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# Chapter 371 A Brave Woman

"Don't talk nonsense! Give me the anesthetic."

Maurice couldn't wait any longer. He was afraid that Eliana's life would be in danger. He immediately asked the staff to prepare the anesthetic and got on the horse.

"Mr. Moran, you can't go. It's too dangerous."

Harriet suddenly stood in front of the horse and stopped Maurice. It was her wish that Eliana died here today. How could she let him risk his life to save Eliana?

"Get out of my way," Maurice snapped, looking at her impatiently.

His murderous voice made Harriet tremble all over. But she gritted her teeth and didn't move.

However, Maurice just ignored her. He took the anesthetic from the staff and galloped to chase after Eliana.

Harriet still stood there, so dust and dirt splashed all over her beautiful face.

She was so angry that she screamed, "Eliana! You abominable bitch!"

She slumped and hit the ground with her fists.

No matter how resentful Harriet's words were, Eliana couldn't hear them now. She was busy trying to save herself.

The staff was right. This mare was really hard to tame. Although she was a champion in horseback riding before, she couldn't get the mare to calm down.

She couldn't help wondering if she would just die here today.

Thinking of this, she panicked.

"Eliana, are you okay?"

Eliana suddenly heard an anxious voice behind her. She looked back with difficulty and found Maurice riding a horse and chasing after her with an anesthetic rifle.

"Don't move. Just wait."

When Eliana saw that Maurice was about to use the anesthetic rifle, she immediately leaned on the

back of the mare and tried to steady herself.

The next second, the anesthetic needle hit the mare's ass accurately.

It neighed and gradually slowed down.

Maurice took advantage of this opportunity to approach Eliana.

"Hurry! Give me your hand."

Maurice held the rein with one hand and reached out to Eliana with his other hand.

At this moment, Eliana suddenly felt less afraid when she saw his hand reaching out to her.

She took a deep breath and stretched her hand. It was trembling, but she tried her best to steady it.

As Maurice saw that her hand was about to touch his, fine sweat appeared on his forehead. He stared at Eliana intently and reached his hand further to her.

They were almost there.

When their hands were about to clasp, a glimmer of hope flashed in Eliana's eyes.

"Hurry! Get it!"

At this moment, the staff came to capture the mare.

They rushed towards the mare with a big net. It had almost calmed down. But when it saw them, it was so startled that it turned around and ran back.

Maurice was so shocked that he was caught off guard and almost fell down from the horse he was riding.

Eliana was so frightened that she held the rein tightly and could only let herself pass by Maurice.

She had no other way out. She was on her own now.

Knowing that there was still some time before the anesthetic took effect, Eliana could only grit her teeth. All she could do now was try her best to buy some time to save herself.

"Don't be scared, Eliana," she told herself.

"You were good at this when you were a child, right? You can do this now!"

To conquer her fear, Eliana recalled the happy memories when she rode horses with her father in her childhood. And instead of holding the rein tighter, she tried to sit up and learn to control the mare.

This time, the mare slowed down and gradually calmed down.

Maurice had been following closely behind Eliana. His eyes never left her as he worried that she might fall off the back of the mare.

However, he found that instead of being afraid, she sat upright bravely and tamed the fierce mare under her.

Because of the fierce running, her ponytail had long spread out. As her black hair danced with the wind, she looked so beautiful, although her face had turned pale with fright.

She looked different from the usual Eliana.

Maurice's heartbeat went abnormally fast. How could he not fall for such a beautiful and brave woman?

Finally, the mare stopped running.

Eliana let out a sigh of relief, still holding the rein tightly. She dismounted from the horse, shivering.

# **Chapter 372 Have A Rehearsal**

As soon as Eliana fell to the ground, a pair of strong arms wrapped around her tightly to comfort her.

The warm and reassuring embrace felt familiar. Without a doubt, she knew that it was Maurice holding her dearly.

Eliana was pleased with his act of affection. It was exactly what she needed to calm down. She just had a narrow escape from death, which deeply unsettled her. However, there was no fear in her heart. Instead, she briefly recalled her happy and unrestrained life in the past.

Harriet followed the crowd and saw a heartbreaking scene. The man of her dreams was tightly hugging her nemesis.

They seemed to be one, as if nothing could separate them. Their special bond became even more unbreakable.

Harriet's face suddenly darkened. Her blood was boiling with anger and resentment. She had to put an end to this immediately.

"My goodness, Eliana. I was scared to death! Are you alright?"

Harriet rushed over, grabbed Eliana's arm, and pulled her away from Maurice. Inspecting the poor girl

for injuries, Harriet sighed deeply and pretended to be worried.

"I'm fine. Don't worry about me."

Frowning, Eliana withdrew her arm and rubbed it furtively.

Harriet had used excessive force when she grabbed her. If she gripped Eliana's arm a little longer, it would surely be bruised.

"Mr. Moran! Is everyone alright?"

When the matter was over, Kelvin suddenly reappeared and rushed to their side.

