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Liberty hesitated. "We just got back, and I haven't prepared any gifts. It'd feel wrong to show up empty-handed at your family's place."

She thought for a moment. "Let me see if I have anything here that could work as gifts. I think I have some nutritional supplements—I'll bring those for your parents. Then, maybe I'll pick up some small gifts for your nieces and nephews. As for your sisters-in-law, I could give them some jewelry and skincare products I haven't used yet."

Liberty had received plenty of jewelry and skincare items over time, mostly gifts from her sister Serenity, her aunt Audrey, and her cousin Elisa. She hardly bought any for herself; the jewelry she wore now, along with most of her skincare products and clothes, had come from Duncan. Whenever she tried to refuse, he would insist it was a sign of her accepting his love, so she'd reluctantly agreed to keep them.

As she spoke, Liberty began gathering the supplements from her cabinet. She had a lot—after Serenity became pregnant, people sent her various nutritional gifts, and she'd shared them with Liberty. But after working hard to regain her slim figure, Liberty was careful with her diet, only occasionally having a little.

"Mom, are we going to Uncle Duncan's house?" Sonny asked eagerly. "I can get gifts ready for my cousins! I have lots of new toys and dolls I could give them. The dolls can go to the girls, and I'll give the boys some of my toys."

Sonny already understood that his cousins liked different things, and he was excited to share. During past visits, he'd noticed the girls had many dolls in their rooms and knew they'd love his gifts.

Duncan chuckled, watching Liberty and Sonny bustle about. "You two are already on it! Honestly, Liberty, you don't need to bring anything. Soon we'll be family, and every time you come, bringing gifts feels a bit formal. Just come like it's your own home. My family has everything we need, and if you bring too much, my parents will feel the need to comment on it."

Duncan walked over to Liberty, steadying himself against the cabinet. "My brothers don't need anything. For my sisters-in-law, if you really want, just bring some skincare products. Jewelry isn't necessary—they have so much they could start their own store! And honestly, you and Sonny coming over is more than enough. If you bring gifts, we'll end up needing two cars just to carry everything back!"

Still, Liberty continued packing. "We're close to becoming family, but we aren't there yet. I haven't visited in a while, and it feels only right to bring something."

Sonny scampered upstairs, determined to gather the toys and dolls he'd chosen for his cousins.

Duncan added, smiling, "Trust me, Liberty, my mom will be thrilled just to see you and Sonny. She's been saying how much she misses him—he went off to FC Manor with Serenity after winter break and only just got back."

Liberty smiled. "He's been talking nonstop about playing with Titus. It's a shame Titus can't visit more often—he only comes back during longer breaks, like winter or summer."

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"The kids are having such a good time; let's let them play for a while," Liberty said with a smile.

Liberty knew that once she married into the Lewis family, Sonny would be living with her there, too. She'd be seeing Mrs. Lewis every day, so there was no rush. For now, she was more than happy to let Sonny enjoy his time with friends.

"Exactly," Duncan agreed. "They won't see each other again until summer break. And by then, Serenity might just be recovering from her confinement, so traveling with Sonny may not be ideal. If I'm available, I'll take him to visit, or we could invite Titus to Wiltspoon to spend some time here."

Liberty nodded thoughtfully. "If Titus comes to visit us, I worry about his safety. We don't have the same kind of protection for him here as he does at home in Annenburg. His uncles have put a top-notch security network in place there, keeping Titus safe and his enemies far away. I don't think we could provide that kind of shield here."

She understood that, as the only surviving member of his family, Titus was vulnerable. He was alive today thanks to the sacrifices of his caretakers, and his guardians had worked hard to let him live freely and have a normal childhood. But Liberty knew that behind that freedom, there was constant, invisible protection. Pulling him away from that shield, even for a visit, felt like a risk too great to take.

"True," Duncan said after a pause. "In that case, we'll go with Sonny to see the Johnson family."

"But would Sonny and Titus playing together make Sonny a target for Titus's enemies?" Liberty asked, voicing her concern. "Sonny's life has been quiet so far. Serenity has been careful to protect him since marrying into the York family."

"Thankfully, Sonny's just her nephew and hasn't had to deal with too much exposure," she added. "The media is respectful, and even when he's occasionally seen, they rarely publish photos of him. His school is also one of the most secure in the city."

Duncan nodded, understanding her worry. "I know, but even if Titus's enemies knew about Sonny, they wouldn't act recklessly. Sonny has some of the city's most powerful families behind him. I don't think anyone would want to challenge that."

Liberty hummed in agreement. "You're right. Besides, Sonny and I aren't the same vulnerable mother and child we were two years ago. Anyone trying to cause us trouble would have to think twice."

