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Chapter 351 Chapter 351 +68) This complaint shocked Teresa .

Looking at the young face before her, she opened her mouth to defend herself but couldnt up with any words.

come In the end , she murmured , Widi , you ... Her voice was hoarse .

Once again , she was at a loss for words .

After a long silence , she dryly said , I love you very much .

Widi was playing with her phone when Teresa finally knew what to say .

She gave her mother a perfunctory response, lowered her head, and checked her phone.

Just now , her phone had vibrated .

Who sent her a new message ? She soon found a new message from Vic who wanted her to be his eye as before .

Unhappy, Widi poked at the keyboard on her phone.

Indignation gradually got her because Jeremy and Vic made Yvonne their excuse to have fun in the backyard .

They wont get criticized as long as they say that they are playing with Yvonne.

So cunning ! Widi thought .

She was mad because neither Jeremy nor Vic had invited her to join them, even out of courtesy. How shameless they are to ask me to be their eye ! she thought.

Indignant, she typed hard, [How dare you !] Before she sent out her reply.

There came another message from Vic .

[Thank you very much .

] Widi felt frustrated .

She considered herself thin skinned , but she was far inferior to Vic and Jeremy in comparison .

How shameless they are ! she thought .

Widi didnt get deceived by her cousins even if they had outstanding appearances .

She had grown up with them, so she was already immune to their appearances.

She had invited her friends to her home .

Their attention was diverted whenever Vic appeared .

Soon, she heard their whisper of compliments.

Wow, your cousin is so handsome, Widi.

Yeah, so gentle, and so young.

Youre so lucky .

Widi turned her head, shifted her gaze from her bewitched friends to Vic, and found him smiling at her.

She couldnt help but roll her eyes at Vic while she thought, Keep pretending ... She would feel lucky only when her cousins and brothers were driven out of the house.

Unfortunately, she would think of them whenever some handsome boys confessed to her.

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According to her observation, handsome men, more often than not, had one or two severe personality flaws.

Therefore, she said no to her handsome wooers .

The more handsome her wooers were , the faster she said no .

Therefore, her friends teased that she had unique taste in men.

Widi suddenly came back to her senses and looked at Teresa .

What are you thinking about, Widi? Ive called times, Teresa said.

you several Perhaps because of Widis complaint, Teresa sounded soft and warm.

She was patient because she wanted something from Widi .

Widi kept her mouth shut, and Teresa didnt get mad.

Teresa gently explained, Well, Widi, your dad and I dont give you enough attention sometimes, but you are as dear to us as your brothers.

We love you very much .

For the first time in her life, Teresa seriously expressed her love for Widi, but Widi didnt get moved as expected.

Widi curtly 1/2 18:05 Wed , 16 Apr N Chapter 351 56 % +60 responded , Okay .

She would have a sleepless night and end the night with a wet pillow if Teresa had done so in her childhood .

At the thought of her house, she felt it necessary to say something.

Prove it if you mean it, Widi said.

Without hesitation, Teresa accepted the challenge by saying, No problem.

She was anxious to prove her love for Widi and added, What do you want me to do? Widi said without thinking, Stop asking me for my house.

Teresa fell silent , and her expression subtly changed .

Again, her head ached.

Widi, didnt I explain to you ... Teresa had listed many reasons why Widi should give her house to John.

Widi could recite those so called reasons and was tired of them .

Therefore, she interrupted Teresa by saying, I have thought about the matter.

You and Dad can keep the money as long as I dont get married .

Therefore, I will stay single forever.

She had no interest in matrimony anyway.

She felt fretted at the thought that didnt like this idea even if he might be handsome .

a man would occupy half of her bed .

She No ! Teresa didnt like this plan at all .

How can you stay single forever ? Dont talk nonsense like that .

Widi didnt argue with Teresa because this conversation couldnt arouse her interest .

She thought, I can as long as I convince Grandpa.

Richard was conservative, so he might not agree with Widi.

This thought dejected Widi .

What should I do? she wondered.

Teresa continued her persuasion .

Widi didnt pay attention to persuasion, but she knew what Teresa would say.

Her parents had made a good arrangement for John .

They wanted him to hold important positions within the company after a doctoral program from Peral University .

In other words, John would spend a lot of time on his education.

However, it was alright because Jack already worked at the company.

It was troublesome for John to commute between the Adler residence and Peral University, so Teresa coveted Widis house.

As for Widi, Teresa and Anthony had a plan for her too.

They expected her to marry into a rich family after her undergraduate education at Peral University .

In their opinion , her life would be blissful with the support of her two capable brothers and a rich husband .

After a sign, Teresa said earnestly, Widi, you should understand ... Right then, Widi said, I plan to go to graduate school.

She knew little about archaeology, but she was clear that there would be a good reason for her to contact lan if she chose the graduate program of Peral University.

It was said that Ian taught a class for graduate students and was popular among them .

It was human nature to like pretty things , and Ian was handsome .

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eu , To Apr Chapter 352 Chapter 352 56 %i (+68 Upon hearing Widis plan to apply for graduate studies , Teresas first thought was that it was unnecessary .

She explained earnestly to Widi, Widi, women dont need to work too hard.

You just need to be happy.

Your brothers will always watch your back ... That had always been her mindset .

Her marriage was arranged, so naturally, she planned the same for her daughter.

However, the young lady standing in front of her immediately lowered her head to look at her phone, clearly indifferent to her mothers advice.

