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They had a good night's sleep at the Lodge family's manor. However, Alexander stirred awake from the commotion downstairs at the break of dawn. Although he was not a morning person, he was a light sleeper, especially in an unfamiliar environment.

Any noise would wake him, so he got up from the bed and walked toward the window to look outside. It had finally stopped raining, and the front yard was clear of snow. The Lodge family members were already awake and had started their morning training routine.

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They were having their morning jog in such cold weather. It was strange because Alexander could feel the heat just from seeing them run. It was as if the cold never bothered them.

There was a knock on the door, and Alexander went to open it. He saw his wife standing outside, yawning, "You're awake?"

"I just got up. Let me wash up, and then we'll go down," Alexander said.

"Okay," Lily agreed while rubbing her sleepy eyes. She wanted to go back to bed but could not, as this place was not her usual home, and she would not be able to sleep well anyway.

After the couple had washed and dressed up, they went downstairs and noticed the busy housekeepers preparing breakfast. The Lodge family's morning routine was

vigorous, so it was typical for everyone to have a big breakfast. That was why the housekeepers scurried around to get things done as soon as the family returned.

"You're up early," Justin commented as he entered the room. He had finished his training and was now wearing a thin wool sweater.

"I always woke up early in the past," Lily replied, "Where's grandpa?"

She remembered that her grandfather was always the first to wake up. That was also why no one could complain since Wilfred was the oldest and most disciplined.

Lily asked for his whereabouts because she wanted to say goodbye as they were planning to leave today. Was it because she had left for too long? It felt bizarre and slightly uncomfortable being back. Since the snow had stopped, it would be best if they could leave sooner. "Maybe he's still asleep," Justine looked at his watch and replied. He knew what Lily wanted to ask from the look on her face. So, he took the initiative, saying, "Grandpa is not as he used to be. He has trouble sleeping, so his body can no longer keep up with his usual routine." "Trouble sleeping?" Lily recalled seeing her grandfather yesterday; indeed, he looked tired and was not his usual vigorous self. His eyes had also lost their vigor, but Lily had never imagined t it was due to insomnia.

'Is it really because of his age? Is that why his condition is worsening?' Lily wondered.

"Let's have breakfast before we continue talking," Justin suggested as he accepted a napkin from the housekeeper to clean his hands, "Are you planning to leave today?" Since he had managed to guess their intentions, Lily nodded, "Yeah, since it stopped snowing and we still have some things to handle, we wanted to..."

"All right, you can leave soon. I'll inform grandpa when he's up," Justin agreed without a fight. "No, it's fine. I'll wait for grandpa to get up and tell him personally," Lily would only feel horrible if she left without saying goodbye to her grandfather. Even though she was the one who left the family without looking back, it was not unbearable living at the Lodge family's manor.

It was true that it was sometimes harsh, but this household also had warmth. Moreover, Lily realized that her grandfather's health was not as it used to be.

"It's up to you." Justin finished cleaning his hands, moved to the dining table, and took his seat. The housekeepers were already placing breakfast on the table. Lily glanced at Alexander, and they also sat at

the table. No one spoke at the table; only the occasional sounds of forks and spoons hitting against the plates sounded. Alexander did not speak, as Lily had told him that no one should speak at the table when having meals.

It was one of the Lodge family rules. Of course, it was a different story if one was dining outside. However, no one could speak at the dining table when at home.

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Today, Alexander experienced it first-hand.

After taking a few bites absentmindedly, Lily put down her silverware and said, "I'm going to see Grandpa."

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"Okay," Justin lightly answered as he lowered his gaze.

Perhaps this was how the Lodge family interacted, but Alexander found it strange as a bystander.

The Lodge family seemed indifferent on the surface. Even after not seeing each other for years, they showed no enthusiasm when they met. It was as if it did not matter whether or not Lily showed up. However, they were very meticulous and thoughtful.

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Although there was no heater in the room, they had prepared thick bedding alongside hot water bags. These things were placed quietly on the comforter without any explanation.

