## Abandoned Super Cutie Adopted by Billionaire Clan

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Ian nodded, his voice tinged with helplessness. "Yeah. It was him."

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That same morning, he and Mr. Adler had been sipping coffee together at the Holmes estate. One moment they were chatting, and the next, Adler stood up mid-sip, called his driver, and left without explanation.

Half an hour later, someone delivered a bunch of grapes-apparently freshly picked from his orchard. Then, about an hou after that, a fox showed up.

It arrived in a pink cage, looking clean, fluffy, and fragrant—as if it had been pampered rather than caught

And now, to top it all off, he'd gone and custom-ordered a small cake. Didn't tell a soul. Clearly meant it as a surprise for Yvonne.

Ian watched Yvonne's eyes grow round and bright, and a bad feeling began to creep up his spine. Don't tell me... this unreliable old man is about to get back in her good graces?

She didn't know where to put her hands–first she wrapped them tight around lan's neck, then she was cupping her own cheeks

Sure enough, the moment Yvonne heard the confirmation, her little legs kicked with joy.

in delight.

"Grandpa's the best!" she said with a beaming smile. "I really like Grandpa!"

"Alas." Her little cowlick perked right up and began bobbing side to side. Utterly adorable.

If Richard had been in the room to hear that, he probably would've grinned himself dizzy.

Still cuddled in lan's arms, Yvonne shifted her fluffy little head and whispered in a soft, sugary voice, "Uncle, let's go home and

see Grandpa, okay?" Her clear eyes sparkled with anticipation—like stars glittering in a midnight sky. "I want to go home and eat Grandpa's cake.

Ian ruffled her hair. "Okay."

Yvonne like they'd just seen a unicorn. "What's with those looks?" Ian instinctively tightened his hold on Yvonne and took a step back. The way they were staring-like

He looked away, about to say goodbye to the people by the back door, but when he turned, he found all of them staring at

cats spotting a canary. "Mr. Holmes..." one of them began, though his eyes never left Yvonne. "So the cake Mr. Adler ordered... it was for this little girl?"

"That's right," Ian confirmed. "She's the only little girl in either of our families."

the cake-and here she was, in all her pink-loving, wide-eyed glory. One by one, their faces lit up with fervent smiles so intense that even Yvonne noticed something was off.

Talk about luck! Just moments ago, they had been thinking how great it would be to make Mr. Adler's granddaughter happy with

She stiffened slightly in lan's arms, glancing around at the overly enthusiastic strangers.

"Huh? W-what's going on?" she asked in her soft, uncertain voice.

The moment they got that answer, a visible wave of delight washed over their faces.

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Then she said, "You guys want to eat the cake Grandpa made for me too?"

what I meant!" Words tumbled out in a rush, like he'd borrowed someone else's mouth and was desperate to return it. "Miss Adler, we wouldn't

"Yes," someone blurted reflexively. Then, seeing the shock in Yvonne's eyes, they immediately backtracked. "No, no! That's not

dare eat your cake!" Before she could respond, the others were already springing into action.

Another whipped open the Seawise Pavilion dessert menu. "Yvonne, are you hungry? Look, here are some pretty sweets. Want

us to make you something pink?"

One ran to the air conditioner. "You look a little flushed-are you hot? Let me turn the temperature down for you."

Yvonne froze in place, stunned by the wave of over-the-top hospitality.

Ian was equally baffled. "What's going on? Do you all... need a favor from her or something?"

The bluntness hit them like a slap.

If she were a cat, her ears would've flattened against her head in alarm-total airplane ear mode.

Embarrassed, one of them scratched his head and admitted, "Mr. Holmes, to be honest... we were hoping Miss Adler might put in a good word for us with Mr. Adler."

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They explained, "The grape steamed cakes we made-those were made using the grapes Mr. Adler brought. Mr. Reese's been invited to create desserts for the upcoming state banquet, and we were hoping to use more of those grapes."

She blinked blankly, still tucked in his arms, clearly having no idea what they were talking about.

Then he looked up. "How much do you

Ian ruffled her hair, thoughtful. "The grapes, huh..."

Ian glanced down at Yvonne.

He held up two fingers. "Not much. Just two bunches." lan didn't reply right away.

The group instantly grew nervous, wondering if they had asked for too much. One of them added quickly, "We can pay! Whatever price Mr. Adler names-we'll take it!"

It was the softest tone anyone had ever used to say something that bold. Jan chuckled. "If you say that, Richard will definitely ask for a sky-high price. He lives for that kind of bait."

They were clearly desperate. But fan wasn't the one to make the call. The grapes were technically Yvonne's-grown from the trees she'd gifted to Richard as

"We don't mind," they insisted, practically raising their right hands in oath. "Mr. Reese said the same thing-we'll take whatever he

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gives, no matter the cost."

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They personally walked lan all the way to the car, only returning once the vehicle was completely out of sight-still reluctant to go

At the Holmes family, even though Yvonne already knew Richard had ordered a cake for her, she still played along when she

That single sentence sent them into fits of joy. 55%

thanks for bringing Kelvin back to Strate City.

Looking at their hopeful faces, lan said, "I'll ask him for you."

They stood on the curb, hands clasped, silently praying.

saw his mysterious smile upon returning home.

No wonder everyone loved spoiling her.

When the cake was finally brought out, Yvonne launched herself into his arms like a flying squirrel. Emotional value: off the charts.

Richard offered her the honor of the first cut. But Yvonne couldn't bring herself to do it. Eventually, the knife returned to Richard's hand.

Staff" of the Beggars' Sect. Richard, however, had no such reservations. A few swift chops—crack, crack, crack—and that beautiful cake was demolished.

"Grandpa, you do it." She held the knife out with utter trust-like a sacred ceremony, handing down the legendary "Dog- Beating

Once a butterfly. Now a pile of goo. Yvonne, watching from the side, slowly lost the stars in her eyes.

The delicate cake on the table was so pretty, she almost couldn't bear to eat it.