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Looking at the mountain of dishes on his plate, Cooper did not know where to start eating.

Before he even started eating, Nia put some more dishes onto his plate and said, "Cooper, try some of Daddy's fried rice, it's really good."

Looking at the big pile of dishes on Cooper's plate, Josiah could not help but tease, "Can you both let Cooper eat in peace?"

Meredith cleared her throat and froze.

Cooper took a bite of the rice that Nia gave him and Nia asked immediately, "Cooper, does it taste good?"

Cooper took a glance at Josiah before nodding his head softly.

Nia then immediately said to Josiah, "Daddy, look, Cooper is complimenting you."

Even though Josiah was jealous of Cooper who had replaced him in Meredith's and Nia's hearts, he was rather glad to be receiving a compliment from his son.

He then said to Cooper, "Eat more then."

"Daddy, will you make fried rice for me and Cooper more often?" Nia asked.

"I will, but with the condition that you two would be good," Josiah then put a piece of the chicken wing on Nia's plate and said, "hurry up and eat."

He then put another piece on Meredith's plate. "Edith, you should eat too. You've worked hard preparing dinner."

Meredith looked at the kids and to be honest, she did not feel tired at all.

Especially after seeing Cooper and Nia taking big bites of the food.

After the meal, Meredith started cleaning the table when Josiah hugged her from behind, and kissed her on her ear, "After you're done, let's go finish up the thing that we didn't get to finish this noon."

Meredith knew that he was referring to the procedure for registering their marriage and she subconsciously looked at the living room.

She realized that Cooper was sitting alone in the corner on the couch, not uttering a word at all.

After the meal, Nia went upstairs, leaving Cooper all alone in the living room.

Without Nia's company, Cooper did look like he was autistic.

Josiah followed Meredith's gaze and he took notice of Cooper.

He kissed Meredith again and said, "We already talked this through right? That I'll try to get Cooper treated."

"Josiah, you..."

"Edith, both times when we wanted to register our marriage, we were interrupted and I don't wish for the same thing to happen again this time," He grabbed her wrist and said, "stop washing, let's go now."

Before Meredith could say anything, the doorbell rang.

Meredith struggled away from her and said, "It must be Miss Ivy who is here to get Cooper."

Linda went to open the door and through the window, she noticed that it was Ivy who was at the door.

Josiah frowned, "who said that she could come here?"

"Ivy gave you a smart son, after all, you shouldn't be this cold to her." Meredith glanced at him.

Josiah got even irked at the mention that Cooper was Ivy's son.

"Meredith, don't forget how Ivy got pregnant with Cooper just because you adore him," Josiah seethed, "if it happened to you, would you forgive her for scheming on you?"

"I…" Meredith did not know what to say.

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As a matter of fact, Meredith did not think that way.

Perhaps it was really because of Cooper that Meredith did not resent Ivy too much.

Ivy followed behind Linda and walked into the house. At the sight of Meredith and Josiah coming out of the kitchen together, a look of jealousy flickered across her face.

But noticing Josiah's cold expression, she subconsciously lowered her head.

"My apologies for disturbing you at this hour. I am here to pick up Cooper," Ivy greeted them in a gentle voice.

With one brow arched, Josiah responded, "Miss Ivy, I thought I already made it clear that I will send Cooper home later. Why would you purposely come all the way here?"

Ivy lifted her head and with an innocent look on her face, she replied, "Joe, my son ran away from the house, I'd of course come to get him right away the moment I heard that he was safe. Is that so wrong?"

"This is after all Meredith's home. It's rather inappropriate for you to show up here."

"But if I don't show up, I'm afraid that my son would enjoy spending more time with you guys rather than me, his own mother.

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Ivy was calm and composed, as usual.

She smiled at Meredith and said, "Meredith, it seems like my son likes you but I only have him. So could you please not take him away from me?"

Meredith was speechless.

Meredith never thought that the fact that her adoring Cooper and treating him well would worry lvy.

"I have no intention of taking Cooper from you," She explained.

"If so, would you kindly get Cooper for me so that I could take him home with me?" Ivy then went on, "And thank you so much for taking care of Cooper today. I will make sure that he will not do this again."

Meredith did not know what else to say at Ivy's gentleness and politeness.

She pondered a while before saying to Ivy, "Miss Ivy, let me take you upstairs to see Cooper."

"Okay, thank you."

Meredith took Ivy to Nia's bedroom and said softly, "Miss Ivy, take a look at Cooper in there."

She pushed the door open so that Ivy could take a good look at Cooper and Nia who were playing together.

Right when Ivy was about to call out for Cooper, Meredith interrupted her, "Miss Ivy, can I have a few words with you?"

Looking at Meredith, Ivy asked, "What do you want to talk about?"

"About Cooper's illness."

Ivy hesitated before nodding and followed Meredith into the next room.

"Miss Ivy, I've always believed that a child should not be dragged into the adults' feud. Cooper is a smart and gifted child and I really hope that Cooper will get better soon."

Seeing how Ivy was not saying anything, Meredith went on, "That is why I wanted to know how Cooper is when he is usually around you? Can we interact normally? Has he been able to hold a conversation?"

