

Skeletons Of The Marital Closet by Wen Tang Tang

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Chapter 781

Gale pushed down the panic in her heart.

Nicole said, "Mommy, if I can, I want to attend the same school as Joshua. It doesn't matter where it is."

Gale patted her on the head. "Yes, I understand."

In truth, Gale was thinking about Joshua's future as well.

Joshua was incredibly intelligent and an amazing piano genius as well. If he kept on staying in that small city, his experiences and exposure would be limited. He would not be able to see the vast world.

It was too small of a place, and it was way less developed than Sea City.

Gale had planned on waiting until Joshua was older. She had planned on waiting until Joshua was in primary school.

For the sake of her children's future, she could go to any city except for Sea City.

Yet, fate loved to toy with her. Even after going through so much, she still returned in the end..

At the Lefting family residence, Joshua sat on the sofa with his chin on his little hand, staring into space.

"Joshua, here are some fresh cherries. Why don't you have some?" Zoe brought some fruits over. "You must be tired after playing for the whole day."

He shook his head. "I don't want to eat."

"What is it?" Zoe could tell that he was in a bad mood. "Do you miss your mother and sister?"

Joshua shook his head again.

He was usually incredibly lively, so the fact that he was so quiet was incredibly concerning.

Zoe wanted to say something else, but Aurum came down from upstairs.

Aurum could tell that something was not right with Joshua as well. "Joshua, why do you seem so down?"

"Uncle Lefting, help me buy a ticket home tomorrow morning."

"Tomorrow morning?" Aurum was a bit surprised. "Are you in such a hurry to go back?"

He had been thinking about bringing Joshua out shopping the next morning before bringing Joshua to the beach, only sending Joshua back with Zoe at night.

Joshua shrugged and said, "There's no reason to stay here. It's better if I go back earlier."

"Didn't you have fun at the theme park today?"

"I did."

Aurum patted him on the head. "You can have even more fun tomorrow."

Joshua sighed. "The whole theme park is Nicole's. Isn't that nice?"

Aurum said, "It's yours too. You can go play inside anytime you want."

Joshua looked at Aurum. "Actually, I already know everything."

The child's eyes were clear and bright. When he spoke, it sounded very believable.

Aurum nodded. "You're so smart. You must have already guessed it when you saw Shawn."

"Yes."

Aurum said, "Joshua, don't overthink things. Your mother and Nicole still love you. It's just that it's not convenient for them to acknowledge you right now. The situation won't last for too long."

"Mommy doesn't want my father to know about me," Joshua said straight up.

He had looked at everything in a logical manner. "Nicole is sick, and only Mr. Wood has the ability to save her. Mommy was forced to bring Nicole to Sea City to see him, but I'm still very healthy. I don't need Mr. Wood."

"Nicole's already been bought over by Mr. Wood. It's very possible that she will be staying in Sea City. Mommy can't lose me if she loses Nicole."

"If Nicole follows my father, I'll have to follow Nicole."

"Of course, I have no intention of blaming her. She deserves to be spoiled like a princess!" Aurum looked at him for a long time before Aurum snapped back to reality.

Everything Joshua said was incredibly logical!

"Joshua, it's good that you understand." Aurum no longer put things vaguely as he said, "If Shawn finds out that you're his son, do you think he'll let Gale take you away?"

"He won't!"

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"That's right. Then, Gale would lose everything. She can't beat Shawn. Even if this ends up in court, Shawn has the advantage. Shawn has money and power, and the court will give the both of you to Shawn. That's not something you want, right?"

Joshua answered, "Yes, I understand that, which is why I didn't acknowledge him in the park. I'm not angry, Uncle Lefting. I..."

He stopped.

Aurum looked at him and said, "What? Tell me what's on your mind. I'll do everything in my power to help you."

"I want to stay in Sea City. I want to go back with Mommy after Nicole's surgery. I don't want her to leave alone even if she came with Nicole. She'll feel very sad if that happens."

How could Aurum possibly reject a reason like that?

It was so mature and caring.

That was right. If Nicole was taken by the Wood family, then Gale would be all alone.

How sad would she be then?

Yet, Gale was so strong. She would always bury everything in her heart.

Those beside her would not even know how to console her.

Joshua being there to hold her hand would be such a powerful form of encouragement.

