

My Billionaire Ex-Husband Chase Me Back

Chapter 31

31 Talk With Grandpa (2) Before long, Old Donovan said, "Bella, I'm sorry. My useless children were rude to you. They don't deserve to be called uncles and fathers. Grandpa agrees if you want to sever a tie with them." Bella's face stiffens slowly as she remembers what happened earlier. But she dismisses her anger, not wanting her Grandfather to be sad. "It's okay, Grandpa. What they did earlier was nothing compared to the treatment I've got at the Sinclair family's house-" Bella almost choked when she said those names. After a long moment, Old Donovan said, "I'm sorry, Bella. If it weren't for my stupid promise to Old Sinclair, you wouldn't have married Tristan and endured the suffering when living with him..." Bella's heart ached to see her Grandfather's face filled with regret. Even though he lowered his gaze, avoiding Bella from looking into his eyes, she could see her Grandfather's eyes filled with tears. "Grandpa, that's all in the past now. We don't need to 17 < 31 Talk With Grandpa (2) remember it anymore. I survive. I'm much better now..." She smiled as sincerely as she could to reassure him. Old Donovan smiled weakly before lifting his head to meet Bella's gaze. When he saw her smile widely, he knew that behind her smile, this girl hid sadness. They were silent for a moment, just looking at each other. After some time, Old Donovan finally broke the silence. He said, "Bella, I know what happened to you a few months later. Old Spencer told me everything, including how my son made a deal with them-" Old Donovan feels ashamed when he knows Jacob and Lucas make that absurd business deal with Tristan's parents. "Wait, Grandpa, you never knew about it?" Bella surprised to hear that. "Yes. My goal was only to marry you to Tristan Sinc because of my promise to Old Sinclair, my best friend But I never asked them to help our company." he took a deep breath, feeling disappointed in all his sons. Bella bitterly laughed in her heart. Her worries were 31 Talk With Grandpa (2) answered; her grandfather never made a business deal like that. She feels relieved. But something stuck in her heart, "Grandpa, do you know why they never announced my marriage to Tristan?" "Of course I know," Old Donovan answered quickly. Still, moments later, a frown appeared on his forehead as if he was confused about something. "Bella, my dear, why do you ask? I was told that you were the one who asked them not to announce and publicize your marriage to Tristan Sinclair!?" Bella was stunned. She never asks them to do that. "G-Grandpa, who told you that?" "Your father," Old Donovan answers. "Did you really ask them that? Or did your father lie to me?" Bella suspects it's her father. And after getting confirmation from her grandfather, she can not he but smile bitterly. "No, I never asked them to do that she said. Old Donovan straightened his back, feeling as if all the blood in his body was about to rush straight to his face. He was shocked to hear that. His voice sounded 31 Talk With Grandpa (2) furious as he said, "How dare Lucas decide that for you?! And in doing that, HE HAD LIED TO ME!!" "Old Master, calm down..." Nick suddenly stood beside Old Donovan. He handed him a glass of warm water. "Please drink this first, master. Stop challenging your blood pressure, or this time, for real, you might end up in the emergency room!" he said worriedly. Bella also worried when she saw her

Grandpa's face turn red. "Grandpa, you may not believe this, but I'm actually relieved that my marriage was never published. It would have

caused a lot of trouble if people discovered that I was once Tristan Sinclair's wife. The media would have followed me everywhere, and my face would have been all over the news and the internet," she said sincerely. Old Donovan could only respond to her with a slight chuckle. After finishing his warm water, he looked at Bella again. "Bella, whatever it is, I must apologize to you. Please accept this old fool's apology, my dear granddaughter... please." His eyes and tone showed he 31 Talk With Grandpa (2) was sincere in asking for Bella's forgiveness. "Hmm, you will always have my forgiveness, Grandpa." Bella smiled at him before continuing her words. "But, please, Grandpa, can we stop talking about this? I'm good now, so there is no need to worry about me too much," she tried to convince him once more. "Alright, alright. If you wish to put that aside, let's do so. Now, tell me about yourself, my dear. You look healthy and more beautiful now after rest in Sweden..." He asked curiously. When he learned that his granddaughter had moved to Sweden, he was shocked because they had no relatives, there. But he stopped worrying when she told him she was doing fine. Now, he really wanted to hear everything she did the foreign country. Even though they had communicated several times, Bella had never explained in detail what she was doing there, which made him curious. "Grandpa, I took care of my friend's business there." Bella wasn't entirely honest with him. She couldn't disclose to her Grandpa that she was one of the 31 Talk With Grandpa (2) company's shareholders. Old Donovan suddenly frowned, "So, you will not settle in this country?" Bella smiles at her Grandpa before telling him about her plan to move to the capital. She will take care of the company branch. However, Bella has not yet told him about her son. She didn't have a chance because her Grandpa sounded interested in her company. "That's great to hear that, my dear. How many days will you stay here?" "A week," Bella hurriedly explained when she saw his expression turn sad. "I promise I will visit you more often, Grandpa." "Yes. You should. Because, from now on, I will follow Old Sinclair..." Old Donovan sighed deeply before continuing, "I'll move to the countryside and live. I can't stand to stay in this city anymore. Your uncle causing me too much stress, Bella was surprised to hear Old Sinclair no longer stayed in the capital but in East City; he even lived in the countryside. This is hard for her to believe. 617

32 Chase Her Back! (1) 'Why did he do that?' Bella feels curious. "Grandpa, I'm happy to hear that. The countryside is better for you to retire..." Bella paused for a half-smile before continuing. "But, Grandpa, why did Old Sinclair move there?" "Ah, it seems you

don't know!?" Bella nodded. "After you divorced, Old Sinclair was furious. He scolded them to let you go just like that without even telling him anything. And because of that, he decided to return to his hometown, and he didn't even want to meet his son and Tristan..." Hearing this news, Bella was utterly shocked. At that moment, she didn't know whether to feel happy or sad. She was glad that Old Sinclair was on her side, but she was also sad to know he had to live alone in the village, far from his family.

