

The Fortune-Telling Heiress

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Mia's figure gradually faded away.

Watching Mia vanish, Josephine hawled her eyes out in Vincent's embrace.

After some time, Madison's expression changed as Mia's figure appeared again.

The Salles saw that Mia hadn't gone to the underworld and noticed Madison's uneasy expression. They all started to panic. "Did something go wrong, Maddie?"

They were reluctant to lose Mia, but they were more worried about the thought of her not having a chance to reincarnate.

Madison sighed. "Her time isn't up yet, so the grim reapers can't take her to the underworld. She's stuck in the world of the living for now."

When the Salle family heard Madison's explanation, they looked at the small blob of Mia's astral body with concern.

Jordan hurriedly asked, "Is there anything bad going to happen if Madoesn't reincarnate, Ms. Madison?"

"Staying around in the world of the living for too long is detrimental to a ghost. She might get compted by evil thoughts and turn into a malevolent ghost. Or worse yet, people with bad intentions might exploit her."

"Then, what do we do? Josephine felt a pang in her heart and hugged Mia

Why did Mia have to suffer so much? She was killed before her timing in the living world was due. At this point, she wasn't able to move on to a new life.

Madison comforted in a soft tone, "Mia will have to stay in the world of the living for now. As long as she stays by my side, can purity her regularly and keep her sane until she can be rebicamated." Jordan's eyes lit up. "Does that mean Mia can hang out with us regularly?"

Upon hearing Jordan's words, Madison couldn't help but roll her eyes at him. "Having a ghost around for too long can affect us

Healthy adults might end up having nightmares and catching a minor illness. Meanwhile, sickly people would often find themselves unlucky. In serious cases, they might end up in serious trouble. The boundary between the living and the dead was no laughing matter.

Seeing Madison roll her eyes, Jordan shut up and composed himself.

Vincent and Josephine kept quiet, but they were both pretty happy. It was nice to have a few more years to spend with Ma

Josephine wrapped her arms around Mia and whispered, "You'll be staying with Madison from now on, Mia Listen to what she says, okay?"

"That's wonderful!" Mia cheered. "Madison has really good energy, and it feels nice to be around her."

After saying that, she hurried over to Madison and clung to her leg

→ As a quitivator, Madison had a history of good deeds. Any evil ghost or malign spirit would be scared of her, whereas a clear-headed ghost would be drawn to her pure presence

The Salles breathed a sigh of relief seeing how Mia was so attached to Madison.

Jordan worriedly asked, "Are you taking Mia back to the Locke residence, Ms. Madison?"

"That's the plan for now. I'll take Mia with me when I move out of the Locke residence"

If it weren't for the system forcing Madison to stay with the Locke family, she would've left on the very first day after being rebo

pure and clean

In her previous life, she valued her family so much that she met a track end and drowned. In this life, she aimed to focus on herself and trained hard to hit her peak agam

Unfortunately, she was stuck in the Locke residence because of Rebecca

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he was fated to have a sidekick to highlight her achievements And Madison was co

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"Thank you," Jordan softly responded

Rebecca didn't notice the distance in Jordan's tone. She quickly wiped away her sorrow and mischievously glanced at him and Madison

"You kept saying you hated Maddie and called her a bumpkin who doesn't have what it takes to be in the big leagues: You even promised to teach her a lesson if she showed up in front of you. But I didn't know you were just joking. It turns out that you have feelings for her."-

What seemed like a playful banter was an attempt to ste the pot.

Madison remained calm. She was well aware of Rebecca's true colors and had already seen it coming

But that wasn't the case for Jordan. Upon hearing Rebecca's remark, his face flushed with anger. "Are you nuts, Rebecca? Someone like Ms. Madison is way but of my league Madison was the type that Jordan could only look up to. He didn't have the nerve to entertain any romantic thoughts about her. He believed no man in this world was worthy of The more jordan thought about it, the angrier he got this bossy side showed up again as he printed at Rebecca and went off on her without holding back. "You know pretty well why did I say I hated Maison and wanted to set her straight it was all because of you stirring things up

"You claimed the Locke family treated you differently when Madison came back, and you even accused her of taking your things Would I have agreed to back you up if you hadn't been whining to me? And now, you change the story and pin the blame on me "

Rebecca was about to retort when she saw Tanya showing up. Taken aback, she started having tears welling up in her eyes. "Back then, I was just feeling uneasy and sand stuff off the top of my head I didn't think you'd take it seriously

she had to make sure Tanya didn't find out she'd slandered Madison in front of the rich lids in verw

