and sources of income before they could cut them off. That way, the Browns would lose everything.

Suppressing Waltham Electronics was York Corporation's internal strategy, so Josh did not tell his cousin about it.

Julian Bucham had long been accustomed to Josh asking him for help from time to time. That was one way Julian could pry into Zachary's private affairs. It was quite a good trade—off since only a few knew of Zachary York's private affairs.

After asking Julian for help, Josh informed his subordinates to start suppressing Waltham Electronics

Josh entered the cafe with the rose in his mouth once he finished making arrangements.

Jasmine arrived earlier than Josh and was sitting at a table by the window. Thus, she saw Josh on the phone just now.

This also meant she saw him biting the rose while riding his bike.

Jasmine thought, 'Is he a dog? Why is he holding things with his mouth?'

When Josh came in, Jasmine stood up and waved to him.

Josh saw Jasmine beckoning to him and thought, 'Damn it! I'm actually late!" He hurriedly walked over with the rose.

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Jasmine did not put on makeup or dress up for the date. She looked the same as usual. Actually, she usually had light makeup on, but at that moment, she was barefaced.

"Ms. Sox, I'm sorry to keep you waiting."

Jasmine smiled. "I didn't wait long, Mr. Bucham. Please take a seat."

Josh sat down opposite Jasmine and handed the rose to her, but Jasmine did not take it from him.

"Mr. Bucham, this flower came from your mouth..."

She did not need to say more.

Josh took the hint and replied, "Next time, I'll buy a bouquet for you and hold it with my hands. I won't bite it again."

"Is your mouth so big that you can bite a bouquet of flowers?"

Josh replied, "No..."

He threw the rose that he had bitten into the trash can under the table.

Seeing that Jasmine had already ordered her coffee, Josh beckoned to the waitress and asked for a cup of coffee.

The waitress brought him his coffee and lingered. Josh smiled and said to the waitress, "I'm on a blind date."

The waitress blushed and wanted to say something, but she remembered what her boss told her and said shyly, "I didn't mean anything."

She just wanted to confirm whether this man was Josh Bucham.

The waitress quickly walked away.

Josh touched his face. "It's quite a burden that my parents gave me such a good face." Jasmine laughed. "You're indeed very good—looking, probably one of the best—looking men I've ever seen."

"Who else is better looking than me?"

"Your colleague, Zachary."

Josh suddenly said bitterly, "Don't compare me with him. That'll just lower my self-esteem.

"Ms. Sox, you don't have feelings for him, right?"

Jasmine almost spat out a mouthful of coffee. She coughed a few times and hurriedly said,"

Mr. Bucham, I don't have any feelings for your colleague. He's my best friend's husband, so he's off–limits. Besides, your colleague's stony face isn't my type."

She was not as patient as Serenity to be able to get along with Zachary.

Besides, even Serenity said that Zachary was too cold at times.

"Ms. Sox, I was just asking mainly because my colleague looks like a Greek god, so many girls swoon over him. If he wasn't cold, he would have so many admirers clinging to him like bubblegum."

Jasmine did not ask much about Zachary. It was normal for such a handsome man like Zachary to have women adoring him.

Jasmine could tell that Zachary was warming up to Serenity and treating Serenity better. Thus, she was not at all worried that another woman would snatch Zachary away from Serenity.

"Mr. Bucham, have you ever been in a relationship?"

"No, I'm as pure as a blank sheet of paper."

Josh was telling the truth. He had never been in a formal relationship and only had a crush on a girl in his class when he was young. That was more than a decade ago, so it was not worth mentioning

He did not even remember what the girl looked like now.

"I heard from your colleague that you're very busy at work?"

"Yeah. I've been so busy with work that I don't have time to meet young women like you, Ms. Sox. But I still have many admirers."

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Jasmine smiled and said, "If you don't have any admirers, I'll think there's something wrong with you."

Josh said, "I'm absolutely healthy in every way!"

"Mr. Bucham, you look healthy on the surface."