"Grandpa, I feel sorry for him-" Bella didn't know how to continue her sentence. She could only take a slow 1/3 32 Chase Her Back! (1) breath while turning her gaze outside, trying to hide her teary eyes. **** While at Lake View Village. Tristan arrives at the enormous white Victorian Era-style villa. When he parks his car, a thin man with glasses politely greets him. "Alan, where is Grandpa? I need to see him," he said to his grandfather's butler. "I'm sorry, young master, but the old master still refuses to see you." "Oh, come on... it's been four years. How often do I have to ask for his forgiveness before he forgives me?" Alan didn't say anything. He just lowered his gaze. I feels sorry for him. Tristan pinched his eyebrows in thought. Moments later, a faint smile appeared on the edge of his lips; he looked at Alan again, "Alright. If Grandpa still refuses to see me... then....tell Grandpa... she's back!" 217 32 Cune Back! (1) Suddenly the door opened. A man in his late seventies appeared behind it. He was standing tall looking out at the windows. Who's that? Announce yourself, or I'll call security." His voice was deep and firm, sounding like a leader. Tristan smiled secretly as he saw his grandfather. It had been four years since their last meeting, but he looked as healthy as he saw him the last time. The only difference was there were fewer wrinkles then. He stood with his back straight and seemed to be in good health. Grandpa, your daughter-in-law," in a low and soft voice. Don't try to trick me, brat!! warned Lewis Sinclair, who now turns to look at Tristan with his sharp blue eyes. However, Tristan grinned even more. He knew his plan to meet and chat with his grandfather had succeeded- tell him some information about Bella. Tristan was amazed by his grandfather. Because he was only interested in talking about Bella or with Bella standing next to him. Any other subject wouldn't interest him if Bella wasn't there. 32 Chase Her Back! (1) His Grandpa was even angry with them and decided to move to this remote area and close the door to him and his parents. He would refuse to meet them even if they came and begged to see him. At first, Tristan had thought that, with time, his grandfather would forget about the incident. However, it turned out he was mistaken. Even now, his grandfather's attitude towards the matter remains the same. He stands up for Bella and blames Tristan for divorcing her without first consulting him. "Grandpa, forgive me if I hurt your feelings when I let Bella go, but I learned from my mistake. I will never do that again. Please trust me." Tristan didn't give his Grandpa a

chance to say anything back. He walked closer to him and gestured for him to enter the house. "Let's talk inside about Bella... It's cold here, not good for your health." Alan nodded at Tristan's words, "Old Master, what Young Master Tristan said is correct. It's better to continue your conversation inside," he said worried. Tristan gave Alan a thumbs-up as he followed his grandfather inside. 47 32 Chase Her Back! (1) Tristan and his Grandpa sat facing each other without saying anything. However, Tristan was busy gazing at the frozen scenery outside. "If you come here only to enjoy the scenery, you

might go now," Lewis Sinclair's words snapped Tristan out of his thoughts. He turns at his Grandpa and flashes his smile. Lewis doubts Tristan will tell the truth since he can't trace Bella's current address after the latter claimed she ran out of the country. When Lewis asked his best friend, Isaac Donovan, he also confirmed that Bella had indeed left the country, and by now, she had never contacted him either. This stressed him. If only he knew Bella's location, he would fly there and ask her to return to the Sinclair family. "Grandpa, I would not dare to lie to you. Well, she's actually landed today in this city." Lewis' eyes narrowed at Tristan. Tristan laughed heartily at his grandfather, who refused to believe him. 562 32 Chase Her Back! (1) "Grandpa, if you don't believe me, you can call Old Donovan. If I'm not mistaken, Bella is meeting her grandfather now," Tristan said. He found out Bella's car visited Promise Hospital after he asked Max to tail them via public CCTV footage on the streets. Instantly, a smile appeared on Lewis Sinclair's face. This is what he wanted to hear. Lewis believed his grandson would not lie if related to Isaac Donovan. He immediately took out his cell phone to call Isaac. However, right before he dialed Isaac's number, his fingers stopped hearing Tristan's words. "Brat, why you stop me!?" "If I may suggest, Grandpa, it's better not to contact him now. If Bella finds out you know she is in hospital, she might run away again. And who knows where she would go next..." Tristan explained. "Hmmm....You're right..." Lewis immediately put his phone on the table. He will wait till noon to contact Isaac. "Grandpa, why don't we return to the capital city?" Tristan was worried that his grandfather would live alone with Alan in this remote place. 32 Chase Her Back! (1) What concerned him was this Lake Village was far from the city. If something happened to him, it would take them some time to get here. But if his Grandpa still refused, he planned to build a helipad here for quick access. "I won't come back until you bring Bella back to our family," said Lewis Sinclair in his clear and deep voice, enough to make Tristan's face stiffen. Comment View All R Post your first comment! Vote B Fandom

33 Chase Her Back! (2) 3 Chase Her Back! (2) won't come back until you bring Bella back to our family," said Lewis Sinclair in his clear and deep voice, enough to make Tristan's face stiffen. Tristan takes another deep, anxious breath. He had heard these words from his grandpa countless times before, and after five years, he never changed. He still demanded Bella become part of their family again. 'How's that possible? Even though he was eager to chase her back, to hear heart and mind again, she now had another Sean Spencer. The formidable Sean Spencer. When she was with Sean, he would feel confident in his ability to win her back. However, with the picture, it would be impossible for him to win her back unless the little boy was his son- his mission to get Bella back is through the child, if the child is his. He couldn't wait to find out the child's DNA but before they could do the test, they needed to do it. He had already asked Dylan and Max to take care of it. But now, he has to handle his grandpa first. Tristan fixed his gaze on his Grandfather before responding, "Grandpa, even though I want her to return to our family, it's impossible right now. She is already with another man." 2 Lewis seemed slightly disappointed. He knew it would be selfish of him to wish Bella wouldn't marry another man and return to their family. Nevertheless,