Teresa took a deep breath, suppressing the faint irritation rising in her heart.

She changed her approach and asked gently, Then can you tell me why you suddenly decided to study archaeology? Teresa had never asked this question before because she didnt care.

In her opinion , it was nothing more than a childish fascination that would fade with time .

However , things didnt go as she expected .

As Widi grew older, this idea became more deeply ingrained in her mind.

Because the situation was harming Teresas interests and causing conflict between them , she decided to find out the reason for Widis obsession .

But she hadnt expected that Widi was unwilling to talk about it .

Widi knew that if someone didnt care about you , there was nothing you could do about it , regardless of the reason .

Some things were better kept to herself .

Yet Teresas question made her recall something from long ago .

Widi still remembered , when she was little , she had once attended an old mans birthday party with her parents .

There were a lot of people there , most of whom she didnt know .

A servant took her to play with the other children , but they were all chattering loudly .

She found it noisy and struggled to fit in , so she ended up feeling lonely .

She wanted to find her mother , but as soon as she stepped out of the courtyard , she got lost .

That old mans house was similar to hers , a large estate with multiple courtyards , but it felt strange to her .

Lost and alone, Widi spotted lan.

His face seemed familiar , but she couldnt quite place him .

He recognized Widi first and approached her , asking , Widi , are you lost ? Widi nodded , and he lifted her up .

Despite not yet recognizing him , she rested her head on his shoulder and offered a polite and shy , Thank you .

At that time , she thought the good looking man was only a few years older than her .

lan smiled amicably at her and asked , Dont you remember me , Widi ? I visited your house during Christmas .

My last name is Holmes .

That moment remained vivid in Widis memory .

Even now , she would occasionally recall it .

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Now that she was older , she found that all children looked the same .

She would see them and forget their faces immediately , except for someone as beautiful as Yvonne .

 $1/3 \to 56$ % Chapter 352 But back then , Ian had recognized her at a glance and even called her by name .

To her, that was truly impressive.

Her curiosity and growing fondness drew her to him .

Later , she was taken back to her mothers side , sitting there while watching lan chat happily with Wilson , the birthday man .

She was too far away to hear anything , but just watching quietly made her feel content .

Wilson was showing the bracelet he was wearing to lan happily .

The latter said something in response , making Wilsons smile grow wider .

At that time , Widi thought to herself , Hes amazing .

He can talk to the eccentric Mr.

Thornton for so long ! As the two men kept talking , they stood up and left .

She was curious and told her mother about it , but her mother was busy chatting with a woman and didnt pay attention to her , so she was able to slip away easily .

She had never expected her curiosity to lead to her accidentally breaking a porcelain piece that Wilcon had just recently bought .

Upon bumping into the servant , she froze .

When the sound of the porcelain shattering echoed through the air , her mind went blank , and her body stiffened .

She stood motionless with the fragments around her feet .

The servant Widi bumped into was terrified and bowed repeatedly in apology , but Widi remained frozen in shock .

Wilson walked over quickly with his cane .

The smile on his face disappeared and was replaced with anger and distress .

The servants apology grew louder , but Widi remained motionless until Ian approached and crouched beside her amidst the broken porcelain .

He searched through the broken pieces until he seemed to find what he was looking for

Picking it up , he said something to Wilson .

After Ian finished speaking , the distress on Wilsons face disappeared , but the anger intensified .

However , this time , it wasnt directed at her .

Wilson told the terrified servant that it was fine and that it wasnt her fault .

He didnt blame anyone .

Instead, he muttered, Lets just be glad no one got hurt.

Widi had no idea what had just happened .

It felt like the whole situation had resolved itself before she even had a chance to react .

lan reached out and led her away from the mess , then asked if she had gotten lost again while looking for her mother .

Dazed , Widi nodded .

So, he picked her up and carried her back.

Halfway to her seat , she suddenly remembered and asked about what had just happened .

Holmes , what did you say to Mr.

Thornton ? Why isnt he mad at me ? Even though she had just done something wrong , lan was still kind to her and didnt brush her off .

He told her that the porcelain piece was fake .

When Wilson found out , he was no longer upset .

Instead, he was even grateful to her and the servant for smashing it.

Otherwise, he might never have known.

Hearing lans explanation, Widi had only one thought in her mind.

Hes incredible .

2/3 18:05 Wed, 16 Apr Chapter 332 N She didnt even have to say anything.

The admiration in her bright, sparkling eyes said it all.

She asked , How did you figure it out ? Ian replied that he just happened to study this field .

And from that moment on , archaeology became the most amazing profession in her mind .

39 When she got home , she had wanted to tell her mother , but her mom wouldnt listen , only scolding her for wandering off and making her worry So , in the end , all she got was a lecture , and the thing she had wanted to share never made it out of her mouth .

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Chapter 353 So Widi didnt want to respond to Teresas question .

She knew that even if she told her the reason, it wouldnt change her mothers mind.

But after a few seconds of silence, she figured staying quiet wasnt the best idea either.

So she gave a half hearted mm and replied casually, Just felt like studying it.

Teresas gentle smile faltered .

She doubted if any young people enjoyed school .

Sensing Widis coldness, she felt a headache coming on.

If she hadnt felt guilty about what she had said earlier, she probably wouldve started scolding Widi.

But after thinking about it, Teresa reminded herself that they had time to smooth things over, especially since they already argued about John earlier.