When he saw that Eliana had been saved, he was not pleased at all. He turned all his anger on her. "I've told you that you couldn't choose this horse, but you didn't listen to me. If you hadn't been so stubborn, none of this would have happened!"

Hearing Kelvin blame her for the accident, Eliana immediately became annoyed.

"Thankfully, I didn't get hurt. But I do have a concern. It took you a lot of time to come over here. In terms of performance, there is obviously a large gap between you and younger people. You just can't keep up with us."

"How dare you insult me like that?"

Kelvin couldn't stand being publicly humiliated for his poor physical strength. The vein on his forehead began to throb. He was mere moments away from losing his temper.

"That's enough!" Maurice glared at Kelvin. "If I'm not mistaken, you hit the horse first, Mr. Stone. That's why the horse became frightened and lost control, which almost resulted in Eliana getting killed."

Realizing that he had been caught red-handed, Kelvin suddenly changed his tone and awkwardly said, "It was a mistake. I didn't mean it."

"That's right. What's important is that you're safe now. Please forgive my uncle, Eliana," Harriet pleaded sincerely.

Eliana's lips curled into a sneer, and she didn't say anything.

Maurice glanced coldly at Harriet and Kelvin. He took Eliana's hand and said gently, "Let's get out of here."

Eliana felt some reassuring warmth in her palm. She looked at Maurice with a sense of security in her heart. It seemed no matter what happened, this man would always be by her side.

Eliana's crisis was temporarily over, while Nana's nerve-racking meeting was just about to begin.

At the moment, she was taking the two kids along to meet Huey and Rosamond.

They planned to talk over a meal at the charming Lakeside Restaurant in the Moon Lake Manor.

As soon as the twins entered the restaurant, they hurried towards a window seat and sat down.

The Lakeside Restaurant was just opposite the racetrack. Through the huge transparent window, the ongoing spectacle in the racetrack could be seen.

Nana kept fidgeting in her seat while the two kids were drawn to the loud cheers from the racetrack.

"Nana, what's going on there? It sounds so noisy."

Aileen tiptoed and squashed her nose against the window, trying to see past the tall trees that were blocking the view of the racetrack.

Nana came back to her senses and glanced outside.

She replied casually, "There must be a horse race or a show of some sort. I'll take you both there once I'm free."

The two kids were still peering outside the window, eager to see what was going on. However, Nana was busy thinking about how to deal with Huey and his mother.

"Hey, stop looking over there." Nana pulled the twins over and said seriously, "Remember, we all have a role to play. Let's have a rehearsal now."

Adrian rolled his eyes and replied, "Nana, we already practiced for several hours last night. We've perfected our part. Is it necessary to do it again?"

"That's right. I'm also ready," Aileen chimed in.

Despite hearing their reassuring words, Nana couldn't help but worry. She held their little hands and pleaded, "I promise this will be the last rehearsal, okay?"

Aileen and Aileen looked at each other and shrugged. They would do anything to make Nana calm down. "Okay."

Nana smiled and asked, "What are you going to call me when they arrive?"

Aileen raised her hand and replied obediently, "Mommy!"

# Chapter 373 Call Her By Her First Name

Nana was finally satisfied. She pinched Aileen's face and said, "Good girl."

Then she turned to Adrian and said matter-of-factly, "Adrian, now you."

He felt embarrassed and asked, "Nana, why did you have to lie?"

What an innocent little boy he was.

Nana sighed and explained, "Adrian, you know, there are two kinds of lies in this world. There are lies that are bad, but there are also lies called white lies. Although I'm about to lie, it will help solve a huge problem as well as protect someone else from getting hurt. That is what we call a white lie. Do you understand?"

Adrian nodded, although he hadn't fully grasped the concept yet.

"It doesn't matter if you don't understand it now. You will understand when you grow up," Nana said as she patted his head gently.

"Mommy, Mommy, can I order fried chicken later?"

The atmosphere changed as Aileen called out in a sweet voice.

Nana smiled in amusement. This girl was so cute! How she wished she could have a child like Aileen.

"Of course," Nana said as she touched Aileen's nose dotingly. "We will have some later."

Just then, Rosamond entered the restaurant.

Nana immediately raised a hand and waved at her.

"Miss Deleon, over here!"

Rosamond was wearing a professional suit as she usually did. The way she dressed and did her makeup was always meticulous. She was indeed a strong woman.

"Coming!"

She walked towards Nana. However, when she saw the children, her face changed.

"Darlings, this is Miss Deleon."

Nana intentionally called Rosamond's attention to the children.

Aileen and Adrian greeted Rosamond at the same time. "Nice to meet you, Miss Deleon!"

Rosamond sat down opposite Nana with a dissatisfied expression. "I wanted to talk to you. Only you. Why did you bring the kids?"

Looking at Rosamond's unhappy expression, Nana was pleased inwardly.

This was exactly what she wanted!

"Eliana went on a business trip today, and I couldn't find a babysitter to look after the kids. I am their mother. Of course I had to bring them with me," Nana continued.

