

Cinderella And Her Beautiful Octuplets

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"Who was calling?" He asked as he walked out of the bathroom with a towel tied around his waist.

"I don't know, you should check it yourself," she said and he nodded and picked up the phone before going to the balcony to answer the phone call. Tears welled up in her eyes as pain and anger surged through her spine.

She needed to find out who Matthew was and why he was hiding his real identity. She wondered if their first meeting was a coincidence or a setup.

She then stood up from the bed and walked out of the room. She brought out her phone and texted one of her old-time investigator.

"I need you to find out who Alexander Robert is" she texted and then went back to the room and laid on the bed.

Just then Matthew walked back inside the room.

"Are you alright?" He asked as he dropped his phone by the bedside, and walked towards Jessica, and sat beside her on the bed.

"Yeah, I'm alright, I'm okay-"

"I would be heading out to see my aunt, I would be back later in the day," he said and she nodded. He kissed her lightly on her cheeks before standing up to get dressed. When he was done, he took his phone and then walked out of the house, hopped inside his car, and zoomed off.

The moment he had left, Jessica stood up, put on a simple dress, walked out of the house, hopped inside her car, and zoomed off as she decided to follow him.

She needed to know who his aunt was and she needed to know everything about him.

Jessica parked her car by the side of the road as she watched Matthew climb out of his car that was parked in front of an eatery.

He stood by the car, made some calls, and suddenly, an advanced man came out of the eatery, gave him an envelope and Matthew gave him a file in exchange.

He lied he was going to see his aunt! Jessica muttered as tears welled up in her eyes. She wondered how long he had been lying to her.

She wondered what they were exchanging. She brought out her phone and took a picture of them both. She needed to find out who that man was and what Matthew was up to.

Matthew then stared around, entered this car, and zoomed off.

"Betrayer!" she muttered as she pushed back the tears that were threatening to spill. She ignited the engine, zoomed off, and trailing behind him.

Meanwhile, Lisa and Mellisa are seen outside the shopping mall, putting all the things they've shopped in the car booth.

Mellisa then turned to Lisa.

"Can we go see my grandma?" she asked and she turned to her.

"No, Adrianna. We can't, I need to visit the saloon to do my nails and my hair," she said and Mellisa pouted.

"Please, I miss her already and I know she misses me too, I just want to see if she's alright and getting better-"

"I thought we had an agreement, no seeing your grandma. Besides, the nurse I hired is taking good care of her, so my answer is no" "Please, I just want to see her-"

"My answer is still no," she said as she brought out her phone from her purse. Mellisa frowned.

She needed to make a scene, maybe then she would let her go see her sick grandma, she thought, staring at the people who were passing by.

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"Mommy, I need to go see grandma, She is sick. We need to see her, please Mommy" she yelled as she burst into tears and sat on the ground. "What do you think you are doing?" Lisa whispered but she paid no attention to her. She stares around and noticed everyone was staring at them. "Mellisa, stand up from the ground or I swear to God I will kill you myself," she said between gritted teeth as she tightened her fist.

Mellisa stared at the look on her face and then increased the sound of her voice.

"Damn!!! I hate kids, I give up," Lisa muttered with a look of frustration on her face.

"Fine, fine! We would go see her" she said and Mellisa turned to her with a bright look on her face.

"Yes, but you won't spend more than ten minutes with her," she said and Melissa nodded and stood up. "Thank you, mummy, you are the best." She moved towards her and hugged her. Lisa gritted her teeth. "I'm not your mommy, don't ruin my dress," she said and then smiled and pulled away from the hug. She opened the car door and helped her in, then closed the door.

Jeez, she uttered as she let out a sigh and then entered the car, ignited the engine, and zoomed off.

A black Bentley screeched to a halt in front of a small house. Mellisa climbed out of the car in a rush and sprinted inside the house while calling her grandma.

Lisa sighed as she got out of the car and trailed behind her.

"Grandma, I'm here" She yelled as she rushed towards her grandma who was lying on the bed, and hugged her.

"Oh my baby, you are here" her grandma Samantha muttered as a wide smile appeared on her face.

"Yes, Grandma, I'm here. I miss you so much-"

"I miss you too honey," Grandma Samatha said as she raised her head and saw Lisa standing by the door staring at her.

"Hey, how are you feeling?" Lisa asked with a smile on her face.

"I'm feeling much better, thank you, Lisa," she said and Lisa nodded.

"Grandma, I have a lot to tell you," Melissa said with a bright smile on her face. Lisa stood by the door watching them, lots of memories rushing back into her head as she stared at them. She quickly looked away from them and walked away from the room.

She was sitting in the living room when the front door opened revealing the nurse she'd hired to take care of Grandma Samathan.

"Hey, Lisa, I didn't know you would be coming-"

"Even I didn't know I would be coming but here I am," Lisa said as she let out a sigh.

"I was planning on calling you, I need to discuss something important with you," she said and Lisa raised her eyebrows wondering what she wanted to say.

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"It's about Grandma Samantha, her sickness is getting worse and if the surgery is not carried out on time, she might die... Adrianna will lose the only family she's got left" the nurse said with a worried look on her face: Lisa stared at her without saying a word.

She could hear Adrianna's and her grandma's laughter. If Mellisa loses her grandma, she might never be the same again.

The reason she had agreed to act as Mellisa was so she could pay her grandma's bills. Samantha was the only family Mellisa had left, and her dying would make her lonely, she thought, memories of how her mom had died came running into her head.

She felt tears gathered in her eyes but then she quickly pushed it back and then stood up.

"Send me the bills, let's transfer her to the best hospital in Atlanta and make sure she gets the surgery," she said and the nurse nodded and with that, she walked out of the house to her car.

She sat in her car, staring into nothing when the door opened revealing Melissa. She entered the car and closed the door.

"Are you done talking to your grandma? I hope you are satisfied now?" Lisa turned to her and noticed the sad look on the little girl's face.

"What's wrong?" she asked with a concerned look on her face.

