

Adorable 581

[Chapter 581 Jonathan Came Back](#)

The man dressed in the gray overcoat was tall, handsome, and looked put together. He gave off an air of sophistication and virtue.

When he entered the room, everyone felt an air of authority around him. It made people tread carefully in his presence.

Jonathan paused for a moment after hearing the assistant's question. His eyes glanced at the poster of Maurice hanging outside of the airport.

"I wonder... is that Maurice?" he murmured bitterly to himself. His stoic face was laced with bitterness.

"Mr. Bowman?" the assistant addressed him tentatively.

Jonathan still hadn't responded.

He looked away from the poster before replying, "That's not necessary. Ask her to come and see me face to face."

"But..." The assistant seemed hesitant and embarrassed to continue. "Miss Pierce hasn't been in contact with us for some time. I'm worried that..." he finally said after a few moments of hesitation.

Jonathan's brows furrowed at his words. "Find a way to make it happen! Also, we need to watch Maurice now that we've lost contact with Eliana. Since he once took Eliana away and imprisoned her for some time, I'm going to bet he'll prevent me from seeing her. He's a dangerous man."

"I understand, Mr. Bowman."

The assistant had no choice but to do as Jonathan wished.

After that, they didn't speak another word.

In his head, Jonathan was muttering curses as he gazed at the strange city sprawling in front of him.

Now that he was back, he believed that there was nowhere for Eliana to run away this time.

The morning after that, Eliana woke up early to bring the children to school.

While Eliana was freshening up, Adrian entered the bathroom. Dark circles were visible underneath his eyes.

"Adrian, what were you doing last night?" Eliana asked as she took in his sleep deprived state. "Did you

have trouble sleeping?"

Adrian couldn't tell her why he didn't get much sleep last night. The truth was, he was waiting for Jonathan's reply. He stammered, "I'm fine, Mommy. I...I had a nightmare last night."

Eliana believed him and didn't push further. She packed up their belongings and brought them to the kindergarten.

Adrian was silent on the drive there. His mind was far away even while he was in class.

Aileen could tell that her brother was acting strange. "Adrian, is something wrong?" she asked tentatively. "You've been acting weird since you woke up this morning," she continued.

"Aileen..."

Adrian wanted to confess to his sister that he contacted Jonathan. However, he suddenly remembered that his sister was fond of Maurice.

Aileen would be furious with him when she discovered he had texted Jonathan behind her back and asked Jonathan to take Maurice away from them.

He hesitated as he tried to figure out how to explain himself.

"Aileen, are you sure you like Silas' uncle?" he finally asked.

"Are you talking about Mr. Moran?" Aileen's eyes lit up at the mention of Maurice. "Of course! I like him a lot," she exclaimed without hesitation.

"Why? What's so great about him?" Adrian probed.

"He's a handsome man, and he's always been nice to me. He even gave me a hug and gifted me flowers."

Aileen counted all the kind gestures Maurice had done for her on her little fingers.

Adrian interrupted her and asked, "Isn't Mr. Bowman also an attractive man who treated you well? Don't you like him?"

Aileen was surprised to hear her brother mention Jonathan. Her eyes dropped to the floor as she thought about his question. After a few moments, she responded, "It's not that I don't like Mr. Bowman. He's also a good man. Mommy doesn't seem to like him, though. I think she prefers Mr. Moran to Mr. Bowman. I like whoever Mommy likes!"

Adrian was taken aback by her words. He couldn't deny the truth in her words. There was nothing else

he could do but sigh in frustration.

It was Jonathan's fault that he failed to win their mother's heart!

Eliana rushed to the factory after dropping the twins at school.

Little did she know someone was following her.

As she was about to enter the factory, a crowd appeared out of nowhere and blocked her path.

When Eliana noticed the large group of men dressed in all black blocking her way, her heart lurched in her chest. She held her breath in fear.

Eliana was terrified by the familiar scene.

Damn it! Someone was trying to kidnap her again!

[Chapter 582 Almost Kidnapped](#)

Eliana had been kidnapped before, and she wasn't going to let that happen to her a second time. She quickly turned around and ran away.

What she didn't know was that these men had been sent by Jonathan to find her.

They did not expect that Eliana would be on her toes. Before they could say anything, she had turned around and was running as fast as she could. They had to hurry up to catch up with her.

Seeing that these men were running after her, Eliana was even surer that they were here to kidnap her.

Her past kidnapping experiences had made her smart.

She always had a few self-defense items on her.

When some men were about to catch up with her, she took out a pepper spray from her bag and sprayed it crazily into their eyes. The men were caught off guard and many of them fell to the ground because of the pain of the pepper in their eyes.

Eliana shouted for help as she ran into the factory.

"Help! Help me! Someone is trying to kidnap me!"

Her cry for help immediately alerted some workers in the factory and they all ran out. They were stunned to see a group of men in black chasing after Eliana.

"Miss Pierce!" Brevard was the first to rush over. He stood in front of Eliana and shouted at the men

chasing after her, "Who on earth are you?"

When the men in black saw that the people coming out of the factory to protect Eliana vastly outnumbered them, they had no choice but to retreat for the time being.

It wasn't until the men had retreated that Brevard heaved a sigh of relief. He wiped the sweat on his head and asked with concern, "Miss Pierce, who were those people? What did they want from you?"