"You... Having no experience with passive-aggressive tactics, Jordan had no clue how to handle Rebecca Fuming, he stomped his foot, but nothing came to his mind to fire back

But from Tanya's perspective, it looked like Jordan was chastising Rebecca, who looked pitiful and on the verge of tears. Of course, Tenya was mad to see Rebecca get scolded by someone else "Why are you fighting with Becky, Jordan? Looking rated, Tenya walked over and coldly glanced at Madison. "What's wrong with you. Maddie? You should have stepped in when Jordan and Becky were fighting"

Jordan was initially worried about Tanya getting the wrong idea. When he heard Tanya blaming Madison, he was immediately furious. But since Tanya was older, he could only bottle up his anger "This has nothing to do with Ms. Madison, Mrs. Locke. It's all between me and Rebecca

"But Madison is still your friend and Becky's younger sister. She can't just sit back and do nothing" In Tanya's eyes, Madison was there for the drama

She knew perfect well that Madison wasn't fond of Rebecca

When Jordan was about to protest, Madison held him back With Tanya's favoritism out in the open, there was no point in saying anything

"You should head back. I'm tired and going up to rest"

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Jordan listened to Madison and stopped arguing when she told him not to. He even politely said goodbye to Tanya

Before heading out, Jontan glanced at Mia behind Madison. Then, he winked plantully at the adorable Mia and structed

Memwhile, Tanya and Rebecca saw him making laces.

Holding onto Tanye's arm, Rebecca pouted and asked, "Did Maddie say soothing to Jordan Mom? You saw Jordanmaking any faces just now, right? That was to ide Tamydia tenk it that way unali Beberra brought it up Upon hearing Heberry The Locke

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Funing with anger, Jordan made his way back to the Salle residence.

The moment he walked in, Vincent Immediately tore into him. Jordan was dumbfounded for a moment before he finally asked, "Why are you scolding me,

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"Mrs. Locke called. She told me you were disrespectful to her. What did I teach you? it's one thing to be laid-back all the time, but have you forgotten your basic manners?"

Jordan was still bewildered. "How was I disrespectful? Mrs. Locke accused Ms. Madison unfairly, and I didn't even lose my temper."

When Madison was mentioned, Vincent narrowed his eyes. "How did she wrong Maddie? What happened?"

Jordan ranted about everything that happened in the Locke residence.

Vincent was even more indignant than Jordan. After years of running businesses, he could see through things better. It was clear that Rebecca was causing drama, and Tanya was playing favorites. "This is bad," Jordan exclaimed with a

a worried look

"What's wrong?"

"Mrs. Locke scolded me over the phone, so you can bet Ms. Madison got it even worse."

Madison was still at the Locke residence. Jordan couldn' Limagine what Tanya was going to put her through.

With that, Vincent's expression turned just as worried.

Things turned out just as they had anticipated. After sending Rebecca off, Tanya approached Madison to lecture her.

However, when Madison stood by the door and coldly watched Tanya, the latter couldn't bring herself to reprimand Madison

Madison's graceful features were a reflection of Tanya's. As Tanya looked at Madison, she realized just how much Madison resembled her. A strong feeling of love and compassion welled up inside her. She softened her tone. "I get that you're not fond of Becky, Maddie. That's because you haven't spent time with her to get to know her. After hanging out with her, you'll realize she is easygoing kind-hearted, and ambitious. I hope you can start learning from her"

Madison was amused when she heard Tanya's words.

Tanya used to say that in Madison's previous life. She always went on about how great Rebecca was and encouraged Madison to follow Rebecca's example.

This made Madison see herself as lesser than Rebecca, like she was always falling short.

"What exactly do I need to learn from Rebecca?" After being reborn, Madison's state of mind shifted drastically.

She stopped seeing herself as inferior to Rebecca. Even if she wasn't reborn, she knew she wasn't lacking in comparison.

Tanya assumed Madison had come around and started counting on her fingers. "Becky is considerate, grateful, does well in school, and knows how to get along well with people." Talking about Rebecca she had carefully raised, Tanya couldn't hide the pride in her eyes. After finishing her list, she looked at Madison with a mix of pride and pity.

If it weren't for what had happened in the past, Rebecca would be her biological daughter raised with a proper upbringing

As Tanya thought about it, the image of Rebecca's pouting face flashed in her mind. But she quickly shook her head.