Josh opened his mouth but did not know how to answer her.

He could not possibly say that she could give him a go to see if he was healthy, right?

It was inappropriate to flirt with someone like this on a blind date, so Josh decided to shut his mouth.

Josh, who had always been articulate, was suddenly speechless when he was with Jasmine.

He thought, 'This lady who made her name by passing out at a banquet is really something!

Grandma May, Mrs. Lane, and Liberty rushed to the hospital as soon as they heard what happened.

The police finished taking down the statements and left. Chelsea, George, and Matthew were summoned to the police station.

That was when Chelsea found out that her eldest son had caused such big trouble.

Chelsea did not dare to tell her brother but told her parents secretly. However, when Mrs. Brown heard that her eldest grandson had beaten up her youngest grandson, who was later admitted to the hospital, she cried and scolded Chelsea. That was how Hank found out.

After Liberty rushed to the hospital, Hank hurried to the hospital with his parents as well.

As for Chelsea, she did not dare go to the hospital with them for fear of being beaten to death by the Hunt sisters. Chelsea was already beaten by Liberty earlier.

Besides, Chelsea and her husband had to report to the police station with their eldest son.

"Sonny."

Liberty stumbled into the ward. When she saw her son in her sister's arins, she rushed forward.

"Sonny!"

She hugged her son.

Seeing the bruises on her son's face, Liberty reached out and touched him gently with shaking hands. Her tears streamed down her cheeks non–stop.

"Mommy!"

Sonny recognized his mother and cried in a hoarse voice. He then hugged Liberty's neck tightly and cried. "Matthew hit me... Mommy, Matthew hit me..."

"Sonny."

"Mommy, I want to go home. I don't want to stay at Ant Chelsea's house. Matthew and Lucas will hit me..."

Sonny began to cry to be brought home.

Liberty coaxed him while crying, "Mommy will bring Sonny home. Mommy came here to bring you home. You don't need to go to Aunt Chelsea's house again. If they dare hit you again, Mommy will fight them!"

Sonny's condition improved significantly with the comfort of his mother and Aunt Serenity. He was no longer crying, but he refused to part with his mother even for a moment because he was afraid that Uncle George would take him to Aunt Chelsea's house again.

Then, Lucas and Matthew would beat him up.

The little boy was terrified.

"What did the doctor say?"

After soothing her son, Liberty wiped away her tears and asked her sister with a choked-up voice.

Fortunately, Liberty had a younger sister, who had nice in—laws. Otherwise, Liberty would not know what to do.

"There are wounds on his face and one side of his thigh. We need to put ice on his face to reduce the swelling. The bruise on his thigh will get better in a few days after applying the medicated ointment daily. What's more critical is his mental trauma. "Matthew is a devil! Sonny is his cousin, yet he beat Sonny up so viciously."

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Liberty said, "How could Matthew be a good kid if he has a mother like Chelsea?"

Serenity said coldly, "Liberty, we've reported this to the police. Although we can't make Matthew go to jail, we can ask Chelsea and her husband to compensate us. No matter who tries to intercede or apologize, don't accept it and insist on getting the compensation."

Liberty said fiercely, "How else can we make them pay in addition to the compensation? He beat up my son! Seren, did you break his hands when you saw him?"

"Callum and the rest forced George to teach his son a lesson. George beat Matthew to a pulp and slapped him with a belt. Callum said that Matthew was covered in wounds and looked quite wretched after the beating

"They also trashed the Reptons' house."

Liberty said furiously, "I really want to kill that monster."

Serenity thought the same.

However, they had to be rational. They did not touch Matthew but only let George teach Matthew a lesson as a father.

After going through so much, Serenity understood Zachary's way of doing things.

No matter how angry he was, Zachary would not break the law. After thinking about it, Serenity thought that Zachary's way of dealing with things was completely reasonable. At least, he would not risk himself just to get his revenge.

This time, they were truly indebted to Zachary and the York brothers.