After Nana finished speaking, Rosamond looked even more disgruntled.

The atmosphere suddenly became tense.

"Mommy," Aileen said in a confused tone. "Miss Deleon looks so young and beautiful. Can I call her by her first name?"

Nana was stunned by the question and Adrian was rendered speechless. Even Rosamond was shocked.

However, Aileen simply stared at Nana with an innocent expression.

Was her observation wrong?

Nana explained in a measured tone, "Aileen, Miss Deleon is Mommy's elder, so of course you should call her Miss Deleon."

"But Miss Deleon is so beautiful! She looks like a young lady!" Aileen continued.

She looked at Adrian for approval and asked, "Right, Adrian?"

Adrian looked at Rosamond carefully and nodded in agreement. "I agree. Can we call her by her first name instead?"

"See, Mommy? Adrian agrees with me!"

Aileen then turned to Rosamond happily and said in a cute voice, "Hello, Rosamond!"

No one could resist humoring such a sweet child.

Rosamond didn't particularly like children, but when she heard Aileen's words, she couldn't help but chuckle.

All of a sudden, she appeared much kinder.

Nana was stunned.

What was going on? What was happening to her plan?

She had expected the children to offend Rosamond, who would then lash out at them with harsh words. Then she could have rushed to play the role of a loving mother by scolding Rosamond.

Afterwards, the women would have parted in anger and would have never seen each other again.

As Nana sat in shock, Rosamond realized something was wrong from the look on her face.

"Nana, you aren't their mother, are you?"

Rosamond was an intelligent businesswoman with sharp eyes.

When Nana heard Rosamond's question, she nearly lost her composure.

How did she know?

# Chapter 374 Nana's Lie Was Detected

"Miss Deleon, I'm afraid we have a misunderstanding. What are you talking about? Aileen and Adrian are indeed my children. You can ask them yourself." Nana smiled lightly and pretended to be calm.

Although Nana tried her best to regain her composure, Rosamond noticed a flash of guilt in her eyes. It was a dead giveaway. Rosamond knew that she was onto something, so she pressed forward.

"Nana, the twins are completely different from you in both appearance and intelligence. You are nothing alike. No matter what you tell me, I still don't believe they are your children."

Rosamond crossed her arms before her chest and remained unconvinced.

"Well, they take after their father!" Nana exclaimed helplessly.

Shaking her head in disbelief, Rosamond picked up the cup of coffee on the table and took a sip before saying confidently, "Is that so? But how do you explain the obvious inconsistencies on your timeline? These two kids look to be four or five years old, just before you've fallen in love with my spoiled son. How do you explain your pregnancy? You were not a mother when we met you."

"Well, it's complicated. You see, I..."

Under the overbearing scrutiny of Rosamond, Nana was unable to come up with an answer.

If the children were not Nana's, then who was their mother?

A crucial piece of memory suddenly came to Rosamond's mind. When she met Nana that day, a very beautiful woman was standing beside her.

Rosamond quietly observed the twins in front of her. They shared a striking resemblance to Nana's mystery companion. Soon, the pieces of the puzzle finally fell into place.

It was all clear to Rosamond now. The mother of the two children was most likely that beautiful woman.

Now that Rosamond had discovered the truth, she decided to ease up on Nana and changed the topic.

"Anyway, enough of that. I have more important questions for you, Nana. What on earth has happened between you and Huey? Why did you leave him before the wedding? Why did you tell such a ridiculous lie to force me to leave?"

Rosamond's words hit Nana straight to her heart. The latter pursed her lips tightly and remained silent.

During this heated moment, Huey finally arrived at the scene.

Upon entering the restaurant, he paused slightly to look for Nana. When he saw her, his eyes lit up with hope.

Now that Nana was willing to meet him, did it mean that he had a chance to win her heart again?

"Nana, I can't believe you're actually here!"

But when he walked over happily, the sight of two children sitting next to her stopped him dead in his tracks.

Huey's face was full of questions. He pointed at the twins and asked, "Nana, what's going on here? Who are these kids?"

An idea occurred to Adrian and he asked Nana, "Mommy, who is this strange man?"

As Huey heard the boy's words, his jaw dropped in disbelief.

Mommy?

This little boy called Nana his mommy!

Could it be that Nana was the mother of the two kids?

This was unacceptable. She had given birth to two children by another man!

With this in mind, Huey's face turned pale instantly. He said with a trembling voice, "Nana, answer me honestly. Are these little kids your children?"

The moment finally came.

Nana took a deep breath and gazed into Huey's gloomy eyes. "Yes, they are my children."

"Finally! After all these years, you finally told me the truth!"

A tide of rage surged through his entire body. He took a deep breath and shouted, "Nana, you're such a promiscuous woman! Yes, I cheated on you at that time. But look what you have done behind my back. You have already cuckolded me!"

