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Deborah and James gave them permission and waited at the entrance.

A few minutes later, the kids came back, each carrying a pet: a Labrador puppy and a kitten.

Daddy, can we? Ellie asked, showing the black Labrador puppy she had in her arms.

Yeah, can we? James added, showing the small orange kitten he was holding.

Hey... wasn't this supposed to be one pet for both of you? Deborah asked, though she seemed amused because she had already imagined this scenario, where they would end up with two pets. "But..." The kids looked at each other and then pouted, trying to convince their parents to let them adopt both.

Hm... I don't know. What do you think, love? Deborah asked, looking at her husband.

Well... we have a big house, and if they're going to be responsible... he began, seeing how the kids' eyes lit up.

We will!" Ellie said.

Yes, I promise, James declared.

The two adults exchanged a look before smiling.

If you're going to be responsible, then I think we can adopt both, Jayden said.

Yes!" James and Elizabeth shouted, jumping up and down.

But... Deborah began, making the kids look at her nervously, "The trick is that you both have to promise me two things."

What things, Mommy? Ellie asked, hugging her little puppy.

You have to take really good care of your new little friends.

We promise, the siblings said in unison.

And what's the second thing? Jayden asked.

That you both need to keep getting good grades, she said, watching them nod with big smiles. "Because you both need to be good role models for your future little brother or sister." "That's right, you need to... wait, what?" Jayden looked at his beloved, mouth agape, noticing that she had a smile spread across her lips.

Mommy, what does that mean? Ellie asked, confused because she didn't understand.

Ellie, it means Mommy's going to have a baby, James said, jumping up and down with excitement.

That's right, sweetie, Deborah said, noticing that both kids jumped up to hug her.

The pets whined a little from being squished.

Oops... the kids said, stepping back from the hug and petting their pets to apologize.

Well, first, let's do the paperwork for your friends, buy what they need and their food, and then go to celebrate the news about your new sibling, Jayden said happily. home

With that said, they made their donation for the adoption and went to the store to buy food and toys for the new animals.

So, tell me.. how did you find out? Jayden asked playfully while the kids were picking out toys.

I had a suspicion a few days ago, so I went to the doctor to find out for sure, she said, showing him the test results she'd received.

Wow... eight months to go before we meet the new baby, Jayden said happily, leaning in to kiss her on the lips.

Hm... and you kept your promise again because we did wait for the next baby.

They returned home, where the grandparents met the new family members and also found out the big news that they would soon have another grandchild. Of course, the news was well

received by the older members, who began preparing for the new arrival, and the kids helped decorate the new baby's room. Jayden and Deborah enjoyed those months creating the new baby's room, this time listening to their little ones' ideas about what to put in it and what not to. Curiously, when they wanted to find out the baby's gender, they discovered they were having twins—a boy and a girl.

This surprised the whole family because they had never expected it, but they were ready to welcome two little ones since they already had experience.

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Extra 2: Before the Storm

The months went by, and James and Elizabeth watched in amazement as their siblings grew inside their mommy's belly.

At the same time, they discovered something even better than becoming older siblings: their mom was now always at home because she got tired from walking around.

They loved this because she was always there to welcome them when they got home. wo in the

Despite staying at home, Deborah still supported the office through video calls, so she would set up living room because she liked watching everyone come and go. Chip and Felix would stay beside her, sleeping while their owners were at school. "Yes, Dad, and remember we need to keep an eye on their movements in the coming days because I think those companies I showed you are about to lose value since their owners are acting strange," she said, sending him the list.

I think so too, sweetie because the idea of them selling to increase their stock value is a bit odd, Nicholas said as he read through the list.

Yeah, so we should warn our clients and-

Deborah was interrupted as the little cat climbed onto the camera, demanding to be petted.

Okay, Chip, wait, Deborah said, amused, petting the cat before placing her beside her.

She's a demanding girl, Nicholas observed.

Very much so.

And let me guess, Felix is with you too, Nicholas said. Hearing his name, the little dog stood on his hind legs to peek at the table.

Felix barked at Nicholas in greeting, wagging his tail.

You called him, Deborah said, laughing as she stroked the puppy's head.

Mommy! They then heard the kids shouting as they ran to hug her and kiss her on the cheek. about me?" Nicholas joked at the sight.

"Hi, Grandpa, Elizabeth said, blowing him a kiss.

"Hi, Grandpa."

How was school? Nicholas asked.

Good, they replied together.

Excellent, keep getting those straight A's, he said, listening to his grandkids laugh. "Well, I'll let you go eat while I keep working here," he said, showing the folders next to him. "Okay, Dad, don't overwork yourself, and don't forget to eat."

