## **Eight Uncles 351**

Chapter 351 Joel's a Loose Cannon

Ruby's cousin-in-law was Joel Jenkins, Joel saw that everyone was surrounding Gilbert and serving him tea. Before he entered the house, he glanced over at the empty field besides Ruby's house. And if he did not look at it properly, he would not see the luxurious car that cost a million dollars! He instantly guessed that it belonged to Gilbert, and he was amused that Gilbert was willing to park it on the grass surface. He himself purposely parked his car in the neighbor's yard. He can just park his car anywhere.

He passionately smiled and sat at Gilbert's side, and he asked with a smile. "Dr. Gilbert, is that your car?" Looking at Gilbert's nod, he continued to say. It cost more than a million dollars, right? I didn't know that doctors were so rich"" Gilbert remained silent; he did not buy the car himself. My salary from the hospital can't even buy a screw for the tire.

Anthony always treated his brothers well as the head of the Crawford family. He gave him this car for his birthday. And he became a doctor because he liked the job. But he would not care to explain these to Joel.

However, Joel leaned close and asked mysteriously, Dr. Gilbert, you must be carning a lot of incentives in your job. I heard that the patients' family members would tip the doctors extremely well for an operation. So, tell me, how much did you take before?" He was curious, and he did not care about the circumstances. Gilbert answered coldly as he splashed a cup of tea on the ground, I've never taken any of it, so I can't answer your question!"

Huxley was upset hearing Joel's question; he had been hospitalized under the care of Gilbert for a month, and he knew that he was a fair and upright person. He was not who Joel thought he was! The members of the Evans family were furious hearing his words, and they reprimanded Joel for being a loose cannon. Whether Dr. Gilbert really takes tips or not, dors he think they it's armaible to ask such risky questions in public? Ruby's cousin kicked him and snorted, "What type of nonsense are you spurting

Joel did not take her seriously, he laughed it off. T'm just joking! Hey, why is everyone so boring? I'm just curious to see Dr. Gilbert's cart

clear the air by saying, 'Dr. Gilbert, my husband is always like this. He loves to speak nonsense, but he's in fact a really nice guy. He has

her words, as she was obviously trying to find an excuse for Joel Pablo folded his arms and said, "Sometimes people talking sh\*t might have had intentions too. He then stared at the malignant spirit

and she suddenly asked, Uncle, you're not an experienced man, right?" Everyone was stunned to hear her words. Joel was annoyed, yet he answered with a smile, "Then you're wrong. I was traveling everywhere, and I had a lot of different experiences!" Any normal doctor can't possibly afford such a fancy car; Gilbert must be lying now. I've seen too

just didn't see enough. My big brother said

her,

said, "Uncle, you're a frog under a coconut shell. Uncle Gilbert has never said that

a gift? He pondered for a while and purposely said, "O... Oh! I get it now! Dr. Gilbert must have a very

he implying that I'm

something wrong with his brain? Lilly wondered.

said coldly, "I don't have a

and said, "It's alright,

Chapter 352 Catching the Karma Spirit

They were totally in different circles. Joel could not possibly know the Crawford family was the richest family around. Most people in the Dudroinia would not be able to identify who was the richest man, let alone knowing them in real life. All Joel did was scrolling through his phone and looked at videos of pretty ladies dancing; so he was totally ignorant about it. He said enviously, "Tsk, you're so rich. You're a young lady from a rich family; it's such a torture for you to visit our poor place." He then turned and talked to Huxley, "Uncle Huxley, why are you still spacing out? Serve them your best tea!" He then picked up the tea on the table and said in dissatisfaction. "Where did you get this tea, this smells like a cheap tea! How dare you serve it to a young lady from such a wealthy family? No wonder someone splashed it just now!"

Lilly was speechless. Uncle Gilbert splashed it because this uncle was the one refilling his tea. She pouted and muttered, "Master, I dislike this man," Plabo said, "I know right? He'll be beaten up to death someday." Lilly totally agreed with his words.