Eliana was just as confused as anyone was.

To the best of her knowledge, she kept a low-profile recently. Who could want to harm her?

Eliana tried to think of anyone who might have a grudge against her.

Her face suddenly darkened. There were so many people who could want to kidnap her! She couldn't tell which one of them had sent these men.

After a while, she looked at Brevard and said nervously, "I really have no idea who sent them here. It's probably someone who hates me for some reason."

Brevard was speechless. He couldn't help asking, "Miss Pierce, why would someone hate you?"

Eliana could only answer with a wry smile, "To be honest, I have a lot of enemies. However, I can't say why they hate me!"

Seeing that she didn't look well, Brevard asked no more. However, he was a little worried.

He visited Hodge in hospital yesterday and asked the nurse who attended to Hodge how Hodge got to the hospital. He also heard rumors.

From what he heard, Hodge had been sent to the hospital because of Eliana.

Moreover, there was once a conflict between Hodge's son and Eliana. The whole hospital knew about this.

Brevard was lost in thought. Seeing him absent-minded, Eliana thought that he was worried about her, and she was deeply moved.

"Mr. Wallace, I'm fine. You know, the cops have been doing a terrible job recently, and there are more hooligans in our streets. Those men were probably just young thugs. They surely wanted to kidnap me and ask for a ransom." she said, hoping that Brevard would stop worrying about her.

"Well... Maybe you are right!"

Although Brevard said so, he didn't seem reassured at all.

In fact, it wasn't that he cared so much about Eliana. He was just worried that he and the people in the factory might be injured because of her, just like Hodge.

Outside the factory, Jonathan's men didn't leave. They hid not far away and observed the factory.

They did not dare to act in a rash. After all, there were too many people in the factory. If they acted rashly, they might leave clues that could incriminate them later. It would be difficult to deal with that.

Rutherford Schneider, the leader of the men in black, saw that storming the factory was not an option at all. So he pulled out his cell phone and called Jonathan.

"Mr. Bowman, we have found Eliana, but there are many people around her now, so we can't get close to her. What should we do now?"

Jonathan's calm voice came from the other end of the line.

"Since you can't get her, go get her two children and bring them back. Eliana cares the most about her children and I miss them too..."

There was something in Jonathan's gentle tone that made Rutherford feel a chill.

"Alright, Mr. Bowman. We shall complete the task."

Rutherford was but a pawn in the eyes of these mighty men. He didn't care about anything other than getting his job done.

[Chapter 583 A Member Of The Moran family](#)

It was already time for the children to leave the kindergarten.

Standing at the gate of the kindergarten, Adrian and Aileen waited for Eliana to come pick them up.

But today, something unusual happened. Two strange men suddenly appeared at the gate of the kindergarten. They looked around the kindergarten as if looking for someone.

The teacher quickly noticed these men and walked over. "Hello, who are you?" she asked.

"We are here to pick up Aileen and Adrian," one of the men answered.

Just as they said so, they saw Aileen and Adrian standing not far away. Without another word, they walked straight towards the two children.

"Hello, children. I'm an employee of your mother, Miss Pierce. She had something important to do today and couldn't pick you up. So she asked us to pick you up."

The two men smiled kindly at the two children.

Aileen and Adrian looked at each other and immediately became alert.

"Sir, my sister and I don't know you. We can't go with you. We will wait for our mommy to pick us up," Adrian said firmly while pulling Aileen behind him.

"Yes, Mommy said that we should never go with strangers," Aileen replied, hiding behind her brother. She stared vigilantly at the strange men in front of her.

"Gentlemen, I'm sorry, we can't let anyone pick up children here unless their parents come in person."

The teacher had just walked over and stood in front of the children.

However, despite what the teacher said, the two men still didn't want to give up. The situation persisted for a while.

Soon, the noise at the gate attracted the attention of Silas.

He had already gotten into the car and the driver was about to start the car when he saw the altercation at the gate of the kindergarten. Realizing that something was wrong, he turned back at once.

"Aileen, Adrian, what's wrong?" Silas asked as he walked over.

"These two people insist that they know our mommy and want us to go with them. We don't want to go with them!"

Aileen stepped forward and told Silas what was going on.

Silas stared at the two nervous men in front of him. He had a bad feeling.

"Who the hell are you? Either you tell me or I call Miss Pierce to ask her directly," Silas said firmly.

Hearing that, the men were speechless. What could they say now?

"You guys seem up to no good! Miss, call the police quickly! We'll have them arrested!" Silas ordered the teacher at once.

Seeing that the matter was getting out of hand, the two men looked at each other with a fierce look on their faces.

When the teacher was not noticing, they opened the gate of the kindergarten.

At this time, there were many children waiting at the door. The children ran out excitedly. Teachers and security guards struggled to stop the children, while parents waiting outside were eager to find their children. The scene was a total chaos for a moment.

The men in black took advantage of the chaos to grab Aileen and Adrian.

However, the moment the door was opened, Silas instinctively held the hands of Aileen and Adrian. No matter how hard the two men tried to pull the kids, Silas didn't let go of them.

Seeing that Silas wouldn't let go, one of the men cursed in his heart and said, "Damn it! Well, we'll take the three of them."

The two men picked up the three children at once. With their hands covering the kids' mouths, they rushed out.

