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“Sure,” Rebecca agreed.

Debra laughed, her heart overflowing with joy.

Naming the babies was a big deal, so the mother and daughter started brainstorming, scouring the internet for the perfect nickname.

Debra felt like such a big decision should be a family affair, so she texted Patrick and Rebecca’s brothers, asking everyone to help choose a nickname for the babies.

But with more chefs in the kitchen, the task became even more daunting, and they couldn’t decide on a name for

quite a while.

Around noon, Paul called to say that Janet had delivered a baby boy, and both mom and son were doing well.

Speaking of this, Paul was furious, He still remembered Theodore hadn’t shown up when Rebecca was giving birth, but now that some other woman was having a bastard, Theodore rushed over and practically glued to the kid. Ever since the child left the delivery room, he hadn’t let go of the baby.

“Debra, Rebecca must divorce that piece of trash! It’s absolutely unforgivable! It’s outrageous!” Paul demanded angrily over the phone.

Debra was equally fuming. How could such trash exist in this world?

Then there were Sam and Melissa, two hypocrites who acted so righteously in front of Becky. They said that if Becky ever suffered, she could come to them, and they would stand up for her. But now, what happened?

The second that homewrecker popped out a kid, those two were practically sprinting to the hospital!

Not only did they go themselves, but they also made sure Theodore went along. Now the whole damn family was having a grand old time at the hospital, fawning over the mistress and her baby.

How dare this family ask for her precious daughter’s forgiveness?

“Mom, I’m fine.” Rebecca gently squeezed her mother’s hand, after seeing how upset she was.

Debra looked at her daughter, her heart aching even more.

Soon, her eyes filled with tears as she apologized, “Becky, it’s all my fault. If I hadn’t been so careless back then, you wouldn’t be taken away from me and wouldn’t have had to go through all that.”

Rebecca quickly took out a tissue and wiped her mother’s tears, comforting her. “It’s okay, Mom. It’s all over now. We’ve found each other, and things will only get better.”

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Hearing this, Debra quickly nodded, “Yes, Becky. You are right. Things will get better and better. You have your whole life ahead of you. You’ve been through so much, now it’s time for you to be happy.”

Over the next week, Sam and Melissa were very busy. They tried to keep peace at home, taking care of Rebecca and the twins while also sneaking off to the hospital to visit their other great-grandchild.

An heir was all they’d ever wanted. If Janet had given birth to a girl, maybe they wouldn’t have cared so much, but a son...It changed everything. They might have despised the mistress and loathed Janet’s family, but they didn’t hate their great-grandson. They even worried that the boy would be influenced in a bad way if he stayed with Janet’s family, so they were trying to let Theodore take the child away.

Debra had Paul keep an eye on things at the hospital, and this was what Paul discovered.

Sam and Melissa wanted Theodore to take Janet’s child and have Rebecca raise him. They even argued that while

the adults were at fault, the child was innocent. Plus, Rebecca was a good person. She would understand if they

explained it to her properly.

Debra couldn’t help but laugh angrily after hearing this. Sam and Melissa really had some nerve. Did they think her daughter was some kind of saint who would raise the child of a mistress?

“Becky, listen to me,” Debra advised her daughter earnestly. “There isn’t a single good soul in the Edwards family.

Don't fall for their smooth talk and phony smiles. We gotta learn to see through their crap and get to the heart of

the matter."

"I know." Rebecca nodded in agreement.

"Mom, why don't we just let the babies pick their own names?" Rebecca asked, holding the babies.

Debra was momentarily stunned, and then her eyes lit up. She nodded. "Sure."

Over the past week, the whole family had been brainstorming names for the babies. Even Paul had pitched in with

several suggestions.

With so many good options, they couldn't decide which ones to use.

In the end, they decided it would be best to let the babies choose their own names by drawing lots.

Once the decision was made, Debra and Rebecca got to work immediately.

Debra bought the paper and a pen and wrote down all the options. The babies would rely on their own luck to

draw their first names and nicknames.

After Debra finished writing the names, she let the babies draw their own lots.

In the end, the big sister was named Lillian Carter, with the nickname Lily, and the little brother was named Kevin

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Carter, with the nickname Kev.

The birth licenses for the twins were still pending. This should have been done at the hospital, but Paul had already thought about it. He didn't want the babies to have the Edwards family name, so he had stalled it on purpose. Now, after talking it over with Rebecca, they'd settled on names and surnames, and they could officially apply for the birth licenses.

Debra sent the children's full names to Paul, and he quickly got the birth licenses processed for both babies. From now on, the twins would have the Carter family name and be their adorable little ones!

With the birth certificates in hand, getting the babies registered was much easier.

Bryce had worked at the police station. He just had to submit the birth licenses and the babies' information, and the birth registration issue was quickly resolved.

By the time everything was wrapped up, more than two weeks had flown by. In just another week, those little

bundles would be a month old..

Sam and Melissa also kept this in mind and wanted to throw a party for the babies. They specifically asked

Rebecca about the babies' names.

Rebecca and Debra exchanged a glance and finally told them that the babies didn't go with the name Edwards.

Melissa was stunned, and Sam was equally shocked.

Even Theodore looked at Rebecca in disbelief.

"Rebecca, are you out of your mind?" Theodore asked angrily.

Rebecca's face remained calm. She looked down at the babies and lifted her head the divorce license, the children are mine and have nothing to do with you, right?"

face Theodore. "According to

Theodore had used the babies' lives as leverage to force her to sign the divorce license. Now that they were born, they naturally had nothing to do with Theodore.

"And since the children are with me, I get to choose their last names, right?" Rebecca spoke again, but this time, her voice was firm and full of power.

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Sam and Melissa didn't look pleased. The fact that their great-grandchildren didn't take the Edwards name was embarrassing.

“Rebecca, are you still upset about your sister? I can promise you. Theodore will never get involved with Janet again. If they dare to keep on anything, I swear they’ll face the consequences!” Melissa looked at Rebecca, her promise firm.

“Rebecca, you shouldn’t change the kids’ surname without discussing with us. People will think we are a joke if they find out,” Sam added, frowning.

Debra listened to their sarcastic comments and couldn’t help but laugh. She mocked, “A joke? Who would dare to laugh at us? Let them come to me, and I’ll shut their mouths!”

“Rebecca,” Theodore’s voice was frosty, “I don’t give a damn what you decide before the birth, but once that kids are out, it’s taking my last name. Period.” His tone left no room for argument.

“I’ll find someone to change their birth licenses. And since they’ll have my surname, I’ll take care of all their expenses. You don’t need to worry about it.” Theodore then firmly decided.

Sam and Melissa breathed a sigh of relief. Their grandchildren should carry their surnames. If they bore someone else’s name, it would be a stain on the family’s honor.

Since Theodore was willing to step in, Sam and Melissa were reassured. After all, the Edwards family had a vast business empire. As long as Theodore wanted to change, it would be easy to alter the children’s surnames.

“Rebecca, don’t worry. We will treat you well in the future.” Melissa comforted Rebecca, believing the matter was settled.

Rebecca had initially thought Sam and Melissa were kind to her, but over the past few days, she realized they were actually siding with Theodore. After all, an outsider would never be more important than their own grandson.