"Is Grandma going to die?" she asked as she turned to Lisa. Lisa stared at her with a surprised look on her face wondering why she would ask such a question or did she overheard her conversation with the nurse.

No, I'm sure she didn't, she thought while staring at the little girl.

"Why would you ask such a question? She's not going to die" she said and tears gathered in her eyes.

"Aunt Lisa, I have watched a lot of movies and I know how people act whenever they are about to die and grandma is acting the same," she said as tears slipped down her cheeks.

"Oh my goodness! Mellisa, she's not going to die, she's going to be fine. I had a conversation with the nurse and she said she's getting better.." she paused and then let out a sigh knowing fully well she was lying and then continued.

"I promise you, nothing will happen to your grandma, I will make sure she's fully well, I promise," she said and Mellisa nodded in response.

She glared at her for a few seconds, ignited the engine, and zoomed off at once.

The car came to a stop in front of Colby's mansion, Mellisa and Lisa alighted the car and walked inside the house.

The house was quiet as usual. She wondered where everyone had gone.

"Back to this boring house again," Mellisa said as she rolled her eyes.

"Can I go play with the octuplets, and also spend the night with them in their room? I like their room and they seem cool" Mellisa said and Lisa let out a soft sigh.

She knew Mellisa was already sad, maybe playing with the octuplets would cheer her up, she thought, and then nodded in response.

"Go along and play with kids," she said and Mellisa nodded in response as she rushed upstairs to the kid's room.

Lisa sighed softly as she decided to go upstairs to her room and rest. She was already feeling tired.

The octuplets were playing in their room when they heard a knock on the door. Allison stood up and went to open the door.

She was surprised to see Mellisa.

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"We weren't expecting you," Allison said and Mellisa scoffed.

"Here I am. I went out with my mom to get some new clothes, we just got back" she said as she walked inside the room and Allison closed the door.

"Oh, we were just playing a game, you could join us.." Jayden said and Mellisa nodded and the octuplets stared at each other at once.

They were glad she came back, it was just the perfect time to carry out their plans.

Meanwhile, Lisa had just woken up from her deep sleep and was feeling hungry, so she decided to go downstairs to get some food.

The moment she got downstairs, the door burst open revealing Jessica. She was looking sad and angry at the same time and her eyes were swollen like she had just cried. She walked past her and climbed the stairs going to her room.

Hmm, she's calm today and didn't try to attack me, Lisa thought and then sighed.

Just then the front door opened again revealing Hannah. She had just returned from the company and she was looking so tired.

Hannah stared at Lisa and was about to walk past her when she spoke, making her pause.

"I know you are having an affair with Lucas.." she said and Hannah turned to her looking perplexed.

"You don't need to hide it anymore, I know you love Lucas, you are everything just like me Hannah, but yet you deny it," Lisa said and Hannah scoffed.

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"You must be crazy. You need help Lisa, you are depressed and jobless and do not know what you are saying" Hannah said and Lisa rolled her eyes.

"I might be crazy but I don't sneak into my brother's in-laws room at night and also sneak out.

I wonder how Brandon would feel when he finds out who you truly are, Hannah Rodriguez, or should I call you, Cinderella Mackenzie?

Reason why your ex-husband cheated on you with your best friend, What's her name again? Rhoda. You belong to the dirt Hannah.

And I promise you, I will make you go back to the dirt where you've always belonged" she said and Hannah paused for some seconds as she stared at Lisa. She sighed and moved towards Lisa.

"I think we should get something clear here, Lisa. I'm nothing like you and would never be anything like you. And as for Jeff, he was never mine to keep, he cheated because he wanted to and that has got nothing to do with me.

And as for you, I can't wait when Brandon finds out you never had a child with you all these years and you never left because of Mellisa because we both know Mellisa is dead" Hannah said and Lisa stared at her looking perplexed, wondering how she knew she never had a child with her.

She might be guessing, she knows nothing.

"You don't know what you are talking about," Lisa said and Hannah smiled.

"Really? Then who lived at Peachtree Street?" She said and Lisa opened her eyes and mouth wide in shock. This was the exact place she had stayed.

Just then the door opened revealing Brandon.

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"Nothing, I was just letting Lisa know her place in this house," she said as she moved towards Brandon and hugged him. She pulled away from the hug and kissed him lightly on the lips. Brandon stared at her with a look of surprise on his face. Hannah had never kissed him first and for the first time, she kissed him first.

He felt his heart leap out in joy. He felt so happy.

Hannah on the other hand pulled away from the kiss and then moved towards Lisa and whispered in her ears.

"I have something you can never have, Lisa, and that's him...." She said and then walked upstairs to her room.

Lisa on the other hand gritted her teeth, she felt like she was about to explode with jealousy at that moment in time. She felt anger mixed with sadness run through her at once.

She glared at Brandon and looked away before going to the kitchen to get the food she had wanted to eat but she had already lost appetite because Hannah had kissed Brandon in front of her. She left the room and went outside to sit by the poolside. She needed fresh air.

Hannah on the other hand had just gotten to her room when the door opened revealing Brandon. He had this bright look on his face.

Hannah stared at him and then looked away.

"You kissed me," he said and she rolled her eyes.

"I only did what I did because of Lisa, she's so annoying," she said and Brandon kept smiling. The thought of Hannah marking her territory made her smile.

Hannah turned to Brandon and saw he was smiling, she wondered what was funny and why he was smiling.

He moved closer to her and wrapped his hands around her waist. He drew her closer leaving no space between them.

"What are you doing Brandon?" she whispered.

"Shhh, don't move" he muttered and then smashed his lips on hers.

Meanwhile, the octuplets are seen in the room, they are already done playing games and are talking about their schools.

Suddenly, Allison took the hairbrush and decided to brush Mellisa's hair.

"Your hair looks scattered, can I brush it?" She asked and Mellisa nodded giving her permission to.

She brushed the hair and then helped her style it in two ponytails. She took her hair band and tied it on the ponytail and then dropped the brush on the dressing table beside her bed.