So Teresa decided to let it go for now to avoid pushing Widi further .

She knew Widi hated hearing about the house, so she dropped the subject.

Then something occurred to her, and she quickly added, By the way, Widi, dont tell your grandfather about what we talked about today.

I dont want him to worry .

Only Teresa understood the true meaning behind her words .

Pretending to be concerned about Richard was just a front .

Avoiding a reprimand was her real motive .

If the old man found out she tried to stop Widi from going to graduate school to keep that house, he would be furious.

And if he was in a bad mood, he might take away their share of the inheritance altogether.

Things had already been rough since her husband was transferred to Blorence City .

She was still trying to prove herself, hoping Richard would eventually let them move back.

Everyone knew how seriously Richard took education .

If Widi hadnt had a conflict with John, Teresa never wouldve tried to stop her from continuing her studies.

However, once Widi went to graduate school, it would be even more impossible for her to give up the house outside of Peral University.

That was why she wanted her to graduate early so that she could give her daughter another property in exchange .

And honestly, she didnt think there was anything wrong with but Widi still didnt understand where she was coming from .

Theyre real siblings .

Why be so calculative ? If John does well in the future , Widi will naturally benefit too .

Thinking that, Teresa glanced at the time.

She had been out for a while .

There were still things she needed to take care of ahead, so she couldnt stay longer.

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Before leaving, she caught the look on Widis face and gently reminded her to explore the hotel.

She knew a young lady at Widis age hated being cooped up .

Remembering how Yvonne had invited Widi to make scented candles, Teresa smiled and added , Widi, if you get hang out with Yvonne and the others.

If your dad and I need you, well call you.

bored , go It was obvious that Teresa knew how to make her children happy and considerate .

Widi gave a quiet mm in response without looking touched or showing any emotions that Teresa had hoped for .

She just stayed where she was, playing on her phone with her head down.

As Teresa walked past her on the way out, Widi didnt say a word.

 \propto 56 % Chapter 353 She had long ago stopped fantasizing about receiving love from anyone in her family .

She couldnt even recall when .

So when that happened, she felt like an outsider watching it from a distance, even a bit disgusted by how fake it seemed.

Other than that, it didnt really affect her at all.

But she did catch one thing Teresa said before leaving , that she should go to hang out with Yvonne if she was bored .

And actually, she was curious about what had just happened between Jeremy, Rupert, and the others.

+68 As someone who loved drama, she wasnt about to miss a juicy situation like this.

She noticed something was wrong between these people a long time ago .

Thinking that, Widi texted Vic for the location, then headed over.

Upon reaching her destination, she spotted the group in the distance, seemingly having a great time.

The group, which started with three people, had grown to six with the addition of Jeremys three friends, who looked familiar to her.

She vaguely remembered seeing them at the house before .

They were all goofing around with cats and dogs, laughing and joking.

As Widi walked over , the three teenage boys looked up and politely greeted her .

Hi, guys, Widi nodded at them.

Yvonne, who had been playing nearby, also spotted her and came bouncing over.

Her big eyes lit up.

Hi, Widi ! she called out in a sweet voice .

Widi wasnt always cold and cynical .

Around someone this adorable , her expression gradually softened .

The little girl, her eyes sparkling with excitement, tilted her head up to smile at her sister as they shared a special moment.

She fumbled around her body with her chubby little hand , and then happily handed something that was still fluttering to Widis hand .

In her childish voice, she said, Widi, you can play with this bird.

Widi had been completely distracted by Yvonnes cute little face and hadnt even looked at what the little girl was handing her .

It wasnt until Yvonne gently pulled Widis hand open and placed something warm and squirmy into her palm that she finally looked down .

Ah ! she yelped , quickly flinging it away on reflex .

The little bird was tossed into the air, but it steadied itself and calmly flew back to Yvonne, trying to burrow into her shirt and chirping softly like a baby chick.

Widi was still processing what happened, but the moment she saw the bird trying to wriggle into Yvonnes shirt, she reached forward to grab it and managed to yank the bird out.

The bird didnt seem happy about it and kept trying to flutter back toward Yvonne .

After realizing it was just a bird, Widi wasnt scared anymore.

She loosened her grip a little to avoid hurting it, but didnt let go.

Widi, what are you doing? Jeremy asked with confusion.

Why are you pulling my sisters clothes ? From his angle, it looked like Widi was tugging at Yvonnes collar.

18:05 Wed , 16 Apr Chapter 353 If Jeremy hadnt spoken up , Widi honestly wouldve forgotten he was even there .

She looked at the young man walking toward her with a puzzled face and immediately felt her anger spike .

56 % +68 She took a deep breath , but still snapped .

What do you mean, what am I doing ? Didnt you see the bird trying to crawl into Yvonnes shirt ? Her look of annoyance was obvious, and she wasnt even trying to hide it.

You cant even take care of a kid properly .

Useless ! Jeremy stammered , No ... I ... AD Comment Send gift

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Chapter 354 Chapter 354 He seriously suspected that Widi had come over just to pick a fight .

Whats wrong with the bird ? Cant you appreciate the connection between people and nature ? Jeremy refuted .

Connection with nature ? Widi rolled her eyes .

Do you have any idea how many germs wild animals carry ? This ones not wild .

Jeremy glanced around , then pointed at a birdcage with its door open .

Its from the hotel.

They keep them here .

He figured since Widi was just worried about Yvonne , he didnt argue .