She knew she shouldn't think that way. Rebecca was still her daughter. Even if she didn't give birth to Rebecca, their bond as mother and daughter was still strong "Spend more time with Rebecca and learn from her, Maddie, You're both the same age, so it'll be easy to get along."

Madison snickered. "I doubt I'll ever be like Rebecca."

Tanya was at a loss for words.

"Do you have anything else to say

Seeing Tanya stay silent, Madison just closed the door

As Tanya looked at the door that was tightly shut, her expression changed.

Madison was so inconsiderate. How could she treat her mother like this? Rebecca would never be so tu

tude.

After all, Tanya didn't bring Madison up, so the attachment wasn't strong. Only Rebecca was sensible.

Unfortiquately, Hebecca wasn't "Tanya's biological daughter. It would be great if she were Tanyasighed and turned to leave

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Mia gently bugged Madison's pants. "Are you feeling sad, Madison?"

Madison shook her head "Not at all."

not too much. She felt she might have gotten it wrong. Even though

Mia scrunched up her face. She could sense people's emotions Just now, Madison seemed a bit down, but not too much she'd been dead for decades, she still thought like a child. After moving pasti, Mia brushed those thoughts away and cheerfully looked around.

Startled, she screamed in fear and hid behind Madison, then peeked out at the dashing Sebastian, "Do you have a kept man in your room, Madison? I mean, kept ghost"

Hearing that, Madison started blushing. "You don't know what you're talking about! Stop talking nonsense!"

Mia didn't like being seen as naive. "I'm not making things up. Even though I'm young, Thave seen a lot."

Madison choked on her spit and covered Mia's mouth with her hand. "What are you babbling about?"

Sebastian, who had been keeping an eye on them, took a step back. He was relieved he was a ghost now. If he were a living human, the others could have seen him blushing.

With her mouth covered, Mia blinked her eyes in confusion. It looked like she was asking if she did something wrong.

Madison was left speechless. She released Mia and tried to act calm, putting on her usual cold demeanor. She gently patted Mia's head and said, "No more saying things like that. Kids need to stay away from such nonsense."

Mia looked puzzled, but she was well-behaved and nodded obediently,

Madison briefly introduced Mia to Sebastian and then went to wash up.

ones she had seen before. But she

Mia was a little afraid of the tall and handsome Sebastian. Even though they were ghosts, Sebastian was different from her and any other on couldn't quite put a finger on what made him different. To her, it felt seeing the kindergarten teacher she dreaded, giving her a strong urge to run away.

Mia obediently sat on the chair with her leg swinging back and forth. Her shiny eyes darted around, and she would sneak glances at Sebastian from time to time. "You got a question for me? Mia nodded.

Sebastian wasn't a big fan of kids, but he had a bit more patience for the adorable and well-behaved ones. "Ask away."

Mia flew up to Sebastian. She instinctively raised her head and blinked her adorable eyes.

"Why was Madison mad when I said you were a kept ghost?"

Sebastian's expression froze.

Mia continued, "As you nurture your cultivation alongside Madison, you'll eventually succeed and live happily ever after with her, right?"

Sebastian simply didn't know how to respond.

Like a curious child, Mia gazed at Sebastian with eyes brimming with a thirst for knowledge.

Kids really spelled trouble.

Sebastian felt the urge to explain about a romantic relationship, but he didn't think it was his place to educate Mia. After all, she wasn't his child, Mia asked, "Aminot getting it right?" The bathroom door was about to open. Even though Sebastian did nothing, he inadvertently felt diffident. "You got it right, but don't mention it again." Mia nodded in a daze.

As Madison walked out of the bathroom, the warm steam waited out behind her. With her head tilted, she dried her wet hair with a towel as the smell of the shampoo and body

wash filled the air.

Warmed by the steam, her smooth skin carried a pink hue. As she tilted her head, her exposed, graceful neck accentuated her beauty.

Sitting quietly in the chair, Madison leaned closer to listen to Mia, her expression was gentle and calm.

Even though Sebastian was a ghost, he somehow could feel his heart pounding

It had to be the fit of Mia spewing nonsense.

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Tanya felt heartbroken and upset when Madison locked the door on her. When William and Harvey came back home, she softly grumbled to the two of them.

Harvey comforted Tanya with a few words before making his way to the bedroom

William was on the same page with Tanya. Madison didn't get an upper-class upbringing, so she didn't quite measure up to Rebecca in manners. It made sense for her to learn from Rebecca as an example. The following morning, the Locke family gathered at the dining table for breakfast.

