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While Lornell was lost in thought, Harley struggled to stand on her tiptoes and pulled on his shirt collar so hard that he involuntarily bent over slightly. Her lips landed on his cheek, giving him a loud and resounding kiss.

"Lornell, I will like you from now on, okay?" the little one said with bright, shining eyes.

Lornell stared at the little face in front of him, feeling that her smile was so bright and beautiful.

Harley, huh... If she likes him, does he have to like her back?

Do you like this little guy?

If it were the **him** from before, he would definitely have scoffed and thought it was impossible!

But now, he is somewhat uncertain?

At this moment, Valda, who was standing nearby, watched the scene unfold. She saw the red ink on her daughter's hand smearing onto Lornell's body and immediately wanted to step forward to pull the child away.

Brian, however, held her hand and whispered, "**No** need."

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"Hmm?" Valda looked surprised.

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"**Let's** see how the two children get along. Since Lornell didn't push Harley away, maybe this engagement isn't too bad after **all**," said Brian.

Although his daughter was holding onto the other person, it made him feel uneasy, as if the cabbage he had worked hard to grow had only just sprouted and was about to be eaten by someone else's pig.

But to be honest, Lornell is a suitable match for Harley in terms of appearance and family background. What's more important

is that Lornell was the one who actively requested the Quentin family to save Harley, and even offered to use a marriage proposal

to persuade them to help.

Just on this point, Lornell is already a benefactor of the Hart

family.

So, his liking for Lornell naturally increased a bit.

At the age of 3 and 7, there are still many years ahead before they can know if these two children will be able to walk together in the future.

And now, what they need to do is to make sure these two children get along as well as possible.

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The members of the Quentin family left with the marriage certificate, and Lornell is also returning to the Quentin family.

“When will you come to play with me again?” asked Harley.

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“Wait for me when I have free time, at least... um, during summer vacation,” said Lornell. Although he also lives in Emerald City, he is now in elementary school and needs to go to school every day. After school, the Quentin family has arranged a lot of study materials for him. Just reading those difficult medical books takes up a lot of time.

“When you come to visit me during the summer vacation, will you bring me some delicious food?” She looked at me with eager eyes.

‘Is eating all she can think of? He felt a vein pop on his forehead, but upon meeting her gaze, he couldn’t bear to refuse. “I suppose... I will.”

“Do you have any toys? Will you bring them for me too?” she continued to eagerly ask.

“Probably...maybe.”

After the little guy received a satisfactory answer, he waved towards him happily and said, “Bye–bye.”

Lornell suddenly had a strange feeling. He thought that if he were to return to the Quentin family, Tina would miss him!

Sitting in the car on the way back, Lornell looked at the red ink stains on his hand. His subordinate was holding a wet tissue, intending to help him wipe off the ink stain.

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“No need, I’ll just wash it off when I get back,” said Lornell, as she

slowly clenched her small hand.

It feels like he's still holding her little hand.

Summer vacation... it should come soon.

Once summer vacation arrives, he can meet her again.

Somehow, he feels like Tina's reluctance to part has turned into his own!

When Grace learned from her husband that their little daughter had already made an agreement with Harley to help her find a fiancé in the future, she couldn't help but sigh.

"So, Jasmine doesn't want you to help her find one?" Grace asked with a smile.

"Yes, she said she trusts Harley." Jason was also helpless about this. His daughter's trust in him was less than that of a three-year-old child.

"Jasmine and Harley have always had a good relationship." Grace said. Initially, Jasmine went to the Zho ng family because of Valda's rescue, and she was the most hardworking of the four

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After Harley was born, Jasmine went to the Hart family more often. In addition, the age difference between Jasmine and the

**triplets** was ultimately too big, so they couldn't play together. Jasmine was closer in age to Harley.

So, in terms of emotions, Grace actually feels that Jasmine and Harley's relationship is better than Jasmine's relationship with the

triplets.

