

Cinderella And Her Beautiful Octuplets

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"Yes, I knew. I knew she was my child. I knew she was our child and I was telling you the truth, I never lied, and I would never lie about *OUR* child" Lisa said and everyone went silent while staring at her. "I never lied to you Brandon, Hannah and Lucas were trying to set me up" Lisa added and Brandon turned to Lucas and Hannah. From the look on Brandon's face, Hannah knew Brandon believed Lisa. Hannah sighed and gave both Brandon and Lisa one last glance before walking outside the house to the pool area. "Don't tell me you believe her," Lucas said but Brandon didn't say a word. Lucas shook his head before walking away.

Brandon stared at Lucas till he was out of sight and moved towards Lisa then untied her from the chair.

Lisa heaved a sigh of relief and made to stand up but then she tripped and was about to fall on the ground when Brandon held her.

"Are you okay?" he asked and she nodded as she wrapped her hands around his neck.

"I.... I feel dizzy. I need to get to my room" she said and Brandon nodded and carried her in his arms before going upstairs to her room. Immediately, he got to her room, he pushed the door open, and then walked inside his room, there he met Mellisa sitting on the couch.

She stood up the moment they walked in. Brandon moved towards the bed and placed Lisa on the bed.

"You should rest!" Brandon said and she nodded and closed her eyes pretending to fall asleep.

Brandon turned to Melissa and stared at her before walking away.

The moment Brandon walked out of the room, Lisa opened her eyes and then smiled.

"Finally, Brandon is going to be mine" she muttered with a smile on her face but then the smile on her face disappeared when she saw Mellisa staring at her.

"Hey," she muttered and then beckoned for her to come close to her which she did.

"I'm sorry about Grandma Samantha, I promise to take care of you, alright?" she said and Mellisa stared at her for a few seconds without saying a word but then she finally spoke.

"Is it true that I'm your biological daughter?" Melissa asked and Lisa sighed. She doesn't believe the DNA test Jessica did.

Mellisa cannot be her child, her and Brabdon's child had died years ago. She needed to do some digging but anyway, she was grateful that she wasn't kicked out.

"You are my daughter, Mellisa, you will always be. You are now my responsibility and I promise to take good care of you" she said and then pulled her into a warm hug.

Meanwhile, Hannah is seen sitting by the poolside and Just then she sees Lucas walking towards her and he sits beside her.

He stared at her and looked away.

"She lied, she didn't know Mellisa was her child not until today" She paused and turned to Lucas.

"What if destiny is trying to bring them back together?" Hannah said and Liam raised his eyebrow.

"What? Hell no. You and Brandon are the Epic love and perfect couple. Lisa is a no and a complete red flag

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On a serious note, I have never seen Brandon the way he is with you with anyone. You changed him completely and that alone makes me think you are the perfect one for him" Liam said and Hannah smiled. Liam felt a feeling of love run through his veins as he stared at Hannah.

Oh, Brandon, you are so lucky to have this pretty woman. I just can't wait for you to flop so I can have her to myself, Lucas thought as he stared at her with love in his eyes.

Meanwhile, Jessuca, who is seen sitting on the couch in the sitting room, sighed as she read through the document.

She then closed it when she was done reading everything.

She brought out her phone thinking if she should call Matthew but then she had a change of heart. She wasn't going to call him, she thought so she stood up and went

upstairs to her room. Brandon who had left Lisa's room walked out the house to go check on Hannah who hadn't entered the house yet.

But then he met her by the poolside sitting with Lucas and they were both laughing. They looked so happy.

He stared at the both of them and he could see how happy Hannah was. She had never laughed with him that way before. He felt jealousy mixed with anger run through him at once.

He walked up to them immediately and both Hannah and Lucas turned to him.

"We need to talk," Brandon said and Hannah signed.

"If it's about Lisa, I'm in no mood to talk about her, and I do want to," she said and stood up to leave but then Brandon held her hands and pulled her back.

"Do not you dare walk out on me!" he said between gritted teeth.

"And what if I do?" she said with a cold expression on her face as his fist tightened around her arms and she groaned.

"You are hurting me Brandon" she muttered but he just wouldn't let go of her arms.

Lucas stared at both Hannah and Brandon and couldn't bear to see Hannah in any pain even though it was little.

He then stood up and pushed Brandon away from Hannah.

"Don't you dare hurt her," Liam said and Brandon stared at him with a surprised look on his face with a mix of anger.

"And who are you to interfere in my issue with her? She's my wife!!" he said with so much authority in his voice.

"You wife? Really? You call her your wife and yet you believe Lisa over her all the time. You are just a coward, Brandon" Lucas said and then Brandon clenched his fist and punched him on his nose. "Brandon stop it" Hannah yelled.

Lucas laughed as he touched his nose and saw blood.

"Is that all you've got?.." he paused and laughed.

"You and I know you do not deserve Hannah, not even one bit" he yelled and Brandon made to hit him again but then Hannah stood in the middle.

"What the hell has come over you, Brandon?"

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"What the hell has come over you, Brandon?" Hannah yelled and he stared at her and looked away. He gave them both one last glance before walking away. Hannah turned to Lucas.

"Are you okay?" she asked and he nodded and smiled.

"You should go talk to him. As much as I hate to say this, he loves you, you should talk to him" he said and Hannah nodded in response.

Just then she saw a black car screech to a halt in front of the mansion, the octuplets, and Arianna alighted the car.

She walked towards Arianna and the kids with a deep frown on her face.

"What's wrong?" Arianna asked as she noticed the look on her face.

"These kids are becoming something else. I heard what you guys did" Hannah said and the kids looked at her looking confused.

"What are you talking about mom, we didn't do anything. We just got back from school" they muttered at once with a confused expression on their faces.

"Oh please stop that innocent look. I know you were the one who asked Jessica to do a DNA test for Mellisa and...."

"What?" Arianna muttered with a surprised look on her face.