"He's not able to interact normally. There are times when he would not talk at all for a month. This is why I decided to take him overseas to receive treatment."

Still looking at Meredith, Ivy went on, "Meredith, if you really care about Cooper and want him to get better, please give Josiah back to me. I must get married to him, if not..."

She paused and laughed bitterly, "This is my first time putting away my pride to plead with someone, I hope you wouldn't make fun of me."

"A mother would be willing to give anything for her child, but..." Feeling rather skeptical, Meredith studied her and asked, "are you really only getting married because of Cooper's illness?"

"Of course not," Ivy went on, "I've grown up with Josiah. And if it wasn't because I love him and wanted to spend the rest of my life with him, I wouldn't have...did what I did that year."

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lvy's response showed that she still loved Josiah a lot.

Meredith felt something uncomfortable welling up in her chest.

Noticing that Ivy's eyes were slowly red-rimmed, she asked, "So Cooper is just a tool for you to get married to Josiah, yes? You don't really love him at all."

lvy replied, "Meredith, you must have experienced how it feels to lose your child, haven't you?"

"I did. When I lost Nia, I could feel my world come crashing down on me, and I was mentally unstable and even lost my memories..."

"It sounds painful and one needs to be mentally strong to be able to get through the pain. But congratulations for getting out of the suffering," Ivy mumbled under her breath, "I too hope that I'd be able to do that too..."

Seeing how Ivy was in pain, Meredith sympathized with her. "I'm sure Cooper will get better soon.

"Miss Ivy, if you don't mind, you can bring Cooper here often so that he can play with Nia. Nia has always been a bubbly and lively child. I believe that with Nia's company, Cooper will be able to get well soon."

Ivy, on the other hand, looked triggered.

She who had been keeping a calm front finally flew into a rage. "Meredith Leighton, this is your aim, isn't it? First taking away Josiah and now my son. Then the four of you would live together happily as a family while I lose everything and spend the rest of my life alone, that's what you want, is it not?"

"I don't mean it that way, Miss Ivy. All I want is to help Cooper."

"You don't mean it that way?" Ivy scoffed coldly, "I already said it earlier. If you do care about Cooper, then please stay away from Josiah so that we can be a family again. Being together as a family is a much more effective treatment compared to any other medication and treatment plan for Cooper." Meredith stood silent at that.

"If you can't, then please stop acting like you care and stop trying to take my son away from me." Ivy suddenly started tearing up. "Because I can't afford to lose Cooper..."

Seeing how Ivy was all worked up, Meredith took a deep breath and said, "Forget what I said if you don't want to do it."

There was movement at the door and the both of them turned around to see Cooper standing by the door, looking at them.

Meredith and Ivy immediately stood up from the couch.

Ivy was a step of Meredith, going over to Cooper. Holding Cooper's hands in hers, she asked, "How are you feeling my dear? I'm here to take you home, shall we go home now?"

Staring at Ivy, Cooper gently pulled his hands away from Ivy.

After a moment, he uttered slowly, "Daddy...Mommy..."

This was the second time that he was saying the words – daddy and mommy.

For some reason, Meredith felt conflicted again.

Wiping away the tears on her face, Ivy said, "Cooper, I know that you want me and Daddy to be together, but Daddy...he can't be with us for now. But I promise that I'll make your wish come true, I promise..."

"Miss Ivy, how could you make such a promise to a child?" Josiah showed up suddenly and immediately cut off Ivy.

lvy was stunned. Looking at Josiah, she asked, "Joe, Cooper is only sick because you haven't been around. Are you really not going to care about him anymore?"

"If it wasn't because of your selfish act, the child wouldn't even exist!"

"You-!" Ivy was wordless with rage.

Cooper turned around and rushed down the stairs.

"Cooper!" Ivy immediately followed her son.

Irked, Meredith stared at Josiah and seethed, "How could you say such a thing in front of Cooper? Go after the child right now!"

If it was not because she was worried that Ivy would think that she was trying to snatch Cooper from her, Meredith would have gone after Cooper herself.

Josiah too was frustrated that Cooper was a child who had the tendency to run away from home.

But under Meredith's urge, he had no choice but to go after Cooper.

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'Mommy, we will be able to find Cooper, right?" Nia asked worriedly.

Meredith, who was trying to hold herself back, started running downstairs at Nia's question.

As soon as she ran out of the house, Ivy's terrified shriek was heard, "Cooper-"

Meredith felt her heart stop a beat and she quickened her steps at Ivy's cries. And that was when she saw Cooper lying on the floor in front of a car.

Cooper was hit...

Meredith felt her legs go weak.

lvy too was petrified.

Josiah, on the other hand, was the first to react as he ran over to Cooper.

At the sight of Josiah carrying Cooper, Ivy pushed Josiah away and screamed, "Josiah Shelby, get away from him! Don't you touch him!"

"Let me take Cooper to the hospital," Josiah replied.

"No! Leave him alone!" Ivy shrieked as she started to check Cooper all over.