“Don’t even think about it! All of the paper work are done. It can’t be changed!” Rebecca snapped, her voice cold. Debra looked at the group mockingly. The Edwards family was one of the top elite families in Maeloria. Without the Carters, Becky might not have stood a chance against this shameless bunch. But now, with the Carter family backing Becky, how could these people still think they could push her around? That was a pipe dream.

“What?” Melissa exclaimed in disbelief. “You’ve already completed the children’s official birth registration?”

“Alright, enough’s enough.” Debra waved her hand dismissively. “Rebecca needs some rest. She just gave birth, for crying out loud. Let’s not bother her with this nonsense.” She started to usher them toward the door.

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Suddenly, the sound of a cane hitting the floor echoed through the room!

Everyone was startled, and the room fell silent instantly. They all turned toward the source of the sound – Sam.

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Sam, who had always been calm, now looked sternly at Rebecca. He said in a cold voice, “Rebecca, you Theodore can fight over your personal issues all you want, but you have no say when it comes to children.

“Tomorrow, you both go to change the children’s surname on the license. End of discussion. Stop being unreasonable!” Sam commanded firmly.

With that, Sam turned and walked away, clearly done with the argument.

Melissa’s face was also grim. She watched her husband leave and then looked at Rebecca.

Her health had never been good, and now she felt a pain in her chest. It wasn’t good...

With trembling hands, she popped a pill and swallowed it. Melissa then gave Debra a cold glance and walked over to Rebecca. She reached out, gently holding Rebecca’s hand, like a worried elder trying to console a younger one.

“Rebecca, can we talk for a moment, just you and me?” Melissa lowered her raspy voice, pleading.

Theodore gave Rebecca a long, deep look before finally turning to leave.

Rebecca, alone and vulnerable, was easy to manipulate. Just like when he forced her to sign the divorce license, he had ways to make her comply. This little act of defiance was just a scene.

Melissa didn’t leave. Instead, she glanced meaningfully at Debra, clearly wanting her to leave so she could speak to

Rebecca alone.

Rebecca pressed her lips together and didn’t say a word no matter what Melissa said.

Over the past few days, she had come to realize that only her mother truly cared about her. None of the Edwards

could be trusted.

Melissa waited for a long time, but Rebecca didn't budge. The expectant look in her eyes gradually faded into disappointment, ending with a weary sigh.

"Rebecca, you're still so young. There are many things you don't understand yet. When you grow older and wiser, you'll understand what I'm trying to tell you.

"What does it matter if he's with other women? Men like him, well, they don't usually settle down young. We've all been there. In a few years, you'll see things differently. You'll realize love isn't everything. As long as you're the one by Theodore's side, in the end, when he gets older and settles down, everything will be yours.

"And don't forget," Melissa added, "the Edwards family fortune and properties will all be yours too.

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"You're on your own now. Your foster parents are partial to your sister, and you won't get a penny from the

Mitchells. As women, we have to look out for ourselves. Don't throw away what you've already got."

With that, Melissa turned to leave. But before she did, she gave Debra a long, hard look. She didn't like Debra. It

felt like her obedient and sensible Rebecca had been influenced poorly by this woman.

The Edwards had all left, leaving only Rebecca, Debra, and the babies in the room.

Debra let out a snort. "Who cares about the Edwards family's scraps?" she scoffed, unwrapping a piece of candy and popping it into Rebecca's mouth.

Rebecca opened her mouth and carefully ate the candy her mother offered.

"Becky, don't listen to that old woman's nonsense. When it comes to the background, the Carters family is just as good as the Edwards family. One day, all the Carter family's

wealth will be yours. Let the Edwards keep their scraps and feed them to the dogs!" Debra said disdainfully.

She continued, clearly angry, "And about her saying that rich guys love to fool around. Heh! That's just a load of crap from someone who doesn't know how to raise a decent son. The Carters are nothing like that. She just lives at misera

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Rebecca looked at her mother and smiled slightly, feeling very happy.

Debra saw her daughter smiling and thought, 'That little smile, oh, it almost takes my breath away. She's so beautiful when she smiles. We definitely chose the right name for our baby. Her smile suits the nickname, Becky, perfectly.'

As she thought of that, she reached out, pinched Rebecca's cheek, and said with a grin, "Oh my baby, you look so beautiful when you smile, From now on, you should smile more often. How wonderful it would be to be happy and joyful for a lifetime!"

Rebecca felt a bit helpless. After spending the past few days with her mother, she began to understand her better. Debra was the type to say whatever she wanted and do whatever she felt like, and she was very straightforward and happy-go-lucky.

Rebecca thought about it and worriedly asked, "Mom... Theodore wants to change the kids' last name and their official birth registration. What should we do?"

After spending more time with her mother, Rebecca had a clearer idea of how she would live her life. She felt that it

as she believed would be best for her and her two children not to be involved with the Edwards family anymore, their family environment would be a bad influence on her children.

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However, she was worried that the Edwards family, with their influence in Macloria, would find it easy the children's official birth registration and last name.

Rebecca was concerned that she wouldn't be able to change her children's fate.

Debra looked at her with a hint of reproach and asked, "Why? You don't have faith in the Carter family?"

Rebecca was rendered speechless by her words and felt bewildered.



Debra smiled and said, "Alright, sweetheart, you don't need to worry about this. I'll call your older brothers. They have many connections. If we have someone crack down on this during this time, no matter how powerful the Edwards family is, they won't be able to change the children's official birth registration and last name without your

consent.

"According to the law, once the child's official birth registration is completed, changing the name requires the consent of both parents. Otherwise, it's not possible!"

With that, she pulled out her phone and began contacting Adrian and Bryce. After explaining the situation to them, she urged her sons to handle the matter immediately and not waste any time..

Debra thought that with strict enforcement from above, subordinates wouldn't dare to take advantage of any

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loopholes. Consequently, Theodore wouldn't be able to change the children's official birth registration and last

name without Rebecca's consent.

After listening to their mother, Adrian and Bryce understood how serious the matter was. They then promptly

agreed and immediately went to find someone to handle it.

Meanwhile, Theodore made calls downstairs immediately after leaving Rebecca's room. He was adamant that these two children must have his last name, and their official birth registration had to be recorded in their family

records.

The Edwards family indeed had extensive connections, and within just a few minutes, Theodore had made arrangements with the person on the other end. He only needed to hand in the documents, and the children's official birth registration and last name would be changed in no time.

It was already late when he made the call today, so it wouldn't be possible to change the children's official birth registration and last name immediately. With the next two days being the weekend, the earliest he could take care of it would be next Monday during the Civil Registry Office's business hours.

Nonetheless, Theodore wasn't worried. He believed the matter was simple and could be easily handled in a few days.

As for Rebecca...

As Theodore thought back to her actions over the last two days, he became very irritated.

He pondered, 'Ever since Rebecca gave birth, she seems like a different person. She used to always look at me with those pathetic, pleading eyes, which were quite annoying! But now, she barely looks at me and even dares to talk back and demand a divorce. She really wants a complete, clear-cut divorce. It seems like most of the time...she's focused on the children and that woman named Debra who suddenly appeared?'