Don't worry, dear, Tatiana's looking out for me, he joked, seeing the older woman come back into the office with a plastic bag and some Styrofoam plates.

Hi, Grandma, the kids said, greeting the older woman

Hello, kids, she said, smiling at the camera.

Enjoy your meal, Deborah said, ending the call. When she turned around, she saw her kids happily playing with their pets. "Okay, now that you're here, go wash your hands while I order lunch." "Okay, Mommy. And... how are my siblings?" Ellie asked, hugging Deborah's belly.

They've been quiet, so far, she said, placing her hands on her stomach as the little ones started moving.

James, hurry up, they're moving! Elizabeth said excitedly.

James came closer to greet his siblings, copying his sister by placing his hands on their mother's belly to feel it. Deborah smiled, watching the interaction between her children.

Once that was done, they went to wash their hands to eat and told their mom about their day at school. After lunch, the kids went to do their homework, and Deborah visited the greenhouse where her mom was "Hi, Mom.." Deborah said, sitting on the big couch they'd set up. "God... I think soon I won't be able to come visit you. These babies are getting heavy," she said, stroking her belly. "You know, Dad seems happy with Tatiana. Strangely, I didn't feel jealous or angry about it, like other people do... but maybe it's because I only recently found out he's my dad, or I don't know. But I understand that he should have someone by his side," she said, making a face and looking up at the locket. "By the way, remember I told you I had doubts about ordering the decorations for the twins' room online? Well, it turns out they arrived just fine and looked exactly like in the picture."

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Mommy? Deborah turned to her right.

Hi, James, Deborah said, opening her arms for James to hug her and sit next to her.

What are you doing? he asked, looking around.

I'm talking to your grandma.

Oh, he said, smiling.

Mommy, can you help us? Elizabeth asked, showing her a notebook.

Of course, let's see what you need, Deborah said, adjusting her seat to help her kids with their homework.

When the clock struck five in the afternoon, Jayden came home, looking tired but trying to put on a smile for his family.

As he entered the house, he noticed it was quiet, which was very unusual... it was usually noisy in the afternoons with the kids playing in the living room with their pets.

a room.

Um... Cassie, where are my wife and kids? he asked the girl cleaning the living.

Good afternoon, sir. Um... aren't they in their rooms?

Right, I'll go check, he said, heading to the bedrooms

the butler called to him, "they're in Ms. Alexandra's greenhouse."

Thanks, Jayden said, heading to the garden. When he entered, he saw the pets comfortably sleeping among the plants, confirming his family was there.

As he approached the resting area in the center, he saw Deborah standing, looking at the couch.

Honey- he called out, but he saw her turn and put her index finger to her lips, smiling before she disappeared.

Jayden was startled by this and rubbed his eyes hard to look again, only to find no one there.

On instinct, he ran to the couch, and when he got there, he saw all three of them sleeping, covered by a

blanket.

He looked up at the locket, which was shining with the sunlight filtering through the ceiling.

Thank you for watching over all five-or rather, all seven of them, Jayden said, feeling the pets starting

to rub against his legs. "You two were watching them too," he said, kneeling to pet them.

Chip meowed and Felix barked in response.

Hmm... Jayden noticed Deborah opening her eyes.

Good afternoon, sleepyhead, he whispered, leaning in to kiss her on the lips.

Hello, she said, and then she saw her kids beside her "Looks like I passed on my sleepiness."

Looks like it, Jayden said, helping her to her feet.

How was work?

Good, everything's calm now, and the plans are under review, he said, placing a hand on her belly. "And how have you two behaved?" "They've been calm but get excited when they hear you and our kids."

Hi, little ones, he said with a smile. "Careful, don't move too much, or you might hurt Mommy," he added before kissing her and then letting out a sigh. "Well, let's leave the kids here and go to the living room to talk."

Come on, Jayden, we've been married for years, and I know all your expressions, she said, touching his right cheek. "So, no lying to me." "Um..."

So, you're going to tell me what's bothering you, she said as they walked to the exit.

Haha, nothing gets by you, huh?

Nope, because I'm your wife. So, come on, let's have a little dessert while you tell me, she said, kissing him on the cheek.

Sure, love, Jayden said, smiling as he began to explain the problems at work

The little feline stretched and licked her paw, watching her owners' parents leave.

She began to purr as someone petted her head.

Don't worry, Chip. I know they'll get through this together, Alexandra said, petting the kitten before looking at her sleeping grandchildren.

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Extra 3: Support

Apparently, things weren't going very well at the construction company. A new competitor had come to town and was challenging the Coopers because, since its opening, it had entered the market with lower prices than what Jayden and his company offered.

