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Sophia was in shock. Now that Cooper was being castigated everywhere, the little children at kindergarten knew about it too.

When Sophia did not answer her, Carmen asked timidly, "Mommy, are Grandpa and Uncle Linus really bad people?"

Smiling back at her, Sophia asked, "Carmen, do you remember when you and Grandpa went to film 'My Grandpa In Shining Armor'?"

In this year's season of 'My Grandpa In Shining Armor', the grandfathers and grandchildren from celebrity families went to participate in it. Cooper joined the show with Carmen as a distinguished guest. The show's main topic was family relations and popular science. It showed grandfathers looking after their grandchildren.

Their first filming location was at the ancient Imperial Palace, but because it was still under post-production, it had yet to be released.

It would have shown the grandfathers taking their grandchildren inside the palace to look around while helping the children learn and expand their knowledge.

Carmen was watching Sophia talk with her big and round eyes. In a gentle voice, Sophia said, "When you went into the palace, you must have seen a lot of cultural artifacts. A lot of those cultural artifacts had been stolen by bad people before. After they stole our artifacts, they even sold it at a marked-up price."

"Your grandpa and uncle bought many of those artifacts before and donated them to museums."

"When Grandpa released the formula for the Virs-18 antidote back then, he saved countless lives. Uncle Linus also often donates to little children who can't afford an education, so that they can study happily."

As Carmen listened, wonder and amazement filled her eyes.

Sophia kissed her round and chubby cheeks. "Do you think Grandpa and Uncle Linus are bad people, Carmen?"

She shook her head with conviction. "Grandpa and Uncle Linus are so heroic. When I grow up, I want to save the world just like them!"

While Sophia brushed across her forehead, Carmen took the chance to pose her other concerns. "Mommy, they also said that you and Daddy are divorced now, that Daddy already got married and has a baby somewhere else, and that he doesn't want us anymore."

Sophia laughed once more.

Do they have nothing better to do than come up with these absurd stories?

"How can Daddy not want us anymore? When you fell ill as a baby, he stayed up for days to look after you. You're Daddy and Mommy's little angel. Daddy has all the love in the world for you!"

Carmen still felt uneasy as though there were more things bothering her. After Sophia cajoled her a bit, she finally let out her troubles with a cry then revealed, "Mommy, my tooth is about to fall out. Here—look at it. Here."

She opened her mouth through sobs and showed off her shaky tooth.

Sophia had gotten frightened when she started to cry but chuckled when she realized that it was because of a loose tooth. "It's okay. Your teeth are supposed to fall out when you're this big."

Losing her baby teeth at five was a bit early, but there was nothing wrong with it.

Suddenly, Sophia recalled the data she was looking at earlier. Michel Medical Technology Company had a project titled 'Dental Pulp Stem Cells and Organ Reconstruction'.

Through research, scientists found that baby teeth contained dental pulp stem cells that could effectively treat over two hundred diseases including Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, diabetes, coronary heart disease, and more. It could even repair damaged organs.

More importantly, it was still being researched. Nonetheless, it was generally acknowledged in the medical profession and was one of the biggest discoveries of mankind. Experts at

Michel Medical Technology Company even proposed that dental pulp stem cells could be used in organ reconstruction in the future.

Sophia was looking at the project details. This is not science fiction but a big project that Michel Group has invested in. Carmen's baby tooth is worth millions now!

If the baby tooth was stored through a specialized method, the stem cells inside of it could be preserved for decades. In the future, close relatives who needed it could use it without worrying about finding a match.

Who would have thought that Carmen would start losing her baby teeth now?

After looking through the information, Sophia found out that once the baby tooth fell out, it was no longer useful. It had to be pulled out when it was still loose in order to preserve the stem cells in it.

"Can you bear with it for a bit, sweetie? I'm going to take you to the hospital."

Despite it being the middle of the night, she brought Carmen to Michel Group right away. The medical technology team also had a branch there. They could pull out her baby tooth and use a specialized method to store the dental pulp stem cells.

