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Chapter 221: Logging Out, Mother And Daughter Time

After the celebrations ended, we all decided to log-off for now. Acorn decided to stay in the Fairy Country for a bit, and according to what I read from the chat that those four were sending me some time ago, they said they decided to settle down around the forest for now... for some reason. I feel like they'll try to convince me to make a guild and join their alliance for a while now. And quite honestly, making a guild sounds tempting. I should really consult this with my friends though, I would also like to know if I can add NPC to the guild as official members.

But for now, as I took out the VR headset, I sighed in relief. I was quite tired, and quite honestly this entire one-night adventure ended being too long. Tomorrow I'll have to go to Elisa's house as well, so I need to take a good sleep for the moment. I'll leave doing anything else in the game for tomorrow, maybe.

I am quite relieved I finally ended that quest... Now, time to take a good and long nap.

"Well done there, you did great."

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"Now, as you sleep, I'll temper your body a lil' bit, because you're way too weak in this world..."

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"Oh? I never thought you had this talent..."

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"Interesting, even this body is very compatible with me!"

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"The dimensional cracks are getting wider... I wonder how long those gods will be able to keep this farse from the public of this world...

"Ultimately, a big disaster will eventually happen..."

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"I have to prepare you well so you can be ready for that moment... Sleep well, Planta."

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Ding! Ding! Ding!

"Uwah!"

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Suddenly, I woke up from the sound of the alarm. I had set it up to 9 AM, a nice time to wake up in the free week. Today we were going to... Elisa's house. I wonder how that rich girl's house will be. Will it be like those cliché manors that rich girls have in those shows you usually see? Or will she have a way more conventional home, I wonder? Well, it depends in how extravagant that girl's parents are.

Although apparently, based in what my daughter had said, that girl's parents are never there and she often lives with her butler and her maidservants... Is she medieval ages nobility to have servants? I hope they're well paid at the very least.

At the end, I woke up and took a bath way more relaxedly and clear minded than before. Perhaps gaming and real life had been going rather well lately. I've had my time and I am slowly getting the hang of my life, a little bit, I guess. I don't feel as depressed as other times, and I guess I have begun looking forward to each day with more energy, without having to always pretend.

While making breakfast for my daughter, I saw her slowly crawl out of her cave, she seemed all sleepy. As always, she often likes to have breakfast before taking a bath.

"Go take a bath first this time, dear." I said.

"Eeehh... I want to eat..." She said.

"No, go take a bath first. Also when is your friend coming to pick us up?" I wondered.

"Err... Around 1 PM?" She wondered.

"Ah, there's a lot of time left! I guess I'll attend my new garden while we are at it." I said with a smile.

"Oh, that garden of yours... Let me help too then." She said.

"Yeah that garden- EH?!"

I suddenly heard something from my daughter, but I don't know if what I heard was for real.

"What?" She asked while raising an eyebrow.

"Y-You want to help me?" I asked.

"Yeah..." She said. "I mean, I kind of like plants a bit. I never thought about it but lately I've been seeing you getting attached to them. I want to help you out with your new hobby. Hobbies are nice to get the bad thoughts out of your mind and keep you busy doing something you enjoy" My daughter quickly gave me various reasons, as I was left slightly shocked.

"T-That's... amazing!" I quickly ran towards her and hugged her. "We'll buy tons of plants and make our garden as beautiful as we can imagine it! Okay? What plants do you like? I love Succulents! I'll buy a bunch of them!"

"I also like those... Though, can we get some cactuses as well?" She wondered. "Some with flowers."

"Ooh, I agree, cactuses are also quite beautiful." I said while nodding. "Then let's go shop at the Plant Store nearby!"

"Sure... After breakfast, that's it." She said while slowly walking to the bathroom half-asleep.

"Okay then!"

And like that, after she took a bath and we enjoyed breakfast together, we ran out of the house and walked across the streets. Quickly reaching the store where they sold all sorts of plants. It was just being opened.

Now that Spring was right around the corner, there were a lot of beautiful flowers and plants recently brought here. Apparently because of the changing temperatures of Canada, with harsh colds and warm springs and summers, we need hardy plants that can resist harsh changes in temperatures. Cactuses are very good at that, and succulents as well. but I would also like some more conventional leafy plants with colorful flowers if possible.

"Welcome, welcome!" An old lady quickly greeted us. She was the owner of this old store for a long time, and the only employee as well. She was named Lady Lily.

"Hello Lady Lily! We are finally here to buy!" I said this time.

"Eh? Really?" She asked. "After many years of you passing through here always looking at the plants, I am glad you've finally decided to build a garden then!"

"Yeah, we want to buy tons of stuff, we need some tools and also rich soil, do you have them?" I asked.

"But of course! Let me be your guide then, Elayne... Oh, is this Elena? You've grown so much!"

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Chapter 222: Gardening With My Daughter

Lady Lily has been a neighbor of us for a long time, so she even met my husband back then, and saw Elena grow up since she was a baby I carried around with my arms. She was very surprised to see her, as Elena had stopped walking around here from her school, and it has been probably years since she met her.

"Yeah... I guess I grew up." Elena said while feeling slightly shy.

"Hahah, don't be shy dear." Lily said with a gentle smile. "I know you since you were a little baby after all!"

"Hmm... We came looking for cactus. Can they survive winter?" Wondered Elena.

"Yeah they can! As long as you protect them from the snow that's it." Said Lily.

"Are there Succulents?!" I asked.

"Hahaha, yeah, there's a bunch. Recently I brought a big haul of very colorful ones imported from Texas, come with me!" Lily quickly guided us around her shop, as I began filling my little supermarket car with tons of plants I wanted, I also got some tools, rich soil, and other things.

"If you want, I can come later to your house to help you in the garden. I've begun to close early due to a lack of clients, and my back hurts a lot if I am standing for too long as well." Lily said.

"Ooh... Sure thing! But today we are going to Elena's friend house, so maybe another day?" I asked, as Lily seemed happy that I accepted her offer.

"Really? Sure thing! I would love to help you Elayne, you're such a good girl." Lily gave me a head pat. It made me remember those summers I came here to look at the plants when I was younger, and Rita would pester me that plants are a boring thing that nobody care about, urging me to go to the karaoke with her instead.

"Hehehe, thanks, I am just doing my best." I said with a smile.