This new company provided cheaper and more economical materials and labor while delivering the same results in their final work... so, of course, many clients were attracted by this offer.

Given the situation, Jayden and his father sat down to talk with the company accountant to figure out how to solve their problem.

They began analyzing how they could win back those clients by offering some discount on their current prices... but the truth was, they were already offering a fair price for the quality of work and top-notch materials they used. If they made a big discount, they would end up losing money and not making a profit from the work done or the products sold.

Still, some clients were on their side because they preferred to pay for the quality they offered.

And that's the whole story... Jayden said, letting out a sigh after finishing his explanation.

Hang in there, love. And hey, what about the quality of the competitor's materials? Is it good?

We've already bought some samples, and no... It's actually of lower quality than ours. And yes, we always tell our clients that, but some just prefer to save money.

I see... Deborah said worriedly. Sometimes, people preferred price over quality because their budget restricted them to the cheapest option.

Yeah... but what worries me most about all this is that if we don't recover our sales and small projects, we'll soon have to start letting people go... both at the company and here at home, he said, making a face as he watched the servants setting the table for dinner. "And honestly, I don't want to take anyone's job away because I know a lot of them are supporting their families."

Calm down, love, Deborah said, taking his hands.

"I can't calm down. Things are getting complicated at work, and the twins are arriving in a few months, which will only increase our expenses at home, plus the kids, school, and... Jayden started to gasp from the immense pressure weighing on his shoulders. It was the first time he'd ever worried about money. Not that starting over bothered him, but with four children and a mansion to maintain...

Jayden,” he felt Deborah gently holding his face, making him look into her eyes, “Breathe, love. Slowly... like during labor... Inhale and exhale,” she instructed, noticing he was following her lead and gradually calming down. “Better?” “Hm...”

, to avoid stressing you out, you focus on the company.

Use the money you have right now to get the company back on its feet.

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Hey, remember, I have money too.

Yes... but...

I'll cover the medical expenses for the delivery, the kids' school, the mansion's upkeep, and the staff's wages. “What? But Deborah, that's a lot of money, and-”

And it's money I have. Plus, we're married, and we should support each other in everything, don't you think?

I know you can, but-

No buts. Come on, don't tell me you're offended now that I'm offering to help with the house finances.

Um... I guess my ego didn't want me to consider the possibility of asking you for help.

Well, that's not good, silly, because you and I are a team, and we need to support each other through good times and bad, she said, taking out her phone. Tomorrow I'll tell Dad to reduce the investments from Emergency Fund 3, and we'll switch those payments so that I manage them. I imagine the kids get their allowances in their accounts, so..

Wait, love, what do you mean by Emergency Fund number 3?

“Well, I made several investments with my money that have been generating interest, and I named them for specific purposes.

But... I thought your savings were your salary from your time as a government accountant.”

Yes and no.”

Did you have more money saved?

Not me, my mom had money stashed away.

Huh? But... didn't that guy and his family steal all that money?

Part of it, but do you remember the documents Brandon had about my mom?

Well, while reviewing them, I found out there were two bank accounts Frederick never discovered because he didn't know they existed. These accounts were long-term investments that renewed automatically every five years. They were intended for the company and me.

You?

Yes, one account was named Emergency Fund for School and/or Graduation Gift for My Baby."

1 see, despite everything, your mom always sought to protect you."

Mhmm and as a good daughter, I followed her example. I took the money from the company and used it for that. Although I didn't spend it all, what was left over I continued to invest so it would keep earning interest as a safety net, she explained. 1 divided mine into three."

Three?

One savings account for James, another for Elizabeth, and one for emergencies, she said, showing him those separate investments. Jayden was amazed at the amount of money in each account. "It pays to know how the stock market works," she said, winking. Though in a few months, I'll take some funds from James and Elizabeth's accounts to create one for the twins. The idea is to have savings to support them in their studies or to help them start their own business."

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Aww... my love, Jayden smiled and hugged his partner. "I love seeing how you care about everyone."

That's why I'm telling you, let me help you with the house expenses. And if you ever feel you need it, don't hesitate to ask me to support you with the company, okay?

Alright, but... honestly, I don't like the idea because I feel like I'm failing as the man of the house.

You're not failing because this is a situation nobody asked for, but I know you'll get through it soon, she said, leaning in to kiss him on the lips.

Jayden smiled softly, though they couldn't continue talking about the subject because the kids entered the room, greeting him with a hug.

Deborah smiled at their interaction, but her smile faded for a moment as she worried about how the problems were stressing Jayden out. She didn't like seeing him this way, but she understood he was thinking about all those who depended on the company, which was why he was feeling this way.