Unfortunately, Silas' bodyguards were all in the car now. It was a real chaos at the gate of the kindergarten. The bodyguards were also blocked outside by the crowd and could only watch as the three children were taken away.

Rutherford's car was parked not far away, and he was waiting for his men and the kids. The men rushed to Rutherford's car and jumped into it. Within seconds, the car was gone.

Serendipitously, Earle came to pick up his great-grandson today on a whim and also wanted to take the opportunity to see Aileen and Adrian.

His motorcade arrived at the gate of the kindergarten exactly when the men were abducting the three children, and they witnessed the whole scene.

Who was so bold as to abduct his great-grandson, especially in broad daylight?

Earle initially panicked and shouted to his men, "Hurry up! Catch up with the car in front of us!"

The driver also realized the seriousness of the matter and pressed hard on the accelerator.

Meanwhile, the two men who had just abducted the three children didn't dare to do anything to them.

After all, the twins were the children of the woman their boss loved. These men didn't dare to harm the kids.

After carefully fastening their seatbelts, Rutherford threatened the kids in a low voice. "Be obedient. Nothing will happen if you don't make a fuss, got it?"

Silas' face was pale with fear. However, he still didn't let go of the hands of Aileen and Adrian. He reassured them in a low voice, "We will be fine. Don't be afraid..."

Fortunately, although Aileen and Adrian initially panicked, they quickly calmed down.

As the elder, Silas forced himself to be tough, so he could protect the Aileen and Adrian.

He stared at Jonathan's men and snapped, "Do you know who I am? How dare you kidnap me? My family won't let you go if they know it!"

Jonathan's men burst into laughter when they heard Silas' words.

They had been hired by the CEO of the Universe Group. How could they be afraid of a kid's threats?

Rutherford muffled his laughter and said casually, "Little brat, you are so arrogant. Tell me, which family are you from?"

"The Moran family!"

As soon as those three words came out of Silas' mouth, a heavy silence fell in the car.

[Chapter 584 Let Us Go Now](#)

After Silas mentioned that he came from the Moran family, the car suddenly halted.

Earle's cars were chasing after them.

The driver was alarmed by what Silas said and anxiously looked back at the vehicles following them.

The Moran family was famous in the local area. If he offended the family, he would meet a terrible end.

Rutherford could tell that the driver was having second thoughts. He threatened, "What's the matter? Are you afraid? Does the Moran family scare you? How about Mr. Bowman? Aren't you afraid of him?"

The driver trembled at the thought of what Jonathan could do to him.

He couldn't afford to offend either of those people!

Another man reasoned, "Besides, what the child said might not be true. As far as I know, Maurice doesn't have a son."

Mr. Bowman! Jonathan!

All of a sudden, a thought occurred to Adrian. "Are you referring to Jonathan Bowman?" he blurted out.

Rutherford ruffled Adrian's hair with a slight smile on his face. In an ominous voice, he said, "Good boy. You're right. I thought you would be happy to hear the news. I know you've missed Mr. Bowman."

Jonathan was behind all of this!

Adrian's eyes filled with tears at his words. Realization dawned on him.

Adrian blamed himself for what happened.

If he hadn't texted Jonathan, they wouldn't have gotten caught!

He didn't expect Jonathan to go after him and his sister. Now even Silas was in danger.

If they went missing, Eliana would be worried!

Rutherford was still ruffling Adrian's hair. Adrian felt nauseous. He made up his mind at that moment. Suddenly, he bit Rutherford firmly without hesitation.

"Ouch!"

Adrian latched onto Rutherford as hard as he could. Rutherford immediately withdrew his hand as he howled in pain.

"You brat!"

Rutherford rubbed his hand and glared at Adrian.

He was a man who was skilled at dealing with people from all works of life. Never in his life had he ever been hurt by a child. Anger simmered inside of him.

He lifted his hand and was about to lash out at the child when someone yelled, "Adrian!"

Aileen was about to pounce on Rutherford, but Silas got to him faster and bumped his head against Rutherford.

The movement came from nowhere, and Rutherford didn't have time to dodge. His head spun, and his vision blurred.

"Damn it!"

Rutherford was infuriated. He was so furious that he turned his head towards the weakest child, which was Aileen.

As he was about to slap her, the car suddenly stopped.

Rutherford lost his balance and lurched forward. After that, Adrian and Silas held Aileen away from him.

"What the hell is going on?"

Rutherford raised his head with a murderous expression on his face.

"Shit! Rutherford, they're coming after us!" The driver scrambled to start the car.

He wanted to drive the car away, but there was nowhere for them to go.

Their car was surrounded by Earle's cars.

When Rutherford's car halted, Earle stepped out of his Rolls-Royce and approached. There was an air of authority in him, and his eyes were fierce.

He slammed his cane against the window and shouted, "Open the door! Now!"

Silas was filled with hope when he saw Earle.

"You see that man out there? He's my great-grandfather! There's nowhere for you to go! Let us go now!"

As Rutherford gazed at the vehicles surrounding them, he realized that the child must have been telling the truth. Silas was a member of the Moran family!

"Rutherford... We're... What should we do?"

The driver was so terrified that he couldn't form coherent sentences.

Rutherford's brows furrowed as he thought of a way to maneuver out of this sticky situation.