Serenity thought she could spend the rest of her life with a man like Zachary.

She would have a good talk with Zachary once Liberty's affairs were settled.

They needed to talk about their future.

"Sonny"

"Sonny!"

Hank brought his parents to the hospital.

They asked the doctors and nurses to find out which ward Sonny was in.

With one glance from Zachary, his brothers formed a human wall. They blocked the door and prevented Hank's family from entering the ward.

"Zachary, get out of the way! I want to see my son! Sonny is my son!"

Hank wanted to fight for his son's custody but never thought that his son would get hurt.

Sonny was his biological son, so how could he lay his hands on Sonny?

Emma told Chelsea over the phone that Sonny and Lucas got into a fight. Sonny hit Lucas first, so Matthew hit Sonny back.

However, Matthew hit Sonny a little too hard.

Chelsea said that Matthew did not know how to control his strength. After all, he was only ten years old.

Knowing that Sonny was beaten and admitted to the hospital, Hank was mad at his brother—in —law for not taking good care of Sonny. Hank was heartbroken and rushed over with his

parents.

However, Zachary blocked their way and prevented them from entering the ward to see Sonny.

"Sonny... Get out of my way! I want to see my grandson! My poor grandson..."

Mrs. Brown wailed as she tried to push the York brothers away. Her wails made it seem like she was devastated, but there were no tears in her eyes.

The person who hit Sonny was the grandson she had raised. Mrs. Brown could not decide whether she should side with Matthew or Sonny, so she thought she should see how badly Sonny was injured first.

Zachary said coldly, "Sonny is your biological son. If you really feel sorry for your son, you shouldn't have done what you did today. Don't you know your family's character by now?

"You let them take Sonny away. Have you ever thought about how much Sonny would suffer with them?

"Although you're going through a divorce, you can sit down with Liberty and talk about it. If you can't come to an agreement, just file a lawsuit. Using Sonny as a bargaining chip was a dirty move!"

Hank came to realize how wrong he was. If Sonny were to have a mishap...

"Zachary, let me go in and see Sonny first, okay? This matter is between Liberty and I, so we'll handle it ourselves. I just want to see Sonny now. Is he okay?"

Zachary said again in his icy voice, "Sonny's emotionally unstable, so you can't go in and see him."

Liberty's angry voice was heard. "Zachary, let him in. I want him to take a good look at how the family he supports treats his own son."

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Sonny did not want Hank to touch him and firmly grabbed onto Liberty's clothes. Liberty hugged Sonny and avoided Hank's outstretched hands.

"Hank, if you still feel sorry for your son, please take your parents and leave now! I don't expect you to stand up for Sonny, but don't scare him anymore. He's frightened enough..."

Liberty choked up again.

Hank looked at his son.

Mrs. Brown wanted to say something but was held down by her husband. She looked at her husband and saw that his face was gloomy, so she shut her mouth.

After a long time, Hank said, "We'll go back then. Liberty, take good care of Sonny. I promise that I won't take Sonny away again before his custody is decided."

Even if Hank took Sonny, he had no time to take care of his son. He could not rest assured even if he handed Sonny over to his parents either, not unless his parents moved in with him.

However, Jessica said she did not wish to live with her in-laws in the future.

Although Hank and Liberty did not agree on the divorce terms, they could continue to negotiate while Liberty filed for divorce. Hank wanted to divorce Liberty as soon as possible and did not want to drag it out further.

Hank left with his parents.

After leaving the hospital, Mrs. Brown said, "Hank, are you giving up on Sonny so easily?"

"Mom, Sonny is emotionally unstable and frightened now. He was raised by Liberty and Serenity, so he's closer to them. Let's leave him in their care for the time being. It'll be good for his recovery.

"This doesn't mean that I'll give up on Sonny's custody."

Hank fastened his seat belt. "Mom, after my divorce, you and Dad should move back into your house. Then you guys can take care of Sonny. I'll give you a few thousand dollars extra as your monthly living expenses.

