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"He insisted on marrying me, so I submitted to him. With his wealth and influence, I thought he might be able to find my mother's bracelets, which was why I stuck with him. However, things are getting better now that I have found you, and Scott is also... He's also dead."

Both Jerry and Lindsay cried in unison, "Dead?"

"He got what he deserved. He was murdered when he was sleeping with another woman."

Although both Jerry and Lindsay felt that what happened was rather absurd, they figured it was for the best, since it meant that Linda was free from him.

"It's good that he's dead. Scum like him should've been banished to hell since long ago!" Lindsay patted Linda on the back. "Now that he's dead, you should move in with us. Keep me company, won't you?"

"Grandma, I don't think this is appropriate. I am an outsider after all, while Mr. Jason—"

"It's not Mr. Jason, and you're not an outsider! Jason is your cousin, so stop being so formal! Your uncle and aunt were thinking of coming back from your aunt's hometown today. In fact, your uncle was overjoyed when he heard that you're coming home. Back in those days, he used to dote on your mother a lot." With a smile, Lindsay patted Linda's hand as she spoke. "It's great that our family is finally reunited. We will be able to live together happily from now on, and I should be able to die without regrets now."

Linda quickly covered Lindsay's mouth. "Grandma, don't you dare mention that! You will have a long life!"

"Alright, I will live up until I am a hundred for your sake, if nothing else!"

After that, the family had a jolly meal before dispatching someone to fetch Linda home to pack her stuff. Both Lindsay and Jerry were sighing after Linda's departure. Although their daughter's death left them heartbroken, they were feeling fortunate enough to still have a granddaughter like Linda.

"Jerry, we have to do all we can to make it up to Linda. Even though she only mentioned it in passing, I can see that she had it rough as a kid. She is mature and obedient for her age."

"What good would obedience do her? Ceci also used to be such an obedient kid, but didn't you hear what happened to her?"

Jessica's death was a trauma that Lindsay and Jerry had yet to heal from. Back then, Jessica was also a chubby girl who was mild-tempered. Everybody who met her would comment that she was the most mature and obedient kid that they had ever met. She was so obedient and mature for a child that her parents ended up neglecting her feelings, as they began to assume that she would and should remain as such.

During Jessica's more rebellious teenage years, Jerry opposed her for doing something that she liked. Everybody thought she would defer to her parents' wishes just like how she always did. However,

nobody expected her to have such a stubborn streak. She ended up running away from home and never returned. Even after she got hurt because of her marriage, she never contacted her family again.

"Jerry, promise me that you'll let Linda do whatever that she wishes to do. I don't need her to be obedient. I just need her to be my granddaughter who will keep me company." Lindsay's words sounded like a plea.

Similar to Lindsay, Jessica's death also came as a major blow for Jerry. Therefore, he nodded solemnly. "I promise you."

We will have to offer Linda everything that we didn't offer Ceci, Lindsay swore to herself. I will love my granddaughter as if my life depends on it.

That night, Linda moved into Vince Manor with her luggage in tow. Jerry had instructed the servants to clear out the largest and most spacious room for her. When she stared at the high ceiling, vast space, as well as everything else that came with her new room while standing in it, she was utterly overjoyed. After all, every girl like her wished to be treated like a princess. Finally, she was able to live her dream life without having to constantly check herself.