The more Theodore thought about it, the stranger it seemed and the more irritated he became. He didn't want to think about Rebecca anymore, so he finally stopped, took out his phone, and called a friend to go out for drinks.

In the evening, Rebecca and Debra also received good news. Patrick had already sorted out his work on the Hivalis side, and he could come to Maeloria next week.

With his daughter in Maeloria, he didn't want to stay in Hivalis a moment longer. Unfortunately, they had left in such a hurry that day that there was still a lot of work left to arrange there. So, they had only spent a few days with Rebecca in the hospital before they had to return to work.

But now, everything was sorted. Patrick had already taken care of everything at Hivalis. He could now bring a team

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to Maeloria, start organizing the opening of the branch store, and spend time with his beloved daughter and those two adorable little kids. Just imagining it made him feel wonderful.

At the same time, the news that the Carter family was going to open a branch in Macloria spread quickly, and many of Maeloria residents heard about it.

Which jewelry store was the best in Zentiscape, you asked?

If the Carter family's jewelry store claimed to be second best, no one would have dared to say they were first. Throughout the country and even among many international celebrities, when people wanted to purchase jewelry, the Carter family's store was their first choice.

When the news spread that this prestigious jewelry store was opening a branch in Maeloria, the whole upper class

of Maeloria was thrilled.

They no longer had to fly all the way to Hivalis to buy beautiful jewelry. Now, they could get the best jewelry in the country right in Maeloria.

Even Janet, who had just had a baby, was part of the thrilled crowd.

She had been in the entertainment industry for five years and loved using the Carter family's jewelry.

The first reason was that the Carter family's jewelry had the best quality and design in the country, with authentic content, and their designs were internationally recognized.

Another reason was that the Carter family's jewelry was one of the world's top 100 luxury brands. Merely having their latest items would attract significant media attention and possibly go viral.

Janet was thrilled when she heard that the Carter family was opening a branch in Maëloria.

She thought, 'When the new store opens, the Carter family will definitely launch new products, right? I'll have the advantage of her proximity to the store to snag their latest limited luxury items. That will make my post-maternity return all the more sensational!'

With that in mind, Janet immediately called her agent, Lisa, over and instructed her to find out all the details about the Carter family's branch opening, including whether they would launch new products, when they would be launched, and what they would be.

Most importantly, she needed to secure an invitation to the Carter family's store opening ceremony as they would definitely hold a grand opening ceremony. That would give her something to show off when she made her

comeback.

Being able to attend the opening of a branch of the Carter family jewelry shop, one of the top 100 luxury brands globally, would prove Janet's status. She even thought she might have a chance to become their spokesperson one day.

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"Janet, is this for real? Is the Carter family really opening a jewelry store in Maeloria?" Lisa asked. She found it hard to believe after hearing Janet and even wondered if such a big brand would actually come to Maeloria.

"Of course, it's real. Go and gather the information for me. Remember, you must get me that invitation no matter

what!" Janet insisted.

Lisa quickly agreed, "Got it."

Then, Janet asked, "Oh, and any new opportunities for me to stage a comeback?"

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When Janet mentioned it, Lisa immediately became alert and hurriedly replied, "Ben wants to film a in a month and is currently recruiting. What do you think abo

that, Janet?"

"What kind of reality show?" Janet asked.

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"It's a family-themed reality show called 'A Glimpse into Our Family. Each participating celebrity can bring a family member, like their dad, mom, brother, sister, or any other relative," Lisa explained.

Then, she quickly added, "Janet, since your parents adore you, you can bring them along. It would be perfect to build up your "beloved heiress' persona, which is very popular right now. Also, since you just had a baby, it's not suitable to act in a romance show, but a family show would be perfect."

Janet considered it for a moment and then agreed, "Alright, go ahead and sign me up!"

Lisa nodded quickly. "Okay."

“By the way...” She suddenly looked up and said, “The company asked me to remind you of something, Janet.”

“About you and Mr. Edwards, the company said that the best course of action is for him to divorce quickly and for you to marry him as soon as possible. Once you’re officially married to Mr. Edwards, there won’t be any issues if your relationship is exposed later,” Lisa reminded her.

Janet’s smile stiffened at that, and she irritably said, “Alright, alright, I’ll handle my own affairs. The company doesn’t need to worry. You just go do your job!”

Lisa hurriedly nodded. “Okay.”

Since Rebecca’s dad was coming, they needed a place to stay. So, in the following days, she and her mom were busy house hunting.

Money wasn’t an issue for the Carter family, so they didn’t want to settle for less. The best houses in Maeloria were in their area, and most importantly, Debra and Patrick both felt that since they were coming for their daughter, it would be best to buy a house close to her.

Eventually, they decided on the house right next to Rebecca’s, which would make them neighbors.

However, the question was, would the neighbors be willing to sell their house?

If the offer weren’t high enough, they wouldn’t sell for sure!

But if they offered enough money for the neighbors to move, it wouldn’t be a problem for them to sell the house to

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Debra and Patrick.

Once the decision was made, she went to knock on the neighbors’ door that afternoon to discuss buying the

house.

Rebecca had initially been worried that the neighbors wouldn’t sell, but to her surprise, her mother returned in just two hours.

In the room, she asked nervously and expectantly, “How did it go, Mom?”

With a proud smile, Debra replied, “Of course, it’s all taken care of! There’s nothing I can’t handle!”

Rebecca pressed her lips together, barely able to suppress her excitement, and thought that her mother was truly

remarkable.

However, the neighbors needed a few days to pack up and move. Being reasonable people, they gave the

neighbors time to move out.

Meanwhile, Rebecca’s postpartum recovery was also nearing its end.

With the babies’ one-month celebration coming up, both the Edwards family and the Carter family wanted to hold

a party.

These two were the Carter family’s precious little ones, and during their official birth registration, Carter was registered as their last name, so the Carters thought that the celebration definitely had to be hosted by them and at their place.

But how were they going to throw this party? Where would it be held? Who would be invited? All of these were questions they needed to figure out!

Rebecca and Theodore hadn’t gotten divorced, so a grand celebration was out of the question. Otherwise, Rebecca’s connection to the Carter family would definitely be exposed, and the Edwards family would be even less willing to let Theodore and Rebecca divorce, as they would cling to their precious daughter.

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The Carter family figured they should scale the celebration down and keep it low-key. But what was the best way

to do it?

As they were stressing about the babies’ one-month celebration, the Edwards family was also getting anxious.

Theodore had tried to pull a few strings and thought it would be a breeze to handle the kids’ official birth registration and last name issue. However, just two days later, his

friend had informed him that the authorities had started a strict investigation, and now everything had to be done by the book without any shortcuts.

If he wanted to change the children's official birth registration and last name, he would have to go to the Civil

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process to finalize these changes.

In the room, Theodore placed a name change consent form in front of Rebecca and commanded, "Sign it, Rebecca!"

However, she just held the babies and didn't move.

Theodore then lost his temper. He turned around and kicked a stool hard, sending it flying against the wall with a loud crash.

Debra was startled and narrowed her eyes at him.