Huxley was anxious, he did not expect Gilbert to be someone this rich when he invited him over! "Mr. Gilbert, I'll get a cup of new tea for you..." Gilbert pressed his shoulder and said it with a smile, "It's alright, this tea is nice. I just didn't want to drink a tea poured by a son of a b\*tch." Everyone was shocked hearing his words; they all remained silent in awkwardness, but they actually felt happy as someone actually stood up to Joel; they did not do it because they were all relatives.

what we can help them with." Everyone tried to stop him. but he did not want to sit here anymore, so he chose to bring Lilly to walk around. After he walked away, everyone was blaming Joel. "Joel, have you lost your mind?

people with your unkind words and

have asked Ruby's cousin to sew your mouth!" Huxley reprimanded Joel for half an hour; and he was

a cat popping out from the grass and stared at her in alert, and it meowed. Lilly exclaimed, Uncle Gilbert, it's a cat!" He squatted down next to her and asked, "Do you like cats?" She nodded and said. Yes, I like them!" He then asked, "What about I buy one for you as a pet?" She shook her head and replied, "It's okay. The cats

river!" He acted like a pervert; Lilly rejected him instantly by saying, "I don't

your showtime! Time to catch a malignant spirit!" Lilly stared at Joel while holding a stone. I must atch it! The spirit felt unsafe when it was glared at by the two of them. He felt like his ending had

"Haiz, you must be looking down at us! We're just ordinary citizens after all. Uncle Huxley

expect Joel to be saying such vicious things while the karma spirit was about to leave. Suddenly, Lilly threw the stone in her hand! It landed on Joel's

Chapter 353 The One In Charge

Joel wanted nothing more than to run in abject terror i Lilly raced after him.

The karma spirit sitting on his head cursed, "You should've run ages ago! What's the point of trying now?!"

A lump of mud was thrown right at his head the moment he finished.

"Stop!"

Lilly, in her childish fury, gathered another ball of mud. Even she knew tossing a stone could kill someone, there wasn't much mud in the wasteland to begin with.

It was all weeds and gravel.

It didn't take long for her to run out of mud to sling and for her to be unable to catch up on her stubby legs.

A shadow sped past her in a flurry. Lilly, without a second thought, lifted the scurrying tabby cat and threw it.

"Meow???"

Surely the cat had never dreamt that it would be slung like a weapon!

It made a 360-turn in midair and landed feet side on Joel's head, sharp claws digging into his scalp.

It used the momentum to propel itself away before disappearing from sight.

"Oww!" Joel exclaimed.

The karma spirit that hung out on top of his head also protested. "O\*!"

None of the mud balls hit him but the cat's claws hooked him in place.

Even the karma spirit had a small bit of skin torn off. Was it even still a spirit anymore?

Lilly picked up a brick and shouted, "Stop right there of I'll throw the brick!"

Joel didn't dare to run any further and turned around with his hands covering his head. "Mercy, Miss! I surrender!"

She raced up to them with arms akimbo. "How dare you speak ill of Uncle Gilbert? I'll break your front teeth!"

Joel wanted to cry. "Yes, I wasn't thinking!"

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Lilly demanded seriously, "Criss-cross ear-holding and get down on your knees. Now!"
took one look at the brick in her hand and resigned
was in
at the sight of the adorable child acting like an adult. Where.... had
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who could melt hearts just by acting
worry.
girl waved him off. "It's fine, Uncle Gilbert. You can find somewhere comfortable
at a loss for
Dr. Gilbert!" The
He's my only lifeline!
Gilbert murmured absentmindedly, "I'll stay right here,
was worried for Lilly at first and yet, he
it was Pablo offering strategic guidance when made
down that karma spirit
to pull
to leave. He knew that it would all be over if he
"Help..."
wits but why was
be afraid
that it had powers that he sent billowing at Lilly. He bared
Lilly from tugging on Joel's hair but was stopped in his
him see that she wasn't ripping
a brick? She seemed to be
didn't quite know how to
If it weren't for him still hanging out on top of Joel's head, she would've long used her
dropped. He had only left for a short time and the girl had already improved by leaps and
yourself," he muttered
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followed suit, "Hmph! You overestimate

She danced with joy.