But in Widis eyes , he was just incredibly irresponsible , which made her even angrier .

Just because its from the hotel doesnt mean its germ free ! Did you personally see the hotel staff disinfect the bird ? Widi confronted .

Jeremy was momentarily stunned by her barrage of questions .

He looked at her suspiciously, wondering, Did she wake up on the wrong side of the bed? Just as he was about to retort, the little bird held in Widis hand twisted its head and pecked at the back of her hand.

Widi cried out in pain and let go.

The bird happily flew back to Yvonne and started trying to crawl into her shirt again .

Jeremy laughed, clearly enjoying himself as he watched Widi holding her hand in pain.

See ? You called it dirty , and now its mad at you .

Widi Adler glared at him again .

The look on his face was so annoying she could hardly stand it .

She rubbed her hand and thought, Damn it, I really want to slap him.

He is such a useless guy .

He cant even take care of a child .

Yvonne is getting filthy running around all day, and he doesnt seem to care about basic hygiene ! If Jeremy could hear her thoughts, they would definitely be fighting again.

Yvonne had been quietly watching them argue the whole time , unable to get a word in .

Now that there was finally a break , she reached into her shirt and gently pulled out the bird .

She spoke with exaggerated seriousness, but her words came out in a soft, childish voice that held no authority.

You bit people, so Im not playing with you anymore.

The bird tweeted loudly, as if saying, What? I didnt bite.

Its just a tiny peck ! And that human said I carry gems ! But Im not dirty at all ! Yvonne certainly didnt understand bird talk .

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She let go of it, told it she wouldnt play with birds that bit, and turned away.

The bird chirped sorrowfully .

The cute little girl looked firm in her decision .

The poor bird tried to win her back , rubbing against her fingers and even pulling out a feather to give her as a gift .

The teenage boys were all touched when they saw it, saying, Aww, thats so sweet.

Who wouldve thought that Yvonne and the bird could form such a deep bond in a short time ? This is the connection between people and nature .

Widi immediately dismissed all the nice things she had thought about them earlier and started roasting them silently in her Chapter 354 mind .

Why does their speech sound so robotic , like its been churned out mechanically from a template , And what is even so touching about this ? That bird is clearly just playing innocent .

Maybe it might peck Yvonne too, just like it did to me Imagining that scene, Widi grabbed the bird, stuffed it into Jeremys hands, and then dragged Yvonne to wash her hands, Hey! Where are you taking Yvonne? Jeremy asked.

Widi replied without turning around .

To wash her hands .

Jeremy took a couple of steps forward, and the bird was still flapping in his hand.

After thinking it over , he walked to the cage , put the bird inside , and closed the door .

When he was done, Widi and Yvonne were already far off in the distance.

Jeremy mumbled in confusion, When did Widi become so close to Yvonne? Hearing that, a smarty pants jumped in to explain, Jeremy, it must be because Yvonne is so adorable! You know how girls fove cute things, right? So when they see our Yvonne, they cant help but be charmed.

Another teenage boy echoed, Yeah, even we like her very much.

Of course, Widi would too.

Jeremy thought for two seconds , then nodded in agreement with a serious face .

Youre right.

Meanwhile, Widi had brought Yvonne to wash her hands.

She washed fast , then dried her hands and stood to the side , watching the little girl rubbing soap bubbles on her hands .

Widis inner gossip radar started going off again .

She couldnt hold back anymore and asked curiously .

Yvonne, do you know what your brothers told your future brother in law ? Yvonne stopped playing with the bubbles and looked up at her, blinking her big, round eyes cluelessly.

Future brother in- law ? She blinked again , then honestly shook her head and replied , I dont know .

Widi said , Alright , no worries , keep washing .

The little girl leaned forward to rinse the bubbles off her hands .

After she was done , she stood up and saw Widi still deep in thought , staring off into space .

She asked sweetly , Widi , do you want me to ask my brothers for you ? Snapping out of it , Widi quickly refused .

She had just argued with Jeremy , so asking him anything would be a bit awkward .

She picked Yvonne up from the stool and thanked her .

Its okay .

III ask him myself ... when the time is right .

Yvonne didnt catch the awkward tone .

She nodded obediently and followed Widi out .

Okay, Widi.

If you ever need help , just tell me , Yvonne said .

Once again , Widi glanced down at the little girl , genuinely impressed .

Although they had spent only two hours together , she felt that Yvonne would definitely grow up smarter than her brothers .

At the very least , shed be smarter than Jeremy .

But its difficult to predict what would happen if Jeremy continued to care for Yvonne, given his low intelligence.

18:06 Wed , 16 Apr Chapter 354 Widi was starting to worry about Yvonnes future .

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Chapter 355 However , Widi would never breathe a word of these thoughts in front of Jeremy .

+53) She wouldnt have cared before , but now she had something to ask him , so she decided not to argue with him for the time being .

She was too experienced for that .

If they argued , he would hold a grudge for days , and she wouldnt be able to get the latest gossip .

She took Yvonne back along the same path .

Jeremy and his friends were still standing there .

They were huddled together , chatting .

At first, Widi didnt understand what they were saying, but then she heard the name of a famous game character and realized they were talking about games.

As they got closer , Jeremy saw them .

He reached out and gently tapped Yvonnes little hand and asked v washing your hands ? It felt a little damp , with some moisture still on it .

smile, Done Widi almost said something but stopped herself.

