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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1005-“You know Luna is related to the Barretts as well, right? My ex-husband is the CEO of Barrett Group, and the Barretts thought Luna’s son was Timothy’s son. She’d been staying with the Barretts before she returned to Nord City. She’s also hell-bent on having Asher take over the Barrett family.”

“How dare she?”

“She’s very ambitious. That’s why I’ve had conflicts with her before, and I wanted to get rid of her through you.”

Understanding her intentions, Jasmine murmured gloomily, “But my dad has already decided to groom that child into his successor. What can I do? Just because I’m not a boy, all my efforts meant nothing to my father no matter how hard I try.”

“You can’t give up just yet. You need to pull yourself together for your mother’s sake. Not only is Luna very ambitious and resourceful, she’s even willing to go to extreme lengths to achieve her goals. If you’re not careful, you and your mother might end up gaining nothing at all. Both of you might even be in deep waters by then. She won’t show any mercy.”

Jasmine’s expression changed drastically. “I won’t let Luna have her way. My mom sacrificed so much, including her health, just to help my father become the mayor. If Luna’s going to destroy all this, I’ll make sure my father falls from power the same way he rose to it.”

“Actually, there’s no need to go to such extreme lengths. It’s quite unrealistic to execute it as well, and it might ruin both of you. Your dad will pay a heavy price, but your family will suffer tremendously too. Moreover, your family’s business will be destroyed.”

“Mia, what shall I do then? I can’t just let them have their way. It’s all thanks to my mom that my dad has his current position. She had been tirelessly weaving out his plans for him over these years, causing her health to gradually decline. And yet, he still insists on taking his mistress’s daughter back to our family, even intending to groom her son into his heir. How could he?”

“You’ll have to plan it in the long run.”

“What should I do?”

“First of all, you need to feign innocence in front of your dad. Don’t let Luna get ahead of you. After all, your father is bound to feel remorse toward you.”

“If he really does, he wouldn’t have brought Luna and her child back to our family. He won’t groom her child into his heir if he was really remorseful.”

“Nope, you should act vulnerable now. Your dad just wants a grandson, right? Agree to let Asher into the Shelbert family, but under one condition-Luna isn’t allowed to return to your family.” Dumbfounded, Jasmine inquired, “I don’t quite understand. Why should I let that boy into our family and inherit everything from us?”

Feeling quite emotional, she continued, “It’s all thanks to my grandma’s background that my father got to where he is today. Why should I let his mistress’s daughter take everything away from us? Even if this is an act, I can’t do it.”

“This isn’t just an act. You have to be aware that your father is the head of your family now he no longer has to rely on your family. So, confronting him head-on won’t do you any good. You have to play along.

Jasmine fell silent.

As the silence stretched on, Mia continued, “Promise your father that you’ll take the child back to your family. But at the same time, you need to talk to your mother and your grandmother’s side of the family. Say that you’re willing to let this child stay in your family, and you’ll educate him properly. Both of you will support each other and inherit everything in the family.”

“My grandmother won’t agree to this. She’ll surely demand justice for my mother,” Jasmine said.

“I know your grandma adores you. However, you can make a secret deal with her. Put on an act and let your grandma scold you. This is a great opportunity for you.” Jasmine was perplexed. “I still don’t quite understand.”

“Your father will think that you’re on his side after you do this. It’ll seem like you betrayed your grandmother’s side for the sake of his benefit. So, he will side with you and Luna won’t have the chance to sow discord between you two.

“Then, you should seize the opportunity to gain control of your father’s companies and assets. If you take the child back with you, it’ll take more than a decade for the kid to grow up and compete with you for these properties. There will be plenty of time for you to work on your plan.”

Even Mia was slightly surprised at herself after laying out her plan. If she were her old self, she would probably feel as helpless as Jasmine was. Yet, she now knew how to handle such situations after going through various ordeals herself.

Jasmine began, “My father is a cunning man. He won’t buy it easily. Besides, my acting also sucks. He’ll definitely see right through me.”

“After all these arrangements, tell your father that you’re not going to marry in the future. Instead, you’ll have a guy marry into your family and your child will take on your family’s last name as well. In this case, Luna’s child will no longer be special.”

Rubbing her face, Jasmine expressed, “Thanks. I know you’re saying all this for my own good, but I still need to consider.”

Just then, her phone rang.

Mia noticed that it was Raymond calling her. Evidently, Luna was already one step ahead of Jasmine in seeking his empathy, which was why he called.

Jasmine answered the phone, “Hello, Dad.”

Raymond bellowed from the other end of the call, “Where are you now? Come back home this instant! I have something important to tell you.”

The call was disconnected before Jasmine could ask what’s wrong. She turned toward Mia with a sarcastic expression, saying, “You were right. Luna’s already made her move.”

“Don’t worry. Go back and see what’s going on first. I believe you’ll excel in this if you really set your mind to it. Having received the best education from your family, you wouldn’t possibly lose to Luna, right? She’s merely a trickster.” Jasmine nodded. “Alright, I’ll see how it goes. Thank you, anyway. If it weren’t for you, my mom and I would still be kept in the dark. By the time we found out, it’d definitely be too late.”

“You don’t need to thank me. In fact, I’m only doing this for my own sake. I have a feud with Luna as well, so have to eliminate her advantages in this situation. She can’t become your father’s legitimate daughter. Otherwise, I’ll also be in trouble by then.”

Luna would surely become a nuisance once she gained power. She had almost prevented Sage from receiving his bone marrow treatment. Thus, Mia had to stop her from climbing up the social ladder.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1007-“Rest assured, I won’t let Luna have her way. She’s merely a woman who is still serving a prison sentence, so she has no right to dally around in Nord City. She should be back at Bern City, serving her time.” Jasmine rose and left swiftly, leaving Mia alone on the couch. She glanced at the latest edition bag and said to Luke, “Wrap it up and send it to the Shelbert family.”

Luna would be infuriated if she saw the bag. The bag suited Jasmine, though.

Mia was intrigued to find out how Luna would act if Jasmine convinced her family to accept Asher into the family, but not Luna.

After all, Luna was only acting the way she was now because Raymond agreed to adopt Asher, which granted her grandeur in return.

If the Shelberts agreed to adopt Asher only, Luna would lose her leverage. Raymond desired a boy as his successor, and it’d be best for him if the Shelbert family was willing to accept the child. It would be a breeze for him to take a child away in Nord City.

Mia felt a little sympathy for Asher. Ever since he was born, Luna had used him as a bargaining chip for her own benefit. She came to the Barrett family first, and now she’d turned to Raymond once the Barretts appeared unreliable.

When Mia left the mall, Peyton approached her and said, “Yellow Island has already sent someone over to deal with the situation, and Mr. Dominic’s assistant has gone to handle it. Do you want to contact Mr. Dominic and discuss how to handle this? Yellow Island is a sensitive topic, after all.”

“I know. I’ll go home later tonight.”

Mia knew trouble was inevitable after she got into a conflict with the Yellow Islanders. Dominic would definitely intervene by then, but she was unfazed. Louisa had caused such a huge scene at the research institute that day, so how could she stand by and let her disrupt the staff's routine?

Sage's treatment depended on the research institute, after all.

Mia noticed Ginger was making some handicrafts when she arrived home. Surprised, she went up to her and asked, "What are you doing, Ginger?"

"Sage is coming back to school with me next month. I'm going to make some gifts for him to give to my teachers and classmates, so he can get close to them. Then, he'll have friends too."

Ginger beamed at her. It was the first time Mia saw her being this attentive in making handicrafts.

Stroking Ginger's head, Mia said, "With you around Sage, he'll definitely have friends in kindergarten. I don't have to worry because you'll protect him."

"Of course you don't have to worry, Mommy! I'll take good care of Sage."

Eve chuckled. "Ever since Ginger found out the exact date Sage is returning to kindergarten, she has been insisting on preparing gifts. She didn't go out to play all afternoon today. Instead, she has been making gifts in the living room. She didn't ask for help from others either."

Ginger has always been pampered by everyone in the Lane family, and even the maids doted on her. There would always be people assisting her if she were to do something. Her past creations used to be crooked, and the maids always helped her perfect her handicrafts. However, she didn't let anyone help her this time.

Casting a benevolent look at Ginger, Mia remembered that Sage only agreed to attend kindergarten after hearing Ginger boast about having a brother. He didn't want to disappoint her.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1008-Dominic returned home on time for dinner. Eva turned toward him and quipped, "I can't believe my eyes.

You actually came back for dinner despite being so busy.” Dominic took her hand after removing his coat. “Yeah, right. You wouldn’t have texted me and said that Mia came back for dinner if you didn’t want me to come back.” As he spoke, he glanced at Mia. “Mia, come. I’ve got something to discuss with you.”

Mia knew Dominic wanted to talk to her, so she came back home for dinner today. She went outside with him and stared at him.

“Dominic, did I cause you any trouble because of the Yellow Islanders?”

“Mia, I’ve told you that nothing you do will ever cause me any trouble. Yellow Island has indeed sent someone over, but don’t worry. It’s only right of you to kick them out when they made a scene at the research institute. If I were there that day, it wouldn’t have been as simple as sending them to the district.”

Dominic was aware that the research institute was responsible for Sage’s treatment as well. He also saw how the Yellow Islanders could barge in so easily to cause trouble.

Mia stuck out her tongue. “That’s a relief. The Yellow Islanders have been particularly persistent. Also, we haven’t been on good terms with the mayor lately either. If he decides to work with Yellow Island to target our family, we’ll be in deep trouble.”

Ruffling her hair, Dominic said, “Don’t worry about this. Mr. Shelbert is getting ahead of himself lately. He has reached out to the Barretts, but he’s also working with Yellow Island at the same time. I know what he’s up to.”

“But if he really forms an alliance with the Yarrows and the Barretts, he’ll definitely target our family.”

“Are you worried that I’ll be targeted, or are you worried that we’ll have to confront the Barretts?” Dominic asked.

“It doesn’t matter if we confront the Barretts. Just settle it like how we usually do. What I’m worried about is fact that Mr. Shelbert has an illegitimate daughter.” Dominic arched his brows. “Mr. Shelbert has an illegitimate daughter? Tell me more about it. How did you find out?”

“It’s not uncommon to have illegitimate children in families like his, but there must be a reason for you to specifically bring it up.”

Mia began, "His illegitimate daughter is Luna. She was initially serving her time in Bern City, but he secretly brought her to Nord City." "What? That woman was brought away?"

Dominic's expression soured. He knew who Luna was since she had secretly swapped the bone marrow and nearly caused Sage to have an accident.

He even personally dispatched a legal team to handle the matter, deliberately causing her to serve a heavier sentence so she'd pay a price in prison.

"Yeah. I only found out about this by chance when I attended a charity banquet last time. I never expected Luna to be Mr. Shelbert's illegitimate daughter. Moreover, it seems like he intends to have her stay in Nord City. He even wants to make a deal with me."

"I guess Mr. Shelbert must've used me to threaten you."

Mia nodded. "But I couldn't care less. I pretended to agree, but I could still work on many things."