"Wow, you look so pretty," Allison said as Mellisa stared at herself in the mirror and then smiled. She loved the hairstyle.

The octuplets stared at each other as they stared at the hairbrush which contained a few strands of Mellisa's hair.

Meanwhile, Lisa was seen by the pool when she saw Matthew's car drive inside the compound.

He alighted the car while he was on a phone call.

"I lied to her that I'm going to see my aunt, can you please stop calling me so she won't be suspicious?" Matthew said as he closed the car door and then let out a sigh before ending the call.

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He stared at Lisa who was also staring at him. He smiled at her and walked away. Meanwhile, Lisa watched Matthew as he walked away till he was out of her sight.

She wondered who he was talking to on the phone.

Oh my goodness, does this mean Matthew is a spy, damn!! She thought and then brought out her phone and decided to find out who Matthew was, maybe then she could use it against Jessica, she thought as a smile appeared on her face. Jessica is seen in her room sitting on her bed with no expression on her face while chatting with her investigator when the door opens revealing Jeff.

"Hey" Jeff muttered and Jessica stared at him with a look of anger on her face but then she quickly replaced it with a smile on her face.

"Hey, you are back, how's your aunt?" She asked as she stood up and kissed him lightly on his cheeks.

"She's okay," he said in response as he dropped his phone on the bed and walked inside the bathroom. Asshole, you are lying straight to my face. Damn!!, she muttered as she sat tiredly on the bed.

Just then a text message popped on her phone, it was from her investigator.

She opened the message and read out.

*I found out who he is. turns out the guy Matthew went to see is the Chairman of GTB Global Publishing company.

Matthew had worked with him as a reporter and a publisher for over five years and still counting. He gives him whatever information he needs to publish and he gets paid for it.

And about his aunt, he doesn't have any aunt or relative in Atlanta," she read out and then felt a cold shiver down her spine.

What the hell?!, she muttered as she stared at her screen looking speechless. Matthew was worse than all the men she'd ever dated.

He's a reporter! she thought as different thoughts came running through her head.

It was then it dawned on her that her and Matthew's first meeting wasn't a coincidence, he had approached her because he knew who she was from the start.

He just wanted to get close to her so he could know about her family and publish everything about her family for money.

Tears gathered in her eyes as she felt her heartbeat increase at once.

The pain she feels in her heart right now cannot be compared to any kind of pain she's ever felt. This was the worst.

Just then Matthew walked out of the bathroom. Jessica stood up and turned to him.

"You lied to me-"

"What?"

"You fucking lied to me, I thought you loved me but it was all an act just to get to know everything about my family, you were spying on me and my family all this time" she yelled as tears slipped down her cheeks. "What are you talking about?-"

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"What are you talking about?-" he said with the look of confusion on his face and Jessica felt more pain in her heart. He was pretending not to know what she was talking about.

"I know you didn't go to see your aunt today, you went to see the Chairman of GTB publishing company at a restaurant, and you lied to me-"

"Are you following me now?" He asked and she stared at him looking speechless.

"Is that what you gonna say, if I'm following you? You fucking lied to me. You lied about having an aunt or a family here in Atlanta, you lied about your identity, you lied about the fact that you are a reporter, you lied about everything" she yelled and he stared at her with a look of surprise on his face wondering how she found out about all of this.

He's been caught, damn!! He thought.

"Jessica you are getting it all wrong, I can explain," he said and she shook her head and wiped her tears.

"There's nothing to explain about, I know the truth now. You only came to me because you needed information about my family.

I would say you are a good liar and a pretender Matthew, damn!! It hurts because I fell in love with you and thought you were different.

The truth was right in front of me but I ignored it because of how much I loved you.

I thought you were different," she whispered and he tried moving towards her but she showed back.

"Get out! Take your things and get out!" She said and he stared at her for a few seconds and then nodded.

She probably needs space right now, he thought and with that he walked out of the room.

The moment he walked out, Jessica collapsed on the ground as more tears slipped down her cheeks.

She's never felt the kind of pain she is feeling now. It hurts so much, my heart hurts, she cried out.

Meanwhile, Arianna is seen walking inside the house when Matthew walks past her with the look of anger and sadness on his face.

She wondered what was wrong if he and Jessica were fighting. She decided to go check on Jessica. She climbed upstairs to Jessica's room and planted a soft knock on the door but no reply. "Jessica" she called as she opened the door slowly and then saw her little girl sitting on the floor crying out her eyes.

"Honey" she called as she walked inside the room. Jessica raised her head and saw Arianna.

"Mommy" she called as she stood up and rushed into her embrace, with more tears streaming down her cheeks.

Arianna felt her heart break into pieces as she saw her little Angel in tears. She pulled her into a warm embrace while consoling her.

"What's wrong?" She asked as Jessica pulled away from the hug. Her eyes were swollen and red.

"He lied to me, he never loved me. He was using me to get information about this family" she cried and Arianna stared at her with no expression on her face. She saw how hurt she was.

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Jessica loved Matthew, she was willing to do anything for him even if it meant going against the world.

She thought things with Matthew were going to be different this time but it was worse. Jessica has never been lucky with men.

She sighed and pulled her into a warm hug again.

"It's fine, you are going to be fine, I promise," she said as tears gathered in her eyes

She felt she had failed as a mother to her daughter, she was supposed to protect her from all of this. She was supposed to check about Matthew and know who he is but she was blinded by the fact that her daughter was happy with him. She blamed herself for everything. More tears slipped down her cheeks as she consoled her,

"Honey, I promise, you'll be fine. Everything is going to be fine" she said as they both cried on each other's shoulders.

Meanwhile, it was almost time for bed and the kids were done eating and were about to go to bed when the door burst open revealing Lisa.

"Okay time for bed, Mellisa," she said as she stood hands akimbo.

"But you said I can spend the night in their room," Mellisa said and Lisa let out a sigh.

"I changed my mind, you would be spending the night with me," she said and Mellisa sighed softly.

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She knows once Lisa's heart is made up, it's difficult for her to change her mind but right now she needs to make her have a change of heart.