Nana sneered and remained silent, not intending to plead her case. She didn't care if he misunderstood the situation and accused her of wrongdoings. Their relationship had been doomed, and it would finally come to an end today.

Instead of denying everything, she simply shrugged indifferently. "Yes, I had given birth to the children before I dated you. Now the children's father is back in our lives. I love him very much and want to raise my little twins with him. So for everyone's sake, please stop badgering our family!"

Her words were so full of conviction that it seemed she had no regrets at all.

Believing her story, Huey became even more furious. After being subjected to humiliation, he stopped pretending to be a gentleman. There was no reason left to be civil. Nana had to pay the price.

"You little bitch! I thought you were a woman of principle and good morals, but now you've finally shown the world your true colors. You are just a slut who likes hooking up with random men! And you even went so far as to give birth to these two little bastards! How dare you..."

"Huey, shut your mouth!" Nana screamed and cut him off. "I don't care what you think of me, but be careful with your mouth. I won't allow you to say anything bad about the children!"

Nana was steaming with rage. She could ignore how Huey cursed her, but the twins were her best friends' children, and no one was allowed to insult them!

## Chapter 375 Throw Him Ou

Huey became furious when he noticed that Nana was so concerned about the kids.

"Why are you still trying to defend those two bastards?"

When he saw the sullen look on Rosamond's face, Huey cried out hysterically, "Mom, are you really going to just stand there and watch her insult your son? Drive this woman and those two bastards out of

this city!"

"That's enough!"

Losing her patience, Nana got up and slapped Huey hard across the face.

The sound was as loud as a piece of glass shattering.

"How dare you slap me?" Huey roared with a fierce look in his eyes.

Trembling, Nana gritted her teeth and said, "You deserved it!"

Rosamond kept quiet the whole time as though it had nothing to do with her.

Just by watching their quarrel with each other, she seemed to have pieced it together.

She figured that her son must have cheated on Nana, and that was the reason she ran away before their wedding. However, Huey didn't want to break up with her at all. Left with no choice, Nana was even willing to ruin her own reputation just to be rid of him.

After finding out the truth, even Rosamond was disappointed with her son for showing no signs of repentance and blaming Nana.

How could she have a son like him?

She cursed her son for being such a brainless oaf!

Feeling Nana's hard slap, Huey also raised his hand and was about to return her slap.

However, Adrian and Aileen let out a loud scream the moment they saw that.

"Stop! You can't hurt our mommy!"

They immediately jumped off their chairs and stood in front of Nana to protect her.

Seeing that, Nana was so moved that she was pushed to the brink of tears.

She couldn't help but blame herself for being too impulsive.

Nana realized that it was a huge blunder to bring the kids there. After all, what could she possibly tell Eliana if they got hurt because of her actions?

If something bad happened to them, then she would not be able to forgive herself for the rest of her life.

"Guards!" Huey ordered with a complacent sneer. "Catch them!"

As soon as he gave the order, several security guards surrounded Nana and the kids.

The Moon Lake Manor was owned by the Moran family and the Deleon family that was Huey's mother's family, so it was technically Huey's turf.

While trying to protect the kids using herself as a shield, Nana roared, "Huey Layton, if you have a problem with me, deal with me! Leave the kids alone!"

Only when Rosamond saw that the guards were about to catch them did she stand up.

"Someone will be caught here today..." Rosamond pointed at Huey and ordered, "Catch him and throw him out!"

Flustered, the guards looked at each other, not knowing what to do.

What was happening? Why was Rosamond asking them to drive her own son out?

Huey's eyes widened in disbelief as he asked heavily, "How could you do that, Mom? Are you really my mother?"

"Shut up! I am ashamed to even call myself your mother after what you did! How could you try to bully women and kids? You are dead to me!"

Rosamond was completely disappointed with her son.

She was originally under the impression that it was because of Nana that the engagement was broken off, but it turned out that it was all her son's fault.

She felt powerless, tired, and heartbroken because of her son's actions.

"I really regret leaving you in your dad's care after I divorced him. He's done a great job raising you to be the filthiest scum in the world! It's all my fault..."

"Mom!" Huey looked at his mother, horrified by the weight of her words.

However, Rosamond ignored him and turned to look at Nana. She no longer blamed Nana. In fact, she pitied her.

"Since things have come down to this, the engagement is officially called off."

As a woman, she could clearly understand how Nana felt right now.

Although it was a bit dramatic of Nana to put on a play to end her relationship with Huey, there was no chance they could get back together now. So it was undeniably better for them to part ways.

Nana was moved by Rosamond's words. She finally felt understood.

Ever since she had run away, everyone except for Eliana, including her own parents, had been calling her an ungrateful woman.

Nana felt like someone had finally heard her, and she was more than pleased to see that it was Huey's mom.

Tears welled up in Nana's eyes.

"Honey, don't cry."

Rosamond picked up a tissue and handed it to Nana.

Seeing that, Huey was dumbfounded.

Was she really even his mom?