"However, for families like the Quentin family in the Crypt, is Harley really suitable?" Grace expressed her concern.

"The Quentin family has a good reputation among the Crypt families, and their family roots are in medicine. Not many people dare to provoke them. After all, even those with high status and

power cannot guarantee that they will not need the Quentin family's help one day. Therefore, they naturally do not dare to easily provoke the Quentin family.

"Well, that's not too bad. But children have their own fate. Maybe Harley and Lornell will have a great future together, just like how I never expected Jasper and William to have such a good relationship," said Grace.

When she was talking about her eldest daughter, she suddenly seemed to remember something and her eyes dimmed for a moment. "By the way, is there still no news about Lawrence?"

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"No news," said Jason.

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Grace pursed her lips. It had been three **years**, and there was still no news of Lawrence. His disappearance had become a source of pain for the Reed family.

Although Jasper has been mentioning Lawrence less and less over the past two years, as if gradually forgetting about him, Grace knows that's not the case. Every year on the day when **the** Abbott family had their accident, Jasper becomes particularly quiet.

The Abbott family bought the house they used to rent, at her request. Everything inside is maintained to look exactly like it did back then.

Jasper even brought back some sheet music that Lawrence had left in the room and placed it in her own room.

And as for those music scores, she doesn't allow anyone to touch them, not even if someone wants to help clean and organize.

Grace knows that her daughter is not gradually forgetting Lawrence, but burying him even deeper in her heart.

That emotion was suppressed by Jasper in their heart, and it's

uncertain when it will erupt.

Perhaps only if Lawrence is found alive one day, can this suppressed emotion be released.

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But... will there be such a day?

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Looking at Grace's worried expression, Jason said, "Okay, don't overthink it. No news is good news, which means Lawrence is likely still alive."

Grace sighed, "Yes, Lawrence is very likely still alive."

I just don't know if Lawrence will ever be able to appear **in** front of them again in the future.

Time passes day by day, and the triplets' birthday is naturally a very important event for the Reed family. Jasper is wearing a beautiful white dress, looking like a fairy fallen from the mortal world.

At the age of 14, one can already be considered a young adult, and this person looks poised and graceful.

She has long black hair, curved willow leaf eyebrows, and a pair of almond-shaped eyes that look clear and bright. Her delicate face, swan-like neck, and the developing body of a young girl all make her appear to be transitioning from a girl to a young woman.

Jasper looked at herself in the mirror. Today was her birthday, and she should have been happy, but deep down, there was always a hint of regret.

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How great it would be **if** Lawrence were here!

Before, she had told Lawrence that if it was her birthday, she wanted him to give her **a gift!**

But every year, he has never given her a birthday present.

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The door of the room was knocked on, and the makeup **artist** who was doing Jasper's makeup went to open it.

Outside the door stood William.

At this moment, William walked in. When he saw Jasper, he was momentarily stunned and a bit dizzy.

In recent years, her facial features have gradually matured and she has become more beautiful.

In his eyes, she has always been beautiful, whether it was when she was a child or now.

Although they have been living in different cities for the past few years and haven't met often, they frequently video chat and he

often sees her and her various expressions.

He thought he wouldn't be too surprised no matter how she dressed up tonight. But when he actually saw her, his heart

couldn't help but contract violently for a moment, as if reminding him of something, and his gaze almost couldn't move away from

her face.

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"William, what's wrong?" Jasper asked as he approached.

William snapped out of his thoughts and said, "Nothing...just wanted to ask how you're doing with the preparations for the banquet."

"I'm all set. Let's go down together," Jasper said.

"Okay," William replied.

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As they walked out of the room, William whispered in a voice only they could hear, "You look very beautiful tonight."

"Thank you," she smiled slightly.

But... because she's too beautiful, he feels uneasy.

He's afraid that too many people will come to like her, and he's

afraid that he's not strong enough yet to have her!