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was sent into the air alongside a containment spirit

spirit in the head

Pablo seemed confused. "..."

that

the suspicious

the karma spirit into submission and took the opportunity to drag

Joel's hair was

who was stuck in the middle of the battle between Lilly and the karma spirit, was left in a befuddled state. He looked like an idiot missing his front teeth

lock of hair was pulled off that the sudden pain jolted him back to

his rear in horror and started to back away. "W-What are you doing.

an innocent smile. "Don't be

and immediately got to his feet

Chapter 354 Broken Windows Theory

The karma spirit finally understood that Lilly was no ordinary child.

The malignant spirits behind her worked for her!

What a nightmare.

He had resisted so fiercely but now cowered in surrender. "I'll talk."

The spirits around the child changed their stances.

Lilly retreated to the side and reached for candy in her pocket.

The group of spirits loitered around and waited for him to speak.

The karma spirit quashed the sinking feeling building in him before starting, "My name is Billy Sawyer... I was born in the year XX..."

He grew up and lived his life in a small county. It wasn't a large community by any means. It was one where news of someone cheating could spread like wildfire around the neighborhood.

"I was taking a stroll down a street and noticed how a hotel seemed that day. Someone was getting married."

"I went to take a look. The newlywed's portrait was out in the open... The bride was gorgeous!"

He began to lose himself in his memories of the girl's beauty.

"What happened after that?" Lilly asked as she crunched on her candy.

The karma spirit said awkwardly. "The girl was beautiful but the guy was average at best. So, I didn't think before I said..."

"Huh? Isn't she that second-rate call girl? She must've made enough money and went on to con some gullible man into making an honest woman of her!"

The harem spirit was speechless. "You're quite the bastard to say that at someone's wedding!"

The karma spirit pursed his lips. "Are you kidding? Why else would a woman that beautiful marry a short and average man...? The guy didn't seem rich either. That's why I made the joke..."

The weakling spirit frowned. He rebuked his fellow spirit with a voice that had the characteristic gentleness of a juvenile. "How could you speculate what others are like based on a portrait? You're nasty!"

The unlucky ghost snorted. "Did you witness the wom prostituting herself? What gave you the right to

-call her one?"

in. "Huh? What's

She looked confused,

Lilly stomp on something while muttering

with the spirits. The only answer he received in return was. "Don't disturb

was what prompted him to stay by the wayside and wait

talking to? Who's teaching my niece

Gilbert felt heartbroken. "Kids

"…"

That again.

couldn't see the spirits

harem spirit began to

spirit and unlucky ghost shut

Ugly was rendered speechless. "Have more

was going to tell her outright. All she wanted to do was

Lilly looked at Pablo..

expression was placid. "He's insulting a girl by

She continued to press for

helpless

cleared her throat and said gently, An example would be your stepmother. Tearing families apart and feigning

dawned

How horrible!

karma spirit was a renewed vigor to beat him up for saying

happened after that? Did you

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spirit sighed. "I'd be

was just joking. I took a few photos and

funny at all. Guests who heard him began to spread the baseless claims to one another. It

bride and groom received jeers while

hear rumors that the newlyweds had gotten into a fight the very next day because the wife was a call

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"It was all

shot him looks of contempt. "What

wanted to join in on the fun

that day to Myspace. This was during a time

pictures of the couple and added a tasteless joke to it. "The second-rate call girl got married. A tragedy... Ah,

the easiest to

than a night for the karma spirit's account to be spread

an unknowing scapegoat, resulting

Chapter 355 Eat Sh\*t

Lilly struggled to understand at first but figured it out fairly quickly.

"Did you have a grudge against that girl? Why do you keep targeting her?" She asked incredulously.