By the time Michael got there late at night, Carmen's tooth had already been pulled out. She was crying in Sophia's arms. When she saw Michael, she wailed, "Daddy, I'm deformed."

Michael couldn't help but laugh when she opened her mouth to reveal the little black hole.

On the way home, Sophia went on and on about the project data she saw today to Michael. She also talked about the miraculous stem cells found in baby teeth.

Michael remained quiet the whole time, but he also felt a surge of hope by the end of it. I'll be able to use Carmen's dental pulp stem cells!

However, he knew that it would take a very long time before that idea came to fruition. He would probably not live until then.

Once they got home, Sophia urged the nanny who was looking after Carmen to pay more attention whenever Carmen had a loose tooth. They could not waste a single one. It was an investment in the health of their family in the future.

One day, this technology might turn into reality. What if there was someone in their family who needed it?

After they got home, Carmen continued to sob softly to herself.

"Okay, okay. It's my bad. Can you put up with it a bit more, sweetie?" Sophia was trying to put Carmen to sleep, but she was still sobbing in misery and could not fall asleep.

A fallen baby tooth was useless. It had to be pulled out while it was still loose and quickly stored in a specialized way in order for the dental pulp stem cells to be viable for future use.

Moreover, one baby tooth was not enough; they needed several. Carmen still had to get her teeth pulled out several more times in the future.

That is a bit cruel...

After Michael took a shower, he carried Carmen into his arms. Lying there, she cried, "Daddy, I lost my tooth."

He looked at the hole in her mouth and coaxed, "I will reward you with letting you sleep with Daddy and Mommy tonight. How does that sound?"

"Okay!"

She was already five and had begun sleeping on her own very early on, but she still liked coming over to sleep with Sophia.

The three of them were in one bed—Carmen slept in the center with Michael on her left and Sophia on her right. It was pure bliss for her. Turning on her side to face Sophia, she asked, "Mommy, why did you have to pull out my tooth?"

Sophia looked at her with a warm gaze. "Because there is a little elf inside of your tooth. If Daddy and Mommy fall ill in the future and the doctors can't treat us, that little elf will make us better again! It can treat Grandpa and Uncle Linus' illnesses, too."

Carmen was delighted to hear that and fell asleep shortly after. Sophia was watching her sleep with a content gaze when weariness washed over her like a tidal wave.

Meanwhile, once the both of them were asleep, Michael snuck off to Sophia's study. He turned on her computer and looked over the project titled 'Dental Pulp Stem Cells and Organ Reconstruction'.

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Taylor's looks were magnificent, but this man's demeanor was cold and unruly.

Sophia glanced at the person sitting in the corner and said, "Yes."

A group of people had come to the office today to check on the company's taxes, so Sophia came to keep an eye on them. Fortunately, all of the company's procedures were legal, and the tax benefits they received were within legal limits. Therefore, no loopholes could be found.

Nowadays, Sophia went everywhere with bodyguards, and it was a sight to behold. It didn't matter who she brought with her, as all of them had the aura and figure of a male model. However, one of the bodyguards on duty today was particularly eye-catching, so everyone was quietly discussing him.

Today, plenty of people came to the office as usual to inspect. The employees were on edge because they knew that all the investigations were related to Cooper murdering someone. Sophia, on the other hand, went to work daily as if nothing had happened, so everyone gradually relaxed and all the departments went back to their normal operations.

By around four o'clock, the inspection team left. Sophia got ready to leave to attend to other matters and her car was already waiting at the office entrance. As soon as she stepped out of the building, a middle-aged woman came scuttling over from the side.

"Give me back my son!"

With her hands outstretched, the woman lunged at Sophia. Her eyes were red, and she seemed to have lost her mind, but she was strangely fast. If it weren't for Sophia's bodyguard, who blocked her in time, the woman would have already pounced on Sophia.

Sophia took a closer look at her. Isn't she Clive's mother?

