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Chapter 1541 Always Getting Angry For No Reason

The country's weather was getting hot in June.

For this kind of high school student, they would not get to do anything they wanted once the bell rang, unlike the art academy Vivian went to.

As soon as classes started, the students began burying themselves into their books and got busy writing.

As Vivian snuck around the corridor, all she heard were the sounds of them writing and the teacher's voice.

Why are they so serious?

Suddenly, she felt her actions were wrong, and she wanted to go back.

Just then, a student in the class noticed her, and their eyes met. Vivian noticed the boy was dressed in a blue and white uniform, and his eyes were fixated on her.

Immediately after that, his ears went burning red.

Vivian, on the other hand, remained silent.

Realizing the odd situation, the teacher scolded sternly from the podium, "What are you looking at, Seth? Don't you know class has started?"

The boy remained silent.

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Similarly, Vivian kept quiet too.

Seeing the boy continued staring at her for a long time, she had no choice but to stand up outside the classroom, sighing. "Hello, ma'am. I'm Vivian. I'm here to see Kurt, who's in the sixth class of twelfth grade. I'm his elder sister."

The news threw everyone in the class into an uproar.

At the same time, Kurt, who was sitting in the front row of the class, had instantly become everyone's target of criticism.

Elder sister?

He immediately turned around and stared at the girl, who suddenly appeared outside of his classroom.

The girl was dressed in a yellow dress, and her black hair was tied into a loose bun, revealing her smooth and shiny forehead. She had long eyelashes, a pair of brown eyes that shone like jewels, and a fair and delicate face. Her beauty was breathtaking.

Kurt was stunned.

Before he could even speak, he heard his classmates around him gasp in amazement.

Immediately, a dark expression loomed over his face.

Just then, the teacher finally came back to her senses. Her gaze landed on Kurt, and she asked dubiously, "Sister? Kurt has a sister?"

Kurt had always been a lone wolf ever since he started attending their school. He rarely spoke to any of the students and did not seem to have any friends.

Moreover, the teacher never met any of his family members before.

Hence, she was stunned by this situation.

Just as Vivian was about to explain herself, the teenager in the front row suddenly got to his feet and walked forward without saying anything to his teacher. Instead, he just marched out of the classroom with a grim look on his face.

Meanwhile, Vivian watched him blankly.

It had been six months since they last met, and he had grown taller.

On top of that, he seemed to be more good looking as well.

He had fair skin and thick locks of black hair. What made Vivian more stunned were his features which were flawless, despite the fact that he was a boy.

Furthermore, he had a pair of straight, dark eyebrows and a pair of narrow eyes. Although they gave off a cold aura, they looked amazing. If he could just smile a little, Vivian believed he would be more dazzling than any star in the world.

"Kurt—"

"Let's go!" Not wanting to explain much to her, Kurt immediately grabbed hold of her hand and pulled her along.

Vivian was stunned. "Where are we going?"

"I'm sending you home." Kurt's expression was void of emotions.

Home? I just came here, and now he's sending me back? Why? I haven't even tried the best strawberry cake and milkshake here yet. How could he just send me back?

Vivian was upset. She pouted and pulled her hand away.

"I'm angry now. I came here straightaway just to see you instead of going to Oceanic Estate. But now, not only are you ignoring me, but you also want to send me back. I'm really angry now," she repeated. However, this only made her friend angry.

She did not expect his expression to darken even more when she was the one who was angry.

"Then you can just go straight to Oceanic Estate. Why did you come here? I didn't ask you to do so."

"You—" Vivian was really upset this time.

She stood in the corridor and stared at Kurt. "Fine. You're the one who said that. I'm going to go home now. I won't talk to you anymore!"

With that, she stomped her foot in anger and ran out of the building.

Kurt watched her leave in silence, clenching his fists so tight that the tips of his fingers had turned slightly pale.

Just then, his classmates came out. After witnessing the scene, some boys said, "How could you do that, Kurt? Your sister came here just to see you, and you just chased her away?"

"That's how he is. He has a bad temper."

"That's true. Why don't we get her to come back? What if something happens to her?"

"Okay!"

The students agreed with each other, wanting to run after Vivian and get her back.

However, just as they were about to leave, the boy who was standing in the corridor shot a cold glare in their direction, which made them stop in their tracks when they felt the chill run down their spines.

It was too terrifying. What was more surprising was that Kurt was four years younger than them.

Before he left, he stated, "She's not my sister."

The students were puzzled.

Not his sister?

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Chapter 1542 Not Your Younger Brother

Vivian's eyes were red-rimmed as she walked out of the school while dragging her luggage behind her.

The security guard was surprised by the sight.

Even a pretty girl like her is crying? Looks like that kid, Kurt, is really a terrible person. Usually, when the girls in school went looking for him, they'd always end up crying because he ignored them. And now, the same thing is happening to a pretty girl like her?

He was a little furious.

Just as he was about to stand up for her, a teenager dressed in a blue hoodie rushed out. Seeing Vivian was about to leave the school compound, he rushed over and grabbed her hand.

"You... Let go of me!" Vivian was actually delighted to see him when she turned around.

However, as soon as she recalled the cold and rude treatment given by Kurt a while ago, she became upset again and tried to make him loosen his grip furiously.

This time, Kurt was not going to let go of her.

Vivian was speechless.

Kurt held the girl's hand tightly and stared at her with his beautiful eyes, pleading, "I was wrong. Come on. I'll buy you a strawberry cake and a milkshake."

That was how he was.

He would always get angry for no reason, yet he would apologize to her easily. No matter who was the one in the wrong, he would immediately apologize and cajole her whenever she got angry.