So, Aurum's heart softened as he immediately agreed, "Okay! Then you don't have to go back. You can stay here!"

"Really?" Joshua asked.

"I've always been a man of my word."

"Thank you, Uncle Lefting."

Zoe was a little stunned to hear that. "Mr. Lefting, are you going to decide just like that? Won't you.

discuss it with Gale?"

Aurum and Joshua said at the same time, "No need!"

Zoe looked at the two of them, stunned.

"I won't go to the hospital. It's not like I'll see them every day. I'll keep them company from afar!" Joshua said.

They decided to hide it from Gale in the meantime.

They were worried she would overthink things and worried she would worry about Joshua.

She was already busy enough with Nicole's surgery.

Aurum said, "Let's make it so. I'll help you contact a kindergarten. You can go to class

starting.

Monday.”

“Okay!”

Joshua regained his liveliness immediately. He crawled up the sofa and started to jump around.

Zoe said, “Be careful. Don’t fall down... It’s already getting late. Take a bath and go to sleep.”

She held Joshua’s hand and went toward their room.

Aurum had prepared a large room for Zoe. Even if it was not as nice as the guest rooms on the second floor, it was still clean and spa*ous.

Natalie happened to return when they got to the door.

“Hello, Ms. Yarn,” Zoe greeted, standing aside to make way.

Natalie nodded, glancing at Joshua. “Where is this child from?”

“Oh, this is my grandson. He’s staying with me for the moment. I’m so sorry for troubling you and Mr. Lefting.”

“Kids are noisy. Watch over him properly. Don’t break anything at home.”

“Yes, Ms. Yarn.”

Joshua did not say anything, standing quietly by Zoe’s side.

When Natalie left, he asked, “Mrs. Zoe, who is she?”

“That’s Mr. Lefting’s fiancée.”

“Oh, so that’s her.”

Joshua felt like she was so much worse than his mother.

He felt like she was not worthy of Aurum.

Aurum was a really nice person. If he was not going to be with Joshua’s mother, then he should at least be with someone who was gentle, caring, and as beautiful as a fairy!

Joshua did not like that woman from the first moment.

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She looked a bit fierce, and she seemed to be plotting a lot of things!

In the living room.

Natalie let out a smile the moment she saw Aurum, saying softly, “Aurum, where were you today? The company said you weren’t in.”

“I was settling some private matters.”

Natalie said, “I went to make reservations for our wedding banquet today. I looked at it so much that my eyes feel so tired now.”

Aurum nodded. “You’ve worked hard today. You should have just left it to the housekeeper to handle.”

“It’s a once-in-a-lifetime event for us. I wanted to make sure that I was a part of the process. If I make sure that I did all the details during the wedding, I’ll feel very accomplished!”

“Alright, as long as you’re happy.”

Natalie said, “That’s right. I got some really high-quality ingredients from the banquet providers just now. I plan on giving them as gifts..”

Aurum never cared about those things. Natalie was usually the one who dealt with everything.

He usually just agreed with whatever she wanted.

Aurum had always been very good to Natalie. He gave her his card to spend, and he accompanied her everywhere. He was incredibly patient and never got angry. He was basically the perfect lover.

"You should. Give some to my parents and yours too..."

Natalie looked at him and asked, "I've already arranged for everything. There's still some left. These herbs are really rare, and they're really nutritional. Aurum, I heard that Gale was in the hospital. Should we give some to her?"

Aurum had been very casual and dismissive about everything, but the moment Gale was mentioned, he was suddenly very serious.

Natalie was not very happy about that.

Was that name able to trigger him that much?

Aurum had been looking at his messages on the phone earlier, but he immediately put his phone down.

'Give her some? Aurum thought about it in earnest.

Could Nicole eat them?

Was it nutritional?

Even if Nicole could not have them, it would still be good for Gale.

She had been too tired recently and had gotten a lot thinner.

Natalie said, "That's right, it's just a friendly gesture. We can still give her some whether she uses it or not."

Aurum nodded. "Alright."

Natalie had a happy look on her face. "Then I'll send it over in your name, so Mr. Wood knows it's from you. It might lead to some cooperation between your companies in the future."

"Natalie, thank you. You've thought about everything."

"That's because we're family." Natalie smiled and leaned into his shoulder. She had a pleased look in her eyes.