"No. I told you. It was all just a joke! I didn't think people on the internet would fan the flames!" The karma spirit exclaimed.

They were all spouting lies as though they were true...

The harem spirit scoffed. "But you were the one who started it! Let me ask you. What gave you the right to spread unfounded rumors? Was it just because she was beautiful?"

"What were you really thinking? You felt jealous because an average Joe could marry a beautiful girl like her, didn't you? You were thinking 'if I can't have a life like that, no one can, am I right?"

The karma spirit immediately denied it. "No! You've got it all wrong!"

It had all just been a joke. He didn't think it would go that far.

The harem spirit sneered. Those were all excuses for men who had their heads in their crotches!

Stupid trash!

The karma spirit continued to argue, "Then, the girl made a police report. The cops found me. I apologized and even updated my Myspace to clarify the truth!"

The weakling spirit recalled his own violent death in life. What was the point of clarification when. something had gone too far?

He was just a coward who kept to himself only to be accused of being queer. They said he wasn't a man.

They made that their excuse to teach him a lesson.

The karma spirit's words were just an excuse for his atrocities.

The weakling spirit said coldly, So? What good did that do?"

The karma spirit fell silent.

Nothing. That was what.

Even after the police debunked the rumors and he was taken in and kept in detainment for three days, the girl had become a social pariah. Her distinguished features made her easily recognizable.

would get propositioned by men who would touch her inappropriately and ask if she would do it for pocket

had told me before she

husband divorced her. Her family saw her as an embarrassment. She was fired from her

when he admitted to it but that guilt quickly gave way to resentment. She was the one

killed him!

up a stand to sell fruits but she always had people with

felt an anger burning

+15 Bonus

control. "You ruined the girl! And here you are acting as if you haven't done

so furious she didn't know

scum!" The harem spirit chimed

clenched her fists.

nearby woman returning home from her day tending the fields. The woman stared at Lilly and

know what to say

while the woman watched, "Yeah,

to

innocent! He hadn't even laid one finger

he end up

to rave, "Continue!

"The girl could no longer remain in the county and left for the

girl's life. It had become a taint that followed her no matter

was so over-the-top....Even he couldn't believe that everyone

I did her

one day. Do you have any idea how scared I

spirit

crawled out from under my bed in the middle of the

is! She

terrifying. The

was no chance of him

stepped on him with eyes

"A call girl?"

"A prostitute?"

Chapter 356 The Unrepentant Absorbed Into The Jar

The karma spirit finally explained what happened to the girl after everyone had their turn beating him. up.

"She turned herself in after killing me."

She gave her account of the motive of the crime during interrogation. All the grievances she suffered over the years came pouring out. She'd finally regained her innocence after being convicted.

Everyone finally acknowledged that she had been vilifjell but no one apologized. She had ended up branded with the reputation of being a murderer.

Her husband who divorced her only felt a tinge of regret before he congratulated himself on not staying by a murderer's side.

The truth had become muddled in the county...

Some were saying that she murdered someone over a joke. A woman like that wouldn't be able to marry even if she were innocent.

Those were what the karma spirit heard in passing while he went searching for her.

"She committed suicide in prison." He sounded wrathful for not being the one to take revenge on her but also thought she deserved it.

The harem spirit did not hold back. "You pushed her to the brink! She had never offended you in any way but your one joke ruined her entire life. You don't feel even an ounce of guilt for what you've done?"

He refused to admit it. He didn't think he had done anything wrong.

"It was my fault for making the joke but I owned up to it and was arrested!"

"It wasn't me who mocked her after she left! She was gone for two years. I hadn't said anything. What does any of that have to do with me?!"

She must've reached her breaking point when someone made fun of her and she decided to take it out on me.

I'm the victim here!

The karma spirit never once thought he was the one in the wrong.

Even if he were the one in the wrong, he wasn't the one who forced her off the edge. She was the one at fault for killing him!

Lilly was angry.