The next moment, Theodore furiously shouted, "Don't make me do this the hard way, Rebecca!"

Rebecca countered, "These two kids are mine. It's perfectly reasonable for them to have my last name. What right do you have to change it?"

"Why shouldn't our kids carry my last name?" Theodore couldn't take it anymore and shouted, "And you gave them the last name Carter? Ha! Who the hell is Carter? When did you start seeing someone else behind my back?"

He was so worked up that he began to stutter. He continued to shout furiously, "Rebecca, let me tell you, these children are mine. They will only ever have my last name. Sooner or later, I'll change their last name and official birth registration!"

As soon as Theodore finished speaking, his eyes turned red. He then glared at Rebecca before turning on his heel

and storming out.

Four days later, the babies finally turned one month old.

The Edwards family had to cancel the one-month celebration for the babies at the last minute. They told others it was because the babies were sick and that the fortune teller

advised against it. However, within the family, they knew it was really because the babies' didn't have Edwards as their registered last name.

After the babies turned one month old, Rebecca also completed her postpartum recovery period.

Sam and Melissa also moved out of the villa as Theodore made them do so, worrying that staying there might

worsen Melissa's condition if she got too worked up.

As a result, Rebecca was the only one left in the large villa.

But with them gone, it was now convenient for the Carter family to throw the one-month birthday party for the

babies.

The Carter family's relatives suddenly all gathered at the neighboring villa, including Rebecca's father, mother, three older brothers, uncles, aunts, cousins, and other close family members.

The closest relatives in the family all arrived, each bringing three gifts, which they insisted on giving to Rebecca

and the children.

Unable to refuse, she finally accepted everyone's gifts with a flushed face.

The party wasn't only for the babies. It was also for Rebecca. She had been separated from the family for more than twenty years and had just been found. Everyone missed her dearly and took this opportunity to see her during the babies' one-month celebration.

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After her postpartum period ended, Rebecca could finally leave the house and move around.

Charlie excitedly pulled her aside and asked if she would join him on a reality show.

Their parents immediately rolled their eyes at the suggestion.

Patrick warned his son, "Charlie! Don't involve your sister in such nonsense!"



Debra also disapproved. “Exactly. Becky has only just finished her recovery and still needs to rest. Don’t wear her out, or you’ll answer to me!”

Charlie immediately got defensive. “How is it nonsense? The entertainment industry isn’t all bad, okay? Some people keep their integrity while others lose it. You guys are just biased against the entertainment world!”

After snapping at his father, he turned to his mother and hurriedly said, “Don’t worry, Mom. I only have one sister, and I’ll definitely take care of her. The show is called ‘A Glimpse into Our Family’ and focuses on family bonds. As her brother, I’ll make sure she’s well taken care of and not overworked!”

Charlie then added assertively, “Besides, I heard Janet will be on the show too. That wretch has bullied Becky for so long. Don’t you guys want Becky to get back at her?”

“I don’t care if you want to or not, I do. That wretch really ticks me off. How dare she call herself a leading actress looking like that? Ha, once Becky comes on, anyone who thinks Janet is good-looking must be blind!”

Debra frowned, “Janet will be on the show too?”

Charlie fell silent and was at a loss for words.

The next moment, Rebecca spoke up. “I’ll go.”

Everyone then turned to look at her.

Rebecca was silent for a moment before explaining, “Dad, Mom, I actually...also wanted to apply to film school eight years ago. I dreamed of joining the entertainment industry, becoming famous, and being a star.

“Shortly after my adoptive parents had adopted me, they soon had their own biological child. Since Janet’s birth, they have never treated me like their own daughter anymore. I felt like an outsider who shouldn’t exist in that home. Janet always bullied me, and my adoptive parents always made me give in to her. If I didn’t, they would punish me. That’s why I always wanted to find my real parents since I was young.

“Back then, I really wanted to be a celebrity because they stand out, and everyone in the country can see them. I thought if my parents were still alive and I became a star, they might see me. If they saw me, they might recognize me and come to find me.

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“When I took the SAT at eighteen, I scored 1450 on the test. I wanted to go to Southwood Film Academy, but Janet found out and made sure I couldn’t apply to a good university, and in the end...”

As Rebecca spoke, her eyes suddenly welled up with tears. She then took a deep breath to compose herself before continuing calmly, “I ended up attending a terrible university.”

When they heard her, Debra started crying, and Patrick’s eyes also became teary.

Adrian, Bryce, and even Charlie were also infuriated.

They hadn’t had the slightest idea that their sister had been bullied so badly, and that the Mitchell family would have gone this far, especially Janet.

“Becky, if you still want to continue your education, I can arrange it for you. There are many adult education programs available. If you study hard, you can still get into a good university!” Adrian quickly said, showing his support for his sister.

“Exactly. You can even pursue a master’s or a Ph.D. As long as you want it, there’s always a way!” Bryce chimed in, believing his sister’s future was full of possibilities if she worked hard.

As Charlie listened to his older brothers, he felt horrified since he hated studying. He thought, ‘Becky finally got through those school years, and now they want her to go back? Adrian and Bryce must be out of their minds. That’s terrifying!’

Rebecca said, “You guys, there’s no need to worry about me. My studies haven’t been affected. Even though I didn’t attend the university I preferred, I still studied hard and got accepted into a graduate program at Twin Ivy University after I graduated.

“Back then, the Mitchell family forced me to marry Theodore. After I married him, the Mitchell family couldn’t control me as much, so I could continue my studies. Theodore’s grandmother knew about this too.”

She then seriously explained to everyone, “His grandmother likes highly educated girls, so compared to Janet, his grandparents like me more.”

Charlie was stunned after hearing her. His jaw dropped as he looked at his sister in disbelief.

He exclaimed inwardly, ‘What the heck?! Is this really my sister?’

Charlie glanced at Rebecca and shifted his gaze to Adrian, Bryce, and then, lastly, his parents, feeling life was unfair.

Charlie asked, “Dad, Mom, were you playing favorites when you had me?”

“How come Adrian, Bryce, and Becky are so clever and have excellent grades, while I’m the only one who’s a slacker?” he complained.

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At that, everyone except Charlie burst into laughter. They were happy and relieved that despite the hardships Becky faced, she was smart and hardworking. Even though she had been adopted by such a terrible family, she had managed to climb to the top through her own efforts.

Debra looked at her youngest son and jokingly scolded him, “How can you say that? Adrian and Bryce are one thing, but Becky had it rough and still didn’t give up on her studies. Meanwhile, you, the slacker, were always mischievous and never missed a chance to cause trouble. Now you’re embarrassed in front of your sister? Serves you right!”

“Exactly! You deserve it!” Patrick chimed in.

Charlie found that he couldn’t argue with that.

Everyone fell silent for a moment before Debra asked, “Becky, the entertainment industry isn’t like other fields. Do you know how scary public opinion can be? No matter what, Janet has been in the industry for many years. She’s now a top actress with many fans. If you go on the show and go against her, her fans might attack you. You...”

“What’s there to be scared of? Well, she might be a top actress, but your son is an award-winning actor, Mom! Don’t worry. I’ll protect Becky. If Janet’s fans dare to attack Becky, my fans will surely retaliate against Janet!” Charlie immediately said loudly.

