

Chapter 11 I Saw Mommy

A group of individuals burst through the door from the outside as Paula and Richard were deliberating what to do!

"You're one lucky CEO, Mr. Hatcher! When will you make good on the eighty million dollars debt you owe us?"

Those people turned out to be from a debt collection agency, and they had the Hatcher family surrounded.

"What... What are you all doing?!" Paula said, a little out of breath.

Richard yelled, "Stop! Do you have any idea who we are? The Crawford family in Clodston are our in-laws!"

He was met with the exhaust fumes of the Crawford family car driving away.

The two rows of black Maybachs were so intimidating that onlookers could not help but keep their distance.

The miserable Hatcher family stood in stark contrast...

The burly men from the debt collection agency laughed. "Oh, that's such a fantastic reputation. You stated that you are the Crawfords' in-laws, but do they give a damn about you?"

Richard's face turned bright red!

The people from the debt collection agency were all hooligans. How was he going to get them to listen to reason, much less stop beating him up, just because he was weak and old?

Immediately, a resounding smack was heard as Richard and Paula were both slapped hard and fell to their knees!

Violence of every kind, including punching and kicking, was directed at them. After some time, Paula and Richard both developed swollen faces and bruised noses. They wailed in agony.

Everything was better now. Everything about the family was in order.

The Hatcher family, who had once been impressive, suffered a mental breakdown after being humiliated in front of everyone. In the end, the villa was cleared out, and all the luggage was thrown out.

Debbie, whose face was covered in blood, was also thrown out. The entire family was in a pathetic state!

The nearby residents who had been observing from the sidelines whispered to one another.

"You have no idea, do you? That little Hatcher girl is the granddaughter of the Crawford family in Clodston!"

"What?! That little skinny one? The one who lost her mother at the age of two?"

"Oh, my goodness! It must have made the Hatcher family utterly miserable. I would have lost my mind if it were me!"

"They deserve what happened to them! I once witnessed that child being punished by standing outside in the heat. I only said a few words and got chastised by Old Mrs. Hatcher."

"Hahaha! Didn't that old lady always say that her granddaughter is the family's bane? They're probably regretting their previous actions!"

Whether the Hatcher family's regret was genuine or not, the onlookers were clearly enjoying their misery from a distance.

They deserved it very much indeed!

Stephen kept coughing. His ears were buzzing as he spat out bloody foam from his mouth.

"Stephen, how are you doing?" Debbie cried as she asked.

Paula took her rage out on her, saying, "What are you crying about? Where were you earlier? Why didn't I see you just now?"

"I saw Lilly just now, so I begged her to forgive Grandpa and Granny for the sake of their age... but she refused..." Debbie sobbed.

Paula was so filled with hatred that she blamed Lilly for all of today's humiliation.

They had to raise that wretched girl for more than three years, didn't they? She had no idea how to be grateful at all!

She was an ungrateful plaything, just like her dead mother!

That wretched little girl cursed her own mother and killed her. She also caused her son's bankruptcy and even implicated them to the point of ruin. All of these were brought on by that scourge!

The more Paula thought about it, the angrier she became, and she yelled belligerently, "If you are unwilling, so be it! That little scourge..."

She wanted to say that they could not care less about it, but she could not. Now that they did, she wanted to cling to Lilly and not let her go!

Paula had nowhere to air her grievances, so she could only curse inwardly, cursing that bad luck would fall on everyone in the Crawford family!

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Anthony tapped his fingers on the screen inside the car and sent out a message, saying, "Get rid of the Hatcher family."

"Kill them?" said the reply from the other end.

Anthony sneered. *Kill them?*

He could not possibly commit a murder to take out some trash.

Even if he desired vengeance, the Crawford family must remain entirely innocent.

"Let them experience a date worse than death."

Lilly sat quietly in the car, her stuffed rabbit in one hand and the parrot in the other.

Hugh softened his tone and tried to appear friendly, "Lilly, let's go home!"

Gilbert added, "Our home is in Clodston. We'll be taking a plane later."

Lilly nodded obediently and remained silent. The cuteness that she had when she was coaxing the parrot had vanished.

However, it was much better now than it had been in the beginning.

Hugh's heart was breaking. Lilly's obedience made him feel worse.

Only children who grew up in a traumatic environment would be so quiet. How much did Lilly go through to become this way?

"Let's... Let's go home," Hugh murmured.

Suddenly, Lilly asked, "Grandpa... Can we also bring Mommy's ashes home?"

Hugh nodded sadly. "Okay. Let's all go home together."

Lilly felt relieved.

The Crawford family had chartered a private plane. Lilly looked out the window at the sky, and the clouds appeared to fly alongside her.

She craned her neck, then set down the stuffed rabbit and crossed her arms, resting them on the plane window as she peered outside.

"Lilly, what are you looking at?" Bryson asked, smiling warmly.

"Uncle Bryson, are we in the sky now?" Lilly asked, turning her head.

Bryson nodded and said, "Yes."

She had never even taken a plane before...

However, Lilly suddenly asked, "Then, is Mommy up here?"

Bryson and Gilbert, who were sitting nearby, were stunned, and both exclaimed, "What?"

Lilly lowered her eyes, looked out the window silently, and said quietly, "They said Mommy died and went to heaven... So we can see Mommy later, right?"

Lilly was looking out the window with her back to the crowd, tears welling in her eyes.

She was aware that the story she had been told by others, that anyone who died would be in heaven, was a lie told to the kids.

Mommy wouldn't be up here in the sky...

However, she could not help but be excited about it. She was really hoping to see her mother here...

All of a sudden, Hugh's eyes welled up with years.

The other brothers were also silent, with their heads turned to look outside and their fists clenched tightly.

Gilbert cradled Lilly in his arms and said quietly, "Lilly, go to sleep. You can see your mother in your dreams when you fall asleep..."

Lilly murmured assent. Her tears streamed silently down her cheeks as she nestled in Gilbert's arms.

Uncle Gilbert is also lying.

She had gone to sleep numerous times, but she had never once dreamed of her mother.

Lilly had unknowingly fallen asleep. A very faint light was coming from the red string around her wrist, which was unnoticeable unless one was paying close attention.

Lilly felt warmth all over her body in the dream, as if the sun was shining on her. Her body felt incredibly light, almost like she could fly...

She was surrounded by white clouds that looked like cotton candy. Lilly carefully reached out, picked a small piece, and placed it in her mouth. Her eyes lit up.

It was sweet too!

A gentle and familiar voice called out from behind her, "Lilly..."

Lilly's eyes widened, and she turned around to see her mother standing not far behind her. Her mother was looking at her with tears in her eyes.

"Mommy!"

Lilly dashed over and was tightly hugged by her mother.

Jean gently touched her little head and said quietly, "From now on, Lilly, Grandpa, and all the uncles will be your family. You must live a happy life, okay?"

Lilly's tears were streaming down her cheeks as she obediently said, "Yes, Mommy. I will."

Jean continued, "Grandma is also in poor health. Can you help me take care of Grandma?"

Lilly sharply nodded while choking back tears.

I will. I will definitely look after Grandma.

Jean smiled. She was about to say more, but her body glowed a little and began to fade.

"I love you, Lilly. I will always love you!"

Lilly called out to her mother in her sleep. Her face was soaked with tears...