Relieved, Dominic said, "You're my sister, indeed. You're all grown up now. But let me handle this matter. A woman who's been in prison doesn't deserve your time. A hint of murderous intent flickered in his eyes. Anyone who dared to take advantage of Mia was dead meat to him.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1009-Sensing the malice in Dominic's eyes, Mia tugged on his hand in a haste. She urged him not to act impulsively. She knew he adored her, always standing by her side whenever something happened. "Dominic, you don't have to intervene. I can settle such trivial matters on my own. As for issues related to Yellow Island, I'll have to ask for your help."

Seeing how unyielding she was, Dominic sighed. "Mia, I could've just gotten rid of these annoying people for you."

"I know you mean well, but you don't have to be directly involved in dealing with such trifles."

Dominic scoffed. "Fine. But tell me if Luna goes overboard. It's a piece of cake for me to have someone like her dealt with in Nord City."

"Sure, but letting her disappear so easily is too light of a punishment for her."

Mia didn't want to trouble Dominic. He was already swamped with work to begin with, and he had even more on his plate now after the Yellow Island incident. Raymond would likely seize the chance to pressure him by rallying the Yellow Islanders, after all.

Dealing with Luna was something she could handle on her own.

Furrowing his brows, Dominic was reluctant to comply. Mia tugged at his arm and cooed, "Dominic, please just agree with me."

His features finally softened. Feeling resigned, he began, "If you have time for this, you should've gone on a vacation abroad instead. Go see the aurora or surf by the beach."

"I'm already getting sick of it. I just want to deal with Luna personally."

"Does it really make a difference if I handle it in your stead?"

"It does. For the past few years, you've been worried that Timothy will find me. I kept a low profile instead, but everyone thought I was vulnerable. So, I'll have to act on this opportunity to prove to these people that the Lanes aren't to be messed with."

Finally, Dominic concurred. "Alright, I'll leave it to you. Just let me know if you need any men or funds."

"Alright."

Actually, Mia didn't lack money at all. Having established companies and projects over the years, she had filled her pockets to the brim.

Both of them returned to the dining room after their discussion was over.

The next day, Mia saw the headlines about Louisa being sent to jail. The news began circulating in the city.

Yellow Island had issued a statement, accusing Nord City of arbitrarily detaining their people. Insinuating that the research institute was being backed by el net prominent figure, they demanded an explanation from the institute.

Turning the tables to their favor was naturally the Yellow Islanders' forte. With their implication, they meant to portray the research institute as an illegal



establishment by alleging that the institute had arbitrarily detained their people.

It was truly in line with the Yellow Islanders' usual approach-hypocritical and shameless.

Mia immediately called Peyton. "Where's the video we have? Get the PR department to release it right away. We absolutely cannot let Yellow Island take control of the narrative." The Yellow Islanders had the gall to make such accusations because they thought Mia didn't have any evidence.

Or, they figured the institute wouldn't dare to offend them, so they chose to recede. Well, this might have worked for them in the past, but they've messed with the wrong person.

Soon, the video was uploaded to the internet. As Louisa's audacious speech was spread all over the internet, it caused an instant sensation. The number of views skyrocketed, stirring public outrage.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1010-It was already too late when Yellow Island realized that things were spiraling out of control. With the public opinion against Louisa now, everyone was attacking her from all sides. "It's been centuries since the royal family has existed, yet she's still acting so high and mighty."

"Yeah, the Yellow Islanders think they're better than everyone. I've worked with people from Yellow Island before, and even a minor administrative staff member is so arrogant. Let alone this woman here, who is clearly of high status."

"Exactly. They're finally being exposed. Claiming themselves as the descendants of the royal family, they've always looked down on others. They think that we commoners aren't even worthy of talking to them. "In ancient times, even kings bear the same punishment as commoners if they committed a crime. In this modern day and age, it's only right to punish the Yellow Islanders according to the law if they violated the law in Nord City."

"Hurry up and tag the mayor. Let him handle this matter."

Soon, Mia noticed the public opinion shifting toward Raymond, with everyone awaiting his response in regard to this incident. After all, he'd just issued some

regulations regarding the law lately and they had been blatantly violated by Louisa.

In fact, Mia was also curious about how Raymond would approach this matter. In light of him constantly reaching out to the Yellow Islanders, it implied that there would be further cooperation with them. The Yellow Islanders would definitely seek Raymond's intervention to deal with this incident. But Raymond had just announced the regulations of the law lately.

If he chose to side with them, he would be contradicting the laws he had previously enacted himself, essentially undermining himself. If he remained neutral, they would surely cease all future cooperation with him given their arrogant nature.

Mia gloated, figuring Raymond must be extremely overwhelmed now. The Yellow Islanders were definitely pressuring him now.

Peyton soon informed her that someone had been trying to diminish the influence of this incident, but to no avail. Louisa's net brazen remarks had grown.

impactful that it was impossible to remove it from the trending topics.

Mia also specifically instructed Peyton to keep the news trending on social media and not let the heat die down. She wouldn't let the Yellow Islanders off the hook easily, and she was also determined to teach Raymond a lesson.

el Mia was in a good mood. However, she soon received a call from Jasmine. She instantly knew it must be related to Raymond's Perhaps Jasmine had e already made up her mind.

"What's up?"

"Mia, are you free this afternoon? I'd like to invite you out for afternoon tea."

"Where do you want to meet? I'll come over in a while."

After Mia hung up, she figured that Jasmine probably had something urgent to tell her. Even if she had other plans, they would have to wait at times like this.

She arrived at the cafe they had agreed upon earlier. The moment she stepped into the cafe, she spotted Jasmine hurrying over with sunglasses on. She clearly didn't seem well.

They sat down after finding a secluded area. As Jasmine removed her glasses, Mia noticed how swollen and bloodshot her eyes were from crying.

She poured a glass of water for Jasmine. "What exactly happened?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1011-It seemed that Raymond's family had been going through a lot lately.

Jasmine said, "I planned to follow your advice and have my family accept Asher as my brother. But I just couldn't bring myself to do it.

"I can't believe how much my dad has changed because of him. When I finally talked to my dad, I realized I never really understood him."

Her voice choked with emotion as she spoke, and Mia handed her a tissue. Jasmine's vibrant confidence had waned since she had first returned to the country.

Mia empathized with Jasmine. How could Jasmine accept her respected father to bring Luna's son into the family just to have a male heir because he favored sons over daughters? Jasmine wiped away her tears and asked, "Mia, are you disappointed in me? I thought I could do it, but in the end, I just couldn't."

Mia responded, "No. You've done well considering the circumstances. Many would have crumbled by now.

"It's just a matter of time before you come to terms with everything. And there's still hope. Your father's preoccupied with the Yellow Island incident and seems lost on how to address it." "He brought it upon himself," Jasmine said with a wry smile.

She added, "He's been dealing with Yellow Island and trying to make deals with the Barrett family. He clearly wanted to distance himself from your family. I've tried to talk him out of it, but he is stubborn and won't listen to me.

"When we collaborated with Mr.

Shelbert in the past, it was out of respect for your mother, not him. You can trust that we won't turn against your family over this Dominic isn't the type to do that."

Mia aimed to establish trust with Jasmine by clarifying her stance while making it clear that her primary concern was with Luna.

"That's why I find my father's actions impulsive and illogical. The people from Yellow Island are ambitious and unreliable.

"What does he hope to achieve by collaborating with them? Does he really think he can become king or something?"

Mia paused. "Your father probably has his reasons. Perhaps he feels that the Lane family has overshadowed him for years. So, he wants the Shelberts to become the top elite family in Nord City"

Jasmine remarked sarcastically, "He wants us to become the top elite family in Nord City. If it hadn't been for my mother, he wouldn't have even made it this far. Plus, his family would have gone bankrupt long ago.

"All the money he's spent over the years was managed by my mother. Does he really think being the top elite family is that easy?"

Considering all the support her mother had given her father and seeing her health decline while his career took off, Jasmine assumed her father would treat her mother better.

However, she was shocked when her father went to such extremes for what he considered essential—a male heir. Didn't he understand how devastating her mother would be if he brought Asher home?

Mia had already investigated Raymond's rise to success and discovered that he owed much of it to his wife. For a moment, Mia was speechless.

Half an hour later, Jasmine finally calmed down. She looked at Mia earnestly and said, "I need your help with something."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1012—"What is it?" Mia asked.

“Well, I’ve always liked Nathan. When I returned to the country, my dad tried to set us up, but Nathan didn’t seem keen on the idea. So, I was wondering if you could help me out.” Jasmine’s request caught Mia off guard.

After a pause, Mia responded, “I’m sorry. I can assist with other matters, but not this one.”

Jasmine smiled bitterly. “I understand if it’s too much to ask. Given my family’s circumstances, I realize I might not meet Nathan’s standards.”

“It’s not about your family background. My brothers have never judged anyone based on that. They just have different standards when it comes to relationships.

“They might not be as easygoing as you assume. Despite being good brothers, they might not necessarily make good partners.”

Jasmine shook her head. “You’re underestimating your brothers. With the exception of a few, they’re all virtuous. The majority of them are truly remarkable.”

Mia knew she was referring to Liam and Jason. She added, “Plus, I’d rather not involve Dominic in Nathan’s major life decisions. I can help you with anything else, but not this.”

“Okay, I get it. But could you do me a favor and set up a meeting with Nathan? I’d like to talk to him in person. If he’s willing to help...”

Mia hesitated. She knew Nathan well and understood he wouldn’t agree to meet just anyone.

Jasmine added, “I promise to deal with Luna for you and fully support you. If the Shelberts back out of this mess in the future, I’ll stand with you.”

Upon hearing that, Mia promptly agreed, “Okay, I’ll help you set up a meeting with Nathan, but I can’t promise anything.”

When Jasmine first asked for Mia’s help, she hesitated. She didn’t want to put Nathan in an uncomfortable position by agreeing to an engagement with Jasmine. Mia wouldn’t risk his happiness like that.

However, arranging a simple dinner where Jasmine could talk to Nathan directly seemed feasible to Mia. After all, getting the Shelbert family's unconditional support for the Lane family in exchange for a casual dinner date was a good deal.

Since Raymond wanted Luna on his side, Mia knew she had to win over Jasmine.

Jasmine breathed a sigh of relief. "Thank you. I'll remember your help today, no matter what happens."

Throughout this period, she reached out to her friends and relatives. She discovered that they were all loyal to her father and unwilling to listen to her.

It dawned on her that since her mother's retirement, her social circle had shifted to align with her father's interests. This realization left her with a profound sense of isolation and helplessness.

After chatting for a while, Mia checked the time. "It's getting late. How about we grab dinner?"

They went to the nearest restaurant, but as Mia reached the door, she bumped into Sharon.

The next moment, Sharon stormed up to her. "Mia, we need to talk."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1013-Mia was surprised to see Sharon. After all, the last time they had met was at Jasmine's charity dinner, and they hadn't kept in touch since.

Mia hadn't paid any attention to what had happened with Ralph and that family since it didn't concern her. But she didn't expect Sharon to storm toward her.

Jasmine felt awkward when she saw Sharon. She knew Sharon was Mia's former mother-in-law and that she had invited Sharon to the charity dinner in Nord City, as her father had suggested. Raymond wanted to build rapport with the Barrett family. However, Jasmine didn't know about her father's connection with Luna or his plan to use Asher to win over the Barretts at that time.

If she had known, she wouldn't have gone along with it so easily and wouldn't have let the Barretts come near Mia to cause trouble.