In the end, Vivian complied.

After that, both of them took a taxi and headed for Old Town to enjoy Vivian's favorite strawberry cake and milkshake.

"Oh, and I want two more glasses of milkshake!" Vivian said to the shop owner.

She was really a glutton.

Before they even began eating, she was already worried about not having enough. Thus, she stood in front of the shop owner, drooling and revealing two slender fingers to emphasize her words.

The shop owner was quite delighted to see such a pretty girl.

Hence, she served them two big portions.

"Here you go. Does your boyfriend want anything?" the shop owner suddenly asked.

In that era, it was normal for teens to have feelings for each other during their adolescence. From the shop owner's point of view, Vivian looked beautiful and charming, while the boy looked a little fragile.

However, he had a calm and steady demeanor, which did not make him look like a child.

That was why she asked that question.

Nonetheless, as soon as she said those words, the girl in front of her blushed and quickly denied, "No, no. Ma'am, he's my little brother, not my boyfriend."

The shop owner was at a loss for words, and so was Kurt, who stood behind her and was about to pay for the food.

His beautiful, fair-skinned face darkened, and his dark eyes became emotionless.

A few minutes later, Vivian left the store with a cup of milkshake in her hands while the boy behind her held her strawberry cake. He finally could not hold it in and said, "Vivi, I'm not your younger brother."

"Huh?" The girl, who was drinking her milkshake, turned around instantly.

Not my younger brother? Then what is he?

Her pretty eyes stared blankly at the teenager who was taller than her. "But you're younger than me."

"That still doesn't mean I'm your younger brother. Come on. Let's go. Time to go home." Feeling angry again, he held her wrist and started walking home.

Vivian felt miserable.

What's wrong with being my little brother? Isn't it great? I don't have a younger brother, anyway.

Despite that, she had no choice but to follow after him while eating her food at the same time.

At first, she thought he was going to make her go home.

To her surprise, once they returned to the school, he packed a few things from his dorm and walked out with a canvas bag that was discolored from countless washes.

What's he doing?

Vivian blinked her big, shiny eyes and asked Kurt, "What are you doing?"

Kurt said stoically, "Sending you home."

Huh?

Vivian was utterly stunned.

It was not until she boarded a taxi that she finally came to her senses. She then quickly looked at the boy beside her. "Hold on. Your classes are still going on. What are you going to do about them if you're sending me back?"

"Just ignore it." Kurt leaned over to help her buckle the seat belt in a calm manner.

Vivian was speechless.

As she lowered her head, she noticed how close he was to her, to the point where she could see the thick lashes on his eyelids. In the end, her face reddened.

Soon, both of them headed to the airport to fly to Jadeborough.

Since Vivian's parents were on the mountain and her two elder brothers were not on holiday, she suggested heading to the mountain to look for her parents as soon as she arrived.

Hearing that, Kurt hesitated for a moment. However, he still entered the car with her.

Two hours later, they finally arrived at Aquene Temple.

Midsummer was the most quiet and peaceful time for the temple.

The lush mountain was relatively less crowded due to the hot weather. All that could be heard in the forest was the sound of nature. Apart from the hot mountain breeze, the entire journey to the mountaintop seemed like they were entering a paradise that was separated from the world.

Meanwhile, Vivian was feeling excited since she was going to meet her parents soon.

However, as soon as she remembered that her father was still unconscious, she could not help but feel upset. Hence, as they were approaching the temple, her active behavior was gradually replaced by silence.

At the same time, Kurt, who sat beside her, had noticed it all. However, he did not say anything and stayed by her side.

About ten minutes later, they finally arrived at the temple.

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Chapter 1543 Must Bear With It

As soon as they arrived, Vivian, who missed her mother, quickly alighted the car and dashed into the building. "Mommy!"

Kurt, too, got off the car after her. After paying the driver, he retrieved Vivian's luggage and headed into the temple.

"You're back? Come here. Let me see if you've lost weight."

Standing before him was a familiar figure.

She had clearly lost weight, and her face looked more haggard compared to three years before. Anyone who saw her would not help but feel sorry for her.

"Hello, Mrs. Hayes," Kurt greeted.

"Oh. Kurt is here too. Take a seat, you two. I'll make some spaghetti for you kids. It'll be done soon." Sasha was happy to see the two kids return. She immediately put down the medicine and was about to make them a meal.

Noticing that, the shy Kurt went over to stop her. "It's okay, Mrs. Hayes. I can cook. You can go ahead and settle your matters. Just leave this to me."

"Huh?" Sasha was stunned.

Vivian chimed in and said to Kurt, "I'll help too. Let's go. We'll prepare the meal and not interrupt Mommy taking care of Daddy."

With that, the girl pulled the boy along and left.

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Sasha smiled when she saw the scene, and she had no choice but to remain in her spot and continue preparing the medicine.

This is actually a good thing. The kids are now grown up and are learning to help out. This is great. Who knows? I might not even have to do anything once they're older. And Sebastian can just relax in peace once he wakes up.

At that thought, her eyes brimmed with tears.

Located outside of the temple was a kitchen built by Sabrina and Edmund when they first came to this place.

As soon as Kurt entered the kitchen, he took out a pot and began filling it with water to cook the spaghetti. He acted as if he was familiar with the place. Meanwhile, Vivian, who had been spoiled since young, merely stood by the side and watched him blankly. "What should I do? Tell me. I'll help you."

After a long pause, Kurt finally said, "You can prepare the greens."

He never thought of getting her to do anything. However, her constant chattering left him no choice but to pass her a basket of leafy vegetables to deal with.

Vivian took over the vegetables and went out happily.