before he dies, he wishes to see Bella bearing his name again. "Has she married that man yet?" "No, not yet," Tristan answered firmly. He knew for sure that Bella would never marry Sean. A smile flashes across Lewis's face before he gives Tristan peace of mind. "Brat, where's your confider Why are you afraid of competing with her boyfriend Tristan was speechless hearing his shameless Grandfather. How could he ruin Sean and Bella's relationship? When Lewis saw that Tristan didn't say anything, he continued, "Bella loves you deeply, but you're too blind to see it. And you're willing to divorce her just because 33 Chase Her Back! (2) your parents told you to! Why you didn't follow your heart and mind!?" "Tristan, "... "And seriously...why are you in such a rush to get her pregnant? She's still young; there's no need to rush." Lewis narrowed his eyes at him. Tristan tried to speak, but his grandpa interrupted him, leaving him unable to say anything. He could only listen to his grandpa's words, which felt like an arrow stabbing his chest. It hurt because what he said right now was all true. "If you apologize and pursue her sincerely, she will return to you. Trust me, she will fall for you once again. And don't worry or be intimidated by her current boyfriend, Brat. He will run away once he knows you are also pursuing her." Tristan, "... 'Oh, please, Grandpa. If only you knew who her boyfriend was... You will shocked.' Tristan could only talk to himself while pretending to agree with what he said.

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"No family can match our highly regarded reputation 23 Chanel urbank (2) urged cept the SSpencer family if you compete with them. 10 is the young man in Spencer?" he said while nking, but the answered his own question a secouond er. "Ah... I remember his name, Sean. Ugh, well youyou 1 be in troubleefif Bella's boyfriend is him." "Tristan received another jab from his grandpa. He toolook eep breath silently. s impossible for BBella to know Sean, right? All right, ht, t... Go chase my granddaughter-in-law back." Old id clair continued his swords, his eyes beaming with th opiness at the thoughtof Bella returning to their cir nily. stan's expression turnedd sour upon hearing his andfather's words, whichhhhhit the nail in his heart la's boyfriend was Sean Spencer. wis Sinclair frowned when he saw Tristan's face ty at, don't tell me. Bella's boyfrienddsis Sean Spencer?" mm." stantly, Lewis fell silent. His brows were furrowed as e was thinking about something. 33 Chase Her Back! (2) After a while, a faint smile appeared on his face. He Mooked at Tristan, "Brat, you still have a chance..." Tristan looked at his grandpa curiously. 'Did he know about Bella having a child, too?' But, he hurriedly dismissed that thought. His grandpa didn't even know that Bella had arrived in this country. "How so!?" Tristan asked. Lewis immediately told Tristan about his chances. Instantly, a big smile appeared on Tristan's face; he agreed with his grandpa. "Thank you, grandpa." Tristan raised his thumb to praise him. "Go! And bring Bella back. And... can't you do something about that woman named Kiels? Why is the media always making a fuss about you and her?" Tristan frowned, "I will take care of her. Don't worry about it, Grandpa..." "You have to! Because if Bella finds out about her, she will hate you..." Lewis said. He stood up from his seat and dismissed Tristan. Then, he returned to his library to call his best friend, Isaac Donovan. 33 Chase Her Back! (2) At Promise Hospital. "Grandpa, I feel sorry for him-" Bella didn't know how to continue her

sentence. She could only take a deep breath while turning her gaze outside, trying to hide her blurry eyes. Old Donovan could see the sadness in Bella's eyes. He feels concerned about her. "Bella, look at me," he asked. When Bella finally looked at him, he said. "You don't need to feel sorry for Lewis Sinclair. This all started because of a stupid vow we made as teenagers. And, because of our stupidity, we made you suffer. Lewis is already happy with his life at Lake Village." Bella tried to smile at her Grandfather's words, but somehow, she lost the ability to say anything. "If you want to cheer him up, you can visit him. I have my villa next to him. We will live side by side there..." Even though Bella hated Tristan and his parents, she never hated or blamed Grandpa Sinclair. Because when she was still married to Tristan, Grandpa Sinclair was the only one who was good to her.

4/7 33 Chase Her Back! (2) Bella's eyes suddenly shone brightly as she looked at her Grandfather; she nodded in response. She really wanted to meet Grandpa Sinclair. "This is the right time to tell her grandpa about her son," Bella thought while she looked at the door to ensure it was closed tightly so no one would overhear what she was about to say. "There's something I want to tell you, Grandpa."

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34 Finally, She Could Tell Him About Dax "This is the right time to tell her grandpa about her son," Bella thought while she looked at the door to ensure it was closed tightly so no one would overhear what she was about to say. "There's something I want to tell you, Grandpa." "Yes, but let's move to the seating area. Sitting here for too long makes me feel like I'm really a sick patient," Old Donovan chuckled. Bella agreed and followed her grandfather to the seating area. She was amazed to see him still walking straight despite being in his late seventies. He could for someone in their late sixties if it weren't for his wrinkled face and white hair. pass Donovan sat on the sofa, staring at Bella. "What do want to tell me?" "I want to introduce someone to you, Grandpa," Bella said while flashing her warm smile, remembering her son Dax.

1/7 34 Finally, She Could Tell Him About Dax However, just before Bella wanted to continue her sentence, she was stunned to see her grandfather's dsaddened expression. Grandpa, why do you look-" Bella couldn't finish her ntentence when she saw him interrupt her. ouYou already have a new boyfriend?" He asked in incencern. e waswasn't against her having a new boyfriend but orried id babout her getting hurt again. And he couldn't ear the the thought of Bella running away to another untry.try. ella almost ost choked hearing his question. Jo. But, havhave a son..." She hurriedly clarified. Id Donovan gasgaspd in surprise. He sat up straighter ith his eyes shasharp staring at Bella. Heaven, you... YouYou have a son!?" His eyes lit up w appiness, but suddeddenly, his expression turned sti Who's your son's fath father? Why didn't you tell me you arried again!?!?" ella, h my dear Bella. Hurrvell tell Grandpa. Who is the < 34 Finally, She Could Tell Him About Dax lucky guy who marries you?" he asked enthusiastically. Bella, "... When Old Donovan saw her not say anything, he continued, "Where's my great-grandson? Why didn't you bring him here?" Bella becomes anxious upon hearing how loud her Grandpa's voice is.