"Please," she said and Lisa moved towards her, carried her on her shoulder, and waved at the octuplets before walking out of the room. The moment she got to their room, she dropped the little girl on the bed.

"You said I could spend the night there,-" she said as tears gathered in her eyes.

"I had a change of heart, Mellisa. I don't trust anyone In this house" she said as she took her phone.

"The octuplets are nice and I trust them. They treat me like I'm their siblings and whenever I'm with them, I feel comfortable and at home. I have never felt this way for a long time and finally, I found people I could call my siblings but you just keep pulling me away from them.

What kind of mother are you? I hate you so much" she yelled and then laid on the bed and closed her eyes as tears slipped down her cheeks.

Lisa sighed softly as she stared at the little girl who was lying beside her facing the other side of the bed. She felt her heart break at what she had said. "What kind of mother are you?". "Adrianna," she called but no response.

"Adrianna I-" she paused as she sighed for the hundredth time.

"Have a good night's sleep, Adrianna", she said as she lay on bed beside her, lots of thoughts going through her mind

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It was morning and Arianna had woken up so early so she could get the kids dressed up for school.

She had gone downstairs to the kitchen to prepare breakfast for the kids but then to her utmost surprise, she saw Lisa in the kitchen preparing breakfast.

She stared at her with a look of surprise on her face. She wondered what she was cooking, why she was cooking, and who she was cooking for. "What's going on here, Alex?" she asked the butler and he sighed as he stood beside Arianna.

"I woke up and met her cooking, I'm still surprised why she's cooking," Alex said and Arianna paused for some seconds before she finally spoke.

"I hope she isn't preparing the family breakfast, I don't want us getting killed in this house," she said with a weird look on her face Lisa sighed and raised her head, staring at Arianna and the butler. "You both realized I'm right in front of you guys and I can hear what you are saying," she said and Arianna rolled her eyes.

"Please tell the maids to prepare breakfast for the kids and the rest of the family," Arianna said ignoring Lisa and with that, she walked out of the kitchen and walked upstairs to the kid's room. She opened the door to the kids room and saw they were still asleep.

"Wakey, wakey" she muttered as she pulled the curtain open and the ray of the morning reflected in the room.

"Grandma, close the curtain" they murmured from their sleep.

"It's morning and the public holiday is over. You guys do not want to be late for school" she said as she pulled the duvet over them one after the other.

Meanwhile, Adrianna had just woken up from her beauty sleep. She noticed Lisa wasn't in the room, she wondered where she had gone too.

She touched her stomach and then groaned softly, she was feeling hungry. She went inside the bathroom and brushed her teeth before going downstairs for breakfast.

If there was one thing Adrianna loved about this house was that they prepared breakfast on time and she could eat whenever she liked.

She went downstairs and walked inside the kitchen, where she met Lisa preparing breakfast and the maids also preparing breakfast.

She wondered what Lisa was doing in the kitchen.

"Hey, Mellisa, you are awake," Lisa said as she removed the chicken from the oven, removed her hand gloves, and wiped her hands before moving towards Adrianna. "What are you doing in the kitchen? I thought you hated to cook?" She asked and all the maids turned to them as they heard what she had said.

"It's too early to embarrass me, honey," Lisa said as she pulled Mellisa away from the kitchen to the dining room and helped her sit on the chair.

"I woke up so I could prepare breakfast for you," Lisa said and Mellisa raised her eyebrows looking surprised.

"You were angry at me last night and I thought maybe I would make it up to you by cooking something nice for you," Lisa said and Mellisa scoffed.

"I hope it's not poison," she said and Lisa rolled her eyes.

"I'm only doing this so you won't ruin my plans. Sit here, the food is ready, I would bring it now" she said and walked inside the kitchen.

A few minutes later; she came back holding a tray of food and then dropped it on the table.

"What did you prepare?" Mellisa asked, staring at the plate.

"Baked chicken and some rice," she said as she opened the place and Mellisa hummed.

"I hope it tastes nice as it looks," she said as she took the fork and knife and took a cut from the chicken. Lisa sat down staring at her while she took a bite from the chicken, she had this weird look on her face while she chewed it. "What's wrong?" Lisa asked as she took the serviette and suddenly spit it out.

"This has no taste and it's half cooked, I can taste the blood of the chicken in my mouth, did you even wash it?, please do not ever try to cook again" Mellisa said as she rested her back on the chair.

"Fine, at least I tried," she said as she asked the maid to get rid of the food and throw it away. It wasn't long before the maids had finished cooking and they served it on the table.

The octuplets who were ready for school, climbed downstairs and walked to the dining where they had their breakfast with Arianna sitting beside them.

"This tastes better," Mellisa said as she ate the food the maid had cooked.

"So, Mellisa, when would you be resuming school?" Allison asked.

"I don't know yet, I'm waiting for my mom," she said with a shrug and Lisa rolled her eyes.

Just then Brandon is seen climbing down the stairs, Lisa stares at him and notices how handsome he looks.

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"Hi Daddy" the kids echoed at once and Brandon smiled, as he moved towards them and kissed them on their cheeks one after the other.

"How was your night sweetheart?" He asked at once and they all responded.

"Daddy, when would I be resuming a new school?" Mellisa asked and Brandon stared at Lisa.

"Whenever you are ready, I will make the necessary arrangement," he said in response and then turned to Arianna.

"Hey Mom" he muttered as he sat on the chair and Arianna smiled at her.

Just then Lucas walked to the dining table and took a croissant. He took a bite while staring at everyone.

"Hey uncle Lucas" the octuplets said at once and Lucas smiled at them.

"That's a lot of children you've got Brandon, did you plan on birthing the whole world?" Lucas said while staring at the octuplets. Brandon stared at him without saying a word. Lucas stared at Lisa and was about to walk away but then he paused and turned to Arianna.

"Where's Jessica? I haven't seen her anywhere" he asked.

"She's in her room, sleeping," she said and continued eating her food.