At the end, everything ended costing almost 200 Canadian Dollars. It was rather... expensive, even my daughter looked at me with surprise. But I have recently gotten a very nice raise in my pay so I was able to afford this little thing once in a while.

I also wanted to help Lily with her funds by buying her tons of things. She is struggling to keep her shop now. Nowadays people is never interested in making gardens or taking care of plants, so there are whole weeks where nobody ever comes to buy her anything.

"Take care, Elayne, Elena! Thank you so much for buying!" Lily said happily.

"No problem! I'll come pick you up whenever I am free!" I said.

"Sure!" Lily seemed as gentle as always. Despite being an old lady, she's as radiant as in her younger years.

As we walked back home, Elena seemed a bit surprised over my overly friendliness with Lily.

"I had no idea you were such good friends with her, you should bring her more with you then. Maybe invite to the house?" Wondered Elena.

"Yeah... I mean, I am well acquainted with her but I can't really say we are friends... But this is a nice opportunity, don't you think?" I said happily.

"Hm, I think she's similar to you so you should get along well." Said Elena.

"S-Similar?" I wondered, tilting my head.

"Yeah, you are both... Well, y'know." She said.

"How... so?" I asked while raising an eyebrow.

"Err... Nothing. Never mind." She said while averting her gaze.

I feel like Elena was going to say something quite offensive but eventually didn't said a thing... Now I am left just wondering what in the world she wanted to actually say... Well, at the very least we got the plants, it is time to get things done!

We quickly began working in the garden, which was very dried out and rather desolate. The soil was dry and nutrient less. So we had to begin pouring a lot of the soil we got.

"Hm, this is more boring than I imagined..." Elena said while looking dispirited.

"Come on, help me expand the soil around... Like this..." I said, grabbing a shovel and then beginning to expand the soil with it. It was way easier than I imagined.

Though... I wish I could be like in the game and just turn any place I wanted into Healthy Soil, that would be so easy and convenient... Especially with this shovel-

"UWAH?!"

Suddenly, for a split of a second, I saw as if the shovel began to shine brightly. It shone with a green light which shoot down into the ground, but nothing happened.

I was so panicked that I ended dropping the whole shovel in the floor, gasping for air as if I had just drowned in the water.

"What happened?! Mom?!" Elena ran to my side.

"I..." I muttered, looking around.

Was I hallucinating again? Maybe playing too much the game is messing my head. Ah... I guess it must be because I didn't slept too well.

I hope... I really hope it is not something like dementia. At such a young age getting dementia or becoming schizophrenic would really be horrendous...

"N-Nothing dear... I think I saw a bug, that's all." I sighed in relief, quickly looking around and calming down. Things were okay and there was no problem in anything.

It was just... nothing.

"O-Okay... Did it sting you?" She wondered.

"N-no, it's fine. Let's put these little buds first. Lily said that putting plants like this will make them grow up way more easily... Also, let's water them a bit more." I said.

For a moment, I saw as if the soil was strangely more shiny. It felt strange. Was it because it was a very rich one? The plants themselves seemed to enjoy it; it was very easy to put them in the soil.

"What's this one?" Wondered Elena.

"Oh, that's a tomato plant! It might give us tomatoes for this spring." I said, putting the plant in the soil and using a stick to help it stand up.

"Fresh tomato sauce would be nice... I am looking forward to it." My daughter said.

"Me too!"

I guess we had a lot of fun at the end, and right in time, as a big limousine appeared right in front of our house.

"Elenaaaa! We are hereee~!"

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Chapter 223: Traveling Inside The Limousine Of A Rich Girl

A big black limousine appeared right in front of our house. I had seen it before but every time I saw it I felt surprised. Elisa was really of the high society if she had the typical car that rich people had. And from there, a beautiful girl with hair with golden drills and a refined appearance emerged, almost jumping out of the car like a frog.

"Ah! Lady Elisa, please don't run like that, you might get your clothes nasty!" An old butler ran behind her trying to stop her from running over the streets which had some mud on them.

"Oh my! Hello everybody! What a wonderful garden you've got here!" Elisa quickly entered the garden and looked around.

"Hello Elisa, you caught us right in the middle of this." I giggled.

"I can see that!" Elisa ran to my side, quickly holding my hand and kissing it.

"It is a pleasure to see your beautiful and charming grace again, Lady Elayne!" She said with an enchanting smile.

"E-Eh? Ah... Nice to meet you as well, Elisa." I said, giving her head pats.

Rich people is really eccentric sometimes...

Elisa did the same with Elena.

"Nice to meet you as well Elisa. I convinced mother to go with us. Where's Anna though?" Asked Elena while not being surprised at all by her friend's flashiness as I was.

"Oh that..." Elisa quickly clicked her tongue. She didn't brought her.

"You didn't bring her?" Elena facepalmed.

"I-I will! I'll bring her right away!" Elisa said. "In the way back home we'll pick her up, okay?" Elisa crossed her arms while feeling slightly left out. Elena was quite pushy over coming with Anna, but both were best friends, so it couldn't be helped.

"Oh my, I love succulents!" Elisa said. "Oh! Those are cactus with such beautiful flowers! Ah, I bet that's a tomato plant, right?"

"Yeah! Do you know about botany, Elisa?" I wondered.

"But of course Lady Elayne! My house has a big garden where my gardener and some of my servants attend. I go there every day to drink my tea. I really enjoy the beauty of plants. Ah~ these flowers are just as radiant as your eyes!" She said, looking at some flowers growing nearby.

"A-Ah, thanks... You're also very radiant yourself!" I giggled a bit.

"Really? Am I?" Elisa asked, as if seeking attention more and more.

"Yeah, you're a very good girl." I said, head patting her. "Thank you for being the friend of my daughter and inviting me to your house."

"Ohohohoho! It is nothing!" Said Elisa. "And of course, I am a very good girl and friend, that's right!"

The butler appeared behind us, lowering his head and apologizing.

"I am very sorry for milady's bad manners..."

"Ah, it is fine... But... it is okay for someone like me to go there?" I sighed. "I am... well, I don't know if I would fit there... y'know..."

Elisa's eyes shone as bright as gold as she held my hands and looked into my eyes.

"You're a treasure for such beautiful, honest, and humble heart, Lady Elayne! You would fit just fine in my house!" She said. "Fear not, the moment we arrive, my servant shall treat you like the queen you are!"

"E-Eh? Ah... T-That's nice..."