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seemed like a "joke"

her jar of

Mr. Jar

karma spirit panicked; he felt

understood how his fellow spirits were just like

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them but they

but now he wished for nothing more than to become one of them. He shricked and begged

"Please

me! I'll work for you. I'll do everything by the indignant, Lilly on idea how much she was crimes she had to experience... She still had a long the one at fault and yet he doesn't see it that way." She glared at the Why? on in the minds of those who insist take advantage of others because they don't because he couldn't bear the up their own insecurities. Some people speak would walk the long path alongside Lilly. He would remain by her side to the day she no longer needed him. as possible but another part of him didn't want that. He wanted to see her grow at her and guessed she must've finished up and picked from vexation even after they go back up with Lilly were seated at the of Lilly's face red with anger and asked, "What's wrong, sweetie? smile. "It's nothing. She was playing with a cat outside and it like cats, I'll head out to the village to immediately rejected the offer. "No! There's no with the latter heatedly aking a large chuck out of it with walked in with all smiles with one hand to his 2/3 Lilly glared at him. his face the moment he met her a seat at

the one who got my front teeth knocked out. Why is she

Chapter 357 Reckless Coerced Drinking

Joel was all playful smiles as he spoke, revealing the gap in his teeth.

Huxley glared at him and reprimanded, "Dr. Gilbert came all the way here because he thinks highly of us. Sure, he gave us a few thousand but how much did you contribute?!"

Joel backtracked. "I was just joking. Why are you getting so riled up? Come, let's drink!"

Huxley ignored him.

Joel, however, continued to persuade him to drink with words implying that he wouldn't forgive him if he didn't drink and that even the clinking of wine glasses would be enough!

Huxley was a fool who caved in because he didn't want to argue with a relative. They were, after all, going to see each other often in the coming days. He took a small sip.

Ruby, who witnessed it, was angered and began to chew Joel out.

Joel threw an arm around Huxley's shoulder. "Uncle Huk and I are getting along just fine over here. What is he supposed to eat if everything is bad? I even gave him our family's own medicinal wine. It's good for the body!"

"Look at how rosy he looks now!"

He didn't take her seriously at all and only saw Ruby as someone making a big deal but of nothing. She clearly looked down on him!

Ruby was about to throw a fit but her cousin stopped her. "Forget it. Uncle Hux is doing just fine. He was just trying to ask him for forgiveness. He doesn't have any bad intentions..."

She huffed in vexation and disappeared back into the kitchen.

Everyone let loose after Gilbert left and drank themselves silly. Joel turned to a little boy who was enjoying his chicken, and said with a smile, "Hey, Johnny. Are you thirsty? Come, I'll get you a drink."

The child, in his curiosity, took a big gulp from excitement, only to burst into tears when the bitter wine went down his throat.

The entire family fell into chaos. The child's mother was Ruby's cousin who was busying herself in the kitchen. She went off on Joel.

"Are you crazy? Stop tricking children into drinking wine!"

Joel didn't seem to care at all. "Men would have to drink sooner or later. Isn't it better for him to start young?"

He found amusement in watching the child wail. Ruby cousin couldn't be bothered to argue and left with -the child.

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now. Aren't you being a little too obvious at this point?"
cat squinted but
we do, Uncle Gilbert?" Lilly
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the car.
foolproof! I'm not going to let a cat blackmail
cat couldn't
"What does it want, Uncle
tabby cat with great interest. "Interesting. It wants
home?"
"Huh?" She muttered, worried.
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doubt the cat would bully

at the tree barks when she had nothing better to

Chapter 358 The Dramatic Cat

The members of the Crawford family promptly replied after watching the video.

Anthony said, "Bring it home."

Liam said, "Lilly is so cute!"

Bryson said, "I'm at the airport. Just got off my flight. I want to head home right now!"

Jonas said, "Tsk... what an unscrupulous cat."

Edward said, "Bring it home! Damn. It's not like we can't afford it!"

Max said, "Keep it."