She quickly gestures to him, urging him to lower his tone. She fears that her uncles and parents outside might overhear their conversation about her son, Dax. She is concerned that if they learn about Dax's situation, her shameless uncle might decide to enter into another business deal with the Sinclair Family again. Hell no! "Please lower your voice, Grandpa. Please," she be Old Donovan nodded immediately. "My son's name is Daxton Donovan," Bella paused w she saw him smiling happily – it looked like her Grandpa was pleased to hear she had given Dax his las name. "Dax is in the hotel with my nanny. Do you remember Aunty Noora? She used my nanny and now she 3771 34 Finally, She Could Tell Him About Dax become Dax's Nanny." She continued when she saw him nod, "I didn't bring him here because I was afraid he witnessed what happened earlier. And I worry they will bring Dax to Sinclair to make another deal." Old Donovan nodded in agreement, "You're right. Your uncle and father are truly shameless. They might do that! Well, it's best not to bring my great-grandson here..." He said in concern and anger with his sons. "I know. That's why today I came alone to find the right time for you guys to meet. And, Grandpa, I think if you live in Lake Villa, that would be more suitable. Moreover, I also intend


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to introduce Dax to Grandpa Sinclair." "Perfect, my dear. I will ask Nick to process my discharge from the hospital. I will go straight to the Villa today," said Old Donovan enthusiastically. He looked around for Nick but didn't see him, "Where Nick?" At the same time, the wardroom door opened, and Nick entered carrying several bags in his hand. "Nick, your Ninja skills are improving," Old Donovan smiled. I didn't even know you were leaving the room." 47 < 34 Finally, She Could Tell Him About Dax Bella, "... Nick, "... "Old Master, I didn't want to disturb you chatting with Miss Bella, so I go out to buy your lunch. Sorry..." replied Nick as he placed several bags on the dining table. "Ah, you're right, Nick. We're hungry," Old Donovan said while looking at Nick, "And Nick, please take care of the hospital administration. I want to go out today. We'll go straight to Lake Villa." Nick was surprised to hear that. He looked at Old Donovan. "Old Master, so fast? Did you say you will be out tomorrow?" Nick asked. "I didn't have any reason to stay here. Bella has already come and will join us at the Villa tomorrow." Nick nods happily, "I will do, master." He brought something in his hand and walked closer to Bella. "Young Miss, here are ice cubes. You should compress your swollen face." Bella was stunned. She completely forgot about her face. Without saying a word, she received the ice cube and comnragged her fane STE 34 Finally, She Could Tell Him About Dax "Thank you, Nick. You are the best," Bella smiled sincerely at him. Seeing Bella's face, Old Donovan took another deep breath. "Are they still outside?" he asked, looking at Nick. "No, they all left after I asked them all to go back. I said you don't want to see them today..." Nick said before returning to the dining table to set up lunch. "You did the right thing, Nick," praised Old Donovan, always proud of his butler for handling the situation related to his foolish sons. Isaac Donovan regarded Nick as a part of his family. He plans to leave all his wealth to Bella and Nick. He has no intention of giving any more money to his other children as they are only interested in accumulating material possessions. After lunch with Grandpa and Nick, Bella immediately said

goodbye. Bella feels bad for Sean for waiting for her for too long. She is also starting to feel tired and wants to sleep – this jetlag is now hitting her, However before leaving she warned her Grandpa not to tell Sean. Finally, She Could Tell Him About Dax to tell Old Sinclair about Dax. She intended to say to him directly. After closing the door behind her, Bella felt an inevitable ache in her heart as she walked down the empty corridor toward the elevator. She could feel her knees shaking slightly. Comment View All > R Post your first comment Vote B Fandom Swipe left to continue > Send Gift

35 Sadness After closing the door behind her, Bella felt an inevitable ache in her heart as she walked down the empty corridor toward the elevator. She could feel her knees shaking slightly. All the emotions she had been holding back for a long time began to torment her. Sadness, anger, and disappointment. It made her want to cry, but she held it in again. Arriving at the hospital's main entrance, Bella took out her cell phone to call Sean. Still, before she could dial his number, she heard the sound of a car horn from a particular direction. When Bella noticed Sean's car, she tried to adjust her expression before walking towards it. She didn't want Sean to know what was going on inside her mind because of what had just happened in the hospital, especially about her father slapping and verbally abusing her. Bella feels ashamed to tell Sean about the way her family treats her. How embarrassing! 35 Sadness "Thank you, Sean," Bella said after she saw him open the car door for her. This man never fails to make her feel like a queen. Even though they haven't taken their relationship into the more intimate and significant stage so far, their relationship can only be considered as very close friends who ultimately care for each other. Sean smiled at her, but a thin line slowly appeared on his forehead when he saw her red cheek. Hurriedly, he walks toward the driver and settles behind the wheels. He didn't rush to ask Bella. But he waited until she finished putting on her seat belt. When he saw her sit silently, he narrowed his eyes at her. However, Bella averted her gaze and hid her slightly red and swollen cheeks. He silently took a deep breath, sensing something terrible must have happened when she met her family. "Is everything alright with your meeting, Bella?" Sean asked calmly, even though he wanted to ask her directly. Bella turned to him with a smile, but Sean could see her 35 Sadness eyes were slightly red, and her smile looked forced. She held back her tears. "Hmm, everything is fine. Grandpa is not really sick. He was only pretending." Bella continues to explain to him about her grandfather's condition and how he orchestrated his illness to trick her into returning to this country. Sean was shocked but amused at the same time by what the old Donovan did. "Sean, I didn't expect that your family's hospital could work with my Grandfather to fool me..." a soft chuckle escaped her lips. At the same time, Sean saw a small scar at the corner of her lips. He was even more worried and curious. As a soldier, Sean was used to seeing wounds, even though they were only minor marks. He could see some had slapped her cheek hard, causing her cheek to red, and her lips were likely hurt. Sean can't help but ask, "Did someone slap you in the hospital?" his tone sounds worried. Bella, "... 35 Sadness She was rendered speechless. After she tries to hide it from him, this man still knows. Gosh!