Those herbs were not something she had just casually picked out.

Natalie had asked the doctors about what was good for leukemia patients before. So...

Once they were sent over, Nicole would definitely have some!

Once she did, things would be much easier!

The next day, Gale received a parcel from Aurum.

"Herbs?" Gale looked at the high-quality herbs that were there. "Why did Aurum send these over?"

In the box, there was a note.

"Just a gift between friends."

Shawn immediately noticed Aurum's name.

Shawn said, "It's just some herbs. There are plenty in Temperley Hall. It's nothing to be surprised about."

"Then why didn't you bring them here?"

As Gale said that, she started to walk out with them.

Nicole asked, "Mommy, where are you going?"

Gale said, "I'm going to ask the doctors if you can eat these. It's from Uncle Lefting from the day before."

Nicole nodded. "I'll make sure to thank him next time."

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The moment Gale left, Shawn snorted in disdain.

"Daddy, what happened?"

"He's just trying to gain some sympathy points. Otherwise, why would he give those herbs for no reason?" Shawn said.

Nicole could not understand.

Shawn put her on his lap. "Nicole, do you like Uncle Lefting?"

"Yes!"

"Do you like him more than me?"

Nicole was stunned at the question.

After a long moment, she said, "Why would I choose between you too?"

Shawn finally realized that his jealousy was showing too much. He let out a cough and forgot

about it.

If Gale knew about it, she would definitely call him childish.

Very quickly, Gale came back with a smile on her face. She brought the herbs into the kitchen." The doctor said it was good, as long as it's not in excess."

Shawn scoffed again.

It looked like Aurum had not been that casual with the gift. He had probably made sure that Nicole

could eat it first.

Aurum was showing a lot of care.

If Aurum was not going to get married to Natalie, and if the news had not already been spread to all the notable places in Sea City, Shawn would even be suspecting if...

If Aurum actually loved Gale!

Gale busied herself in the kitchen, and waves of fragrance quickly came from there.

She had used the herbs to make soup.

It was tasty and nutritious.

Gale brought a bowl of soup in front of Nicole. "Nicole, have some soup. It's good for you. You're going to have surgery soon, so you need to make sure you're healthy."

Nicole said as she waved her spoon around. "Mommy, are you just going to prepare a bowl for Daddy?"

"He has hands."

"Yes, I can help myself," Shawn said seriously.

"It's nice! Mommy is getting better at cooking!" Nicole praised

"Then, why don't I make you some chicken soup tomorrow with those herbs?"

"Okay!"

Shawn frowned slightly after he took a few mouthfuls.

Gale said, "What is it? Do you not like it?"

He had always been someone who ate very plain foods. He never liked oily foods, especially things like chicken soup.

So, as Gale was cooking, she made sure to filter the soup a few times.

She did not know why she did that, but she would never admit that she did it to suit Shawn's tastes.

"No, it's very nice. It's just that..." Shawn continued after a while, "Do I still need to keep up with the nutrition?"

"You need to give your bone marrow, so you need to stay healthy. Obviously, you'll need more nutrition."

"I've already been stuffing myself lately. If I keep it up, I'll start getting nosebleeds."

Gale answered, "Then don't drink so much."

Shawn slowly said, "I've already been suffering for so many years, acting like a monk every night. With these many strengthening foods, I'll suffer, Galey."

She almost spat out the soup in her mouth.

What was he saying?

Shawn sighed. "I'm going crazy, I'll need cold showers every night from now on."

"No!" Gale tried to stop him without thinking about it. "What if you get a cold?"

The surgery was coming up soon, and she would not allow anything unexpected to happen!

Yet, Shawn whispered into her ear, "Then you'll help me?"

She glared at him.

Nicole happened to hear what was said.

She said seriously in her childish voice, "What does daddy need mommy's help for? Do you need help bathing?"

Gale really did choke at that.

She started to cough, and her face reddened.

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Shawn gently put his hand on her back.

Nicole said, "Daddy, you can't do that. Even I can shower by myself. You're already so old. How

could you make Mommy do that?"

"Okay, I'll shower by myself."

"Shawn!" Gale could no longer stand it. "Can you just eat properly? Stop talking while you're eating!"

"Fine."

Gale started to put food on his plate.