Ten minutes later, when Kurt was done cutting up the meat and other ingredients in the kitchen, he went outside to look for Vivian, wanting to get the leafy vegetables from her.

He found her sitting by the river, humming while peeling the vegetables with her fingers.

However, all the vegetables were gone.

All that was left in the basket were just the ends of it.

Seeing him walking over, the girl, who was happy being busy, pointed at the tiny bits of vegetable with a look of pity on her face and said, "Oh? You're here. I'm almost done washing them. But don't you think this is too little? Look at this."

Kurt was at a loss for words.

After a long pause, he picked up the basket.

"Where are you going?" Vivian asked.

Kurt gritted his teeth and said, "I'm going to get more vegetables."

Get more vegetables? Is that fun?

Her eyes lit up again, thinking this would help to lessen her mother's burden.

"I want to go too. Wait for me. I'm going with you." She quickly ran to his side. Worried he might not let her go, she quickly wrapped her arms around his.

Kurt, who was still walking, stiffened at her actions.

He really wanted to pull her arm away and make her stand in a spot so she would not cause trouble anymore.

The meal took more than an hour to prepare.

When they finally finished eating, Vivian tagged along with her mother to the pharmacy. Kurt, on the other hand, went to the temple's room after cleaning up the kitchen. As soon as he entered the room, he saw the man, who was still unconscious, lying on the bed.

"Mr. Hayes, I'm back." He approached the man and stood respectfully before him.

It was as though Sebastian was standing before him, and he did not dare to act rudely.

"Mr. Hayes, I'm already studying at Clearwater High School. I've also been keeping an eye on Ms. Vivian. Don't worry. I'll make sure to protect her. Once you're awake, you'll see her standing before you, alive and well," Kurt promised as he stood before Sebastian.

The truth was, he would say these words every time he came here for the past three years.

The first part of his speech would always be reports of his progress. In fact, everything had been prearranged by Sebastian before Sebastian was in that state.

Back then, Sebastian had suddenly asked him to begin training at SteelFort. Unfortunately, before Kurt could complete a year of training, a mishap had befallen the former.

After that, Karl had sent him to a junior high school and told him that Sebastian named him Kurt Lopez. The reason for that was that Sebastian said he liked the meaning of the name.

Generally, the name “Kurt” had a meaning of someone who was brave, loyal, and intelligent.

With this meaning in mind, Sebastian had put all his hopes on the next generation. Although he had fallen, he could still rely on Kurt, his sons, and all the other children that were still growing up.

It was safe to say that his name had a profound meaning.

Kurt, too, understood Sebastian’s intentions.

Since then, he started carrying the responsibility he had always wanted—to protect the people he wanted to protect the most.

And just like that, he stood in that room for a long time, lost in his thoughts.

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Chapter 1544 Part Ways

“So you’re here. Are you here to visit Sebastian?”

When Sasha returned to the room with her daughter, she saw the boy wiping the sweat off the bedridden man’s forehead using a towel.

She could not help but smile at the sight.

The room was quite stuffy that day.

Despite that, Sasha did not request for an air conditioner to be installed in the room. Since Sebastian was unconscious, not letting him sweat would lower his metabolic rate, which would be harmful to him.

After all, it was just sweat.

She only needed to help him change if his clothes got wet.

Hearing the gentle voice, Kurt, who was still carefully wiping off the sweat, immediately straightened himself and looked respectfully at the visitors. "Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Hayes is sweating."

"Yes. I know. It's my intention to let him sweat. Sweating is a good thing. It means that some of his bodily functions are recovering," Sasha explained with a smile.

When Kurt heard that, his eyes sparkled, looking as though his entire body was filled with joy. "Really? Does that mean he's going to be well soon?"

"Yes. He'll be well soon." Sasha nodded.

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She was not sure if she was telling this to the boy or herself.

After staying there for some time, Kurt decided to return as soon as possible. After all, he had already sent Vivian home, and he still had classes to attend.

Seeing Kurt was about to leave, Sasha went into her room and took two sets of new clothes and a new smartphone. She even transferred a reasonable amount of money into the electronic wallet on the phone. "Here, take these. I bought these clothes when I went down the mountain a few days ago. I guessed the first thing Vivi would do is to go looking for you. Hence, I bought all these for you."

"Mrs. Hayes..." At first, Kurt did not want to accept the gifts.

However, when he lowered his gaze to look at the clothes, he realized they were his size. It left him stunned.

Looking at the smartphone, he did not know what to say.

Although Sasha had been taking of Sebastian on the mountain for the past three years, she never forgot about Kurt.

Every year, she would prepare some money for his tuition fees and daily expenses. Kurt, who had been an orphan since young, was extremely grateful for this.

It was for this reason that he swore to never forget their kindness when he grew up.

In the end, Kurt walked out of the room with the items in his hands.

Meanwhile, Vivian had been waiting outside during the exchange.

Seeing he finally came out, she quickly rushed over to him. "Did Mommy really give you a new smartphone? Hurry, give it to me. I'll help you set up your contacts and your WhatsApp too. Oh, and your international phone number. That's the most important one. Otherwise, you won't be able to contact me once I'm in Yartran."

With that, she snatched his phone away.

Meanwhile, Kurt stood by the side and watched her silently.

Actually, he did not like using those things. Whenever he had some free time, he preferred to hide in a secluded corner and practice.

Hence, ever since Sasha gave him his first phone for his trip to Yartran with Vivian, the latter was the one who helped him to set it up whenever he got a new phone.

Around ten minutes later, she was done with it.

“Look. It’s all done. I even changed your profile picture to something similar to mine. I’m a little pig, and you’re a big, furry dog.” Vivian laughed in amusement as she tapped on her creation.