Elisa is very interesting, I guess.

I am feeling slightly scared now of getting there... I hope they're not so pushy over etiquette and other things.

Without further ado Elisa pushed us into entering the limousine, but I escaped before going as I had almost forgotten of feeding Blackie, the little black cat that had just arrived.

"Meow..."

"Here's some water and food, Blackie. Take care of my garden while we are off, okay? Don't let any birds get here!"

"Meow!"

As if agreeing to my request, Blackie meowed and then continued eating.

"Alright, let's go then."

I quickly entered the limousine and apologized for getting out after I saw Blackie.

"Oh, don't worry! I can tell that Lady Elayne has a very soft spot for animals." Said Elisa. "I wish I could have cats in my house, but my family seem to hate animals, so... I've never been able to raise one myself."

"Ah, that's unfortunate." I said. "Blackie is a stray, so he doesn't belong to us, but I let him stay inside from time to time."

"I see..." Elisa said with a smile. "I guess you're really a good hearted Saintess!"

"S-Saintess?!" I asked.

Elisa really comes out with the strangest of words sometimes.

"I think you're exaggerating a bit dear..." I sighed, head patting her again, each time I did she got happier. This girl really wanted a mother, didn't she?

As we made our way to the house of Anna, I continued talking with her. Unlike my daughter Elisa was incredibly talkative. You would never get bored with her.

"So what about your parents?" I wondered. "I would assume you would need to ask for their permission for this little sleepover, right?"

"Ah..." Elisa quickly changed from her cheerful personality, as she got slightly silent, without knowing what to exactly said, she began fidgeting her fingers.

Her butler ended speaking out.

"Milady has been living by herself ever since she's eight years of age. Her parents live separately after their divorce... It is a sensitive topic, so I would ask Lady Elayne to not ask further questions..." The butler asked.

"O-oh, I see... Sorry, Elisa." I said.

"A-Ah! It is nothing, don't worry, Lady Elayne." She said with a smile.

"You can just call me Aunt Elayne if you want to. No need to call me "lady"." I said.

"A-Aunt?!" Elisa asked, suddenly finding the word rather appealing. "S-S-Sure thing! If that's what Lady-Ah, Aunt Elayne wants to be referred as..."

She was rather flashy and all, but she was an extremely adorable girl. Living without her parents since she was eight must have created a lot of emptiness in her heart as well, children need their parents until they're adults after all...

"Ah, we are here." Elena pointed out, as we reached Anna's house.

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Chapter 224: Going To A Rich Girl's House

"Elenaaaa! Elisa!"

Anna ran out of her house, which was a small department. She was wearing make up and even some rather new-looking clothes. She looked prettier than other times. Maybe she prepared for today more than before.

"Ah..."

I noticed that Elena seemed slightly startled by Anna's appearance, and then blushed a bit.

"Hmph, you're finally here! How long were you going to take?! Who do you take us for?" Elisa quickly reprimanded Anna, as she let her in and Anna swiftly sat at the side of Elena, hugging her and giving her a kiss in the cheek, at which Elisa reacted with horror clear in her face.

"Sorry, I was getting prepared." Anna said with a smile.

"A-Ah, right..." Elisa said.

"You look pretty today." Elena said.

"Really? Hehe, I put on some makeup... Am I cute?" Asked Anna.

"Yeah you're very cute." Elena said, giving her a kiss in the cheek back.

Wait a second.

Hold up...

There's something...

Going on in here...

Those two are looking very lovey-dovey!

A-Am I just over exaggerating? I am not just thinking things? They've been friends for a while, getting closer like that might be just normal. I do remember that Rita always kiss me in the cheek and hug me a lot so maybe it is indeed normal too.

Yeah, I guess it is not what I am thinking... I would be going way too far by assuming that out of the blue, right? I wouldn't want to be one of those types of mother that end up meddling too much with their daughter's friendship, end up confused, and then ruin everything due to being too cringy.

I just hope that... if she and Anna ever get... into something like that, that she at least tells me. It would be weird if she keeps it a secret, right?

R-Right...

And we would need a whole talk about that too.

If my daughter is... lesbian.

Or maybe bisexual...

Oh boy...

I-I am not homophobic or anything, but I am still nervous, it is quite a sensitive topic, so I need to think about proper words and all, so I don't end up offending her or something.

Ah... There I go thinking too far ahead. I just saw a cute moment between friends. Girls being gals, that's all, nothing strange here. If they ever get to it though, I hope she tells me... I don't want to find out the two are doing something in bed while I am sleeping in the other bedroom! It would be certainly uncomfortable.

Not like it would be a bad thing or something! M-My daughter is free to do whatever she wants in such regards but... Yeah, I better just stop thinking about this for now and enjoy the day.

"S-Since when did you got so closer?!" Elisa asked slightly jealously, there was even vapor coming out of her nose and her ears as if she was frustrated, and she was grinding her teeth too, looking like a ferocious little dragon.

"Huh? We had been friends since we were kids..." Said Elena.

"Yeah, what's wrong? Want a kiss from me too? Mooch~" Anna began to annoy Elisa.

"Uegh I don't want any kiss from you!" Elisa said angrily.

"A-Aahahah... Y-You girls are funny..." I said nervously, trying to get this weird topic of kisses out of the conversation. "Anyways, are we getting there yet?"

"Oh, yeah, yeah! In about half an hour?" Wondered Elisa.

"Eh?!" I asked.

Her butler quickly spoke.

"Milady's home is almost outside the city. I apologize for taking so long, today's traffic is rather severe. Spring really made people get out of their houses."

"Sebastian can't you hurry though?"

Elisa asked her butler, with a rather cliché name, to hurry up.

"Dear lady I already told you there is a lot of traffic! We can't do much other than to have patience."

"Uugh... Okay... R-Right, we got ice cream!"

Elisa quickly opened a little fridge inside the limousine, and got some ice cream for everybody. They were little cups that had a delicious and fragrant fruit ice cream, it even had fruit pieces. It looked like a very expensive ice cream.

"This is my favorite Ice Cream! Enjoy it to your heart's content, auntie!"

"Thank you dear."

I enjoyed the ice cream a lot, and Elisa decided to just put more attention into me than in Elena and Anna, who were both talking about the game nonstop.

"So what do you usually do in your free time?" I wondered.

"Hmm... I usually go play BNLO..." Said Elisa.