He did not reject it. He would eat all of it no matter how much she gave him.

She would stuff him to death!

Gale warned, "You're not allowed to take cold showers. If you get sick and the surgery is delayed. then I won't let you off. From tomorrow onwards, you're not allowed to drink this soup!"

Men were normally already so hotblooded. He often felt like a furnace when she slept with him at night.

If he really did start getting nosebleeds...

If he really could not hold back...

Shawn ate slowly. "Alright, I'll listen to you. You're the master of this house."

Gale felt like punching something.

However, she could not say anything and was forced to hold it in.
Shawn put his hand on her cheek gently.
Nicole said happily, "It looks like Daddy found a good way to make Mommy happy. You don't even need to kiss her!"
Shawn answered, "No, I prefer using a kiss to handle it."
Gale was speechless.
Her daughter really changed!
With the surgery looming, the doctors were visiting much more frequently. Some days, Nicole would spend the whole day getting checkups, and Gale was forced to stay outside and wait.
Possibly because of those herbs, Nicole's complexion looked much better. Nicole's face was pink. and vibrant.
Gale thanked Aurum and took the time to call Zoe to ask about Joshua.
However, Joshua kept refusing to go on video calls with her for some reason.
Gale thought that he was just unhappy about things. She planned on giving her a proper apology after everything was done.
She had neglected her son.
Gale had no idea that Joshua was still with Aurum and did not want to video call because he was afraid she would notice!
It was Saturday night, and Nicole's surgery was the next day.
Gale felt incredibly unsettled. She had no appetite, and could not sleep properly. She was incredibly tired and fatigued.
She stood on the balcony, enjoying the night breeze.
Shawn walked over. "You aren't sleeping yet? What's on your mind?"
At that moment, Gale did not mind sharing her worries with him.
After all, he was Nicole's father too.
Gale said, "I'm just thinking about the surgery tomorrow. I feel so worried. I'm worried that..."
Shawn put his hand on her shoulder gently, pulling her to him. "I won't."
Normally, she would have pulled his hand away, but she did not have that intention that night.
She was just a woman.
She needed someone to rely on. She needed someone to shield her from the harsh reality of the world
Gale said, "Nicole's not been very healthy since she was young. She catches colds and flu so often. She regularly needs to go to the doctor. Slowly, the frequency of her getting sick increased, and she took longer and longer to recover."
"Galey, you've had it hard raising her alone."

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Shawn was filled with heartache.
Just thinking about Gale standing alone in the hospital with Nicole in hand, panicking without anyone to rely on, made his heart twist in pain.

When the two of them needed him, he was not there.

A man needed to protect his own woman!

"It's all my fault. When I had Nicole, I didn't properly take care of myself. She was unhealthy from the moment I still had her. Her immune system is so bad. I'm to blame for this." Gale blamed herself.

The only fortunate thing was that Joshua was very healthy. He could jump and run around without any worry. Any time he got a cold, he would be better after a hot shower and a good night's rest.

Shawn consoled, "How could anyone blame you? Gale, you're already a very strong and capable mother."

Furthermore, Gale had still been with him during the early stages of the pregnancy. She had been filled with worry and despair.

On top of that, jumping into the sea would definitely have affected the pregnancy. The fact that Gale managed to survive such an ordeal was already a miracle. The fact that she had managed to

even keep Nicole was even more so!

Shawn was thankful that the two of them were alive!

Shawn said, "It's my fault. If I had just let go earlier back then, you and Nicole wouldn't have needed to suffer for the past four years."

Gale turned around to look at him.

She really wanted to ask him. The past was the past, but what about at that moment? Would he let go?

Yet, Gale swallowed her words before she said them.

Gale shook her head. "It wasn't heard. Nicole was with me, so I was very happy. She's so obedient and mature. Every time she needed to take her medicine, she would pinch her nose and swallow it no matter how bitter it is."

"My heart would ache every time I saw her take her medicine. I thought of a lot of ways to strengthen her body, but it didn't work every time. She was already too weak when she was in the womb, so no amount of supplements worked."

Gale just hoped that Nicole would grow stronger as she grew up, getting stronger year after year.

Shawn held her tightly, giving her security and warmth.

He wanted her to know that he was there.

after year.

He always would be.

He would always be by her side. She would always be able to see him and always be able to touch him.

