

Chapter 832 The Oracle Kindergarten

Julie was perplexed. Remembering that it was Liam who took Asher to kindergarten yesterday, she hurried to ask him, showing him the message.

With a furrowed brow, she asked, "What's happening?"

Liam briefly looked at the message and speculated that Bowen might have taken action regarding the entire kindergarten, possibly closing the kindergarten for good.

After a moment of thought, he casually explained, "I forgot to mention that someone was bullying Asher at that kindergarten. And the teacher was also negligent. Maybe that's why they shut down the kindergarten and refunded the tuition."

Julie, infuriated, asked, "Do you know how hard I worked to get Asher into that school? Now you're saying it's shut down and you don't want him there? I don't believe it. Did you make him drop out?"

The commotion attracted Yesenia to the living

room.

Upon hearing the situation, Yesenia erupted, "You've caused so much liability! You can't fathom the struggles Julie went through to get Asher into that school. And now it's all ruined because of you!"

Witnessing both his mother and grandmother blaming his father, Asher timidly approached Julie, trying to pacify her. "Mommy, please don't blame Daddy. Someone really bullied me, and I don't want to go there anymore."

However, Julie dismissed his words.

Caught amidst the tension, Liam took out his phone, confirming the news about Hawthorn Kindergarten's closure. Showing it to Julie and Yesenia, he asserted, "Trust me. Something was wrong there. I'm Asher's father and I'm doing this for his good."

Only upon seeing the news did Julie realize she had misjudged Liam.

She was about to apologize when she noticed Liam's kind smile.

Liam reassured, "It's okay. It's just a misunderstanding. The best kindergarten in Salem isn't Hawthorn but Oracle Kindergarten. Asher will

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go there."

Julie smiled too. For them, such misunderstandings weren't conflicts.

However, Yesenia sneered, "It's easy for you to say! Do you realize how stringent Oracle's admission criteria are? It's not easy for kids to get in!"

Julie shared the doubt, knowing the high standards for admission. She wanted Asher to go there before, but she gave up due to the stringent requirements.

Only children from affluent and influential families had the opportunity to attend that kindergarten. The annual tuition fee alone amounted to several million dollars.

However, even among the children from wealthy backgrounds, not all were guaranteed admission to this school. The Oracle Kindergarten meticulously evaluated the parents' qualifications. Moreover, there was a limited enrollment capacity. Regardless of the financial resources invested, without influential connections, gaining admission was impossible.

The stringent criteria were far beyond reach for most people. This was why many people opted for

Hawthorn Kindergarten, as it presented more accessible admission standards compared to the extremely high requirements of Oracle Kindergarten.

However, Liam confidently reassured, "You don't have to be concerned about it. I'll take care of it."

After that, he held Asher's hand and went out.

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After Liam left, Yesenia asked Julie, "Julie, do you really think he can secure Asher a spot at the Oracle Kindergarten?"

Julie was uncertain.

Despite her belief that Liam usually followed through with his promises, she couldn't fathom how he'd manage to secure Asher's enrollment at Oracle Kindergarten. It left her thoroughly puzzled.

Trying to alleviate Julie's concerns, Yesenia said slowly, "Don't stress too much. Our Pearl Company is progressing well. It's feasible for Asher to enter that kindergarten."

She then produced a business card and added, "This gentleman wants to collaborate with our company. He's the director of recruitment at the Oracle Kindergarten. Perhaps he can facilitate Asher's admission. You should reach out to him."

Julie took the card but hesitated for a while.

She knew Yesenia's intentions clearly. Now, for the sake of Asher's education, she felt compelled to

compromise. She believed that if she explained the situation to Liam later, he would understand.

With this in mind, Julie dialed Leroy Wright's number, the director of recruitment at the Oracle Kindergarten.

When the call was answered, she said slowly, "Is this Mr. Wright? It's Julie from Pearl Company. I'd like to get the information on the enrollment process at Oracle Kindergarten. Are you available today?"

Upon hearing Julie's identity, Leroy replied kindly, "Hello, Miss Fiber. I happen to have some free time today. Shall we meet for a discussion? You could take the child to the Blue Shore Restaurant near the Oracle Kindergarten. How about we have lunch there today?"

Julie agreed and said, "Alright. I'll see you at noon."

In Salem's administration building, Bowen's office was bustling with people.

The cause was the news he had disseminated: A distinguished five-star general arrived in Salem with the potential intent to establish residence here. This move will likely result in significant changes to Salem's layout. There will be a dinner

party to discuss this transformation in three months.

The news caused a stir in Salem.

Families were divided in their reactions. Some were elated, and some were worried, anticipating significant changes. Many sought Bowen to glean more about the enigmatic general.

However, Bowen was unavailable. His secretary informed everyone that he wouldn't be available for the foreseeable future.

Meanwhile, Bowen was at the Murray family's residence, discussing plans with Tristan.

Unknown to Salem's residents, Bowen and Tristan had been longtime friends. They had been business partners in other cities.

In a hushed tone, Bowen asked, "Tristan, any updates regarding the Kingland Group?"

Tristan's expression turned grave at the mention of the company's name.

While locals recognized Tristan as Salem's wealthiest man, the Kingland Group held substantial power, though it had been less involved in Salem in recent years.

It was previously affiliated with the Hoffman family.

Now, the four prominent families, including the Hoffman family, had already transitioned into subordinate positions under the Duncan family, who held the dominant power as the overlord of Invone.

Tristan replied cautiously, "Not yet. However, if General Liam moves to restructure Salem, it'll definitely draw the Kingland Group's attention. Conflict seems inevitable."

With a sigh, Bowen said thoughtfully, "I've known you for years. I won't beat around the bush. I'm siding with General Liam. You need to tell me: In case of conflict, whose side will you choose?"

Taken aback, Tristan sighed and said, "I'm unsure. Frankly, I can't afford to offend either side. It's a headache for me."

At that moment, Bowen's phone rang. It was Liam calling.

Bowen signaled Tristan to remain quiet and answered, "General, how can I assist you?"

Liam said, "It's a small matter. I need your help to ensure my son's admission to the Oracle Kindergarten."