He earned a living by doing illegal things, and he couldn't afford to get caught by the Moran family.

When the two sides reached a stalemate, Adrian spoke up. "I advise you to think about what you'll do next. Jonathan even wanted to kidnap children. I don't think he cares about his men. If you got caught, do you think he would go out of his way to save you?"

The expression on Rutherford's face changed.

Silas immediately understood what Adrian was trying to do. He was trying to get Rutherford to turn against Jonathan. "The best thing for you to do is to let us go. If you let us leave the car, I can persuade my great-grandfather to let you go."

Rutherford gazed out the window and knew he couldn't take the twins today.

Silas had provided him with a way to escape.

Rutherford suddenly looked down at the three children inside the car and came to a conclusion. The best thing for him was to let them go and attempt to run away.

However, he wasn't sure if his plan would work.

He didn't think the Moran family would let him go without paying the consequences.

[Chapter 585 Earle Fell Ill Again](#)

At this time, Rutherford changed his mind. He came up with a better way to escape.

He suddenly grabbed Silas, turned to Earle, and threatened, "I will only give you the children back if you ask your men to back away immediately."

When Earle saw Silas' pale face, he felt distressed.

"Okay, I can do that."

Earle turned to his bodyguards and nodded, hinting at them to follow Rutherford's demand. The bodyguards all stepped back at once.

The next second, Rutherford opened the car door and threw Silas out.

Earle was the nearest to the car. So when he saw Silas, he immediately threw his walking stick away, rushed forward, and caught Silas.

But at this moment, Rutherford also ruthlessly threw Adrian and Aileen out of the car.

"Ahhh!" the kids screamed in unison.

But Earle was not a coward. He first caught Aileen, the most frightened one, and immediately held her in his arms. Then he didn't forget to protect the two boys too.

Earle was old, but he was still strong. And perhaps because of the adrenaline rush, he saved the three children at one time.

Looking at the three children all safe and sound in his arms, he breathed a sigh of relief.

"Mr. Moran, it's you!" Aileen shouted excitedly upon seeing Earle's face clearly.

Earle smiled kindly at the three children and asked, "Are you all right?"

The three children shook their heads altogether.

At this moment, Rutherford and his men took advantage of the situation when Earle was not paying attention. They started the car, crashed into a luxury car ahead, and rushed forward.

As the two cars collided, there was an ear-splitting sound. It was so loud that it even resounded through the sky. And the fire instantly ignited.

"Ahhh!" Aileen screamed in horror.

"Aileen!" Adrian and Silas called out in unison.

The loud crash startled Aileen, so Adrian and Silas immediately stretched out their hands and covered her ears.

Although Aileen was terrified, she instinctively reached out and covered Earle's ears.

For a moment, the scene looked unusually harmonious.

Since Earle was holding the three children in his arms, he didn't move at all. Their safety mattered more to him than the small explosion.

But Aileen's soft hands suddenly covered his ears, and she said sweetly, "Mr. Moran, don't be afraid. Don't be afraid..."

Earle looked down at her and saw that her cute little face was full of worries. He thought that his heart was already as hard as steel. But at this moment, he felt that it had melted.

Rutherford escaped with his companions in their car, but no one was in the mood to care about them at this time.

Aleck and the bodyguards worriedly ran towards Earle one after another.

They all knew that he had a weak heart. If anything happened to him, none of them could be held responsible for it.

"Mr. Moran, are you alright?" Aleck was the first to rush over and asked Earle.

"Don't worry about me. I'm fine. Check on the three children. They are more important."

After saying this, Earle gently put down Aileen. Then he reached out and touched the heads of Silas and Adrian. He picked up his walking stick on the ground, looking energetic.

"Mr. Moran, come with me and take your medicine first," Aleck urged, still a little scared.

At first, Earle hesitated. But finally, he compromised and walked towards the car with Aleck. But after taking a few steps, he looked back and smiled at the children.

"Don't worry. I'll be back soon."

The three children felt relieved when they saw his smile.

When Adrian recalled how Earle had rescued them valiantly just now, he couldn't help praising, "Silas, your great-grandfather is awesome! When he knocked on the bad guy's car window just now, he looked like a superhero. He was so handsome!"

"Yes, that's right! Your great-grandpa is so cool."

This time, Aileen agreed with Adrian, which was rare to happen.

Silas was still agitated. But when he heard their praises, he was in a good mood. He felt proud of having such a brave great-grandfather.

But then, something suddenly happened. After taking a few steps forward, Earle clutched his chest. His heart was suddenly cramped. He was in so much pain that he trembled all over.

Aleck immediately supported Earle's arm and said worriedly, "Mr. Moran!"

But Earle broke away from Aleck's grip and shook his head. The children were looking at him. He couldn't let them worry about him.

For the children not to notice that he was not feeling well, he endured the pain and waved his walking stick to the three children behind him.

But Silas was very keen. He immediately noticed that something was wrong with Aleck's expression. Something must be wrong with Earle.

He could tell that Earle was weak and only pretending to be alright. The expression on his face greatly changed as he shouted, "Great-grandpa, stop!"

Earle's pain became more and more unbearable. His eyes darkened, and he fell to the ground in a coma.

[Chapter 586 Their Mommy's Name](#)

"Mr. Moran!"

"Mr. Moran!"

"Great-grandpa!"