# **Chapter 376 Protecting Nana**

"Mom! She cheated on me. How can you side with this bitch?" Huey snarled, pointing an accusatory finger at the crying Nana.

"What are you waiting for? Get him out of here!"

Pursing her lips tightly, Rosamond cast a sharp glance at the security guards.

Despite their confusion, the security guards obediently rushed forward and dragged Huey out of the restaurant.

Struggling against them, Huey cried, "What are you doing? I'm the son of the Layton family!"

Turning a deaf ear to him, the security guards dragged him away while he was kicking and screaming.

"Your boss is my mother!" Huey continued to protest.

But the security guards just threw him out of the restaurant coldly and closed the door behind him.

Stranded outside the restaurant like a nobody, Huey could do nothing but stamp his feet in anger. He cursed, "Nana, wait and see. I will definitely get back at you for this!"

The commotion at the door of Lakeside Restaurant attracted the attention of passers-by.

Coincidentally, Corbin happened to be walking past that very restaurant.

It took him barely a glance to recognize the man who was shouting at the door like a madman.

Wasn't that Nana's ex-boyfriend? What was he doing here?

Then he thought of the woman who looked like Nana at the gate of the manor this morning, Corbin's heart sank as he put two and two together. Was Nana here?

Just then, an acquaintance of Corbin's walked out of the restaurant. Corbin immediately stepped forward and stopped that man.

"Victor, it's been a while since I've seen you."

Victor Lyons paused and said in surprise, "Corbin, what a coincidence! What are you doing here?"

"Victor, do you know what happened inside? Who is that guy at the door?" Corbin asked hurriedly, glancing at Huey before even exchanging pleasantries.

Victor's eyes widened in shock. "You don't know yet? That guy is Rosamond's son, Huey Layton. Rosamond came here today to see Huey's ex-fiancee, the woman who ran out on Huey before their wedding."

A sharp glint flickered in Corbin's eyes. By ex-fiancee, did Victor mean Nana? That meant she really was here!

Shaking his head with a sigh, Victor continued, "Miss Deleon can be scary when she gets angry. If she can be this cruel to her own son, I don't even want to know what she will do to his ex-fiancee. Alas..."

Hearing that, Corbin became distraught.

He knew that he had to go to Nana's rescue right away. Even though Nana could be a fiery woman, she was no match for Rosamond!

Corbin darted into the restaurant without a second thought. The security guards who were stationed outside ignored him completely, only keen on stopping Huey from entering the restaurant.

As soon as Corbin stepped into the restaurant, he saw Nana standing there crying.

It seemed that things were just as he feared: Nana was being bullied.

Without hesitation, he strode over and stood protectively in front of Nana.

"Miss Deleon, what are you doing?"

Nana was so taken aback by Corbin's sudden arrival that her tears froze in her eyes.

When she noticed that Corbin was staring at Rosamond with an unfriendly look in his eyes, she whimpered, "Corbin... I... I'm fine..."

Corbin was even more distressed upon seeing Nana's reddened eyes.

"How can you be fine? You're crying!"

Unable to hold back his anger anymore, he turned to Rosamond and snapped, "Miss Deleon, you are a big shot in the business world. How can you bully a girl in her early twenties? Don't you think you're doing something that is beneath you? What's more, she almost became your daughter-in-law before. You should at least treat her with basic courtesy."

These harsh words grated on Rosamond's nerves.

Who was this man to suddenly barge in here and stand up for Nana?

Suppressing her annoyance, she asked the assistant next to her, "Who is he?"

The assistant replied in a hurry, "He seems to be Mr. Moran's assistant. His name is... Corbin Jenkins."

Realizing that the man in front of her was just a mere assistant, Rosamond sneered, "Do you have any idea who you are talking to? Even your boss, Maurice, would never dare to offend me. Believe it or not, I can easily get you fired. You'll never have a chance to become an assistant again!"

Corbin knew the consequences of offending Rosamond, but he had no regrets. Even in the face of her threat, he didn't back down.

He just held Nana's hand firmly and stood in front of her and the twins.

"This has nothing to do with Mr. Moran. I'll take responsibility for what I have done."

After saying that, he wanted to leave with Nana and the twins.

Nana had never seen this side of Corbin before. As she held Corbin's hand, her heart raced.

Chapter 377 Do You Know What A White Lie Is

"Did I say that you could leave?"

Rosamond's tone was cold, and the aura emanating from her sent a chill down everyone's spine.

Not wanting to get on her bad side, the security guards instantly rushed forward, blocking Nana and Corbin's way.

Corbin straightened up and instinctively spread his arms in front of Nana and the children, shielding them from the guards.

The whole restaurant fell into silence, and the tension in the air was thick enough to cut with a knife.

At this time, a soft childish voice sounded, as if from a dream.

"Rosamond, please don't blame Corbin and Nana, okay?"

Aileen timidly poked her head out from behind Corbin's back.

Seizing the opportunity, Adrian immediately chipped in, "Yes! Rosamond, you are so beautiful and kind-hearted. Don't be angry with them. You will get wrinkles if you are angry."

