

# Abandoned Super Cutie Adopted by Billionaire Clan

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Besides wanting her family safe. Karen didn't want to go against Tinley in her heart.

She envied Tinley before she got married.

Karen felt envy, but not jealousy, towards her.

When an immense gulf separated two people, and one realized that despite her best efforts, she could never bridge the distance to reach the other, jealousy became a moot point.

That was Karen: she envied Tinley's confidence and low others treated her with respect.

While attending a government business conference with her husband, Karen spotted Tinley from a distance, leaving a lasting impression.

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To ensure Tinley's safety during her pregnancy, the organizer implemented a security checkpoint at the entrance. The checkpoint prohibited items like cigarettes and radioactive materials, and all alcoholic beverages at the venue were replaced with juice.

Despite the inconvenience of the inspection process, none of the people who agreed to it voiced any dissatisfaction, maintaining a pleasant demeanor throughout

Those attendees were business and enterprise representatives from various fields in many y countries, including many foreigners.

It was clear that Tinley and her unborn child were favored.

Tinley sat in the front row with executives from world-renowned companies—the only woman among them. Karen and her husband were seated in the fifth row.

Karen wasn't paying attention during the meeting; she spent the entire time staring blankly at Tinley

She observed the cool elegance of Tinley's profile and the gentleness in her eyes whenever she glanced down

During her previous pregnancy, Karen would lower her eyes and gently caress her belly whenever her baby was restless.

Karen's eyes lingered on Tinley

Karen's upbringing, perhaps influenced by her family dynamics, fostered a natural fondness for girls. Her experiences, from childhood to adulthood, exposed her to girls who were kind and even-tempered, unlike her father..

Simultaneously, Karen held a deep admiration for the strong.

Tinley perfectly fit Karen's criteria for a partner. Karen worried she might have fallen in love with Tinley if she were a man.

Furthermore, if she were a man, she wouldn't be able to gaze at Tinley with such infatuation.

During that meeting, Wendy became the object of Karen's envy.

Wendy received courteous treatment from everyone due to Tinley's presence

Karen even thought that it would be great if she could stay by Tinley's side and work for her like Wendy did.

Karen's husband had claimed that Wendly made over 10 million dollars a year, but Karen could give up the money. What mattered most was being near her idol—living, working, and thriving in Tinley's orbit.

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Karen felt bad that she could never be one of them.

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Those directly involved may have been oblivious, but Karen, as an outsider, saw the situation with perfect clarity.

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Two decades of marriage and the devotion Karen poured into raising their children meant nothing to him Chver time, his initial politeness morphed into indifference, and finally, into outright disdain

The more Karen yielded, the more audacious his behavior became, culminating in a fit of rage where he (lappel her: – without hesitation.

He slapped Karen without hesitation or remorse, leaving her stunned.

Karen had experienced various forms of verbal abuse from him before, hot physical abuse was something she never anticipated

It took a while for Karen to regain her composure, only snapping out of it when Hope, who was outside, heard the noise and hurried in

When Hope saw her mother covering her face, she rushed over to help her up, noticing a red and swollen cheek through her fingers

The skin was bright red, as though scalled by boiling water.

The skin under her hand was even more swollen, indicating it had been struck.

Hope helped her to her feet and stared at Carlson, who was standing in the study: "Dad," she said, her voice trembling, you

hit Mom

is still flushed with anger as he looked at the two impatiently.

Carlson's face was

He looked terrifying at the moment, like an enraged lion.

"Get out!" he snarled.

Hope clenched her fists, desperate to speak, but her mother, Karen, rested a hand on her wrist and gave it a gentle squeeze.

Shaking her head, Karen covered her face with one hand, her voice hoarse, "Let's go."

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