Although there's only a few hours' drive between Emerald City and Deer Capital, he still feels it's too far away.

If... if they could be closer, **if** they could see each other every day...

That would be so great!

However, he also understands that the patience he's showing now is all for the future, **so** that he can be **more worthy** of her.

"Jasper, what do you think our future will be like?" William suddenly said.

"Our future?" Jasper was taken **aback**.

"Yes, our future." He stopped walking and turned to look at her.

At fourteen years old, William is already much taller than Jasper.

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That handsome face can be said to have inherited the best qualities of Lily and Philip – refined and elegant, yet also possessing a rare sense of introverted depth that is uncommon for someone his age.

William is already known as the most desirable guy among girls in school.

Unfortunately, William doesn't mince his words when it comes to the girls who desperately try to pursue him. He even throws away all the gifts they give him into the trash can.

Many people in school know that he has a childhood sweetheart, and whenever she calls, he answers immediately.

If there is something that he treasures or cherishes in particular, it's almost always something that the girl gave him or something

related to her.

However, although many people in the school are aware of the existence of this girl, there are not many who actually know that

she is Jasper's girlfriend.

The eldest princess of the Reed family is the person who William

has been hiding in his heart for so many years!

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Perhaps no one would have thought that William would become the eldest son of the Barlow family and return to his ancestral roots, all because of Jasper!

"Why are you suddenly asking this?" Jasper said strangely at the moment.

"Because...we are slowly growing up," William said, "so there are some things that I will think about."

"What are you thinking about?"

"I'm thinking about whether we can still be together like this in the future," he said, staring at her intently.

She blinked in confusion, "Of course we'll be together, didn't you say you'll come live in Emerald City when we grow up?"

He knew she didn't really understand what she was saying.

"Yeah, I'll come back to Emerald City in the future, and then we can always be together, right?" He smiled slightly and said to her.

"Okay!" She replied.

"Alright, let's go," he said, taking her hand and walking downstairs.

Downstairs, guests were gathered, and today's triplets' birthday party was undoubtedly a grand event in Emerald City.

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The scene of Jasper and William walking down also attracted the attention of many people.

This scene, with the son of a prestigious family and the daughter of a wealthy family, looks like a perfect match!

When the two of them reached downstairs, Mick approached Jasper and said, "Come on, let's go. We'll cut the cake together



later.”

“Okay,” Jasper said, naturally pulling his hand out of William’s and taking Mick’s hand. “William, I’m going over there first.”

William felt a sense of loss in his palm, as if something was slipping away. He nodded in agreement and watched as Jasper

and Mick walked away side by side.

When the triplets stood together in front of the cake, the guests couldn’t help but admire them once again.

Although they are triplets, the three of them do not look alike.

Mick looks very similar to Jason, while Jasper’s appearance leans more towards Grace. As for the middle one, Mason, his looks can be described as beautiful. For a boy to be described as beautiful, it shows how refined his facial features are.

Although she is beautiful, she doesn’t give off a feminine vibe.

Instead, she exudes a reserved and cold demeanor.

Among the triplets, Mick is calm and composed, Jasper is lively and cute, but Mason, at only 14 years old, gives off an elusive feeling.

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At this moment, Mason’s gaze was fixed on Veronica who was standing nearby.

He felt relieved only when Veronica came into his sight.

Although he didn’t think today’s birthday party was very important.

He never thought that birthdays were something to be taken

seriously, but because his older sister said that birthdays represent the day he was born, they should be celebrated

properly.

Every year, the Reed family would throw a birthday party for them, and every year on this day, he actually found it quite boring.

But if his older sister could be happy, then he could endure this

boredom and playacting.

His older sister also said that he and his family were connected by blood, and they should be closer. Those people were his relatives,

and they were all good to him.

Connected by blood...what kind of feeling was that? He wasn't really sure.

But over the years, he had gradually gotten used to the presence

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of these people, and sometimes he could even accept their affectionate hugs and do things for them.