As usual, Ethan and Jason weren't home, whereas Rebecca went back to set to film. So, only four of the Lockes sat together for breakfast.

Tanya signaled William to bring up the topic, and the latter cleared his throat. He was just about to speak when the maids came in to report that Josephine and Jordan had shown

1. up.

William was speechless.

The Salle family visited the Locke residence quite often lately.

Thinking back to the call with Vincent yesterday, Tanya was convinced Josephine and Jordan were here to apologize. She tugged on William's sleeves and whispered about what went down yesterday. Holding his forehead, William sighed and turned to Madison before shaking his head disapprovingly. After all, Madison wasn't raised by his side, so she just couldn't match Rebecca's grace and manners. William wished all his daughters were proper heiresses. He couldn't stand Madison's lack of etiquette as she kept rubbing people the wrong way

Madison had been observing William's expression, so she knew what was on his mind. But she just kept quiet about it.

William and Tanya walked over to welcome Josephine and Jordan.

Tanya noticed Jordan's sour expression and figured he must have been reprimanded at home. It made her feel a little better. After all, someone who was being rude to elders deserved to be taught a lesson. "What brings you here so early in the morning?" Tanya walked up and hooked her arm around Josephine's. "The kids are still learning. As their parents, we won't take it to heart. You didn't have to come and apologize first thing in the morning. Besides, Maddie is at fault, too."

With great poise, Tanya stated that Madison and Jordan were equally at fault, so no one should point fingers. William nodded along in agreement nearby.

Little did Tanya know, Josephine's pleasant expression would darken the moment she heard that she quickly pulled her hand away, her tone turning unfriendly. "That's not how it is, Tanya." William and Tanya were both dumbstruck.

What was that supposed to mean? Was Josephine blaming everything on Madison? That seemed inevitable. Without the proper upbringing of an upper-class family, she was an

easy target

"Are you coming over to apologize or not, Maddie?"

"Who asked Maddie to apologize? Josephine immediately cut off Tanya. Her expression shifted instantly as she faced Madison. "I came to see Maddie."

Josephine approached and took Madison's hand. She gently patted it and said, "You have no idea, but I just clicked with Maddie the moment I saw her, William, Tanya."

"Just look at Maddie. She's gorgeous, thoughtful, and well-mannered. You won't find another woman like her anywhere."

William was at a loss for words. He could tell Josephine wasn't being sarcastic, and she meant the compliment

Tanya was dumbounded as well

Josephine gently patted Madison's hand and told William and Tanya, "After thinking it through, I figured that since you already have Rebecca as your daughter, having another one wouldn't make much difference to you.

"How about I make Maddie my goddaughter? I don't have a daughter, and my family would surely treat her well"

With a gentle smile, Josephine added, "Maddie's so lovely. She deserves the nicest clothes and the finest jewelry. And she is so smart and considerate. If anyone gives her trouble, the altes will be the first to stand up for her.

"Honestly, with a daughter this amazing, who wouldn't treat her like a treasure?"

William was left speechless and he quickly grasped the situation Josephine wasn't being snide toward Madison. She was directing it toward the entire Locke family

lines, too She looked at Josephine and Madison in surprise and confusion, wondering when they became so close

Kerti thought Tamparand Madison were mother and daughter, Madison was more affectionate with an outsider, leaving Tanya with a pang of bitterness in

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Jordan echoed Josephine's sentiments from the side. "If Ms. Madison were my sister, I'd take good care of her. Nobody would ever push her around. I'd be the best brother ever. Who wouldn't want a sister as amazing as her?"

Harvey didn't know what to say. He felt like he was being subtly criticized,

Walking over, he grabbed Jordan's shoulder and moved him away from Madison. "Maddie is part of the Locke family, and she has the Locke blood in her. We're glad Mrs. Salle is fond of her, but Maddie already has her parents and brothers."

Harvey wanted to make a point about them being related by blood.

Jordan deliberately mumbled, "Having one doesn't make much difference"

William, Tanya, and Harvey were at a loss for words.

Harvey became aware of the issue with Madison and earnestly responded, "We admit that we were wrong in the past, and we'll make sure to do better going forward. As Mrs. Salle had pointed out, having a sister like Maddie is a blessing, so we will protect her from harm."

Josephine wasn't ready to give up. She wanted to make Madison her goddaughter. Not just because Madison had helped the Salle family, but because of her admirable character. Such a wonderful young lady shouldn't be mistreated in the Locke family or get picked on by Rebecca. But with the Locke family's disapproval, Josephine knew she couldn't take Madison away

"I heard Madison didn't even have a proper dress for her welcome party," Josephine held Madison's hand. "I went ahead and commissioned designers from all around the world to make a hundred evening gowns according to Maddie's size."