Aleck and the three kids shouted at the same time.

"Take Mr. Moran to the hospital right away! Hurry up!" Aleck shouted.

They all got together to carry Earle into the car.

The kids got in the car in turn and sat beside the unconscious Earle.

As soon as they were all in the car, the driver stepped on the gas pedal and the car sped towards the hospital.

By this time, Aleck had calmed down. He took out his phone and quickly called Maurice.

"Mr. Moran, your grandfather has a heart attack. We are on our way to the hospital..."

Aleck had no time to finish his words as Maurice had already hung up. Aleck guessed that Maurice was already on his way to the hospital.

Soon the car arrived at the hospital. Earle's doctor had already been notified and was waiting for them at the entrance to the hospital. As soon as the car stopped, they got Earle out of the car and put him on the stretcher. The doctor, accompanied by two nurses, immediately rushed Earle to the emergency room.

Earle was quickly taken care of and the diagnosis showed that he did not suffer from anything alarming. He had just had a panic attack.

Earle woke up shortly afterwards.

Everyone finally felt relieved.

As Aileen stared at the old man lying listlessly in the bed, she had the feeling that this scene was familiar to her.

"Oh, no!" Aileen suddenly exclaimed in panic. She patted her head and said nervously, "Adrian, we forgot to tell Mommy! You remember what happened last time? We stayed at the hospital for a long time and Mommy was worried about us. She was so angry. We need to call Mommy right now!"

Adrian immediately recalled the matter his sister was referring to and nodded. "You are right!"

Hearing the children's conversation, Earle was impressed.

Adrian and Aileen were so young, but they were sensible and considerate. It was really rare.

"Aleck, come here." Earle looked at Aleck who was standing by the bed and ordered, "Go with the kids and help them call their mother. Explain the situation clearly to their mother this time. Make sure you don't cause any misunderstanding like last time."

"Alright, Mr. Moran," Aleck replied.

Aleck then led the twins out of the ward. Meanwhile, Silas stayed in the room with Earle.

In the corridor of the hospital, Aleck took out his phone and asked the twins their mother's phone number. Then he dialed it.

While the call was in progress, Aleck casually asked the twins, "What's your mother's name?"

"Eliana Pierce! My mommy's name is Eliana Pierce. It's a pretty name, isn't it?" Aileen said proudly in a sweet voice.

Aleck was stunned and his eyes widened in disbelief. He couldn't believe his ears.

Did he hear this little girl clearly just now?

Did the little girl say her mother was Eliana Pierce?

What a coincidence!

Aleck was utterly stunned. He thought of Eliana whom he had seen a few times.

While he was lost in thoughts, a familiar voice came from the other end of the line.

"Hello, who's it?"

It turned out he didn't mishear Aileen just now. It was really Eliana's voice!

She was the mother of these twins.

Aleck was confused. He had lots of questions to ask Eliana, but he knew it was not a good time to ask.

He had to do as Earle said first.

"Miss Pierce? I'm Aleck Hinks, Mr. Earle Moran's assistant."

"Mr. Moran's assistant!" At the other end of the phone, Eliana was a little uneasy when the man introduced himself. "Is there anything that Mr. Moran wants you to tell me?" she asked nervously.

Aleck hurriedly explained, "No! Actually, there was an accident today, and Mr. Moran and your children are in the hospital now. Your kids care about Mr. Moran, so they and Silas decided to stay here with Mr. Moran. You can rest assured that I will send them back safely later."

Eliana's nervousness grew at the mention of the hospital.

Why were Earle and her children at the hospital?

Eliana was very worried.

"Can you make a video call so that I can talk to my kids?" Eliana asked.

Aleck had no reason to refuse. He did the video call and handed the phone to Aileen.

"Mommy!" Aileen greeted Eliana as soon as she took the phone.

"Sweetie, tell me, what's going on?"

"Mommy, Silas' great-grandfather had a heart attack. Can Adrian and I stay here with him?" Aileen asked with genuine concern in her voice.

Eliana saw the familiar bodyguards standing next to Aileen.

She knew for sure that her kids were with Earle.

Eliana actually didn't want her children to have much contact with Earle.

But she couldn't ignore the relationship between the twins and Earle. Moreover, now that Earle was hospitalized, Eliana didn't have the heart to ask Adrian and Aileen to leave the old man at the hospital and come back home.

"Okay, you can stay. But you and Adrian have to behave well there, okay? Don't cause trouble!"

Eliana finally agreed to Aileen's request.

"Mommy, you're the best!"

Aileen was overjoyed and she happily returned the phone to Aleck.

"Thank you for taking care of my kids. Please, remember to send them back early," Eliana said earnestly to Aleck.

Then she hung up the phone.

At this very moment, Maurice walked out of the elevator.

[Chapter 587 The Twins' Father](#)

Maurice bolted out of the elevator and quickly stormed towards the ward. "Aleck, how is Grandpa doing?" he asked worriedly.

Aleck, who clutched his phone in his hand, looked up at Maurice in a daze.

All of a sudden, a question popped up in his head.

If the twins were Eliana's children, how were they related to Maurice?

Was Maurice the father of the children?

It seemed like a wild guess to him. He didn't dare to think about it more unless he had evidence to back it up.

Aleck was immersed in his thoughts and didn't notice the expression on Maurice's face shifting. His face grew more severe as time passed.