Mia looked at Sharon and said, "I don't think there's anything left to discuss. We settled everything a long time ago, right?" Seeing that Sharon hadn't left Nord City and appeared poised for confrontation, Mia had already surmised the topic of conversation. Sharon took a deep breath and glanced at Jasmine. She said softly, "Ms. Shelbert, could you give us a moment alone?" Jasmine nodded and looked at Mia. "I'll go in and order first."

Mia turned to Sharon and asked, "What do you want to talk about? I don't have much time." She wasn't interested in talking to Sharon.

Sharon's expression flickered with a mix of emotions. Then, she pleaded, "Could you help me, Mia? Ralph had been detained and couldn't be bailed out. As one of the top elite families in Nord City, could you use your influence to get him out?"

Mia wasn't surprised by her request. She had guessed Sharon wanted to talk about Ralph, but she couldn't tell if Sharon was feigning ignorance or genuinely clueless. How could she have the audacity to ask for such a favor?

n So, Mia responded indifferently, "I won't help you with this. Your brother conspired with the Bowl net family to spread lies about us Why would I help an enemy?" S "Mia, my brother was misled, too. He didn't know about their bad reputation in Nord City."

"Do you know what you're talking about? Or do you think I'm gullible enough to be swayed by a few words?"

Mia took a few steps forward, then glanced back at Sharon.

"Remember, I've given you a week. If you're still in Nord City by then, the police will escort you back. Think about whether you'll have the courage to face everyone in Bern City after that."

"Mia, how can you be so cruel? Do you really want to see me dead?"

"Yes, if that's what it takes for you to face reality. I'm not a saint or a good person. I gave you a chance, and if you don't take it, that's on you."

Mia was ready to leave. She didn't want to talk to Sharon anymore.

“Mia, are you trying to push me over the edge? If you’re upset, take it out on me, not my family.”

“Hey, what’s all the commotion about? I didn’t expect to walk in on a spectacle while grabbing a bite.”

Luna, dressed in designer clothes and carrying a branded bag, sauntered over. She looked at Sharon and Mia smugly.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1014-At that moment, Mia and Sharon finally saw that Luna was no longer the broke girl they once knew.

Mia turned and spotted Luna. She couldn’t believe how small the world was. After all, she had just randomly picked a restaurant for dinner and ran into her here. Suddenly, she lost her appetite.

When Sharon saw Luna, her expression changed drastically. She snarled, “How dare you show your face here! Shouldn’t you be rotting in jail?”

Luna shot back with a hint of contempt, “Why are you even allowed out of Bern City? If you can be here, why can’t I?”

She scoffed at the thought that anyone still saw her as the same old, helpless Luna.

Sharon sneered. “Luna, I’m not blind to how you’ve risen through the ranks by attaching yourself to an older man. Your shady past isn’t something you can sweep under the rug, no matter how hard you try.

“And let’s not pretend I’ve forgotten your attempt to marry my son by claiming that child was his. The only reason you were ever accepted into our family was because I believed Asher was my grandson. Now that it’s clear he is not related to my son, how can you still be so shameless?”

Sharon had been trying to find out who was behind Luna’s move to Nord City. It gnawed at her that Luna was living freely and extravagantly while she had to keep a low profile and could only stay for a week. Sharon still harbored resentment over Luna’s cunning schemes in deceiving her with Asher, which nearly caused Ginger’s death.

Luna casually touched her limited-edition designer bag and said, “Who said Asher isn’t related to your family?”



Sharon retorted, "Keep making up stories if you want, but Tim has already admitted that Asher isn't his child. So, what connection could he possibly have with us?"

Seeing Luna's haughty attitude, she off jeered, "First, you tried to pass your son as a Barrett, but when that plan flopped, you dug up his real father to assist in your relocation to Nord City. Am I right?" Luna laughed and said, "It looks like Timothy hasn't told you the truth yet. It's pathetic how you're still being kept in the dark.

"Mia, I'm sure you're aware of the relationship between Asher and the Barrett family, right?" Luna asked.

Mia hesitated and stayed silent.

Sharon turned to her and asked, "What is Asher's relationship to the Barrett family?"

Mia responded, "That's a question for Timothy, not me."

Sharon looked at Luna again and demanded, "What is your son's relationship with us?"

Luna smoothed out her clothes. "I meant to tell you sooner. But honestly, seeing how completely clueless and helpless you are right now, I think I'll hold off on sharing for a little while longer." Sharon was furious and lunged at Luna, who swiftly pushed her to the ground.

Luna shot Sharon a smug glance. "You think you can still boss me around? I'm not the same person you used to pick on. You old hag, this is Nord City, not Bern City. Things work differently here."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1015-When Mia saw Sharon being pushed to the ground, she was stunned. She never expected Luna and Sharon to get physical.

Sharon, accustomed to a life of privilege and entitlement, had never been treated like this before, especially by Luna, whom she had always looked down on.

Sharon fumed as she spat, "How dare you hit me! Do you know who my son is?"

"I know who your son is. But even if he were here, I'd still defend myself. You started it, so this is just self-defense. What, should I just stand here and let you hit me? Dream on, you old hag."

Sharon countered, "How dare you call me an old hag? When you were trying to worm your way into the Barrett family, you groveled for years."

"Now, you've shown your true colors. I knew you were just after our money. I'll expose your true colors to Tim."

"Go ahead. I don't have to rely on your family anymore. Report me to whoever you want. Honestly, an old hag like you is lucky to have a son like Timothy. Otherwise, someone would've knocked you off ages ago."

Luna's biting remark left Sharon gasping for air. Sharon covered her chest as she struggled to find a retort.

Mia, caught up in the drama unfolding before her, briefly entertained the idea of recording the confrontation. She hadn't anticipated such a public clash between the two, and Luna's cutting words nearly knocked Sharon off her feet.

It was like watching a scene from a soap opera, except she was missing the popcorn.

Sharon was furious and pointed at Luna. In a shaky tone, she said, "K tell my son, and he won't let you off. Just you wait." With that said, she immediately called Timothy. Luna's expression changed slightly, but she remained defiant. "Call anyone you want. I'm not afraid of your family anymore."

Raymond planned to adopt Asher into the Shelbert family. Since Asher had familial ties to the Barretts, Timothy couldn't sever this relationship since Asher was his half-brother's son.

Suddenly, a familiar ringtone filled the hallway.

Mia turned and saw Timothy and Raymond entering. Her previously amused expression grew serious. She was surprised to see them together.

She had heard rumors of a collaboration between them, but recent events on Yellow Island had overshadowed the news. Now, seeing them together confirmed it.

As soon as Sharon saw Timothy, she cried out, “Tim, you’re finally here! You have to stand up for me was attacked in Nord City. If word gets out, it’ll tarnish our family’s reputation. How are we supposed to face anyone?”

Timothy stepped forward, helping Sharon up as he whispered, “I’ll have someone take you to the hospital.”

“I’m not going to the hospital now. You have to stand up for me. Luna pushed me to the ground. I’ve never been humiliated like this.

“She should be in jail in Bern City. She’s a fugitive-call the police and have her arrested,” Sharon demanded, clutching Timothy’s arm. Today, she was determined to deal with Luna once and for all.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1016-Mia smiled slyly and said, “Mrs. Barrett, I’m afraid Timothy doesn’t have the final say in this matter.” Sharon turned to glare at her. “What nonsense are you spouting? Tim doesn’t have the final say?

“Dealing with Luna is as easy as squashing a bug. A woman with a criminal record like hers has no place in Nord City. She belongs behind bars in Bern City.”

Luna smirked. “If you didn’t stay in Bern City, why should I?”

“Do you think a woman of your lowly status can compete with me? Just because you snagged some rich old man and had a kid, you think you can do whatever you want?”

After hearing Sharon’s rant, Mia realized she was clueless. After all, Asher was Sharon’s husband’s illegitimate child’s son. If Sharon found out about this, it would be a devastating blow to her.

Luna laughed upon hearing that. “Timothy, do you see how arrogant the Barrett family is?”

Timothy frowned and instructed his secretary, “Take my mom to the hospital.”

Sharon was furious. “I’m not going to the hospital. Why should I? It feels like everyone is treating me like a fool and hiding secrets from me. Tim, tell me, what is Luna doing here? And who’s backing her up?” Sharon was determined to get to the bottom of it. She was upset whenever she saw Luna.

Raymond intervened, “Mrs. Barrett, if we need to discuss this, let’s go to a private room. There are too many eyes and cameras around, and we wouldn’t want any undue attention.”

He naturally wanted to avoid any public scrutiny.

Sharon’s demeanor softened upon noticing him.

Seeing this, Mia turned to leave, but Raymond called after her, “Ms. Lane, since we’ve run into each other, why not join us for a meal? After all, we’re acquainted.”

She replied coldly, “Even if we are, I don’t see the need to dine together.”

Since she didn’t want to eat with them, she headed to the elevator.

Timothy quickly approached her and asked in a hushed tone, “Did you come here alone?”

Mia responded coldly, “That’s none of your business. I’ll have dinner with whoever I want.”

Luna strutted over in her high heels. “Timothy did you know that Ms. Lane is quite the socialite in Nord City? Rumors about her affairs are endless. Plus, she’s not the orphan from Bern City anymore.”

n Mia glanced at Luna. “Remember when someone used to act all holier-than-thou, saying they weren’t into luxury brands? Now look at them all decked out in brands from head to toe. Guess you can’t keep those true desires hidden forever.”

Luna gritted her teeth and said, “I never really cared about all this before. But isn’t it because I was broke and powerless that you all looked down on me?” “You think we respect you now with your current status?”

Luna shot back angrily, “Mia, say that again! I’m not the same person you all used to bully.”

“I said, an illegitimate daughter like you will never be respected.”

Just then, Jasmine stepped out of the elevator.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1017-Mia sighed when she saw Jasmine. She knew things were about to get heated.

She had intended to head straight for the private room, but Jasmine's unexpected appearance threw her off guard.

Luna greeted Jasmine with a sneer as she emerged. "If we're talking about who came first, you'd win the illegitimate daughter title."

Jasmine immediately raised her hand and slapped Luna. Then, she grabbed Luna's hair and hissed, "Don't you dare get all high and mighty with me. If I decided to get physical, you wouldn't make it to tomorrow."

Luna yelled in pain and retaliated by pulling Jasmine's hair. "Who do you think you are to hit me? I could make sure you don't see daylight either. Let go of me!"

"Why should I? A woman like you who can't even show your face in public has no right to act so arrogantly."

Their altercation escalated quickly inside the elevator.

Raymond's expression darkened as he noticed the situation unfolding. He glanced around to see if anyone else had noticed, and he realized he needed to intervene.

So, he dashed into the elevator and shouted, "What's going on here? Both of you, stop it! This behavior is unacceptable."

Luna was agitated and shot back, "She started it, and you saw it too."

Jasmine smoothed her outfit with her hands and seethed in silence. She knew her father would always side with Luna regardless of what she said.

Upon witnessing the scene, Sharon quickly said, "Mr. Shelbert, don't let Luna deceive you. She's manipulative and always puts on an act of innocence. You can't trust a word she says.

"She played the role of a devoted wife for five years just to remain in the Barrett family. But now that she's got some old guy to bankroll her, she's showing her true colors. Don't allow her to manipulate you."

Raymond's expression turned awkward.