"Yes Mom, and they took her hair and gave it to Jessica, " Hannah said as she turned to the kids who weren't saying a word, instead they bowed their heads avoiding her looks. The frown on Hannah's face deepened.

Arianna stared at both Hannah and the kids and then sighed.

"Sweethearts, go inside and wait for me in your room," Arianna said and the kids nodded in response and quickly ran inside the house.

Hannah turned to Arianna.

"Mom, these kids are becoming something else. They don't act like kids anymore, they act like adults." Hannah said with a worried look on her face.

"I knew they were up to something when they told me they were friends with Jessica, I just didn't know a DNA test was what they were up to," Arianna said and they both sighed.

Hannah stared at her without saying a word.

"How did you even find out?" Arianna asked.

"It's a long story, Mom. Turns out Mellisa is the biological child of Brandon. She's his child and seems like Lisa never knew. She only found out today and she's pretending she knew all along" Hannah said and Arianna raised eyebrows. "So, where's Lisa now?" Arianna asked.

"She's inside the house, probably in her room with a victorious smile on her face," Hannah said with an eye roll and Arianna sighed.

"Do you want me to kick her out? I could do that if you want" Arianna said

"No, if I wanted her out she would

have been long gone. Lisa isn't the problem, Brandon is. He doesn't believe anything I say and yet he says he loves me" Hannah said and Arianna stared at her with a surprised look on her face. Smiled. "I'm sure he believes you, he's probably confused. You should talk to him and sort out things with him.." she paused when she heard her phone ring.

She brought out the phone from her handbag and then answered the phone call before walking inside the house.

"I'm not going to talk to him or sort out anything with him" Hannah muttered and then walked inside the house.

The moment she walked inside the house, she saw Mellisa walking out of the kitchen, and going upstairs to her room.

Mellisa stared at Hannah who smiled at her.

"How are you feeling now?" Hannah asked with a concerned look on my face.

"I'm fine. I took water to give to my mom" She said and Hannah nodded in response and was about to walk away when Mellisa called her making her stop. "Aunt Hannah" she called and Hannah turned to her.

"I'm sorry for yelling at you earlier today"

"What? No sweetheart, you don't have to apologize for anything. Trust me I completely understand how you were feeling.

I was once in your shoes when I lost my mom. So you shouldn't apologize for anything" Hannah said and Mellisa nodded in response.

"I know I lied to you before. I didn't have any choice. I do not have anywhere else to go, please do not throw my mommy out"

"Mellisa, this is your father's house and you are my daughter and the octuplet's sibling. You are not going anywhere. We are all family" she said and the little girl nodded as tears gathered in her eyes. "Hey, why are you crying?" Hannah asked as she moved closer to her.

"You are so nice, I don't know why my mommy doesn't like you... I know she doesn't hate you either" she said and Hannah stared at her without saying a word and then wiped her tears.

"Mu mommy isn't as bad as everyone thinks even though she's done a lot of bad things. I believe she can still change, please forgive her" Mellisa said and Hannah sighed softly.

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"I forgive her, you should go give her the water she sent you, don't keep her waiting," Hannah said and Mellisa nodded and went upstairs to the room.

Hannah sighed and walked upstairs to her room with lots of thoughts going through her mind.

The moment she opened the door, she met Brandon inside the room.

She turned to leave but then Brandon stood up at once and called her.

"Hannah" he called and she turned to him.

"What do you want?" she asked as she turned swiftly and then he moved closer to her. He stared at her and suddenly he smashed his lips on her. Meanwhile, Matthew is seen

sitting outside the bar where she and Jessica had first met while he keeps staring at his phone waiting for Jessica's call.

He has been sitting outside the club for the last five hours. Thinking after she read the document she would come.

He checked his time and saw it was past midnight, it was then he knew she wouldn't be coming.

He felt his heart break into pieces.

"I guess she never loved me the way I thought she did," he said and then sighed.

Just then a black car drove in front of him and two men in suits alighted the car.

"Young master Robert" they called as they bowed their heads.

"I'm going home," Matthew said and then hopped inside the car.

The men in black closed the door as they entered the car and they zoomed off. TBC

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"Hannah" he called and she turned to him.

"What do you want?" she asked as she turned swiftly and then he moved closer to her. He stared at her and suddenly he smashed his lips on. She pulled away from the kiss with a frown on her face and moved back from him.

"What do you want Brandon, this is my room, you should leave," she said as she looked away from him trying to avoid his looks.

"I didn't mean to hit Lucas, I'm sorry."

"You should be apologizing to him not me," she said and was about to leave but then he held her hand and she paused and turned to him.

"I'm sorry alright. I have never for once doubted you and I do believe everything you said. I believe you, I was just confused and I promise I believe you" he paused while staring at hannah.

She stared at his eyes and all the anger she's felt for him disappeared at once.

"It's fine... I'm not angry at you" she said and he smiled and then hugged her. She rolled her eyes and then pulled away from the hug.

Just then he heard his phone ring, it was a call from Liam.

"You should answer it," Hannah said and he nodded and answered the phone call.

"This better be good," he said as she put the phone in his ear.

"Mr Daniel is ready to meet and discuss business with you," Liam said and Brandon stared at Hannah and then walked out of the room.

"Oh, he finally agreed to do business with the Colby's, what made him change his mind?" Brandon, who had walked out of Hannah's room and went to his study room, asked.

"Maybe because of the new oil field and our company has the resources he's currently in need of.

I would ask the time and place from his personal assistant," Liam said and Brandon nodded and ended the call.

Immediately he ended the call, a smile crept into his lips. He's been trying so hard to get in business with Mr Daniel and finally, he's agreed to meet. He decided to quickly draft out the terms of the contract since they would be meeting up tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the moment Brandon left the room, Hannah sat on the bed with a tired look on her face.

She then decided to go to the kids.

She walked out of her room and walked to the kid's room. She planted a soft knock on the door and then opened the door.

The moment she walked inside the room she saw the kids playing games but the moment they saw her, they quickly dropped their iPads, and stood up at once, and bowed their heads.