Another example was how the housekeepers had prepared an extra sandwich alongside glasses of milk just because they had a light breakfast of porridge and eggs. Alexander could tell they did not prepare a large portion, so it was apparent that the Lodge family had specially arranged it for Lily and him.

Meanwhile, Edward planned to stay at the nearest hotel after dropping them off and picking them up once they were done. However, Alexander later received a message

from Edward that the Lodge family had prepared a place for him to stay.

The Lodge family were, in fact, very caring of others, albeit barely speaking to each other while always putting up a cold and indifferent front.

It was the exact opposite of the Russell family. On the surface, the Russell family would always be ecstatic, as if there were nothing but love among them. However, there were things they did in private that would never see the light of day. If Alexander had a choice, he would rather be with a family like the Lodges, who had cold fronts but warm hearts. They were easier to get along with, he thought.

With that, Alexander stared at Justin thoughtfully. Then Justin looked up, and their eyes met. After a moment, Alexander smiled.

As Lily headed upstairs, she was about to knock on the door before she changed her mind. Instead, she grabbed the handle and pushed open the door with a twist.

For years, Wilfred had slept without locking the door. Lily was unsure whether he would be awake or asleep at the moment, so she carefully poked her head in to look.

"Lily, is that you?"

Lily immediately paused in her step before she nodded and answered with a hoarse voice, "Grandpa, you're awake."

Then she opened the door and walked in as Wilfrend turned over before propping himself up and leaning against his bed.

Lily quickly looked for a pillow for him to lean on comfortably and stood by his bedside.

That was how it had always been ever since she was young. She would stand before her grandfather as they talked, which somehow grew into her habit.

However, this time, Wilfred glanced at her and gestured, motioning her to sit. "Sit down; let me have a good look at you." His voice was not as strong as before. Regardless of how much he was in denial of his age, the tell–tale signs were everywhere.

As Lily sat beside the bed, she carefully studied Wilfred's face. His skin had countless age spots, and his eyes were not as clear and sharp as before. His brows were slightly wrinkled, with two prominent eye bags indicating his lack of sleep. "Grandpa, do you have insomnia?" Lily asked softly.

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Chapter 453 Wilfred sighed. "What are you talking about? Who told you I have insomnia? Don't listen to the nonsense Justin says!"

Lily knew it was true the more Wilfred tried to deny it. After being the family's backbone for so long, there was no way he would admit that age was catching up to him and that he was getting frail and sick.

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However, Lily knew Wilfred's pridefulness and did not try to call him out. Instead, she agreed, "I know you choose not to sleep, but didn't you always tell us the importance of resting for kickboxers like us? You said that we'd have to recharge our energy. Yet, you're not doing it yourself." Wilfred laughed after hearing what she said, and this surprised Lily. It was rare to see a severe man like him laughing. A few seconds later, he sighed again. "You still remember what I said?"

"Of course I do!" How could she forget? After so many years of teaching, it had already instilled itself in her. She could remember everything even with her eyes closed.

"Then you must still remember how I punished you. Am I right?" Wilfred continued.

Lily stayed silent. There was no way she would forget it. It was because of how harsh his punishments were that made her want to run away from this house.

At this time, the only thought in Lily's mind was how

terrible it was to live with the Lodge family. Little did she know that the outside world was more sinister. In contrast, those days she spent honing her body and willpower were much more manageable than when she left the house.

Seeing that she did not speak, Wilfred patted the back of her hand lightly. "I admit, I was a little too strict with you when you were younger. But even now, I don't regret it. I'm just pleased that you're back."

It was not easy for him to say these things. Although Lily had never expected an apology, the residual resentment in her heart disappeared without a trace after hearing that.

Now that Lily looked back, that was how all the Lodge family members grew up. She did not get any special treatment just because she was a girl, but in the same way, the family did not give her extra burdens to bear.

It was a risk for the Lodge family not to impose any practice and lay a solid foundation, as there were too many opportunities for people to provoke and attack them. Without it, how could the Lodge family face any challenges

in the future?

Later, Lily understood that Nathaniel was the reason behind the rift between herself and the Lodge family. At that time, she did not want to return to the Lodge family because she felt it would be shameless to crawl back home like that. Instead, she wanted to focus on making a name for herself before she returned with honor.