Luna sneered. "Do you even know who that man is?"

Sharon glanced at Raymond, and her expression also turned awkward. She asked tentatively, "Is Asher your son?"

Jasmine smiled and said, "Dad, do you think people won't gossip about you behind your back if they find out?"

"They'll brand you an ungrateful opportunist who, once in power, brings the mistress' child back into the family."

Luna was furious at being called a "mistress' child." She retorted, "Who are you calling a mistress' child?"

"Dad, see how she refuses to bond with me? Even though her mother was the reason you and my mom split up, I never held it against her."

"But she keeps slinging 'mistress' child' at me, which could smear Asher's reputation if word gets out."

Sharon was stunned to hear Luna addressing Raymond as her father. She looked at Luna, then at Raymond, and finally at Timothy. "Luna is your daughter?" She couldn't believe that Luna, whom she had always looked down on, was actually Raymond's illegitimate daughter. Suddenly, it made sense how Luna ended up in Nord City.

Luna smirked arrogantly and said, "Shocking, huh? You always looked down on me because you thought I was from a lower social standing."

"The truth is, I've just been keeping a low profile. I'm not like you, I don't always look down on others."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1018-Sharon's expression flickered with a multitude of emotions.

Seeing her expression, Mia remembered how Sharon wore the same expression she wore when she found out about Mia's identity as the Lane family's heiress years ago. Clearly, Sharon's condescending nature hadn't changed one bit over the years.

Jasmine sneered. "We've never acknowledged Luna's status. She's just an illegitimate daughter who couldn't show her face in public."

Sharon's expression softened upon hearing this. She nodded and said, "It's true that such scandals aren't uncommon in families like ours, but some things are better kept in the dark. That's just the way it is." The mere thought of Luna usurping her position was unbearable to Sharon. Fortunately, Luna was just an illegitimate daughter.

She quickly turned to Timothy, "Don't be fooled by her. She's just an illegitimate child. She's unfit for our social standing."

Luna was unwilling to back down and retorted, "I'm sorry. Even if I'm not on the high society's guest list, Timothy will still cooperate with my dad because of me."

Sharon's expression darkened. "Tim, are you seriously considering cooperating with Mr. Shelbert because of her? There are countless opportunities for collaboration that won't involve her."

Timothy remained silent and glanced at Mia, who looked back with a hint of sarcasm but remained silent. She already knew about his plan to cooperate with Raymond but wasn't concerned about it. She would deal with it when the time came.

Raymond stepped in to diffuse the tension. "Mrs. Barrett, it's not what you think."

"Mr. Shelbert, I'm here in Nord City at Ms. Shelbert's invitation. I wouldn't have come if some illegitimate daughter had invited me. Our families have reputations to uphold."

His expression turned sour. "Actually, Luna isn't my illegitimate daughter. Her mother and I were truly in love, but circumstances led to our separation. I didn't know she was pregnant. If I had, Luna wouldn't have been left to fend for herself for so many years."

Luna put on a show of being deeply touched. She approached Raymond and took his hand. "Dad, I understand what you went through. I've never blamed you. Just being here with you now is all I could ask for."

The other three women felt disgusted by Luna's act.

Sharon was livid that Luna, someone she once looked down upon and had been deceived by, was now being acknowledged as Raymond's illegitimate daughter.

Jasmine was furious at Luna's skillful acting. She found it utterly repulsive.

However, Mia found it somewhat ironic. She took Jasmine's hand and said, "Let's go eat."

Raymond looked at them and suggested, "Since we're all familiar with each other, why don't we have a meal together?"

Mia frowned and was about to decline on Jasmine's behalf, but she promptly agreed. "Sure, let's go."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1019-Mia was taken aback to see Jasmine accept Raymond's dinner invitation. After everything that had just happened, she thought Jasmine wouldn't be in the mood to have a meal with him. But to her surprise, Jasmine quickly pulled herself together and agreed.

After all, the dinner was clearly a setup and a trap that Mia thought Jasmine would avoid. It was surprising that Jasmine agreed so readily.

In contrast, Mia wasn't keen on attending the dinner, especially with Luna and Sharon. Their presence had a way of spoiling her appetite.

However, since Jasmine agreed to go, Mia reluctantly decided to accompany her. She needed Jasmine on her side and couldn't let Luna get to her first.

Mia had dealt with Luna before and knew her manipulative tactics well. By keeping an eye on things, she could prevent Jasmine from falling into Luna's trap. After all, Mia had a lot riding on Jasmine. When Jasmine agreed, Raymond smiled and patted her shoulder. "That's more like it. We're family, and we don't need to be so distant with each other."

She lowered her head and said nothing, but she wasn't as agitated as before. She seemed to have calmed down.

Luna noticed Jasmine's reaction and immediately felt a sense of caution. She had already investigated Jasmine and knew she was just an inexperienced heiress who was easy to manipulate. Luna had always wanted to drive a wedge between Raymond and Jasmine. Only then could she officially take



Jasmine's place as Raymond's only daughter and become the family's heiress.

After all, someone like Jasmine would never tolerate Raymond bringing an outsider like Asher into the family to be the heir. Luna's plan depended on turning Jasmine against her father, which would create an opportunity for her.

However, seeing Jasmine submit to Raymond earlier could throw a wrench in Luna's plans.

Mia remained silent as they all took the elevator upstairs.

Timothy approached her and whispered, "You came to dinner with Jasmine. What do you plan to discuss?"

"Mr. Barrett, this is my personal affair. I don't think I need to report to you."

He reached out to grab her hand, but she deftly avoided his touch. She quickened her pace and left Timothy trailing behind her. She felt there was nothing left to discuss with him.

Whether Timothy wanted to collaborate with Raymond or not, she didn't care anymore. She had no interest in hearing Timothy's explanations.

Timothy's attempt to grab Mia's hand failed as she distanced herself from him. He sighed and watched her retreating figure with a mixture of resignation and frustration.

He knew Mia was upset about his awkward collaboration with Raymond, even though the rumors were far from the truth. He would never work with Raymond against the Lane family, but she wouldn't even listen to his side of the story.

As he watched her walk away, he felt a mix of emotions. His heart raced for a moment, but then he remembered he had added Ginger on WhatsApp, which eased his anxiety.

After all, he had plenty of time ahead. He believed that he would be able to repair their relationship.

Luna picked up on a subtle change in Timothy's expression. The typically reserved and aloof man revealed a gentler side while interacting with Mia.

Her expression darkened subtly. Once overshadowed by Mia's status, now as Raymond's daughter, she finally felt deserving of Timothy's attention.

Meanwhile, Sharon approached Timothy and asked, "Why were you so submissive in front of Mia just now?"

"You're the wealthiest man in Bern City, you know. Even though she is now the heiress of the Lane family, she can't inherit all of their fortune.

"Why should she act superior to you? It's enough that you're willing to cater to her. She's just a divorced mom with a kid. How great can she really be?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1020-Timothy's expression changed instantly. "Mom, if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."

"Tim, everything I'm doing is for your own good. There are so many great girls out there. Why can't you just pick one? Why do you have to be with Mia?"

"Because, Mom, she's the only one I'll ever marry," Timothy said firmly.

"But she has six brothers who are like guard dogs. Aren't you afraid they'll come after you? They'll never let you remarry her. Are you planning to stay single forever?"

Timothy asserted, "Yes. If I can't marry her, then I'd rather be single for the rest of my life."

"How can you do this to the Barrett family? You won't have any children to carry on the family name."

He remained calm. "But I already have a child."

"That sickly Ginger? She's not a boy, and she can't inherit the family business. You need a son. If our family doesn't have a boy to carry on the legacy, won't it just benefit those distant relatives of the Barretts?" "When I die, I'll donate all of it."

Sharon was livid. "What do you mean, donate it? That's a lot of money, and you can't just give it all away."

"By that time, you won't be around, and this won't affect you," Timothy retorted.

Sharon was so angry she could hardly speak. Although she was proud of Timothy, he never listened to her.

She had little influence in the Barrett el.ne family and desperately wanted to assert herself with her future daughter-in-law. Having been overlooked in the family for so long, she wanted to have some authority.

But if Tim married Mia, Sharon would be even more powerless, especially with Mia's six brothers backing her up. Sharon couldn't bear the thought of being sidelined.

As they entered the grandest private room, each person carried their own thoughts with them. After they sat down, nobody said anything.

Raymond sat at the head of the table, with Jasmine on his left and Luna on his right, as neither was willing to give up their spot.

When the waiter arrived to take their order, Luna quickly grabbed the menu. "Dad, let me order for everyone. What does everyone like?" Jasmine directly addressed the waiter, "Bring us your signature dishes and all the ones we usually order, along with some red wine and drinks." The waiter promptly nodded. "Okay."

Luna's expression darkened when she realized Jasmine's intention.

Jasmine looked at Luna and said, "I'm sorry. You're probably not familiar with this place, so I thought I'd save us some time by ordering since I know the menu well."

Raymond nodded and glanced at Luna. "You have much to learn. Given your background, if you wish to thrive in this circle, you need to expand your knowledge and network."

After all, they couldn't afford any embarrassing slip-ups.

Luna seethed inwardly but held her tongue as she simply nodded in response.

Nevertheless, Luna wasn't willing to concede defeat just yet and swiftly brought up her son. "Dad, Asher loved the gift you gave him. He would love to play chess with you next time."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1021-When Mia heard Luna mention the child, she knew that Luna was about to start showing off.

Instantly, she firmly grasped Jasmine's hand, signaling her to refrain from acting impulsively in the present circumstances. Luna tactfully brought up the issue concerning Asher to provoke Jasmine, ultimately leading her to make a mistake.

At this critical moment, patience was crucial. Jasmine couldn't afford to make a mistake and fall into Luna's trap. Jasmine took a deep breath and finally abstained from speaking.

When Raymond learned about Asher, a smile spread across his face. "Excellent. I've sent many people to guide his studies. You've got to supervise Asher. His intelligence has truly impressed me. Let him learn more about these. It'll benefit his future greatly."

"Dad, don't worry. Asher has always been smart. I'll make sure he studies more."

After speaking, Luna glanced at Jasmine. Then she said deliberately, "When the time comes, Asher should study abroad and aim to become an outstanding student, just like my sister."

Jasmine felt disgusted as if she were about to regurgitate her meal from last night. She denied ever being Luna's sister.

Mia pulled Jasmine closer, giving her a reassuring wink to tell her to relax and calm down.

Sharon, who was at the side, started speaking in a peculiar tone, "Asher had been living in our Barrett family for five years. I've hired several teachers to tutor him, but he was just so stupid. He's hot-tempered. He's always lagging behind the others in his studies, yet he has a very high self-esteem. Mr. Shelbert, I think you need to hire more teachers to help him."

When Mia heard Sharon criticizing Asher, she was stunned. Unexpectedly, in this crucial moment, it was Sharon who stepped forward to silence Luna!

It made sense. When Luna achieved success, she had the audacity to call Sharon an old hag. How could the prideful Sharon tolerate Luna's arrogance?

When Luna heard this, she immediately retorted, “Mrs. Barrett, I can’t comprehend your words. What possible benefit could you get from purposefully slandering Asher? You were so fond of Asher back then.” Luna was furious and wondered why the old hag was causing trouble.