"And...?" I asked.

"And... Oh! The other day I went to the mall to shop some stuff, I brought a ton of clothes but I've barely used any..." Elisa said. "Ah, I've been playing other games too, and recently I bought a ton of manga I am slowly reading."

"I see..." I said.

"But... nothing much than that?" Wondered Elisa.

She's very lonely, isn't she?

"Hey you two, snap out of it and talk more with little Elisa here, she's bored." I sighed, quickly reprimanding Elena and Anna.

"Ah! Elisa come here to talk then." Sighed Anna.

"Meh! I don't wanna be at your side." Elisa said, cuddling over my arm like a clingy daughter.

"Eh?!" Anna seemed slightly shocked that Elisa was being so aggressive with her.

Does Elisa wants my daughter only for herself or something? this jealously is really a big problem, we need to deal with it swiftly or it might end up evolving into hate later on.

"Come on, Elisa, can't you get along with Anna?" I asked. "I've known her for a long time. She's actually a very nice girl, she helps me washing the dishes, and even washing clothes, and she even has helped me clean my house dozens of times. She's a hard worker, although her personality is a bit rowdy..."

Elisa looked at me as she raised her eyebrows, and then looked at Anna while only raising one as if doubting my words.

"Is that so...?" Elisa wondered.

"Elisa don't be like this..." Elena said. "We had been friends for over half a year now."

"Yeah..." Anna sighed. "Okay, sorry for being rude sometimes... I guess you're already part of the team. Sorry."

"Ohhh?! You're apologizing? Hehehe! I guess I can't help it! I'll have to be a BIT friendly now..." Elisa said pridefully while puffing her chest, although it was clear she was very happy.

This girl's... she's really a little treasure. I don't know why but I really want to make her happy, she's lonely. I will do anything I can so my daughter and Anna can get even more friendly with her. And I guess I wouldn't mind becoming her aunt either.

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Chapter 225: An Enormous And Luxurious Manor

When we finally arrived at Elisa's home, it was... Well, just what I had imagined it to be, painfully so. It was an enormously beautiful and gigantic white manor, it had a big pool in the backyard, an enormous garden, and it was well guarded with an enormous wall and several guards spread around the place. They were overly protective of the place as well, quickly inspecting us around to see if we didn't carried anything dangerous, although Elisa quickly reprimanded them and called them perverts for touching my ass when they were trying to see if I held a weapon or something...

"Perverts! Stop touching my aunt!" Elisa said. "That's enough security, this is people I trust! Sheesh!" Elisa quickly made her guards sigh as they let us pass.

"We are sorry milady." Both of them lowered their heads. They looked like very big and muscular men wearing black suits and sunglasses, really professional-looking, so it was surprising to see them obey her every command like that. But then again, I guess she's the one that employed them here, so she's technically their boss.

"Did you had to be so rough with them?" I wondered.

"O-Of course! I bet they were enjoying it or something..." Elisa said while blushing a bit and looking at the area where they were touching.

"Well, whatever, don't take it too hard... they're just doing their job." I said.

As we reached the house, we were greeted by a dozen servants. There were roughly eight maids and four butlers, with the one that brought us there through the limousine, they were five butlers.

"Welcome back home, Lady Elisa."

"Hello, is lunch ready?"

Elisa asked to her servants.

"Almost, the chef is making the last preparations, milady."

A maidservant quickly answered her question.

"Okay tell him to hurry we are starving here!"

Elisa was rather cocky with her servants.

"Elisa, be more respectful with these people..." I sighed. "They're doing their best to serve you because they love you."

"Ah... W-Well, I am!" She said. "Sorry... about screaming at you."

The maidservant smiled sweetly.

"There is no problem milady, we are all quite accustomed to our beloved lady's tantrums from time to time." She said with a giggle.

"I-I don't throw tantrums!" Elisa said while blushing a bit, quite embarrassedly.

After entering, Elisa quickly introduced us to the entire manor, she led us around the entire place, guiding us through the many rooms and everything else. The house had several bathrooms with jacuzzi and more. Although the manor was so big that things still made it look rather empty. She had been living in this enormous manor only with her servants? It is quite desolate, to say the least.

"Here, this should be your room, auntie." Elisa said, pointing at a large room right at the side of hers. It had its own bathroom and a big jacuzzi in there, alongside all sorts of other things, such as massive TV in the wall which connected to the internet and was subscribed to literally every single service, so I could watch whatever I wanted... There were even more things, and she even offered me clothes that were from her mother which she left behind.

"Eh? All these for me?!" I asked. "T-These probably cost thousands... I can't..."

"Take them! I am sure they would all look beautiful in you auntie!" Elisa said cutely, I couldn't help but agree, mostly because the greed of my heart was forcing me to.

At the end, several maidservants came to my room the moment I agree and began to help me get one of those dresses. They did some makeup over my face, put some very fragrant perfume, and even gave me some beautiful blue heels to go with the dress, which was filled with adorable ribbons and looked like a summer dress with a few more decorations.

"Uwah..."

When I looked myself in the mirror I really looked like a noble lady!

As I walked outside the room, I found that Elena and Anna were made to also wear dresses to "be presentable in front of the young lady" as they maidservants said. It seems this family was very traditional, I guess they aren't that other type of rich people that don't care about their appearance at all.

When we went to eat we found an enormous feast of delicious food, all for us. There were enormous lobsters, a big roasted pig almost whole with an apple on its mouth even, finely cooked pasta, risotto, and all sorts of other super fancy foods I couldn't really recognize.

"Please sit down and feast! My chefs have prepared their best food for everyone!" Elisa said happily.

Like this, we began wolfing down everything without many manners. But Elisa didn't seem to mind it. The lobster was delicious, it has been years since I ate lobster, and it was so well cooked and with butter on top of a very high quality!

There were also tempura shrimps with a delicious, sweet soy sauce, amazing noodle soup, the risotto was creamy and cheesy, the roasted pig was enormously flavorful and even the bread was recently baked.

When everything ended, we were all almost half-dead, we ate too much. If I were to live here permanently, I would surely get very fat very quickly.

"That was delicious..." Elena sighed.

"Oh man, I've never eaten so much before..." Anna said.

"Elisa did you had to serve us so many tasty things?" I sighed.

"Of course! I would never let my guests starve. Now let's go enjoy the evening at the backyard. I've got some delicious short cakes, cheesecakes, and an assortment of different teas and pastries to try out while enjoying the view."