Hannah stared at their innocent looks, she had wanted to scold them so badly but the look on their faces just couldn't let her shout at them.

The looks on Hannah's face softened as she moved closer to them and then beckoned for them to come sit closer to her which they did.

"Why did you guys ask Jessica to do a DNA test? You guys should have come to me" Hannah said and the kids stared at each other and then held their ears.

"We are sorry Mommy, we just thought Aunt Lisa and Mellisa were up to something and we decided to approach Aunt Jessica to help us. We are sorry Mommy" they said at once and Hannah sighed.

"It's fine, I'm not angry. I just don't want you guys getting yourself in things that are supposed to involve the adults"

"But we were trying to protect you and Daddy. What if Mellisa isn't truly our sibling and the test result is negative" Jayden said and Hannah raised her eyebrows.

"Well, the result is out and it states Mellisa is your sister. No questions, she's your sister and I don't want you guys going to investigate anything anymore" Hannah said and they nodded in response.

"Damn! I love you guys so much and I would die if anything would happen to you guys. You guys are my world and my everything " she said as tears gathered in her eyes and she beckoned for them to come closer and they did a group hug. "We love you too Mommy" they muttered.

She closed her eyes as she let the tears flow freely from her cheeks.

"I'll be spending the night with you guys, we will play games together and do everything together," Hannah said and the kids yelled happily.

They missed playing with their mommy.

Meanwhile, Arianna stood by the door as she watched . A smile crept onto her lips.

She felt her heart leap in joy as she stared at them. She sighed and then moved away from the door, just then she heard her phone ring.

It was a call from Micheal.

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She quickly answered the phone call.

"I'm at the front Porch," he said.

"I'm coming," she said as she hung up and then walked downstairs and opened the front door.

"Hey, you texted me that you need to see me. Is everything alright?" Micheal asked as he walked in and Arianna nodded as she stared around.

"Follow me," she said and they went upstairs to her room.

The moment they got to the room, Arianna closed the door behind her and then turned to Micheal.

"There's something I need to show you but first I need you to promise me you would keep it secret," she said and he paused for some seconds before he finally spoke.

"Of course ma'am, you can trust me," he said and Arianna nodded and moved towards her wardrobe, brought out some papers, and gave them to Micheal.

He took the papers and stared at them.

The moment he saw what was on the papers, the look on his face changed immediately.

"Oh my goodness! What's this?" He muttered with a surprised look on his face mixed with shock.

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"I think someone is trying to bring down my company in New York," she said and Micheal signed.

"You should ask Brandon and Hannah for help, he might be able to help"

"No, I can't. It would take a lot of resources to help me. I don't want to bug him with my problem. Promise me you won't tell him" she said and he paused and nodded. "Fine, what are we going to do?" Micheal asked.

"I need to go back to New York and you will be coming with me. I need to find out who is behind this" Arianna said and Micheal nodded.

She sighed softly.

"I wonder who would hate me so much and want my company down. It's definitely not Lisa. She isn't capable and she's dull when it comes to anything related to business.

It's someone with upper hands that is trying to mess up with me" she said as she placed her hands on her forehead looking so tired and stressed.

"We will find whoever it is and fix the problem, I promise," he said as he raised her chin with his finger.

They both stared at each other as tension flowed through them.

Micheal stared at her green eyes and then at her lips and then swallowed into nothing.

"I... I'm sorry" he said as he quickly snapped back and looked away from her but then he paused and then turned back.

"If I'm going to be guilty of something then it should be this" he muttered and swiftly moved towards Arianna and clashed his lips on hers.

Arianna at first was shocked but then she gave in to the kiss.

They were both lost in the kiss and the next moment, their both clothes were seen flying around the air and their moans filled the room.

It was Morning and Hannah had woken up so early, the kids were still asleep when she woke up.

So she decided not to wake them up as it was still early to get them dressed for school. She decided to go downstairs and prepare breakfast.

She was almost done with breakfast when Lisa walked inside the kitchen.

Hannah turned to her and looked away without saying a word. She wasn't going to ruin her day by talking to Lisa today.

"What did you tell my daughter yesterday?" Lisa asked as she took a bite from the apple she had taken from the fridge.

Hannah raised her eyebrows and turned to her, giving her the look 'What are you talking about?'.

"I know you and Mellisa spoke yesterday and now she told me you are nice and I should apologize to you.

That's why I want to know what you told her" Lisa said and Hannah sighed and continued what she was doing.

After Melissa had talked to Hannah, she went to Lisa and talked to her. She told her if she did not get into Hannah's good book she would have no choice but to choose Hannah over her, now she has no choice but to make peace with Hannah, even though she does not want to.

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She had just found out Mellisa was her daughter who she thought had died years ago and it was unbelievable.

She can't afford to lose her daughter again. So she has to do everything to make her happy.

"On a serious note Hannah, I come in peace," Lisa said and Hannah rolled her eyes and then turned to her with a smile on her face.

"Then you can leave this kitchen in peace so I can cook in peace," hannah said and Lisa rolled her eyes.

"I....." she paused and then sighed. She hated the fact that she was about to apologize to Hannah even though it didn't come from her heart.

"You know what, never mind! I hope you....." She paused when she saw Mellisa standing by the kitchen door staring at her.

I thought she was asleep, she thought as she stared at Melissa. She sighed and then turned to Hannah.

"I didn't mean all those bad words I said to you and....." she paused and then clenched her fist.

"You know what, I'm not sorry, I'm not sorry for anything. You fucking beat me up at the poolside and had beaten me up countless times and you expect me to apologize to you"

"Lisa, you are always delusional, I never asked for your apology. Shove the pretentious apology down your throat, drink a cup of water and get out of this kitchen the same way you came in" Hannah said and Lisa rolled her eyes before walking out of the kitchen and walking past Mellisa.

Mellisa sighed softly and went after Lisa.

Hannah sighed and continued cooking. She knew Lisa didn't have any intention of apologizing, she only did it because of Mellisa.

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She can't even make her daughter happy for once. She wondered what kind of mother she was.