Was it because they were family?

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The triplets cut the cake together, while flashes of light and cheers from the crowd continued around them.

After cutting the cake, Jasper played a piano piece in front of everyone.

Today, Jasper is playing Liszt's Transcendental Etude No. 12 Chasse-neige, which is the same piece Lawrence played before.

William is watching Jasper play under the spotlight.

He wonders if she is still thinking about Lawrence while playing this piece.

He knows that she has never let go of Lawrence all these years.

Even though Lawrence was just a young boy she spent a few months with, he has always been treasured in her heart. William feels jealous, but he can do nothing about it.

Now, she is shining brightly under the spotlight, while he is just a member of the audience. How many steps does he need to take

to truly get close to her?

When the piece ends, Mason stands up and thanks everyone. He

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says that the piece is dedicated to everyone and to his friend.

Jasper doesn't say anything else.

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Since Lawrence disappeared, she has made a birthday wish every year for his safety and for him to appear in front of her someday.

William's expression changes slightly. It seems that Lawrence is still very important to her.

Suddenly, a hand rested on William's shoulder. He turned his head and saw that it was his father.

Philip and William walked to a corner and Philip said, "What's wrong? Do you feel uncomfortable?"

"Dad," William furrowed his brow slightly.

In the future, you may experience this feeling more and more.

Right now, you consider Jasper to be the most important person in your life, but she probably only sees you as a friend. Given Jasper's background and appearance, she will likely become more and more prominent, and she will be surrounded by various outstanding men. When that time comes, you will have to compete with more than just Lawrence.

"I know," William's face showed a hint of determination. "But I won't give Jasper to anyone. I will make myself better and make Jasper like me so much that she won't be able to leave me."

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"Since your idea, Grace, hasn't changed, then work hard.

However, I also hope that you don't get too fixated on things. In this world, many things can be achieved through hard work, but only emotions are the most unpredictable and even with effort, there may not be a return," said Philip.

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Although he hoped his son would eventually be with Jasper, and even used this as a way to convince his son to embrace his heritage, as the children grew older, he became afraid that his son

would become too fixated on this idea.

After all these years, the father has seen all the hard work his son has put in for Jasper.

"I understand," said William, but understanding doesn't necessarily mean he will let go!

Because he doesn't want to and he doesn't feel like it!

Philip didn't say anything else, he just took William and went to greet some other Emerald City celebrities at the party.

After exchanging pleasantries, William made his way to the hallway. Just then, a girl dressed in a high-end custom-made dress approached him.

Hello, I'm William. I'm pleased to meet you. My name is Yvonne Jones, and I'm the granddaughter of Chairman Jones from the Jones Group. Would you like to be friends?

The other person had a smile on their face and a confident expression.

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When he came down with Jasper earlier, she noticed him. She heard that he is the son of the Barlow family from Deer Capital and childhood friends **with** Jasper.

Although the Jiang family may not be as prominent as the Reed family, they are still well-off. Plus, she is also attractive, and has always been the center of attention among the boys.

So right now, she is very confident that William won't refuse to be friends with them.

At that time, she will naturally find a way to snatch William from Jasper's hands.

Even if the Reed family is more powerful than the Jiang family, it doesn't matter as long as she can win over William. In that case, Jasper will still be inferior to her!

At this moment, Yvonne is completely absorbed in her thoughts, feeling confident that she can outdo Jasper in her own way!

Just then, she heard William's voice saying, "I'm not interested in being friends with you."

Yvonne's expression froze, she didn't expect the other person to refuse so bluntly.

"It's just...making a friend, nothing else. Why bother..."

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Just as she was about to finish speaking, William interrupted once again, saying, "Not interested!"

Yvonne's face turned red and then pale. It was the first time she had been rejected like this, and she felt embarrassed and ashamed.