“At first, I was deceived by you and didn’t know the full story. I believed Asher was a part of our Barrett family, only to realize he was just a little bastard. Why should I lie about Asher? He’s simply a foolish child, and I’ve done nothing wrong by speaking the truth.”

Sharon found it unbearable to tolerate Luna’s arrogance. After all, Luna was just an illegitimate daughter. What could she possibly have to be proud of? If Luna hadn’t deceived her in the past, she wouldn’t have almost mistaken her grandson.

Luna stood up abruptly, her eyes filled with cold determination. “Mrs. Barrett, who do you think you’re calling a little bastard? Asher is bastard. He is the blood of the Barrett family. If he’s foolish, then his foolishness stemmed from your own family. The problem lies in your blood.”

“Are you serious? Tim has made it clear that he is not Asher’s biological father. And yet you still want to come and deceive our Barrett family. Have you no shame?” Sharon scoffed. Luna sneered and asked, “Who said he has to be Timothy’s son? Can’t he be Hector, Timothy’s younger brother’s son?”

“What do you mean? I have only one son. I don’t have a second child, and Tim certainly doesn’t have a younger brother.” Luna exclaimed, “That is not necessarily true! If he were not your biological child, would he not still be Timothy’s brother?” At that moment, Timothy turned to Luna and said, “Shut up. There’s no need for you to say anything more.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1022-Luna was unfazed by Timothy’s words. “Why are you still keeping it a secret? What’s the point of you continuing to hide it? Asher is undeniably a descendant of your Barrett family. I’ve not lied or been mistaken about this.”

Upon hearing Luna’s words, Sharon promptly sat on the chair. “I didn’t give birth to him. Could it be...”

An illegitimate child? It was impossible. Her late husband had passed away several years ago. How could he possibly have fathered an illegitimate child?

Luna said coldly, "That's right. Asher's father is Timothy's half-brother."

Timothy had made it clear from the beginning that she could not disclose this fact, or else she would be expelled from the Barrett family. However, she was no longer part of the Barrett family. Hence, she was no longer bound by any agreement with Timothy.

"You're spouting absolute nonsense! My husband doesn't have any illegitimate children. How dare you claim he has such a grown child? Stop being so shameless!" Sharon still couldn't believe it.

"I'm speaking the truth. Just ask Timothy. When I approached the Barrett family, I presented evidence and conducted a paternity test."

"But my husband has been dead for so many years, and you suddenly appear to conduct a paternity test. Who would believe such nonsense?"

"As long as genetic information is stored, genetic identification can be performed at any time," Luna said.

Sharon couldn't believe it. "When did my husband store genetic information?"

Luna beamed with pride. "He did it for the sake of Asher's father, so that he can prove his identity through these series of arrangements."

Sharon's face turned ashen. She looked up at Timothy and asked, "Tim, is everything she said true?"

Timothy held his silence for a moment before finally responding, "Yes."

Sharon's scream pierced the air. "Timothy, how could you keep such a huge secret from me? How dare you bring back this bitch's child into the Barrett family? Isn't he just an illegitimate child born outside? Why should we even care? They should just die outside and have no place in the Barrett family. Do you have no regard for me as your mother? Why are you using this to humiliate me?"

Sharon was consumed by such immense anger that she felt an overwhelming sense of discomfort throughout her entire being.

She had suspected the true identity of Asher, but she never anticipated that Asher was actually the child of her husband's illegitimate child.

Throughout the years, she had embraced Asher as her only grandson. However, she never expected that he was a little bastard.

Mia observed Sharon, who was in hysterics, and suddenly felt a pang of pity for her. Timothy had not handled the situation appropriately.

Mia's curiosity grew as she wondered why Timothy would bring the illegitimate child back to the Barrett family. In her view, this was completely out of character for Timothy. It made her question the true motives behind his actions.

Timothy replied, "This was Dad's last wish."

"So, your father was aware of this and had been keeping it from us? When did you find out about it?"

"I was unaware of this until Luna's sudden appearance five years ago."

"Why didn't you tell me? You still kept it from me."

Luna smiled and said, "That's because you always desired a grandson. It just happens that Asher shares the blood of the Barrett family. Timothy has no intention of marrying or having children, and he plans to groom Asher as his heir. There's no need for him to disclose the truth to you."

"Shut up!"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1023-Sharon angrily pointed at Luna and exclaimed, "Does that child, born of you and that scoundrel, deserve to carry the blood of our Barrett family? Absolutely not! I'll never acknowledge your existence for as long as I live. You can forget about ever being a part of our Barrett family!"

At that moment, Sharon had completely lost the posture of a wealthy lady and appeared as disoriented as a street shrew.

Luna responded with unwavering determination, "Haha, really? The lady outside seems to have a strong affection for him. She insists that Mr. Barrett Senior treated my late husband exceptionally well, even acknowledging him as if he were an heir. It's unfortunate that my husband's health was not good, and he passed away due to a minor accident. Otherwise, he would have been able to return to the Barrett family and claim the inheritance."

“You’re talking nonsense. After my husband died, all his inheritance went to my son. You don’t have any right to claim it.”

“That’s because you are unaware of the existence of that will. Otherwise, how do you think I managed to stay in the Barrett family for so long without any hassle? My son Asher inherited 5% of the shares of the Barrett Group from my husband, which now stands in Asher’s name.”

Upon hearing these words, Raymond’s eyes lit up. With this kind of connection, collaborating with the Barrett family would be the most powerful alliance.

Mia glanced at Luna in surprise. She didn’t expect Luna to keep the secret so well hidden. Something was not right.

Sharon suddenly collapsed and exclaimed, “He actually left 5% of the shares for that illegitimate child. This is too much. Why should he leave 5% of the shares for that bastard?”

Luna proudly declared, “I’ve told you that my husband was highly favored by Mr. Barrett Senior. If Mr. Barrett Senior hadn’t passed away prematurely and my husband’s health hadn’t failed, it’s uncertain who would be in charge of the Barrett family today.”

Mia suddenly questioned, “Luna, if you owned shares, why would you still be living in such a financially restricted situation?”

Because of Luna’s superficial personality, if she had gotten the shares, she would have become very wealthy. However, from Luna’s previous state, it was evident that she did not possess significant wealth. Luna’s expression changed slightly. “Because I keep a low profile.”

Sharon glared at Timothy and exclaimed, “Tim, how could you allow that rascal to snatch away 5% of your shares? You don’t have to deal with them, let alone bring them back into the Barrett family.” “Mom, this is the will that Dad left behind. It can’t be altered. It has already been notarized, and a lawyer has been appointed to handle it. Even if I were to disregard it, the will would still be executed,” Timothy explained.

Then, his gaze fell upon Mia. “The shares have been transferred to Asher. The funds are to be managed by trusted individuals and can only be accessed



when Asher comes of age. The money may only be used for educational purposes or for Asher's benefit. Otherwise, it is to remain untouched."

Mia immediately understood that there was an arrangement. No wonder Luna was so humble and reserved while she was with the Barrett family.

It seemed that Timothy also realized that Luna was not a good person, so he made such an arrangement. It was important to note that Luna was quite tolerant before, as she had not shown her true colors for five years.

Luna was feeling a hint of discontent. "In any case, once my son reaches adulthood, all of this will be his. He's not just an ordinary boy. He's also a part of the Barrett family. Moreover, he's the grandson of the president."

In the near future, he might become the heir of the presidential family, and he won't have to respect the Barrett family ever again.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1024-Raymond's expression shifted. It would be truly remarkable if there were still shares within the Barrett family. If they had this connection, he wouldn't have to worry about lacking a family to collaborate with in the future. Even the Lane family paled in comparison to such a connection.

Sharon was utterly devastated. As she stared at Luna's smug expression, she realized she had been deceived and left in ignorance like a fool for the past five years. No woman could endure her husband's infidelity, let alone witness the children of his mistress snatch away the Barrett family's rights!

She snatched the kettle next to her and hurled it at Luna's face, screaming frantically, "Does that insignificant brat you brought into this world have any right to claim to be part of our Barrett family?" Luna was suddenly scalded by boiling water, causing her to scream in agony. The situation quickly turned chaotic for a moment.

Mia watched the scene from the side and was stunned. A drop of water from the kettle which splashed on the back of her hand felt like she had just been stung.

She could not imagine the excruciating pain Luna experienced when that kettle of water had been poured directly on her body!

“Are you okay?” Timothy asked as he took Mia’s hand and placed it in the ice bucket used to chill the wine on the table.

Mia was momentarily stunned. “Actually, I’m totally fine. Only a drop of water from the kettle fell on me.”

“The back of your hand is red. What if there are scars?” Timothy said in a serious tone as he squeezed her wrist.

Mia experienced a distinct sensation on her wrist, causing her to display an unusual expression.

She grabbed a nearby pastry with her other hand and observed the commotion as she indulged in her pastry.

Luckily, she was seated on the other side, avoiding the scalding water with only a minor splatter.

On the other hand, Raymond ended up being scalded by a significant amount of hot water. Jasmine stepped forward immediately to grab Raymond and said with a worried look, “Dad, are you okay? You’ve been splashed with boiling water! Let me wipe it off for you right away.”

Raymond was furious. He never expected Sharon to pour boiling water on Luna directly. His hand was burned, and it was now throbbing with pain.

Luna stood there, screaming alone, while nobody stepped forward to offer her assistance. The situation turned chaotic.

At that moment, as the waiter was serving the food, he noticed someone who seemed to be t He quickly asked Luna, “Excuse me, Madam, are you all right?” S “Are you blind? I’ve been burned. Fetch me some ice cubes!”

“There are ice cubes on the table. I’ll get them for you right away.”

Luna angrily exclaimed, “Hurry up! I’m in so much pain!”

However, when the waiter approached the table, he discovered that the ice bucket had already been used. Mia hesitated. “Should I just let her use it?” After all, she didn’t wasn’t scalded at all.

The waiter quickly replied, “Thank you.”

She had just pulled her hand away when Timothy firmly pushed it back in. He said in a serious tone, "Your hand is not healed yet."

Mia fell silent for a moment before saying, "I think I'm okay."

Could he not clearly see who was seriously injured? Luna was the person whom Sharon intentionally splashed with her own hands, not her!

Timothy frowned. "The burn needs to be soaked for at least half an hour. You must not remove your hand until the secretary brings the burn medicine."

Raymond felt a burning pain on the back of his hand, and he noticed that Mia didn't get burned at all. A few drops of hot water splashing her hand shouldn't cause any injuries.

Jasmine couldn't help but ask, "Mia, are you seriously injured?"

et "Not at all. He's just overreacting," Mia assured, passing the ice bucket directly to Jasmine. Without wasting a moment, Jasmine applied the ice on Raymond.

At that moment, Luna cried out, "Dad!"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1025-At that moment, a palpable awkwardness filled the air. Mia arched her eyebrows and took in the scene before her, a sudden urge to burst into laughter welling up inside her.

Obviously, Luna was the most seriously injured person present. However, instead of attending to her, Raymond grabbed the ice bucket and tended to himself first. The supposed deep love between father and daughter had ironically resulted in them abandoning each other when disaster struck.

Raymond reacted instantly with a bright smile and said, "Luna, why don't you soak your hands in it as well and then go straight to the hospital to prevent any scarring?"

Luna's face paled with anger, but she swiftly regained her composure and refrained from losing her temper at this crucial moment.