Debra rolled her eyes at him. “It’s not the same! You’re a man with a thick skin and you are resilient. Becky is a girl, and girls are naturally more sensitive. What if those insulting comments get to her?”

Charlie thought Debra was being unfair.

Debra thought about it for a moment and then looked at Rebecca, saying, “And Becky’s identity is also a problem. Becky hasn’t gotten her divorce license yet. We can’t reveal that she’s our daughter for now.

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Charlie said, "That's easy. I've already talked to the director. When the time comes, I'll make an announcement saying that I'll pick a lucky fan from my followers to join me in the show. Fans who are interested and available can sign up."

"We can say that family don't necessarily have to be blood relatives. It's okay to be a bit flexible sometimes, isn't it?"

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"Fans count as family, too, right?"

"As long as Becky joins me as a fan, there won't be any issues, right?"

As Charlie gave his reasons, everyone was stunned.

They then wondered, 'It...actually seems there's no problem with this. As long as the production team has no objections, there shouldn't be any issues, right?'

The next moment, Charlie immediately whined. "I don't care. Becky has already agreed, so none of you can her. Anyone who objects will have to face me!"

Debra rubbed her forehead in exasperation while Patrick was left speechless.

After a while, he conceded, "If Becky wants to go, let her try it out. She can treat it as a few days of fun."

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Sons were different from daughters. If his sons misbehaved, Patrick could scold or even discipline them with a stick. But if his daughter misbehaved, what could he do but keep spoiling her?

Debra hesitated for a long while but eventually nodded in agreement. "Alright, but you must be careful and not tire yourself out. If you don't want to continue filming, just call me, and I'll come to pick you up immediately."

Rebecca felt touched by her parents' compromise and nodded. "Okay."

Charlie almost felt jealous.

He found it hard to believe and thought, 'Back when I wanted to join the entertainment industry, Mom and Dad wouldn't allow me and even locked me up for three months. I had to sneak out through the window to get away. But for Becky, it's this easy? That's unfair! So biased!'

But he soon became excited again. His sister wasn't just cherished by their parents. She was the apple of the whole family and deserved to be pampered by them all.

He then turned to Rebecca and excitedly assured her, "Becky, don't worry. I'll be there for you. If anything happens, just let me know. I'll take care of everything and won't let anyone bully you!"

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After hearing that, the others all looked at Charlie and then at Rebecca. With Charlie protecting Rebecca, they felt

more reassured.

Although they had agreed on the variety show, the production wouldn't start filming immediately. It would take a few days for the crew to begin production. While waiting for the crew to begin filming, Patrick brought Rebecca along to scout a location for the new branch.

The Carter family planned to pass their business to their heiress. So whenever possible, Patrick wanted to take Rebecca out to learn and become familiar with every process of the work. This way, when she took over the business, no one could push her around.

Since Rebecca was familiar with Maeloria, she was able to give Patrick some suggestions, like which areas had more traffic and which spots had more incidents. Within two days, they had walked through all the main streets of Maeloria, especially revisiting the busy shops several times.

By the third day, Patrick had decided on the location for the new branch. He chose to buy a shop in the busiest area, and once it was renovated, it would become one of their family's stores.

During these days, Patrick had shared many tips with Rebecca about site selection, and she had gained a lot of knowledge.

Once they decided on the location, they had to find the shop owner and find a way to acquire the shop.

The step could be challenging or straightforward. The challenging part was that jewelry shops were worth a lot, and the original owners wouldn't easily give them up. The easy part was that if the price were right, a smart owner

would agree to sell.

Of course, if they encountered a stubborn owner who refused to sell or raised the price excessively beyond the budget, they would have to find another way or look for another shop.

However, their negotiation went smoothly this time. After all, the Carter family had money, and most importantly, the shop owner's wife was a huge fan of Carter's Jewel. Patrick promised her a premium VIP membership card and offered a significant transfer fee, making it easy to acquire the shop in the most luxurious area.

Once they had acquired the shop, the next thing to do was renovate it.

However, Rebecca didn't have time to participate in the renovation process because she had promised Charlie that she would join him in the show.

Moreover, she figured that Janet was nearly done with her postpartum recovery and thought Janet might have timed her participation in the show accordingly.

As for Rebecca's participation, like Charlie had mentioned before, he organized a sign-up event on his official Twitter account, allowing fans to register. Rebecca blended in with the fans and was "luckily" selected as a fan.

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On the day the selection event ended, Twitter crashed. The hashtag "Charlie publicly selects a fan for a variety show" quickly topped the trending list.

The number of comments from netizens was increasing by tens of thousands per minute.

Due to that incident, "A Glimpse into Our Family" became a hit on Twitter before it even aired, and many short video bloggers shared the news.

In just a few minutes, keywords like Charlie, fans, and "A Glimpse into Our Family" spread rapidly across major online platforms, becoming a viral sensation.

The director of the show was overjoyed as they hadn't even started marketing yet, but Charlie's stunt had maxed out the promotional effect. As long as the subsequent filming went well, the show was bound to be a hit! And that meant money! Most importantly, if the show succeeded, the director could finally prove himself and shut up those who said he had lost his touch!

It had been five years since the director's last famous work. Over these five years, he had made several projects, each worse than the last, damaging his own reputation.

However, things were different now. If "A Glimpse into Our Family" succeeded, people would stop saying he only became a famous director by luck.

Yet, as some celebrated, others were troubled.

Janet had already won the top actress award before her pregnancy. But she had taken a few months off to have her baby, and during this period, she had no new work, causing many online viewers to gradually forget about her.

Her first show after returning from childbirth was crucial. Janet had thought she would be the star of this show, with everyone revolving around her. This way, once the show was filmed, she could quickly regain her edge and win back the fans she had lost during her pregnancy and childbirth.

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Janet, being a top actress, naturally believed that the first show she took after returning from maternity leave should revolve around her, making her the focus of the entire show.

But now, even before the show started filming, someone else had already stolen her spotlight.

Janet could almost foresee that if she didn't intervene, the director might give most of the camera time to Charlie and the randomly chosen fan during the show's filming. She then wondered angrily, "What does that make me then? Am I, the top actress, just going to be a supporting role in my first show after giving birth? Everyone will make fun of me!"

As she thought of that, her expression turned grim, and she became extremely agitated. She called her agent, Lisa, and asked, "Lisa, what's the deal with Ben? Didn't he say this show was supposed to be about family?"

Lisa, on the other end of the call, got nervous after hearing Janet, and she carefully replied, "Janet, I just spoke with Ben. He said Charlie and the fan thing was a last-minute decision."

"A last-minute decision? Did they ask for my opinion before changing their minds? How am I supposed to save face now?" Janet was livid, her voice rising in anger.

Fuming, she took a deep breath and continued, "Tell Ben that if they want me to be a supporting role and let Charlie overshadow me, then I'm quitting the show!"

With that, Janet immediately hung up the phone angrily.

Meanwhile, Lisa, who was at the company, looked troubled as she held her phone.

Shortly after, she called the director, Ben Hofmann, again and began discussing.