As they talked about Nicole, Gale would not hold back from saying everything.

Gale said, "I was the one who delayed Nicole's treatment. I always thought it was just a regular cold, so I only brought her to the clinic downstairs every time. I should have brought her to the hospital for a full body checkup earlier."

"I ignored the fact that Nicole would always get nosebleeds."

She leaned into Shawn's shoulder, quietly looking at the Sea City's night view.

There were so many lights.

At that moment, everything felt so peaceful and silent.

"It was only when Nicole suddenly had a high fever that could not go away that we found out she had leukemia at the hospital. At that moment, I felt like my world crumbled..."

Gale sighed as she thought about how difficult it had been to take care of Nicole. She did not know why she was telling Shawn all of that. It was likely because she had too much on her mind.

She was not someone who liked to complain.

Shawn put his hand on her back gently.

Shawn consoled, "Galey, I won't let anything happen to Nicole. No matter the cost, I'll make sure to cure her. The best doctors in the whole world are giving Nicole the surgery. She will be fine."

She nodded.

"Grandpa personally went to get some charms from the monastery. Go put them under Nicole's pillow later."

"That's right, Nicole has so many people who love her..."

Shawn put his chin on her head. "I'm here, Galey. I'm here."

He constantly repeated those words, hoping to give her a sense of security.

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Nicole's illness made him worry, but from another perspective, Shawn felt glad about it. If Nicole did not have leukemia, it was possible that he would never have known that Gale was still alive and that he had such a cute and lively daughter.

It was unfortunate but lucky at the same time.

Nicole was fast asleep on her bed, with needle marks on her shoulder.

Gale personally put the charms under her bed.

"Nicole, after tomorrow, your illness will leave you forever. You can become a free and healthy little kid, and you'll be able to grow up strong."

She lightly kissed Nicole on the forehead.

The most tender love in the world was the love of a mother to her children.

"Mommy..." Nicole mumbled in her sleep before drifting off again.

Shawn's heart softened at the sight.

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Gale was the love of his life.

Nicole was the continuation of his life.

They were both the most important things he had, and he could not do without either of them.

That night, both Shawn and Gale did not sleep.

However, the both of them did not say anything, shutting their eyes as they held each other.

The surgery was set for nine in the morning the next day.

At eight, the nurses came into the room to bring Nicole away.

Even though Nicole was usually very obedient, she was still afraid when it came to this. She was a bit apprehensive and did not want to leave with the nurses.

She held Gale tightly. "Mommy, I-I don't want to go."
Gale held her tightly as well. "Nicole, it's okay. When you come back out, you'll be a completely healthy girl. You won't need to stay in the hospital anymore. You won't have any fevers or nosebleeds, and you won't need to take medicine anymore."
"But I'm still scared."
Gale gently consoled her, "Daddy and Mommy will be by your side. We won't leave."
Nicole bit her lips as tears fell. After that, she nodded and let go, looking at the nurse. "I'm ready now."
"Nicole, you're so brave. Look, Daddy is going with the nurse too. If you don't go, then all the medicines your father took for you these days would have been a waste."
Nicole slowly gained her resolve.
She could not let her father's efforts be wasted and could not let her mother worry!
Nicole waved. "Bye-bye. Daddy, Mommy, I won't cry. Don't worry!"
Gale forced out a smile and nodded. "Bye-bye, Nicole."
Looking at the nurse pushing Nicole away, Gale's tears started to fall.
Shawn gently wiped the tears away.
He could understand why she felt weak.
"I'm going to leave with the nurses as well. When you see Nicole and I again, both of us will be healthy," Shawn said.
Gale nodded.
Shawn was still worried and looked back every few steps.
It was as if Gale was the one going for surgery.
Gale felt a bit awkward at his warm and caring gaze. She wiped away her tears and smiled. "Yes, I'll wait for you two!"
Shawn nodded.
Outside the surgery room, Gale stood there alone.
Before she could feel lonely, Joe and Summer were already there.
Summer said, "Don't worry, don't worry, the surgery will definitely be a success. It'll go perfectly. Nicole is so cute and smart. She'll definitely get through this!"
"Yes, I'll be waiting here."

