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The billionaires heirs

Ashley...

They look from me to Adrian with wide eyes. "So Daddy is finished saving the world?" Ashton asked and I nodded. I saw the confused look on Adrian's face but shrugged.

"We have a daddy now?" Isabella asks as she looks at Adrian, who smiles at her.

"Yes, baby, daddy is back, and that daddy is Adrian." 1

Ashton smiles and lunges into Adrian's arms, wrapping his arms around his neck. Adrian wraps his arms around his body and stands up, smiling.

Isabella looks at me. "The other people won't need Daddy anymore?" she asked.

I shake my head. "No, baby, you see, the big boss told your father that he can go home to his family and that someone else will take over," I lied.

"But does that mean that another child won't have a daddy?" she asked, concerned.

"No, baby, the big boss said that he would take someone who doesn't have kids; he knew how much you missed your father and promised never to use a daddy to be a superhero."

Isabella nodded, and once she was satisfied with my answer, she got up and ran to Adrian, yelling, "Daddy!" Adrian picks her up and the three of them hug each other. I just sit there watching them and I feel a lump in my throat at the sight of them.

"Daddy!" Isabella laughs as she pulls away. "Ashy, we have a daddy like all the other kids," she smiles, patting her brother's back, who is grinning from ear to ear.

I knew they always wanted a father figure but I didn't realize how unhappy they were. I know I have always told them that their father is out there saving the world. Seeing them smile like that makes me happy and that was all I ever wanted for my children.

"Mommy?" Isabella suddenly asks.

"Yes, baby?"

"Are we going to stay with Daddy?" she asked and I nodded.

"Really?" Ashton asked and I smiled at him. "Yes, really."

"Yippee!" Isabella and Ashton shout, grinning, as they hug Adrian again.

I got up and walked out. I needed to give the three of them space. "I love you, Daddy," I heard Ashton say.

"I love you too, angel," Adrian replied.

"And me, daddy?" Isabella asked and I could tell she had a pout.



"Of course I love you too, princess."

I listen to their laughter as I walk up to a large window that looks out over the city. After today, my whole life will change. We will move to a new country and the kids will have their father, whom they will also love as much as they love me. I won't be the only one who gets their love.

Why does he want to marry me? Why now, after all these years?

He is hiding something I can tell but don't know. I will find out and that is a promise. 2

"Ash?" I hear Adrian's voice and turn to him.

"Ash, then..."

I cut him off and said, "Don't think I did it for you because I don't give two fucks about you; I did it for them. Tell me, Adrian, why now? Why did you come back into my life? Why do you want to marry me again?" I asked.

Instead of answering me, he crashed his lips against mine, and the familiar butterflies I have always felt when he kissed me were back. My heart tells me to enjoy the moment but my mind tells me to stop as it replays the scene of him and Tonya the day I went to tell him that I'm pregnant and then the spell I was under suddenly vanishes. I pushed him away with all that I had and slapped him. "Don't you dare kiss me again! Now answer my fucking question."

"Because I love you, Ashley, I never stopped loving you. I want you

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back."

I started laughing so hard that tears were rolling down my face as Adrian watched me with a confused look. Once I stopped laughing, I looked at him and wiped my tears. "You should have been a comedian."

"I'm serious, Ash; I know I have messed up. I know what I did was wrong and I'm willing to fight for your love. Please just give me a chance," he begged but I couldn't.

"No, I can't. Did you give me a chance five years ago? No, you came home with Tonya believing her lies! You called me a whore! You even fucking slapped me! And that's all because of some fake photos you saw and the things Tonya told you! You should have trusted me but no, you chose other people over me!"



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