She really wanted to speak up because she couldnt stand setting Yvonnes hands become dirty again because of Jeremys touch But she told herself to hold back and not to say anything .

One of the teenage boys reached into his pocket and pulled out a hand cream .

He handed it to Jeremy with a warm smile and said , Jeremy , I have hand cream .

Let Yvonne use it .

Someone from the group teased , You carry hand cream with you ? The teenage boy quickly explained , Its not like that .

My mom insisted I bring it ... Jeremy didnt hear the teasing .

He thanked his friend and took the hand cream and opened the cap with difficulty .

Just as she was about to squeeze some onto Yvonnes hands , another hand suddenly reached over and took the hand cream .

It was Widi .

She really couldnt stand it anymore .

Meeting Jeremys questioning gaze , she tried to hold back her complaints .

Ill put it on Yvonne.

Jeremy assumed Widi simply found Yvonne endearing and wanted to help , not realizing it was because Widi couldnt tolerate his clumsiness .

After applying the cream, Widi handed it back.

Jeremy reached for Yvonnes little hand again , feeling like it was as soft as a kittens paw .

It was so adorable, it almost made him faint from sweetness .

He didnt realize that his expression was like a fool , making it hard for anyone to look at him .

Widi pretended not to notice .

She lifted her skirt and sat down next to him .

The others were in shock , staring at her in disbelief .

Wait , Widi , are you alright ? Jeremy was surprised by Widis action since they werent particularly close .

Widi was completely casual about it .

Lowering her voice with a mysterious air , she said , I want to ask you something .

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What ? Jeremy looked at her suspiciously .

1/3 19:57 Tue , 15 Apr Chapter 355 Did something happen between you and Rupert ? 58 % 0 After asking , she took advantage of the moment when everyone was frozen in surprise to pull Yvonne over and casually brush her little hands , as if dusting off some dirt .

She looked calm as if she hadnt done anything , but she added , Dont lie to me .

I could tell .

11 Yvonne looked down at her hands .

The gesture reminded her of how the older girls would pull her up and pat her hands just like that every time she touched a stone .

But she hadnt picked up any stones .

She had just shaken hands with her brother .

The little girl seemed to realize something, and her soft little face froze in confusion.

After a long moment , she suddenly clutched her hands tightly and looked at her brother in shock .

She understood that her brothers hand was dirty , covered in dust , which was why Widi had brushed her hand earlier .

She quickly covered her little hands and went around to sit on the other side of Widi .

Meanwhile , after Widi finished speaking , Jeremy suddenly realized his sister was gone .

He leaned forward and called out to Yvonne, Why arent you sitting next to me? While waiting for the little girl to respond, Widi leaned forward slightly, unintentionally blocking the gaze of Jeremy, who seemed to be eagerly waiting.

Did Rupert stop you guys to apologize to you ? asked Widi .

With this change of subject, Jeremy forgot what he was about to say earlier.

He shook his head and said , No.

He doesnt even know .

Widi responded with an oh, and finally finished the gossip she had been eager to hear.

After thinking for a moment, she suddenly sighed as something crossed her mind.

It would be great if Laura didnt get get married .

Why does she have et married ? Uncle and Auntie love her so much , even if she doesnt get married , theyd support her for life .

To Widi , if Laura didnt get married , Widi wouldnt have to either , and all the pressure would fall on Laura .

Hearing her words , Jeremy immediately replied , She likes him .

If you dont want to get married , then dont .

Everyone has their own choices .

Although his tone was a little sarcastic, Widi thought he made a fair point this time.

Though it was true, Richard would definitely not allow that.

She sighed and shared her thoughts .

Oh, I see, Jeremy said, his expression nonchalant after hearing her.

Dont worry .

Even if you tell Grandpa that youre not getting married , he wont scold you .

The things youre worried about wont happen, added Jeremy.

Widi was a bit confused and froze for a few seconds before asking uncertainly , So Grandpa has become more open minded now ? Jeremy shook his head .

Not at all .

Hes still an old fossil .

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Jeremy said , That old man is ridiculously conservative and always follows through on his words .

But when it comes to marriage, youve caught a good break, thanks to Yvonne.

Oh, right, not just you, but all of us.

Unaware , Widi felt a chill on her back from Jeremys gaze and couldnt help but shrink back .

She rubbed her arm uncomfortably and asked, Whats going on ? Jeremy replied that it was nothing, his gaze once again shifting past her to Yvonne.

The little girl was staring at the diamonds on Widis dress , the light reflecting in her eyes like twinkling stars .

She looked so innocent and cute .

with Yvonne.

The little girl surprised everyone by saying that when she grew up , she wanted to marry Anna , which almost made the old man jump out of his seat .

Jeremy smiled , then explained to Widi , A few days ago , Grandpa somehow ended up talking about mar He immediately canceled all his plans that day and sat beside Yvonne , trying to talk her out of it .

But Yvonne was very stubborn in her thoughts .

She nodded at whatever Grandpa said , as if she was listening , but when asked later , she still said she wanted to marry Anna .

For Richard , it was a huge shock .

When someone cant accept something , telling them something even more serious , and then theyll accept the former .

Thanks to Yvonne, Richard finally came around after that day.

Compared to Yvonnes situation , not getting married seemed much more acceptable to him .

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Chapter 356 Thinking back to the scene at that time , Jeremy couldnt help but laugh .

58 % Widi was stunned .