The woman snarled ferociously at Sophia. Her hair was disheveled, but she managed to appear considerably imposing. After losing her only son and watching as the murderer got caught, she had no way to avenge her son's death, so she took all her anger out on Sophia.

If it wasn't for Sophia, her son wouldn't have died!

"Give me back my son!" Mrs. Bishop yelled in a hoarse voice. The bodyguard held her back, and Sophia took this chance to hurry toward the car.

Countless people were going in and out of the office, so she couldn't risk having any contact with Mrs. Bishop whatsoever, as even the slightest conflict with her would have an impact on Cooper's release.

A burly bodyguard approached Mrs. Bishop and attempted to fend her off, but to their surprise, Mrs. Bishop simply screamed and pushed forward. Her stout body had a sudden surge of strength, and she slammed the bodyguard to one side, who fell flat on his face. She seemed immensely powerful, and in the blink of an eye, she was behind Sophia. It was as if the wind had transported her.

Upon hearing sounds, Sophia quickened her pace in panic. When she got to the car, she turned around, only to see Mrs. Bishop charging wildly toward her—the look on her face was terrifyingly sinister. Two foreign bodyguards stepped forward to stop her, but she pushed them away with just one arm.

She's too strong!

Those strong bodyguards were no match for her, let alone Sophia.

The woman was about to pounce on her when a hand suddenly shoved Sophia into the car.

"Hurry up and go. She's not normal," Quinton said solemnly. With that, he closed the car door with one hand. Sophia scrambled to settle down, but an unexpected 'bang' sounded. Quinton was being choked by Mrs. Bishop, and his whole body was pressed against the window.

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Mrs. Bishop had gone completely insane. She was strangling Quinton, clearly intent on killing him. Quinton's face instantly flushed red, but he didn't resist her. Instead, he waited

for the two bodyguards who had been previously knocked to the ground to yank Mrs. Bishop away.

"Oh, God help me!" Sophia exclaimed, anxiously trying to open the car door, but Mrs. Bishop had Quinton pressed firmly against the car. No matter how hard she tried, the door wouldn't budge.

"Hurry... go!" Quinton strained to twist his neck, and the side of his face was reflected on the glass window. Sophia saw that there were red marks on his neck from being choked, and blue veins were bulging on his forehead.

Malevolence was painted all across Mrs. Bishop's face, and she no longer seemed human.

Quinton showed no sign of resistance. With his strength, he could easily break free, but he knew that if he fought back, the old woman would most likely lose her life. By then, the news of one of Cooper's daughter's bodyguards murdering someone in broad daylight would immediately become the next day's headlines. This would only make things harder for Cooper.

However, Sophia could tell that this woman wasn't the original Mrs. Bishop. The current her had unlimited strength, and she seemed to have lost all sense of humanity. Her mind was just filled with the resentment of losing her son, and all she wanted to do was strangle Sophia to get revenge. But, she should be incapable of doing so... At this moment, a thought flashed across Sophia's mind, and she remembered the drug that she once sold to Sandra.

That drug would make its user extremely powerful, but it would also cause them to lose their minds. Afterward, neither a urine test nor a blood test could detect it!

Hence, it was evident that Mrs. Bishop had been drugged.

At this moment, she rushed forward. There were only two possible outcomes today. The first one was that Quinton would publicly end her life, and they wouldn't be able to find the cause of Mrs. Bishop's strangeness. All anyone would see was Quinton killing a poor mother who only wanted to avenge her son. The second possibility was that she would sprint forward and strangle Sophia to death.

Quinton knew of her intentions, so he didn't try to fight back. Behind them, the two bodyguards were trying to pry Mrs. Bishop away from him, but she was unmoving. It was as if she had a huge car jack inside her. The hand on Quinton's neck seemed to be exerting

more and more force—so much so that Quinton's eyes had begun to roll back into his head. However, he still refused to struggle.