Unfortunately, Cooper Construction started facing a lot of problems. Sales began to decline, and to top it off, the new construction company started stealing their clients, calling them and offering better prices to get them to do their projects with their company instead. That new construction company had launched an aggressive attack plan because they wanted to make a name for themselves in the market quickly.

For Deborah, this was a red flag. She knew such actions in a company were counterproductive. If their materials were cheap and they weren't offering quality to their clients, it would lead to problems in the future.

That's why she advised Jayden to continue doing their work as usual without changing anything. trusted they would recover soon enough.

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While waiting for that miracle, Jayden and Eric started looking for other alternatives, but there didn't seem to be a solution. Some clients canceled their contracts because the competition offered them a more economical price. Because of all these problems, the kids noticed that their dad was sometimes very tired and upset...but they tried to cheer him up and make him smile.

Slowly, Jayden's cheerfulness began to fade, and sadly, the little joy the birth of the twins brought was overshadowed by terrible news.

That day was a Saturday, and everyone was at home playing in the garden when, out of nowhere, Deborah started feeling labor pains.

The children panicked when they saw their mom bleeding, but their grandparents calmed them down while Jayden carried his wife and rushed to the hospital.

They arrived first, as Eric and Samantha took longer because they had to explain to their grandchildren what had happened and grab the diaper bag with the twins' clothes.

After several painful and torturous hours for Deborah.. they welcomed a beautiful little girl with brown hair and hazel eyes, along with a cute blonde boy with hazel eyes. Chapter 205

My little siblings are so cute, Ellie said, looking at the babies once everyone was settled in the hospital

They're so small, James said in awe.

You were just like this, Deborah said, noticing her son had reached out his hand which was quickly grasped by the tiny hands of his new little sister., Nicole "My little siblings are so cute, and Michael is a mini daddy," Ellie declared excitedly

That's right, honey, Michael is a copy of my baby, Samantha said, smitten with her new little grandson, feeling like she was seeing her son all over again. "Both of them got your eyes today." Eric said, patting his son's shoulder.

I see that,

Jayden said, smiling as he gazed at his twins.

That makes me unique because only I have Mommy's eyes, Elizabeth said happily, making the adults laugh.

They're all perfect in their own way. Deborah said, looking at the smiles and joy of her little ones.

That's right, Jayden said, looking lovingly at his kids.

Just as he moved to pick up Nicole, his phone started ringing.

Jayden grimaced and took out his phone.

Don't answer it, Daddy, Elizabeth pleaded.

Sorry, love, it's work. I'll be right back, he said, answering the call and stepping away from the bed so as not to disturb his children.

It's okay, dear, he'll be right back, Eric reassured her.

Sometimes work needs attention, Samantha commented.

Hm... James made a face because lately, his dad had been very busy. He had even seen him angry and frustrated... something he didn't like. "What? What do you mean bankrupt?!" Jayden suddenly shouted, startling the newborn twins who cried their lungs out.

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Extra 4: Emotional Problems

That shout alarmed everyone, including Eric, who was also shocked by the news.

Naturally, both men left the hospital immediately, heading to the company to see if they could find a solution, as it was impossible that the work of their entire lives had vanished just like that. Nicholas and Samantha stayed the whole night to look after Deborah and the children, providing emotional support since everyone was shaken by how Jayden and Eric had left. "Mommy..." Elizabeth was distressed and clung to her

Calm down, sweetheart, calm down, Deborah tried to soothe her little girl, feeling James also hugging

Samantha, if you need anything, don't hesitate to ask for help, Nicholas said, approaching the older woman to hug and comfort her, as she seemed quite upset.

Thank you, and yes, we're going to need help, Samantha replied, grateful for the show of support.

Don't worry, Samantha, you're not alone, Deborah said, trying to cheer her up.

Now it's our turn to support them, Nicholas said, noting his daughter's intentions. She had already told him about her plan.

With that, the adults put the kids to bed on the extra bed in the room and sang to them until they all fell asleep together.

Jayden and Eric spent the entire afternoon and night at the company trying to find a solution to the problem, but there didn't seem to be light at the end of the tunnel.

They had asked for help and advice from their lawyers and accountants, but they were really in trouble due to the low sales, and in the end, they reached a tragic conclusion.

Ah... God... I never thought I'd live to see this day, Eric said sadly, as he had thought he had built something solid that would last for generations. That was why he had been proud of the work and quality his company offered. But now, they were being pushed out by something cheaper and of lower quality, which was a tough blow for him.

I'm sorry, Dad, Jayden said sadly, feeling like he had failed him.