Elisa didn't had time for us to wait, quickly leading us to the beautiful garden, filled with flowers and all sorts of plants. I noticed potatoes, tomatoes, orange trees, apple trees, and more. It seems that they also harvested from here to make the food as fresh as possible. And there was also a big pond with living fish there, which we went to feed later.

The houses of rich people are really amazing, there is just way too much to do everywhere!

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Chapter 226: Elisa's Past

When the day came to an end, the only thing left to do was resting, but Elisa quickly invited us to a big room she had, which had a whole cinema in there. For our night, we'll spend it here watching movies that had yet to be released to the public!

"Wow, how did you get these legally?!" Asked Elena.

"Fufu, I have my connections!" Laughed Elisa.

"So this is the power of money..." Anna said.

"Wow, you got the Lord of the Rings, the Dragon Born Trilogy Part 3?!" Asked Elena. "Isn't this supposed to be released next year?"

"Wait, isn't this Avengers Multiverse Wars?!" Anna asked. "This is also for next year..."

"And this is... Huh?! Spiderman Web of Dimensions?!" Elena asked again.

"Fufu, pretty cool, right?! Let's watch!" Elisa celebrated.

And like that, we just rested over a big bed made out of pillows and we began watching movies after movies, which had yet to even be launched in cinemas yet. Elisa cuddled with me midway through and ended falling asleep.

When we decided to go back to our rooms, it was already pretty late at ten in the night, so we decided to sleep for now. I brought Elisa back to her room in my arms and left her there covered in blankets.

She was really an amazing girl for doing all of this for us.

"Goodnight, Elisa..."

"Hmm..."

Elisa suddenly moved a bit around her bed.

"Mama..."

"Eh?"

"Mama... don't leave..."

"Ah..."

She was holding my arm without wanting to let me go. Maybe she was dreaming about her mother and thought I was her?

"Papa... Don't leave... Why... don't you love mama...?"

"Sigh..."

She was having a nightmare.

I quickly caressed her head and then sat at her side in the bed, hugging her.

"There, there... Everything is alright..."

"Hmm..."

Elena slowly calmed down as she began to sleep like a little angel.

Poor thing...

A little blonde girl, no older than eight years of age wearing a little white dress, resembling a doll, was standing there, as her mother held her little hand. Her father was signing some papers with her mother, as she looked nervously, confused about what was really happening.

"Mama...? What's... this?"

However, her parents didn't answered her.

"Papa?"

The little girl ran towards her father, grabbing his suit and trying to get his attention.

It has always felt like her father was an enormous man, so tall and unreachable that no matter how hard she tried, he ever barely gave any attention to her.

"Well, your mother and I, Elisa... Well, we are simply going to live separately from now on." Said her father. "I hope you can understand."

The little blonde girl felt confused. Why would her parents want to live separately? What was going on? Her life filled with happiness and their attention... why was it all crumbling from one day to the other?

"But... I don't wanna!" She cried, her eyes beginning to look all watery.

She desperately ran towards her mother, but her mother seemed to be crying.

"Mama? Mama? Don't cry! Mama!"

The Little girl tried to crawl over her mother, trying to hug her, but her mother could barely contain herself...

"I'm sorry Elisa..." She sighed, quickly standing up.

She then kneeled before her daughter and hugger her tightly.

"I'm sure you're a strong girl, you've always have been. You have your servants here... Make sure to be strong." Her mother said with a smile.

"Don't leave ... Mama!"

Her mother slowly began walking away. Her father as well. Both walked separate directions, and she didn't know which one to choose. At the end, she couldn't chase them, as they were long ago away from her grasp before she realized it.

She was left alone, desolate, and without the pillars of her life...

The little girl cried over the floor, until tears couldn't come out of her eyes anymore.

Until a gentle hand touched her little shoulder.

"Young lady, don't you think you've given the plants enough water?" An old and gentle man emerged behind her, her loyal butler.

"Sebastian..." She muttered.

"Come on, everything is going to be alright. Your father and your mother are okay, they are just traveling around the world. Why don't you come eat your favorite ice cream with me?"

Her butler gently held her little hand, guiding her inside the manor.

She looked behind her for a few moments, into the white table where she enjoyed many lunches with her parents over her first eight years...

"Young lady?" Her butler called for her.

"Ah... Sure..." The little girl sighed, as she walked inside the house to eat ice cream.

Although she could have anything she wanted as she grew up, the little girl grew up with an evergrowing emptiness inside of her heart, missing the most important part of her childhood, her parents.

When Elisa woke up, she looked around her, finding Elayne sleeping at her side, hugging her tightly.

"Ah... A-Auntie?!" Elisa quickly grew a bit red in embarrassment, as Elayne's eyes slowly opened. A motherly smile emerged in her lips.

"Good morning Ely, are you okay? You had nightmares last night so... I decided to stay here and comfort you a bit... S-Sorry if it was a bit weird..." Elayne apologized.

"Ah... N-No, it is fine. Thanks for being so nice with me... It feels like I owe you even more now..." Elisa giggled a bit.

"Hahah, but I think I should walk away for now, your butler will get mad at me if he finds me here." Said Elayne.

"Ah! Don't worry about that! Sebas will listen to what I tell him. How about we have some breakfast?" Elisa wondered.

"Sure! I am hungry now... Thought I want to take a bath first..." Elayne said.

"There is a big bath on the first floor with very warm water, a natural hot spring. Let's go there with Elena and Anna!"

"What?! You even have such a thing in your house? Wow..." Elayne, as a country girl, was honestly amazed by all he luxuries of a rich girl's house.

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(Elayne's POV)

As the morning came, I found myself sleeping at the side of Elisa... Ah, I guess I really did that. I should really get away from her while- Ah, she woke up! Let's pretend I am asleep!

I quickly closed my eyes as Elisa looked at me with surprise for a bit.

"Ah... A-Auntie?!" Elisa quickly grew a bit red in embarrassment.

Damn it... I guess I have to pretend I was sleeping for now...

I slowly opened my eyes and greeted her.

"Good morning Ely, are you okay? You had nightmares last night so... I decided to stay here and comfort you a bit... S-Sorry if it was a bit weird..." I quickly apologized. I was honestly genuinely worried about those nightmares.