However, at this moment, Bella didn't want to talk about that incident; The hurt when her father beat and humiliated her still lingered in her heart. She turned her gaze out the window to hide his blurry eyes. Bella could still hold back her sadness when she talked to her grandfather. But now, she felt like she couldn't hold it in anymore. Tears slowly fell from the corners of her eyes. She started crying silently to express the sadness and disappointment she felt towards her father. Sean felt

heartbroken to see her shoulders shaking and her sobs audible in the car. He said nothing but handed her a clean handkerchief letting her cry as much as she needed. Bella was surprised, but she accepted it. She took it and continued her silent crying. To let her cry without embarrassment, Sean turned the music radio, set the volume higher than usual, and stepped on the gas. Slowly, the vehicle left the ALT < 35 Sadness hospital. However, not even a minute after the car left the hospital, a hand suddenly landed on his arm. He was surprised to see Bella's delicate hand. Sean glanced at her. He only saw the back of her head. "Why? Is the music too loud?" he asked, confused. "N-No...The music is fine," Bella said between her sobs while shaking her head slightly. Sean was confused. He focused on the road again while trying to guess what she wanted by touching his arm. After a long silence, he finally smiles when he realizes something, "Aah, so, you must hate the song... alright, I will-" "Sean, could you choose a radio with happy or upb music, not sad music? Or, I will keep crying if you le me hear sad songs," she said, then cried again. 'Fuck!!' Sean could only curse inwardly. How could he be so insensitive? Of course, she doesn't want to cry harder because of the sad music. He immediately 577 35 Sadness changed the radio channel and searched for another channel that plays happy songs. The car drove away without anyone speaking. Not long after, they arrived at the Star Hotel, and Sean parked his car directly in the basement. A faint smile appeared on the corner of his lips when he saw Bella sleeping. Sean didn't rush to wake her. He waited patiently while watching how beautiful her face looked when she slept. Seeing that she wasn't crying anymore relieved him, although he wondered who had dared slap her. But he couldn't force her to tell him about it. He was afraid she'd be sad again. Not long after, her long eyelashes trembled. She woke "Bella, how do you feel now? Sean asked softly. Bella was surprised to find that their car was parked. "Where are we?" she asked, confused. She saw them parked in the basement parking lot, and not far away, there was an elevator. 35 Sadness "Star Hotel," Sean answered. "Do you want to go up now?" He asked again, ensuring she was okay to get out of the car. After she nods, Sean immediately exits the car and gently opens the passenger door for Bella. Comment \$ View All > B Post your first comment! Vote B 1 Fandom Swipe left to continue >  Send Gift

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36 Sean expresses his feelings

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Bella grabbed her bag, got out of the car and walked towards the elevator with Sean.

-Sean, I thought you wanted to tell me something? "Him," she asked as she followed him to an executive elevator, which took them directly to the top floor, to the Suite.

Presidential.

-Yeah. "But let's talk when we're upstairs," Sean said, taking a quick look at him.

-It's okay...

Then the elevator reached the top floor. Bella walked towards her room but she stopped when she heard

Sean stopped her.

Bella, would you mind if we go not to your room but to that room? -Sean pointed to another room, there were only two Presidential Suites on that floor.

Bella was surprised. She thought that Sean would not stay here tonight and that he would return to his base in North City.

36: Sean expresses his feelings (1)

-Oh, is that your room? Will you stay over tonight? And your work? -She asked with a really worried tone.

-Oh, no, no. "I'm not going to sleep here," Sean said as he opened the door for her.

When he saw her enter the room, he continued:

-This presidential suite has never been rented or used by anyone outside of my family. It is only accessible to my family members so that we can use it anytime we come to this city.

-And my room?

-Same as this room. They would never offer it to

"Adie," he explained casually, but Bella was sorry to hear him.

"I see," said Bella. She didn't expect Sean to upgrade his room to this presidential suite; she had already booked the standard deluxe.

But this upgraded room did not please her. Bella was afraid that if Sean's family suddenly showed up and she needed the room, it might cause problems.

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next day -he decided to put this matter aside.

Bella sat on the couch facing the street view while Sean sat across from her.

-You had lunch? Do you want to order something from the kitchen? -Mmm, I had lunch with Grandpa at the hospital. And you?

-Equal. I had lunch with Dax and drove around town with him. "After putting him in his bed, I went straight to the hospital," Sean explained. He got up from his seat and offered her a drink. -What would you like to drink?

-Came! -Bella responded. He needs wine to feel better after what happened at the hospital.

Sean was surprised. However, he chose to remain silent. He walked over to the minibar near the kitchen and poured some wine for Bella while he settled for sparkling water for himself.

He couldn't drink alcohol today because he had to leave soon and return to North City, to his military base.

Sean was surprised when he saw her empty her glass in one gulp.

"Bells, you might have a stomachache if you drink that so quickly," Sean wanted to say. However,

36. Sean expresses his feelings (1)

She chose not to say anything when she remembered how she had cried herself to sleep in the car.

He just smiled at her as he settled on the couch opposite hers. When Bella's eyes landed on him, Sean looked away from her to his bottle of sparkling water and drank it.

After finishing her glass of wine, Bella placed it on the table and smiled. -What did you have to tell me? she asked.

Sean's calm expression quickly turned into nervousness. Despite feeling uncomfortable, he knew that he couldn't postpone continuing.

confessing his feelings for her. He realized that this was her chance to express his love for her before Dax's father discovered her whereabouts and attempted to follow her again. Losing her was not an option for Sean.

"Let's get married, Bells," Sean said calmly, although his heart was beating faster than usual. He had never felt as tense as he did now, not even in a life-or-death situation during a dangerous mission.

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Sean expresses his feelings (1)

Hearing Sean's words, Bella almost spit out the previous wine. She coughed, surprised by his sudden

proposal.

-Cough...cough... He coughed so hard that his face turned red.

Sean stood up and asked:

-Are you OK? Before he could assist her, she stopped him.

Bella quickly responded between coughs:

-Yes I'm fine. She tries to calm her shocked heart after hearing her proposal.