"Jessica had broken up with her boyfriend, I mean her gigolo husband, turned out he isn't who he claims to be," Lisa said and everyone stared at her.

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"Lisa, could you learn to stick your nose in things that are your concerns?" Arianna asked with a frown on her face.

"Not when it involves this family reputation," Lisa said and Arianna rolled her eyes.

"Like you care about this family" she responded.

"Ok, what the hell is going on Mom?" Brandon asked.

"You should ask Lisa, I believe she knows everything," Arianna said as she shot Lisa a deadly glare. Brandon and Lucas turned to Lisa waiting for her to speak.

"Turns out Matthew's real name is Alexander Robert. He had targeted Jessica and your sister fell for his traps-"

"Can you just go straight to the point? I knew his name wasn't Matthew" Lucas said and everyone turned to him.

"You knew?" Brandon asked.

"Not really, but the day we had gone out, a lady had called him Alexander Robert, he claimed not to know the lady and left. I figured out that might be his actual name" Lucas said with a shrug.

"Anyways, Matthew is a reporter and a publisher, he was paid to give out every information he knows about this family," Lisa said and Brandon stood up at once.

"What the hell!? How did all this happen and no one knew about it? And Lucas, why didn't you tell me?" Brandon asked.

"I didn't know exactly and Jessica told me she's happy and I had to stay away from her relationship. And it's not exactly in my place to tell you everything, I believed you knew everything " Lucas said and Brandon frowned. "And where the hell is Jessica? How can she be so stupid, I hope any damage has not been done yet" Brandon muttered angrily.

"Leave Jessica alone Brandon, let her breathe, she's also a victim here, she was hurt-"

"You do not mean what you are saying, Mom. This is about our family, we need to do everything to protect this family-"

"You mean business," Lucas said, cutting off Brandon's speech.

"They are both the same," he said in response.

"Everything is under control, I'll deal with Jessica, you can go find Matthew and deal with him yourself," Arianna said as she stood up.

She then turned to the kids who were done eating. They all stood up and walked out of the house.

"I dunno, I think Jessica is cursed, she's never lucky with men. I feel pity for her because she loved the asshole" Lucas said Lisa laughed and everyone turned to her wondering what was funny.

"I'm gonna deal with Matthew, myself, he needs to be taught a lesson-"

"No one touches Matthew," Jessica, who is seen climbing down the stairs, said and everyone turned to her.

"What? He fucking used you to get information about this family" Brandon yelled angrily.

"I know, that's why I'm going to deal with him myself. No one goes near him or touches him" Jessica said and Lucas rolled his eyes.

"We both know you are a fool for love Jessica, the moment you set your eyes on him and he tells you, he loves you, you are back in his arms again," Liam said as he took another bite of his croissants.

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"Coming from someone who cannot do without Lisa even though he knows she's a whore and a Liar" Jessica said and Lisa frowned.

"Okay, I agree, I was a fool to give Lisa another chance but not anymore, I'm not falling for her lame charms again," Lucas said and Lisa rolled her eyes.

"You know I'm here right?" Lisa asked as she turned to Lucas.

"I know and I don't care," Lucas said with a cold expression on his face.

"Brandon please, I'll deal with him myself," Jessica said and Brandon sighed.

"Fine, but if he releases any information concerning this family, he's dead," he said Jessica nodded and with that, he walked away.

"Some people never learn their lessons," Lisa said as she drank the juice on her table.

Jessica stared at her and looked away. She then turned to Lucas who was staring at her.

"What? What are you staring at?" She asked and rolled his eyes.

"Just wondering why you are never lucky with men," he said and Jessica shot him a deadly glare.

"She's not lucky with men and also cannot keep a man," Lisa said as she laughed.

"Shut up Lisa" Lucas and Jessica echoed at once and Lisa rolled her eyes again and with that, Jessica walked away.

Lucas took another croissant and was about to walk away when Lisa spoke, making him pause.

"Where's Hannah? I haven't seen her, do you by any means know where she is? " Lisa asked and Lucas turned to her.

"She's somewhere you are not and it's a good thing Lisa-

"Can you stop being harsh towards me, you loved me once, and I know you still do"

"I loved you once. Emphasis on *ONCE*, and that's past tense. You are my past Lisa and trust me I regret every day I loved you in the past, so, stop being delusional " he said and with that, he walked away. Lisa swallowed into nothing as she gritted her teeth.

"That was harsh! But you deserve it" Mellisa whispered as she stared at Lisa who had a frown on her face, while clenching her fist onto the fork in her hands.

"Seems like everyone hates you in this house," Mellisa said and Lisa turned to her and then dropped the fork on the table.

"No, they don't, they just pretend to because I'm everything they can never be," Lisa said and Mellisa raised her eyebrows.

"No one wishes to be anything like you, no offense," Mellisa said and Lisa stared at her without saying a word, and then she finally spoke.

"Offense taken-

"If I'm to advise you, I would say you act cool to everyone and stop making troubles here and there, and trust me everyone would start liking you," Mellisa said and Lisa raised her eyebrows as she stared at the little girl. "Sorry, I don't take advice from a twelve-year-old"

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"Sorry, I don't take advice from a twelve-year-old," Lisa said and Mellisa scoffed.

"At least I'm not an adult everyone hates," she said as she stood up, and with that, she walked away. You little thing, Lisa muttered as she gritted her teeth.

Meanwhile, Hannah had woken up feeling extremely tired and sick. Her body was burning hot.

She checked the time and noticed she was late for the office.

"No one even cares to wake me up, not even my so-called husband" she muttered as she stood up and stared at the door.

It was then she noticed she had locked the door and there was no way anyone would have gotten in.

But they should have knocked, she thought as she picked up her phone and saw thirty missed calls from Brandon.

Shit! I'm late for the board meeting, she thought and then managed to walk out of the room and went downstairs to get some drugs and coffee.

She got downstairs and there she met Lisa sitting on the dining chair. She sighed and then sat on the chair opposite hers and asked the maid to bring her some coffee and a drug.