After a moment, she continued, "I think Zachary hopes that Sonny and Titus will grow up close and stay lifelong friends. The Johnson family seems to want that, too. It could be really good for both of them."

Making friends with the powerful allies surrounding Titus wasn't something many could easily achieve. But for Sonny, this friendship was different—it meant connections with a formidable network of mentors and protectors that went beyond even Lilian's generation. These were people whose power and influence were so profound that not even the well-connected Bucham family fully understood the extent of it.

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"Mom, Mom!" Sonny called out from the stairs.

Liberty and Duncan looked up, their attention immediately on him.

"What's wrong?" Liberty asked, a note of concern in her voice.

"I can't carry all these toys by myself. Can you come up and help me?" Sonny asked, his hands full.

Liberty smiled warmly. "Sure, honey. Just make sure you've picked out all the gifts for your cousins first."

"I already did!" Sonny replied with a grin.

Turning to Duncan, Liberty said, "I'll go help him with the rest."

Duncan nodded. "Go ahead."

Liberty's household staff included a few nannies who helped keep the place tidy and looked after Sonny when needed. While they usually rotated their shifts, only two had stayed through the New Year season, as the others had gone home to be with their families. Liberty hadn't informed the nannies she'd be back that day, figuring she'd message them later. For now, Sonny just needed a little help.

A few minutes later, Liberty and Sonny came down the stairs, arms loaded with toys Sonny had carefully chosen as gifts for his cousins in the Lewis family. His collection was so vast that some toys were still in their original packaging—perfect to share with his cousins.

Duncan, who was busy packing the snacks and health supplements Liberty had brought along, looked at them and chuckled. "Anyone who didn't know might think you two were moving out."

He grinned at Sonny. "You know, most of your cousins are older—they don't really play with toys anymore. They're a little too grown-up for that. You're the only one who really needs gifts."

But Sonny shook his head, determined. "I peeked into my sister's room and saw tons of dolls. She likes them! I'm not really into dolls, but I have lots of nice ones in my room. They'll be perfect for my sisters, and I'll have more space for the toys you just got me, Uncle Duncan!"

Duncan laughed, caught off guard by Sonny's logic.

Sonny added proudly, "I want to give gifts to my cousins because even if they don't love the toys, they'll still be happy I thought of them. And when they're happy, they'll like me even more!"

Duncan chuckled. "Trust me, Sonny, just being there is enough—they already adore you! They're excited whenever you visit."

It was true. The youngest of the Lewis cousins was ten, and it had been a decade since there was a little one in the family. Sonny, a bright, lovable three-year-old, was a welcome surprise. Every time he visited, he barely had to walk because his cousins were always taking turns carrying him around.

Of course, Sonny had to endure a lot of affection, with his cousins showering him with hugs and kisses. Sonny would joke afterward that by the time he came home, he'd be covered in "cousin kisses," but he didn't mind; he even got back at them by giving his own little "revenge kisses."

Sonny puffed up his chest playfully. "See? Everyone loves me. Flowers bloom when they see me!"

Liberty tapped his forehead affectionately. "Yes, yes, Mr. Popular—flowers bloom when they see you, and maybe even a car or two gets a flat tire for good luck! Now, help us move these things to the car so we can head to your Uncle Duncan's. We're having dinner there tonight."

"Yes, mom!" Sonny chimed, immediately gathering his gifts to take to the car.

Duncan called his two bodyguards over to help with the haul. Between Sonny and Liberty, they had packed enough gifts to fill the entire car.

When they pulled up at the Lewis mansion, Mrs. Lewis was already waiting on the steps, her smile warm and welcoming.

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As soon as the car stopped, Mrs. Lewis came over, smiling as she opened the door.

"Sonny!" Her face lit up as she reached in to lift him out of the car.

"Auntie!" Liberty greeted warmly.

"Liberty, welcome back," Mrs. Lewis said, still beaming as she hugged Sonny close. She held his hand as they walked toward the house. "Did you have fun with your auntie, Sonny?" she asked.

"Yes, I had lots of fun! Grandma, did you miss me?" Sonny replied with a grin.

Mrs. Lewis chuckled, her eyes soft with affection. "Of course, Sonny. I missed you so much! As soon as I heard you were back, I called your Uncle Duncan right away and told him to bring you over. I've prepared all your favorite foods, drinks, and plenty of new toys. I even called your cousins, so they'll be here soon to play with you. It's going to be lively—you won't feel lonely at all!"

Her youngest grandson, Rocco (the youngest child of Duncan's third brother), was especially eager for Sonny's visit. At almost eleven, Rocco adored Sonny and often bragged to his friends about his "adorable" little cousin. Ever since he'd learned that Sonny would soon officially be part of the family, he couldn't wait to show off his cousin.

