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Chapter 21 Stephen and Debbie Begging for Forgiveness

Hugh stared at Winona coldly.

There was a hint of gentleness when he was speaking with Hannah but not anymore.

"Liam, take her back, so she can reflect on her mistakes."

Hugh was already restraining himself. He didn't reprimand Winona in front of everyone.

The other people didn't know what he meant, except for Winona and Helen. Hugh probably wanted them to get a divorce.

Helen started to persuade Hugh, "Calm down. Winona only did that because she loved her daughter. It wasn't on purpose. She is Hannah's mother after all." Helen was saying it with a smile, but she wasn't happy either.

Winona was so embarrassed and stopped her mother. Then, she turned around and left. Helen followed behind her.

When they left the place, Helen started complaining again. "See? I told you they are biased. They are both children. How could they target their criticisms at Hannah? Hannah must be feeling aggrieved! They didn't even scold Lilly. If this goes on, Hannah might be chased out of the family!"

Winona was annoyed. She said angrily, "Mom, stop talking. Just leave!"

Helen left while mumbling to herself.

Winona walked alone while wiping away her tears. She thought she didn't do anything wrong, and that it was the Crawford family who was biased.

Winona was trying to suppress her grief, but she saw two people outside the mansion. A security guard wanted to look for the butler and walked past her. Winona stopped him immediately and asked, "What's going on?"

The security guard replied, "There are two people outside claiming to be Lilly's parents... I'm about to tell the butler."

Winona was shocked. She was wondering whether it was Lilly's biological father. She heard about the Hatcher family from South City. After Lilly caused her stepmom's miscarriage, her biological father, Stephen, got angry and beat Lilly. The Crawford family bankrupted him immediately after that.

An idea flashed across Winona's mind. She wanted everyone to know what kind of person Lilly was. A person who despised the poor since she followed her uncles and abandoned her own grandparents and biological father.

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Winona and the children were the ones who stayed in Crawford Mansion. The other people didn't come back as often. To some extent, she could be seen as the decision-maker here.

Stephen and Debbie had their wish granted as they stepped into Crawford Mansion. They were the social elites in South City but stepping into the luxurious mansion humbled them.

Debbie said gently, "Stephen, Lilly's grandfather's house is so luxurious. You are Lilly's biological father. She couldn't ignore you no matter what."

"You don't have to hide anymore if the Crawford family is willing to help you. Perhaps you can even live with Lilly."

Stephen was agitated, so Debbie added fuel to the fire. She said, "If the Crawford family is going to be unreasonable, we will get Lilly's custody. They might only be her grandparents, but we are her parents..."

Stephen nodded. He would not leave no matter what. As Lilly's biological father, he would use it as leverage. His problems could be easily solved with a word from the Crawford family. He might even be able to make a comeback. He figured he should be rewarded for raising Lilly by exchanging Lilly's custody for his glory.

After the farce, Lilly changed and was ready to cut the cake. Everyone around her was smiling and wishing her a happy birthday. Lilly was very happy to see so many people celebrating her birthday. Her displeasure from what happened just now went away.

Bettany said kindly, "Lilly, make a wish!"

Lilly held her hands together and closed her eyes.

I hope Mommy can be happy in heaven. I hope I can still see Mommy. I hope Grandma can be healthy, so she can run as fast as the wind...

She made wishes for everyone including all her uncles except for herself. Then, she opened her eyes.

Gilbert carried her and said with a smile, "It's time to blow out the candles!"

Lilly blew as hard as she could, but she could only blow out a candle.

Everyone laughed. Lilly's uncles gathered and blew out the rest of the candles with her.

Before everyone could start clapping their hands, a voice said abruptly, "Lilly!"

Stephen and Debbie were feeling unhappy after seeing how happy Lilly was when they were in dire straits. However, they didn't forget their plan.

With tears in her eyes, Debbie said in a gentle voice, "Lilly... Happy Birthday. I was late."

Stephen also said, "Daddy and Stepmom brought you presents."

When Lilly saw them, her smile vanished. She turned around and didn't want to look at them.

Hugh shouted angrily, "Who let both of you in? Get out!"

Stephen and Debbie kneeled suddenly. Stephen said, "Hugh, I was wrong. I admit that I was busy and didn't take good care of Lilly. I was also wrong for hitting Lilly because I didn't control myself after Debbie's miscarriage..."

Debbie started crying too. With a painful yet forgiving look, she said, "Lilly, it's my fault... I wasn't by your side when you needed me most..."

Everyone finally realized that these two people were Lilly's father and stepmother.

Hugh was very angry, but Anthony stopped him from doing anything further.

Stephen and Debbie were delighted. They thought their plan had worked.

Stephen continued, "Lilly... I missed out a lot when you were growing up! Can you forgive Daddy?"

Debbie said while choking, "Lilly, I thought about it too. I will not give birth to another baby. Let's live our life as a family from now on, all right?"

Chapter 22 Exposed

Looking at these two shameless people, Bettany was furious. She knew it was all an act. Pretending to regret their previous actions and accusing Lilly of being a cruel and ungrateful person if she ignored the fact that she caused his brother's death. When Bettany remembered how her daughter was ill-treated by these scums, she started having breathing difficulties and gasped for air.

Lilly was the first person to notice something wrong with Bettany. She held her arms and asked, "Grandma, how are you?"

Bettany wiped her tears and hugged Lilly. She lamented Lilly's unfortunate situation.

Lilly comforted her, "Grandma, don't be scared. I am here. I'll be by your side."

Gilbert went to get some medicine for Bettany. The party was once again in a mess.

Everyone looked at the members of the Crawford family and the two people who begged and cried.

"Are they here to cause a scene? They just had to come here on the child's birthday..."

"That might not be the case. They looked pitiful. I'm sure they had no choice but to do this,"

One of them said, "Stephen isn't really a good person..." The Hatcher family's case was still under investigation, so not many people knew about it.

Another person said, "You can't blame him. His unborn child was dead. It's understandable if he couldn't control his temper and hit someone..."

Edward was impatient, He asked, "Anthony, why aren't we throwing them out yet?"

Anthony said calmly, "We won't let them go so easily." He wanted to deal with these two people after Lilly's birthday. However, they came to him instead.

Under Anthony's orders, Jack already went to retrieve the evidence.

When Anthony found Lilly, Lilly insisted she did not push anyone. As Lilly's uncle, Anthony would seek justice for her.

Stephen knelt and cried for a long time. Soon, he realized everyone was ignoring him. The members of the Crawford family stared at him coldly, while the other guests were waiting to see what would happen.

He could only look at Lilly and said, "Lilly. Forgive Daddy... I acted on impulse because you caused your brother's death. You know I wouldn't do that usually..."

Stephen thought Lilly would stay quiet because she was afraid. However, Lilly said calmly, "Daddy, you are lying."

"Daddy isn't lying. I'm not..."

Lilly said, "Daddy would beat Lilly in the past. Daddy always beats Lilly."

Stephen was rendered speechless. He was annoyed because Lilly wasn't working with him.

"I am your father! Lilly!"

Anthony received a document from Jack and chuckled, "I'm not sure if you are really Lilly's father or not."

A parrot was standing on Jack's shoulder. The crowd scared it, so it jumped onto Lilly's shoulder.

Everyone was curious about what Anthony would do next.

While holding the document, Anthony asked, "Debbie, did you say it was Lilly who pushed you and caused your miscarriage?"