Lisa raised her head and stared at her. She noticed the look on her face like she was sick.

"Are you okay?" She asked as Hannah touched her forehead.

Hannah turned to her.

"And since when did you care if I was okay or not?" She asked and Lisa sighed,

"Fine, I don't care but you look like someone who's about to die and you are sitting in front of me and if you die here in front of me, everyone is going to accuse me of killing you and if I try defending myself no one would believe me because they know how much I hate you and they hate me too.

And I would probably spend the rest of my life in jail. So, I don't want that" she said and Hannah sighed.

"Just shut up," Hannah said as the maid bought the cup of coffee and told her she would go get drugs from the nearest store.

"If you need help getting to the hospital I could take you there, as much as I want you dead, I don't want to spend my life in jail," she said and brought out her phone to call Brandon since Hannah wasn't responding to her.

"You know what? I'm just gonna leave the house in case anything happens" she said and then stood up to leave when the front door opened revealing Brandon.

"Hannah, I have been calling you, I left some files in my study room, I had wanted you to bring them when coming to the....." Brandon paused when she saw the look on Hannah's face.

"Are you alright?" He asked but Hannah didn't say a word. Brandon then turned to Lisa.

"What did you do to her?" He asked at once and Lisa opened her eyes wide in shock.

"What? I didn't do anything to her. Hannah could you please tell him I didn't do anything to you" Lisa said and Hannah sighed softly.

"I'm fine Brandon, I'm just stressed from work," Hannah said and Lisa heaved a sigh of relief.

"We should take you to the hospital," Brandon said.

"What's wrong with her?" Lucas asked as she walked towards them.

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"Oh my goodness!" Lisa yelled as she opened her eyes and mouth wide in shock like she'd seen something.

"What?" Everyone asked as they turned to her.

"She's pregnant," Lisa yelled.

"What?" Lucas muttered as he turned to both Hannah and Brandon.

"And Lucas is the father of the child," Lisa said and everyone yelled at once.

"What?-"

"What? I'm telling the truth, I saw Hannah sneaking out of Lucas's room, she must be pregnant for him," Lisa said with a shrug and Hannah frowned. Brandon then turned to Lucas.

"What? Don't give me that look, nothing is going on between your wife and i. Lisa is only doing what she knows how to do best, lie" Lucas said and Lisa rolled her eyes.

"I'm not lying to you Brandon, why don't you ask him why Hannah was in his room a week ago?" Lisa said and Lucas gritted his teeth.

"Fine, I was drunk, Lisa helped me to my room and that was all...."

"Oh, you want to tell me that was the only thing that happened?" Lisa said.

"Yes, that was the only thing that happened, can you just stop what you are doing, not everyone is like you-"

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"Oh, you are calling me a whore when you are the man whore who loves your brother's wife -"

Hannah closed her eyes as she was tired of Lucas and Lisa arguing. Her head was aching at the noise. "Can you both shut up, I'm not pregnant" she said and they both became silent as they turned to her. Hannah sighed and just then she felt like she was about to throw up, she rushed outside and threw up. Lisa, Lucas, and Brandon stared at each other and went after her.

They all stood hands akimbo outside as they watched Hannah who was also staring at them.

"Stop giving me that look, I'm not pregnant," she said as she wiped her lips and Lisa scoffed.

"You are giving off signs of pregnancy," Lisa said and Lucas turned to Brandon.

"You have eight kids Brandon and Mellisa making it nine, and you still got her pregnant, do you plan on giving birth to the whole world?" Lucas asked and Brandon sighed and turned to Hannah who had a confused expression on her face. "I'm not pregnant, I and Brandon haven't even had....."

"That's enough, you need to rest Hannah," Brandon said, cutting off her speech as he knew she was about to tell everyone they hadn't had sex yet.

He moved towards Hannah, carried her in his arms, and walked inside the house leaving Lisa and Lucas all alone.

They both shut each other a deadly glare and then went their separate ways.

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Brandon opened the door to Hannah's room and then dropped her on the bed.

"I would get the family doctor," he said as Hannah sat up on the bed. He took his phone and called the family doctor. While he was on call, he kept staring at Hannah who stood up pacing to and fro with a worried expression on her face.

"He's on his way. What's wrong?" He asked as he hung up.

"What if I'm truly pregnant?" She said with fear written all over her face.

"It's good news then," he said as he sat on the couch, staring at her.

"What good news? We haven't even had sex yet, we only kissed, and can someone get pregnant through a kiss?" She muttered and Brandon shrugged. She frowned as she stared at him. "You are acting so unconcerned and like you don't even care" she yelled angrily.

"What? I care, you are just overreacting, you should calm down and wait for the doctor to arrive" he said and the frown on her face deepened.

"Am I overreacting? Wow," she said and Brandon let out a soft sign.

"I didn't mean you were overreacting, I....." he paused looking confused not knowing what to say to Hannah anymore.

"Can you just calm down, please?" he said as he stood up and held her hands. The moment he held her hands, a cold shiver ran down her spine and she suddenly became calm.

She nodded and sat on the bed while Brandon sat beside her. She stared at him and looked away, staring into nothing with lots of thoughts going through her mind.

Just then she jumped off the bed and Brandon stared at her Surprised.

"Oh my goodness!" She muttered.

"What's wrong?" He asked.

"Oh my goodness! That day I was drunk, and we both had sex. This is all your fault and now I'm pregnant " she said and Brandon raised his eyebrows staring at her. "Don't give me that look, I was drunk and vulnerable that day and you took advantage of that and slept with me.

This is all your fault and now I'm pregnant. I have eight kids already and I'm pregnant again, what if I give birth to another set of octuplets again this time and it would be fourteen kids" she muttered as she burst into tears and Brandon chuckled.

She turned to him with tears streaming down her cheeks wondering what was funny.

"Calm down alright, it's our child, I'm here for you, I'm glad you are pregnant, I want to have another child. My dreams are coming true" he said and she stared at him looking surprised and just then she kicked him on his foot. "Ouch," he groaned.