"Matthew went overboard this time, and I don't want Sonny to live in Chelsea's house."

Mr. Brown said, "Hank, send me and your mother to your sister's house now. We'll pack our things and move back to our own house. We won't help your sister babysit her children again.

"Your mother and I were so nice to Matthew, but they were so cruel to Sonny. Don't you feel bad for Sonny as his father? As Sonny's grandfather, I felt so heartbroken and angry when I saw Sonny being beaten like that."

Before Hank could speak, his sister called.

As soon as he answered, Chelsea yelled over the phone, "Hank, how badly was your son beaten? My son is also a child, so how bad can it be? They asked your brother-in-law to teach Matthew a lesson, and Matthew was beaten up so badly that he doesn't even look human anymore!

"They must've done it on purpose. They probably brought Sonny to the hospital and accused my son of abusing him. They have to be responsible for my son being beaten by his father. If they don't compensate me, I won't let them get away with it! They bullied us and trashed my house just because they have more people!"

Chelsea saw how miserable her eldest son was when she got home and was heartbroken. She scolded her husband and immediately called her brother.

"Tell Liberty to ask her sister to come and apologize! They need to compensate me for everything that they broke in my house as well as my son's emotional damage. I won't give up until I get what I want! Don't think I'm afraid just because she has more people on her side."

Chelsea hated Liberty and Serenity.

She was beaten up by Liberty earlier, and her son was beaten up by her husband because of Serenity's in–laws. Chelsea suffered a huge loss and vowed to make Serenity pay the price.

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Hank said, "Chelsea, you're..."

Before Hank could finish, his father, who was sitting in the passenger seat, reached out and snatched Hank's phone.

"Hank, focus on driving."

Mr. Brown instructed his son in a deep voice before he said to his daughter over the phone," How dare you ask Serenity for compensation?!"

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Chelsea heard her father's voice and shouted aggrievedly, "Dad, George was forced to beat up Matthew."

"Your son made a mistake. So what if his father beat him up? I hit you too when you were young and disobedient."

Chelsea said, "Dad, are you alright? Why does it sound like you're siding with Liberty and her sister? I'm your daughter!

"Even if Matthew made a mistake, he's still a child. How bad of a mistake can he make? He didn't kill or rob anyone. He just hit Sonny a few times. Matthew said that Lucas was crying because Sonny beat him. He was standing up for his younger brother and kicked Sonny a few times. How could Sonny end up in the hospital? I think they're just making a fuss."

Chelsea would never admit to the police that she had seen the footage of her living room. The surveillance footage showed that Sonny was repeatedly beaten up by her eldest son. If she added the number of times Sonny was hit on both sides of his face, it was definitely more than ten times, which was a bit too much.

The police officers saw Matthew's red and swollen face along with the belt marks on his body.

However, they pretended not to notice and did not say a word about it.

Instead, they kept saying that her son was ruthless and that he could do such a cruel thing to a two-year—old child. They said that if Serenity had not arrived in time, Sonny would have been beaten to death by her son.

Chelsea thought, 'Matthew is just a child and doesn't know that he can kill someone by beating them. That's why he didn't control his strength. Isn't that normal for a kid?'

In short, Chelsea felt that as long as Sonny was still alive, her son did nothing wrong, even if the footage showed that Lucas went to hit Sonny first.

Lucas cried and said that Sonny hit him only because Sonny fought back.

Of course, Chelsea was protective of her own children. She would twist the facts to make it seem like her children did nothing wrong. What did it have to do with her if someone else's

child lived or died? That was Chelsea's mentality.

The police officers reprimanded Matthew and ordered Chelsea and George to bring Matthew to apologize. If Liberty asked for compensation, they would also have to compensate her.

When Chelsea was at the police station, she was rendered speechless but was unreconciled.

After leaving the police station, Chelsea scolded her husband for being useless. He should have deleted the surveillance footage at home so there was no evidence. When the police saw the footage, they turned out to be the ones at fault even though they suffered a big loss.