"Ah... N-No, it is fine. Thanks for being so nice with me... It feels like I owe you even more now..." Elisa giggled a bit. She seemed slightly happy and not angry at me at all!

Phew, I am glad she doesn't think I am a pervert or something...

"Hahah, but I think I should walk away for now, your butler will get mad at me if he finds me here." I said.

I was honestly nervous and wanted to fly away as fast as possible. If the butler or the maidservants were to enter here and see me with their young lady, they would probably think I tried to take advantage of her or something even worse! I better run away from here!

"Ah! Don't worry about that! Sebas will listen to what I tell him. How about we have some breakfast?" Elisa wondered, completely carefreely. She really was going to explain things to them?!

Well... I guess I just have to leave it to her, I suppose.

But she's surprisingly okay with what I did... Maybe she really needed a little hug. Probably she had been sleeping alone for many years.

I guess I can relate to that feeling of loneliness.

"Sure! I am hungry now... Thought I want to take a bath first..." I said.

"There is a big bath on the first floor with very warm water, a natural hot spring. Let's go there with Elena and Anna!" Elisa said with a happy smile, quickly jumping off bed and puffing her chest. She was prideful of that hot spring I would guess.

"What?! You even have such a thing in your house? Wow..."

As a country girl myself, I couldn't help but feel amazed by such things. Perhaps this whole house was built so far from the city so it could reach this hot spring. Although it feels a bit too much, I guess I cannot argue with rich people about these kind of things...

"Of course! Let's go then!" Elisa quickly held my hand as she led me outside. Compared to my daughter she was really energetic, I guess it is a bit refreshing to have her here.

After finding Anna and Elena, we quickly went to the first floor and found an enormous natural hot spring in an underground room of the house. The entire hot spring was beautifully decorated, resembling the public baths of Ancient Greece.

Elisa prompted us to get naked and jump into the water, which was incredibly warm, although we felt a bit embarrassed, I filled myself with resolve and got myself naked, walking into the water and then... relaxing.

"Ahhh... T-This is heavenly... How nice... It is so warm and nice... I can't... I just can't..." I sighed in relief. I felt like all the stress and tension in my body dissipated in a single second, even all my worries, everything.

"It is amazing, isn't it?" Elisa said pridefully, quickly jumping into the water herself and swimming to my side. "Come on, don't be chickens, ohohoho!" Elisa laughed devilishly.

"Ugh fine whatever!" Anna said, quickly getting naked herself and jumping into the water.

"Sigh..." Elena sighed but did the same. This was the time where Elisa and Anna especially glanced at her with a rather nasty smirk...

The girls began to play around the water and swimming around while throwing water at one another, while I relaxed for the most part. We ended spending a good thirty minutes here until we finally walked outside. My skin felt so tender now it was like the skin of a baby...

"Phew, that was so good..." I sighed sleepily. Warm water really makes you sleepy.

After that, we enjoyed a big breakfast with scrambled eggs, bacon, all sorts of cereal with milk with flavors, fruits of all sorts, jam, toasts of deliciously recently baked bread, and countless sweets such as pastries and shortcakes, and even cheesecakes. I decided to try out a lot of tiny cake slices myself, trying out many flavors. It was like submerging in an endless ocean of sweetness. The amount of flavors I tasted was mesmerizing to be honest. When everything ended, I was so happy I couldn't even sigh anymore.

The tea was also delicious, there were so many kinds of teas that I was surprised. I ended drinking three different kinds of teas, and there were over twenty more to try out... But if I stay here for too long I'll only grow up fatter, so I better stop eating more than what I've eaten already.

"Will you stay for lunch or dinner?" Wondered Elisa happily.

"Sorry but we are going back home for now. Tomorrow we'll be going to my parents' house in the countryside." I said.

"Eh?!" Elisa seemed to be hoping for us to stay here for a while.

"Sorry..." I said.

"Yeah, sorry." Elena said.

"I wish we could stay more, this place's amazing." Anna said.

"A-Ah, no it is fine! I am happy you came to see me in my house. I am glad you enjoyed your stay as well..." Elisa forced a smile. I could clearly notice the loneliness in her eyes.

"How about you come with us? Elena already invited Anna anyways." I said.

Elisa was suddenly shocked. We had actually not invited her, but I felt like returning the favor now that she made me enjoy yesterday so much. It might had been a single day, but it was perhaps the best day I've had in years.

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Chapter 228: Moving Back Home

After seeing how Elisa was so lonely deep down, and how heartbroken she looked like after knowing we were already going back home and then most likely spending half the week away, I ended inviting her out of the goodness of my heart, often the same way I do it with Mark.

I sometimes simply feel like talking my emotions and my mind out without thinking it twice, and at the end, I end up inviting people to my house, or even to my parents' house without even considering everything well...

"How about you come with us? Elena already invited Anna anyways." I said.

Elisa was suddenly shocked. We had actually not invited her, but I felt like returning the favor now that she made me enjoy yesterday so much. It might had been a single day, but it was perhaps the best day I've had in years.

"Ah! R-Really? Can I, auntie?!" Elisa asked happily if she were a puppy she would be waving her tail right now.

"Of course! Why not? My family is very humble though, so I hope you can lower your standards a bit for us..." I said.

"S-Sure, no problem! I'll bring my limousine and a lot of stuff too to gift them!" Elisa said.

"Eh?! You don't have to go that far though..." I said in surprise.

"It is nothing, really! I'll bring all the delicious teas you liked and everything else... Everyone! Quickly prepare everything! We are bringing a lot of food as well! Ready a truck if necessary!" Elisa said, her servants immediately began to work to her whims.

Well, I guess my parents are going to get even more surprised now, as if bringing Mark wasn't enough... However, seeing Elisa happy right now really comforted my heart. I kind of want to make her happy as well.

At the end, we decided to go back home through the limousine that Elisa had, and she decided to stay the rest of the day at our house. I guess we were not freeing ourselves from her any time soon.

While moving there, she fell asleep while resting her head in my shoulders, and Anna was also sleeping in the way back, my daughter remained awake, as she looked at Elisa sleeping.

"She really grew attached to you now, huh?" She said while pouting a bit.

"Oh? Fufu..." I giggled. "Is my daughter jealous she might get replaced? Hehe..."

"Eh?! T-That's not it..." Elena said while pouting even more. "I know you wouldn't replace me."

"Hehe, of course not! You're my most precious treasure." I said, kissing her cheek.