Debbie felt anxious all of a sudden. She said while choking, "It wasn't Lily's fault. She was an insecure child after all..."

Anthony chuckled, "Did you think you could do anything you wanted because there wasn't a security camera at the Hatcher residence on the day of the incident?"

Debbie was clueless, "Mr. Crawford, what are you talking about? I don't understand..."

Anthony looked at the parrot and said, "Lilly, bring Polly here."

Lilly brought Polly over and comforted it, "Polly, it's all right. Uncle Anthony doesn't eat birds."

Debbie looked at the parrot. It suddenly flapped its wings and said, "Don't come close! Beware of the dog!"

Debbie forced a smile and said, "What is this..."

To Debbie's surprise, what the parrot said next was in her voice and tone.

"I'm very pitiful... When your uncles asked you, just tell them you are the one who pushed me. Understand?"

"You are such a bad girl. I will beat you up!"

Debbie froze up. That darn bird repeated everything she said to Lilly that day.

Everyone else was stunned. They wondered if the truth was different from what they knew.

With the people doubting her, Debbie looked at Stephen and said, "Are you suspecting me of accusing Lilly? That was my child! Why would I harm myself and my own child to

accuse her? What would I gain from doing that... You can't suspect me because of a bird! I'm already very sad because I lost my child..."

Then, Debbie started crying.

Anthony adjusted his tie and said, "What a great act."

Once again, Jack projected the video from the USB drive on the screen.

In the video, there was the pregnant Debbie and Lilly, who were holding a rabbit. They were half a meter apart. Suddenly, Debbie leaned backwards and fell down the stairs. It was clear that Lilly did not touch Debbie!

Debbie was dumbfounded. The video shouldn't have existed since there was no security camera in the first place.

Stephen was more shocked than Debbie. He turned around and slapped Debbie.

"What's going on? Huh?"

Debbie covered her face. She had no explanation for that.

"I... I don't know..." Debbie started crying, "I was confused. I don't remember anything..."

"You don't remember? Let me help you jog your memory!" said Anthony.

He took out a paper from the document and threw it on Debbie's face.

"Your miscarriage was pre-planned. It was also fake that you bled twice during the surgery."

The paper was a notice claiming the doctor was punished for accepting Debbie's bribe to forge her medical report.

With every piece of evidence present, Debbie was no longer innocent.

Chapter 23 How Could Such a Cruel Father Exist?

Stephen was furious because he just realized Debbie had been using him all along.

He asked Debbie angrily, "Debbie, you wanted to leave me since the beginning, right? You wouldn't be able to leave me if the child was born, so you used Lilly to fake your miscarriage! Am I right?"

Debbie still wouldn't admit it. She shook her head and kept crying.

Stephen was annoyed, but he figured this would be a great opportunity for him.

"You are so evil! I misunderstood Lilly because you have been lying to me... Lilly! It was all Daddy's fault! I was lied to by the person I trusted the most!"

Anthony snapped his fingers. Then, Jack showed a few documents on the screen.

The first document was Jean's death certificate and Stephen's marriage certificate.

Jean died in March, and Stephen married Debbie at the end of that month.

The second document was Lilly's medical record when she was beaten up. The report stated the following "Respiratory arrest, Shock, Fractures in the third, fourth, sixth and seventh rib, Fractured humerus, Fractured right arm, Irreversible frostbite on the outer bend of the left leg tissue..."

Then, it was followed by a picture taken by a neighbour of the Hatcher family. Lilly, who was wearing her pajamas, was buried in the snow...

Everyone was shocked.

The medical report showed how badly Lilly was beaten up by Stephen.

Everyone stared at Stephen angrily. How could he say he acted on impulse and hurt her because he was too angry? Lilly even had to be rescued in the emergency room.

Bettany almost fainted after she saw the report.

"He was literally trying to kill her!"

"He forced her child to kneel in the snow and got frostbitten. I even pitied him for a moment. Bah!"

"He's an animal! How could he call himself a father?"

Anthony chuckled, "Keep going."

Jack showed an arrest warrant and explained, "The Hatcher group was involved in a major smuggling case. Three people were killed because of that. The police have been investigating the case for the past year. They have obtained evidence and are officially hunting for the prime suspect, Stephen Hatcher."

That means the Hatcher family didn't go bankrupt because of the Crawford family's revenge. They were bankrupt because of what they did.

Stephen fell on the floor as well. He knew it was all over, and he was done for.

Everyone else was shocked by the truth.

The husband married another woman immediately after his wife died. He also ignored the fact that her new wife had been torturing his daughter. He even attempted to kill her.

They even spread rumors saying everything was Lilly's fault.

How could such a cruel father exist?

Everyone was scolding him.

"He doesn't deserve to live! Scum!"

"Call the cops to arrest him!"

Stephen was nervous when he heard about people calling the cops. He tried to grab Lilly, so he could use her as a hostage. Before he could rush towards Lilly, Anthony kicked him.

A few bodyguards in black suits carried Stephen and Debbie. They dragged him outside the mansion.

Debbie had no other choice but to cry and act pitifully.

Meanwhile, Stephen was shouting, "I raised Lilly no matter what! She wouldn't be born if it wasn't for me! I am her biological father! The Crawford family is so ungrateful!

Anthony chuckled, "Lilly is not your daughter."

Stephen was stunned, "What do you mean?"

Anthony stared at him and said, "The DNA test result shows that you are not Lilly's biological father."

Stephen couldn't believe it. Even his only way out was gone.

He forgot how much he hated Lilly as his child. How he wished she was his daughter now... When it comes to his personal benefits, he probably wouldn't mind calling Lilly his father.

Stephen knew it was all over for him. He started scolding Jean, the Crawford family and Lilly.

Lilly stood in the crowd without saying anything as if she was swallowed by a whirlpool.

The members of the Crawford family knew she must have been hurt by the truth.

A bodyguard took off his socks and stuffed them in Stephen's mouth.

"Shut up!"

All the bodyguards were close to the Crawford family. They couldn't hold back and punched Stephen's nose until it was broken again.

Outside the mansion, police cars were waiting for Stephen. When he was handcuffed immediately after he was thrown out of the mansion.

Debbie wanted to run, but she was also arrested for spreading false rumors.

Stephen would be facing at least 10 years of jail time and even a death punishment for smuggling and murdering three people.

Stephen wondered what went wrong in his life. If he had treated Jean and Lilly better, he might be living a luxurious life. He figured it was probably Debbie's fault and kicked her.

"It's all your fault, Bitch! I'll kill you!"

Debbie was unaware and got her head smashed on the car door. Her head was bleeding, and she died soon after.

Debbie's soul emerged from her body. She finally realized that she was dead. She felt so aggrieved and pounced at Stephen while screaming...

Back at the mansion, everyone felt justice was finally served.

Bettany carried Lilly and said, "Lilly, let's go back."

They no longer felt like celebrating Lilly's birthday anymore. Everyone looked at Lilly with pity.

However, Lilly smiled and said, "Grandma, do you feel sad for me? It's all right. I'm fine now!"

It was a sincere smile. She was supposed to be the person who got hurt the most. However, it turned out that she was the one who comforted Bettany first...

Bettany was touched by her kindness.

Lilly patted her grandmother's head and said, "Grandma, don't cry."

Bettany could not hold it anymore and started crying. Gilbert and his brothers pushed her back into the house.

Anthony carried Lilly and asked, "Do you feel sad, Lilly?"