On the other side, Ben was equally nervous. The moment Charlie's fan selection idea went viral, he knew Janet would be upset.

Ben thought, 'This is Janet's comeback show after maternity leave, so she must value it greatly. She probably

use our show as a springboard for her career!

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If Janet had insisted on being the main attraction and having everyone revolve around her early on, he might have given in, considering the traffic she would bring.

After all, a top actress returning after childbirth was a big deal and would undoubtedly attract many viewers. Just the hype alone would give the show a significant boost.

But now Charlie was also participating in the show. Janet might be a top actress, but Charlie was a top actor, too. More importantly, Charlie was called Silver-tongued Charlie on the internet because good-looking and a great

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had a sharp tongue!

Most of the pretentious stars in the entertainment industry had been publicly criticized by Charlie. He never had his

dain for these stars in front of the media

Even Janet herself had been publicly insulted by him before, with the reason being she was too ugly.

Because of this incident, her fans and Charlie's fans never saw eye to eye and frequently fought online. Many of Janet's fans would food Charlie's Twitter account, madly insulting him for being rude.

His fans would fight back by going to Janet's official Twitter account and calling her ugly and annoying, and

aiming she couldn't take criticism



Ben understood that having Charlie and Janet in the same program would immediately draw a large audience once the news got out. As long as the filming went smoothly and it wasn't canceled midway, the show was guaranteed to be a hit.

Ben realized that the most important thing now was to keep both of them on board. No matter what, both Charlie and Janet had to be part of the show. If either of them left, the viewership could drop by more than half, and Ben couldn't bear to think of that loss.

After receiving the call from Lisa, Ben carefully used all his persuasive skills, promising many benefits, and agreed to give Janet more camera time than Charlie during filming. Finally, the matter was settled.

On the other side, Lisa immediately turned to report to Janet what Ben had promised. Janet was pleased upon hearing the news.

Lisa said, "Janet, don't be upset anymore. Charlie bringing a fan on the show might seem impressive at first, but the real highlight of this show is the interaction between celebrities and their family. With Charlie's personality, it's a wonder if he can get along with a fan at all!"

She then chuckled and continued to say to Janet happily, "If he ends up insulting or bullying the fan during the recording, can you imagine how the audience would react?"

Janet was momentarily stunned, but then she smiled smugly. "You're right. Charlie doing this is like digging his own grave."

Lisa added, "Not only that, Janet. Think about it, Charlie made such a high-profile start, and many fans are now mad about the fantasy of fan-celebrity interactions. If he behaves poorly and bullies his fan partner, won't that make you look even better by comparison?"

"That's right!" Janet exclaimed and turned to look at Lisa happily. "You do have a brain after all. Your salary will double this month!"

"A doubled salary? Lisa wondered, and her eyes lit up instantly. She then looked at Janet and quickly thanked her.

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"Thank you, Janet!"

In the blink of an eye, three days passed, and it was the day the show started filming.

Charlie packed his things early in the morning, as did Rebecca, along with Debra and the two babies.

The babies were still very young and needed their mother for feeding, so they had to come along.

With the babies going along, the nannies who looked after them had to go as well. Since there were two babies, they brought along two nannies.

However, due to the show's filming requirements, Rebecca and Charlie had to start filming right after getting off the plane, so Debra and the babies had to keep their distance from Rebecca.

After getting off the plane, Debra instructed the nannies to carry the babies and follow the other passengers, circling around to meet the show's staff. This way, they wouldn't appear in the show's footage.

At the same time, the show crew had set up the live cameras as planned.

The show featured five groups of guests.

The first group consisted of sports star Jayden Campbell and his three-year-old daughter.

The second group was 17-year-old singer Phoebe Hemsworth and her grandfather Tamron Hemsworth.

The third group featured B-list celebrity Lesley Bretherton and her sister Angie Bretherton.

The fourth group was made up of the top actress, Janet, and her mother, Karen.

Last but not least, the fifth group was award-winning actor Charlie and his fan.

The live stream interface had been specially set up before the celebrities appeared, with five guest groups and five live stream rooms.

For the first four live stream rooms, pre-shot posters were used as covers before the guests appeared. Only the fifth room, which was Charlie and Rebecca's room, had a poster featuring Charlie and a mysterious silhouette.

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The live broadcast hadn't started yet, but many viewers were already watching. In live Rooms One through Three, there were a few scattered comments, but live Rooms Four and Five were flooded with comments, covering the entire screen.

The main reason was that the hosts of these two rooms were not ordinary people. One was a top actress who had just given birth, and the other was a sharp-tongued top actor.

Between Room Four and Room Five, Room Five had more comments, and the reasons behind it were rather complicated.

First, Janet had taken a break for over half a year due to pregnancy and childbirth, causing some fans to lose interest. Naturally, her popularity couldn't compare to Charlie, who had remained active in the entertainment industry.

Second, Charlie had created a buzz before the show started by choosing a fan via an official Twitter selection to join him on the show. As a result, his live room was filled not only with his fans but also with curious onlookers who had seen the trending news.

At that moment, whether they were his long-time fans or the curious onlookers, everyone was eager to know what kind of fan had won the raffle.

Who was it? How could they be so lucky to join the top actor, Charlie, in a reality show?

The mysterious silhouette in Room Five kept everyone on the edge of their seats, making them extremely curious and eager to find out.

[I'm rooting for Chuck! You can do it, Chuck!]

[I'm curious to see what the fan Chuck picked looks like.]

[I heard it's a girl!]

[Ugh, I'm so frustrated! I even prayed before the raffle! Why didn't luck favor me?]

(Chuck is so sweet to his fans, love him!]

But while some were curious, others, particularly Janet's fans, were upset.

The top actor and actress were supposed to be on equal footing, yet Charlie had stirred things up before the show by bringing a fan instead of a family member, which had surprisingly boosted his online buzz over Janet.

Janet's fans felt it was unfair. They suspected that the show was deliberately favoring Charlie at Janet's expense..

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Therefore, quite a few of her fans were also in Room Five, making snarky comments and criticizing.

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[Charlie is disgusting. If he doesn't have family, he shouldn't join this show. What's the deal with picking a fan? Are fans his family?]

[Everyone else brought family members, but he had to be different. Another day of being grossed out by Charlie, ugh!]

[I really don't get the director's logic now. There's no principle at all. The show's name clearly states family, but they allowed Charlie to bring a fan. It's sickening!]

Janet's fans were being quite harsh, and when Charlie's fans saw it, they weren't happy and immediately argued back.

[Who says fans aren't family? We and Chuck are like family!]

[I bet those are Janet's fans. Maybe their idol doesn't consider them family, so they're here in Chuck's live room to bark?]

[Ha! You're good with words. Keep it coming. I love this!]

[It's hilarious. Some people's idols don't treat them like family, so they come to Chuck's stream to bark, woof woof!]

Meanwhile, Charlie and Rebecca walked out from the airport and were immediately met with the show's crew, who were waiting at the entrance. The live broadcast cameras were also instantly pointed at them.

Rebecca instantly felt nervous.

Charlie ruffled Rebecca's hair and reassured her, "It's okay. There's no need to be scared."