When she was done cooking, she went back upstairs, woke the kids up, and helped them get dressed for school.

After which, they came downstairs to the dining and she served them breakfast.

"I'll pack some food in your launch box. I and your daddy are both having a meeting with a client this morning, so Grandma will be dropping you guys off at school" Hannah said and they nodded in response. Hannah then checked the time and saw Arianna wasn't downstairs yet. She wondered if she was still asleep.

She decided to go check on her. She went upstairs and planted a soft knock on her door but no answer.

She knocked again but still yet no answer. She wondered if she was inside.

"Mom" she called as she grabbed the doorknob and pushed the door open only to see Arianna cuddling on the bed with a man.

It was not just any man, it was Micheal Adams.

She opened her eyes and mouth wide in shock.

"Hannah" Arianna called and she quickly looked away.

"I'm sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt, I'll be outside," she said and quickly walked out of the room, closing the door behind her. "Oh my goodness!"

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I'm sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt, I'll be outside" she said and quickly walked out of the room closing the door behind her.

"Oh my goodness!" Hannah muttered with a surprised look on her face. She never expected to see the both of them together this way although she knew Micheal had feelings for Arianna. She could see it in his eyes whenever he stared at Arianna..

She smiled and went downstairs to the kids who were still eating.

"Mom, where's grandma?" The kids who were almost done asked.

"Uhm, she's still sleeping, I would be taking you guys to school myself..."

"There would be no need for that. I would be taking them to school myself" They heard Arianna's voice and turned to see her climbing down the stairs. She was putting on a white long robe. "Grandma good morning" the kids greeted and Arianna smiled at them.

"Hey Mom," Hannah said.

"Hey," she muttered and Hannah smiled at her.

"I just need to change my clothes, I'll be back in a bit, but first, can I talk to you, Hannah?" Arianna muttered and Hannah nodded and they both moved away from the kids. "Whatever you saw was...."

"Mom, it's fine. Micheal is cool, and I see how much he loves you and he cares for you, and always protects you.

If you love him it's fine, so far you are happy. Your happiness is all I care about" Hannah said and Arianna sighed.

"I thought you would be mad at me. Probably because it's Micheal"

"What? No mom. I wouldn't. I'm just happy you are happy with him" Hannah said and Arianna smiled and hugged her.

"Thank you. But we haven't labeled what we are yet, but if we eventually do I don't know how to tell My kids, don't know how they would react to it" she said and Hannah sighed.

"Whenever you are ready to tell them I'm sure they would be happy too," Hannah said in response and Arianna nodded in response.

"I will go get dressed now," she said and with that she walked away, going upstairs to her room.

She opened the door to her room and saw Micheal was still asleep. She sighed. She had started developing feelings for Micheal some time ago but then she felt it was wrong and didn't say anything about it all of a sudden he kissed her last night and the kiss led to something else.

She wondered if he felt the same way for her. She thought and then walked to the bathroom and took her bath before getting dressed. She didn't want to wake him up, after which she left the room and went downstairs to take the kids to school.

A few moments later.

Micheal had woken up and saw the room was empty. Arianna was gone. He wondered where she had gone.

He stood up and walked to the bathroom, took his bath, and then put on his clothes before walking out of the room.

He went downstairs and saw Hannah walking out of the kitchen.

"You are leaving?" Hannah asked the moment she saw him.

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"Yeah, have you seen your mom? I can't find her" Micheal asked.

"She took my kids to school, she would be back in an hour. You should wait for her" Hannah said as she walked closer to him.

"I... I would call her." He said and turned to leave when Hannah called his name, making him stop.

"Uhm, you are a good guy Micheal and I hope you do not hurt my mom's feelings," she said and Micheal raised his eyebrows pretending to be confused.

"It's fine. I know about you too. It's just me, no one else knows" Hannah said and Micheal nodded and muttered an oh.

"I'll be on my way now," he said and then walked away.

Hannah sighed softly.

"What were you two talking about?" Lucas, who is seen climbing down the stairs, asked as he watched Micheal walk out through the front door.

"Nothing, just business. Why do you ask?" Hannah said and Lucas rolled his eyes.

"I don't like the guy," Lucas said as he walked to the dining table and Hannah chuckled.

"Micheal is a good guy. You should get to know him, he's a nice guy. Brandon didn't like him when he first met him but now, he likes him. I'm sure you'll like him too" Hannah said and Lucas nodded. Hannah gave him one last glance before going upstairs to her room to get dressed for the company.

She removed her clothes and walked inside the bathroom, brushed her teeth, took her bath, and then walked out of the bathroom with a towel tied around her chest.

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She dried her hair and then let go of her towel, leaving herself naked as she was about getting dressed but then the front door opened revealing Brandon. Brandon opened his eyes and mouth wide in shock the moment he walked in.

He swallowed into nothing as he stared at Hannah's naked body with admiration and love in his eyes.

"Brandonnnnnnnn!!" Hannah yelled as she quickly picked up the towel from the ground and covered her body.

She stared at Brandon who was staring at her with lust in his eyes, lost in thoughts.

"Brandon!" She yelled again as she picked up her hairbrush from her dressing table and threw it at him, jolting him out of his thoughts.

"Yes!" He said as he snapped out of his thoughts and Hannah frowned at him.

"Why didn't you knock before entering?"

"What? Knock? This is my room and I can come in whenever I want to" he said as he moved closer to her.

"Don't come close to me" Hannah muttered as she took a step backwards.

"Why shouldn't I?" He asked as he moved closer and grabbed her waist pulling her closer to himself, leaving no breathing space between them. "Oh no!" Hannah muttered as she felt something hard and big touching her from below.

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"Oh no!" Hannah muttered as she felt something hard and big touching her from below.

She felt her heartbeat increase at once.

"Brandon" she called as she swallowed into nothing with a nervous look on her face.

"Are you scared of it? You would like you, I promise" he said calmly, more like a whisper into her ears.