Sophia was undoubtedly safe in the car. No matter how strong Mrs. Bishop was, she would not be able to scratch her way through this sports car that was built by Michel Military Enterprise.

However, she couldn't bear to just sit there and watch or drive away!

In the heat of the moment, Sophia opened the other door and patted the car roof. Facing Mrs. Bishop, who was on the opposite side, she yelled in a deliberately loud voice, "Your son is a b\*stard! He deserves to die! Come and kill me!"

Her words enraged Mrs. Bishop.

"Shut up, b\*tch!" Seemingly insane, Mrs. Bishop roared at Sophia from the other side of the car. Letting go of Quinton, she dashed toward Sophia like a gust of wind. While she came around to the other side from the front of the car, Sophia used this chance to open the driver's door and slip in.

The moment the car door closed, Mrs. Bishop's bloody, withered hands began to claw at the door.

"You took my son's life! Give me back my son!"

Mrs. Bishop scratched at the window. Her fingernails were bleeding from the friction, covering the window with streaks of blood.

Sophia kicked off her high heels and saw in the rearview mirror that Quinton had been dragged away by the bodyguards, so she hurriedly started the car. As soon as she stepped on the gas, the car sped off and fled to somewhere far away.

If she had known what was going to happen today, she would have finished Clive off in the cybercafé! It would have saved them so much trouble!

But, she knew that even without the Clive situation, Cooper would still be charged with a lawsuit.

Their ancestors were right when they said that wealth would be the cause of an innocent man's downfall.

The car had driven off quite a distance, and Mrs. Bishop had chased her for several hundred meters before she failed to catch up. In a craze, she ran back to strangle Quinton, but he and the few other bodyguards had already gone to hide in the security booth—the door was already shut tightly. Mrs. Bishop clawed at the booth like a wild beast as she let out an inhumane cry.

Quinton knew that Mrs. Bishop had been injected with a drug—a drug that could give someone immense strength for a period. They would be unaware of pain, but they would go completely insane.

The Phantom Wolf developed this drug, and it was a half-finished product. Quinton had once used it on Richard's sister, Kayla.

To his knowledge, Jordan had possession of this drug.

### Chapter 1349

They couldn't go out. If they took action against Mrs. Bishop and something happened to her, it would be a strike against Cooper. The safest thing to do right now was to call the police.

Quinton had been knocked out by the outrageously strong Mrs. Bishop for several seconds. He woke up to find Mrs. Bishop scratching and kicking at the security booth like a wild beast while Sophia had already driven away.

Watching Mrs. Bishop continue with her insane quest, panic began to well up in his heart. He hastily gave Sophia a call. "Sophia, where are you? Come back quickly. Don't go too far."

Sophia answered, "I'm at-"

Before she could finish, a scream and a loud crash could be heard.

"Sophia!" Quinton shouted. The sounds on the other side were garbled, but he could still hear Sophia's voice. "I'll be at the junction of Third Avenue soon. Two people are tailing me, but don't worry; I'll get rid of them."

He could hear that her voice was calm, but crashing sounds could be heard from time to time, so Quinton still felt that something was not quite right.

His heart thumped violently in his chest.

It seemed that the other party's target was Sophia, and they wanted her dead!

Losing his beloved daughter would be a fatal blow to Cooper!

"Cover me!" Quinton suddenly said to the two people next to him. At the same time, he opened the door of the security booth with lightning speed and the three of them ran out. Upon seeing them, Mrs. Bishop charged toward them like a lunatic to strangle them, but the two bodyguards stepped forward to block her.

Quinton sprinted toward a motorbike at the side and left the place without stopping for even a second. By the time Mrs. Bishop broke away from the two bodyguards, he had already gone far.

At this point, the effects of the drug were wearing off, causing Mrs. Bishop to slump listlessly to the ground. It was at this moment that the police car arrived.

Meanwhile, Sophia was being chased by several cars.

Her hair stood on end, and her mind was tense as she looked warily from side to side.

It wasn't just two; there were countless cars on her tail.