He didn't want to expose the fact that Stephen wasn't her father on her birthday. However, he needed to deal with the issue as quickly as possible. Lilly's reaction to this was the only factor that made him hesitate.

However, Lilly shook her head and said, "I'm not sad, Uncle Anthony. I didn't do anything wrong, right? It was all Daddy's fault, so he should be the one feeling sad."

Anthony was shocked at how mature she was. He patted Lilly's head and promised himself to not allow her to be hurt again.

Anthony looked up and saw the person who let Stephen and Debbie in.

Winona was peeking by the window. When she saw the misunderstandings had been cleared, and Stephen and Debbie got chased out, she didn't feel happy at all.

Then, she saw Anthony staring at her with a grin. She felt a chill run down his spine.

Chapter 24 Cheryl's Mother

The door was pushed open, and Liam walked in.

His face darkened. "Come out!" He ordered.

Winona immediately walked toward Hannah.

No, I won't go out!

She knew what Liam was going to say to her, so she hugged Hannah tightly. She knew Liam would not dare to talk about divorce in front of Hannah.

"How long are you going to do this?" Liam berated.

Tears welled up in Winona's eyes. "Do what? Didn't I do everything for you and our family? How could you blame me now? Have you ever thought about Hannah? Do you know how pitiful she is? Why didn't you protect her as a father just now?" Winona reproached and changed the topic.

Liam did not want to argue. "Divorce!" he exclaimed, straight to the point. He then threw the divorce paper on the table and left the room without looking back.

Winona was stunned. "What did you say?"

She threw the needle away and screamed, "I won't sign the papers! No way!"

Right then, Hannah's grandmother, Helen, walked in. "What's going on? You don't want your wife and daughter because of your sister's daughter? You're not a man! Damn! How did Lily who just move in make her aunt and uncle divorce?"

"Shut up! Get out now! Go home!" shouted Winona.

Every time Helen came to Crawford Mansion, she would stay for a few days. She liked being served by many servants.

Certainly, she was not going to leave since she had just arrived that night.

"Hey, Winona, calm down! You can always talk to Liam. Otherwise, we can find another way to..."

Winona's eyes turned red. She pushed Helen out of the room and slammed the door.

"Hey, why are you angry with me?" Helen could not help knocking on the door.

What did I say wrong?

The birthday party could not carry on anymore. With a glass of wine in his hand, Bryson smiled. "Thank you everyone for coming to Lily's four-year-old birthday party. Lily is Jean's daughter. We'll not let anyone bully her even though Jean was gone. By the way, I also want to take this opportunity to announce that from today onwards, Lily's surname is Crawford. Lily Crawford. Thanks again for coming."

After the speech, everyone left Crawford Mansion one after another.

However, they could not help but whisper when they walked out the gate.

"I have to say Lily is so blessed to have 8 uncles."

"Yes, she must be spoiled by her uncles!"

Cheryl grabbed Tina, her mother's dress when she thought of Lilly's dress. She envied Lily. In fact, she was jealous of her. She also wanted to be adored by many uncles.

Right then, Tina noticed some people were still lingering in the living room.

Seeing a friend rushing in, Tina quickly stopped him and asked, "Mr. Lewis, what's going on?"

Mr. Lewis answered, "Mr. Lambert is here!"

Tina's eyes lit up when she heard that.

Cheryl's father, Thomas Miller, led Tina and Cheryl back into the house at once. They hoped they could meet Lawrence Lambert too.

Cheryl sniffed and said cautiously, "Mommy, I'm sorry. I remember it wrong..."

Tina wanted to say something but hesitated. In the end, she said, "It's not your fault. Let's go. Don't you like to paint? Mr. Lambert is here. It's your chance!"

Lawrence was a famous painter. It was difficult to see him in person. However, he was here today. Tina thought they were so lucky.

If Cheryl could be chosen as Lawrence's student, the whole family would be so proud. Everyone would be envious of them.

Cheryl's eyes lit up and asked, "Are you saying the world-class famous painter, Mr. Lambert is here?" Cheryl knew him very well.

Tina nodded. "Yes, Cheryl. You should show your skills later! Your painting is awesome!"

Cheryl's oil painting won the national junior art competition before. The country had been selecting young and talented artists to join the National Art Council which oversees the development of arts in the country.

Cheryl was full of confidence when her mother praised her. She knew she was the most talented young artist among so many people.

I'm sure Mr.Lambert will choose me. By then, I can compete with Lilly. Drake will also notice me.

On the second floor, Hugh patted Lily's shoulder and said gently, "Let's go, sweetheart. I want to introduce an old friend to you."

Lily nodded. "Okay."

Lily, who was only a kid, nodded seriously like an adult, which made Bettany laugh.

In the living room, a few people who were interested in oil paintings were talking with an old man

"It's really a great honor to meet you!"

"That's right! We seldom have a chance to meet you in person. Are you going to be the judge for the second national art competition?"

The old man who wore a green shirt shook his head with a smile. "No, no. I'm too old to become the judge. I'm here to find a young artist as my student."

Lambert was in a good mood. After seeing the paintings Hugh sent him, he was so excited that he could not even sleep for two days.

Lily was talented. Lambert had not seen such a talented kid for decades.

When Hugh asked if he would like to take Lily as his student, he agreed at once.

In the living room, everyone was stunned when Lambert said that.

Mr. Lambert is looking for a student! A junior? Who is it?

Everyone was envious but excited as well. They kept guessing whom would that be.

Just then, Tina came in with Cheryl.

Everyone's attention immediately fell on Cheryl.

Cheryl was one of the great junior painters in the community. At a young age, she won numerous junior art competitions, and her works were kept in the National Art Council.

Without question, Lambert's student could be her.

All of a sudden, everyone smiled and greeted Tina and Cheryl as they walked in.

Lowering her head, Cheryl behaved like an obedient girl quietly. However, she could not help but feel proud of herself, thinking that Lambert would take her as his student.

Tina asked, "Mr. Lambert, heard that you're looking for a junior as your student. We're curious whom would that be? Who is so lucky to become your student?"

"A very talented kid. She uses vibrant colors, and I'm impressed by her wild imagination in her paintings. Her paintings were awesome! In fact, she's the most talented artist I've seen in the past few decades!"

Hearing that, Tina was overjoyed.

Cheryl always uses bright colors, and she's imaginative! It must be her! Mr. Lambert comes here personally for her!

Chapter 25 Dumbfounded

Cheryl knew her mother was happy, and she was happy too.

She took a deep breath and summoned up her courage to walk up to Lawrence.

"Hi, Mr. Lambert. I'm Cheryl. I like your paintings very much. You're my idol!"

It was only then that Lawrence noticed Cheryl. He nodded and said, "Thank you, little girl!"

Although Lawrence did not like social activities, he was a kind and approachable person.

Cheryl was very happy. She thought it was because Lawrence liked her.

Just when she was about to say something, Lily, who had changed her clothes, came down the stairs. She was holding a few paintings in her hands.

Holding her hand, Gilbert introduced. "That old man is Mr. Lambert."

Lily nodded and walked up to Lawrence. "Nice to meet you, Mr. Lamber," she said.

Hearing that, Lawrence was stunned. He guffawed and said, "Nice to meet you too! My dear!"

Young small kids usually called him Grandpa Lawrence, but Lily called him Mr. Lambert seriously instead. He was amused.

Lawrence then raised his hand and touched Lily's hair ribbon. "How old are you?" he asked.