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Summer held her hand. "We'll keep you company. I'm Nicole's godmother. There's no way I can miss out on this."
Joe said, "And I'm Nicole's godfather."
Summer was confused. "When did this happen?"
Joe asked, "What? With my relationship with Shawn, don't I have the right to be her godfather? If you can be her godmother, can't I be her godfather?"
It sounded reasonable.
Yet, why did she feel like it was so weird?
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Before she could understand it, Gale said, "Godparents should be a pair. Are you two a pair?"
Summer suddenly understood.
She knew something was wrong!

Summer said, "Joe, you were trying to take advantage of me! I was almost fooled!" Joe was stunned as well. He never even thought about that. "When was I trying to take advantage of you? You're the godmother, and I'm the godfather. Why does there need to

be a relationship between us?"

Those two had been bickering from the start.

However, as they bickered on, Gale did not feel as heavy-hearted.

She said, "If Nicole asks if her godparents are married, how will you answer her?"

"We're not!"

"Definitely not!"

Gale said, "I've been saying this, but the two of you have been single for so long. You know each other so well. Why don't you give it a shot? Don't miss out on the chance and

end up regretting it in the future."

"Joe has so many girls around him. I'd rather not join in on this."

Joe did not back down either. "What about that Dr. Lighton? You've been flirting around for so long. When are you going to become official?"

Summer answered, "When did you see that? We are just friends!"

"Wow, even after being friends for so long, he still doesn't like you."

Summer was furious.

She looked at Gale. "If you don't want Nicole to lose me as a godmother, you can't let Joe become her godfather!"

Gale said, "I can't control that either. What if Nicole likes Joe and wants him to be her godfather?"

"Impossible! The two of us won't stand on the same level!"

Joe crossed his arms and looked at her. "Just you wait. I'm so handsome and amazing. Nicole will quickly fall for me."

"Dream on!"

Gale looked at the two of them.

Even after fighting for so long, there was no result.

The two of them clearly fancied each other, but they refused to admit it.

What kind of thing would need to happen for the two of them to see how they truly felt.

Before too long, Lucas arrived.

Peter arrived after that.

Everyone was in front of the operating theater, waiting for the results.

Peter walked to Gale and pulled Gale on the sleeve. "What do you plan on doing after the surgery?"

"I'll leave with Nicole," Gale answered honestly.

That was what she planned. If no surprises happened, she would do exactly that.

"Are you sure you'll be able to leave?"

Gale said, "Shawn agreed to let me go. I don't think he'll take back his words.

With how Shawn was acting, Gale slowly believed that Shawn really had learned how to love a person.

Peter sighed. "It's no longer something the two of you can decide. Will the Wood family let her go? Nicole is part of their bloodline."

As he said that, Peter looked at Lucas.
Lucas really wanted a great-grandson. That was something everyone in Sea City knew.

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He even made it known that whoever managed to get pregnant with Shawn's child would

be able to do anything they wanted to the Wood family. He would give them anything! Yet, Shawn's will was too firm. Even though women threw themselves at him, not a single person managed to succeed.

To the rich and noble, children was the continuation of their line. How could Lucas allow his family to end with Shawn?

After so long, Nicole finally appeared. Even if she were a girl, Lucas would not let her go easily.

"Luckily, they don't know about Joshua. Otherwise, you would have really just helped the

Wood family raise a child for four years and ended up with nothing for yourself," Peter said.

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Gale's expression sank. "Dad, let's take it one step at a time. If Nicole wants to stay behind, I'll respect her choice."

"Nicole is still young. No matter how mature she is, she's just a child. She doesn't understand what it all means. She'll just feel that being with her father doesn't mean she'll lose her mother. In reality

Gale interrupted, "Dad, Nicole won't lose me even if she goes with Shawn. Nicole is still my daughter. Even if she's with the Wood family and not by my side, I'll give her all my love. I'll never blame her."

Unless Nicole herself wanted to stay, no other reason would make Gale let go!
Peter sighed.

After a moment, he said, "Stupid girl, you've really suffered."

"It's nothing, dad. I'm fine."

The light on the operating theater was still lit up.

Below the hospital, Natalie and Winnie were in a black car.

"Natalie, will we really succeed? There won't be any surprises, right?" Winnie said with worry and excitement.

"As long as you listen to me and don't act on your own, it should all be fine."

Compared to Winnie, Natalie was much calmer.