Kurt decided to just let her be.

Suddenly, Sasha walked out of the temple. “What are you doing, Vivi? Stop pestering Kurt already. He has a plane to catch.”

“Oh. Okay.” Vivian pouted and returned the smartphone to him.

After taking the phone from her hands, Kurt left the temple.

“Mommy, Kurt is gone.”

“He needs to go to school. Don’t be so childish. Besides, Ian and his friend, Duncan, will be coming back two days later. They’ll play with you then.”

“Really?”

Although the car had travelled quite some distance, Kurt could still hear the girl’s shrieks.

Duncan? The genius who’s sent to the military base?

At that thought, Kurt’s gaze darkened. In the next second, the charming face that was only relaxed for half a day returned to its bone-chilling expression, as if it was shrouded by darkness.

Meanwhile, Vivian waited in the temple for a week.

True enough, her brother finally came back with Duncan.

Ian was now staying at the base and was taking part in the research. Since he could adjust his studies according to his own time, he would always come back to visit his sister during the summer holidays.

"Ian!" Vivian had not seen her brother for a long time. Hence, as soon as she saw Ian, she immediately ran up to him with her arms wide open.

Seeing her running toward him, he reached out his arms and gave her a big hug, as usual.

Perhaps strangers would find this behavior of the two sixteen-year-old teenagers inappropriate. Even Duncan, who was standing by the side, blushed instantly when he saw the stunningly beautiful Vivian running toward her brother.

However, that was not the case for Ian.

He still acted naturally. Even though the triplets were all grown up, their relationship with each other was still like how it used to be when they were younger.

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Chapter 1545 Must Save Daddy

After giving her brother a hug and receiving a gift from him, Vivian finally turned to look at her brother's friend with her big, shiny eyes. "Duncan, what kind of gift did you prepare for me?"

"Huh?" Duncan was stumped by her question.

He had grown taller in the past three years.

However, when he stood beside Ian, they gave off different vibes. Like his father, Sebastian, Ian had good-looking features and exuded a noble and elegant aura.

Duncan had chiseled facial features. And thanks to his training in the military base, he had become a handsome and strong young man.

"I-I brought you this. I'm not sure if you'll like it." He scratched the back of his head and brought out the gift shyly.

Vivian immediately fixed her eyes on the gift.

It was a piece of stone she had never seen before. It was a colorful stone, and its surface was smooth and shiny. It was really pretty.

"What is that? It's so pretty," she said.

"It's a precious opal. He spent his entire semester shaping it. Keep it well. Perhaps you might be able to use it for your designs in the future," Ian explained.

Looking at the unique stone, Vivian was delighted, and she immediately kept the piece of treasure in her pocket with care.

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Now that Sasha had another two visitors, she could finally relax a little. The task of giving Sebastian a massage to improve his blood circulation was assigned to Ian, while Duncan would help to prepare the medicines.

As for Vivian, she had gotten more diligent. Every day, she would accompany Sasha to collect some herbs. Although she would occasionally cause a mess, Sasha was happy to have someone chatty by her side.

Soon, half a month had passed.

After Vivian and the others pestered Shin for almost half a month, he finally agreed to let the kids play at the mountain's waterfall.

"Waterfall?" As soon as Sasha heard about the location, her face fell. "Master, can they really play at that place? Isn't it near the underground chamber?"

"It's fine. I've ordered some men to seal off the entrance. Besides, they just want to take a look at the view. Just let them go," Shin replied.

Although he was a monk, he would always grant the kids' wishes whenever they came over.

Only then did Sasha stop questioning further.

The next day, the three youngsters headed off to the waterfall.

On the way, Ian stared at the map in his hands and asked again, "Duncan, are you sure this place has black stones?"

Their motive for going there this time was actually not to play. Instead, they wanted to look for black stones.

Moreover, they were not looking for the stone to play with it. In fact, Ian and Vivian had heard the conversation between Sasha and Grayson. According to the conversation, they mentioned that the black stone was needed in order for Sebastian to regain his consciousness.

Hence, they had been searching for it for the past three years.

To their surprise, it was found that the stones existed on this very mountain.

Vivian said, "That's right, Duncan. If the waterfall has it, then why does Mommy not know about it? After all, she's been constantly searching for the black stone to save Daddy."

"I know. Don't be in such a hurry, you two. I didn't know about this until I brought back a bottle of mountain spring water and used it in an experiment by chance, during which I found some traces of black stones in it. That's why it's worth taking a look. Anyway, that's the source of the stream, and it seems to be coming from the waterfall."

Ian finally understood what was going on. Immediately, his eyes lit up.

Vivian, too, got excited.

After all, she wanted her father to regain his consciousness more than anyone else did.

Soon, all three of them started their journey.

However, what they did not know was that Eddie had built a massive underground base back in the day. Hence, the strong radiation residues would cause their phone signals to disappear as soon as they entered the hinterland.

"Ian, my phone isn't receiving any signals." Vivian was the first to realize this as she was about to take a selfie with the beautiful scenery on the mountain.

Ian's expression changed instantly when he heard that. He quickly pulled out his smartphone and realized it was true.

Duncan said, "Then we must stick together. Here, Vivi. Take my hand."

"Okay," Vivian answered, stretching out her fair hand, which was immediately held by Duncan.

Without phone signals, it was quite dangerous to be in such an indigenous forest. Hence, for the rest of the journey, the three youngsters did not let their guards down.

They followed Ian's map carefully and searched for the waterfall.

Thankfully, they did not have to go too far before they heard the sound of the waterfall.