Lily did not answer immediately. She took a glance at Hugh.

What's wrong with this old man? I'm celebrating my four-year-old birthday today. Surely, I'm four years old. Why is he still asking me?

After thinking for a while, Lily still answered obediently, "Mr. Lambert, it's my four-year-old birthday party today. I'm four years old now."

Hearing that, Lawrence was stunned.

He suddenly felt that he was being looked down upon by a kid. He could not help grinning and nodded. "Yes! You're right. Look how silly I'm."

"It's okay. Sometimes, I'm silly too!" Lily replied with a smile.

In fact, Lily wanted to say sometimes she asked silly questions too. Nonetheless, she did not know how to express her words since no one taught her. The choice of words she used was limited.

However, Lawrence found her cute and innocent and liked her even more.

Standing aside, Cheryl felt unhappy as Lily stole the limelight.

Tina could not help but sigh too. She was speechless to see Lily with her paintings.

Showing off because she's the apple of the eye in the family? Does she think Mr. Lambert will take anyone as his student?

With a smile on his face, Hugh said, "Lambert, my old friend. Come and have tea with me on the second floor!"

Lawrence could not wait to see Lily's paintings. He nodded and said, "Sure!"

Hearing that, Cheryl was stunned. What about her when Lawrence left?

Didn't he want me to become his student?

Cheryl squeezed her fingers and asked anxiously, "Mr. Lambert, what about me?"

Lawrence looked at her, confused. "Good girl. I'll see you next time."

With that, Hugh led Lawrence to the second floor with Lily.

Tina was dumbfounded, and so was Cheryl.

Although Tina was very angry, she knew she had to endure it.

"You will shine when it's your time. The Crawford family is rich and influential. But Mr. Lambert is not an ordinary man. They can't possibly bribe him with money. They're asking for humiliation themselves!"

Tina comforted Cheryl. "Cheryl, have patience and wait."

However, they did not expect they would wait for a long time.

In the study on the second floor, Lily sat upright on the sofa and glanced at Lawrence in front of her.

"Lily, do you know that Mr. Lambert is the most well-known oil painting artist in the country? In fact, you should address him as Master Lambert."

"Master Lambert!" Lily said obediently.

From the beginning, Lawrence liked Lily from the bottom of his heart. He asked, "Sweetheart, did you draw all these paintings?"

Lily nodded. "Yes!"

"Then can you tell me more about these paintings?"

Lily's face lit up. She bent over the table and began to explain her drawings seriously.

Anthony came in and saw Lily talking with Lawrence and Hugh.

Lily was explaining seriously, and the two old men were listening attentively. They even laughed from time to time.

Seeing the scene, Anthony felt inexplicably sad. A young girl could only make friends with 2 old men.

Tina and Cheryl sat on the sofa in the living room on the first floor, waiting.

When the butler, Jack, asked everyone to go back as Lawrence would not come down again, everyone left in disappointment.

Cheryl and her parents had no choice but to leave too. Nonetheless, Tina was unhappy. She thought Lawrence was going to take Cheryl as his student but it did not turn out as planned.

Tina could not accept the fact. So she took Cheryl and waited inside the car outside Crawford Mansion.

Two people walked by and whispered, "Is that Cheryl and her mother? They're still waiting?"

"They thought Mr. Lambert is here for Cheryl. But with all due respect, Cheryl is still inadequate."

Hearing that, Tina was very angry.

What did they mean by Cheryl being inadequate?

Nonetheless, Tina could not help worrying. Lawrence had been on the second floor for so long. Was the Crawford family asking him to coach Lily?

Lily was not gifted in drawing but she had rich uncles. What if they used the money to force Lawrence to take Lily as his student?

Tina felt unfair thinking of that.

At almost 11 p.m., Lily walked Lawrence to the door. She was very happy.

It seemed that she had found a good friend although their age gap was huge.

Yes, Grandpa is right. He's really my "old" friend.

Lily waved her hand and said, "Bye, my 'old' friend! See you next time!"

Looking at Lily in front of him, Lawrence was overjoyed. He did not expect he could take Lily, such an adorable and gifted girl as his student.

"Goodbye, little girl!" Lawrence waved too.

Both of them were very happy.

In the car, Lawrence could not help looking at Lily's drawings on his phone.

Among them was an amusement park drawing. In the picture, a little girl was holding an adult's hand, and there were clouds and a rainbow in the sky.

In the top right corner, the sun was drawn like a Ferris wheel with several melted ice creams hanging on it.

Everything in the drawing was clear, except for the person who held the little girl's hand. The figure was blurry.

That was the only thing Lawrence could not understand which Lily skipped explaining.

Lawrence uploaded Lily's drawing on his social media and wrote, The most talented little painter I've ever seen!

It was rare for Lawrence to compliment someone. Only top-class artists could catch his attention.

That night, Lily's drawing went viral. Everyone was curious about who the little painter was.

As soon as the car drove into the mansion, someone waved and the driver slowed down.

"Sir, someone is looking for you."

Looking up, Lawrence saw Tina and Cheryl. Tina was smiling when she met his eyes.

Lawrence could not help but frown. Nonetheless, he still got out of the car and asked, "Do I know you?"

Tina knew her chance had come. She quickly went up and said, "Mr. Lambert, do you remember us? She's Cheryl. She won the national junior art competition before. Cheryl Miller. Do you remember her?"

I bet he remembers Cheryl now!

However, with a confused look on his face, Lawrence asked, "Cheryl? Who is Cheryl? Sorry. I can't remember."

Hearing that, Tina was speechless

He didn't remember Cheryl?

Chapter 26 Third Eye Activation

Tina had been proud of Cheryl since Cheryl won the national junior competition and was selected to join the National Art Council. She often mentioned it in front of outsiders. She thought Cheryl was famous, and Lawrence from the National Art Council must remember Cheryl.

Nonetheless, she did not expect Lawrence did not recognize Cheryl at all.

Tina could not help but blush.

Cheryl was only a kid. She could not help asking, "Mr. Lambert, aren't you here to recruit students?"

"Yeah. What's wrong?"

"Then why haven't you recruited me yet?" Cheryl asked.

Hearing that, Lawrence was confused.

However, Tina was embarrassed.

"I'm sorry, little girl but I've just accepted a student just now," said Lawrence politely.

Hearing that, Tina was stunned. She forced a smiled and asked, "Lily?"

Lawrence nodded and could not help smiling at the mention of Lily. "Yes! Lily is a very talented kid!"

After saying that, he nodded and left.

Tina could not believe it. She could not help but condemn. "The Crawford family really spent money..."

Cheryl was stunned.

Did Lily become Mr.Lambert's student?

Suddenly, Cheryl sobbed and ran away.

She hated Lily. Lawrence came here for her but Lily took it away.

Seeing that, Tina hurried to catch up

After bidding goodbye to Lawrence, Lily went back to her room. She then took a bath and changed into pink pajamas with two long rabbit ears, which made her look very cute.

Touching her forehead, Bettany asked, "Do you want Granny to accompany you to sleep?"

Holding the quilt, Lily shook her head. "It's okay. I can sleep alone."

Bettany stroked Lily's hair.

She is so independent.

"Call Granny if you need anything. Ring this bell."

Lilly nodded and said good night to Bettany.

Pablo leaned against the wall and laughed.

He recalled the scene just now where Lawrence recruited Lily as his student. Lawrence stole his student.