Maurice waited for Aleck to answer and thought his silence meant that Earle was doing worse than expected.

At the thought of this, Maurice turned to the ward. All of a sudden, a small hand gripped his.

Aileen looked up at Maurice with sympathetic eyes. "Mr. Maurice Moran, don't be alarmed. Mr. Earle Moran is doing well!"

Adrian stood beside her and glared at Maurice.

That was the moment that Maurice noticed the twins' presence. "What are they doing here?" he asked Aleck.

"Well... It's a long story. I'm not sure if you'll want to hear it. Your grandfather went to pick up Silas. He noticed that the three children got kidnapped, and then saved them. The situation distressed him, so he was sent to the hospital."

Aleck explained the recent events as briefly as he could, and Maurice's eyes darkened. Maurice could only imagine the kind of danger they faced.

"Kidnapped? Who were they trying to kidnap? Was it Silas? Or was it the twins?" Maurice grimaced.

Aleck hesitated for a moment before he answered. "I don't think those people were after Silas," he said with uncertainty.

His words implied that the kidnapers intended to target Aileen and Adrian.

Maurice's thoughts raced in his head.

He thought he had concealed Silas' identity well. If the kidnapers held Silas for ransom, they should have come after him from the start. Why would they go out of their way to abduct two other children?

That could only mean one thing. They intentionally targeted the twins.

Why would anyone go after them?

It became obvious to Maurice that the men wanted the twins to threaten Eliana.

Who would dare to do such a thing?

The Stone family recently learned their lesson for attempting to mess with him. They wouldn't do anything for the time being.

Did Eliana have other enemies that he didn't know about?

Maurice was bewildered by the situation. He looked down at the twins and tried to get some clues from them.

"Who do you think was behind your kidnapping today?" he asked the twins.

Aileen shook her head in reply. It seemed like she knew nothing.

Maurice turned his head towards Adrian and noticed the way the boy's body tensed at the mention of the kidnapping.

Based on the expression on Adrian's face, Maurice knew there was something the boy wasn't telling him.

Maurice squatted so he could be at eye level with Adrian and looked into his eyes.

"Adrian, do you know something?"

Adrian guiltily looked away from his piercing eyes. He murmured, "I don't know anything."

Maurice could tell he was lying.

He could tell that the boy was hiding something, so he gently urged Adrian on.

"Are you sure you don't know anything?"

Adrian was no match for Maurice no matter what tactic he tried to evade Maurice's questions. He had no choice but to tell the truth.

Adrian was about to open his mouth and confess when Earle's voice suddenly came from inside the ward.

"Maurice, come inside!"

Earle's voice caught Maurice's attention. Adrian breathed a sigh of relief.

Maurice took one last look at Adrian, who bit his lip tightly. He stood up and said to Aleck, "Please send the twins home. I don't want their family to worry about them."

Aleck could tell that Maurice had a close relationship with the twins and their mother. He instantly knew that Maurice was aware Eliana was the twins' mother.

What could his relationship be with the children?

Aleck blurted out, "Mr. Moran, it seems like you know these children are Eliana's. Do you know who their father is? Could it be... Are you their father?"

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Maurice was a little stunned by Aleck's words. But when he came back to his senses, he immediately denied Aleck's speculation.

"No," he said firmly.

"Then who is the father of the twins..."

Aleck still wanted to ask something, but Maurice, who was already in a bad mood, interrupted him, "It's none of your business. It has nothing to do with you. Just do your job well."

Maurice didn't need others to remind him again and again that the twins were not his children and that Eliana had once belonged to another man.

When Aleck noticed that Maurice already looked impatient, he had no choice but to shut his mouth.

After a while, Maurice broke the silence and added, "And don't mention the twin's identity to my grandpa. Especially now that he is in poor health and can't bear any stimulation."

"I understand, sir."

Aleck understood it clearly.

Earle liked the twins so much. If he found out that their mother was the woman he hated, he would definitely not be able to accept it.

Besides, the twins' biological father was still a mystery.

After making sure that Aleck understood what he meant, Maurice turned around and walked into the ward.

Earle was lying weakly in the bed with a pale face. Silas sat beside him, watching over him.

As soon as Earle saw Maurice, he immediately snapped, "What did you tell Aileen and Adrian outside? Do you think I didn't see it? You are an adult, but you still don't know how to get along with children. Why do you like making things difficult for them? Are you not embarrassed?"

Earle scolded Maurice fiercely.

But considering Earle's health condition, Maurice didn't dare to retort. He could only explain, "I just asked them if they knew who the kidnappers were."

"Are you serious? They are just five-year-old kids. What can they know?" Earle tried his best to stand up for the twins. "The two kids have just been kidnapped. So you must know how much they've suffered. Why do you have to make things difficult for them? I'll leave the matter to you. Go and find out who wants to hurt them."

He couldn't believe that someone in this city had dared to hurt his people. Didn't they know him? They'd better find a good place to hide. Because if he found them, he would definitely make them pay a hefty price.

Silas also spoke up to defend the twins. "Uncle Maurice, don't make things difficult for Aileen and Adrian. It's not their fault. What if those bad guys only target them because they are too close to me? It only means that it's me who implicates them, right?"

Maurice was rendered speechless after hearing their words.