"Listen. There's the sound of water."

"Yes!" Ian was surprised as well.

They hastened their pace and headed in the direction of the sound. As they took a turn on the mountain path, a majestic waterfall appeared before them.

However, perhaps it was excitement that caused Duncan, who was walking in front of the group, to not notice the dampness of the ground, causing him to slip.

“Ah!” he screamed.

“Duncan!” Vivian and Ian yelled with shock, watching him fall with their own eyes.

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Chapter 1546 Something Happened To Ian Too

Duncan was in trouble.

The two siblings instantly lost the mood to watch the waterfall. They rushed over to the side of the path and lay on their stomachs, trying their best to get a view of the bottom.

Nonetheless, this only made their faces pale.

“We’re so high up. Ian, do you think something bad has happened to Duncan? What should we do?” After all, Vivian was still a girl. When she saw the steep cliff beneath the path, she started to panic and cry.

Ian did not expect this kind of situation to happen, either.

However, he was a quick-witted person. After observing the area for a while, he placed his bag down.

“Ian, what are you trying to do?”

“I’m going down to take a look.” As he said that, he took out an extendable steel rope that was over a dozen meters long from his bag and got ready to head down there.

Vivian was shocked at the sight.

“No way. You can’t go down there. It’s too dangerous. Besides, you’re not Matt. He’s received training in the military base and is a skilled fighter. You haven’t even received any training. It’s too dangerous for you to go down there.” She cried even louder, holding onto Ian’s arm tightly and not letting him go.

She did not want Ian to go down there.

Instead, she wanted to quickly get someone to help them search for Duncan.

Nonetheless, when Ian glanced at the deep water hole gushing with water, he could not help but think of his best friend who had fallen into it. It was impossible for Ian to wait any longer.

"Listen to me, Vivi. Look, this steel rope will be tied to my waist. If something happens to me, all you have to do is just press on this button, and it'll pull me back up," he explained.

"Really?" Vivian's teary eyes stared at the tool.

In the end, she watched her brother go down the cliff, while she continued lying by the side of the path with her eyes fixated on the bottom of the cliff.

At the same time, she was gripping tightly onto the steel rope.

Every minute felt like a century to her.

After waiting for some time, she finally felt a movement in the steel rope. She immediately stuck her head out and looked into the deep hole. "Ian!"

Although most of her voice was drowned by the sound of the waterfall, the people below would definitely hear her.

However, Vivian received no response after yelling a few times. Instead, all she saw was the steel rope swaying in the wind.

Why is it swaying with the wind?

Vivian stiffened.

Ian is down there. How is this happening? Shouldn't there be a weight pulling on it?

Feeling suspicious, she quickly gripped the steel rope and pulled on it. "Ian, are you down there? Ian!"

She was extremely anxious.

Unfortunately, Ian did not reply, while she managed to pull up a large section of the steel rope.

Vivian was stunned.

Her mind blanked out. She seemed to have finally realized something.

No. No way. Ian will be fine.

She quickly denied in her heart. Then she followed Ian's instructions and pressed the button.

Right after that, the steel rope was pulled up.

However, when all the steel rope was retracted, Ian was still nowhere to be seen. All she saw were the broken ends of the steel rope.

"No! Ian!"

A miserable cry of agony cut through the air, echoing along the path.

No one would be able to describe the panic, pain, and helplessness she felt at that moment. After all, they were triplets. They did everything together from the moment they were born and even grew up together.

Vivian cried miserably by the side of the path.

Just as she was about to tie the steel rope around her waist to go down and investigate, a yell sounded behind her. "Vivi!"

She immediately stopped crying, and her teary eyes turned to look in the voice's direction.

"Here! Vivi, I'm here!"

The voice was coming from the water hole at the bottom.

Just then, the person emerged from the water and waved vigorously at her in the mist.

It was Duncan.

When she saw him, she recalled her missing brother and started bursting into tears again. "Duncan, Ian is missing. He went down to look for you. And now, he's missing."

"What?" After he heard her words vaguely from below, Duncan's expression changed.

About twenty minutes later, both of them finally arrived at the bottom of the waterfall, and Duncan explained the process of his fall to Vivian.

"There's a hole here. I fell into it and came out from the water." He pointed at the section of the path that caved in.

Vivian began to panic when she saw that. "Then we should quickly go in there to take a look. Ian doesn't know how to swim. It'll be bad if something happens to him."

She got ready to climb over, wanting to go into the hole to take a look.

It was true that Ian did not know how to swim.

Not only that, Sebastian had not arranged for Ian to learn many skills when he was younger because of his poor health. The former had wanted to wait for him to get better before letting him start training.

Unfortunately, an incident had happened when Ian was about twelve to thirteen years old.

Hence, the plan was held up.

Meanwhile, Vivian was overwhelmed with anxiety.

Seeing that, Duncan did not stop her and got ready to go over to the hole.

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Chapter 1547 A Trap

“Okay. Then wait here for me. I’ll go there right now.”

“No, no. Duncan, you need to bring me along. I want to look for Ian. I won’t be able to be at ease if I don’t see him.” Vivian wanted to go with him. She was not going to wait there alone anymore.

Vivian insisted on following along, probably because she had been terror-stricken earlier when two people suddenly disappeared from her side before her eyes.

Seeing her being so insistent, Duncan had no choice but to agree.

Although he agreed, it was still a dangerous move, since the water would get deeper as it approached the cliff. Things would have been easier if Duncan went alone. But now, he had to bring along another person.

Duncan said, “Vivi, if you want to come along, then you must keep close to me.”

Vivian promised, “Okay. Don’t worry. I’ll definitely follow closely behind you.”

