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"Oh, I was thinking of meeting with you. I can schedule a checkup for her in the next few days. If she passes the checkup in all indicators, she can be discharged. After that, she still needs to take the immunosuppressants over a period. As you know, she underwent a major surgery, so she might need a longer time to fully recover."

She nodded at him. "I got it." "For the time being, don't make her attend preschool until she has fully recovered. What do you think?"

"How about Jojo?" "He's fine. We will need to focus on nursing him back to health. I suggest that you don't send the kids to preschool and have them rest at home. Although kids usually bounce back fairly quickly, in this case, they need more time because they have undergone a major surgery. Health comes before anything else."

"Sure, I will take note of that."

After thanking the doctor, she went back to the room, where the three children were sleeping soundly. She went up to tuck them under the blanket, only to find Joaquin wide awake. She smiled quietly with her lips pursed and whispered to him, "Why aren't you sleeping?"

"You have something on your mind," he replied to her in a confident tone, giving her no chance to object.

She shook her head defeatedly. This little fella sure has a pair of sharp eyes. Nothing ever escapes his observation! "I do have something on my mind, but that's okay. I will slowly learn to handle my emotions."

He sat up in bed. "Maybe you can tell me about it."

She sat down at the edge of his bed and pulled him into a hug, wrapping him with the blanket. "Sure. But I don't know where to start."

"Why are you unhappy?" He put on a solemn face, sounding like an adult.

"Unhappy?" Selena did not know where to start since she only knew that she was feeling very conflicted. Although Pierre had protected her in front of his family members, she had a nagging feeling that the problem was far from over.

Firstly, she handed John the poisoned wine. Secondly, she signed the consent form for a full autopsy on John as his daughter-in-law and a suspect of his homicide. Those were some grave controversies that might never be resolved. These issues would become a thorn in the flesh for her and Pierre.

"Is it because of Daddy?"

When she heard his question, she pressed her cheek against the top of his head lovingly. "What's going on in that head of yours? How do you always guess it correctly?"

He looked at her with expectant eyes, waiting for her to pour her heart out.

"I was forced to do something, but I ended up hurting Daddy. Not only that, our relatives are complaining about it too. Because of this, Daddy is caught in the middle, and I feel troubled for putting him in a tough position."

"You said that you were forced to do something, so that means you are not in the wrong. If you are not in the wrong, why would you feel troubled?" Joaquin's reply was curt and direct.

She ran through his words and realized that he was right. Had she refused to sign the consent form for a full autopsy on John, she would not have proved her innocence; Juniper might not have received the life-saving surgery; and Fowler Corporation would have fallen into Helen's hands. If that alternative scenario happened, things would have spiralled into a full-on battle and resulted in tragedy.

She caressed his head and praised him. "You're right."

Standing outside the room, Pierre overheard their conversation and suddenly felt sorry toward Selena. He had only been focusing on his feelings and had overlooked hers. He told her to leave the past in the past, and that he did not blame her; little did he know that she was a sensitive woman who would blame herself and overthink.

"If Daddy is troubled by this problem, you won't be of any help by worrying about it. You should let Daddy solve the problem on his own." Joaquin counseled her with the maturity of an adult.