Immediately after, he led Rebecca toward the livestream camera.

When Charlie got in front of the camera, he skillfully smiled and greeted the viewers, "Hello everyone, I'm Charlie, and this is my fan Becky!"

With that, he turned to Rebecca with a smile and said, "Say hi to everyone, Becky. It's really easy. Don't worry. I'll protect you."

At that moment, Room Five's comment section was flooded, and all the viewers who had been waiting went wild.

[Ahhhh, my Chuck is here! Chuck is here!]

[Wow, the lucky fan is gorgeous. Are we sure she's just a fan and not an idol or celebrity?]

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[I'm screenshotting this. Isn't Chuck's fan way prettier than that over-praised actress from the other room?]

[She really is beautiful. I was stunned. I thought Chuck finally started dating!]

[Such a good-looking pair. The fan is as attractive as Chuck. They look amazing together!]

[Is it just me, or does anyone else also think Becky and Chuck look a bit alike? They could be siblings!]

[This is what a true fan looks like!]

[Did you all notice how much Chuck dotes on Becky? He calls her so affectionately, reassures her not to be scared, and promises to protect her!]

[He's truly doting. I wish Chuck would call me that affectionately, too! I want Chuck to reassure me and say he'll protect me too!]

[I'm secretly recording this. I'll save Chuck's voice and listen to it later. That way, it will feel like Chuck is calling me affectionately, comforting me, and telling me he'll protect me!]

Rebecca moved closer to the livestream camera and accidentally saw the comments on the side that the viewers

had made about them, and for a moment, her heart started to beat faster.

Thankfully, she only panicked for a moment before calming down. Rebecca smiled at the camera and greeted everyone in the best way she could, "Hello everyone, I'm Becky, Chuck's fan. I'm so happy to be chosen to join this

show with Chuck."

Once Rebecca finished introducing herself, she breathed a sigh of relief, feeling like she had narrowly escaped a

disaster. She had been so tense before.

Yet, it only lasted for a moment because the next second, Charlie gently patted her head.

“Great job, keep it up. No need to be nervous.” He encouraged Rebecca.

Rebecca turned to look at Charlie and couldn't help but smile warmly.

The number of viewers in live Room Five was rapidly increasing. In just a few minutes, it had jumped from about

twenty thousands to nearly eighty thousand.

The comments were also flooding in more than before, with many excited messages.

[I was just a few seconds late. What did I miss? Why is Chuck looking at this beauty so tenderly? Is Chuck dating? Is she his girlfriend?]

[Ahhhh! Chuck is so sweet to Becky. I'm so jealous! How I wish I were the chosen fan!]

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[Becky is so shy and adorable. I've started to like her already in just a few minutes! What should I do?]

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[I'm a fan of good looks. I think this show is worth watching. Charlie and Becky are so good-looking. I love it!]

Meanwhile, Janet was still at the airport, deliberately dawdling as she watched the livestream on her p phone.

Rooms One to Three were quite ordinary and uninteresting. The most interesting one was Room Five, which she

was currently watching.

The moment Rebecca and Charlie appeared together, Janet's hand that was holding the phone froze, and her

mind went blank. She stared at her phone, more precisely at Rebecca and Charlie in the livestream, feeling like

was all an illusion.

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Janet couldn't believe her eyes. She rubbed them and looked again, realizing that the people in Room Five were indeed Rebecca and Charlie. This was real, not a dream or some weird hallucination.

'But what the heck is Rebecca doing in Charlie's livestream?'

Janet felt absurd as she kept watching and heard Charlie introduce Rebecca as his fan.

'How could Rebecca be Charlie's fan? No way! And how could she be the lucky winner everyone's been buzzing

about?

"Wait a minute... Did Rebecca know I was going to be on this show? Did she somehow rig this, pretend to be a fan so she could join me on the reality show?"

Janet stared at the livestream with a burning gaze, her face growing increasingly grim.

"Janie?" Karen looked at her daughter, puzzled.

She glanced at her watch and anxiously reminded, "Janie, we're running late. We should get going, right? Let's not keep everyone waiting."

In the entertainment industry, the worst thing was to act like a diva. They'd timed their arrival to the minute, planning to head straight from the airport to the event. But Janie had been playing on her phone for so long that Karen was starting to get worried.

Janet's face was cold as she glared at Rebecca through the phone screen. She put away her phone, calmed herself down, and walked out with a sweet smile.

Karen finally sighed in relief, but just as Janet put her phone away, Karen caught a glimpse of a familiar face on the screen. 'Is that Rebecca? Isn't Janie supposed to go to a reality show? Why's she looking at a picture of Rebecca

now?"

Karen was puzzled, but Janet had already walked away, so she hurriedly followed.

Once outside, Karen soon understood. Rebecca was also part of the show, and she was standing next to Charlie!

Over at Edwards Manor, Sam and Melissa were also watching the show. Young people's reality shows weren't really their thing, but Janet had given birth to their great-grandchild. The baby was just a month old, and she had taken him with her for work. They wanted to see their great-grandson!

Janet had joined the film crew. Sam and Melissa, who were too old for long-distance travel, were desperate to catch a glimpse of their great-grandson. When they had some free time, they couldn't resist watching Janet's

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They had the maid put the live feed of the film crew up on the TV screen, ready to see the reality show Janet was filming.

Melissa and Sam were only interested in Janet, so the maid pulled up her individual stream.

At first, nothing seemed out of the ordinary. But then Janet stepped outside the airport, and as the camera followed her, it briefly caught Rebecca in the background. Both Sam and Melissa were stunned!

Melissa was terrified. She stood up nervously and moved closer to the screen for a better look. "Is that Rebecca?

that her?!"

Sam nodded. "Yeah, that's Rebecca!"

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They were both a bit confused. After a moment, they realized what was going on and became panic.

Melissa said anxiously, "Why is Rebecca there? Isn't this where Janet is recording her show?"



Sam also realized something was off. His already furrowed brows tightened even more.

“Melissa, call Theodore and ask him what’s going on,” Sam calmly instructed Melissa at the next second.

“Yes, sure!” Melissa hurriedly nodded.

She was so anxious that her hands were trembling. She took out her phone, slowly scrolled through her contact list, found Theodore’s number, and called him.

Theodore was in his office, buried in paperwork when his phone buzzed. He glanced at the screen, and was surprised to see it was his grandmother.

He was puzzled but still quickly answered the call.

“Grandma?” Theodore asked, confused.

As soon as Melissa heard Theodore’s voice, she frantically said, “Theodore, you need to check on something. Y grandpa and I were watching Janet’s show, and we saw Rebecca on the livestream!

“Why is Rebecca on the same show with Janet? Hurry and find out what’s going on!” Melissa urged.

Theodore’s face darkened upon hearing the news. He had a bad feeling about this.

He immediately turned on his computer to check the recent shows Janet had been filming and found out th “Glimpse into Our Family” had just started live streaming today. It was already blowing up online.

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He found the show and opened the live broadcast. On the main page, there were the thumbnails for five live

rooms.

At that moment, Room Five’s mystery guest was revealed. The main page banner had been updated. While the other guests’ posters remained unchanged, Room Five’s now featured Charlie and Rebecca together.