Josiah was about to say something when Meredith stopped him. " Miss Ivy is a doctor and she can check on Cooper herself. You should go get the car now."

Only then did Josiah remember that Ivy was a doctor. He nodded and went to get the car.

Shortly after, he stopped his car next to Cooper and immediately carried Cooper into his car.

Ivy too got into his car and throughout their drive, she did not stop calling out to Cooper.

She was apologizing the entire time.

"I'm sorry, Cooper. It is all my fault," Ivy sobbed.

Josiah was driving really fast but he took a glance at Ivy through the rear-view mirror. "Why would there be a car driving so fast right in front of Meredith's place?"

It was not a road for cars to drive in front of the mansion. Hence there were not supposed to be cars.

At most, it would only be cars from the neighbors who would drive past the mansion.

At his sudden questioning, Ivy was lost in words. She looked at him and asked, "what are you implying, Joe? Are you suspecting that the accident was planned? But Cooper and I have just returned to the country, we don't know anyone here."

If it was not because Cooper was bleeding non-stop, Josiah would have pulled over at the roadside.

But he held it in, stepped on the accelerator, and sent Cooper to the hospital.

Josiah carried Cooper into the hospital.

Before Cooper was sent to the ER, Josiah studied the wound on Cooper's forehead.

The wound was real and the blood was real too.

He turned around and slapped lvy across her face. "You're just plain evil! How dare you put a child's life at risk just to get what you want!"

Meredith who just arrived saw Josiah hitting Ivy in her face.

In an aghast, she rushed over and looked at Ivy who fell onto the floor and asked, "What did you mean? Cooper's accident was…

"No, no!" Shaking her head furiously, Ivy denied, "I didn't do it, Joe. I didn't plan the accident."

Josiah refused to believe her. He seethed, "I can't help but think that Cooper is not your birth son."

Stunned, Ivy started panicking.

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"Joe, how can you say such a thing?" Ivy sounded anxious as she went on, "I risked my life to give birth to Cooper and I raised him all by myself, how could you say such a thing about him?"

"If Cooper was really your son, would you even be able to do such a thing to him?"

"I already said that it wasn't me!"

Josiah took a step toward her, towering over her, he said, "You can lie all you want but there's CCTV right in front of the house, and that driver? I will be sure to track him down."

Ivy did not know what else to say.

After a moment of hesitation, she shook her head and insisted, "It wasn't me...I didn't do it..."

"You can tell this to yourself and to Cooper. I will not believe you." Josiah turned around, not wanting to look at her anymore.

His hatred and resentment toward her had hurt Ivy deeply.

She never could have guessed that things would end up this way.

Meredith took a glance at Ivy then turned to look at Josiah. In the end, he walked toward Josiah and whispered, "How are you so sure that it was Ivy who staged the incident?"

Gritting his teeth, Josiah seethed coldly, "Because right from the start, she had been scheming dirty little tricks and she was ruthless. The child is simply just a tool for her to get married into the Shelby family."

Looking at Ivy whose cheeks were covered in tears, Meredith could not help but think that Ivy did not look like someone that cruel and ruthless.

But it was indeed strange that Cooper suddenly got into an accident.

While waiting for Cooper who was still in the ER, Josiah had already had his men get the CCTV recording.

In the recording, the car was not speeding and it was Cooper who ran toward the car. It was unclear whether the car ran into Cooper on purpose or by accident.

"It looked like it was really a mere accident," Meredith said.

Looking at the video, Josiah said, "If she's determined to have the accident staged, she wouldn't have left any traces."

Just then, the doctor had walked out of the ER.

Ivy immediately scrambled onto her feet and rushed toward the doctor. Grabbing the doctor's hands, she asked, "Doctor, how is my son? Is he badly injured?"

The doctor took a glance at everyone and replied, "Don't worry, the child lost consciousness as he was hit. Aside from some scratches on the skin, there is nothing else to be worried about."

It was then all of them felt a sense of relief.

Ivy then asked, "Is my son awake? when can he be transferred out of the ER?"

"Soon, ma'am."

Just then, Cooper was seen pushed out of the ER.

"Cooper, darling, how are you?" Ivy rushed toward his son, holding his hand. She checked him all over carefully, "Does it hurt a lot?"

It was as if she was used to not getting any response from her son, Ivy continued asking before Cooper even replied, "You should have been more careful, you almost gave me a heart attack, did you know that?"

With a bandage wrapped around his head, Cooper stared briefly at her mother then he turned to look at Josiah and Meredith.

Meeting Cooper's gaze, Meredith felt her heart skip a beat. "Don't worry, Cooper. Everything is alright now. Look, your mom and dad are here with you."

She then gave a light nudge on Josiah's arms.

Josiah immediately walked over to Cooper and held his hand, "Yes, Daddy is here for you."

Cooper looked at them briefly and slowly closed his eyes.

Ivy followed the nurses into Cooper's ward and Josiah too followed behind them.

Only Meredith felt as if she was not supposed to be around, hence she stayed outside.

She was worried that Ivy would misunderstand her again for trying to steal Cooper away from her. She was also worried that Ivy would do something extreme to Cooper again.