Jordan chimed in, "Besides evening gowns, we need to get Madison some casual wear, traditional outfits, and a wide selection of jewelry"

He then gazed at Madison with a smirk, "Mom handpicked all of them. She's confident that Ms. Madison will look good on them."

Madison frowned a little. "Don't waste your money. I can't possibly wear all those clothes."

Josephine immediately countered, "It's not a waste of money because you'll wear them eventually. They are the symbols of your status as the heiress of the Locke family. Are you aware of how the Locke family used to dote on Rebecca?"

"On Rebecca's 18th birthday, William bought her a private island overseas, and Tanya established a jewelry company just for her. And the gifts from your three brothers are even more outrageous."

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Josephine cocked her head to one side and started recalling. "I remembered Harvey inviting Rebecca's favorite international band to perform at her birthday party. Ethan bought the front pages of all the top magazines to let everyone know that Rebecca had turned 18."

"Meanwhile, Jason won first place in his competition that day. In front of the reporters, he handed the trophy to Rebecca to celebrate her 18th birthday."

Josephine exclaimed, "Your family really showers Rebecca with love!"

She then turned to Madison and coaxed, "You're only receiving some clothes and jewelry. There's no reason to be modest. As a heiress of the Locke family, you need to keep up your appearance." Josephine told her people to move all the clothes to Madison's room.

Madison quickly stopped them. "Thanks for the thought, but there's no way my room can fit all the clothes and jewelry."

Josephine gaped at Madison. "Don't you have a dressing room?"

"I do, but it won't fit everything"

Josephine didn't believe it, so she grabbed Madison's hand and went to her bedroom. She was shocked when she saw the dressing room that was less than 100 square feet.

The dressing room looked like a makeshift arrangement, with only a few metal racks placed here and there. There weren't many clothes hanging there. The most expensive piece was the dress Madison had taken at her welcome party.

Seeing how rundown the dressing room was, Tanya softly explained, "I asked Maddie earlier if she had any thoughts about the dressing room. She told me she didn't have much to add because she doesn't have many clothes,"

By the end of her sentence, Tanya's voice had become even softer

She didn't see herself as biased toward Rebecca or Madison before. But after seeing Madison's small dressing room and comparing it with Rebecca's, who had the entire second floor closet, she felt uneasy. It dawned on her that she might be showing some favoritism.

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Harvey looked at the pitifully empty dressing room and frowned. "Maddie should move to the third floor, Mom."

They initially had Madison stay on the second floor so that she and Rebecca could see each other often and get to know each other better. But they had overlooked the fact that Rebecca had already occupied most of the rooms on the second floor. Thus, Madison ended up in this makeshift room.

Harvey didn't think much about it earlier. But after seeing Madison's room, it started to bother him. Her room didn't even measure up to Rebecca's dressing room.

Tanya subconsciously added, "Becky talked about having a dance room and music room on the third floor-"

Before Tanya could finish, Harvey cut her off, "Rebecca has her own studio. What else could she possibly need?"

Under Josephine's gaze, William felt hesitant about the situation as well.

Looking at where Madison was living made Williams feel sorry for her, so he made a call on the spot. "Let's go with Harvey's suggestion. Maddie will stay on the third floor from

now on."

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Tanya had more to say, but she bit her tongue after glancing at Harvey and William

Josephine watched as the maids moved Madison's belongings to the largest bedroom on the third floor. Compared to the small room on the second floor, the bedroom on the third floor was practically a small suite

"Put all these clothes into the dressing room," Josephine instructed. She then told the maids to lay out the jewelry on the dressing table.

Madison and the rest of the Lockes just watched as Josephine directed the maids to arrange the furniture and organize the clothes and jewelry.

After everything was ready, Josephine remarked with some dissatisfaction, "This is acceptable, but I'm not happy with the bed and dressing table. I'll have new furniture sent over later, Maddie

Before Josephine could finish, Harvey spoke up, "No need to trouble yourself with the furniture, Mrs. Salle. We'll take care of it."

Josephine glanced at Harvey skeptically. "Alright. Fine."

Josephine walked up to Madison. Holding Madison's hand, she affectionately said, "Drop by and visit me when you have time, Maddie,"

Josephine couldn't help but glance at the ghost next to Madison

It was Mia, who was joyfully moving in circles around the Lockes.