It wasn't rush hour, but there were still many cars on the three-lane highway. Two of the cars, in particular, kept close behind her, trying to knock into her. She stepped on the accelerator and drove to the front, and after continuously overtaking other drivers, she managed to lose them.

Before she could catch her breath, she caught sight of two large trucks moving side by side, one on the left and the other on the right. Sophia had no choice but to pass through the middle lane.

At this moment, the car in front of her slowed down, forcing Sophia to slow down as well to maintain a safe distance. Before she knew it, the two large trucks were flanking her.

The car in front drove on at a leisurely speed, and the car behind had also chased up to her. The trucks on her sides prevented her from changing lanes. In the blink of an eye, she was surrounded by four vehicles.

Looking at the two large trucks on her left and right, with wheels larger than that of her own, Sophia felt her blood run cold—as if she was in an illusion where she would be crushed at any second.

No, it's not just an illusion. Almost simultaneously, the two trucks slowly moved toward the middle lane. If nothing unexpected happened, in less than a minute, Sophia would be crushed together with her car!

Sophia's hands trembled at the thought of this.

The car behind her had gotten out of harm's way where it wouldn't be crushed by the trucks, but it was still following closely behind. The car in front was still moving slowly, not allowing Sophia to overtake it.

There wasn't any way out; not from the front and not from the back either.

With trembling hands, Sophia clutched the steering wheel tightly. She didn't think that she would die like this.

Daniel had said that she would live a long life despite being ill-fated.

Carmen hasn't grown up, and Michael hasn't grown old yet. I can't die now!

In less than a second, countless reasons why Sophia couldn't die flashed across her mind. Then, her bare, tender foot slammed on the accelerator and her car lurched forward at maximum speed.

The two trucks were slowly approaching her, causing the road to grow narrower. To make matters worse, an SUV was in front of her, blocking the way.

Sophia gritted her teeth and stepped all the way down on the accelerator, speeding forward until she was side-by-side with the truck heads. They converged toward her, and the three of them advanced simultaneously, the two trucks crushing her in the middle.

If it were any normal car, it would've been squashed by now. But, her car was produced by Michel Military Enterprise, so it could still withstand it for a while. Even so, Sophia could hear the sound of metal being scraped.

The three vehicles were neck and neck now. With the car in front blocking the way ahead, she was close to being crushed to pieces. She chose this moment to step on the accelerator once again, and her car sped forward. Even though the car was streamlined and appeared elegant, Dragon Eye elements were hidden in its core. The car was filled with a sudden burst of power and it broke free of the two trucks flanking her, and her car drew nearer to the vehicle in front.

The SUV ahead of her was slowing down, trying to push her back, but it simply couldn't resist the power of Dragon Eye, and could only be forced to move forward.

The trucks behind were still occupying two lanes, advancing on the yellow line and ready to crush her.

Crashes sounded one after another. The car in front was blocking her, and the one behind was pushing. At any moment now, she would be flattened.

Seeing that the car behind was advancing again, Sophia stepped on the accelerator once more and slammed into the car in front. The rear end of the car was dented, and it instantly caught fire, but the car didn't stop. It wouldn't rest until she was dead.

Since it wouldn't relent, Sophia continued to plow into it. The tough tank-like Dragon Eye car rammed into the SUV, letting loose flashes of sparks. Eventually, Sophia managed to squeeze out from between the two cars. She quickly turned the steering wheel and slipped into the emergency lane without a second thought.

The emergency lane was unimpeded. She raced forward, not caring if she would get caught for speeding. In just a few moments, she had left them behind.

There was still a long way ahead, and Sophia didn't know what else awaited her. The other party had been prepared to take her life no matter the costs, so it was obvious the battle wouldn't end so simply.

Nevertheless, she wasn't going to sit back and wait.

Unbeknownst to her, two vehicles were chasing her in the emergency lane. The two large trucks had caught up again.