-How could I pronounce those sacred words so lightly? she-she she asked herself, looking down to avoid her eyes.

Sean sat back in his seat, feeling relieved.

When he noticed her calm expression, he asked:

-Bells, can you answer me this time?

Bella did not answer him immediately, but instead looked at him with intense emotions. This man had always

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He tried to express his feelings for her, but she avoided him.

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And as far as she remembers, this is the first time Sean has directly asked her to marry, which is surprising. She didn't expect Sean to suddenly propose to her the first day she arrived in this country.

How should I respond to him now? She doesn't plan to marry anyone again. At least not so soon. The trauma of marrying into the Sinclair family still lingers in her heart and mind. She did not want to marry into another powerful and wealthy family.

The idea of entering the Spencer family, a noble and respected family in the country, exhausted her.

Bella took a deep breath before speaking:

, I don't want to hurt you, but I can't give up false hopes either. So, I'll just say it this time... I avoid situations like this not because I don't have feelings for you, but because our relationship is impossible.

Sean clenched his hands into fists as he heard her words, but he couldn't say anything; he could only watch her in silence.

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-Although I want our relationship to move to the next level, you know why this relationship has reached a stalemate, right? Your family... -Bella continued.

A sadness passed through Sean's eyes. -Bella, please... can we put that matter aside?

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"Thank you, Bella," Sean said as he sat down next to her and pulled her into his arms. Bella was surprised, but she didn't refuse. Instead, she wrapped her arms around his neck and hugged him back.

Sean smiled as he said, "Please wait for me." I'll convince them to accept you and Daxton.

The smile on his face slowly faded as he remembered his son. If Tristan found out about Dax and knew she was marrying Sean, she'd probably do something to make things difficult for them, right?

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Bella pushed Sean away from her. When she saw the confusion in her eyes, she immediately asked -Sean, do you know who Dax's father is?

-Bella, you may not believe it, but I don't know who he is. "Although I wanted to investigate your ex-husband several times." Sean smiled uncomfortably. This was the first time they had talked about this matter.

Sean noticed that Bella was quiet and not responding to his words.

Then, he continued saying -I am so curious to know about the man who traumatized you and made you hesitate to remarry. Does he come from a rich and influential family? Can you tell me who he is?

Bella appeared calm, although inside, she was anxious. "Dax's father is Tristan Sinclair," she said, looking him in the eyes. She was curious if Sean knew Tristan.

Sean felt like he'd been struck by lightning when he heard the name. He cursed internally, frustrated that of all the rich and influential men in the country, he had to be Tristan Sinclair. -Did you know him? -Bella could see the trace of anger

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Sean's look.

After trying to hide his annoyance and anger, Sean nodded to respond.

-Yes, I know him, but not closely. "Well, you could say that everyone in this country knows him," Sean said calmly, but inside, he felt like a hurricane was brewing.

"In fact," was the only word she managed to say, feeling uncomfortable talking about her ex-husband with the man who loved her.

After a long silence, Sean said, "But my parents might know him a little better." I remember Tristan Sinclair invited my parents to his wedding. So that must have been your wedding... And I remember paes

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That while he saw Bella's face darken.

Bella slowly lowered her head to avoid his gaze. After a while, she said -Sean, that's why I couldn't accept your feelings before and avoided every time you asked me about this matter. Because I knew that the possibility of your parents accepting me was zero. They even came to my wedding, so they must

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having seen my face... how funny would it be if they knew that now you want to marry me? The former lady

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Bella paused momentarily to take a deep breath before continuing. -I am a single mother. Tristan's ex-wife. If he invited your parents to our wedding, it means... he's pretty close to your family, right?

Bella remembers that when she got married, only a few people attended, all of them her closest relatives. If Tristan invited Sean's parents, it means that he already considered them part of his family.

-Thinking about all that was enough to give him a headache.

Sean's heart sank upon hearing her words. But he tries not to show it to her. She gently squeezed her hand as if to encourage her and let her know that he would handle everything.

However, Sean watched as she lowered her head, avoiding his gaze. Afraid she would cry again, he tilted his head to meet her gaze.

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-Bells, do you love me? -she asked.

Bella was surprised to hear his question. She had never really told him her deepest feelings.

He didn't answer the question because he would lie if

I nodded.

Sean smiled bitterly when she didn't respond.

-Is there any possibility that you will come to love me? she asked again.

She nodded.

"Well, at least he didn't reject me," he tried to comfort his heart.

-Could you look at me, Bella? Sean's soft voice sounded like a request rather than an order, and Bella immediately turned to look at him.

Bella could only smile back when she saw his genuine and warm smile.

"As long as you give me time to convince them, we will definitely be together," he said. With her other hand, she gently caressed his flushed cheek. Please be patient waiting for me, can you?

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"Hmm, I'll wait," Bella whispered softly. It was the first time she found the courage to open her wounded heart again. She didn't know the future for them, but she was willing to try. Maybe this time, God would bless her with the true, lasting romantic destiny she had been waiting for.

With warm eyes, Sean cast a long glance over her face before kissing her right on her warm lips.

After so many years, this was the first time Bella shared a kiss romantically with a man she liked and might even fall in love with. The man who could flatter her cold heart.

Her cheeks turned red like a distraught teenager. Bella couldn't help but notice how strange it was.

"You look cute, Bells... makes me forget that you're a 31-year-old single mother with a son," Sean joked, making Bella cover her cheeks with both of her

hands.

-Oh please, Sean Spencer! Stop teasing me! she said, narrowing her eyes at him.
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Spencer, you should think about how to broach the subject with your parents. I know it won't be easy for you to convince them. It reminded her of the difficult task she had ahead of her.

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He disappeared. She laid her head on the couch, her face looking up at the crystal chandelier she hung above.

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He saw that his steak was finished, he continued,

Do you need more food? Do you want Mommy to order you another steak?

Dax shook his head slightly.

-I’m not going to eat anymore, Mom. I’m just curious about something.

Bella was stunned.

Normally, your child would ask for more food because he or she likes to eat.