She realized that Raymond was her sole supporter at the moment. Deep down, Luna had always been aware of Raymond's self-centered nature. It was evident when he abandoned her mother and herself. Luna cried and said

aggrievedly, “Dad, I’m fine. There’s only one ice bucket. You should use it. I blame myself for your injury. I would feel guilty if you were hurt.”

Upon hearing Luna’s words, Raymond was overcome by a rush of guilt. “Luna, don’t worry. I’ll definitely seek justice for you!”

“Thank you, Dad.”

Luna couldn’t help but shoot Sharon a sinister glare. Luna’s heart brimmed with anger as she imagined herself stabbing a knife into Sharon. How dare this despicable old woman scald her with boiling water! Nevertheless, she rationally reminded herself that taking action at that moment was not practical. After all, murder was illegal. If she wanted to seek revenge against someone, there would always be opportunities in the future. Where there was light, there was hope.

Now that she was helpless and powerless, she had no choice but to endure it. Without being able to endure it, she would have never been able to get to where she was at the moment without the support of the Barrett family.

Luna knew Raymond could take her back, mostly because of the Barrett family and Asher’s connection to them. Since she was injured, she could use this trick to gain his sympathy and achieve her goals. After witnessing this scene, Sharon pointed at Luna and exclaimed, “You cunning troublemaker! Stop your pretentious acts. You sure are good at deceiving men.”

After hearing those words, Raymond frowned and glanced at Timothy, demanding, Mr. Barrett, I need an explanation for today’s incident. Luna is my daughter, and I’ve owed her a great deal over the years. Mrs. Barrett directly insulted her and caused her harm. You should be aware of the repercussions Mrs.

Barrett will face if I decide to involve the police.”

Luna had just shown remarkable understanding by not blaming Raymond and even offering him the ice bucket first. This gesture prompted Raymond to feel the need to express his anger on Luna’s behalf. Luna added proudly, “That’s right. Mrs. Barrett was initially sentenced to one year of probation due to her offense. She must remain in Bern City and is prohibited from coming over.”

Raymond was reminded by Luna not to overlook the fact that this could be utilized.

He nodded and replied, "Indeed, Mr. Barrett. If this issue continues to escalate, Mrs. Barrett may be facing more than just a suspended sentence."

Sharon's face went pale as her anger boiled over. Luna, this cunning woman, was truly a troublemaker.

Upon hearing this, Jasmine quickly intervened, "Dad, now is not the time for such discussions. Your hands are covered in blisters. We should hurry to the hospital and address this matter promptly. Applying ice to your burns won't be very effective."

At that moment, Raymond's assistant quickly approached.

Timothy looked at Raymond and stated, "If this situation continues to escalate, fear that Luna won't be able to remain in Nord City either. They all must return to Bern City and face the consequences of their actions."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1026-Luna and Sharon's expressions changed when they heard Timothy's words. They didn't want to go to jail.

Luna glanced at Raymond instinctively and uttered, "My situation is different, though."

Sharon snorted. "You're just an illegitimate daughter. What makes you so special?"

Jasmine quickly took Raymond's arm and advised, "Dad, let's go. We need to head to the hospital first. If there are any scars, the rumors will start spreading again."

Upon hearing this, Raymond remained silent. He understood that it was not appropriate to address the issue at that moment. With a determined stride, he left the private room.

Luna's back was hurting so much. Moreover, she initially thought Raymond would stand up for her!

Luna fixed her fierce gaze on Sharon and declared, "I'll remember what happened today, and I won't let it go. Just wait and see."

Luna left right after that. She needed to accompany Raymond to the hospital for treatment. This was a chance for her to act pitifully and gain sympathy, so she didn't want to miss it. As for Sharon, that despicable old woman, there would be numerous opportunities to address her later.

After the departure of the three people, the private room became quiet. Mia nibbled on her snacks while comfortably seated on a chair. "I haven't eaten anything all day, but I feel satisfied after watching the show."

It was worth it.

Timothy looked at her and asked, "How's your hand? Show me."

Mia withdrew her hand and replied, "I'm perfectly fine. It was just a drop of water on my hand. No harm done."

After Mia finished speaking, she glanced at Sharon, who appeared lost. Then she said, "The person who deserves your utmost concern at this moment is not me, but your mother."

Sharon appeared to have been struck by a powerful emotional blow, causing her to age considerably in a mere moment.

She gazed at Timothy sadly and said, "Tim, I may not be the most intelligent or outstanding mother, and I may not have the affection of your grandparents. But I've always cared for you with all my heart and soul, and I've never caused you any harm. I don't understand why you are joining forces with Luna and that little rascal to humiliate me."

Sharon simply couldn't accept this fact.

Mia was genuinely curious about how Timothy could readily accept an illegitimate child and keep it a secret from Sharon. No matter how she contemplated the situation, she found it utterly implausible. It seemed inconceivable to her that any woman could accept her husband's illegitimate child.

Timothy fell into a brief silence, his gaze fixed upon Sharon before he finally spoke up. "From the very start, I had no choice but to accept this condition. Dad's will made no mention of allocating 5% of the shares to Asher."

"If it's not 5% of the shares, then what exactly is it?"

“The will left by Dad stipulated that my half-brother and I should jointly take over the company, sharing ownership equally. However, my so-called brother’s health was concerning, and he might not live long. Before his passing, he expressed a desire for me to allocate some of the company shares to his child, Asher. He also agreed that Asher would not contest the ownership of the company with me and my children. He made it clear that agreeing to his terms would nullify our father’s will.”

“I see.” Sharon’s expression changed as a myriad of emotions overwhelmed her. She never expected that her long-dead husband would still find a way to play tricks on her.

Sharon was immediately disheartened and turned to Mia. “Do you know why I resented you so much for marrying Tim back then?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1027-Mia said with a wry smile, “Because you prefer a daughter-in-law with a high social status, not an orphan like me.”

“That’s not entirely true. Tim’s father and I were also part of a marriage alliance then. Although he had feelings for another woman, his parents disapproved of her character. Ultimately, they arranged for him to marry me. I thought he would return to me once he was tired of his other pursuits outside. But I never expected him to continue his relationship with the other woman and even have an illegitimate child.”

What was even more unexpected was that her husband actually wanted to leave all the company’s property to the illegitimate son. If the illegitimate son hadn’t been in poor health and died, and if Timothy hadn’t been so outstanding, everything could have been taken away by the illegitimate son!

Upon hearing this, Mia remained silent.

Sharon continued, “I hope Tim finds a truly compatible partner to cultivate a deep and meaningful connection with. I want him to avoid repeating his father’s past mistakes.”

Mia glanced at Timothy awkwardly. She didn’t know that Timothy’s father had such emotional experiences in the past. Timothy had never mentioned these things before.

Sharon turned to Timothy and questioned him, "You mentioned that you actually intend to raise Asher as your heir. Is that true?"

"Of course, it's not true. I've never even considered allowing that child to inherit the Barrett family. These are merely Luna's fabrications, deliberately intended to deceive you."

After hearing this, Sharon's face twisted into a mocking expression as she retorted, "How am I supposed to discern the truth from your words? You've always been fiercely independent, never consulting me on anything. You've always felt like I'm a burden, keeping this from me for years. Do you think I'll feel better by treating Asher as my own grandson?"

"But I've never admitted that Asher is my child. It was your assumption, you were easily swayed by Luna's words. I warned you not to get too close to her from the beginning."

"Alright. In the end, it was completely my fault. You truly are an amazing son." After those words, Sharon delivered a resounding slap to Timothy's face. Then, she turned and left the private room, her steps staggering slightly.

Mia's gaze fell upon Timothy, whose face was partially veiled by the shadows. His current expression could not be seen clearly. She asked, "Did you not tell the truth to your mother?"

Timothy's recent explanation about the illegitimate child appeared acceptable at first glance. However, deep down, she couldn't shake the feeling that something was amiss.

Given Timothy's true nature, even if his father mentioned the existence of a will, it wouldn't hold any power over him. He would undoubtedly find a method to get rid of Luna, so there was absolutely no reason for him to bring her back to the Barrett family. There had to be a more significant motive behind his actions.

He gazed at her intently. "At the moment, only Grandma and I are privy to this secret."

Mia noticed Timothy's sad and dejected expression. She tilted her head. "Don't bother telling me. I have no interest in your secrets."



The next moment, he approached Mia and said in a hoarse voice, “In fact, I’m an illegitimate child too. My mother lost her child during childbirth and can never have children again. My father deceived her to bring in a child from another woman.”

When Mia heard the truth, her heart suddenly skipped a beat. She never expected Timothy to be an illegitimate child as well.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1028-So, Sharon’s husband had two illegitimate sons outside. These kinds of plot twists were always seen in TV series, but she never expected it to happen in real life.

“Does Grandma Laura know about this too?” Mia hesitated before asking. In her opinion, Laura was not that kind of person.

“Grandma only found out later, but she made my Dad swear that I would be considered my Mom’s child for the rest of my life. He was forbidden from letting the mistress know that I was sent to the Barrett family.” Timothy’s expression was unpredictable, his eyes revealing a sense of vulnerability.

Mia couldn’t bear to look into his eyes, prompting her to turn away and attempt to leave. However, he pulled her into his arms.

“Timothy, what are you doing?”

“Don’t leave. Stay with me for a while.”

“Let me go.”

“Just a moment.”

Mia heard Timothy’s pleading voice. Although she tried to break free, her efforts were in vain. She had no choice but to surrender herself to his embrace. Her face pressed against his chest, and the rhythmic thumping of his heart filled her ears.

She lowered her eyelids slightly. In truth, she realized that she had become very unfamiliar with his embrace. However, as she nestled in his arms, she couldn’t help but feel her heartbeat quicken. Her mind was also flooded with memories of their five years of marriage.

She thought she had long forgotten those five years spent in the Barrett residence. However, those memories had resurfaced in her mind once more.

When Mia was lost in thought, Timothy's resonant voice reached her ears. "I had led a smooth life since childhood, never facing any real challenges. However, after Dad's passing, I discovered the truth about my identity. Grandma confirmed it, but I chose to avoid confronting that woman and feigned ignorance."

Mia remained silent upon hearing his words. She had always believed that Timothy was a privileged man and seemed distant. Surprisingly, his life story concealed a hidden secret.

Timothy rested his head on her shoulder and said with a heavy heart, "Ever since then, I've harbored a deep resistance toward the notions of love and marriage. Next to my identity, yet I cannot escape it in this lifetime. I had sworn to never marry in this life."

Mia said, "Because Grandma forced you to marry me."

"Yes, I didn't want to disappoint her. I didn't have any hope for relationships back then, so I was really harsh toward you and often seemed indifferent. In fact, it wasn't about you specifically. I would have done the same with anyone else."

Mia was well aware that Timothy had married her solely due to Laura's instruction. However, she never anticipated that Timothy would find himself caught in such a paradoxical situation.

The man, who had always been seen as high and mighty, unexpectedly discovered that he was an illegitimate child. Such a difference was deemed unacceptable by most people.

Mia pondered for a moment before responding, "This is not your fault. If Mrs. Barrett was unaware of it, you don't have to tell her the truth."

It would be best for Sharon not to know about this. She was extremely distraught earlier. If she found out that Timothy was not her biological child, she would likely lose her mind.