"You f\*cking..." Sophia was halfway through cursing them when she suddenly heard the traffic report: "The right side of the bypass up ahead is under maintenance. Please keep to the left and take an alternative route."

Her eyes lit up.

That's right; it's under maintenance!

She looked in the rearview mirror and saw that several cars were rushing up to surround her. She swerved left and right, switching between the fast lane and the emergency lane in an attempt to get rid of her pursuers. At some point, the rear end of her car veered left, and the front to the right. After rotating in a perfect circle, her car stopped on the side of the road.

A new bypass had been built there, but it wasn't officially opened for use yet. Despite that, many drivers would still use it for convenience's sake. After several accidents, two police cars were stationed there to block the road. From then on, no one dared to use the bypass anymore.

At this moment, two officers got out of the police car and watched as Sophia's car, its front full of scratches, approached them. Thinking that she was pulling over because she was involved in a collision and was waiting for the insurance company, they called out, "Move in a little. You'll affect the traffic!"

Sophia replied, "Okay!"

She slowly adjusted her car, moving until she was behind the two police cars and until she was well away from the main road.

When she got down, she caught a glimpse of her pursuers driving away.

Killing her on the highway could be easily covered up as a traffic accident, and the authorities could turn a blind eye, but not if they ended up killing the police as well.

Jordan, show yourself if you have the guts!

#### Chapter 1350

Riding his motorbike, Quinton got onto the highway, but there was traffic along the way. Fire engines and police cars drove past, obstructing the entire viaduct. There was smoke rising up ahead, and it was said that there was a car accident.

He was extremely anxious. Lucky for him, he was on a motorbike, so other than the traffic police, he didn't have anyone else to fear. He sped his way through the congested road, and in just a split second, he saw Sophia's car parked on the roadside while she spoke to the two officers.

Fortunately, she's fine.

Quinton got down from his bike and wanted to rush up and give her a hug, only to find that a car had stopped next to Sophia in the unopened bypass.

The car door opened, and Michael got down in a hurry.

"Hubby!" Sophia saw him and ran barefoot toward him.

Michael opened his arms wide and picked her up, then spun her around with the fierce joy of seeing his loved one survive a disaster.

Even the two traffic police couldn't help but smile.

Look at the two of them!

Quinton paused for a moment, then suppressed the frustration he felt in his heart and slowly walked toward them.

As Michael studied Sophia, his heart was still beating fast. When he knew that something had befallen her, he nearly fell apart.

Sophia, however, didn't dare to relax. All of a sudden, she asked, "Has Carmen been dismissed from school?"

Michael and Quinton's hearts plunged.

If Jordan wanted to hurt Sophia to deal with Cooper, he wouldn't let Carmen go!

At the entrance of the kindergarten, classes were about to end.

A group of people was waiting at the entrance to pick up their children. The parents that sent their children to this kindergarten were wealthy and respectable people, so the parents seldom came to pick up their children as drivers and nannies were assigned instead.

Standing amidst the drivers and nannies, the dashing Theo stood out from the crowd.

An older woman who was waiting beside him asked curiously, "Are you here to pick up your child? How old are they? Are they from the senior class or the junior class?"

Theo glanced at the woman emotionlessly, then answered in a cold and noble manner, "I'm here for my granddaughter."

The woman was silent for a moment, then she looked at his handsome features several times before letting out a low, enigmatic chuckle.

He's young, but his mind doesn't seem to be working well.

As soon as the school bell rang and the kindergarten door opened, everyone rushed in like a tidal wave to pick up their kids. Theo was the first one in, and he got to Carmen immediately.

Carmen walked out carrying a school bag and a half-full, large water bottle. Recently, she had been trying to be an independent little girl, so she was insistent on not letting Theo take her schoolbag as she believed that she should carry her own belongings. However, Theo still took the water bottle from her, conveniently unscrewing the lid and drinking water while he walked.