Don't apologize, son. This isn't your fault. You've always managed the company well.

Keep your spirits up, boss. We'll get through this, their secretary said, bringing them both a cup of coffee. The two blond men tried to smile, but the situation didn't allow it, so they decided to go home and rest a little, as they needed to come to terms with the horrible reality they were facing: they had lost everything.

Jayden looked extremely tired and just wanted to be alone in silence. But when he walked into the house, he was greeted by the cries of a pair of little angels.

He was puzzled by the sound, so he ran to his children's room, surprised to find Deborah there with the

babies.

Hi, love, Deborah greeted him as he stood under the door frame.

Hi... um, what are you doing here? Shouldn't you be in the hospital?

These little angels were born strong and healthy, so we were discharged a few hours ago, she explained as she sat in the rocking chair, holding the babies.

I see. Sorry for not being by your side, Jayden said, sitting next to her to see his children, who were calm in their mother's arms.

It's okay, love. You had some important things to take care of.

Yes... important things, he said, grimacing.

, if you want, go rest for a bit. You look awful, she joked, trying to cheer him up.

I guess I do look bad, he said with a laugh before letting out a sigh. "But are you sure?"

Yes, and Max and Danielle are here too, helping me.

Huh? Jayden was confused until he saw them enter the room.

That's right, sir, we're here to help while you get a little rest, Danielle said, walking past him with two bottles of warm milk,

"Sir, would you like a massage? Max suggested, appearing behind Jayden.

Uh, I don't..." Jayden started to say, but then he felt Max's hands begin to knead his shoulders and back, making him feel relaxed. "Ah... yes..."

Stress makes knots in your back, and you need to relax. Max said.

Thanks, Jayden replied.

Okay, brother, come here, Danielle said, handing something to Max.

Jayden found it strange until he saw Deborah uncovering her breast a little to breastfeed Nicole. He looked up and saw that Max was wearing a blindfold to avoid seeing anything. Danielle took Michael to give him some formula while his sister ate.

Sorry for not being much help, Jayden felt bad that he wasn't the one helping right then, but he felt drained.

Don't worry, love.

Hey, what about the bigger siblings?

Dad took them to the mall because they said they wanted to buy something for their little siblings.

Oh... shopping...

Don't worry, love. Grandpa's paying for this outing.

Yes... um. I'll go lie down for a bit since we were up all night, he said, standing up and walking over to her to kiss her on the lips.

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Alright, rest well, she said, smiling at him.

Jayden went to their bedroom, and as soon as his body hit the mattress, he fell asleep.

The boss looks bad, Diana commented, making a face when she saw Jayden leave the room.

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Well, what's happening isn't easy to deal with, Deborah said with a frown. "Alright, sweetie, it's your brother's turn now," she said, gently shifting her little girl to burp her

But we're here to support Dad, she said, wiping the little girl's mouth, who smiled at her.

Okay, ma'am, time to switch, Danielle said as they swapped the babies so Michael could have his turn at breastfeeding

About 30 minutes later, the voices of Elizabeth and James could be heard as they returned from their outing.

Bye-bye, Grandpa, Elizabeth said.

Bye, kids.

Have fun with Grandma, James said, as Nicholas had only dropped them off at the door because he had to go pick up Tatiana for lunch.

After watching their grandpa leave, James and Elizabeth entered the house and immediately went to their siblings' room.

Mommy, Elizabeth said happily, but when she saw Deborah gesture for them to be quiet, both children smiled and quietly entered the room.

Deborah had just put the twins to sleep and was laying them in their crib.

We're back, they whispered in unison as they approached the crib to see their siblings.

Welcome home, Deborah said, smiling at them while turning on the baby monitor to listen for the twins. She guided her kids out of the room. "How was it?"

It was fun, and we bought them something. Ellie said, showing the teddy bears they had picked out.

How nice, I'm sure they'll love them, Deborah said, stroking her daughter's hair. "You can give them to them when they wake up."

And Dad? James asked worriedly when he saw only Danielle and Max around.

He's sleeping, and we're not going to wake him because he's really tired.

Is it because of what happened yesterday? James asked with a frown.

Yes, honey,

Hey, Mommy, what if we make something yummy for Daddy to cheer him up? Elizabeth suggested.

That sounds good. Let's bake his favorite cookies, Deborah said, noticing how excited the kids were at the idea.

"Yes!

Wait, Ellie, what about the twins?" James asked."

We'll take care of them, Danielle said.

And I have this, Deborah said, showing them a walkie-talkie. "With this, we can listen to your siblings and keep an eye on them." "Oh..."