Theodore spotted Rebecca instantly! “Rebecca? What is she doing here?”

Seeing her with Charlie, Theodore’s mind immediately jumped to the children’s surname...

Rebecca didn't let the children have the surname Edwards or Mitchell. Yet, strangely, they'd been given the last

name Carter, 'What's up with this Carter?'

Without hesitation, Theodore switched directly to Room Five.

The livestream showed Rebecca and Charlie already in the production car, headed to the filming location.

Theodore took out his phone and dialed Rebecca's number.

Debra had hailed a cab and followed the production crew behind, bringing along the two kids and two nannies. They were all sitting in the car, following the crew's vehicle.

Actors were not allowed to bring their phones during filming, so Rebecca's phone was with Debra.

Suddenly, Rebecca's phone started ringing. Debra was a bit surprised and looked down at the phone.

It was Theodore calling.

Debra stared at the screen, stunned. Then, she looked away, pretending not to notice,

'Just a scumbag. Why is he bothering Becky? And he's not even divorcing!'

If Theodore agreed to divorce Becky immediately, she'd drag Becky to the courthouse herself and get it over as fast

as possible!

Theodore waited for a long time, but no one answered his call. In the livestream, Rebecca was quiet. There were no sounds from her phone or any other noise around her.

She and Charlie sat in a car together, barely talking.

But something was off about Charlie. He kept staring at Rebecca, his eyes filled with a deep affection that made Theodore's blood boil!

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Rebecca and Charlie had no idea Theodore was watching the livestream. Even if they did, they wouldn't give a

damn.

At this moment in the car, Charlie was worried that Rebecca might feel sick on the ride. He took out some snacks, ripped open each one, and offered them to his sister. "Here, Becky, try these. They're seriously delicious."

Rebecca looked at the snacks and then at Charlie. A warmth spread through her chest. "Thanks..."

She couldn't be too affectionate, not yet, and they both knew.

Charlie smirked, "Don't bother. It's just some snacks. I'll take care of you!" He was determined not to be any less

protective than Adrian or Bryce. He could protect his sister, too!

He seemed very fixated on the idea of protecting her, and Rebecca couldn't help but smile. Having a real family

member was wonderful.

Thinking of this, Rebecca picked up a bag of chips, and handed it to Charlie.

"You should eat some too, Chuck," Rebecca said.

They couldn't act too close, but calling him Chuck should be fine, right?

Many of Charlie's fans online often called him that..

Charlie froze, his eyes widening in surprise as he stared at his sister.

But shock quickly gave way to pure joy. Charlie wanted to hug his sister right then and there. "Oh man! She called me Chuck, she called me Chuck in front of hundreds of thousands of live stream viewers! She's so adorable!"

Charlie was ecstatic inside, but he remembered they were on a livestream. He took a deep breath, looked at

Rebecca, and managed to nod calmly. "Hmm."

Rebecca had no idea about the rollercoaster her "Chuck" had sent Charlie on – shock, nerves, excitement, and

finally, a kind of pride. Meanwhile, that one moment sent the viewership for Room Five through the roof.

[Whoa, did Becky just call him Chuck?? I'm dying! I wish I was Becky right now!]

[I'm literally crying! I'm so jealous. Becky is living the dream!]

[Did you guys see Chuck's face when she said it?! He was shocked, nervous, happy, everything all at once! So cute!]

The live chat was filled with excited screams, with fans unable to contain their excitement.

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However, some fans remained rational and noticed something unusual.

[Does anyone else think Charlie's acting a little weird today?]

[Me too! I think Chuck's been replaced by a body double! He is so weird today.

[Not to be a hater, but Charlie's behavior today was really strange. He never had the 'warm guy' persona before. Since when did he become so considerate of girls?]

[I've been a Chuck fan for ten years, and honestly, he's acting totally out of character today. The Chuck I know would never be this attentive to a girl!]

[Right? The old Chuck was so sarcastic. He roasted every pretentious female celebrity in the industry.]

[I know, right? I didn't want to say anything earlier for fear of getting attacked, but I agree. Chuck's never been this nice to an actress before. But now he's being so considerate to this girl. It's so weird!]

[Chuck, are you being forced to do this? Is the agency making you? If you are, blink twice!]

Some of the more emotional fans couldn't handle the thought of their idol fawning over someone else.

[Is Chuck trying to rebrand? What's wrong with being the sharp-tongued commentator we love? We became fans because you weren't afraid to call out those pretentious actresses. Don't change, or we won't know what to do!]

[Ugh, I can't stand this Becky. Why doesn't Chuck just bring his own family on the show instead of some random fan? Is she trying to use him for fame or something?]

[Right? Like, back off! He doesn't need anyone else to shine.]

Amidst the sea of Charlie's fans, a few of Janet's supporters inevitably showed up to stir the pot.

[It's hilarious. Even Charlie's own fans don't buy his act anymore. So fake!]

[Just waiting for someone to break character, lol.]

[Charlie's gross. I hope he leaves showbiz soon and stops showing up on the same shows as my girl. He's such a turn-off!]

After having some snacks with his sister, Charlie glanced at the comments. It was quite something.

He chuckled and looked at the live stream camera, explaining, "Break character? Are you kidding? Don't the people I roast know what they're like?"

His eyes softened as he turned to Rebecca beside him. "Do I need to fake it when I'm being good to Becky?"

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Those few words were enough to silence most of the doubters in the live stream. His loyal fans rallied to his defense

[Exactly! How has Chuck broken character? He always makes fun of those drama queens, but Becky isn't like that.]

[Been a fan for eight years, and Chuck has never been anything but respectful to decent girls!]

[I've got a video of Chuck being a total gentleman, letting the ladies go first!]

[Becky's adorable, and she's a fan too. If Chuck doesn't spoil her, who should he spoil? You haters?]

[LOL, exactly! Chuck is treating Becky well because she's his fan. If one of my fans came all this way to hang with me on a show, I'd do the same thing. That's not breaking character!]

[Team Chuck and Becky all the way! We're rooting for you both on the show. Focus on your careers, make that money, and don't let the haters get under your skin. Keep shining!]

Rebecca was also watching the comments and got a bit worried seeing everyone roasting Charlie.

Charlie suddenly noticed someone leaning in. He turned and saw his sister. The defiant look he had on his face for

the live stream instantly melted into a warm smile typical of a caring big brother.

"Hey, don't let those comments get to you, they're just noise. It's always like this. Let's just keep our heads down, focus on the show, and have some fun with it." Charlie gave her a comforting smile.

As soon as Charlie said this, the comment section erupted. But Charlie, as always, couldn't care less. He lived on his own terms. Other people's opinions didn't matter to him.

Meanwhile, Janet and her mother, Karen, were watching the comments in a different crew car. Janet had always marketed herself as having a gentle and innocent persona in front of fans. She diligently responded to fans' questions, maintaining her online persona.

Regarding the comments questioning her child born out of wedlock and asking if the child was Theodore's and if she would marry Theodore to become a wealthy lady, she pretended not to see them. She ignored those comments and selectively responded to the ones she wanted to answer.