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The three children shuffled over to stand across from Pierre, looking meek and discouraged. Before Pierre opened his mouth, Joaquin quickly announced, "It was my doing! They were not involved!"

Selena stared at Joaquin in shock. Did he pull that off alone?

"Of course it was you. Apart from you, no one else has the talent to do that." Pierre's laser eyes focused on Joaquin's face. "You think you're something, huh?"

The boy stared intently at his father without any expression on his face. The tense and confrontational atmosphere was heart-gripping to watch.

"Do you think you're a genius for hacking into the electric circuit at the Oberlin Family's place? Do you think you're the best because you took revenge on behalf of your brother and sister?"

Joaquin did not say a thing.

"Why didn't you ask the adults for help? Why didn't you tell me, or at least inform Mommy?"

Had Selena not checked on the surveillance footage, she would not have learned how Jane had slapped Juniper. Since the children did not bring up the issue, she did not want to question them to avoid hurting their egos.

This was the first time Juniper was scolded by an adult. Her lips pursed tightly, and she looked like she could burst into tears at any time.

Jameson stood beside her with a dumb look on his face as though he was not involved in any of the events.

Selena wanted to go up to Pierre, but she had no idea how to interject. She could tell that he was truly angry this time.

"I could totally handle this issue." Joaquin finally blurted out a reply, sounding as firm and as confident as usual.

"How did you handle it? By using that broken laptop of yours? Do you think turning off the lights and attracting the bats would be the best way to settle things? Do you really think that is revenge?"

Joaquin went back to silence.

"Your plan is utterly stupid!" Pierre bellowed at him, causing Selena to jump in shock. At that time, Juniper promptly burst into tears and sobbed. "Daddy, don't blame Jojo. He did everything because he cared for me. Daddy, don't scold him."

"Shut up! Stop crying!" He yelled at her, and she immediately shut up, sobbing quietly in a pitiful manner.

This was likely her first time seeing her father's aggressive side. However, Jameson looked like he was used to his father's anger as he stood there expressionless.

Standing beside the kids, Selena could not find a way to mediate. She knew that Pierre lost control of his temper because he was extremely angry.

Only Joaquin had the courage to stare at Pierre in silent defiance.

On the other hand, the little girl went up to tug at Pierre's shirt, but he ignored her.

"Why are you staring at me? Are you dissatisfied?"

"I don't think there was anything wrong with my plan." Joaquin remained calm and composed, sounding like Pierre's equal.

"That's because you are as dumb as your plan!" Pierre criticized him. "Okay, you don't think there was any problem. Well then, let me tell you something! When you led your siblings to work on this plan, did you ever think that the Oberlins might have a better programmer who was keeping an eye on the systems in the castle?"

A hint of surprise flashed across Joaquin's eyes.

"The second question: did you understand the risk of playing with the foam machine with your siblings? It is one thing to be caught red-handed and chased out of the castle. More importantly, the machine itself was not safe. What would you do if you got hurt?"

Joaquin replied with silence.

"Did you ever think about the consequences of a failed plan? If anything went wrong, Mommy and I would have to take the blame because of you! Do you know what would happen if we offended the Oberlin Family?"

"Did you give it a second thought? If you were caught red-handed, you could have been handed over to the police without going through me and Mommy! Not only that, we don't know if the Oberlins would kill off troublemakers like you!"