"You pervert" she yelled with her cheeks turning red and her breath becoming erratic. She felt like her heart was about to pull out of her chest at that moment in time.

Brandon stared at her and then smiled before pulling away from her.

"You should get dressed. We will be meeting up with Mr. Daniel by noon today, he rescheduled because he won't be available this morning.

The contract has been drawn out" he said as he gave Hannah one last glance and winked at her before walking away.

Hannah heaved a sigh of relief the moment he walked out of the room.

She felt like disappearing a few minutes ago. She smiled as she recalled when his manhood touched her below.

She quickly shook off the thought from her mind and decided to get dressed for work:

After she was done, she walked out of the house.

She stared around and noticed her car wasn't in the garage. It means only one thing, the chauffeur hasn't gone to retrieve her car from the mechanic.

She sighed as she saw Brandon's car, she would have no choice but to go with him.

She sighed softly and then walked to Brandon's car. She hopped inside the car and closed the door.

Brandon stared at her with a look of admiration in his eyes. Hannah stared at him and then looked away.

Brandon smiled and ignited the engine before zooming off.

Meanwhile, Lisa and Mellisa are seen in the room staring at each other.

There has been a big silence between them since they left the kitchen and entered the rooms. Lisa stared at Mellisa who also stared at her and looked away.

"Fine! Go on, tell me I'm a bad mother. Say all sort of mean words to me" she said and Mellisa sighed.

"No, I would never do that, you are not a bad mother. I just want you to make Peace and be good to everyone.

I had always wanted a happy family as a child but I couldn't, maybe this is my chance to have one, please just do it for me" Mellisa said and Lisa stared at her and looked away.

"I..." she paused when she heard her phone ring. It was a call from her private investigator. She had messaged him last night to find out if Mellisa was truly her child or maybe there was a mistake. Maybe he found something, Lisa thought to herself as she answered the phone call.

"Hey, did you find something?" She asked as she answered the phone call and stood up, walking towards the window.

"Yeah. Adrianna isn't Samantha's grandmother. From the information I gathered, Samantha's son had brought a baby home one faithful day and gave it to Samatha and her husband. Samantha took the baby in and treated her like her own. Two days later, her son was killed.

Rumor says he's a criminal..

I think Samantha's son was among the kidnappers who had kidnapped your child. They probably couldn't feed the little child and gave it to someone who could which is Samantha. Maybe they were waiting for the ransom and before it was paid, he was killed.

Going deeper into this investigation would be dangerous for you and the little girl. You should let the issue die down.

You've found her, let the investigation go" the investigator said and Lisa nodded and then hung up.

She sighed and then turned to Mellisa who was sitting on the couch staring into nothing.

"Fine, I will do what you want, if it's going to make you happy," Lisa said and Mellisa turned to her.

"Really?" She asked and Lisa nodded.

"Thank you," Mellisa said and then rushed towards Lisa and hugged her.

Lisa smiled as tears streamed down her cheeks.

Meanwhile, Arianna had just gotten home and then went upstairs to her room. She saw the room was empty, and Michael was gone.

She sighed and sat on the bed.

Maybe he doesn't feel the same way, she thought and then sighed.

Just then she heard her phone vibrate, it was a text from Micheal asking her to meet him up at a restaurant downtown.

She wondered why he wanted to meet her. Maybe he wants to tell me he has a girlfriend and is no longer interested, she thought and then sighed again.

She decided to go meet him and hear what he has to say,.

She walked out of the house, hopped inside her car, and zoomed off to the restaurant.

Her car screeched to a halt in front of the restaurant. She alighted her car and walked inside, staring around trying to find Micheal.

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"Follow me," she said and she nodded and followed her. She walked down the hallway that led to the back of the restaurant.

She wondered where they were taking her to.

She walked down the hallway and passed through a door that led to the back of the restaurant and what she saw left her in awe.

It was a lush, colorful garden filled with a variety of flowers - roses, tulips, daisies, lilies, and more.

Two tables were set up in the middle of the garden, one with a beautiful bouquet, a wine, and two empty glasses.

Micheal approaches her and takes a deep breath.

"Hey" Arianna muttered and Micheal

Smiled as he took her hands and led her to the table.

"This is beautiful!" She muttered with a smile on her face.

"Arianna, I have known you for a long time and I have studied you and I know you are an amazing person.

You are the most beautiful woman on planet Earth and I have wanted to tell you how I feel for a long time I didn't know how to but finally, I gathered the courage to.

He pauses and gets down on one knee. He looks into her eyes and says, "I love you, and I want you to be my woman"

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He pauses and got down on one knee. He looked into her eyes and said, "I love you, and I want you to be my woman" he said and Arianna stared at him for a few seconds without saying a word. Micheal felt his heart beating fast as there was no response from her. He felt she was going to reject his proposal.

He had always loved Arianna but he never dared to and last night he had the courage to and he kissed her and she kissed him back and that led them to the bed.

He wants to assure her he would never play with her feelings, he would always stand by her and that last night meant everything to him.

He blinked twice when she moved back, staring at him with no expression on her face.

Maybe I was wrong, she doesn't feel the same way I fe, Micheal thought as he felt his heart break into pieces.

"I could give you time to think about it," he said.

"No, I don't need time. I love you too Micheal, I just...."

"You love me then say yes," he said, cutting off her speech and Arianna sighed and nodded.

"Yes, yes, I will be your woman," he said and then put the ring on her fingers and then stood up and kissed her:

He pulled away from the kiss and then hugged her so tight not wanting to let her go.

"I... I. can't breathe Micheal" she muttered and they both laughed as Micheal pulled away from the hug.

"Come sit, the waiter will bring food shortly," Micheal said as he pulled out a chair for her and she sat down.

Arianna stared at him and saw the love in his eyes. He truly loves her. She smiled. She hopes it lasts because everyone she's been with in the past has all left.

Meanwhile, Hannah who was seen in her office going through her computer jumped up from her chair when she heard the door burst open.

She put her hand on her chest as she saw Brandon.