"Geez... Always saying such cringy stuff..." Elena said.

"Cringy? Is the love of a mother cringy?!" I asked, heartbroken.

"Ah... N-No! Okay, I was joking..." Elena sighed.

"Ah... you better be!" I said. "Don't call your mother cringy, that really hurt! I also grew up when those terms were used, so I am not that old."

"Okay, okay..." My daughter said, resting her head in my other shoulder.

I gently caressed her head.

"Did you enjoy the day yesterday?" I wondered.

"Hm, it was fun... I wish we were rich. Elisa must have it so easy in life..." Sighed Elena.

"I wouldn't really say that..." I sighed.

"Eh? Why not?" Wondered Elena.

"I guess you don't really realize it but she really has gone through a lot. The lack of her parents and all... I remember the butler said she had been living by herself since she was eight years of age." I said.

"Oh..."

"Even when your father passed out, I was always there for you, and when I was working, my mother and my father would come to take care of you. I always made sure you were never alone, and that you would grow up with people you loved." I said. "But this girl... she had her servants, but even then, there's a big wall between her and them due to their positions and all. She can't grow closer to them as if they were her parents due to all of such walls, therefore, even with all of them, she still felt desolate."

"Ah... I guess you really got the entire story, huh?" My daughter said. "You're amazing at discerning people..."

"Fufu, of course! That's one skill necessary for any mother! I must be able to see through people so I can easily tell if they're good to be meddling with my daughter." I said while puffing my chest a bit.

"Heh..." My daughter giggled a bit.

"Elena... Be good friends with her, okay? I want you to... comfort her sometimes. She might be flashy and all, but she's... desperate to have someone with her. She had been alone so long that she cling to me super-fast in a single day..." I said.

"Hmm... I get it." She said. "At firs Elisa approached to me with weird motives, but at the end, I also discovered she's a good friend. I... might not have the best personality nor anything of the sort but I'll try it... Thanks to her and Anna is that... I am becoming better at talking and... everything else." My daughter said while blushing a bit in embarrassment.

"I can tell! They had been good influence. Friends are a wonderful thing, we have to treasure them like family." I said. "Though... sometimes friends also might become something more..." I implied.

"Hm? Wh-What are you implying?" My daughter wondered, as I narrowed my eyes.

"Nooothing. Nothing at all." I said while smirking a bit. "But if... something happens, you better tell your mother, okay?"

"I-I don't know what you're talking about... You're getting cringy already..." Elena said, quickly trying to evade the topic.

"Oh! Look, we are here..." I said, the limousine was super-fast this time around, perhaps because it was still quite early in the morning. We reached our home right away, and the cute Blackie was sitting in front of the door with his water and food plate empty.

"Meow!"

"Ah, Blackie! Did you protect the garden? You're such a good kitten..." I said, scratching his little head, he began purring right away.

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Chapter 229: Meeting Lily Again

"Blackie!" Elisa quickly walked behind me and reached up to the black cat, trying to extend her hand at him.

"Meow!"

Blackie was an overly friendly cat with anybody, so he quickly got closer to Elisa and let her pet him. Her eyes began to shine brightly as she was able to caress the little black cat, his fur was very soft.

"Uwaahhh..." Elisa seemed happy. "I never thought cats were this cute... I want a cat! I'll force my servants to accept one..."

"Hehe, I guess you can try." I said. "They do obey anything you say to them, right?"

"Well, not everything, only things that don't violate the rules my father left to them." Said Elisa.

"I see... Do you often communicate with your father, Elisa?" I wondered.

"He calls me every birthday... Sometimes." She said.

"A-Ah, I see..." I sighed.

I guess her father might as well not exist, he's either busy or simply doesn't care about her at all. It is a bit harsh. Perhaps when she reaches adulthood she'll be able to do more things without having to go with the rules that her father left behind.

"Anyways, let's go inside." I said.

Like that, we spent a good hour inside. Elisa quickly went to Elena's room for a good while, while I decided that it was just too early to cook lunch yet, so I decided to go to Lily's shop. I could had just gone to play the game but I wanted to meet her.

When I reached her shop, I found her sitting over her chair while reading a book. The shop was, as always, desolate. People didn't even passed through this street as much as they did before, so not many people even knew about her place. I quickly grabbed a potato plant sapling and carried it to her.

"Hi Lily! Want to hang out at my house?" I said. "Also I'll be buying this one!"

"Oh, Elayne!" Lily's face, which was filled with solitude quickly changed as she smiled.

She was roughly over 50 years of age, but she looked quite young, despite that, her hair was slowly turning gray, and her body was beginning to get weaker. Despite that, she still looked quite gorgeous, showing that she was even more beautiful in her early years.

Her gentle green eyes and her short brown and gray hair that reached her shoulders made for a nice combination. She was often said to be a beauty, but never got married with anybody despite being courted by many guys in her early years.

"Sure thing, I'll give you a little discount because you're my best customer yet!" She said happily, the discount was of 30%, which was pretty good.

"Thank you dear. Want to hang out with me?" I asked.

"S-Sure... I guess I can. My shop is so lonely most of the time, people really doesn't want to buy plants like they did before..." Sighed Lily.

"Hm, it is quite a hard market. But I think there's a few buildings made recently with apartments on them, there's a few hundred new people. Maybe you could try promoting the shop online. Have you thought about it?" I wondered.

"Online?" Lily seemed quite detached with all things related to internet, as she was very traditional and came from the countryside like I did.

"Yeah! You know what? I can help you make a Facebook Page for it, and maybe even make you an official page so you can sell your stuff. Also have you considered delivery?" I wondered. "Most people buy through delivery most of the time now."

"Oh, delivery... I had certainly not considered it. But I don't know who I could find to do such a job, it would also need to be someone with a motorcycle and all, right?" She sighed.

"Not anymore, there's several apps in phones where you can just register your shop there and someone employed from these companions will carry the thing they bought for you to your client's house, of course, by a small fee." I said.

"Oooh! I-I didn't knew that was a thing..." Lily was surprisingly amazed.

"Haha, come on, I'll explain you how it all works in the way back home." I said.

"S-Sure... Thank you so much Elayne, you're so nice with me..." Lily blushed a bit as she smiled sweetly.

"It's nothing, don't worry." I giggled, as Lily quickly closed her small shop and we made our way back to my house.