Josephine avoided staring too intently, fearing that the Locke family would notice something was off.

"Okay."

"Madison was aware that what Josephine really wanted was to see Mi

Feeling content, Josephine finally left with Jordan.

As Jordan came to the door, he turned to Madison and said, "I'm free these days, Ms. Madison. If you need any help, just let me know." Madison nodded.

After Josephine and Jordan left, Tanya's expression immediately darkened. She turned to Madison and snapped, "If you're unhappy about the bedroom, you should have told me. Having an outsider step in for you is really out of line."

Tanya felt humiliated by Josephine's snide remarks.

"Mom." Harvey stopped Tanya and gently said, "I'll have a new set of furniture brought over shortly, Maddie. The third floor is all yours now. If there's anything you want, feel free to tell us."

In truth, Madison didn't really care about where she stayed. For more than 30 years, she had lived in a rental room that could barely fit a single bed and had even stayed in a leaky

antic.

During her time in the other world, she had devoted herself entirely to cultivation and had slept under the stars under harsh conditions. Despite that, she didn't want to turn down Josephine's kind gesture. Harvey flashed a smile and said to William and Tanya, "Let's head downstairs, Mom and Dad"

When they got downstairs, Harvey couldn't hold back and said, "You need to keep your favoritism in check, Mom."

Tanya was taken aback for a moment before retorting, "How am I playing favorites?"

Harvy lowered his voice because he didn't want Madison to hear them talking "it was bad enough that Maddie had to sleep in Becky's old storage room, but how could you give her Becky's used furniture? "The furniture is still in good condition. It'd be a waste to throw them away."

Harvey clenched his teeth in frustration. "Even if the furniture is fine, it's still Rebecca's discarded things."

Harvy no longer called her Becky like they were close. Instead, he started calling her Rebecca.

"I finally understand why Maddie wants that dress."

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"How can you say that, Harvey?" Tanya wasn't happy about Harvey's attitude. "At the end of the day, Madison was in the wrong for taking Becky's dress."

Harvey took a deep breath. "Is that how you see it too, Dad

He believed William should be able to understand why he was upset.

William furrowed his brows. "Having Maddie on the second floor wasn't the best idea, bill

"What matters isn't the act of stealing, but why it happened"

Seeing William's and Tanya's indifferent expressions, Harvey felt even worse.

"t you can't say that about Becky. Taking other people's stuff isn't right"

"Maddie will stay on the third floor now, I'll make sure she gets a brand new set of furniture. Also.." Harvey paused to emphasize his point. "No matter what Maddie wants to do with the third floor in the future, you all stay out of it."

Tanya protested, "How's that okay? She can't just change the layout however she likes."

"Rebecca turned the entire second floor into her dressing room, and you didn't even blink. Now she wants to turn the third floor into a training room and music room, and you're not saying a word, either *If you still want Maddie to be your daughter, you need to stop playing favorites, Mom."

Tanya simply didn't know how to respond.

After saying his piece, Harry just turned and left.

Tanya could tell Harvey was upset, and her eyes became misty. "Do you think I'm in the wrong as well, William?"

Williams held his nose. The day had barely started, and the commotion put everyone in a bad mood.

"What were you thinking when you made Maddie stay in the storage room?"

Tanya replied without thinking, "Becky mentioned that Maddie's old place was less than 200 square feet. If she suddenly moves into something too fancy, it might be a shock for her. I just wanted her to ease into her new environment

"Plus, the furniture is still in good shape. Becky wants to save money. After her work with environmental campaigns, she's picked up a lot about sustainability. Since the furniture is in good condition, Maddie can use it. I think Becky makes a good point"

Rebecca was considerate of Madison, and she was being environmentally conscious.

Upon hearing Tanya's explanation, William didn't comment anything

After pausing for a moment, he sighed. "We'll go with what Harvey suggested. Maddie will stay on the third floor, and she can remodel it however she likes. Just leave her to it" "Alright."

Rebecca came back in the evening with Queenie, the young lady from the prominent Anderson family. They walked in together, giggling and chatting

Eventually, they spotted some big trucks parked in front of the villa, with people moving furniture inside.

Queenie looked closely at the furniture. "These look like furniture for women. We have a dressing table, a fancy bed, and.."

She nudged Rebecca with her elbow, "Are your parents upgrading your furniture again?"

Rebecca was secretly pleased but said, "I keep telling my parents not to waste money. Who bought the furniture, Mr. Lexis?"