"Hey, Tulip, let me teach you some magic. Do you know magic? Look! Whoosh! And you can create a fireball! Or do you want to learn something else, like cast a spell? But you have to do the Third Eye Activation first."

"I don't want to learn magic! I want to learn drawing from Mr. Lambert. That's what a normal kid should do."

"What? What did you say a kid should do?"

"Eat, sleep, draw and play with Polly."

Lily's room was connected to the room next door. The room next door was decorated like a tropical rainforest for Polly.

The rooms were spacious, and there was a fence between the two rooms.

Polly which was about to fall asleep immediately opened its eyes and said, "Play with Polly! Play with Polly!"

Hearing that, Lily chuckled and pretended to lie on the bed as if she was hit. "Oh, I'm dead."

Quack! Quack!

The corner of Pablo's mouth could not help but twitch.

If it wasn't for the fact that Lily has the potential to learn magic... No, if I had not promised Jean, there's no way I'm begging this little girl here.

Rubbing his nose, Pablo said, "Tulip, have you forgotten what Mommy said?"

When Lily dreamt about Jean the other day, Jean told Lily to take care of Granny and left. Lily cried bitterly when she woke up.

Pablo had no choice but to dress up like Jean to comfort Lily. At the same time, he pretended to sound like Jean and said, "Lily, your master is a good man. You have to learn magic from him. With that, you can see Mommy as you wish."

Lily blinked her eyes and pouted.

"Master, you're the one who pretended to be Mommy that day. I knew it."

"How do you know?" Pablo was stunned.

Lily glanced at Pablo and said, "Your feet! Mommy's feet are not that big! Silly!"

Hearing that, Pablo was speechless.

No way! How could I make such a stupid mistake?

Just when Pablo was still thinking about the mistakes he made, Lily suddenly asked, "Master, can I really see Mommy if I know magic?"

Lily lay on the bed, grasping the corner of the quilt. She looked serious.

"Of course!"

Hearing that, Lily quickly sat upright and said, "All right. I'll learn magic from you."

Forget it. Master looks more silly than Polly. I should forgive him!

It turned out that Lily was unhappy when Pablo disappeared after leaving the red bracelet. However, she decided to forgive him now.

Pablo was stunned. He had not figured out what to teach Lily yet.

In the end, he decided to deceive her first.

"Lilly, let's start with the Third Eye Activation. Everyone is born with the Third Eye, but some people can activate it, and some cannot."

One could see something that ordinary people could not see when the Third Eye was activated. That was the reason some babies cried inexplicably, but some were not affected at all.

However, as one grew older, the Third Eye would disappear.

Nonetheless, some people were special. The Third Eye did not disappear at all. It was only temporarily shut.

"Tulip, your Third Eye did not disappear. You can see me if you open it."

Lilly gasped with her eyes wide open. She touched her forehead and said, "I don't want to open my Third Eye. I don't want to have 3 eyes. It's so ugly!"

Hearing that, Pablo was dumbfounded.

What? Ugly?

"The Third Eye won't show on your face. It's hidden between your two eyes."

Lily breathed a sigh of relief. "Phew! That's better."

"Come, repeat after me. Concentrate on your breath and pala-pala..."

"Concentrate on your breath and pala-pala..."

Suddenly, Pablo decided to pull a prank.

"Push and fart," he said.

Lily repeated obediently, "Push and fart!"

As she spoke, she farted.

Pablo could not help but smirk.

It's so funny!

However, Lily was still closing her eyes. "Master, why can't I see anything yet?"

"Well, it's not that easy. I've seen one took forty-nine days..."

Right then, Lily opened her eyes.

A purple light flashed across her eyes, and she saw a white figure in the room.

Pablo was leaning against the cabinet and cleaning his ear. "Don't rush. I think you have to wait forty-nine days..."

As he spoke, he moved his finger from his ear to his nose and sniffed.

Lily blinked and asked, "Master, why are you sniffing your ear wax?"

"What? I didn't... Wait! Did you see me?"

Chapter 27 Deceived By Her Master

Pablo was shocked.

No way! How could she succeed in such a short time? She's indeed talented. It's incredibly insane!

Lily looked around with her eyes wide open.

Right then, it seemed that everything around her came to life. The lamp on the cabinet, the mayfly, the osmanthus tree outside the window, and a few ants on the floor, etc. all came to life.

A middle-aged lady was hanging outside the window, staring at her.

Lily could not help but gasp.

"Hey!" The middle-aged lady poked her head in, with a strange look in her eyes. She stared at Lily and asked, "Can you see me? Are you afraid of me?"

Lily covered her head with the quilt and screamed, "Master! The woman at the window is so ugly!"

Pablo was speechless. However, he began to believe that Lily had activated her Third Eye.

The middle-aged lady was a female spirit. Pablo ignored her just now but he did not expect Lily could see her.

Pablo was excited.

Damn! She's my student!

"Tulip, let's see how good you are. Let's take this ugly female spirit down!"

Hearing that, the female spirit was furious. She seemed insulted when Pablo and Lily said that she was ugly. She shrieked and pounced on Pablo right away.

Grabbing the female spirit's long hair, Pablo said, "Lily, repeat after me. Whack and go away!"

"Whack and go away!" Lily repeated even though she did not understand what it meant.

Right then, Pablo loosed his grip, and the female spirit pounced on Lily.

Lily raised her hand subconsciously, and the female spirit flew far away with a whoosh.

In a hurry, Pablo grabbed the female spirit's hair and pulled her back.

"Very good! Tulip!"

Lily could not help looking at her hand.

What happened? Did I just smack her away with my hand?

Rolling his eyes, Pablo continued, "Come on, Lily. Let's continue. Life is like a box of chocolate. Buttock attack!"

Lily had no choice but to repeat what Pablo said. "Life is like a box of chocolate. Buttock attack!"

Pablo smacked the female spirit, and Lily blew the female spirit away with her fart.

Lily could not help covering her butt in surprise.

The female spirit was rendered speechless.

Is he using me to teach his student?

Pablo was so happy. He never thought Lily was such a talented student.

He finally understood why Lawrence was so excited after he recruited Lily just now.

Pablo raised his hand. Suddenly, a jar as big as his fingernail appeared out of nowhere and was immediately attached to Lily's red bracelet on her wrist.

"This is the jar of souls. You can collect spirits inside. Help me in the future, okay?"

Pablo was delighted. He knew he made the right decision to take Lily as his student.

Staring at the jar of souls, Lily could not help but ask, "Master, why do you want to collect the female spirit?"

Right then, the female spirit struggled and berated angrily, "Damn it! Why? Why are you targeting me?"

Pablo did not catch the female spirit when she was peeping from the window just now. However, he was catching her now.

Nonetheless, Pablo did not answer Lily's question. He stroked her hair and said, "Don't ask too much, kid."

Hearing that, Lily pouted her lips and turned to look at the female spirit again.

However, she could not help covering her eyes with one hand as she found that the female spirit was too ugly. She could barely look at the female spirit through the gap between her fingers.

"Who are you? Why are you so ugly?"

The female spirit struggled but could not break free. "My name is May Lee. I used to work at the construction site for your Uncle Liam, but I died because I did something bad to him..."

Lily was stunned.

She worked for Uncle Liam!

Lily frowned. She asked seriously, "What did you do to Uncle Liam?"

The female spirit blurted out everything in detail, and she had no idea why she did that.