Wait , she interrupted , so youre saying Anna is a girl , and Yvonne told Grandpa she wants to marry a girl someday ? And Grandpa wasnt angry ? He even accepted that we might not get married ? Yep .

Jeremy nodded .

Widi could imagine just how shocked Richard must have been at that moment .

On her right, the little girl, who had been staring at the diamonds on her dress, immediately lifted her head when she heard Annas name.

Her large , grape like , glistening eyes blinked as she stared intently at Jeremy , her delicate and cute look hearts .

When she had been chatting with Richard that day , she had also looked at him with the same expression .

ing everyones It made it impossible for the old man , who had originally wanted to have a serious talk with her , to remain stern .

His voice softened , and he ended up practically coaxing her .

Jeremy overheard part of the conversation and was struck by Richards humility , finding it almost excessive .

Richard was nothing like the stubborn old man who had refused to let him dye his hair .

Only Yvonne could make him behave so humbly .

If it were anyone else bringing up the matter in front of Richard , he would have grabbed his cane and beaten the person , then scolded them fiercely .

But it was Yvonne , the child , who would make him so flustered that he would rather slap himself than speak harshly to her .

Later, Richard had been talking so much that his mouth went dry.

When he finally stopped to rest for a bit , he asked the little girl , Do you understand what I said to you ? Yvonne nodded seriously and replied quickly , I understand , Grandpa .

Richards face was filled with satisfaction as he asked with a soft voice , So what did I just say ? You said I couldnt marry a girl , Yvonne answered .

The little girl had summarized the key points perfectly , and Richard was extremely pleased .

He felt both moved and proud .

Moved because Yvonne really listened to what he said , and proud because his granddaughter was so smart , remembering everything he had said .

But when he asked next, So, when you grow up, do you still want to marry Anna? Yvonne nodded and replied without thinking, Yes, Grandpa.

Richard , who was full of relief , was immediately petrified .

Jeremy, watching from the side, felt like Richard was about to have a stroke.

The old mans face dropped slightly , and probably realizing that he couldnt change Yvonnes mind , he remained silent for a long time before mumbling , Actually , you both could stay friends forever without getting married .

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Isnt that good ? He thought to himself, Even if Yvonne never gets married, I still cant accept the idea of her growing up to marry a girl.

1/3 19:57 Tue, 15 Apr Chapter 356 58 % 52 So, this seventy year old man, known for his steadfast and immovable principles, found himself completely defeated by a four year old child, He knew he couldnt change Yvonnes mind, and after sitting in a corner, wrestling with his thoughts for a long time, he decided to lower his own standards.

Therefore, Richard started to instill in Yvonne the idea that even if they were to get married, it would be Anna who would marry into the family, not Yvonne marrying out.

He would bring it up every chance he got .

He figured if he couldnt change Yvonnes mind , he would change himself .

Before this, Jeremy had never imagined that Richard would do something like that.

That was why he said they were all benefiting from Yvonnes influence .

In the past , no one would have dared to think about such a thing .

Jeremy even thought that if Yvonne had been born a few years earlier and wanted to dye her hair , Richard would probably have compromised , too .

Then he wouldnt have been scolded for wanting to dye his hair .

He felt a bit regretful , but not too much , since he had already gotten past that phase of wanting to dye his hair so badly .

On the other hand , Widi was excited now .

She didnt expect the problem she had been struggling with for so long to be solved so easily .

Although the process was a bit strange, the result was what mattered.

At least she no longer had to worry about upsetting Richard over this matter .

While heading there , Widi had been thinking that if Laura stayed unmarried , she could take the brunt of Richards and the elders attention , and no one would pay attention to her .

But Lauras engagement had come as a harsh reality check for her .

She felt a little disappointed , but deep down , she still wished Laura well in her marriage .

Although she had hoped Laura staying single would keep the familys attention off her .

She knew marriage was a lifelong commitment, so she wished Laura happiness and decided to find another way to tackle her no marriage plans.

She never expected it to be resolved so quickly .

Suddenly, she felt that it might actually be a good thing that Richard indulged Yvonne.

After all , only the little girl could shake his stubborn ways , something no one else could have done .

Thinking of this , she looked down at the child sitting next to her .

Yvonne rested her elbows on her knees , craning her neck to look at Jeremy .

She had heard Annas name , so she was very curious and had been listening intently the whole time , trying to figure out what they were talking about .

After listening for a while , she understood a little .

When neither Widi nor Jeremy spoke, the little girl added, Its me, you know.

Im going to marry Anna when I grow up ! She looked so adorable , and the serious expression on her face made her even cuter cute enough to make one scream .

Jeremy nodded with an amused smile, Yeah, yeah, Anna is so lucky.

As a young man , he was very open minded , and with the rapid development of the internet , people posted all sorts of things 9/3 19:58 Tue , 15 Apr Chapter 356 online .

He thought that as long as Yvonne was happy, it didnt matter if she married a girl.

< 58 % Besides , the child was still small , and most of what she said didnt matter .

She might forget about it when she grew up .

More importantly , he realized he couldnt accept his sister hanging out with other boys , and if he thought long term , he would not be able to accept her marrying a boy .

Just imagining that scene made him feel uneasy , and he wanted to pull out the big idiot who tried to steal his sister away and give him a good beating .

He was the first to know about Yvonne and Anna .

When he heard Yvonne mention it for the first time , he accepted it very happily .

He thought girls were great .

