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"Mommy where are we going?" Noah asks me as I lock our house.

I hadn't planned on this little trip, but I knew it was something that I needed to do. Nora and Theo have been calling me for days. They wanted a relationship with me, but instead I kept keeping them at arm's

length.

I decided that I was going to give them a chance. After all, how was I supposed to know if they truly loved me if I just kept pushing them away? And besides, I needed more good people in my life.

"I want you to meet some people" I reply, taking his hand in mine as I lead him towards my car.

As we were walking towards the car, my eyes gets caught by the moving vehicle that was parked a few

meters down from my house.

"Looks like someone is moving in" I tell Noah. "We're going to have a new neighbor."

The house has been empty for months. It was similar in structure to mine with the only difference being it

looked a bit bigger.

"Man, I hope they have a kid my age" Noah says in excitement. "Don't get me wrong mom. I love this

place, but it's full of old people"



"Can't you just tell me? You know I don't like surprises" he grumbles

See what I told you? He doesn't like not knowing. "I promise this is going to be a good surprise" I assure him. He was going to be so happy when he realizes he's getting two additional grandparents. Mainly because he knows it will mean more gifts and love for himself. As much as he is looking forward to having a sibling, he can't hide that he loves being the only grandchild. "Mommy, is dad going to marry your sister Emma?" Noah asks after a while. My breath stills at his question. "Probably" I mumbled. Even though I feel the familiar pain. It isn't as earth shattering as it used to be. I accepted it long time ago. Rowan wasn't mine. He never was. He always belonged to Emma mind body and soul. Right now they may have hit a rough patch because of her lies, but they will get back together eventually. Their love has spanned over a decade. It's impossible for them not fix what's broken. Sooner or later, when they worked their issues, they'll resume their romance.

It breaks my heart to hear him so sad, but there is nothing I can do about it. Rowan and I were wrong from the beginning. We shouldn't have gotten married and I will always regret that I didn't fight harder when he

"I don't want that. I don't want a stepmother" he says in a small voice.

said we should marry.
Life would have been easier if I had. Instead we got married and pretended we loved each other in front of Noah. Now he was having a hard time accepting someone else as Rowan's possible wife.
"Noah"
1 want you and dad together. You were happy together, you loved each other. Why can't you go back to
that?" he asks sullenly.
How do I tell him that nothing he was saying was real? That Rowan and I weren't happy together. That we
weren't in love and that we played a part for his sake. How do I tell him that Rowan had always been in
love with Emma? That my obsession with him led to them breaking up.
Right now you're too young to understand, but when you're older I'll explain things, then you'll understand

It pained me to see the sadness in his eyes, but in this case, I have to break his little heart. There was nothing between Rowan and I. There never was and there will never be. Our ship went up in flames before it even got a chance to sail.