Blake, who was among them, said, "Don't you have a dash cam? Show it."

Gilbert answered.

Cloud said, "Contact the cops! Leave it up to them."

Gilbert answered in gibberish.

Can you not ...?

Bettany finally replied after watching the video a few times, "Lilly will be home soon? I'll start preparing dinner. I'll prepare some cat food too."

Hugh said, "You need to ask that?"

Gilbert said, "Lilly is worried the cat would hurt Polly."

The group fell silent.

Anthony said, "Chain the cat."

Liam answered with nothing but a long string of periods.

Jonas said, "Anthony, that's a cat. Not a dog."

Edward offered, "Chain Polly up?"

Gilbert didn't know what to say to that.

Blake said, "Sounds like a plan."

Polly would thank them.

Gilbert felt defeated to see how unreliable everyone was being.

He put his phone away and knelt at the head of the car

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we... bring it home with us?" He
opened an eye to observe them with cars pricked
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nails. "What if it already has an owner? I don't want to be
"Meow!"
doesn't have one," Gilbert declared with full
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bully Polly or Mr.
if you
you!" Gilbert
cat stared
know what
Lilly looked confused.
What does castrate mean?
ended up back at
moment they were past the gates of the Crawford mansion, it leaped out of the
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Oh no!
the grove where
was pecking at the grass as usual when
shock. "Who snuck up
to chase the
flailed about and screeched, "Help! Help!
scampered out to familiarize itself with its surroundings only to see
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now Lilly's cat. Mice and destructive birds were not allowed here. It was going to
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It pounced without thinking.

bird, however, escaped from its

human. How would it know who "Polly

chase the parrot down until Lilly arrived to which Polly perched herself on

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parrot squawked its complaints with teary-eyes.

angrily put her hands on her hips to teach the cat lesson. "I told you not to bully Polly and you disobey then added,

"...Meow."

caught up to her, Bettany, Hugh, Josh, and Hannah arrived

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Everyone heard her.

does neuter mean?" Hannah

The group fell silent.

expression was thunderous. "Who

as he dripped

and Blak were reprimanded but here he was on the receiving end

Chapter 359 Hannah's Vaccine Dilemma

Bettany checked Hannah's injury. "Skin abrasion. You'll need a preventive vaccination."

Gilbert nodded. The rabies vaccine will do. It'll take roughly four to five doses."

The smile on Hannah's face froze.

No. I just got scratched by a cat! Not a dog! Why do I need shots for rabies?

She began to wail at the top of her lungs. "I don't wannal I don't want an injection!"

Bettany shook her head. "No can do. There's a risk of rabies if you don't get the shots."

Blake crossed his arms and smiled mirthlessly. "Do you know what rabies is?"

"It's a virus that enters your body through your wounds and burrows into your brain..."

Big Headed Hannah cut in before he could finish. "That's okay!"

It's just the brain. Dad always says I don't have one so it doesn't matter!

Blake stared at her in disbelief. "..."

Lilly tried to convince her otherwise. "Maybe you should take the jab, Hannah." +15 Bonus "Daddy said rabies turns you into a dog that drools all the time. You won't remember us and will bite. anyone you see. You'll kick the bucket after that and I won't have you anymore, Hannah." Lilly looked close to tears. Josh helpfully added, "You might even eat poop." Huh? 7 Н Eat...what...? I won't remember everyone? Kick the bucket? I won't get to play with Lilly anymore? Hannah wanted to cry. "O...Okay then. Can we do...just one?" Bettany was surprised to see her willingness to compromise. doses mean five jabs. Four doses mean three jabs," Gilbert why four doses meant three jabs and immediately answered, "Four made. After everyone had eaten, the 1/4 a lot of time boss had even come to on him day in and day out for fear that he would run away regardless of whether he a mission or not. half the day off," home to see Bettany twitched. whenever injections were involved. It took three grown adults to