"Six years ago, your Aunt Winona gave me twenty thousand and asked me to add some salt to your Uncle Liam's tea, and I did as told. But as soon as I returned to the construction site, a large beam fell from the roof and hit me. I died instantly."

The female spirit knew she was murdered. She died after getting a huge sum of money.

Hearing that, Lily was confused.

Why did Aunt Winona want to add salt to Uncle Liam's tea? Why did the female spirit die as soon as she got the money?

Squinting his eyes, Pablo interrupted, "Kid, it's time for bed."

With that, he stuffed the female spirit into the small jar.

The red bracelet emitted a faint red light and disappeared in an instant.

Lily lay down on her bed, yawned, and fell asleep.

Right then, Polly tilted his head and quacked, "Add some salt! Add some salt!"

That night, Winona could not fall asleep. She tossed and turned in bed.

She recalled the time when she just gave birth to Hannah. Helen talked so loud that Liam overheard their conversation about their plan to drug him.

Liam wanted a divorce immediately but Winona refused. She just gave birth to Hannah. How could she divorce Liam with two children? Everything would be in vain if she divorced.

For that reason, she insisted that Liam had heard it wrong. She told Liam that Helen was only joking.

However, Liam and Anthony found something fishy about the death of May Lee.

Thinking of that, Winona could not fall asleep. However, it seemed that no one seemed to find any evidence even after so many years. It was impossible for anyone to find out what actually happened.

Unless May Lee came back to life, but how's that possible?

Winona did not want to divorce. Her love for Liam was real, and she did not want to part with her two children.

Winona did not think that she did anything wrong. She only felt Lily was giving her trouble

Everything was fine before Lily came but it was different now.

Lily is such a nuisance!

Winona did not like Lily at all. She even thought of kicking her out.

The next day, Lily got up at around 9 o'clock. She rubbed her eyes and bent over the balcony and saw Hugh was watering the flowers in the garden.

"Good morning, Grandpa!" Lily held the handrail on the balcony and poked her head out.

Hearing that, Hugh was in a good mood all of a sudden. He smiled and said, "Good morning, sweetheart.

Don't lean so near to the balcony. It's dangerous. Come down and have breakfast with me."

"Okay!" Lily replied but unfortunately, she found her head was stuck.

Lily was dumbfounded. She tried to turn her head sideway but was in vain.

How did I get in just now?

Lily had no choice but to grab the railing of the balcony and yelled, "Grandpa..."

Hugh looked up and felt nervous. "What's wrong?"

"It seems that I'm stuck," said Lily, blinking innocently.

Hearing that, Hugh was stunned.

Chapter 28 The Power Of The Red Bracelet

Early in the morning, Lily was stuck on the iron railings of the balcony. Anthony and the rest of the family were stunned.

However, Zachary could not help laughing.

Lily was mad. "Don't laugh!" she berated and stared at Zachary angrily.

Gilbert covered his mouth and coughed slightly. However, he could not hide the smile in his eyes.

Although everyone was worried about Lily, they still thought it was funny.

Only Bettany was anxious. "Stop laughing! Hurry up and help Lily out!"

Immediately, Liam said, "I'm calling 911 now!"

Hearing that, Lily was stunned. She refused at once. "No! Don't call 911, Uncle Liam!"

Firefighters were Lily's idol. When she was young, she saw them putting out a fire in South City. From that moment, firefighters were her heroes who could save the world.

For that reason, how could she let her idols see her like this?

However, Bettany did know what was on Lily's mind. "Lily, it's dangerous. Let firefighters help you to get out, okay?"

"No, Granny! I-I can come out. Wait a minute..." Lily resisted stubbornly.

With that, Lily took a deep breath and tried to squeeze her head out. However, she knocked on her head. It was painful.

Pablo was speechless. He could not help covering his face.

"Come on, don't do that. You look stupid," he said. "Try breaking the iron railings."

Hearing that, Lily was stunned.

What? Break the iron railings? How is that possible?

Leaning against the railings, Pablo stared a Lily and said, "Come on! Try it for yourself! Why do you think I gave you the red bracelet?"

Hearing that, Lily looked at the red bracelet on her wrist.

Behind her, Winona stood at the door and glared at Lily.

How did she get herself stuck there? What a stupid girl!

Winona seemed unhappy when all family members were worried about Lily. Everybody was trying to help Lily out. Some came with a ladder. Some even got ready cushions on the ground floor.

Why are they so nervous? The garden lawn is so thick. She won't die falling from the second floor!

Winona suddenly felt that the Crawford family was biased. They only cared for Lily. It was unfair to Hannah.

A huge air cushion was set up in the garden. Anthony and Bryson looked serious.

Bryson said, "Children's heads are bigger than their bodies generally. If their heads can get through, their bodies can get through too. Lily only needs to twist her body a bit to get out."

"But it's too risky. What if she falls down?" asked Anthony with concern.

Jonas pushed his gold-rimmed glasses and smiled. "The air cushion is so thick. She won't die falling from the second floor."

Hearing that, everybody glared at him.

Jonas threw his hands up even though what he said was right.

Anthony and the rest had no choice but to tell Bettany their plan. Nonetheless, they were worried that Bettany could not accept it.

Bettany asked worriedly, "What if Lily fell and knocked her head? What if she sprained her neck? What if she hurt her eyes?"

Hearing that, Bryson had no choice but to comfort her. "Mom, don't worry. Edward is bringing the pliers."

Everyone was so worried that no one saw Lily bend the iron railings with her two small bare hands.

The red bracelet on her wrist emitted a dim light. Suddenly, the railings bent just like that.

Lily tilted her head and got out easily.

"I got out!"

Seeing that, everybody was shocked.

They did not see how Lily got out. Even Bettany who was holding Lily's arm did not notice it.

Seeing the bent railings, everybody was amazed.

However, Anthony remained calm. He stood in front of Lily, blocking the bent railings behind him.

"Lily, go down and have breakfast with Granny!"

The others also quickly stood in front of the bent railings, blocking them unintentionally.

Winona was confused.

How did Lily come out? What are they hiding behind their backs? Are they blaming me for what happened to Lily now?

Thinking of that, Winona pursed her lips and went downstairs. She somehow felt isolated.

Gilbert asked, "Lily, you bent these?"

"Yes!" Lily nodded and blinked her eyes.

Hearing that, Gilbert suddenly recalled when Lily smacked Debbie away in Hatcher Mansion's backyard previously. He did not pay much attention last time. He thought he was the one who kicked Debbie, but...

Gilbert exchanged glances with the rest. His face darkened.

Hugh squinted his eyes and said, "No one is allowed to say what you see today. Lily, don't do that again, okay?"

Lily nodded obediently. However, she felt confused.

Why are they so nervous? Isn't it great that I'm strong and powerful? I can help them!

Anthony asked in a low voice, "Where is Edward?"

Right then, Edward came in with a big plier. "Lily, don't be afraid. Uncle Edward is coming to save you!"

"Uncle Edward, I'm here! I got out!" Lily looked up and replied.

Edward was stunned.

Gilbert quickly whispered in Edward's ear, "Get rid of that bent iron railings over there!"

After that, he told Edward what happened just now.

Edward was shocked when he saw the bent iron railings.

"Lily, you're so strong! How about working for me at the construction site?"

"Really? I want to go!" Lily was excited.

Hearing that, everyone was speechless.

After breakfast, Lily wanted to follow Liam and Edward to the construction site.