In the way, I explained to her all of the things in fine detail. She was nodding constantly while asking questions after questions. I made sure to explain things to her slowly so she could understand them well. I don't consider someone at their fifties as grandma levels of old, but she was quite lost in between all the words she didn't understand.

"A-Ah, it says that I can't download the app..." She sighed.

"Oh, your smart phone model might be a bit too old..." I said.

"I only use it to call my family or use WhatsApp so I didn't really felt the necessity to buy a new one..." She said.

"Hm, well, I can register you using my own phone, don't worry." I said. "Though, maybe consider buying a new one? Not like I am forcing you or anything, I wouldn't really want you to just spend money on just an idea."

"No, I think I might buy one... I think your idea is actually pretty good... I saw in there that there were several other shops selling plants, gardening tools and so on and they were doing alright, right?" She said.

"Yeah they're selling pretty well. There's still some people interested, but maybe not in this sector." I said.

"I see... It might be worth giving it a shot! You never know unless you try, right?" Lily laughed.

"Indeed, that's the spirit!" I said, giggling with her.

Like that, we got ended taking a small turn and went to a nearby Market, and Lily got herself a latest gen smart phone.

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Chapter 230: Thank You

As we made or way back home, Lily was fascinated with her new phone. However, we suddenly stumbled upon a video game store within the small mall we visited to go buy her new phone. There was

a lot of VR Games in there, which left me quite surprised. I ended staring at the store for a while, looking at the various game trailers showing up.

In front of the store there was the newest VR Helmet model, the one my daughter and I had. There were several video games showing up, but the one that had the most was the Brand-New Life Online game, which was in an offer today, alongiside the VR Helmet... Woah, apparently there was a new model coming out, so they were trying to sell the "old ones" even though they were the latest?

It appeared the new models were just changes in aesthetic and appearance of the helmet, as some people have complained they're a bit too stocky, or something like that. But there were many other VR games, I couldn't help but feel a bit attracted by them, they were all new games. It appears Nexus corporations had started working with other video game developers to make games for their consoles, took them long enough.

There was an FPS game, another game that seemed to be about cooking and farming?! And even one about monster catching. There was another focused purely on crafting and alchemy named "Atelier Kana"... And more. Although I couldn't recognize much about popular classic franchises.

"E-Elayne? Are you interested in video games? You've been staring at the store for a while now..." Lily quickly interrupted my thoughts as I quickly realized I've been staring for a bit too long.

"A-Ah, yeah. I've been playing a VR Game for a while now, it is fantastic. I've been having such a blast playing it with my friends... Rita and even another friend play it with me. The world is so realistic and immersive!" I said.

"Eh? Is that so?" Lily seemed slightly interested.

"Yeah, I even built a whole farm, I've got a goat and all, and I've been harvesting delicious veggies and fruits. You can actually cook and eat in the game and it feels like eating in real life, it even helps with stuff like anxiety." I said. "Many people play it for this. But there's also a beautiful world to explore, the customization is quite wide, you can choose a lot of fantastical races and classes, even Farmers!" I said.

"Farmer is a game class?" Wondered Lily. "W-What about Botanist?"

"There was Botanist as well, it came with the Farmer Class. They recently added a patch with tons of these classes, even Painter, Chef, and more!" I said.

"W-Wow... So I can just raise plants in the game? Or build anything I ever wanted?" Lily was even more interested.

"Yeah you can build stuff too! Did you ever wanted to?" I wondered.

"Well, when I was younger my brother always was playing a game named Minecraft. He ended inviting me to play it and it became part of my childhood and adolescence..." Said Lily.

"I am sure you could build whatever you want as long as we try it out and find how to do it. I've built my entire ranch from scratch with the help of mushroom people." I said.

"M-Mushroom people..." Lily said, suddenly blushing a bit. "Are they cute? Are there cute pets to raise?"

"Yeah! Tons! Each class comes with a summoning skill too, so you can get cute summons to raise that'll help you and protect you." I said with a smile.

"Woow... this VR Headset is quite cheap... the game is... which one?" She wondered.

"Brand New Life Online- Wait a second, Lily you're thinking on...?" I asked.

"Why not? I always have so much free time... I want to relax a bit; I've also saved a lot of money so I can afford it. As long as I can have fun... I am already old anyways; I've been thinking that I should try new things from time to time..." Lily said with a smile.

"T-Then... Let's do it! The VR Helmet is a bit expensive. If you promise me to become my friend in the game, I'll pay a third for the VR Helmet and I can pay half for the game, how about it?" I asked with a smile.

"Wh-What?! Why?" Asked Lily.

"You've given me a lot of discounts already; I am sure that should pay for the money you've lost with those discounts." I said with a gentle smile.

Lily seemed taken aback but ended accepting my offer.

"Thank you..."

We quickly walked away from the store with a bag with the VR Helmet and the game.

"You got internet back home, right?" I wondered.

"Of course I do! I am not that old fashioned..." She sighed.

Lily quickly began to look at her new phone, however, fascinated about it as well. She began using it around more and more, as her eyes began to shine brightly as if she were a little child with a new toy.

"I-It is so fast compared to my other one..." She said surprised. "A-Amazing!"

"Right? It is pretty cool." I said. "Here, that's the app."

"I see..." Lily quickly downloaded the app and a few others I recommended her while we made our way back home, public Wi-Fi was pretty useful.

When we got back home, we sat down in the table I had set near the garden and we set up everything. I had to bring my laptop for that, but things went mostly smoothly. I had done the same thing for a few friends before, especially Mark and Rita.

"Here's your page! Later on you can take some pictures and upload them there." I said.

"A-Amazing... you did it so quickly!" Lily said.

"Yeah, it is very smooth stuff, nothing hard to pull out." I said. "I am quite experienced in doing these kind of things."

"I see... Thank you so much Elayne, you've done so much for me..." Lily said, suddenly getting emotional and beginning to cry.

"E-Eh? Lily?"

"I-I really thought my shop would end up closing... It has been my all since I was like twenty... It has been always my passion to have my shop... When I began to realize that it might close I slowly started to get so sad and depressed, I didn't knew what to do..."

"Aw, it's okay. We don't know how it will end up but we can keep trying, right?"

"Elayne you're such a cheerful girl, you've always been a walking sunshine."

"Ahaha... You're flattering me too much Lily. And we have yet to set up everything, come on, don't cry for things like these."

"R-Right, I got a bit too emotional out of the blue..."