Especially those who came to attend this birthday banquet today, including her friends. Before coming to see William, she boasted to her friends that William would definitely agree and even be ecstatic about it!

The current situation is equivalent to slapping her face in front of everyone.

"Hmph! What's so great about you? I want to be friends with you because I think highly of you. Otherwise, do you think you, the son of a criminal, are worthy of being my friend?" Yvonne said angrily.

She heard about William from the adults. They said that William's mother used to be a celebrity named Lily, and she might have been a young lady from the Atkinson family. Unfortunately, she was also a criminal.

William's face changed and his dark eyes stared straight at Yvonne, making her feel scared.

Just then, she lifted her chin and said, "Why are you staring at me? I didn't say anything wrong. It seems like your mommy also

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framed Jasper's mommy before! Your mommy is a criminal of the Reed family! I wonder if Jasper knows about this. If she knew how your mommy framed her mommy, would she still want to be friends with you?"

William's expression became even colder as he walked towards Yvonne step by step. Using a frigid tone, he said, "Say what you just said again."

The look just now already flashed a hint of murderous intent.

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"I'm afraid of you? Don't make me laugh. I can say it again and again. You're just a criminal's son. Do you think being the young master of the Barlow family makes you special? No matter what,

you can't erase the fact that you have the blood of a criminal

**running** through your veins..." Yvonne said recklessly, not knowing any better.

Just as William was about **to** make a move, a hand moved even faster than him.

Yvonne suddenly heard a loud and crisp slap, and in the next moment, she covered her cheek in disbelief.

The person who hit her was none other than today's protagonist – Jasper!

"Yi... Jasper, did you hit me?" Yvonne asked.

"Yes, **so** what if I hit you? If you dare to say such things, why wouldn't I dare to hit you?" Jasper said, feeling his palms burning.

This was the first time she had ever slapped someone, and even she didn't know how she had managed to do it.

She only heard what the other person said, got very angry, and then slapped them.

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"He...his mommy is a criminal, and she even harmed your

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mommy. I'm speaking up **for** your family, why did **you** still hit me?" said Yvonne.

Jasper stared at the other person and said, "Our family matters don't require your help, and today is my birthday banquet. I **don't**

welcome you to attend, so please leave immediately. If **you** don't leave, I will have the security guards escort you out!"

She said this without any room for maneuver.

Yvonne was furious, "You... want to kick me out?"

"Can't I still catch up with you?" Jasper asked in response.

This statement made Yvonne's face turn red and white. After a moment, she glared at Jasper and William with hatred, then turned around and left.

Instead of being forcibly removed by security later, she would rather find an excuse to leave early on her own and save face.

But Yvonne never expected that Jasper would protect William like this.

Let's wait and see!

Yvonne thought to herself that she would eventually get revenge for today's humiliation.

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After Yvonne **left**, Jasper turned **to** William.

**At** this moment, William lowered his head, his long eyelashes covering his eyes, making it impossible to know what he was

thinking.

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Jasper held William's hand and said, "Let's go. I have some new friends who haven't met you yet and want to get to know you."

But William didn't take a step, instead he suddenly said, "Do you... still want **to** be friends with me, be with me?"

"What?" Jasper didn't understand at first.

William raised his head and looked at Jasper with a steady gaze, "Like the woman just said, my mother is the one who harmed your mother. I am the son of a criminal. Would you still want to be with

me?"

Jasper raised his eyes and looked at him. At this moment, his face was pale, and his gaze towards William was even cautious and nervous.

Jasper thought for a moment, then reached out his hand and extended it towards William's hand. As her hand was about to touch his, he shuddered slightly and seemed to want to avoid it.

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But in the end he didn't avoid it, and instead let her take his hand with her own.

It's so cold!

This is Jasper's first impression, his hand is so cold!

"William, actually I didn't just find out about this today. I knew about it a long time ago! But over the years, haven't we been good to each other? Besides, it was your mother who caused trouble for my mother, not you! I dislike your mother, but she's no longer here. My mother said that since she's gone, everything should end here," said Jasper

Is this the end? William pursed his lips, wondering if everything could really end here.