Everyone thought Lily was joking just now. However, it seemed that she meant it.

Gilbert had no choice but to explain, "Lily, it's very dangerous at the construction site. Furthermore, unauthorized employees are not allowed to enter."

"But I'm not an employee! Please, let me go with you!"

Hearing that, everyone could not help but laugh.

However, Lily was still a child. Even though she might seem to know a lot, she was still a kid.

Edward could not bear to see Lily keep begging. He picked her up and ran, "Let's go, Lily. Uncle Edward will bring you there!"

However, Lily broke away from him and ran upstairs in a hurry. "Give me a minute, Uncle Edward. I want to go and change my clothes. Wait for me!"

Everyone returned to their work after that. Anthony was the person in charge of the company. He went back to work. Bryson returned to his company for the flight test, and Jonas went back to his production team.

Liam, who was quiet, and Edward, who was a hothead, worked at the same construction site. Their company was the leading construction company in the country.

Although Liam was an architect, he spent most of his time at the construction site.

Edward was the project manager. Not only he was responsible for the project, but he also had to inspect the safety of the construction site from time to time.

Lily changed into a yellow dress and carried a very cute satchel bag. She went down the stairs happily and met Winona who was going up the stairs.

Immediately, Lily stopped and greeted, "Good morning, Aunt Winona."

Carefully, Lily glanced at Winona.

After activating her Third Eye, Lily found that Winona's face exuded a dark aura, and her eyes were like a monster.

She suddenly felt Winona looked scary.

Chapter 29 The Female Spirit Who Has to Work

Winona was bringing a bowl of noodle soup to Hannah's room. Hannah liked to sleep in, even on schooling days, she would sleep until ten o'clock.

Usually, Winona would serve breakfast in bed, soothe her grumpiness and prepare her for kindergarten.

Lilly greeted her but she replied to her greeting in an aloof manner. Suddenly, she looked down at the bowl of noodles that she was holding.

The noodle soup is boiling, what if I drop it on Lilly's face...

Winona was shocked by her own intrusive thought, she quickly calmed herself down and walked past Lilly with her typical standoffish face.

Lilly felt a sense of fear, "Master, what is that on Aunt Winona's face?!"

Pablo was floating beside Lilly, "It's the aura of death."

"What is the aura of death?" Lilly asked.

Pablo squinted his eyes and said, "Means...she killed a person."

Only a person who has killed someone and stayed beside them when they were dying would have this aura.

Lilly felt extremely concerned. She hugged her rabbit toy tightly and jogged back to the room to find Polly.

Pablo asked curiously, "Why are you bringing Polly?"

Polly was a talkative bird, he tended to babble random words and sing questionable songs when he was bored.

For instance, 'Baby Kitty, meow, meow, meow'.

Can you imagine a parrot imitating a cat?

It's disastrous!

Lilly said, "I feel worried about leaving Polly at home!"

What if Aunt Winona kills him and makes him into a dish...

Polly instantly puffed up his feathers which was a sign of alertness.

"Monster! Concerned!" Polly screamed loudly.

Lilly petted him to calm him down, "Let's go now!" She said.

She was wearing an overall jumpsuit while carrying a kitty bag. The little toddler with two braids then ran down the stairs with a rabbit toy in one hand and a parrot in another.

How could she be so cute?!

Mrs. Crawford who was always worried sick about Lilly urged repeatedly, "Please take care of Lilly! Especially you, Liam, don't let Lilly get out of your sight."

"I know, mom," said Liam impatiently.

"Let's go now!" said Edward hurriedly.

Liam's heart melted at the sight of his adorable niece.

Having such a cute little niece, of course, she should be taken out to show off!

At the same time, Winona was trying hard to wake Hannah up. However, Hannah refused to get up from bed. Winona stood up and looked down from the balcony.

She frowned when she saw Liam carrying Lilly into the car.

He never even carries his own daughter!

Lilly looked up and locked eyes with Winona. She jumped and hugged Liam's neck tightly.

Liam followed Lilly's gaze and raised his head. He glanced at Winona coldly and closed the door.

The car drove further and further away from the Crawford Mansion, Winona felt irritated and upset but she did not know why...

Liam was the highest-ranking architect in the National Infrastructure Development Company whereas Edward was the managing director. Similarly, Liam was in charge of external matters whereas Edward handled internal matters. They were both important people in the company.

Now both of them were working on the infrastructure development of the West City Development Zone which had been going on for six years.

Winona did not know why she felt a sense of anxiousness. It was said that the place where the accident happened had already been under development, and no trace nor evidence can be found anymore.

Unless... that person revived...impossible!

Winona calmed herself down and proceeded to wake Hannah up in a soft and melodious voice, "My little Princess Hannah, wake up..."

After finally sending Hannah to the kindergarten, Winona came back to Crawford Mansion. Little did she know that Bettany waiting for her in the living room on the first floor

"Bettany..."

Bettany pointed at the sofa and signaled her to sit down, "Why does Hannah go to the kindergarten at this hour every day? Have you ever thought that she might interrupt the children's afternoon nap?" She said coldly.

"Of course not, Bettany. Hannah is a thoughtful girl..." Winona defended.

Bettany let out a sarcastic laugh, "Really? I have been too exhausted to intervene in your matters all these years, but now..."

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After that, Winona left the room, with her face as pale as paper.

How could Bettany reprimand her?!

She was not her biological mother, she was just a mother-in-law. How could she reprimand her?

Winona did not owe the Crawfords anything, how could Bettany poke her nose in her family, her marriage?!

Winona felt extremely upset, she took her bag and went out to join her mother for shopping.

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Liam and Edward brought Lilly to the construction site. She could not help but let out a grasp when she saw the enormous stadium that was still under construction.

"Uncle Liam, what is that?"

"This is the newly built stadium." Liam grinned.

Lilly laid her chin on the window, and her eyes sparkled with amusement, "Such a beautiful stadium, it looks like a massive watch that fell from the sky."

The main body of the stadium is a circle and it was surrounded by gear-shaped auxiliary buildings.

Liam was stunned and looked at Lilly ecstatically, "Even Lilly saw it?!"

The building was inspired by a mechanical watch and it took him a very long time to design it.

Lilly tilted her head and asked, "Is this designed by you, Uncle Liam?"

"Yes, it is." Liam finally found someone who understood his design.

Lilly pressed her thumb on Liam's forehead.

"Good job, Uncle Liam!"

Liam laughed at her childlike spirit.

What Lilly said was too true to his heart.

"A watch that fell from the sky"...Yes, it indicates the stillness and the passing of time...yet humans' dedication and determination in sportsmanship will never die.

He felt extremely warm he could not help but to give her a big hug.

Pablo woke up from his nap and yawned, "Oh, we're here. Come, Lilly, let me teach you how to exorcise."

He raised his hands and took the female spirit out of his jar. He pinched the fingers and middle fingers together and quickly cast a spell on her forehead.

"This is called the working spell, when you cast it, the female spirit will work for you."

The female ghost who got woken up so early in the morning: "..."

Does it make any sense?

Summoning spirits out to work in broad daylight would get her killed!

Oh wait, she already died. In fact, she died here.

The female spirit looked out of the window depressingly.

"Normally, ordinary spirits, wandering spirits, and woeful ghosts cannot appear during day time. However, resentful spirits might appear but they will hide in elevators or mezzanines. Whereas malignant spirits are the worst, they can do whatever they want in broad daylight.