It was only upon hearing these two adorable twins speak that Rosamond's gloomy face began to soften, and a smile bloomed on her face.

"Don't worry, children. I was just kidding. Look at you two, you're so adorable. How could I hurt you?"

The truth was, Rosamond wasn't angry with Corbin at all. She just wanted to see how far he would go to protect Nana.

After seeing that he was ready to lose his job and his cushy life just for Nana's sake, Rosamond was quite satisfied. In her book, Corbin had passed the test.

Nana and Corbin exchanged a glance, as if to confirm that they were both really seeing the same thing.

They were taken aback by the sudden change in Rosamond's attitude, and it took them a moment to realize that she was just teasing them.

Nana bowed to Rosamond and said, "Thank you for your understanding, Miss Deleon. I'm sorry to have troubled you."

Rosamond shook her head with a bitter smile. "Nana, I'm the one who should be saying sorry. Huey has wronged you too much. I'm sorry that we couldn't be a family. Someday, if there is a chance, I would like to apologize to your parents face to face."

Nana gasped and hurriedly waved her hand. "Miss Deleon, please don't say that! You did nothing wrong."

In fact, if Huey weren't such a contemptible man, Nana would be happy to have a reasonable mother-inlaw like Rosamond.

At this time, Rosamond's assistant stepped forward and whispered something in her ear. The change in Rosamond's posture and expression was almost imperceptible, but effective, instantly transforming her into the powerful businesswoman that made everyone awestruck.

"Nana, I have some business to deal with. But feel free to stay in the manor and have a good time today. Don't worry about the expenses. Take it as a token of my apology to you."

Hearing the sincerity in Rosamond's voice, Nana didn't have the heart to refuse her.

"Alright, Miss Deleon, thank you."

Meanwhile, Corbin, who had long realized that he had somehow misunderstood the whole situation and jumped the gun to rush to Nana's defense, just stood aside awkwardly as the two women spoke.

But with Rosamond's departure, Nana and Corbin couldn't avoid addressing the situation any longer.

Both of them were flushed red with embarrassment, and there was a hint of romance in the air.

"Mr. Jenkins, Nana isn't in any trouble. Why are you still holding her hand?" Aileen teased, smiling playfully at Corbin.

Corbin immediately let go of Nana's hand as if he had been burned.

"I... I... I just..." Corbin stammered.

He was in such a panic that his mind went blank.

Nana stared at him with bright eyes and smiled knowingly. "Why did you protect me just now?"

In his heart, Corbin already knew the answer to this question. It was because he had feelings for Nana.

The words made it to the tip of his tongue, but on second thought, he swallowed them back. He might have been fearless when facing Rosamond, but when it came to Nana, he was a coward.

"Because... Because you're my friend. Friends should help each other when they're in trouble, right?"

The moment Nana heard Corbin's explanation, the spark in her eyes dimmed.

Were they just friends in Corbin's eyes?

Nana's heart sank in disappointment.

The romance in the air seemed to dissipate.

To diffuse the awkward atmosphere, Corbin hastily changed the topic.

"Now you should tell me what had happened, Nana."

With a deep sigh, Nana reluctantly told him the whole story.

After listening to the whole thing, Corbin couldn't understand what Nana had been thinking. How could she have come up with such a bad idea?

"It's okay for you to tell lies, but how can you drag the children into this? What if they learn to tell lies?" Corbin chided, leaving a playful knock on Nana's head.

"I know it was stupid of me. But I had no choice. I won't lie again. I promise!"

Holding her head and wincing in mock pain, Nana made a promise to Corbin.

Looking at her pitiful face, Corbin didn't have the heart to scold her anymore. Instead, he squatted down and stared seriously at the children.

"Kids, you shouldn't tell lies. Don't learn bad things from Nana, okay?"

After a moment of silence, Adrian suddenly asked, "Mr. Jenkins, do you know what a white lie is?"

#### Chapter 378 Nana's Choice

"A white lie?"

Corbin was stunned and didn't understand what Adrian meant.

Imitating Nana's way of speaking, Adrian explained, "Yes. Nana said, there are two kinds of lies in this world. There are lies that are bad, but there are also lies called white lies. The lie we told today was a white lie."

After hearing Adrian's words, Corbin couldn't help looking at the little boy with disbelief.

He glared at Nana and wanted to correct the twins that she had misled.

He cleared his throat and commented, "But a white lie is still a lie. We have to be honest people."

"Haven't you ever told a white lie, Mr. Jenkins?"

Aileen blinked her big eyes and looked at Corbin curiously.

Corbin was at a loss for words.

He had told a lot of lies.

Because of this, he was speechless and didn't know how to address the surprising inquisitiveness of the twins.

How smart these children were! No wonder they were good friends with Silas. They were all shrewd.

The more Corbin stared at them, the more he felt that they... looked like they were Maurice's children.

There were many doubts in Corbin's mind.