But the things that the mother had done seemed like stains that he couldn't erase, and they would always exist between them.

She looked at his gloomy face and continued, "William, to me, you are you, and your mother is your mother! We will be together, and we will always be together!"

He remained silent for a while before stammering, "Why don't you mind?"

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She **responded** with a slightly amused **tone**, “Why should I **mind**? We’re friends, and you’re so good to me. If I still minded, wouldn’t

that be wrong? Besides, my parents don’t mind either!”

As she spoke, she placed his hand to her lips and blew warm air onto his cold hand. Then she rubbed his hand repeatedly with her own palm, trying to warm it up.

“If anyone says anything about you again, I’ll help you give them a good beating,” she said, but then added somewhat embarrassedly, “Just now was the first time I’ve ever slapped someone, and my palm hurts so much! I didn’t realize that

slapping someone would hurt my own hand so much.”

“Your hand hurts?” He was surprised and took her hand to examine her palm.

“Oh, I haven’t warmed up your hand yet,” she exclaimed.

But he only asked, “Does it hurt a lot? Is it painful here?”

As he spoke, he moved his fingertips around her palm.

“It’s okay now, not as painful as before,” she muttered.

Nevertheless, he continued to massage her palm, saying, “Don’t do it again next time. Your hands are precious as a pianist, and they can’t be easily injured. If you really hurt them, you won’t be able to practice for a while, and you’ll suffer.”

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“But if they keep talking about you and make you feel upset, what will you **do**?” she asked.

He took her hand to his lips and gently kissed her palm, saying “As long as you don’t make me sad, I won’t be sad.”

At that moment, Jasper felt his heart racing and his palms getting even hotter.

It’s even more fiery than when I slapped you just now.

At this moment, outside the hotel where the birthday banquet is being held, a figure sits inside a car, looking through the window

at the brilliantly lit hotel.

This is the best hotel in Emerald City. A few days ago, news media reported that the Reed family chose to have their triplets' birthday party here.

Tonight is also a night where the elite of Emerald City gather.

The boy's eyes gazed quietly at the hotel's entrance. After a while, he spoke up and said, "Let's go, let's go back."

"Yes," responded the driver in the front seat.

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The car slowly drove away from the hotel. The young man lowered his head and looked at the wooden figurine in his palm. If Jasper were here, she would recognize this wooden figurine as one of the dolls she gave to Lawrence as a set of wooden toys for playing house. However, at this moment, there was a dark brown stain

on the wooden figurine in the young man's hand, which had seeped into the wood and could not be removed. But if someone

knowledgeable looked at it, they would see that the stain on the wood was actually...bloodstains.

The young man's fingers repeatedly rubbed the wooden figurine, and then he tightly held it in his palm, letting the hard wood hurt his palm. "Jasper, do you regret it?" The young man murmured these words.

But the only response was silence.

One day, he would return to Jasper and ask her face to face if she regretted not answering his call and not extending a helping hand to his family. If the Reed family had helped them at that time, maybe...his parents would not have died in that way.

The Reed family, Jasper...one day, they would definitely **meet** again...

The car is driving in the darkness, just like how there are many

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things in this **world** that are hidden in the shadows.

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The birthday party of the Reed triplets ended perfectly and

became a topic of conversation **among** many people in Emerald City for a while.

At Veronica's school, Veronica and Mason are also the center **of** attention among their classmates.

Of course, the focus of attention is on Mason, while Veronica is only receiving attention because she is Mason's "big sister".

In school, most people, whether they are teachers or students, know that if they want Mason's help with something, they must first please Veronica.

If Veronica is willing to speak up to Mason, he will agree to it.

However, many people flatter and please Veronica on the surface, but behind her back, they gossip about her and think that she only took advantage of knowing Mason since childhood.