"You scared me, could you please knock whenever you are about to get in?" she asked but then paused when she saw the look on his face.

"What's wrong?" She asked.

"You were the one who hired Jessica, her attention is needed in the company and she's nowhere to be found" he yelled and she raised her eyebrows wondering why she wasn't at the company yet. "I'll call her," she said and then brought out her phone to call Jessica. She answered the phone call immediately.

"Jessica, where are you?" Hannah asked.

"I... I'm still in bed" Jessica muttered in her sleeping tone.

"Oh my goodness!" Hannah muttered as she realized Jessica was still in bed and it seemed like her call was what had woken her up.

Brandon stared at Hannah and took the phone from her.

"Jessica you are fired!" He yelled and the sleep in Jessica's eyes disappeared at once.

"W..." before she could say another word he hung up.

"Damn!" Jessica muttered as she sat up on the bed and dropped her phone on the headstand.

She was in a deep sleep when Hannah's call woke her up. She was dreaming about Matthew.

She missed him so much and just wanted to see him but she knew it was already too late as he had already gone back to Houston.

Maybe we were never meant to be, she thought.

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She sighed as she stood up from the bed. She needed to move on with her life and stop thinking about Matthew.

She walked inside the bathroom, took her bath, and then put on her clothes and decided to rush to the company even though she knew she was late and Brandon had already fired her. Who knows he might give her a second chance but then on a second thought. She decided not to go to the company anymore.

She didn't want to work anymore. She just wants to live her life as she pleases and be happy, She thought as she walked downstairs to eat breakfast.

Meanwhile, Hannah who is seen in her office snatched her phone back from Brandon.

"Why would you do that?" She asked and then he sighed.

"She's been fired and a replacement for her position will be hired tomorrow," Brandon said and was about to leave when he paused and turned to Hannah. "It's almost 2 pm, we don't want Mr. Daniel to be waiting. We would be leaving in the next five minutes" he said and with that, he walked out of the office. Hannah sighed and sat back on her chair.

She definitely would not be able to save Jessica this time. She's lost the job for good, she tried her best, she thought as she packed some files and her phone and put In her hand bag ready to leave. She then walked out of the company and went to the underground garage where Brandon's car was.

She opened the car door and walked inside the car.

She stared at Brandon who was already in the car and then looked away.

"I'm sorry for earlier, I didn't mean to get mad. I was just trying to tell you Jessica isn't fit for the job.

"It's fine. I understand "she said and then Brandon stared at her and then moved closer to her then kissed her on her forehead.

He ignited the engine and zoomed off.

The black car screeched to a halt in front of the hotel. Hannah and Brandon alighted the car and they both walked inside the restaurant.

Everyone kept staring at them with admiration as they walked inside. They were looking so good as they walked side by side like the power couple that they are.

Just then a receptionist walked towards them.

"You must be Mrs. And Mrs Colby, come with me," the receptionist said and Hannah and Brandon stared at each other before following the receptionist.

They walked down the hallway till they got to a room. They entered the room and saw a few men and some ladies drinking.

Two men In suits were seen playing snooker. It was Mr Daniel and his assistant.

"Mr Colby and his wife are here," his assistant said as Hannah and Brandon walked towards them.

Mr Daniel turned and then smiled as he saw Brandon.

Hannah felt a deep wave of shock run through her the moment she saw Mr Daniel.

"Mr Colby, nice meeting you," the man said as they both shook hands.

"Nice meeting you Mr. Andrew" Brandon said and then Daniel turned to Hannah who was in shock and then a look of surprise also appeared on his face. "Dad!" Hannah managed to say.

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"Dad!" Hannah managed to say.

"H...Hannah" Daniel called as he felt his heartbeat increase. He tried moving towards Hannah but then she moved back. "Don't you dare come close to me" Hannah said as tears gathered in her eyes, with her mouth shivering.

She then turned to Brandon who was staring at the both of them looking confused.

"Did you know he was here?" Hannah asked and Brandon stared at him looking confused.

"What are you talking about?" Brandon asked but then Hannah looked away from him and then turned to Daniel.

She shook her head as she stared at him with pure hatred and disappointment in her eyes.

She then walked out of the room and then went to Brandon's car outside the hotel.

Brandon stared at Daniel who was looking devastated.

"Sir, are you okay?" His assistant asked and he nodded.

"Okay now, I'm confused, what the hell is going on here?" Brandon asked.

"That was my daughter, Hannah Rodriguez, " Mr Daniel said and Brandon paused for a second.

"What?" He muttered with a surprised look on his face.

"Oh, that explains the last name, Hannah Rodriguez. My wife needs me now" Brandon said and then sighed before walking away. Immediately he got outside, he saw Hannah standing outside his car.

"Thank goodness she hadn't left" he muttered and then walked towards the car and stood in front of her.

"Hey, are you okay?" He asked but then Hannah didn't say a word as she kept on sobbing.

"You are not okay," he said, looking confused not knowing what to say.

"Is he your dad?" Brandon asked and Hannah nodded as she raised her head and stared at him.

Her eyes were so red.

"Oh my gosh," he muttered and pulled her into a warm and comforting hug.

He pulled away from the hug when he heard Mr Daniel's voice from behind. He turned and saw Daniel and his assistant.

"I just want to talk to you Hannah, please" he begged and Hannah scoffed as she wiped her tears.

"There's nothing to talk about, Dad. Why am I even calling you dad, Mr Daniel" she said and the look on Daniel's face fell.

"Please I can explain everything that happened," he said and Hannah scoffed.

"Explain what? You fucking left me and Mom for dead and guess what she's dead all because of you.

If you hadn't abandoned us, she wouldn't have died but you left. You fucking left when she needed you the most.

I hate you so much, I hate you and I will never forgive you for what you did" Hannah said as more tears slipped down her cheeks.

"Get me out of here Brandon," Hannah said and Brandon nodded and opened the car door for her.

They both entered the car and zoomed off.

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Daniel stood speechless while staring at the car till it was out of sight. Tears streamed down his cheeks.

