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Hugh was already restraining himself. He didn't reprimand Winona in front of everyone.

The other people didn't know what he meant, except for Winona and Helen. Hugh probably wanted them to get a divorce.

Helen started to persuade Hugh, “Calm down. Winona only did that because she loved her daughter. It wasn't on purpose. She is Hannah's mother after all.” Helen was saying it with a smile, but she wasn't happy either.

Winona was so embarrassed and stopped her mother. Then, she turned around and left. Helen followed behind her.

When they left the place, Helen started complaining again. “See? I told you they are biased. They are both children. How could they target their criticisms at Hannah? Hannah must be feeling aggrieved! They didn't even scold Lilly. If this goes on, Hannah might be chased out of the family!”

Winona was annoyed. She said angrily, “Mom, stop talking. Just leave!”

Helen left while mumbling to herself.

Winona walked alone while wiping away her tears. She thought she didn't do anything wrong, and that it was the Crawford family who was biased.

Winona was trying to suppress her grief, but she saw two people outside the mansion. A security guard wanted to look for the butler and walked past her. Winona stopped him immediately and asked, "What's going on?"

The security guard replied, "There are two people outside claiming to be Lilly's parents... I'm about to tell the butler."

Winona was shocked. She was wondering whether it was Lilly's biological father. She heard about the Hatcher family from South City. After Lilly caused her stepmom's miscarriage, her biological father, Stephen, got angry and beat Lilly. The Crawford family bankrupted him immediately after that.

An idea flashed across Winona's mind. She wanted everyone to know what kind of person Lilly was. A person who despised the poor since she followed her uncles and abandoned her own grandparents and biological father. Hugh stared at Winona coldly.

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She made wishes for everyone including all her uncles except for herself. Then, she opened her eyes.

Gilbert carried her and said with a smile, "It's time to blow out the candles!"

Lilly blew as hard as she could, but she could only blow out a candle.

Everyone laughed. Lilly's uncles gathered and blew out the rest of the candles with her.

Before everyone could start clapping their hands, a voice said abruptly, "Lilly!"

Stephen and Debbie were feeling unhappy after seeing how happy Lilly was when they were in dire straits. However, they didn't forget their plan.

With tears in her eyes, Debbie said in a gentle voice, "Lilly... Happy Birthday. I was late."

Stephen also said, "Daddy and Stepmom brought you presents."

When Lilly saw them, her smile vanished. She turned around and didn't want to look at them.

Hugh shouted angrily, "Who let both of you in? Get out!"

Stephen and Debbie kneeled suddenly. Stephen said, "Hugh, I was wrong. I admit that I was busy and didn't take good care of Lilly. I was also wrong for hitting Lilly because I didn't control myself after Debbie's miscarriage..."

Debbie started crying too. With a painful yet forgiving look, she said, "Lilly, it's my fault... I wasn't by your side when you needed me most..."

Everyone finally realized that these two people were Lilly's father and stepmother.

Hugh was very angry, but Anthony stopped him from doing anything further.

Stephen and Debbie were delighted. They thought their plan had worked.

Stephen continued, "Lilly... I missed out a lot when you were growing up! Can you forgive Daddy?"

Debbie said while choking, "Lilly, I thought about it too. I will not give birth to another baby. Let's live our life as a family from now on, all right?"

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