David Lewis was supervising the workers as they handled the furniture carefully. He turned and spotted Rebecca. "Mr. Harvey bought it, Ms. Rebecca."

Rebecca frowned and stomped her foot. "I've sold Harvey not to splurge. My old furniture set has only been used for a little over a year, and it's still fine. I have to teach him a lesson." Queenie clicked her tongue. "You really don't appreciate how lucky you are. I'd be over the moon if my brothers were half as good as yours."

She was really envious of Rebecca for having Harvey, Ethan, and Jason.

It was no secret in Riverview that Rebecca was the beloved heiress of the Locke family. Harvey, Ethan, and Jason spoiled her rotten.

"I caught a glimpse of it earlier. That's the latest stone-patterned furniture series. It was designed by a famous international designer, and it's a limited edition. The whole set costs at least five million dollars."

Rebecca still kept a stern face. "But you can't just throw money around like that. Em calling Harvey right now to return the furniture."

Standing at the side, David heard their conversation clearly, so he had to step in. "Mr. Harvey bought all the furniture for Ms. Madison, Ms. Rebecca."

Sporting a jealous look, Queenie was dumbfounded

Meanwhile, Rebecca was stupefied when she was feeling something on the inside.

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Feeling awkward, Queenie rubbed her nose. "It turns out it's for Madison," Rebecca's expression twisted for a moment before she recomposed herself.

"Why did Harvey suddenly think of getting Maddie new furniture? I thought she just got hers replaced." Rebecca sighed. "Seriously, Maddie, even if the Locke family can afford it, you can't just throw money around like this."

Queenie was close to Rebecca. She also felt upset and remarked, "Yeah, right? she's only reunited with the family for a short time, and she's already getting new furniture. And they're so expensive."

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Queenie just assumed that since Madison)

returned to the Locke family, they would undoubtedly provide her with a new set of furniture.

It'd only been just over a month since Madison joined the Locke family, and she already asked for new furniture. The way she squandered money was ridiculous

"What a bumpkin," Queenie muttered.

Rebecca slightly furrowed her brows and took Queenie's arm. "Don't be so hard on Maddie, Queenie. She had a tough life growing up, so changing things up more often isn't a big

deal."

Despite saying that, she still frowned in disapproval, as if she was afraid to comment about it

Seeing her close friend like this, Queenie felt a pang in her heart, "You can't always put up with everything. Didn't Mr. and Mrs. Locke say it before? Even though Madison is back, you're still the heiress of the Locke family."

she whispered, "In my eyes, you're the true lady of the Locke family, Madison is a bumpkin who doesn't belong here.

"Look at her. She has the tacky trait of someone who just came into money. There's no doubt she made Harvey buy all this stuff. Anyone can tell he wouldn't have such a bad taste

Rebecca was secretly delighted by Queenie's words, but she kept her act with a sad look. "Don't say things like that, Queenie

Queenie hooked Rebecca's arm and walked into the villa, belittling Madison as they went

Seeing Queenie and Rebecca walking over the close friends, Tanya smiled and said, "It's been a while since you last visited, Queenie" "Hello, Mrs. Locke."

"Ever since Queenie got engaged, she's been so well-behaved, Mom," Rebecca teased. "I guess I did a good job as a matchmaker."

Queenie's cheeks turned rosy, looking bashful

Tanya joined in with a few playful comments before sending them off to have fun.

Every time Queenie came to Rebecca's place, she always envied Rebecca for having an entire floor dedicated to clothes. It was divided into different sections for each season. There was also a separate room just for Rebecca's jewelry.

In Riverview, only the Locke family dated on their daughter this much.

"What's all this racket outside" Queenie opened the door and saw maids going up and down the stairs. She stopped one of them

With an envious look, the maid replied, "Mrs. Locke picked up a bunch of seasonal clothes from top brands for Ms. Madison and had us bring them to her dressing room." "Madison really can't get enough, can she?" Queenie stormed back into her room and told Rebecca what she found out. "She had Harvey buy her new furniture and got Mrs. Locke to splurge on the seasonal outfits from top brands. I've never seen anyone so greedy and vain."

Rebecca looked downcast "Please don't say that, Queenie Maddie is part of the family, too. Of course, my parents are going to treat her well.!!

"They shouldn't coddle Madison this much," Queenie snapped. "Seriously, she's flaunting it right in your face."

Rebecca held Queenie's arm. "You're the only one who's still got my back, Queenie. You're the only one who still treats me like a friend.