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Chapter 357 58 % 11 Widi glanced down at Yvonne beside her , nodding thoughtfully in approval .

It wasnt just Jeremy she couldnt help but admire how delicately beautiful the girl was , and with such a sharp mind too .

No mischievous boy in the world deserved someone like her .

After a brief pause , Widi asked , So , how long have you known Anna ? Where did you meet her ? Her inner gossip instincts kicked in again , and this time , no one , least of all a child , was off limits for her questions .

However, Yvonne was more than happy to share.

She loved telling everyone about her friendship with Anna , practically bursting with pride that they were such good friends .

With a slight tilt of her head, she looked up at Widi, her voice both sweet and eager as she recounted everything Widi thought, If Anna were here, Yvonne would have dragged her right over and introduced her to me without a second thought.

When Widi heard how fondly Yvonne spoke of her best friend , she couldnt help but feel a spark of curiosity .

Has she come today ? Widi asked , her voice casual but laced with genuine interest .

She knew that Lauras engagement party was packed with guests any family in their circle that hadnt had any conflicts or rivalries with them was likely invited .

Widi thought, Maybe III finally see what Anna looks like! Yvonne had praised her to the heavens, speaking of her as if she were something unique and irreplaceable.

The adoration in her voice made Widi feel a small pang of jealousy .

Why hadnt she had a friend like Yvonne when she was younger ? If someone had treated her that way back then , who knew how optimistic and sunny she would have

turned out today ? But Widis thoughts were quickly interrupted when she noticed the little girls sudden shift in mood .

Yvonnes lips pressed together in a small frown , her big , dark eyes blinking twice before she spoke in a soft , almost sad voice .

Anna went home with Grandpa.

I wont be able to see her again until school starts , Yvonne said quietly .

Hearing the sadness in her voice, Jeremy quickly stepped in to change the subject.

He moved to sit next to Yvonne and .

smiled brightly at her .

Dont worry, Yvonne, you can still call Anna tonight on your watch.

And Blorence City isnt too far .

If you miss her , we can always fly back .

We still have a house there , remember ? Yvonnes eyes lit up at the suggestion , and she nodded enthusiastically , her voice soft and full of excitement .

Sure , sure ! she said eagerly .

Though she couldnt visit Anna right now , she kept up with everything happening in Annas world every day .

She also made sure to share her own experiences , so loneliness never even crossed her mind .

At that thought, Yvonnes face brightened with two soft, white dimples, her legs swinging contentedly.

Widi couldnt help but envy that kind of pure , genuine affection .

She thought, A child like Yvonne, with such an innocent and loving heart, would surely be cherished no matter where she went.

People who are loved often share certain qualities .

As Widi watched , she couldnt help but imagine what Yvonne would look like when she grew up .

Widi thought, How wonderful.

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When Im four in my next life , I want to live as joyfully and endearingly as she does ! As she was lost in thought , Widis phone suddenly buzzed with several incoming messages

She glanced at it and saw a text from one of her friends .

After quickly.typing a reply, she stood up and said her goodbyes to Yvonne.

 $1/3\ 19:58\ {\rm Tue}$, 15 Apr Chapter 357 I have a friend waiting for me in the hotel lobby , she explained .

Im going to meet her now .

Yvonne looked up at her , listening quietly , then raised her small hand in a gentle wave , much like a little lucky charm .

Goodbye, Widi, she said softly.

Widis expression softened as she smiled .

She turned to leave , but then , as if remembering something , she suddenly looked back at Jeremy .

58 % +63 Her tone shifted immediately, becoming stern as she pointed at his hand.

Jeremy , your hands are filthy .

Dont touch Yvonne until you wash them .

Jeremy, mid reach for Yvonne, froze, a bit taken aback.

He muttered under his breath , clearly annoyed .

But after Widi left , he begrudgingly went to wash his hands and even applied hand cream afterward .

Only then did he feel ready to hold Yvonne without guilt .

Not long after , the place began to fill up as more guests arrived .

As the evening drew nearer and the dinner hour approached , most people had already arrived .

Yvonne even spotted a familiar face in the crowd .

Today, her family had come, but not Carol.

Instead, it was lan.

He had arrived with Wendy, and they brought along Grave as well.

They exchanged a few words with Yvonne , making sure she was having fun before they left , satisfied that she was in good hands .

Meanwhile, the area around Richard was becoming particularly crowded, with a growing crowd gathered around him.

Wherever he went , he was always the center of attention .

Even when he occasionally decided to attend a gathering on a whim , the hosts treated him like a prized guest , carefully and respectfully catering to his every need .

His public image was one of cold authority stern , unreadable , and never showing a hint of emotion .

People never knew what he was thinking , so no one dared to act out of line in his presence .

Most people kept their distance , eager to make a good impression but too afraid to approach him directly .

Yet today, something felt different.

Richard was smiling , his usual imposing aura softened , and several guests began to shift , feeling a surge of courage .

After observing him, they realized he was in a good mood today.

That was all it took for them to approach finally .

Once the first brave soul stepped forward , others followed quickly , and soon , a crowd had gathered around him .

The room was filled with sharp minds , and regardless of their initial intentions , everyones first priority was to win Richards favor .

So flattering words spilled out of their mouths as if they were free , each person keenly observing his expressions , quietly wondering what he was truly thinking .

Richards appearance was remarkably better now the occasions joy lifted his mood .

He appeared , in fact , a good ten years younger than the last time theyd seen him .