Hannah would go back on her word, which was

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only Lilly could
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couldn't, they'd still have God of Battle himself with them. Surely they'd
brought both Polly and Mr. Tortoise along out of
stared at the cat from within
idiot!" Polly squawked at the
and said seriously, "Be good.
Now she has to go get
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in place with
sorry for it and switched to petting its head. "Alright. A cat who can change is a good cat. Wait for us to
come home and
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can decide on the kitty's
it rubbed itself against her hand and began to
watched as Blake's SUV
went wandering
task of cat-sitting. He didn't want to bother the others and decided to unearth a drone to the mansion's
latest pet
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Hannah's Vaccine
laying underneath the shade of the tree on the lawn and staring out at the
muttered to himself, "It's so docile now. Where did
get them
into the vaccination room before he was done
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children ahead of her who were

Head Hannah finally felt the fear set

this, shook her head. "No. You must be vaccinated within

hours? We would still be within the 24-hour time frame if we come back at the same time tomorrow. Let's

says the sooner you get it,

two children ahead of her

into tears. "I

had nowhere to run. Blake had made

man had scooped her up into his arms like it

Chapter 360 I Can Fly

The nurse's hands were trembling as she administered the shots as she tried to hold back her laughter,

Hannah tearfully covered her arms. The pain was excruciating!

Why do injections hurt so much?

It hurt even more than the previous ones!

Bettany, Blake, and Lilly raced out and fled home once everything had been settled. All of them felt the second-hand embarrassment set in.

Back in the car. Lilly muttered, "That was so embarrassing!"

She shouldn't have told Hannah to scream "I can do it

"Oh, Granny. I want to get the kitty a collar as a present for it!"

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"Of course," Bettany said dotingly.

Blake then drove them to Central Mall.

Hannah was still caught in a daze and had yet to come to her senses after experiencing the worst pain of her life.

She would usually take off on her own when they went shopping but this time she remained by Lilly's side.

They found a pet store and selected a red collar with a bow on the front and a bell-shaped ornament made of pure gold that hung from it.

The price came up to eighty-eight thousand. The female clerk, afraid they would back out of the deal, began a long-winded explanation about the lambskin collar, the several grams of gold, and it being a handmade design produced by a famous designer... Bettany didn't blink an eye as she handed the woman

her card.

The clerk was dumbfounded. The "treasure of the store hadn't been sold in over two years. Many gave up on it after learning the price. To think it would finally find an owner today.

The tabby cat took a tentative approach when Lilly returned to the Crawford home. It peeked out from behind the bushes to observe them in secret.

Lilly waved. "Come here, kitty! Look, I got you a presen!"

The cat bounded over.

She slung the collar around its neck but failed to secure it in place.

"Daddy..." She gave her father a pleading look.

Blake plucked the cat up by the back of its neck and seled it on his lap.

The tabby cat was confused. It was the most ferocious beast in existence. Why was this man overpowering

it?

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pet carrier, was ready to

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refuse to

the natural tendency for attacking birds. Polly was going to

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the aloof Drake and silent Zachary. "You two should

"Hah." Drake snorted.

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to name a
a chair, said weakly, "Let's call it a
laugh. "Why don't we
She glared at him.
top of her lungs. "Rookie!
newbie should be named
a throaty snarl at the green
couldn't help but laugh at that. It was a terrible name that
tilted her head. "What
her
go with
Hannah agreed. "Sounds good!"
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did look like Wolverine when it brandished its
Drake scoffed. "Vulgar. Superficial."
you think it should be called
up a glass of water and
cat wearing a bell collar.
a flower with a hidden meaning. Bellflower
a poetic, pleasant, and unique
with what he had come up with. It took much reading for him to settle
was unfortunate Hannah, Lilly, and
way too simple, Drake. You want to call it Bellflower because it wears a
"It's Bellflower. Not Bell."
"Sounds the same."
That riled Drake up.
boring. It's way too gentle! It doesn't fit its personality at all,"
how shallow his
think it sounds perfect!" Lilly
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