-What is it, darling? -Bella asked as she put her silverware down and paid more attention to him.

-Mom, you said before that great-grandfather was in a coma and hospitalized, right? But why has he returned to

House?

Belle was amused by the way this one spoke.

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-Your great-grandfather recovered immediately when I visited him. So, tomorrow we don’t need to go to the hospital to visit him, but we will go to his house...

-Wow, really? That's great to hear, Mommy. I'm excited to meet Great-Grandpa... -Dax is

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excited. He flashes a smile at her mother before starting to eat her dessert.

Bella gently ruffled Dax's hair and let him enjoy his chocolate cake.

She asks Aunt Noora to pack her clothes since they will move to her grandfather's Villa before flying away.

return to the capital.

"Yes, young miss," Noora gave Bella an OK sign. She was glad to finally be able to return to the old house she lived in before following Bella into the city.

"Oh, I forgot to ask you, little one," Bella turned her gaze to Dax. How was your day with Uncle Sean? Did you play with him today?

Even though Bella had heard what they had done from Sean, she wanted to hear it straight from her son's mouth.

-Uncle Sean took me for a walk around the city. We also stopped at a restaurant. After that, Uncle Sean also bought me a Lego as my welcome gift. After that... -Dax-he paused, trying to remember. Mom, I forgot what

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It happened after that... What I remember is that I woke up in my bedroom. I guess... I fell asleep in the car.

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-So you didn't say goodbye to him? -Bella asked.

Dax shook his head in disappointment.

-Mom, please call Tio for me. I want to talk to him. Please, Mom... -he asked as he blinked into her beautiful blue eyes, making Bella smile.

-Sorry, Dax, I can't call you right now. Uncle Sean is on duty now Bella said. She wanted to call him too, but in the last message she received from him, she told him that

she was boarding. She also mentioned that she probably wouldn't be able to use her cell phone for an unknown amount of time.

Seeing the disappointment emanating from Dax's gaze, Bella could only smile weakly.

-Come on, let's go back to the room. We need to pack our things -Bella changed.

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about Sean.

After a few minutes, Bella walked out of the restaurant. A man with a black hat looked

He worried around before entering a black van parked behind the Estrella Hotel.

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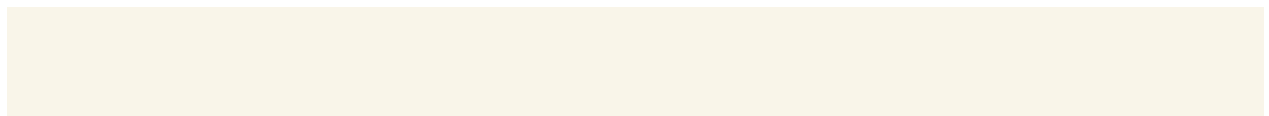
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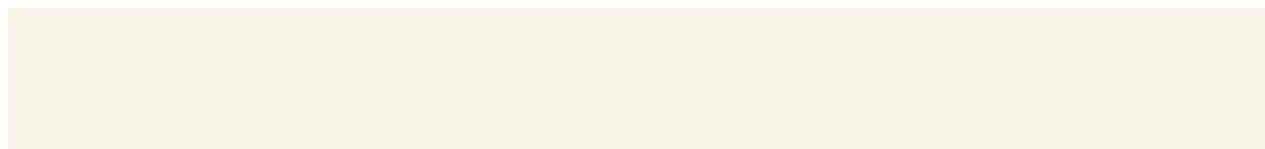
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He saw that his steak was finished, he continued,

Do you need more food? Do you want Mommy to order you another steak?

Dax shook his head slightly.

-I’m not going to eat anymore, Mom. I’m just curious about something.

Bella was stunned.

Normally, your child would ask for more food because he or she likes to eat.

-What is it, darling? -Bella asked as she put her silverware down and paid more attention to him.

-Mom, you said before that great-grandfather was in a coma and hospitalized, right? But why has he returned to

House?

Bella was amused by the way this little guy spoke.

-Your great-grandfather recovered immediately when I visited him. So, tomorrow we don't need to go to the hospital to visit him, but we will go to his house...

-Wow, really? That's great to hear, Mommy. I'm excited to meet Great-Grandpa... -Dax is

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excited. He flashes a smile at her mother before start eating your dessert.

Bella gently ruffled Dax's hair and let him enjoy his chocolate cake.

She asks Aunt Noora to pack her clothes since they will move to her grandfather's Villa before flying away.

return to the capital.

"Yes, young miss," Noora gave Bella an OK sign. She was glad to finally be able to return to the old house she lived in before following Bella into the city.

"Oh, I forgot to ask you, little one," Bella turned her gaze to Dax. How was your day with Uncle Sean? Did you play with him today?

Even though Bella had heard what they had done from Sean, she wanted to hear it straight from her son's mouth.

-Uncle Sean took me for a walk around the city. We also stopped at a restaurant. After that, Uncle Sean also bought me a Lego as my welcome gift. After that... -Dax paused, trying to remember+. Mom, I forgot what

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happened after that... What I remember is that I

I woke up in my bedroom. I guess... I fell asleep in the car.

Bella, "..."

-So you didn't say goodbye to him? -Bella asked.

Dax shook his head in disappointment.

—Mom, please call Uncle for me. I want to talk to him. Please, Mom... -he asked as he blinked into her beautiful blue eyes, making Bella smile.

-Sorry, Dax, I can't call you right now. Uncle Sean is on duty now Bella said. She wanted to call him too, but in the last message she received from him, she told him that she was boarding. She also mentioned that she probably wouldn't be able to use her cell phone for an unknown amount of time.

Seeing the disappointment emanating from Dax's gaze, Bella could only smile weakly.

-Come on, let's go back to the room. Need

pack our things -Bella changed

deliberately the topic of conversation so that your child's attention is distracted without asking further questions

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about Sean.

After a few minutes, Bella left the restaurant. A man with a black hat looked around worriedly before entering a black van parked behind the Estrella Hotel.

He handed a black bag containing used cutlery and glasses from one of the restaurant's diners to a man next to him.