She could not be bothered to think so much as she was anxious to look for her brother. As soon as she said that, she immediately wrapped her slender arms around Duncan’s.

Duncan was stunned, and his face flushed red.

“N-No. Not my arm. Take my waist. I need my arms to swim and bring you over,” he stammered.

Vivian was at a loss for words.

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This time, she felt slightly uncomfortable.

She was, after all, a sixteen-year-old girl. Naturally, she knew that she should not have intimate physical interaction with a stranger or a person of the opposite sex. Hence, she released her grip on his arm, unwilling to accept his suggestion.

“I’ll just swim there on my own then.” With that, she got ready to swim over.

Duncan, who was still in the water, had a look of disappointment on his face.

Actually, he did not have any ill intentions. In fact, he had mustered up a lot of courage to utter those words.

Sadly, Vivian rejected him without giving it a thought. The fact that she rather swam there on her own instead of letting him bring her over upset him.

In the end, Duncan found a stick for her to hold on to before they started swimming over.

When they finally arrived at the bottom of the hole’s entrance, they got ready to climb upward. However, Vivian had always lived a comfortable life. Thus, it was impossible for her to climb up such a high place on her own.

Hence, she still let Duncan push her up.

Although the drenched girl was dressed in sports attire, having to sit on top of Duncan and let him push her upward was still a very intimate action.

Nonetheless, Vivian did not bother about it this time, as she was anxious to look for Ian.

This made Duncan feel a little better.

Soon, both of them climbed into the hole.

True to Duncan’s expectations, there were traces of another person slipping down the hole apart from his trail a while ago. “Look. This must be the trail where your brother slipped.”

Seeing that, Vivian got so excited that tears brimmed in her eyes. She began shouting, “Ian!”

However, there was no answer.

When Duncan fell into this hole, he came out from the waters. Ian, on the other hand, could not be seen in the water. Both of them wondered where he had gone.

At that thought, Duncan decided to go in and take a look.

Of course, Vivian followed along.

Being a timid person, she did not dare to struggle anymore as soon as she entered, and she let Duncan grip her hand tightly all the way.

Once they turned on the flashlights on their smartphones, they noticed the place was overgrown with weeds. Apart from the crack where Duncan fell through, they could even hear the sound of water flowing beneath them.

On the other side was another trail that led down a slope.

“What’s that place? Could Ian have fallen down there?”

“It’s possible. Why don’t you wait up there? I’ll go in and take a look first. If anything happens, I’ll let you know, okay?” Seeing the hole was extremely dark and cold, Duncan did not have the heart to let Vivian follow him. He wanted to scout the area first in case there was anything dangerous.

Vivian understood his words.

After taking a good look at the place and giving it some thought, she agreed, “Okay. Give me a shout five minutes after you’ve entered,” she requested.

As soon as she finished speaking, Duncan, who was getting ready to go in, looked at her in amazement.

He was surprised that she would make such a request. Five minutes was not too long, yet it was not too short. In fact, it was just enough to scout the area.

If there were any dangers, he could still withdraw after five minutes.

And if there were no problems, he could tell her to follow him after that.

Duncan studied the girl silently for some time before heading in with his smartphone. He felt as though he needed to get to know her again, thinking perhaps she was smarter than he thought. It was just that she had been well-protected by her two brothers, so she did not have the chance to use her wits.

As Duncan walked into the darkness, Vivian waited outside in silence.

What Duncan considered earlier was exactly her thoughts.

Moreover, she also figured that if the place was dangerous, something would happen to both of them if she went along as well.

If that happened, no one would be able to call for help.

Hence, Vivian waited patiently with her fists clenched.

Luckily, five minutes later, a familiar voice could be heard from the inside. "Vivi, it's fine. You can come down now."

"Okay!" Vivian's eyes lit up. She quickly rose from the ground and entered the hole.

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Chapter 1548 You Are Late

They paired up and started exploring the place, but not long after they came in and went along the cave, they realized that the path was becoming broader and broader, and everything was becoming clearer around them.

Vivian noticed that something was wrong, and she asked, "What's happening, Duncan? Why is the path becoming smoother all of a sudden?"

A frown appeared on Duncan's face. He was still thinking about that question, but then he noticed a familiar scent lingering in the air, and he stopped walking for a moment.

Vivian was holding his hand, and when she realized he had stopped, she came to a halt as well. "What is it, Duncan? What happened?"

"It's nothing. Wait right here for me. I'll take a look over there." He let her go and went to the spot where the scent was the heaviest.

She didn't know what he was trying to do, but she didn't dare move around in such an unfamiliar area, so she waited for Duncan to make his return. About five to six worrying minutes later, Duncan finally came back, much to her relief.

Vivian asked him, "What is it, Duncan? Did you find something over there?"

Duncan answered, "Yes. There's dried sand over there. There might even be an exit too. Your brother probably left using that exit. We'd better get going right now."

"All right then." Vivian agreed with Duncan.

They trotted quickly along the cave, but this time, they didn't even make five hundred meters. All of a sudden, a loud rumble was heard, and the ground started shaking violently.

Vivian was shocked by the sudden development. "What is happening, Duncan? Why is this place suddenly caving in?"

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"I—" Before Duncan could even say anything, the ground they were stepping on suddenly cracked, and the two of them fell through it.

The moment Vivian fell through, a stab of pain traveled up her head from her right ankle, and everything turned black around her. Before she blacked out, her last thoughts were, This place is booby-trapped? Wait, that means Ian's in trouble.

When she regained consciousness, she realized there was something wet around her lips, and she drank the sweet liquid even though she didn't know what it was. Who is it? Is it Duncan?