If it weren't for winter break, Mrs. Lewis was sure Rocco would have tried to smuggle Sonny into school in his oversized backpack!

"Sonny's here!" Mr. Lewis called out, coming out of the house to greet them with a warm smile. He reached over, ready to scoop Sonny up, but Mrs. Lewis playfully dodged his hands.

"Hold on, I just got my turn!" she teased.

"But I haven't held him yet!" Mr. Lewis protested with a grin. "He's grown a bit since last time, and you'll get tired. Let me take over—strong man here!"

Still, Mrs. Lewis held Sonny tight, laughing as they hurried inside with Sonny between them, both reluctant to let him go.

Watching the scene unfold, Duncan turned to Liberty with a laugh. "Look at them—they're so wrapped up in Sonny! Mom swooped him up before he even had a chance to step out of the car. She didn't even glance my way!" He chuckled, "It's like I've been replaced."

Liberty smiled softly. "They haven't seen him in a while. He really brings them joy."

She knew, though, that Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were making a point. By showering Sonny with love, they were showing Liberty she could feel secure about joining their family. Although Sonny wasn't their biological grandson, the Lewis family embraced him fully and treated him as their own.

The affection Mrs. and Mr. Lewis showed was not just genuine—it was reassuring. Liberty could see how much they cherished their son, Duncan, and how deeply they wanted his happiness. Since Duncan's heart was firmly set on her, they had chosen to welcome Liberty and Sonny with open arms, without reservations.

Liberty felt a surge of gratitude. After her painful divorce, she had once doubted she'd ever want to remarry, fearing another heartbreak and unsure of how a new marriage would impact Sonny. But the Lewis family's acceptance and love had erased her doubts, giving her peace of mind and a renewed sense of hope for a happy future with Duncan.

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"My mom sees Sonny every day, and she still adores him. We don't have any young kids in the family, so Sonny's like a breath of fresh air—he's adorable, so polite, and easy to love."

Duncan had others help move the things Liberty brought into the house. He didn't need the wheelchair this time. With the bodyguard's support, he managed the stairs, and then, with Liberty by his side, walked slowly into the house.

"I liked Sonny the first time I met him. Honestly, I was never a fan of kids—they're too noisy. My nieces and nephews would cry and fuss, and I just found it all exhausting. But Sonny? He changed that. Hearing him call me 'Uncle Duncan' in that sweet, little voice—it melted my heart."

Duncan spoke from the heart; he had a real soft spot for Sonny.

Liberty added, "Back when Hank and I split up, Sonny could barely talk. I never thought he'd become such a little charmer. He used to only stick to Seren and me, and he'd frown if anyone else tried to hold him. Now he's like a little social butterfly, chatting up everyone and winning them over."

"That's just who he is. A couple of years ago, he was still finding his voice. Now he's confident and outgoing, and that makes him likable. Give him a compliment, and he'll puff up like a little peacock. But we have to be careful not to spoil him too much."

Duncan glanced at her, a soft trust in his eyes. "We have you and Serenity to keep him grounded. You both balance things out so well with Sonny. Everyone loves him, but I'm not worried about him being spoiled with you guiding him."

Liberty laughed, "Oh, so my sister's the 'bad cop,' and you're the 'good cop'?"

Duncan grinned. "Sonny's got charm, and that's his superpower."

Liberty rolled her eyes, smiling.

The grand hall of the main house was bustling with people. Besides Duncan's parents, there were his three brothers, their wives, a bunch of nieces and nephews, and a few close relatives, like his uncles and aunts.

Surprised by the crowd, Liberty whispered, "You didn't tell me there'd be this many people."

Duncan replied, "It's not that many, just our family and a few relatives. They wanted to be here."

Liberty's visit had a deeper significance. To show how much Liberty meant to him, Mr. Lewis had asked the whole family and a few close relatives to come. When Duncan and Liberty got married, they planned to invite the family and celebrate with close friends that same day.

Duncan, sensing Liberty might feel overwhelmed, whispered, "Don't worry, they're all great people."

"I'm not worried," she replied confidently.

Liberty had seen enough of life's highs and lows to handle any situation. She wasn't intimidated, just taken aback by how many people had shown up to share a meal with them.

Duncan took her hand. "We'll be family soon, and they'll all treat you well. I'm here for you, no matter what."

Liberty smiled, "I'm here for myself too."

She was no longer the woman who depended on someone else. Even though Duncan wasn't like Hank, she wasn't about to lose her independence. She believed in standing strong on her own.

With a gentle smile, Duncan leaned in and stole a quick kiss on her cheek. "In that case, I'll rely on you."