With that, the kids left their gifts in the room and followed their mom to the kitchen to start baking cookies.

Just then, Deborah noticed all the employees approaching her cautiously while the kids put on their

aprons.

Um... ma'am, the butler said.

Can we speak with you?

Of course. What's going on?

It's just that... we wanted to ask what's going to happen to us. We've heard the company is having problems and...

Don't worry. Things may be complicated at the company, she began, "but here, nothing's going to change because I need everyone's support to keep things in order since I'll be busy with the twins." "Yes, but..."

I know what you're worried about, and I can assure you that you'll continue to receive your pay on time, and nothing will change at the mansion.

"Hearing her speak so confidently reassured them, as the lady of the house had never lied to them, and they felt her words were sincere.

With that, they apologized and returned to their duties,

Deborah smiled. Since she had handled the situation, she went to put on her apron to bake cookies with her kids while the chef and his cooks began preparing lunch.

The smell of food woke Jayden, who felt a bit sad, feeling he was failing everyone. They had notified the employees that this week would be their last because, with no sales or new projects, there was no way to keep the company open. The little money left was to give them their final payments.

They had even talked about selling everything they had gradually acquired to salvage some of the invested money, and it hurt him to see that everything he had planned to leave his children would now have to be sold to have enough to survive.

Ah... I never thought I'd experience something like this," Jayden said to himself as he stood up to go to the bathroom to wash his face. "It's okay, you'll find a way out of this, and soon everything will return to normal," he told himself, looking in the mirror."

Just then, he heard the soft cries of the twins. He smiled and, after drying his face, went to see them, but he stopped abruptly when he saw Max and Deborah already attending to them.

Seeing this, he felt frustrated. Because of the company's problems, he wasn't spending time with his family... he hadn't even held his children yet.

Jayden saw that Deborah was beside him.

Help me with them, she said, handing Nicole to him, which made him start crying as he kissed his little girl's forehead. "Thank you, love."

Deborah smiled and hugged him before she turned to pick up Michael so they could spend a moment together as a family. Seeing this prompted Deborah to make an important decision to help change her family's luck.

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Extra 5: Situation

Unfortunately, the financial problems combined with the lack of rest brought out a cranky, irritable side of Jayden.

Deborah, don't let them keep crying, he complained while shifting in bed and putting a pillow over his head to muffle the cries and go back to sleep.

Deborah just frowned and said nothing, heading off to check on the twins and tend to them.

Frequently in a bad mood, Jayden sometimes wanted to stay away from his children... something that worried the kids because they had never seen their dad being cold and distant with them.

Elizabeth and James felt hurt by the rejection they were experiencing, but their mom comforted them, saying things would soon change and that, for now, they should forgive their dad because he wasn't himself due to the pressure from work.

The kids felt a bit hurt by their dad's behavior, so they tried to keep their distance and only spent time with their mom, Grandma, and Grandpa Nicholas... since Grandpa Eric was also acting strangely and wasn't his usual self.

Deborah and Samantha tried to keep the mood normal at home, but they were suffering just as much as the kids were because they had to endure their partners' bad tempers.

Of course, things got worse when they found out the company had closed, the employees had been let go, and now they were dismantling the company little by little, selling everything to cover debts.

That morning, Deborah was fed up and tired of the situation, so she decided to take matters into her own hands. She went to find something important among her things and changed her clothes.

Where are you going all dressed up? Danielle asked when she saw Deborah enter the twins' room.

I'm going to fix my husband's life, Deborah said as she carefully moved to kiss her babies on their foreheads.

And how are you going to do that? Max asked.

You'll see. In the meantime, get changed, Max. You're coming with me, and Danielle, you'll look after the twins. "Count on me, ma'am," Danielle said.

I also need you to support my mother-in-law and watch the kids.

The siblings followed her instructions, and Max went to change so he could go out with his boss.

Deborah went to find her mother-in-law and found her sitting at one of the tables in the garden, silently crying. She approached to talk to Samantha.

How are you, Samantha? Deborah asked, sitting beside her and offering her a tissue to wipe her face.

Oh, sweetie... thank you, Samantha said, taking the tissue to dry her tears. "Well, as you can see...I

honestly don't know... I've never seen Eric act like this before. He yelled at me carlier, but... I know it's not him.. It's the pressure of what's happening."

Deborah smiled and hugged Samantha to comfort her "It's the same with us. I had a fight with Jayden too, because before he left, he said we should take the twins to my father's so he could sleep through the night since he's exhausted and I'm not helping at all." "What... no, Debbie... sweetie, don't do that," Samantha sald, distressed.

Don't worry, my kids aren't going anywhere.