"I don't want another child. I'm happy with my children. I didn't even plan on giving birth to octuplets in the first place, I dunno how it turned into octuplets., Don't get me wrong, I love my children, I'm glad I gave birth to them and they are my world, and I'm okay with them, I just don't want another child" she cried and Brandon sighed.

"The child is there already, do you want to remove it?" Brandon asked.

"What? No, never, I wouldn't. Children are blessings even though you took advantage of me. I do not even remember us having sex" She paused and then Brandon stood up.

"You won't be able to remember because you were drunk, so don't try to," he said and she sighed and sat on the bed.

She lay on the bed and covered her face with her palms while she cried.

Brandon sat on the couch staring at her with a smile on his face. He was enjoying it, she's so dramatic, he thought as he shook his head.

Hannah removed her hands from her face and turned to Brandon. She saw the look on his face and then stood up.

"You are enjoying this right?" She asked and he sighed and stood up while holding his laughter.

She hummed as she stared at him, reading the looks on his face.

"What are you hiding from me?" She asked, hands akimbo. Brandon sighed.

"Okay fine, clean your tears and stop crying," he said as he wiped her tears and kissed her on her lips.

"We didn't have sex that day, you were drunk, nothing happened between us. Although you were all over me but nothing happened" he said. "Really?" She asked and he nodded.

"You knew we didn't do anything and you kept pulling my leg," she said as she hit him lightly on his chest. He laughed.

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"I knew we didn't have sex, I was just confused. I feel relieved knowing I'm not pregnant" she said and he rolled his eyes.

"But we could make a baby now and get you pregnant," he said and she frowned and rolled her eyes.

Brandon laughed.

Just then he heard his phone ring. It was a call from Alex the butler.

"Bring him upstairs," he answered the phone and hung up immediately.

"The doctor is here," Brandon said to Hannah who nodded in response.

Meanwhile, Jessica is seen in her room lying on the bed looking sad, tired, and hungry. She heard her phone ring and checked the caller's ID. It was a call from Matthew.

She wondered why he wouldn't stop calling, she didn't want to talk to him.

She took her phone and switched it off then threw it on the bed stand, she closed her eyes and Forced herself to sleep.

Matthew on the other hand is seen standing outside the gate, the security wouldn't let him in. He just wanted to talk to Jessica and explain things to her but they wouldn't let him in as they were given orders by Brandon not to let him inside the house.

He sighed softly and decided to wait by the gate.

He wasn't going to leave until he spoke to Jessica.

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Lisa had just gotten dressed to leave the house. She needed to get some things done.

She had walked outside the house and hopped inside her car. She was about to drive out of the house when she saw Matthew standing outside the house.

"Matthew?!" She called and then climbed out of the car and walked towards him. Matthew turned to her and sighed.

"Thank God I saw you, I don't know why the security guards won't let me in, could you please tell them to let me in or call Jessica to let me in" he said and Lisa scoffed.

"Really? I don't think Jessica wants to see you. You should leave before Brandon sees you else you are dead. Jessica is hurt" Lisa said with a smirk on her face and Matthew sighed softly. He then moved closer to Lisa and gave her a big document that was in his hands.

"What's this?" She asked, staring at the document.

"I need you to give it to Jessica. I agree our first meeting wasn't a coincidence, but I never wrote about her family, instead, I wrote about mine.

My family is the most scandalous in Houston and I wrote about them not the Colbys" he said and Lisa stared at him looking confused.

She opened the first page of the book and read a few parts and then paused, opening her eyes wide in shock.

"Wait, you are the son of Larson Robert of Houston?" Lisa asked with a surprised look on her face and Matthew nodded.

Lisa was surprised, she heard a lot about Larson Robert, he's one of the richest men In Houston and has so many companies and houses in Atlanta city.

She was wrong, Matthew wasn't from a poor family, he was from one of the richest families in the world.

"I'll be on my way now," he said as he entered the car and then zoomed off. Lisa hummed as she entered her car.

She put the document in her bag, there was no way she was giving it to Jessica.

She ignited the engine and zoomed off.

It was evening and the octuplets had closed from school. Arianna had brought them back from school and asked them to go upstairs to their room to rest while she prepared dinner for them.

The kids entered their room and quickly changed into their house wear. Allison took the brush which Mellisa's hair was and removed the strands of hair, putting it in a small nylon.

"I haven't seen Aunt Jessica, anywhere," Allison said.

"I think she's in her room. She's heartbroken because of Matthew... I never for once even liked the guy. I'm not even sure she would want to see us or even help us anymore" Aubrey said and the octuplets hummed while staring at each other. "We won't know until we try," Audrey said and they all sighed and decided to go to Jessica's room.

They planted a soft knock on the door, but there was no answer.

They pushed the door and luckily it wasn't locked from the inside. They walked inside the room.

The room was dark, as they couldn't see anyone, not even themselves.

"Aunt Jessica" they whispered while trying to locate the switch in the room but they all collided with each other at once and fell to the ground.

"Ouch, who hit my head" Aubrey and Allison yelled.

"I should be asking you, you matched my leg-"

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"Don't put your hands in my eyes, watch where you are going" They kept arguing and Jessica who was fast asleep heard noises from her sleep, she opened her eyes.

Her room was dark and she couldn't see who was making the noise.

She yelled and jumped off her bed thinking it was a ghost. She quickly switched on the lights.

The moment the light went on she saw the octuplets on the ground.

She stared at them with a surprised look on her face.

"What are you guys doing here? You scared me" she yelled as she placed her hands on her chest and heaved a sigh of relief.

"Sorry, we didn't mean to scare you," Jayden said as they all stood up from the ground and straightened their clothes.

"What are you guys doing here?" She asked as she moved towards the bed and sat on it.

"We have her hair, we need you to take it to the Lab for DNA," Jayden said as he stepped forward.

"I'm tired, I'm no longer interested in doing whatever DNA shit! You guys should leave" she said as she ruffled her hair.

"But we had an agreement" Addison said and Jessica stared at them without saying a word.