He made a mental note to investigate the twins' real parentage. What if Eliana had cheated him and Maurice again?

Corbin said cautiously, "Kids, I heard from your mother that your biological father is Jonathan. Is that true?"

Aileen opened her mouth to answer, but Nana, who was vigilant, stopped her with the look in her eyes.

To keep Corbin from suspecting anything, Nana stood in front of Adrian and Aileen and asked, "Why are you asking that? That involves Eliana's private affairs. You're not on the clock right now. Maybe you should stop being Maurice's lackey for a second."

Corbin was surprised by Nana's scolding and replied sadly, "Your words are too harsh. What do you mean by 'I'm Maurice's lackey'? I treat Eliana as my friend. The most reasonable answer to my question is that Mr. Moran is the twins' father. If that's true, then everyone will be satisfied with it."

What Corbin said was indeed reasonable, but Nana didn't care.

Eliana treasured her two children so much, and in her eyes, they were even more important than her own life. She would never allow Maurice to snatch her children away, and she would snuff out even the slightest chance of that happening.

Nana had personally seen that Eliana had almost sacrificed her life when she gave birth to Adrian and Aileen. After that, she went and did her best to raise them by herself.

No one could ever imagine the amount of love and effort Eliana had exerted for the twins.

Therefore, no matter what, Nana would be on Eliana's side. She would protect Adrian and Aileen as much as their mother did.

"Anyway... Don't ask questions like that anymore. Don't interfere in whatever happens between Eliana and Maurice. Do you understand?"

After saying that, Nana turned her head and ignored Corbin.

Noticing Nana's livid face, Corbin felt confused and wondered why she snapped at him and got angry with him.

He touched his nose awkwardly.

Noticing that Nana was in a bad mood, Adrian asked, "What are we going to do now, Nana?"

Nana came back to her senses and looked at the twins' expectant eyes. She suppressed all the messy emotions in her mind and said firmly, "Let's go. I will show you around the luxurious manor today."

"Yeah!"

The twins raised their hands and cheered at the same time.

Without waiting for Corbin's response, Nana held the twins' hands and started walking out.

"Hey! Wait for me!"

Nana was just talking to Corbin in a friendly way. Why did she seem annoyed with him now?

Corbin couldn't read what was on her mind.

He had no choice but to follow her.

He was worried that something bad would happen if he let Nana take care of the children by herself.

#### Chapter 379 Doing A Good Job

Since the accident on the racetrack, Maurice had been worried about Eliana's physical state.

Although Eliana managed to calm the horse down, it still had run around wildly, and it might have inflicted internal injuries on her. Considering this, Maurice elected to call a doctor over.

After a series of careful examination, the doctor told Eliana, "You're doing okay, Miss Pierce, but you should get a good sleep tonight."

Hearing the doctor's diagnosis, Eliana breathed a sigh of relief.

"You should go back to your room and relax then," Harriet said with concern in her eyes. "It was all my

uncle's fault. I would like to apologize to you on his behalf."

Harriet's words grossed Eliana out. Eliana really found it difficult to appreciate the concern from Harriet.

She felt that every word that came out of her mouth masked an ulterior motive.

"What a pity. Mr. Moran has prepared a fancy dinner tonight. You're going to have to miss it."

Hearing the words "fancy dinner", Eliana raised her head, her eyes lighting up in an instant.

After what happened in the racetrack, Eliana was hungry. She started, "Uh... Can you ask the waiter to send some food to my room?"

Amused by Eliana's request, Maurice couldn't help chuckling.

"You've just been through an accident, and all you can think about is food? It seems you are really fine."

Hearing Maurice's chortle, Eliana rolled her eyes and replied, "Well, I'm starving, and I need to eat. I didn't ask you to bring me the food yourself."

However, it occurred to her that he paid for the food. After all, the Moran Group owned the Moon Lake Manor.

Maurice smiled dotingly and replied, "Well, I didn't say that you couldn't eat either."

The two of them chatted as if no one else was around, which pissed Harriet off. She cleared her throat loudly and interrupted them, "In that case, I'll ask someone to send some food to your room. Is that okay?"

"That will be great. Thank you."

Eliana was satisfied now.

Night soon fell, and as the owner of the manor, Maurice held a banquet at the restaurant to which he invited Kelvin and Harriet. Corbin was serving them some wine.

"Thank you, Mr. Jenkins. Will you please remove the salmon?"

Although Kelvin spoke in a polite tone, he still treated Corbin as if he was a servant.

In order not to ruin the cooperation between the Stone family and the Moran family, Corbin decided to keep quiet, grit his teeth, and control his temper while Kelvin bossed him around.

Maurice sipped his red wine slowly. He seemed calm, but there was a hint of anger in his eyes.

Noticing that he was getting angrier and angrier, Harriet became nervous.

She leaned in and reminded Kelvin in a low voice. "Uncle Kelvin, Mr. Jenkins is Mr. Moran's assistant. You should be nicer to him."