In her mind, Wilfred would forgive her by then and finally admire Nathaniel. However, it turned out that her family

was right. Indeed, Nathaniel was not a good man, and his actions blinded Lily.

Now, as she sat here and recalled the past, it was like a haze finally clearing up. The few words Wilfred had said, alongside the pat on her hand, had awakened her from her nightmare.

"Grandpa," Lily called out. Then she leaned into Wilfred's arms and mumbled, "I'm sorry."

Although Wilfred did not speak, Lily could feel his body shake. He was probably shocked by her sudden approach. Over the past decades, no child had ever acted so affectionately toward him. Be it his children or his disciples, all were respectful yet fearful toward him. They would all rush to hide when they saw him coming; there was no way they would snuggle up in his arms like this.

Maybe he was hesitant, or maybe he was just slow to react, but instead of Lily away, he lowered his head and looked at Lily. A familiar feeling surged in his heart, and it was as if he was brought back in time to when he was a father for the first time.

After so many years of holding his head up high and maintaining an air of majesty around the children, he had almost forgotten how it felt to be a loving father and a kind grandfather.

After returning to his senses, Wilfred raised his hand and gently stroked Lily's back. "That's nonsense."

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"Grandpa, I'm sorry for being so unruly,' Lily whispered. She was unfilial for picking a fight with her family over such a man.

"Silly girl, there's no one who wasn't unruly when they're younger. Just bear in mind that this will always be your home!" After he finished speaking, he turned his head and coughed a few times.

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When Lily heard Wilfred cough, she immediately got up and looked at him nervously. "Are you all right? I'll get the doctor to come to take a look!"

"There's no need for that!" He held her down and frowned disapprovingly. "It's no big deal. I'll just drink some water and get some rest!"

Then, he picked up the glass of water by his bedside table and took two sips before saying, "See? I'm fine now, aren't I? Are you leaving already? I have nothing to worry about you being out there on your own. You seem very capable of taking care of yourself. You can visit any time you want."

After a pause, he continued, "That Alexander seems like a good guy. However, make sure you take a closer look before you marry him. Don't rush things!"

When Wilfred noticed her hesitant look, an ominous feeling crept up in him. "Are you saying that you two have already...

Lily had been debating whether to tell him or not, but since he had already asked, she didn't feel like she should lie to him. She said through gritted teeth, "Grandpa, Alexander and I are legally married. We've obtained our marriage certificate already."

"What?!" Wilfred shot up as his eyes widened in shock. "Y You..."

"It wasn't planned!" she quickly explained. "We haven't made it public yet. We didn't mean to hide it from you." "You haven't made it public yet?" he repeated with a frown.

Then, the older man thought about it. 'Indeed, if this was disclosed, there's no way that the Lodge family wouldn't hear about it.'
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"Is Justin in the dark about this as well?" Wilfred asked.
"Isuppose so." After all, Wilfred did not know about this. If Justin were to find out, he would definitely report it to Wilfred.
"Okay, that's great! You seem to have grown up! You know how to make your own decisions now!" Wilfred nodded.
However, Lily knew he was angry through her years of experience.
"Grandpa, we were in a strange situation back then. I didn't intend to hide it from you."
Back then, she married Alexander in a flash. Even her memory of it was foggy. It was all done in the spur of the moment, or perhaps it was fate that brought them together.
Initially, Lily only wanted his help. However, she confused her documents and accidentally pulled out a marriage registration permit. After that, everything was old news.
However, she believed that she had made the right choice. She did not regret it at all.
With a wave of his hand, Wilfred closed his eyes and leaned back. "Forget it. There's no use crying over spilled milk. What can I do? Ask you to get a divorce? However" He slowly opened his eyes and continued, "Since the two of you already have your marriage certificate, you shouldn't hide it any

longer. Find a day to announce it. I won't let anyone of the Lodge family suffer any grievances."

From Wilfred's perspective, there was no use trying to stop a ship that had already sailed. Instead, he decided it was better to go with the flow since he had a good impression of Alexander. "Okay!" Lily nodded as she felt warmth in her heart.