When Veronica once again rejected the proposal of the class president from the next classroom, his face immediately fell.

"The school requires each grade to organize an activity as part of the school anniversary celebration. If Mason agrees to perform

with us on stage, it will definitely have a great effect and the teachers will also praise us. What's wrong with that?" Leyna said.

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"He doesn't enjoy participating in any performances, and he doesn't have any special talents in that area either. You can go find other people to perform with," said Veronica.

She knew that this kind of group performance was like being a puppet for Mason, which he didn't enjoy, **so** she helped him decline.

"You can talk to him. Everyone says that as long as you ask, he will definitely agree. Besides, it doesn't matter **if** you don't have any

special skills in performing. He looks so good and he's a celebrity in our school. Just standing on stage will be enough!"

What Leyna didn't say is that Mason is the second son of the

Reed family. If he participates in this performance, they can get whatever kind of costumes, decorations, and makeup they want, and the Reed family will sponsor it.

And if she could perform on the same stage as Mason, then she would have more opportunities to get in touch with him, **right?**

In her opinion, Mason is not good at dealing with people, and Veronica is only not particularly close to Mason because she spends more time with him.

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**As** long as she gets to spend time with Mason, she believes she **can** also become good friends with him!

By then, her family will also rise to the top because of Mason.

She has heard people say that Veronica's family was originally just an ordinary family, but because Mason and Veronica were close, Mason was fostered by Veronica's family. As a result, the Barlow family benefited greatly, and the Reed family gave them a lot of money every year!

Leyna must be **so** envious.

Sometimes, when my parents are casually chatting at home, they also talk about this topic. They even said that it would be great if Mason could be fostered in our family, because then he could enjoy the luxury of being picked up and dropped off in fancy cars and living in a big house!

So she thought of using the opportunity of performing in the grade to get closer to Mason.

But the result was unexpected, Veronica refused so decisively!

"Just help out **a** bit, it's for the grade after all!" Leyna continued to persuade.

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"Sorry, if you really want to, you can talk to Mason yourself," said

Veronica.

She is now 16 years old, and over the years she has encountered people like Leyna, so she knows very well what the other person is thinking.

As Leyna saw that there was no room for improvement in the situation, her face became increasingly unpleasant, and she turned around and walked away with resentment.

As she walked away, she muttered angrily, "What's so great about her? She's just a fake older sister. Besides, who knows what kind of relationship she has behind the scenes, even if she calls herself a sister!"

Veronica's face turned pale for a moment. Since starting high school, she has been hearing more and more rumors and gossip. The high school she attended was not a prestigious one in Emerald City, but rather a regular high school with a good college admission rate. Most of the students here were children of ordinary people.

And because Mason skipped a grade with her, he also went to high school with her.

After starting high school, Mason and Grace stuck together just like before. They even had seats arranged next to each other in

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And the gossip in high school is far more abundant and harsher than in middle school.

Many people behind her back say that she is in an **early** relationship with Mason, and some even go so far as to say that they have engaged in inappropriate activities.

She knew that these were just automatically filtering out gossip and rumors.

Mason is an important younger brother and a close relative to her.

Even though there is no blood relation between the two, after so many years of being together, they have become a habitual presence.

Veronica turned around and was about to head back to the classroom when suddenly a ball flew towards her from the direction of the playground and hit her shoulder.

She winced in pain and furrowed her brow.

Next, a figure rushed up to her and apologized urgently, "I'm sorry, are you okay? Do you need any help?"

Veronica frowned and felt a sudden pain in her shoulder.

However, she shook her head and said, "It's nothing, it doesn't

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matter."

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Just as she was about to leave, the other person suddenly stopped her and threw the ball back, shouting to their teammates on the field, "I'll go with this classmate to the infirmary, you guys keep playing."

He said to Veronica, "Go to the infirmary and have a look. The force of the ball hitting your shoulder must have hurt you."