"Are you okay sir?" His assistant Drake, asked and he nodded.

"Call the driver, I need to go home," he said and Drake nodded and quickly called the driver to bring the car.

Meanwhile, a black car screeched to a halt in front of the Colby's mansions.

Hannah alighted the car and walked inside the house in a rush, while she kept on wiping her tears. Seeing her father today had brought back all the memories she had tried to forget and left in the past. Brandon sighed and alighted the car and walked inside the house.

"What's wrong with your wife?" Lucas, who is seen climbing down the stairs asked and Brandon sighed.

"She saw her dad today. Turns out he was the client who we had wanted to meet up and discuss business with" Brandon said and Lucas raised his eyebrows and hummed.

"So, her crying is a tear of joy right?" Lucas asked.

"No, her father had abandoned her and her mother in the past who is dead now. May her soul rest in peace and seeing him had brought back those memories " Brandon said and just then he heard his phone ring. It was a call from the office.

He quickly answered the phone call.

"Sir, you need to come to the company now," Liam said with a tone of urgency and then Brandon nodded and hung up.

He gave Lucas one last glance before walking away.

Lucas sighed and then rolled his eyes when he saw Lisa in the dining room staring at him. Mellisa was sitting close to her eating some snacks.

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"Oh, look who's eavesdropping" Lucas laughed as he moved towards her and then Lisa rolled her eyes and looked away from him.

"I have told you countless times, stop trying to seduce me with your looks. You are no longer my type of woman" Lucas said as she took the full plate of popcorn in front of her and walked away leaving her speechless. "You b..."

"Mom," Mellisa called, interrupting her speech and she rolled her eyes.

Lisa sighed and then stood up, going upstairs to her room but then she decided to go to Hannah's room.

She stood in front of the door and took a deep breath.

She planted a soft knot on the door but then she heard Hannah's voice, followed by a whimpering sound.

"Go away, Brandon? I need to be alone" she said and Lisa rolled her eyes and then opened the door and walked inside the room.

"I said go away, Brand..." Hannah paused as she raised her head and saw Lisa in the room.

"What are you doing here?" She asked and Lisa rolled her eyes as she stared at the room in admiration.

The room was so big and looked well decorated. She hummed as she stared at the decorations.

"What are you doing here Lisa? You should leave " Hannah said as she frowned and Lisa scoffed and turned to her.

"I didn't know tough women cry"

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"What are you doing here Lisa? You should leave " Hannah said as she frowned and Lisa scoffed and turned to her.

"I didn't know tough women cry," she said and Hannah rolled her eyes and sat up probably on the bed.

"And who the hell told you I was crying?" She asked with a straight face on and Lisa chuckled and sat on the couch. "What do you want Lisa? What are you doing here?" Hannah asked and Lisa sighed softly ignoring her question.

"I didn't believe it when Dolly Parton said *tough women don't cry but I found out they do more often* now I believe it" She paused and then took a deep breath. "It's okay to cry. No matter how strong and tough you are as a woman, sometimes you have to break down.

We are human beings and not robots. We all have feelings.

toughness doesn't mean you can't show your emotions. A tough woman can cry, but she doesn't let her emotions get in the way of what she needs to do.

She may feel sadness or pain, but she channels those feelings into her strength and resilience. She can still be vulnerable, but she's not defined by her vulnerability.

Emotions are part of what makes us human and they are not something to be ashamed of" Lisa said and Hannah stared at her with a surprised look on her face wondering why she was trying to calm her down.

"I heard your father is back and I understand how you feel because of what he had done in the past...."

"How did you know about my father? Have you been following me?" She asked cutting off her speech

"What? No, I haven't. Although in the past I hired someone to follow you, I didn't anymore. I had overheard Brandon talking to Lucas about your father" she said and Hannah stared at her without saying a word. "You should forgive him and give him a chance," Lisa said and Hannah frowned.

"Forgive him you say? You don't know what that man did. He abandoned me and my mom when we needed him the most.

If he hadn't left my mom would still be alive now. If you were in my shoes, you would understand how I feel right now" Hannah said as she pushed back the tears that were gathering in her eyes, memories of how her mother had died came running into her mind.

"I understand how you feel_"

"You don't, it's not like you've ever been abandoned by your father"

"My father did worse, if he had abandoned me, it would have been better. He molested me and my sister when we were little..." she said and Hannah went silent immediately as she turned to her.

Lisa continued.

"My mother knew and couldn't say anything because he threatened my mother that if she said a word to anyone or the corps he would kill us.

My mother was scared but then I didn't know how or what happened. I woke up one day to the sound of the gunshot only to find my dad on the ground, and my mom with a gun in her hands. Turns out my mother killed my father" She paused, memories of the past came running into her head.

"Oh my goodness, I'm so sorry you had to pass through all of that," Hannah said and Lisa smiled.

"It's actually in the past," she said and Hannah hummed.

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"What about your sister and mother?" Hannah asked.

"My mother died of cancer a few years ago, and after that, I never heard from my sister again. I don't know if she's alive or dead" she said and then sighed. Hannah stared at her speechlessly not knowing what else to say. "After her death, I had to learn to survive alone, I was willing to do anything for survival and then I met the Colby Brothers"

"That explains your selfish act," Hannah said and Lisa rolled her eyes.

She sighed and stood up.

"I hate this part of you, it's so boring. Where is Hannah who would challenge me every single day sending shivers and fear down my spine?"

Where is Hannah who would stand her ground even though no one is besides her?

Stand up, girl.

"Wipe those tears and stand up. Face your father and talk to him. Let him know you are no longer that weak girl he left years ago. You've got this Hannah" Lisa said with a smile on her face and Hannah hummed. "What's come over you? I think I like this Lisa speaking to me. I wish you were always like that, we would never have an issue" Hannah said and Lisa scoffed.

"Consider this new me an apology for everything I did since I arrived here"

"Are you sure you are okay? Lisa apologizing to me, impossible" Hannah said and they both laughed.