"Nicer to him? He's merely an assistant. What does it matter? Will Maurice fall out with me because of him?" Kelvin didn't care.

There was nothing Harriet could do now. She began getting more and more anxious.

Just then, an unexpected person appeared and interrupted their dinner.

"Mr. Moran. You're here."

Rosamond walked over with her assistant.

Maurice raised his head and looked at Rosamond in surprise. He bowed slightly and greeted her, "Hello, Miss Deleon. Would you like to join us for dinner?"

As soon as Corbin saw Rosamond, he trembled and almost dropped the plate in his hand.

Of course, Rosamond also noticed him. She remembered him, the man who dared to argue with her for Nana.

"Mr. Moran, your assistant looks quite familiar."

Noticing that Rosamond was staring at him, Corbin began popping out little beads of cold sweat. He was tempted to glance at Rosamond, but he fought the urge and kept his head down.

In the morning, he didn't feel scared when he confronted her. Seeing her now, he was terrified out of his mind.

If Rosamond told Maurice what he had done, the consequences may be catastrophic.

He couldn't help shaking.

"Really? Have you met my assistant before, Miss Deleon?" Maurice asked in confusion while looking at Rosamond.

Corbin held his breath.

Rosamond paused on purpose and beamed, "Yes, and I do think that he's doing a good job."

Hearing her answer, Corbin felt relieved.

# Chapter 380 This Is How I Am

As Kelvin heard Rosamond's praise for Corbin, his mind went to dark places.

Rosamond had been focusing on her career since she got divorced. She hadn't been with any man since her marriage failed, and Kelvin had never heard of any rumor about any changes in her relationship status.

But why was she commending Maurice's assistant now?

Did she have feelings for Corbin?

Kelvin thought he had seen through something and chose to "do Rosamond a favor".

"Mr. Moran, since Miss Deleon likes your assistant so much, maybe you should give him to her as a gift."

As soon as Kelvin's words came out, the faces of everyone present suddenly changed.

Maurice's face darkened while Corbin's face turned livid. Maurice slowly put down his knife. Harriet, on the other hand, prayed for the floor to split open so that she could hurl herself into the crack.

Rosamond was furious. She had been in the business world for many years and had met a lot of people. She thought that no matter what happened, she could remain calm.

But right now, she felt sick at Kelvin's words, and she refused to take them sitting down.

Rosamond didn't tolerate anyone who insulted her.

Without saying a word, she picked up one of the glasses of red wine on the table and splashed its contents on Kelvin and Harriet.

Kelvin's clothes were instantly drenched in red wine. He was stunned for a moment and then flew into a rage.

"Rosamond Deleon, what the hell is wrong with you?"

"I was just trying to make this place a bit cleaner by washing away disgusting things. What's wrong with that?" Rosamond sneered with disdain and harshness in her eyes.

"You..."

Upon hearing her calling him a "disgusting thing", Kelvin's face turned bright red with fury.

Rosamond was a powerful and domineering woman.

After weighing the pros and cons, Kelvin chose to back down, but he still couldn't calm himself.

"Mr. Moran, my niece and I are here as your guests. Aren't you going to do something about this?"

He wanted Maurice to avenge him.

However, Maurice didn't seem to care at all. He picked up a napkin and wiped his mouth.

"Well, this was a bummer. I'm going to call it a night. Excuse me, Miss Deleon."

Maurice stood up and left.

Seeing that Corbin was still standing there, Maurice snapped, "Haven't you had enough fun here? Are you going to stay?"

"No, sir." As if waking up from a dream, Corbin immediately snapped back to his senses and followed Maurice.

The moment they were out of the restaurant, Maurice suddenly stopped and said to Corbin, "You can leave now. Get some rest."

"Okay. Thank you, sir." Then, Corbin turned to leave.

But Maurice suddenly grabbed his shoulder and looked at him with seriousness. "You are my assistant. You are not a servant to anyone. Do you understand?"

"Sir... Are you trying to protect me?"

All of a sudden, Corbin felt a little moved. Although Maurice had always been tough on him, he was still a nice boss.

Maurice got goose bumps when he saw the moved look on Corbin's face. He immediately withdrew his hand and muttered, "Try and use your brain to think next time when something like that happens, will vou?"

Sure enough... Maurice's sharp tongue was still there after all.

Hearing his words, Corbin was much less moved.

Suddenly, someone anxiously cried from behind them. It was Harriet.

"Mr. Moran, wait!"

Panting, she rushed over with red wine stains on her clothes.

Trying to catch her breath, she explained, "Mr. Moran, I'm really sorry about tonight. That's how my uncle is. And no matter what, he's an elder..."

"I'm going to stop you right there," Maurice interrupted her. "That's how your uncle is? Well, this is how I am. I don't suffer people who disrespect others."

After saying that, Maurice turned around and left without looking back.

Damn it!

Harriet was agitated. She said the wrong words again!

"Mr. Moran!"

This time, no matter how loudly she shouted after him, Maurice didn't stop. He just kept walking and walking.