After she finished speaking, Timothy gazed at her with profound intensity in his eyes. Mia instinctively glanced away, avoiding his gaze. "Why are you looking at me like that? I promise not to tell anyone this secret."

Timothy's voice quivered as he spoke, "After learning that you're the daughter of the Lane family, I began to feel inferior."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1029-Could Timothy truly feel inferior? Mia gazed at Timothy in absolute astonishment. As the rightful heir of the Barrett family, he had always carried himself with an air of grandeur. So, to hear him utter such words of self-doubt before her was simply unfathomable. If anyone were to hear this proclamation, it would undoubtedly shatter their perception of him.

At that moment, Mia couldn't help but question if the man standing before her was truly Timothy. While he appeared to be Timothy at first glance, it became clear that he was someone entirely different. His voice was hoarse. "Don't give me such pitiful looks."

Mia's expression took on a hint of embarrassment, and her current mood was honestly quite complicated.

After all, the proud and remarkable man standing before her was once the man she had a crush on and whom she truly admired from the depths of her being. As an orphan, she struggled with low self-esteem. Yet, she considered herself incredibly fortunate to have become his wife.

Those five years of marriage represented the love of her youth, a time she had dedicated to one man. However, youth was the tribute paid. Consequently, her love for Timothy ended in divorce. Nevertheless, she never expected that Timothy was actually the illegitimate son of the Barrett family! This secret was truly unexpected and shocking!

She had once pondered the reason Timothy took Luna to the Barrett family and why he was so kind to Asher. As it turned out, there was a deeper reason behind his actions. Luna's husband was Timothy's biological brother, and Asher was his biological nephew. The connection between them ran through their shared bloodline.

Mia cleared her throat and replied firmly, "You are mistaken. Why should I empathize with you? I would rather empathize with the beggar on the

roadside, than do the same for you. Frankly, your current life is much more fortunate than that of the beggar.”

“Mia, I must confess that I used to be quite a badass. I didn’t take marriage or relationships seriously enough. I let you down, completely oblivious to the kindness you showed me. I sincerely hope that you can...”

Mia interrupted him in time, “Stop! Don’t be so sentimental. It’s not typical of you.”

“What should I look like in your view?” Timothy held her tightly and gazed at her intensely.

Mia struggled to catch her breath as she uttered, “Don’t women always pursue you?”

“Yes, indeed.” His voice was deep. Mia silently perceived him as rather narcissistic.

The next moment, Timothy crouched down to meet her eye-to-eye. At that moment, both of them locked eyes at the same level.

Mia gasped for air, her voice trembling, “What are you doing?”

His gaze was intense. “I want to kiss you.”

et Mia felt the heat rush to her face upon hearing those words. With resolve, she pushed him away and firmly declared, “Your idea is intriguing, but it’s important to note that it is illegal. Are you aware of that? If I obtain a lawyer’s letter, I have the power to bankrupt you. Can you even fathom the consequences?”

She struggled to break free, but Timothy held her firmly in his arms. He hugged her dominantly, and there was a hint of mischief in his voice, may have been teasing you, but it’s clear that you are taking this seriously. After all, your brother is a barrister.”

“It’s great that you’re aware. I’m no longer the inferior person I once was during my marriage to you five years ago.”

“I know, so I can only dream about these things.” His gaze grew intense, direct, and unabashed.

Mia had been going through a marital discord for three years and knew exactly what his gaze meant. She tilted her head, avoiding his gaze, and said, "You... let me go."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1030-"I won't let you go! If I do, you'll leave again, just like you did five years ago."

"Timothy, please understand that it was you who handed me the divorce agreement five years ago and wanted to evict me from the house." As Mia reminisced about that fateful moment, she couldn't help but yearn to banish him to the depths of outer space.

Timothy replied, "Actually, after I handed you the divorce agreement, I deeply regretted my decision shortly thereafter."

"Really? Why couldn't I tell?" Mia gazed up and down at Timothy. She couldn't believe that he regretted their divorce back then.

She sneered. "I remembered that back then, you were surrounded by a stunning woman. How could you possibly regret divorcing me?"

Timothy pursed his lips. "At that time, I had never felt any affection for any woman. To me, they were just like the decorations in my home." "You mean, I'm also a decoration?" Mia's gaze was cold. She was filled with a burning desire to slap him.

"No, you're different."

"Do you honestly expect me to believe that? In the end, you still handed me the divorce agreement and kicked me out."

The next moment, he firmly grasped her wrist and pressed it against his face. Mia was taken aback. What was his intention?

She wanted to pull her hand back, but he held it firmly. His eyes were intense and heavy as he said, "Then give me a slap to release your anger." "Are you crazy, Timothy?"

"I was indeed crazy. After we filed for divorce, and you left the Barrett residence, Kalways felt unsettled. At that moment, I couldn't quite understand why, but when I finally recognized my feelings for you, you had already

vanished. The Lane family informed me of your passing and your permanent departure from this world.”

Mia remained silent as she pondered upon the arrangements made by her brothers during that particular moment. She was so groggy that she could barely comprehend the events unfolding around her.

It wasn't until later, when she fully regained consciousness, that she realized she had been brought to the hospital in Nord City. At that moment she was completely devastated when she was told that ultimately, her brothers resorted to having a psychiatrist hypnotize her, causing her to forget the five years of her marriage and the existence of Timothy.

Mia pursed her lips. “Actually, my brothers didn't lie to you. I nearly died at that time because I refused to give up the baby. I had to stay in the intensive care unit.”

Upon hearing this, Timothy's eyes were filled with guilt. He expressed, “I apologize for not doing a good job in the past. I never imagined that I would one day be drawn to a woman, and I can't forget you.”

Upon hearing his delayed confession, Mia lowered her gaze and asked, “Haven't you been leading a good life for the past five years?”

“It's not good because I don't have you.”

“You were fine without me before.” Mia's eyes were always guarded, unmoved by his confession. Now, she appeared rational and grounded. After all, being a hopeless romantic once was enough.

“It was because I hadn't known you were alive then, but now it's because I've lost you. It's different.”

Mia avoided his intense gaze as she responded, “Timothy, I truly embrace and accept your heartfelt words and apology. I don't hate you anymore.”

“Really?” Timothy's eyes held a glimmer of surprise, akin to a mischievous dog playfully wagging its tail.

He swallowed. “Mia, I'm so happy.”

“It’s too early for you to be happy.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1031-Cocking her brow, Mia looked at Timothy.

She wondered if Timothy really thought that she was going to forgive him and reconcile with him.

His gaze gave his thoughts away.

That was exactly what he was thinking!

Was she such an easy person to him?

Timothy’s eyes were still fixated on her. “Mia, you’re indeed special to me, and I realized it too late. You’re not a mere decoration. I was happier than anyone else after knowing you were still alive. Because this is the only chance I can make up for my mistakes.”

She drew in a deep breath. “But why couldn’t I see that in the beginning?”

“I’m dense when it comes to relationships. Overconfident too. I’ve never treated a woman this special before, so I’m afraid to face the change,” Timothy admitted.

Her heart skipped a beat and she couldn’t meet his eyes. “At that time, I did like you but it was none of your business. You don’t have to think that you’ve let me down and feel guilty about it,” she said. Timothy’s hand rested on her shoulder. “Mia, I’m a loser in relationships. You deserved so much more than I did back then. You were honest and responsible in the relationship.”

She scoffed, “Oh, don’t put it that way. My feelings for you were a burden to you, remember?”

It pained his heart to hear that. “No, you weren’t the problem. I was. I was a jerk.”

Mia couldn’t understand her emotions right now.

Immediately, she reined those strange feelings in so she wouldn’t be deceived by his fluttering words.

She knew all too well how capable he was.

Back then, he had a string of wins when it came to business negotiations.

Mia stretched her hand out to cup his cheek. "Mr. Barrett."

He held his breath as he stared at her intently. "Yes?" His voice was shaking.

Right now, as long as she could accept him, he would agree to any of her requests. No matter how obscure they could be.

Mia studied the handsome face of Yeaveler. Age didn't seem to leave its mark on his face even though five years had passed. As time went on, he became more mature instead.

She firmly believed that every woman would fall for him wherever he went.

She patted his cheek lightly. "Mr. Barrett, I accept your words. I agreed with what you said when we were divorced. That you would regret it. After all, I'm such a capable woman. It's normal for you to fall for me."

"But what?" His self-confidence deflated.

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Like a suspect waiting for his final judgment, he waited for what she had to say.

He had never felt this anxious before.

She stared at him, her eyes reflecting a tranquility and calmness like never before.

In the face of her reaction, the anticipation in his eyes slowly faded, giving way to worries.

He grabbed her hand helplessly, begging, "Don't say it. I don't feel like knowing the answer anymore."

As though fire was burning his hand, he quickly released her.

Feeling light on her shoulders, she raised her head to look at him.

However, she couldn't read his net expression because he had turned sideways.



↳ She took a deep breath. “Timothy, things were over between us a long time ago. You actually don’t have to-“

“It’s getting late. Let me take you home,” he interrupted and grabbed his coat from the chair.

He seemed to be escaping, both physically and mentally.

Watching his back, she was at a loss for words.

She had her doubts.

Would a man like Timothy actually fall for a woman?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1032-Mia followed Timothy out of the private lounge.

They didn’t utter a word as they waited for the elevator together.

Mia received a message from Peyton, which recounted what happened in the hospital between Luna and Jasmine.

Luna would do anything to achieve her goals.

She tried to earn Raymond’s pity by using the fact that Sharon had poured water on her.

Mia frowned.

Luna was clever. Raymond was her only savior and she would never let him go.

Jasmine wasn’t Luna’s opponent for now.

Putting her phone down, Mia realized that Timothy had been staring at her. But he averted his gaze when she looked in his direction, as though he wasn’t watching her.

She paused. “Luna’s stepping up on her game. She’s able to stay with Mr. Shelbert on one condition, which is to bring Asher to his family and use the last name Shelbert. What’s your next plan?” “What do you want me to do?” He gazed at her.

She bit her lip. "I won't let her off the hook that easily. She almost killed my child. Judging from her character, I think she'll come at me once she gains power in Nord City. I have to strike first." If it was in the past, she wouldn't have asked for his opinion.

However, now that she knew his family story, she figured that she had to know what he thought first.

After all, Asher was Timothy's family. Timothy didn't have that many family members now.

He arched his brow. "Are you worried about me?"

"Don't be so conceited. Who's

worried about you? I just don't want you to take Luna's side when things get complicated. I have to think of a Plan B. I won't change my mind."

Studying the emotions in her eyes, he sighed lightly. "Do whatever you want. You and your child matter the most to me. No one comes before you guys."

"I didn't ask to hear this. It's just a heads-up. I want to know your opinion of Luna."

"I have had nothing to do with her since the start. I will never get together with my sister-in-law. I have high standards too."

Mia stepped into the elevator,

looking at their reflection. "How's

Mrs. Barrett Senior doing lately? remember I gave you the reishi mushrooms in the end. Were they effective?"

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"The treatment is going well for now. Her stats are improving, but the doctor can't say when she'll regain consciousness for sure."

He looked at her seriously. "The

doctor also said that it might help to

have people she cares about by her side. If Grandma knows that you've given birth to a child, she'll surely want to wake up to see her grandchild."