"After Jordan found out I wasn't the Locke family's biological daughter, his attitude toward me changed. Just the other day, he even gave me a hard time because of Madison's comments."

Rebecca bitterly smiled. "I should have seen this coming. Growing up in the Locke family, I always thought of it as my own home. I never thought about not being part of the family" She sobbed, tears streaming down her face

Queenie felt hurt for Rebecca. "I get it. You didn't stick around just for the perks of being part of the Locke family, but because of the love you feel for them."

Rebecca was left speechless.

If Rebecca weren't familiar with Queenie's personality, she'd have thought those were sarcastic remarks

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Dating dinner, Harvey turned to Madison and asked, "Do you like the new furniture? We can change it if you're not into it."

Before Madison could reply, Queenie rested her chin on her hand and sarcastically remarked, "You're spoiling Madison too much, Harvey. She's been back for just a bit, and now, she's getting new furniture again."

"Becky has had the same furniture for over two years. Haven't you thought about upgrading her set, too?"

Harvey looked over and gazed at Rebecca. "Is that how you feel?"

Rebecca responded, "No, Harvey"

Queenie spoke up for Rebecca, "It's not Becky's fault. I'm just sticking up for her. Becky's your sister, too, so you shouldn't play favorites."

Tanya loved Rebecca a lot, and she was worried about the latter getting hurt. So, she quickly reassured Rebecca, "We treat Becky and Maddie equally. If Maddie gets new stuff, Becky will, too. Just tell Mom what you want, and I'll get it for you,"

Rebecca beamed at Tanya. "You're the best, Mom!"

William looked at Rebecca with affection. "It's only furniture. Don't let it bother you. I'll get you something better and more expensive. Is that okay, my princess?" "Thanks, Dad. You're the best"

With a look of admiration, Queenie held her face up with her hands. "Mr. and Mrs. Locke are the best parents ever! I'm so jealous of you, Becky!"

The dining table was filled with laughter and a heartwarming atmosphere.

Harvey furrowed his brows and looked at Madison.

Madison just sat there quietly, barely saying anything through the entire ordeal. She silently had her meal, as though she wasn't part of the lively chatter among the Locke family.

Out of nowhere, a mix of guilt and anger washed over Harvey. He slammed his hand on the table, and the dining table went silent right away

Harvey's eyes were wide as he snapped, "Why all the fuss about changing furniture? Maddie's getting new stuff because she's using Rebecca's used furniture. Seriously, are you really not seeing this, Mom and Dad queenie doesn't know anything, but you should.

"Becky is one of us, and so does Maddie. Can't you stop playing favorites?"

Rebecca was flabbergasted, whereas Tanya and William looked upset, Queenie gawked as she huddled in her seat

The scene went quiet. Even Madison set down her cutlery, staring at Harvey with surprise

Harvey calmed down. "Stop keeping it all in, Maddie. If something's bothering you, just speak up. I got your back."

Madison blinked her eyes with a puzzled look. "I'm not being mistreated in any way."

Rebecca started crying, tears streaming down her cheeks. Sobbing, she pointed at Harvey and said, "I know I'm not part of the Locke family, and I don't belong here. I don't want you to fight with Mom and Dad. I'll just leave now."

She got up, turned around, and ran upstairs to her room

Queenie hurriedly ran after her. Upon arriving at the stairs, she turned and snapped, "Don't you think you're going too far, Harvey?"

"And you, too." Queenie pointed at Madison. "Stop playing the pity card. You might fool others, but not me."

The mood in the dining room was pretty tense.

William hurled, "Seriously, do you have to ruin a perfectly fine dinner like this?!"

As William spoke, he flared his gaze on Madison.

Harvey rose to his feet and quickly stood in front of Madison. "This isn't on Maddie, Dad. I just couldn't stand it anymore. William scoffed. "We know exactly how you treated Becky in the past. Who are you siding with now? Do you think I'm blind? Tanya looked at Madison with disappointment and a frown.

Since Madison wasn't raised by them, she was so petty. She came home not long ago and immediately started fighting for attention.

Tanya sternly added, "Maddie, you might be the heiress of the Locke family, but so is Becky. We see you both as equals. Becky will always be our daughter. No one is going

to kick her out of the family" She glanced at Madison. "It doesn't matter who you're trying to win over. It's all the same."

No matter whether it was the Salle family or Harvey, nobody was going to kick Becky out.

Rebecca's upset crying could be heard from upstairs, Wam and Tanya tried to calm her down, whereas Queenie let out her frustration angrily.