Yes... Ah... You know, with everything that's happening now, I hate that company, and I wish it would disappear, Samantha sald, clenching her fists slightly

Calm down, Samantha, I know things will change soon, Deborah assured her.

I hope so because it hurts me to see how these problems are changing my family for the worse.

I know, and that's why it's time for me to do something about this situation.

What? But-"

I'm going out for a while, and I'd like to ask for your help in looking after the twins with Danielle.

Huh? Oh, yes, of course, sweetle. But where are you going?

Like I said, I'm going to put an end to this because it's not fair what those people are doing by directly attacking our family's business. Because of them, our husbands are suffering and it's hurting the family.

But what are you going to do?

That's a secret, but I promise things will change from now on, Deborah declared as she turned to head to the house entrance, where Max already had the car ready.

Be careful, sweetie, Samantha sald as she saw her get into the car and wave goodbye.

Come on, ma'am, let's get you to relax a little before the little ones call for us, Danielle sald as they went inside the house, trying to cheer up Samantha since she didn't like seeing latter

sad. "Let's get ready to welcome your grandchildren when they come back from school."
"Thanks, Danielle," Samantha was happy to see she had her support.

Meanwhile, Max was looking at the scenery through the vehicle window, feeling a bit curious about what his boss was planning to do to help with the company's problem.

So, where are we going? he asked, noticing they were leaving the city.

First, I need to find out who our enemy is and why they're acting this way, she declared while driving." That's why we're going to the only place I know I'll get those answers quickly," she said, noticing they had arrived at their destination.

Max was a bit worried but was ready to protect his boss because he saw they had arrived at the docks.

As they moved slowly, he noticed several men start to surround the vehicle, eventually blocking their path. They drew their weapons from their clothes and pointed them at the new arrivals.

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You're in the wrong place. Turn around and leave if you want to live, one of the men declared.

Good morning, Deborah greeted as she got out of the vehicle.

Boss... Max said worriedly, reaching for his weapon to protect her.

Relax, Max, she said, stopping him from acting while pulling something out of her bag to show them. "I'd like to speak with Vox, please," she declared, holding up a black card. Upon seeing the object, all the guards lowered their weapons, and the one who appeared to be the leader approached to take the card and verify its authenticity

Welcome, Mrs. Cooper. Please follow me, he said, handing the card back to her. "I just need your guard to leave his weapon with us."

Of course, Max, please.

Relax. Vox doesn't usually attack his clients.

Max made a face but obeyed, handing his weapon to the men before following Deborah.

They were led to an area that looked like a living room, where they took a seat while they waited.

Hi, a little voice caught both of their attention..

Deborah saw a little red-haired boy, around six years old. "Hello."

Will you play with me? he asked, showing her some toy cars

Sure, she replied, taking the toy car he offered and sitting next to the boy to play racing games on the nearby table.

Max smiled and joined the game, much to the little boy's delight.

Brandon was curious about Deborah's visit, as he never imagined she would seek his services.

When he went to see her, he smiled at the lovely scene of his son playing with his guests.

Honey, have you seen... Brandon's wife, Laura approached him, but he gestured for her to be quiet and pointed to the living room. "Aw... how sweet." "Hm... it looks like Joshua has already made new friends."

That's why I keep telling you we should arrange playdates so he can have more little friends.

T'll consider it, dear."

Laura simply smiled and walked over to Deborah. "Hi, Debbie."

Hi.

Mommy!

Come here, sweetie, Laura said, picking him up and giving him a kiss on the cheek.

Looks like my son already beat me to starting the meeting. Brandon joked, walking over to them.

Daddy, Mommy, they played with me, Joshua said happily.

Yup, we saw. Now come, Joshua, let's go see your grandparents, Laura said, saying goodbye to Deborah

and Max as she left.

Bye-bye, Joshua waved at them as he was carried away.

Bye, Deborah waved back at the boy. "He's a very sweet child."

It seems you're still a great mom, Brandon commented, taking a seat. "So, what's the miracle? I thought you'd never use your card."

Let's just say things have gotten complicated, Deborah said, getting comfortable on the sofa.

Yes, I've heard about the problems Jayden is facing, Brandon said, frowning slightly. "So, do you want me to destroy the competition? Or... are you going to show me that sadistic side of yours again and ask me to kill the guy?" Max got scared when he heard those options.

I do want to destroy the competition, but let's say I want to do it in a public and legal way that will help Jayden."

Boo... you're taking away all the fun, he said playfully. "So..." He began speaking and saw Deborah take a piece of paper from her bag to give to him.