She finally regained her consciousness, and she opened her eyes, but what she saw first was unending darkness. "Duncan? Is that you there? Where are we? Do you know what this place is?" she held the person who was feeding her and quickly barraged him with a lot of questions.

However, the person was keeping quiet. His hands were cold and hard, but Duncan's were muscular. Hm? Who is this?

Vivian thought about it for a few seconds, then she suddenly grabbed the person's finger and reflexively touched his hand. "Oh my god, Kurt! Why didn't you show up earlier? I almost died, for god's sake!"

She started crying like a baby, and she pounced on the person before her. She hugged him and cried in his embrace, as if she had found someone she could rely on even though that person was two years younger than she was.

The darkness and the unknown dangers that lurked within tensed Kurt up, but when the girl started crying right in front of him, he couldn't bring himself to get angry at her. He sighed in resignation, and he couldn't bring himself to push her away.

Well, what else can I do but spoil her? Kurt picked her up from the ground and leaped up, then he pulled them up the stone wall using the vines that hung around them.

Vivian was still in a state of shock. She was busy crying her heart out earlier, so when Kurt came back up with her in his arms, she was still staring at him dumbly. At that moment, what she thought was, Hey, how did I get up here so fast anyway?

Kurt ignored her. After they came up, he took her to a brighter place and placed her down, then he started checking her ankle.

“Ow, ow, ow, ow, ow!” The moment he touched it, she started shouting in pain, and a look of agony painted her face.

Kurt stopped touching her ankle immediately. He put her down and stood up to look around them.

Vivian asked, “Where are you going? Don’t leave me here alone.”

Kurt answered, “I will not. I’ll get some sticks to secure your leg in one place. Then I’ll prop you up and take you with me.”

Vivian protested, “Prop me up? But I don’t want to walk! I want you to give me a piggyback ride! My ankle’s hurt, and you want me to walk? How could you!”

And the girl started crying again. Even though she had grown, she was still the same little girl whenever she cried. Her tears would keep streaming down her cheeks.

Kurt could not believe what he was hearing.

That was the difference between him and the boy called Duncan. Before they came into the cave, Duncan had told Vivian to hold his waist, but she had refused. However, when Kurt said he wouldn’t even give her a ride on his back, she started crying pitifully.

Kurt’s mood was significantly lifted. He came back and picked her up from the ground instead of carrying her on his back.

Vivian said, “O-Oh, are you going to hold me like this? But I’m a heavy girl.”

Kurt answered, “It is all right. We should leave this place and find your brother right now.”

Oh, right. I have to find him. Vivian finally snapped out of her delusion, and her face was red with embarrassment. Even though the road ahead was dark, she still felt at ease. For some reason, she always felt at ease as long as Kurt was around.

“Oh, Kurt. Did you see Duncan? He fell into this place with me.”

“I did not see him.” The young man who was holding her looked as cold as ice.

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Chapter 1549 Found Ian

Vivian was surprised by the answer she got. He did not see him? What is that supposed to mean? He did not see Duncan with me? But we fell into this place at the same time, so how could Kurt have missed him?

Vivian still could not figure out what he was talking about, but when she looked up, she realized that Kurt was looking angry for some reason. She stopped asking him questions and let him take her deeper into the cave.

About twenty minutes later, Kurt finally took her to a place that was bright enough to see. Miraculously, he wasn't even wheezing or panting at the end of the journey.

"What is this place?"

"The base Eddie built years ago. Vivi, stay right here and don't run around, okay? I'll go inside and take Ian out with me," Kurt told her curtly and placed Vivian on a stone that looked like a table.

Wait, this is Eddie's underground base?

When Vivian finally processed the news, she was overwhelmed by a sense of disbelief.

What? How did this happen? I thought we are under a waterfall! How did we even get to this place anyway? Daddy and Mommy told me that this place is a forbidden area, and it is already cordoned off. It shouldn't even have an entrance, so how did we even get in here?

When realization struck her, she was terrified. Knowing that moving around might invite unwanted attention, she quickly sat on the stone and tried her best to remain still.

After placing her in a safe spot, Kurt turned around and leaped away. A moment later, he was nowhere to be found. If Vivian could see that, she would have been shocked.

Oh, right. I forgot to ask Kurt. How did he get here? He's supposed to be in school. Why'd he suddenly show up out of nowhere? But more importantly, how did he even take me back up here?

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Vivian had a lot of questions, but she had no one to get the answers from at the time being.

After Kurt left the earlier spot, he quickly came to an important entrance of the underground base. He found it easily thanks to the map he came across before.

Nobody knew that Sebastian had given the place's blueprint to SteelFort long before he got in trouble. After SteelFort got the blueprint, Karl gave it to some of the people he trusted the most. One of them was Kurt, a protector of the Jadesons.

Kurt stepped onto the stone bridge, and the moment he did, he noticed a pair of footprints on the ground through the dim light that illuminated the surroundings.

He went down to measure the size, and it was about the size of a sixteen-year-old boy. Is this Ian's footprint? Or could it be Duncan's?

The look in his eyes grew colder, and as he followed the trail of footprints, the sound he made became fainter and fainter.

About ten minutes later, the path opened up, and through the darkness, he noticed a lot of ruined weapons lying at the side. There were guns, knives, and all sorts of weapons.

It was a treasure trove of weapons, but alas, they were all destroyed. Kurt looked at them calmly and went ahead without even stopping.

Suddenly, he heard a loud sound coming from ahead. He focused his gaze through the darkness, then he took big strides into the unknown.

A boy gasped in horror as he looked at Kurt, who appeared behind him out of nowhere, and he blanched.