He must admit that Aileen and Adrian were both adorable. But he still couldn't help wondering what they had done to make his family defend and protect them.

"Okay, Grandpa. Rest well and recuperate here. You can rest assured that I will find out who the kidnappers are."

Maurice agreed to do it not only to make Earle and Silas feel at ease but also for the safety of Eliana and the twins.

At this moment, Aleck sent Aileen and Adrian home. He was still full of doubts.

Eliana had been waiting downstairs for a long time. The moment she saw the two children get out of the car, she immediately rushed over and hugged them.

"Kids, how are you? Are you alright?"

"We are fine, Mommy. We are here now," Aileen immediately answered. It seemed that her mood was not affected by the kidnapping.

In contrast to Aileen's mood, Adrian looked preoccupied.

Eliana looked at Aleck and said, "Hello, Mr. Hinks. Can you tell me what happened today?"

Aleck then explained the whole story of today's kidnapping incident to her.

"Kidnapping? Someone wants to kidnap Aileen and Adrian? But... How can that be?"

Eliana's restless heart had already calmed down. But upon hearing Aleck's words, she became anxious again.

"Yes, that's right. We are really sorry that we haven't caught the kidnappers yet. For now, please be more careful. We don't know who the enemy is yet. The Moran family is doing their best to hunt down the kidnappers. And they will also send some people to guard you. So don't worry so much," Aleck assured Eliana to calm her down.

But Eliana was not in the mood to listen to him. She suddenly thought of how she was almost kidnapped before.

Could it be that the same person was behind both kidnappings? Since those people failed to abduct her before, they targeted Aileen and Adrian this time.

This terrifying conjecture sent a chill down her spine. She felt so cold all over that she felt like her blood almost froze.

Who was that person? Who on earth was targeting them?

Eliana felt like she was shrouded by a dark mist. No matter how hard she tried, she couldn't clearly see the person hiding behind the thick dark fog. But she felt like that person was only waiting for a perfect opportunity to attack her.

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Aleck noticed that Eliana was lost in thought, so he didn't disturb her. He gave her enough time to think.

It took Eliana a long time to come back to her senses.

Then she turned to Aleck and said, "Mr. Hinks, I really thank you and Mr. Moran for today. If the two of you hadn't been there, the consequences would have been unimaginable."

She expressed her gratitude to Aleck with a pale face.

"You don't need to thank me. Mr. Moran is very close to the two children, especially to Aileen. He thinks that Aileen looks like his granddaughter, so he cares about the two children so much," Aleck explained patiently in a somewhat intriguing tone.

Eliana couldn't help sighing in her heart. She knew why Earle felt so close to Adrian and Aileen. And that was because he and the twins were related by blood. Mixed emotions overwhelmed her.

Earle didn't know that the twins were his great-grandchildren, but he still had a deep affection for them. He even saved them by accident. Eliana wondered what his reaction would be if he found out the truth about the twins' identity.

Eliana looked at Aleck and said, "Mr. Hinks, if you need any clue about the kidnapers, you can contact me anytime. I will do my best to help you find them."

Aleck was a little tempted. Actually, there was really something he wanted to ask Eliana. However, it was not about the kidnapers but the twins.

He pondered for a while. Finally, he decided to ignore Maurice's warning.

"Miss Pierce, if you don't mind, may I ask if the father of the twins is..."

But before he could finish his words, Eliana's loud voice interrupted him.

"No! He is not."

When she said this, she even wanted to cover the ears of the two children with a guilty conscience, but of course, she wasn't able to do that.

"Miss Pierce..."

Aleck wanted to continue asking, but he was interrupted by Eliana again.

"Well, Mr. Hinks... Thank you for sending the kids back today. We'll go inside now."

She didn't want to say anything to Aleck anymore, so she directly took Aileen and Adrian upstairs.

Aleck had no choice but to watch their receding backs. But he couldn't help frowning as his confusion deepened.

Eliana didn't even let him finish his words. And he had not mentioned Maurice's name, but she already knew he was referring to Maurice. She immediately denied the relationship between her two children and Maurice.

Obviously, Eliana was trying to evade this question. Was she hiding something?

In the hospital, Maurice categorically denied that he was the twins' father. But what if there was only a misunderstanding?

Aleck was an outsider, but he clearly knew what blood relationships and family affection were.

Maurice, Earle, and Silas all had special feelings for Aileen and Adrian. It was undeniable that the two children were lovable. But there must be a deeper reason for their affection.

One possibility was that the twins might be Maurice's children.

And with Eliana's strange reaction just now, Aleck confirmed his guess even more.

But at the moment, he had no evidence to prove it, so he could only keep it to himself.

Aleck had been working for Earle for so many years. Of course, the word "loyalty" had long been carved in his heart. So he decided to figure it out.

Then he thought of someone.

Corbin. He might be of help.

Corbin had been working for Maurice over the years, so he must know a lot of inside information.

At the thought of this, Aleck called Corbin directly.

At this moment, Corbin was with Maurice, looking for clues about the kidnappers.

He was confused to receive a sudden phone call from Aleck.

But Aleck was his mentor, after all. So after hesitating for a while, he answered the phone without telling Maurice.

"Aleck, what can I do for you?"

Aleck asked straightforwardly, "Corbin, is Mr. Moran the father of Eliana's children?"