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They both went silent and Hannah sighed. Spoke softly,

"Thank you. I guess I needed to hear those words" Hannah said and Lisa smiled.

"I'll be on my way out now. I'm smiling too much and do not like it" Lisa said and they both burst into another round of laughter.

Lisa turned to leave but then paused and turned to Hannah.

"Can we be friends?" She asked with a nervous look on and Hannah hummed.

"I hope this isn't one of your schemes. Let's see how it goes-"

"I believe it's a yes," Lisa said and they both smiled at each other as Lisa walked out of the room.

She smiled the moment she walked out and then walked to the room where she met Mellisa playing games on her phone.

Mellisa raised her head and stared at Lisa then faced her game.

"Your face seems bright," Mellisa said and Lisa chuckled and sat on the bed with the lots of thoughts going through her heart.

"I overheard you and Hannah speaking, seems like the both of you are on good terms already"

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Meanwhile, Brandon who had rushed back to the company entered his office, and to his greatest surprise, he saw Mr Daniel.

"Mr Daniel" Brandon muttered surprised as he saw him and his PA.

"I know this is random, but I'm willing to sign the contract with you on your terms and give you whatever you want, I just need a favor in return," he said and Brandon hummed. "Let me guess, you want to speak with Hannah," he said and Daniel nodded.

"I can't force her to talk to you, it's going to be her choice, not mine," he said as he stared at Mr Daniel with pity in his eyes.

"Please, I beg you, Mr Colby, please" he begged and then Brandon sighed but then on second thought he decided to agree since they would become business partners on his condition.

"Fine, I'll see what I can do. I will call you" he said and Mr Daniel nodded and then walked out of Brandon's office with his assistant trailing behind him.

The moment they walked out, Liam walked in.

"I thought you guys were supposed to meet in a hotel and discuss business. What happened?" Liam asked.

"A lot happened," Brandon said as he narrated everything to Liam.

Liam was shocked.

"I'm not sure you will be able to convince her to see her father. Seems like she hates him so much and wouldn't want to see her" Liam said and Brandon stood up.

"I would have to try my best: get her a gift to convince her or something. I'm leaving now. Hannah needs me" he said as he picked up his phone which was on the table and then walked out of the office, leaving Liam all alone. Meanwhile, Arianna and Micheal

could be seen at the restaurant, smiling and discussing. Arianna checked her time and quickly stood up.

"I need to go get the octuplets from school, they will be waiting for me," she said and then Micheal nodded and stood up.

"I'll see you later," he said as he kissed her on her lips and her forehead before she walked away.

She got to her car, ignited the engine, and zoomed off immediately to go pick the kids up from school.

Brandon on the other hand had just gotten home. He walked inside the house and went straight to Hannah's room.

"Hey," he muttered the moment he walked in. There he met Hannah going through her laptop.

"Hey," Hannah muttered, without looking at him. Her eyes were fixed on her laptop.

"I'm sorry I left, there was an emergency at the company, and I had to leave," he said as he sat on the bed.

"It's fine. I was just working on some files. The K brothers company wants to expand to a large market. So, they needed our company connection and I'm helping" Hannah said and Brandon raised her eyebrows as he stared at her. She looked better than earlier.

He hummed.

"Hannah, I understand you are going through some personal stuff, but you don't have to mask how you feel, you can talk to me about anything," Brandon said and Hannah smiled and turned to him.

"I'm fine Brandon," she said and he nodded. A few minutes later, his phone rang.

He quickly answered the phone call. It was a call from a car dealer he had bought a car from a few weeks ago.

"Sir, the car has been brought. It's parked in front of your mansion" the car dealer said from the other side on the phone and Brandon heaved a sigh of relief.

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Finally, the car he had bought for Hannah had arrived. He had wanted to give her a new car for a long time now and he was glad the car arrived at the perfect time. He hung up and then turned to Hannah.

"Uhm, can you come with me outside? I have a surprise for you" Brandon said and Hannah turned to him.

"Surprise?" She asked and he nodded. She hummed and then shrugged before standing up.

Brandon held her hands and then they both went downstairs. The moment they got downstairs, Brandon asked her to close her eyes which she did.

He held her hands and then led her outside and made her stand in front of the car.

"Can I open my eyes now?" Hannah asked and then Brandon sighed and nodded.

"Yeah, you can open" Brandon said and Hannah opened her eyes and stared around wondering what the surprise was but then she saw a car in front of her. It was a Rolls-Royce La Rose Noire Droptail which cost \$30 million.

"Oh my goodness!" Hannah gasped.

"The car is for you," Brandon said, and Hannah who was speechless kept staring at the car.

"Oh my goodness! This is the most expensive car in the world. Why did you get me this" she said as tears gathered in her eyes.

This was the most expensive gift anyone had ever given to her. The princess treatment she never received from her ex-husband, Brandon, was giving them to her. "You didn't have to do this," she said and he smiled and moved towards her and wiped her tears then kissed her on her lips briefly.

"You deserve it, you deserve more than this," he said and then pulled her into a warm hug.

She pulled away from the hug and opened the car door. She smiled as she saw the inside of it.

"Thank you" she muttered and hugged him again.

Brandon laughed. He was happy she was happy. Hannah's happiness was his priority and he was glad he could make her smile after all she's gone through today. Since she's happy, maybe this is the best time to ask her to talk to her father, he thought and then take a deep breath.

"Hannah" he called as she pulled away from the hug.

"Uhm, there's something I need to tell you," he said and Hannah nodded, waiting for him to continue.

"Your father stopped by at the office today and he wants me to convince you to talk to him.

Could you please give him a chance and hear him out" Brandon said and the smile on Hannah's face slowly disappeared.

"It's your choice, if you don't want to talk to him it's fine," he said and she scoffed.

"Is that the reason you gave me this car? Oh, you gave me the car so I wouldn't say no.

But guess what, no! I don't want to see you and that man who calls himself my father.

He's not my father, my father is dead to me" she said as she gave him back the car key and then walked back inside the house angrily.

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