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Mia went silent for a moment. "I'll bring Ginger to her."

Laura did treat Mia well in the past.

"She'll be happy to see you guys. Thank you."

Timothy was aware that she was willing to visit Laura without any conditions.

He was too ignorant in the past to not notice that Mia was the best.

Mia took a deep breath. "On that note, I think I should tell you something so that you can be mentally prepared."

"What is it?"

"The truth behind Mrs. Barrett Senior's fall."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1033-As soon as Mia finished, she noticed that Timothy's expression changed.

What everyone now knew was that her classmate had pushed Laura down the stairs because she was jealous of her identity.

After Mia regained her memories, she had been feeling that something was off about the matter.

In her opinion, the real culprit was still out there.

Timothy pursed his lips. "Who's the real culprit?"

"Do you also think that Dana wasn't the real culprit?"

Mia thought that no one doubted it, but he had noticed that something was amiss as well.

He reasoned, "There were many loopholes. The culprit was caught so suddenly. Everything seemed so smooth, but Grandma has yet to regain

consciousness. Your brothers were hiding your identity at that time too. We couldn't pry anything out of Dana because she lost her sanity in prison."

"Dana lost her sanity?" That was a surprise. "That can't be."

Dana was also an orphan. They became friends because of their similar backgrounds.

However, Mia didn't expect Dana to be bought off by Maya. Dana betrayed Mia and joined hands with Maya in order to become Ms. Lane.

Unfortunately for Dana, Mia's brothers saw through her plan.

In the end, karma came for Dana and she was forced to quit college.

Mia pointed out, "But Dana was able to work at Barrett residence. That's not something an ordinary person can do. Reality is different from movies. It's not that easy to do it. Who helped her get into Barrett residence? That person must be involved in this."

She looked at him, hoping to get an answer from him.

Timothy should be investigating the matter.

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"I investigated how she got into our place. Grandma hired some people to help out with the banquet. Dana got the job after getting

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recommended by the orphanage."

"That was it?"

"Yes. Nothing was out of the ordinary. Grandma often donated to old folks homes and orphanages. Some of the maids at home are orphans too."

Mia recalled the past when she was still an orphan. Laura was indeed a nice person.

Laura didn't look down on Mia because of her background. She even let her and Tomothy get married!

Mia furrowed her brows. "So Dana was taking advantage of Laura's kindness?"

In actuality, no average person could work as a maid for a rich family.

But Laura was different. She loved charity, and Dana had taken this opportunity to get into Barrett residence.

If it wasn't for Laura's kindness, Dana wouldn't have had the chance to approach the Barrett family. Let alone hurt Laura.

Timothy huffed, "I don't want to admit that, but it seems like that was the case."

"Nice people tend to be in trouble

more than bad people do. I can't et

believe ill-hearted people are still

roaming around freely," Mia said, a smirk playing on her lips. S

"Do you know who the culprit was?" Timothy questioned.

"I had a guess, but I'm still not sure yet. I don't have any definite evidence." She met his eyes. "When went to Mrs. Barrett Senior's room, it was empty. I was also smacked at the back of my head. Before lost consciousness, I saw a pair of high heels."

"It was a woman?"

"Yes. She also had a butterfly tattoo on her ankle."

After her memories recovered, Mia had looked into how Luna got that tattoo on her ankle, thinking that it could be a breakthrough.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1034-Yet, Mia found out that the butterfly tattoo was ordinary and commonly seen on many people.

It was a popular tattoo to have on the ankle that year.

She didn't see the culprit's face clearly. The mere memory of the tattoo couldn't be solid evidence.

Now that Luna finally had the mayor as her backer, she wouldn't admit it that easily even if she was the culprit.

Timothy said coldly, "I'll ask someone to check who among the workers had a butterfly tattoo on their ankle that year."

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Baffled, Mia looked at him. "Is there a need to look into this?"

Did Timothy not know that Luna had that tattoo on her ankle?

He responded seriously, "Don't worry. That year, I suspected that there could be another culprit, so I recorded the names of the maids and guests who were there. We can initiate an investigation if we want to." "You made a detailed record, I know, but that's not my main point. Have you not noticed that Luna has that tattoo on her ankle? It's been five years though."

Mia couldn't believe that he hadn't noticed it because she noticed that even before her memories recovered.

Timothy was puzzled. "You're saying there's a tattoo on Luna's ankle?"

"Yeah, you didn't know?"

"Why would I take notice of her ankle?"

His confident tone rendered her speechless.

She gave him a humorless smile in response.

Men could be so unobservant at times.

Timothy continued, "I don't have other feelings for Luna. I let her stay because of Asher. I barely met her and I rarely talked to her."

"Save the explanation. I wasn't asking about your relationship with her."

"Are you sure she has the same tattoo?"

She questioned back, "What do you mean by that? Are you saying that I'm suspecting an innocent person?"

“No. If you’re sure about it, I can tell my men to catch her right away and make her pay the price!” His tone was brimming with menace.

In fact, Luna was actually on his list of suspects.

She was the one who caught the culprit, but he didn’t have any evidence leading to her.

Mia responded, “I’m afraid it won’t be that easy. I looked into that tattoo. It’s common. It’s not strong evidence on its own. We need something else, like a witness.”

Frowning, Timothy knew that the tattoo wasn’t enough either. “How dare she do this to Grandma! Grandma had always treated her well.”

“You don’t know women well. Not even Luna. Mrs. Barrett Senior didn’t do anything wrong to her, but she would never let Luna stay in Barrett residence.”

He became quiet for a second. “You’re right. When Luna came to our doorstep five years ago, Grandma refused to see her. She didn’t even let Luna stay in Bern City.”

FindNovel.net IMS “So Luna must eliminate Mrs. Barrett Senior if she wants to stay. Then, Dana showed up. It was Luna’s chance to have a scapegoat for her crime.”

The sheer thought of what Luna had done sent chills down Mia’s spine.

If something had happened to Mia and her children, Luna might’ve had everything her way.

Mia asked suddenly, “I heard that you’re still going to work with Mr. Shelbert. Is that true?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1035-Mia would like to know what Timothy thought of Luna.

Luna was Raymond’s illegitimate daughter. He was her biggest supporter and her identity spurred her confidence.

If she was going to do something illegal by leveraging his power, it wouldn’t be easy to confront her.

Stubborn people of low status made the most troublesome opponents after all.

Thus, now was the best time to eliminate her.

Timothy said, "Yes, I'm planning to work with Mr. Shelbert. But this has nothing to do with Luna."

Mia snorted. "How so? Can't you tell that he's the reason she could be released from prison?" "I know that."

"Then why?"

"I chose to work with him because I wanted to stay in Nord City. Because I wanted to see you." He gazed at her deeply. "Your brothers are too powerful in Nord City. If I don't find someone to work with, I won't be able to stay in Nord City. Let alone have the chance to approach you."

Hearing that, she let out a proud smile. "That is for sure. How can they not be powerful? They even wished to kill you after hearing what you did to me."

"Well, Dominic did send an assassin to pay me a visit."

"What?" She gasped, totally not expecting that to happen.

Dominic was capable of killing Timothy.

Dominic had discussed it with her other brothers about it several times. But none of the plans succeeded because Timothy was in Bern City.

Not even Timothy knew how many assassination attempts were made before that.

Mia quickly managed her expression. "That was because you hadn't left Nord City. Did Dominic fail to knock some sense into you when you first arrived at the airport? This isn't a place for you." The fact that Dominic hired an assassin to kill Timothy was definitely beyond her expectations.

"Even so, I can't leave Nord City," Timothy answered seriously.

"But you'll die if you stay longer."

"Still, no."



That caught her off-guard.

She walked out of the elevator. The cold breeze caressed her cheeks and pulled her rationality back.

He caught up with her, walking by her side.

He confessed. "Mia, I know that I failed to do my part in the past. That's why your brothers don't have a good impression of me. But I'll use the rest of my life to make up for it. I'll prove to them that I'm the best person for you."

She stopped in her tracks at his confident announcement. "The best person for me? How confident of you to claim that."

Not even she knew who the best person for her was.

"I'm genuine about you." His eyes carried solemnity.

She scoffed, "Ms. Barrett, do you know how many men have said the same thing to me in the past five years? They did many things just to make me happy and to be with me. They're more romantic than you are."

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"I might not be as romantic as they are, but I can give my life to you." She blinked. "How much is your life worth though? Not that I care."

She turned around and marched forward.

He quickly chased after her.

"What I mean is, you and the children mean everything to me. Those guys simply like your title as Ms. Lane. They're not genuine about you. They won't treat the kids well either." He sounded desperate.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 1036-Mia clenched her fists to rein in her annoyance. Although Timothy was stating the truth, she didn't want to be embarrassed in front of him.

She raised her head confidently. "Well, that's none of your concern. Besides, the women around you, including Luna, are the same. They're coming after your status. When you became my bodyguard, did they even bat an eyelid at you?"

“At least they like my face,” he pointed it out frankly.

She scoffed. “Wow, you seem proud of that.”

He then added meekly, “But unfortunately, you don’t like it.”

His presence alone annoyed her. However, right now, he stripped off his usual prideful persona and looked like a pitiful big puppy.

He could literally earn a living with that face.

The main reason she fell for him back then was his looks.

Everyone loved hot guys.

It was only after that that she realized that liking a hot guy would make her life miserable.

Mia spun around. “Because I’ve met a lot of handsome guys. My suitors are good-looking. One of them is Liam’s friend from the entertainment industry. They’re all gorgeous. I can have any kind of man I want.” Frustration bubbled in Timothy. “Showbiz is too complicated. Other than looks, what’s good about them? They’re not as rich as I am either.”

“I don’t lack money. I just need a romantic man who can make me happy and listen to me.”

He gulped. “Isn’t that me?”

Mia smiled faintly. “Don’t get ahead of yourself, Mr. Barrett. You can’t make me happy and you don’t listen to me. Forget about being romantic, you don’t know what makes a woman happy.”

As a man who was always surrounded by women, how would Timothy know how to make a woman happy?

He wasn’t someone who needed to do that kind of thing.

“How would you know without giving me a chance?”

She lifted her head and noticed an old lady selling balloons. An idea occurred to her. “I want the biggest balloon.”

A big smile appeared on his face before he immediately ran over to the old lady.

Mia watched his back as regret slowly registered in her.

Had she fallen for his trap? Why did she give that jerk a chance?

By the time he reached the old lady, a little girl was already one step ahead of him. She bought the biggest balloon!

That put him in a difficult position. "I'll give you one hundred bucks for the balloon," he offered.

The little girl pulled the balloon close to her. "No!"

Mia smirked, wondering what his next steps would be.

He crouched before the little girl helplessly. "With this money, you can buy all want. Are you sure you don't want it?" S

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"No. I want Princess Arulan." She was referring to the balloon.

Given her age, she didn't have the slightest idea of what money meant in this world. All she knew was that it wasn't easy to save up enough money to buy this balloon. S

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Mia looked at Timothy. "Forget it, Mr. Barrett, let's not trouble a kid. It seems like we're not fated to be

together. It's getting late. I should go now."

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"Wait up!"

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He knelt before the kid. "What do you want me to do so that I can have the balloon?"

He swore to himself that he was going to buy that balloon! Otherwise, he would lose the chance Mia gave him!