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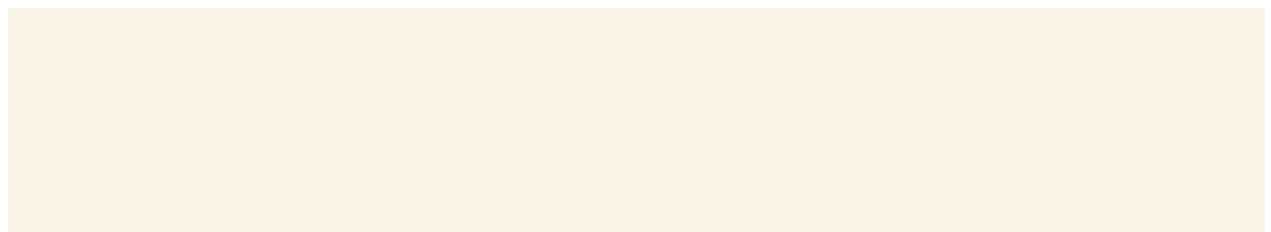
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black van parked behind the Estrella Hotel. She handed a man next to him a black bag containing used cutlery and glasses from one of her restaurant customers. •

“This is your fee,” the man handed a thick brown envelope to the man in the black hat.

-Sir, I won't have any problems, right? -the man in the black hat asked after putting the envelope in his jacket pocket.

-Man, everything will be fine. No need to worry!

The man in the black hat breathed a sigh of relief. Actually, this was an easy task for him. However, if his superiors found out what he was doing, they would fire him. But he also couldn't turn down someone who offered him \$10k. He needed money to pay his mother's hospital bills.

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-Well sir. So, I'll excuse myself now... -The man in the black hat bowed his head slightly before getting out of the van.

After the man in the black hat got out of the car, the man who received the bag was Tristan Sinclair's assistant Dylan. He looked at Max, who was sitting next to the driver.

-Have you erased our traces? -Dylan didn't want anyone to notice they were there.

“Don't worry,” Max said calmly. Then, he looked at the driver. You can move now.

At the same time, when Bella and the others arrived at the suite, her mobile phone rang. Jack was the one who called. He asked Dax to play with Noora before entering her bedroom to answer the call.

“Hello, Jack...” Bella greeted him happily, only to hear his cold response.

“I thought you forgot about me again, Bella,” he said.

-Sorry, boss. She was a little busy here and I forgot

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contact you -Bella laughed lightly, ignoring his annoyance.

“I’m glad to know you arrived safely,” Jack’s voice became warm. That made Bella smile as she walked towards the large glass window, looking at the busy street below as she chatted.

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-Thank you, Jack.

It’s not that big of a deal...

-Did you just want to ask me about this?

-Of course not. Your assistant has arrived in the capital. “He’ll take care of your business in the office before you start work,” Jack explained.

-Oh, did you send someone from the head office? -Bella was surprised.

“It fits your requirements perfectly,” Ack said in his not-so-affectionate tone.

-Who? Do I know him... do I know her? -Bella was curious because her requirements for a personal assistant of hers were quite complicated.

Bella only wanted to cause trouble for Jack because he

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forced her to return when she wanted to enjoy her life without work. She plans to take the dividends from his joint venture company, but her plan fails because of

he.

-I’m not going to tell you! -He laughed-. You can meet him when you visit the office. When will you start?

-In two weeks

-Why are you delaying again? Didn’t you promise me you’d only need a week? -Jack exploded, frustrated by his words.

Bella shook her head smiling:

– Tsk... tsk... Boss, can you not interrupt me?

-Ah, haven’t you finished your words yet? -Yeah.

“Okay, continue...” said Jack.

you emanate... if you allow me. Then my

Hey handsome boss, what’s your answer?

-At the! – Jack responds firmly.

-Tsk! Tsk! “You are a heartless boss,” said Bella,

bothers. However, when she heard Jack repeat

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many excuses, he quickly interrupted him saying that he was sleepy.

After the phone call, Bella opened her laptop

searched for information on Tristan Sinclair.

I needed to know the latest news about Tristan

before telling Dax about him.

Dax was wearing his pajamas. He leaned against the headboard while reading something on his iPad – a business interview with the CEO of Sinclair Corp.

A few minutes passed, but I was still focused on the photo of the Sinclair Corp CEO and the CEO’s answers to the interviewer’s questions. The interviewer asked about the CEO’s personal life.

Dax felt strange because it was the first time he

It was in the personal life of a man of leisure. He usually only read about his business success.

Looking into Tristan Sinclair’s blue eyes, Dax senses something interesting about the man. Curious about this man, he opens a browser to search for more details about him.

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However, before Dax finished writing his name, his fingers stopped when he heard a knock on the door, followed by his mother’s voice.

-Honey you there?

He put his iPad on the bed and answered, -Yes, Mommy...

Dax watched as she opened the door, but after a few seconds passed, she didn't say anything and just stood at the door, looking at him with a strange expression.

He asked calmly, "Are you okay, Mom?" Why do you stand at the door and look at me like that?

Bella was stunned upon hearing his question. She tried to focus again on what she wanted to tell him about her father's family. She needed to do it now before visiting Village Lake tomorrow.

He was worried that Grandpa Sinclair would recognize Dax when they got there and it would cause confusion for Dax.

-Can I come in, Dax? -she asked.

He nods.

"I need to talk to you about something," Bella said as she walked towards the bed and sat down next to it. His ears

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They looked at Dax, who looked confused. -Do you want to know about your father?

Dax's eyes widened in surprise at his mother's words. He nodded.

I'd be lying if I said no. She had always wanted to. ask her mother about it, but she didn't dare to do it for unknown reasons.

His curiosity about his biological father arose a year ago. After she was able to read fluently, she came across a strange article: Reasons Single Mothers Raise Their Children Alone.

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In the article, he found several ridiculous reasons. But, two reasons could fit his mother. First, her father had died. Second, his mother got a sperm donor, so she doesn't have a father.

Dax felt excited, hoping that his mother

would respond to your curiosity.

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