She needed something to distract her mind from thinking about Matthew. Maybe this would help her.

"Fine, give me the sample," she said and Jayden gave it to her.

Planning your weekend reading? Ensure you're on 000005s.org for uninterrupted enjoyment. The next chapter is just a click away, exclusively available on our site. Happy reading! "Remember, you keep an eye on Lisa while I do this," Jessica said and they all nodded in unison.

"Okay, now you guys can leave," she said and the kids smiled at her and walked out of the room but Jayden paused and went back inside the room.

"You are a strong woman, Aunt Jessica, you shouldn't let anything bring you down," Jayden said and gave Jessica one last glance before going outside the room to meet his siblings. They walked towards their room and just as they were about to open the door, the door opened revealing Arianna.

"Grandma" they called surprised and smiled.

"Where did all of you go?" She asked as she wrapped her hands around her chest. They all stared at each other.

"And do not dare lie to me," she said and they all sighed softly.

"We went to see Aunt Jessica. We heard about the breakup and decided to show some sympathy " Jayden said and Arianna hummed while staring at them. She wasn't buying their lie.

"Grandma, Aunt Jessica is our friend, so..." Aubrey said with a shrug.

"The last time I checked you guys and Jessica weren't friends. How did you guys become friends overnight or is there something I'm missing?"

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"Grandma....." Aubrey muttered as she stared at her siblings, while they kept blinking at each other.

"Ouch, my stomach hurts, I'm hungry Grandma," Addison said as she held her stomach and pouted.

"Oh my goodness, grandma we need to get Addison some food, her stomach hurts," Jason said as he held Addison who was about to fall to the ground. Arianna hummed knowing fully well they were trying to play her. She knows the octuplets very well and she can vouch they were up to something. "What are you kids up to?" she asked and they all laughed.

"What? Grandma, what are you talking about?" they asked and she rolled her eyes.

"Let's go downstairs and eat, your food is getting cold," she said and they all smiled and ran downstairs to the dining room.

She sighed softly and trailed behind them. She just hopes Jessica isn't making them do something stupid.

Hannah, who is seen lying on the bed, sleeping peacefully, groaned softly as she positioned her head properly on Brandon's chest while drooling.

The pillow was so relaxing, she'd never felt so comfortable, she thought as she opened her blurring eyes.

Her eyes opened wide when she realized she was lying on Brandon's chest. She jumped off his chest immediately, sitting up on the bed.

"What the heck? What are you doing here?" she turned as she saw Brandon staring at her with a smirk on his face.

"Seems like you were dreaming of me because you were drooling," he said as he lay properly on the bed, resting his back on the pillow and placing both of his hands at the back of his head.

Hannah's face flushed in embarrassment when she saw the drool on his shirt. She looked away from him and stood up from the bed.

Brandon was right, she was dreaming about him.

"What are you doing here Brandon?" she asked as she sat on the couch.

"What else am I doing here if not taking care of you?" he said and she rolled her eyes.

"Ain't you supposed to be at work?" she asked.

"It's midnight Hannah," he said and she stood up to check the time and noticed it was truly midnight. She had slept so long. She groaned softly.

"How come I slept this long?" she asked as she opened her eyes wide in shock.

"The doctor gave you some drugs and after that, you fell asleep, and I had to stay with you," he said and she sighed.

She remembered the doctor came to her room and checked her and said she wasn't pregnant, she was only stressed and he had given her some drugs and she had dozed off. "So, how are you feeling now?" he asked.

"I feel better" she said in response and stood up to leave the room.

She needed to go to the kitchen to get food because she was hungry.

"And where are you heading to?" he asked as he stood up.

"To get food, I'm starving," she said and he hummed and moved in front of her as she was about to open the door, blocking her way.

"What do you think you are doing, Brandon?" she asked as he moved closer to her, making her heart beat faster.

"You are nervous," he said as she swallowed into nothing.

"W. what? What are you talking about? I'm not" she said as she stared deep into his charming eyes, the thoughts of Brandon kissing her came running into her mind.

She quickly shook her head, pushing away the thoughts from her mind. He was trying to charm her again and she would not fall for it.

"What are you thinking about?" He asked as he gripped her waist, pulling her closer to himself, leaving no breathing space between them.

"N.. nothing" she responded, trying to avoid his eyes. A smile appeared on his lips as he saw the effect he was having on her.

He raised her chin with his thumb and made her look at him straight in the eyes.

"What are you doing Brandon!" she managed to say and he smiled and moved his lips to her ear and whispered.

"I want another child," he said and Hannah's eyes opened wide and she quickly came back to her senses and pulled away from him.

"What? I'm not having another child with you" she muttered and hit him lightly on his chest, pushing him out of her way before walking out of the room.

She heaved a sigh of relief the moment she walked out of the room. She went downstairs to the kitchen to get some food.

She took the food and went to the dining to eat when suddenly the front door opened revealing Lisa, sneaking inside the house, holding a document and her shoes in her hands.

She wondered where she was coming from by this time of the night, it was midnight.

She coughed and Lisa raised her head and saw Hannah staring at her:

"Don't you sleep? It's midnight" Lisa said and Hannah rolled her eyes and looked away from her as she continued eating her food.

"You are still alive, I thought you would be dead by now," Lisa said as she moved towards Hannah.

"And I thought you wouldn't return after you left" Hannah responded and Lisa rolled her eyes.

"Guess the rumor is true," Hannah said and Lisa raised her eyebrows wondering what rumor. Hannah stared at Lisa who had a confused look on.

"Look who's back," they both heard Lucas's voice from behind and they turned to him.

"I thought you weren't coming back? You probably didn't see what you went looking for or rather who" Lucas said with a smirk on his face.

"What are you talking about?" Lisa asked, pretending not to know what he was talking about.

"Jules? I know you threatened her. She's in a safe place now though and guess what she told me all about your secrets and what you've been doing all those years and who you've been with" Lucas said and Lisa bit her inner lips with a nervous look on her face and turned to Hannah who was staring at the both of them.

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