Kurt paused for a moment when he saw the young man before him. "Ian? Is that you?"

A moment later, he calmed down and eased up a little. He thought he was in for a fight, so he was surprised to see Ian instead.

The boy Kurt found was none other than Ian, but he was not in the best condition at the moment. His whole body was stained with mud, and there were cuts on his face. Anyone who saw him would feel sad about it.

Ian picked up the stainless steel item that fell earlier, and he looked at Kurt in surprise. "Yeah, that's me. What brings you here? How did you find this place anyway?"

Kurt calmed down and explained, "I came back since I'm on break. Mrs. Hayes said you guys came to the waterfall, and I was worried, so I came too."

"I see." Ian now understood why Kurt showed up all of a sudden. He put down the stuff he was holding, and then he rubbed his leg. It was still injured, and he frowned from the pain. "Yeah, I have a situation here."

"What kind of situation?"

"Duncan fell down when we came to the waterfall. After that, I tied myself to a steel rope and rappelled down, but I knocked my head against something halfway through and blacked out. When I woke up again, I was already in this cave." Ian pointed at his head. He was still feeling dizzy at that point.

Kurt looked at him, and it was then he realized that Ian had a bigger wound on his forehead. It was still bleeding as they spoke.

Worried, Kurt quickly took his backpack and unzipped it, then he took out some bandages and a bottle of salve. "I'll clean your wound. It'll be problematic if you get infected."

Ian contemplated it in silence for a few moments, then he allowed Kurt to clean his wound. Ian was a smart person. From the moment Kurt came to their home, he knew Kurt was no ordinary young man as he claimed.

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Chapter 1550 Betrayal

Ian knew Kurt might have appeared because of Sebastian's arrangement. That was why he wouldn't ask Kurt too many questions, nor would he get in Kurt's way.

After Kurt cleaned Ian's wound, they both stood up. "Hey, while you were on your way here, did you see Vivi and Duncan? Where are they?"

Kurt answered honestly, "I did not see Duncan, but I found Vivi in a cave. She sprained her ankle, so I got her somewhere safe before I came to find you."

Ian was surprised that Vivian and Duncan came in. "They came here too? What is this place anyway? How did they even come across this spot?"

"There's a cavern right under the path you took. We came in through that place. Since you're injured now, I'll take you back to where Vivi is. Leave Duncan to me. I can search for him myself," Kurt suddenly suggested.

Ian noticed his cold gaze, but he looked away after a moment and stared at the dusty cave.

"It's all right. I'll go with you. If my guess is correct, this place should be Eddie's base back when Daddy and his friends fought him. Right after the battle, Daddy even came to look for the equipment's research before he got into trouble. He gave it to me, but I couldn't make them, so I gave them to Duncan."

Kurt said nothing, and silence fell between them. It was not a peaceful silence, however, for the atmosphere was tense. It was nothing but the calm before the storm.

In the end, Kurt took Ian and went deeper into the base. They did not have to worry about Vivian, since Kurt knew the place like the back of his hand, and she had GPS in her smartphone. He could locate her whenever he wanted.

They went deeper into the base, and just as expected, they came to the center of the cavern about half an hour later. It was the research base under the temple that Sebastian had locked away.

When they came to the place, they heard the sound of something being knocked about. It was the sound of a glass container being rubbed, but it also sounded like a metallic item being knocked about.

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Ian was as pale as a sheet of paper. He stood at the entrance, and he stopped walking. It took all he had to look at the person within the base, and he couldn't even walk.

Found him. When Kurt saw the person, his eyes were filled with murderous intent, and it permeated the air around him. "You stay here. I'll go inside alone."

He patted Ian's shoulder before he went into the base alone.

He knew how Ian was feeling. Because of his personality, it was hard for him to make friends whom he could fully trust. The reason he cheered up and became a happy guy over the last three years was thanks to Duncan.

But now, Kurt held the deepest hatred against Duncan. "What are you doing?"

"Huh?" Duncan was taking notes and rummaging through the ruined lab apparatus when Kurt appeared out of nowhere. As he was taken aback, his book fell out of his hands.

"K-Kurt... What brings you here?"

"I'm asking the questions here. What are you doing?" Kurt asked with an icy tone.

Kurt stared at the thing Duncan was holding, and his gaze was sharp. If anyone were to see him in this state, they would shudder.

Duncan didn't just shudder; all the color drained from his face. "Kurt... I-I came to find Ian. He's lost, a-and I found this place, s-so I wanted to take some notes..." He scrambled for an explanation.

Every time he faced Kurt, he was filled with anxiety. Kurt was distant, aloof, and he never smiled. Whenever Duncan met his gaze, he would always feel a shiver running up his spine.

Duncan had always been reluctant to see Kurt, and he'd always give Kurt a wide berth. However, his luck had finally run out.

"Take notes? Do you know what this place is? Or is this the real reason you took the two of them here today? You're trying to get your hands on all the data here, aren't you?" Kurt mocked him.

He went over to pick the notebook up. When he skimmed through it, he saw all the data that was written in it. It was a perfect copy.

Kurt was a genius in chemistry. After he came to this place, he didn't even have to do any test to know what the residue lying around the place was.

Duncan paled and wanted to explain himself by coming up with an excuse, but it was useless.

At that moment, he saw Kurt tearing the notebook apart, then he gripped Duncan tightly and hurled him toward the dusty lab table.

Duncan screamed.

"Kurt, wait a minute!" At the same time, Ian finally came to the scene. He shouted out to Kurt and stared at Duncan, who was moments away from getting his neck snapped.

Ian's face was pale and ashen, as if he was a corpse.