Corbin was so shocked that he was stunned. It took him a long time to come back to his senses.

"Where did you get that information? Forget it. It's not the time to be concerned about it. The twins are not Mr. Moran's children. Eliana has already denied it personally."

"I don't believe it," Aleck retorted excitedly. "There must be something wrong with that. Go check it carefully."

"That thing..." Corbin paused for a moment before explaining, "Actually, Mr. Moran had asked Eliana the same question before. But she firmly refused to admit that the twins were his children. Mr. Moran has high self-esteem, so he believed what Eliana said and didn't investigate. He even didn't allow us to mention anything about it."

After listening to Corbin's explanation, Aleck rolled his eyes. He couldn't help cursing, "Are you a fool? Do you really think Eliana was telling the truth? If you haven't even thought about it, you'd better quit your job now."

After saying this, he hung up the phone angrily.

Corbin fell into deep thought. At this moment, some clues he chose to ignore before surfaced in his mind.

The more he thought about the twins' birth, the more suspicious he became. Was Jonathan really their father?

For the sake of Maurice's happiness, he decided to find out the truth.

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That night, sitting on the edge of the bed, Eliana was reading fairy tales to Aileen and Adrian.

After such a hectic day, Aileen was so tired that she fell asleep early.

Adrian, meanwhile, couldn't stop thinking about the fact that they were nearly kidnapped. He tossed and turned in bed and couldn't fall asleep.

Eliana had just finished reading the story and was about to leave the room when a small hand suddenly grabbed hers.

"Mommy, I can't fall asleep. Can you stay with me?" Adrian asked in a low voice, looking at Eliana earnestly.

Adrian was not the kind of child constantly asking for attention. So, Eliana couldn't say no to him now.

"Okay, I'll stay with you."

So Eliana lay down in Adrian's bed and held him in her arms.

"Is there anything bothering my darling baby? Tell me please," Eliana said in a sweet voice.

Adrian buried his head in Eliana's chest, hesitating to tell her or not. Finally, he decided to confess what he had done.

"Mommy, I'm sorry. What happened today was all my fault..."

"Honey, why did you say that?" Eliana asked in surprise.

With a guilty look on his face, Adrian explained, "Yes, it was all my fault. I was the one who secretly contacted Mr. Bowman. I think the men who tried to kidnap us today were sent by him. I'm sorry, Mommy. I didn't think Mr. Bowman was such a bad person!"

Eliana was stunned at the mention of Jonathan.

She thought he was still abroad.

Did he come back?

Eliana was utterly shocked by what Adrian said. She couldn't believe that it was Jonathan who tried to kidnap her and her children, let alone that it was Adrian who called him back.

Eliana said nothing for a long moment, lost in thought. Her long silence made Adrian feel more and more depressed, and tears welled up in his eyes.

"Mommy, did I get you in trouble?" Adrian asked in a sad voice.

Hearing her son's words, Eliana quickly came to her senses. She stroked the little boy's head and comforted him, "Don't worry, honey. I will solve it. Everything will be fine. You don't have to feel guilty. Mr. Bowman is not a bad guy. He probably just wants to see you, but he didn't do it the right way."

It took a long time for Eliana to calm Adrian down and let him fall asleep peacefully.

When Eliana finally left the children's room, the anger she had been suppressing all along flared up, and her face darkened instantly.

Jonathan had helped her a lot. She could never pay him back for all he had done for her and the

children. But how could he try to kidnap her kids?

While Eliana was lost in thoughts, her phone rang. She checked the caller ID and saw it was an incoming call from a strange number.

After thinking for a while, Eliana answered the phone.

"Hello?"

"Eliana..."

A deep and magnetic voice came from the other end of the phone, and Eliana almost immediately recognized the person speaking.

"Jonathan!"

"Absolutely! Long time no see. How are you doing recently?"

Jonathan's voice was mixed with smile.

Just by listening to this voice, Eliana could already see in her mind the beautiful and gentle face of the man.

But when she thought about what he had done, it chilled her to the bone.

"Jonathan, why did you try to kidnap my children?" Eliana asked curtly.

She wasn't in the mood to chat with him, so she cut to the chase.

"It's been so long since we've seen each other. Why are you so cold to me? I just want to see you. I couldn't reach you since you even changed your phone number, so I came up with this idea."

It was only then that Eliana remembered she had indeed changed her phone number to avoid being called by Maurice.

She later on sent her new phone number to her close friends, except for Jonathan.

She just didn't want to tell him her new number.

"So since you couldn't find me, you decided to use my children as leverage to make me come to you?"

"Don't be mad. You're so lovable. I hired Kimora, but she lied to me in order to help you in the end."

Jonathan's casual words made Eliana's hair stand on end.

He had found Kimora!

"What did you do to Kimora?" Eliana asked almost in a roar.

"Don't worry. Kimora's precious grandson and granddaughter had a small accident and she went to take care of them. There's really nothing to worry about!"

Jonathan's tone was extremely gentle, but Eliana sensed a strong threat in it.

She took a deep breath, trying to suppress her surging emotions. "Jonathan, what on earth do you want from me?"

Eliana had known Jonathan for many years, and she knew that he was way more terrifying than Maurice.

The difference between Maurice and Jonathan was that, Maurice would never hurt her, let alone hurt her children.