Lilly nodded as if she understood everything.

"Well, as for this 'Ugly Aunty'... she can't be under the sun. When the door opens later, she will disappear."

Ugly Aunty,"..."

Stop calling me ugly!

Lilly widened her eyes in shock.

Is she going to die once again?

"Let me teach you the Soul Shifting Spell, which generally means to attach her onto a certain object so that she can survive under the sun," Pablo said.

The best object was an umbrella, especially a black umbrella.

However, this was irrelevant to soul-shifting and it was definitely not convenient for Lilly to bring an umbrella everywhere she goes.

"Let us find an object first, something that is light and can fly."

Pablo looked at Polly subconsciously.

Lilly turned in the same direction and mumbled, "Light, that can fly..."

Polly sensed a premonition and screamed, "No picking my feathers!"

Pablo was speechless.

Lilly quickly calmed him down, "Okay, okay, we won't pick your feathers!"

At the same time, Liam looked at Lilly confusedly.

Lilly opened her kitty bag and delved into it.

In a few seconds, her eyes sparked with excitement!

The female spirit's face twitched when she saw what Lilly was holding...

Chapter 30 A Big Slap on Winona's Face by a Poo Bag Lilly grabbed a plastic bag.

It was the plastic bag that was used to contain Polly's feces. It was inappropriate to litter so, she kept the plastic bag in her backpack.

The female spirit stiffened, "You...don't tell me you're expecting me to attach on this thing?"

Are you serious? How did I end up like this?!

Lilly shook the plastic bag and said, "No, not dirty at all!"

There was a lump of feces in the bag. She then took out a napkin and folded it in half.

"Lilly, what are you doing?" Liam asked curiously.

Lilly looked, "Not much. I'm just helping the Ugly Aunty wipe her face."

In Lilly's drawings, she often gave inanimate objects names, like 'Uncle Grass' and 'Flower Lady'...

Liam thought Lilly was referring to the plastic bag and was amazed by her imagination.

Pablo said, "Soul-shifting is a difficult skill. It's incomparable to the activation of the Third Eye. How about you give it a try? It's okay if you fail.

Lilly nodded.

Pablo did some spells and pointed at the female spirit, "Go!"

"Shoo..."

In just a few seconds, the Female Spirit was attached to the plastic bag.

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"Can you remember the spells?" Pablo asked.

Lilly tilted her head and looked extremely confused.

She stretched out her little fingers and counted the words.

So many words... A hundred in total! Master is so fast!

Pablo looked at her disappointedly, "If it's too much to remember, fine then..."

Before he had the chance to finish his words, the female spirit flew out of the plastic bag.

"Shoo..."

"Oh? She's out?" Lilly was confused.

Pablo was speechless as well.

Suddenly, Lilly's eyes sparkled as she finally realized that she memorized the spell reversely.

"Oh, I'm sorry. It was supposed to be the other way around! We're supposed to let her go in!"

She then proceeded to mutter the spell correctly.

"Smack!"

The Female Spirit finally attached to the napkin in the plastic bag successfully.

She was speechless.

She could even feel the parrot poo on her face!

Pablo was completely stunned by her ability.

Oh my god! Not only did Tulip memorize the entire spell instantly, but she could also cast the spell correctly on the first attempt.

And...she could even cast the spell reversely!

Pablo fell into a deep thought...

"We're here. Let's go down!" Liam said as the car stopped.

He carried Lilly down the car while she was still holding the plastic bag.

Suddenly, a strong wind blew, and the plastic bag flew away...

Lilly was trying her best to seize the plastic bag.

"It's fine, Lilly. We have cleaners here." Liam said.

Lilly squeezed her fingers guiltily.

She was actually going to take the napkin with Polly's poo and throw it away...

After Edward parked the car, he closed the car door and stretched out his arms to Lilly.

"Come here, Lilly. Let Uncle Edward carry you!"

Liam pursed his lips and immediately turned away from him.

"I don't think a rough guy like you knows how to carry a child."

Edward quickly defended himself, "Why are you underestimating me? You have two kids, so what?"

Liam totally ignored him and proceeded to carry Lilly to the office upstairs.

His colleagues who passed by them asked curiously, "Mr. Crawford, is that your daughter?"

Liam's eyes glinted in joy, "This is my niece," he replied joyfully.

Edward butted in, "My niece is so cute, right?!"

They then proceeded to introduce Lilly to everyone in the office.

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On the other hand, Winona went shopping with her mother. They were having breakfast together.

Helen asked, "What's with the sour face?"

Winona complained, "My mother-in-law claims that I'm not a good mother and that I did not raise Hannah well enough...she wants me to get a divorce."

She put down her cup angrily, "I don't understand... Hannah is my child and I'm the only one who has the right to raise her. How can she say that I did not raise her well?"

Hannah is a good girl!

She is just slightly bad-tempered, so what?

Girls should not be too friendly. It sets their standard higher in the future when they are looking for a partner.

Girls who have no attitude can be bullied easily. Moreover, she is born into such an affluent family so, she has all the right to behave any way she wants!

"Did she really say that? How can she interfere in your marriage? I guess there is not a single good mother-in-law in the world!" Helen said furiously.

"I'm telling you, don't ever surrender to this kind of evil in-laws! How can she tell you to divorce her son? She is such an evil person!" Helen ranted endlessly.

Winona added, "Even Liam is not on my side. He even brought Lilly to his workplace."

"What is Lilly doing there...Liam is not even her father. Why does she keep following him everywhere." Helen questioned.

"You see, I told you that child is ambitious. Ever since the day she came, she snatched everything from Hannah, even Hannah's father!"

"Stand up now! We're going to the construction site to find Liam." Helen pulled Winona up from her seat aggressively.

"I don't think this is a good idea..." Winona said reluctantly.

"How is that a bad idea? This matter is between you and Liam! No one from the Crawford family has the right to meddle in this!"

Helen and Winona then rushed to the construction site hurriedly.

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At the construction site, the plastic bag landed on an empty land. It kept swirling in the same spot creepily.

Simultaneously, Winona and Helen were walking towards the office when they passed by that empty land.

A chill ran down her spine when she saw a plastic bag swirling around at the same spot on that empty land.

That was where May Lee was crushed to death...

Winona felt a creeping sensation and the plastic bag that was swirling in the same spot stopped all of a sudden. She felt like she was targeted by it.

She got goosebumps instantly.

"Mom...let's go," Winona said in a panic.

Out of the blue, a strong wind blew and the plastic bag flew toward Winona.

Winona screamed and ran away in her high heels.

"What are you doing? What's so scary about a plastic bag?" Helen felt extremely confused.

Just as she stopped talking, the wind stopped blowing, and the plastic bag dropped in front of Helen

That made Helen swallow her words instantly.

"Mom..." Winona was trembling in fear.

Suddenly, the plastic bag gave her a big, fat slap on her face!

She smelled something foul and felt something icky on her face.

She felt suffocated and immediately fell to the ground.

The plastic bag covered her face entirely. She tried to tear off the plastic bag in panic, but failed!

As she was being suffocated by the plastic bag, Helen came and tore away the bag.

"Are you okay?" Helen asked.

The plastic bag flew away from them and swirled at another spot that was approximately one meter away from them. It was as if it came for them...

Helen started to get goosebumps as well.

There was a saying among the elders that when a person was hit on the face by a light and fluffy object randomly, that object must be haunted.

Their faces went as pale as paper, and they were trembling in fear...