Their house was trashed, but the police officers did not care.

"Sonny never provoked Lucas. Lucas was the one who liked to provoke Sonny. Whenever Lucas was at your brother's house, Lucas would steal Sonny's toys and food."

Chelsea pouted and said, "Lucas is the youngest in my family, so it's inevitable that he's a little spoiled and domineering.

"Dad, what does this have to do with me asking Serenity for compensation? Her in–laws trashed my house. I made a rough estimate of the damages, which cost around tens of thousands of dollars."

Mr. Brown said coldly, "They did a good job! If I were there, I wouldn't just trash your house. I'll also beat Matthew up! Your mother and I have taken such good care of him since he was born, but he wanted to kill my grandson!"

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Mr. Brown added, "So what if they trashed your house? I want to thank Serenity for venting anger on my behalf as well. Chelsea, if you dare ask Serenity for compensation, your mother and I will cut all ties with you. Also, I've kept a tab of all the expenses your mother and I have spent on your family, so you have to pay me back!

"Since your younger brother had a job, he gave us monthly living expenses that we spent on your household. But look what he got in return! His son was sent to the hospital because of your son!

"Don't accuse Serenity for making a fuss. I've asked around myself. Sonny was sent to the emergency room and was treated for a long time. The doctors were cursing the abuser for being ruthless, and I saw how badly Sonny was injured!

"We just came out of the hospital. We're going back to your house to pack our things. Your mom and I will stay in our own home from now on and will no longer babysit your children. Ask your in–laws to babysit them. If not, you can take care of them yourself since they're your responsibility, not ours.

"We gave birth to you, so it's our obligation to raise you and educate you, but we're not obligated to raise our grandchildren."

Chelsea said, "Dad, did you get brainwashed by Serenity? Why are you standing on her side?

"You're moving back with mom? You two will be all alone, so I'll be worried. George already beat up Matthew. Dad, you raised him, so why don't you feel sorry for him?"

Mr. Brown said coldly, "He deserves to be beaten! He was beaten by his father, so as his grandfather, I can't intervene. Matthew is my grandson, but Sonny is my only paternal grandson. How can he compare with Sonny?

"Matthew is a Repton, and Sonny is a Brown. Sonny takes after my last name! 1 don't care about the past, but this time, I can't let it go when I see Sonny being beaten like this."

Mr. Brown would not hit Matthew since he raised the boy, but he did not want to go on like this anymore.

Even if his son and daughter—in—law wanted a divorce, it was their personal affairs. It would not affect his position as Sonny's grandfather.

How could he remain indifferent when he saw his grandson being beaten up until he had to be admitted to the hospital?

Chelsea said, "Dad, I won't ask Serenity for compensation anymore, okay? You and mom shouldn't move out. What will I do without you two? I still have to go to work."

Mr. Brown did not speak and hung up the phone.

He was exasperated.

"Dad, are you and mom really moving back to your own place?"

"Do you still want me and your mom to take care of your nephew who beat up your son? No matter how nice we are to them, they're Reptons. Chelsea's in–laws don't need to worry about

anything and live in comfort while your mom and I raise their grandchildren.

"I didn't even raise my paternal grandson because of them. Should I praise Matthew for bullying and hitting Sonny?"

Hank was speechless.

"Don't think that I'm siding with Liberty and Serenity. I'm not. I'm just standing on Sonny's side. Sonny is only two years and five months old. He'll fall if he walks a little faster. Even a slap is unbearable to a kid like that, let alone what Matthew did. Although Matthew is only ten years old, he's tall and strong like a fifteen—year—old.

"Matthew slapped Sonny in the face repeatedly, so how can Sonny bear it? We should be glad that Serenity brought her in–laws to stop Matthew's atrocities. Otherwise... Sonny might be beaten to death, and the Reptons might just deny the allegations and say that Sonny fell to his death." Hank did not dare speak anymore.