Holding Theo's hand, she tried her best to recount what happened in the kindergarten today in a lisped tone. "I'm the first in my class to change teeth! How awesome is that? Sour Face has a secret girlfriend now, and he even gave me 5 bucks to keep it a secret! Also, Poppy and I both got little red flowers!"

When they arrived at the entrance of the kindergarten, the car was already parked there. Theo took Carmen's hand to help her into the car, but she said, "Grandpa, don't worry. I can go in on my own."

As soon as Theo let go of her hand, an expressionless woman came scurrying over, aiming straight for Carmen. Her hands were outstretched to grab hold of Carmen, and at the same time, a hoard of parents carrying their children appeared out of nowhere and began squeezing their way around Theo as if trying to separate him from Carmen.

The woman almost had Carmen in her grasp, but Carmen didn't seem to notice what was happening and was still trying to get into the car. Theo panicked and hurriedly threw the water bottle he was holding at the woman, causing her to stumble.

Theo used this chance to bump his way through the crowd of parents and children, then rushed forward as swiftly as the wind and kicked the woman on the back, sending her hurtling through the opened car door.

"Close your eyes," Theo said immediately.

Carmen hurriedly closed her eyes and covered them with her tiny hands.

Theo swooped into the car and held the woman down. Something gleamed in the woman's hand, and he realized that it was a small knife. She slashed at Theo several times, then realized that the man before her didn't seem like any impressive bodyguard, but his reactions were unusually fast.

To Theo, the woman's attempts at slashing him just made her look like a kitten trying to claw at someone. Theo avoided her attacks with incomparable agility and easily snapped the woman's neck.

With a loud 'crack', she took her last breath.

The car had started to move, and Carmen sat obediently to one side, hugging her school bag with her eyes still closed. "Don't open your eyes until we reach home," Theo said.

Carmen nodded.

Theo shoved the lifeless woman to one side and used the carpet to cover her up. He placed Carmen in the car seat and hastily told the driver, "Take the nine o'clock turn."

The driver obliged and turned the steering wheel, driving into the corner where they then saw a dirty station wagon parked on the roadside.

As military personnel, Theo already knew the nearby areas inside out after picking Carmen up for the past few days.

Since the woman earlier wanted to kidnap Carmen, she would definitely have a car parked at the nine o'clock turning as it was the fastest way to leave the scene.

Theo knew that she would have accomplices. If he were the one coming to nab a child, he would plan four evacuation routes based on the areas nearby. He would have identified where was the best place to change vehicles, how many people were needed for each scheme, and how many cars were needed. He would have had it all figured out.

The station wagon must have left after knowing that their plan had fallen through, but Theo remembered the number on the license plate. Despite that, he didn't want to chase after them because Carmen was still in the car.

However, he already had a three-dimensional strategic map of the surrounding areas in his mind. Picturing the enemy's speed, the road conditions, and the traffic, he understood the other party's actions like the back of his hand.

After instructing Carmen not to peek, he made a phone call. "Everyone, come over immediately. Guard intersections Z, H, Y, and R. Look out for the license plate D357X, but do not intercept; just tail them discreetly. Be careful not to alert them. Also, send me the surveillance footage of the several nearby blocks and report to me if there's a situation.

"Harry, I'm sending you a license plate. Find out which monster it belongs to."

"Joel, something has happened on my side. I'll need you to come and handle it."

After getting word of the incident at the kindergarten, Michael and Sophia hurried back. Carmen was already home; she was oblivious to what had happened earlier as she happily told Sophia about her day at the kindergarten.

Sophia hugged her, the joy of surviving a close brush with death still lingering in her heart.

This time, she wouldn't let the matter rest!

She would not!

As for Theo, he had yet to return. After learning about the attack on Sophia, he went to look for the surveillance footage at that time and discovered the whereabouts of her pursuers. After connecting the two incidents, he decided to go after them personally with the aid of Michael and Quinton.

In the middle of the night, just after Sophia put Carmen to bed, Michael called her to say that the Fletchers, the Winstons, and the Mitchells had joined forces to take out all of the perpetrators.