She looked at the time.

Winnie nodded. "Alright, alright. I'll do anything you tell me to. I won't betray you!"

Natalie said, "Listen here, Winnie. I can help you up there, but I can also drag you down.

Don't even think about escaping my control when you finally have a leg to stand with the Wood family. Understood?"

"How could I?" Winnie hurriedly let out a smile. "We're best friends. We should be helping and supporting each other. You're helping me soar today, and I'll help you accomplish anything you want in the future!"

Natalie nodded with satisfaction. "As long as you understand."

If Winnie's face were not so useful, Natalie would not have bothered with her. They were only close back then because Winnie had been a star, so Natalie had to be mindful of that.

At that moment, Winnie was just a rat on the streets that could be beaten up on a whim. She had nothing but her face.

It was just that Gale had gone too far, seducing Aurum and pushing Natalie down everywhere. Natalie had held it in for a long time before she decided to do this! Was Gale not just using Shawn's love?

So, what would happen if Natalie shifted the love to Winnie instead?

Winnie asked, "Natalie, are we just going to wait here? We're not going to do anything?"

"Nicole's in surgery right now. It's full of people, so there's no point going. There's no need to rush. It's not time yet."

"I'm so curious, Natalie. What did you do?" Winnie looked at her in anticipation, hoping for the answer.

That way, she would be able to use it in the future too!

She did not know why Natalie was so confident. She wanted that confidence as well!

Natalie answered, "That's none of your concern. Just listen to what I tell you to do. I guarantee that Nicole will call you her mother. She'll only recognize you and not Gale!"

After that, she laughed in a pleased manner.

Winnie nodded. "I remember everything you said before. I won't forget a single thing!"

"That's good. As long as you don't make any mistakes, things will go smoothly."

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Winnie clenched her fists excitedly.

Natalie had instructed Winnie that once Nicole's surgery was over and the anesthesia wore off, she needed to be by Nicole's bed when she opened her eyes.

Furthermore, she had to be the first person Nicole saw!

As she looked at Nicole, Winnie needed to constantly say, "I'm your mommy, I'm your mommy, I'm your mommy."

That way, Nicole will see Winnie as her mother!

It sounded mysterious and magical, but that was exactly what Natalie asked Winnie to do.

Enter title...

Winnie could not understand how it was done.

Based on what she knew, Natalie had never even approached Gale and only gave her some herbs.

Could those herbs be special?

"Aurum?"

Suddenly, Natalie's expression changed. "Why is he here?!"

Natalie, who had been calm the whole time, immediately started to panic when she saw Aurum's car.

Natalie immediately started the car. "No, he'll notice me. Let's go!"

She pulled down her cap and sped on from the other exit.

Aurum stopped in front of the hospital.

Joshua was in the passenger's seat. He looked out and said, "Can I go in?"

"Of course, you can. Why would I bring you here otherwise? Hang on, don't..."

Before Aurum could even finish, Joshua had already gotten out of the car. He stood up and waited for Aurum. "Uncle Lefting, I'm ready. Let's go!"

Aurum held his hand and brought Joshua in. "We'll wait quietly near the operating theater. Once Nicole's surgery is done, I'll bring you away, understand?"

"You already said it so many times, Uncle Lefting. I'm starting to get tired of it!"

"Isn't it because you're so hard to control?"

Joshua was not a boy who would just listen to everything obediently. The moment one was distracted, he would start pulling his tricks.

"Fine, fine, I'll make sure to listen to you. Once Nicole wakes up, I can just go look for her without any fear anyway! We can all go home!" Joshua answered.

It sounded so beautiful. Joshua led the way, and he walked incredibly quickly.

At the stairwell, Aurum and Joshua hid behind the door, observing the situation in the operating room through the crack of the door.

They were like spies.

Aurum said, "There are so many people here. Nicole really is a princess."

"Of course, just look at who her brother is."

Aurum was speechless.

Joshua said, "There's a guy and a lady I have never seen before. Who are they?"

"Joe and Summer. They're your parents' best friends."

"They look like they are suited for each other."

Aurum choked at those words.

Joshua asked, "Am I not right?"

"As long as you're happy."

Anyone who knew Joe and Summer knew that they were complete enemies.

They quarreled when they met each other and never stopped.

How could they be together?!