I want you to investigate these aspects of that new company. It's not normal for them to secure such lucrative contracts just a few months after arriving in the city. It's also strange how they're directly targeting Cooper Construction, trying to damage the main company and the subsidiaries.

You think someone has something against you?

That's what I want to find out because the competition was directed at us, and it's not like the market was monopolized.

That's true. Honestly, I also feel like something's fishy, Brandon said.

Very much so, which is why I want you to help me find out these things. Jayden tested the materials they use, and they're of very poor quality, so I don't understand why no one's complained about them yet, or worse, why nothing bad has happened. "Interesting. Actually, I was already about to start investigating them myself."

Perfect, Deborah was pleased he accepted her request. "And about the cost?"

Since you're such an excellent playmate, I'll give you a discount. It'll be a five-figure sum.

That sounds fair, she said with a smirk. "How do you want the payment?"

Deborah, you know how to say the words that make me fall for you. I prefer cash or transfer, he said,

laughing. "Once I receive the payment, you'll have-" At that moment, his phone started ringing to notify him of the deposit, making him smile. "Deborah, you're going to become my favorite client." "Maybe."

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In this case, you'll receive all the information you're looking for by noon tomorrow.

I'm counting on it. Come on, Max, she said, standing up. "We need to go somewhere else."

Uh, sure... Max said, getting up to follow her.

Sir, one of the guards called out to return his weapon,

Thanks, Max took it and put it away.

With that, Deborah said goodbye to Brandon and returned to her vehicle to head to her next destination.

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Unaware of what his wife was doing, Jayden was currently looking for buyers for the machinery while talking to a real estate agent to list some of their vacated properties for sale.

Sir, the secretary came in to hand them some folders, "Here are the latest documents from Human Resources."

Thanks... Ah... Now we're trying to sort out the accounts to discuss their severance, Eric said, looking disheartened because they were dismantling his company.

Jimmy, let me know if that person calls about buying the office equipment, Jayden requested.

Sure, the secretary replied, making a face before leaving. It hurt him to see what was happening to his bosses, who didn't deserve any of this. At that moment, the sound of the elevator opening caught his attention. "Ma'am," he said, confused to see Deborah there. "Hi, Jimmy. Where are they?"

They're inside."

Tell me, how are things going?

Horribly, ma'am. We're having trouble paying the last employees' salaries, and that's why they've already put the machinery up for sale, he said sadly.

Alright, in that case, cancel everything, she ordered with a frown. "Don't sell anything else, and if something was sold today, recover it."

What? But...'

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Now, call all the workers and have them gather at the entrance, please.

But they...

Do it, Jimmy, because I need everyone to come back. We're going back to work.

The young man noticed the determination in her voice, causing him to start crying. "Yes, right away, ma'am," he said happily, turning to make several phone calls. Deborah smiled and took that moment to ask Max to organize all the workers as they arrived because everyone would return to their daily tasks. Meanwhile, Jayden and Eric were reading documents and calculating how to settle the outstanding payments to suppliers and their employees. "God... I can't take this anymore," Eric said, standing up to rub his eyes out of frustration. "I'm destroying what I built."

I know, son, but it hurts.... because now it feels like I've been useless my whole life and haven't done anything that lasts.

Don't say that, Dad. If anything, it's my fault for not protecting the company.

No, son, I... Huh? Eric saw through the window that people were gathering at the building's entrance." What are they doing?"

What are you talking about? Jayden asked, standing next to his father. "But..."

Both were confused by the gathering, and motivated by curiosity, they went down to see what was happening.

When they arrived at the entrance, they noticed the employees looked excited about the meeting.

But... what's going on here? Eric asked, looking at everyone.

What are you talking about, sir?

You called us, several employees began saying.

We did? Eric and Jayden asked, confused.

think there's been a mistake. We didn't... Eric started to say.

didn't call you, I did." Everyone turned to their right and saw Deborah approaching them. "I called

you because we have a new project, and obviously, we need the best help to do the job."

Is this a joke?

It's true, Deborah assured them.

Ma'am, you're an angel.

Deborah... Jayden looked distressed and tried to stop her from giving the workers false hope. "Please

don't..."

Deborah walked over and kissed him on the mouth before turning to speak to the workers. "Alright, everyone, stop wasting time. Take your paperwork back to Human Resources and

head to your work areas. I want an inventory of all the areas so we can see what we need to restock.”

Yes! Everyone shouted excitedly and followed Deborah’s orders, entering the building in an orderly fashion.

Deborah, wait... Eric began to say.

, what does this mean? Jayden said, worried. “We don’t have a project lined up or the money to hire them or....”

Good afternoon, Eric and Jayden turned to see Nicholas arriving with someone else.