Those standing closest couldnt help but be astonished .

Richards vitality seemed to surpass even that of the forty- somethings around him .

An elderly man , about the same age as Richard , couldnt hide his envy and muttered with a touch of bitterness , his eyes dark with longing , Had I known , I wouldnt have sat next to you .

Its tough getting old enough , but now youve made me look even older .

The two who were aware of their shared age chuckled , while those who didnt know better might have thought they werent even from the same generation .

Richards smile only widened at the mention of this , his joy uncontained .

Nonsense , he chuckled , his voice full of warmth .

 $9/3\ 19:58\ Tue$, 15 Apr Chapter 357 The others joined in , their compliments sincere despite their clear desire to flatter him .

As Richard paned his cities His satisfaction was unmistakable .

However , he couldnt resist adding with a wink , Ah , thanks to Carol for making me this outfit .

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Chapter 358 58 % +53 Though Richard appeared modest , his old friend , who knew him well , couldnt help but roll his eyes in disbelief .

Richards grin was so broad that it seemed it might split his face in two , yet he feigned humility .

With the constant stream of compliments about how youthful he looked , his friend could only imagine the pride swelling within him .

His old friend thought, Damn it, we agreed to grow old together, but here he is, secretly getting younger while the rest of us age.

Its infuriating .

I swear , Im never hanging out with him again ! Luckily , Richard couldnt hear his old friends thoughts .

If he had , his grin would have grown even more expansive .

At his age , why bother with modesty ? Compliment him , and hed accept it with ease .

Besides , he was getting younger , and he felt he deserved it .

Surrounded by endless praise, Richard practically radiated joy.

His smile never faltered, giving those around him the impression that he was exceptionally approachable.

Seeing how easily he could be charmed, others began to feel bolder.

Finally, one brave soul couldnt hold back and asked cautiously, Richard, we heard your retirement home project on the outskirts has partnered with Celestia Group? Celestia Groups size was decent, but they seemed small next to Richards connections and reputation.

The fact that he chose them for such an important project shocked everyone .

Many quickly scrambled to investigate the companys background .

To their surprise, Celestia Group was a perfectly ordinary company with no extraordinary ties or influence.

Once the news had settled , envy began to spread .

Many were green with jealousy, wishing they could have secured the deal.

They wondered, Why them ? Why did Richard choose them ? Word had spread that the investments in the retirement home were reaching a staggering, almost terrifying number.

But the real buzz came from rumors of something even more extraordinary a mysterious substance called Life Energy that would allegedly be the homes main selling point .

What Life Energy actually was , however , remained a mystery , though it didnt take much to connect the dots .

The circle of elites was already speculating it had to be related to the fruits Richard had been selling recently .

Those fruits had proven to possess remarkable properties , visible to all who had witnessed them firsthand .

If this Life Energy were integrated into the retirement home , the stir it would cause could be unimaginable .

It would be a monumental event in their own Strate City and even on the global stage .

There was also talk about building the retirement home .

Some areas had been designed with foreign architectural influences , which raised a few eyebrows .

If the retirement home didnt limit its services to nationals, who would it cater to once it opened its doors? The possibilities were both thrilling and unsettling.

But even if they didnt dive too deep into these thoughts , the mere hint of what was happening was enough to drive them mad with jealousy .

What kind of luck had Celestia Group struck to catch Richards eye ? With his backing , they were on the fast track to soaring success .

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Seeing the nervous expressions on everyones faces, Richard only smiled warmly.

But inside , he knew the real story .

They had been the ones to notice the land development plans first .

19:58 Tue , 15 Apr Chapter 358 58 % The developers suggested the idea of the retirement home , which was initially theirs .

Back then , the fruits in his orchard hadnt even ripened , and the surrounding land hadnt skyrocketed in value like it had now .

It all started when the CEO of Celestia Group noticed how fresh the air was on a drive near his orchard .

Inspired by the environment , he returned , considered the possibility , and decided that building a retirement home there was a great idea .

+53 They bought the land .

When Richard heard of this , he was intrigued and saw potential in the project , so he decided to jump in , bringing his influence to bear .

The air around the area had naturally improved thanks to his orchard .

With Richards notoriously miserly ways , he honestly considered charging people for the fresh air .

Richard thought, I still have some sense left; Im not mad enough to take it that far ! Still , he couldnt help but get involved whenever a promising venture arose.

Despite being in his retirement years, Richard was far from slowing down.

After all , he still needed to save up for Yvonnes gold bars .

Retirement wasnt an option when there was so much at stake .

Richard thought, Every time I feel drained, just one look at Yvonne when I get home fills me with energy again.

Seventy is the age to fight for Yvonnes future ! He was sharp , and if he didnt want others to know something , he ensured no word of it escaped .

So, while he seemed approachable, the information he revealed was minimal.

Its just a small company .

Youll see when the time comes, Richard said with a knowing smile.

The group didnt give up because they werent getting any useful information from Richard .

They decided to seize the moment while he was in a good mood .

Who knew when another opportunity like this would come around again ? They thought , This project has endless potential .

If theres any way we can get in on this , well grab our share .

Some in the medical equipment business were already itching to make their move .

After all , standing across from them was Madam Tinley of the Adler family .

They thought, This isnt some engagement party.

Its a golden opportunity.

Nail the conversation , and the partnership is practically a done deal .

Right now , they were still in the early stages .

The real competition would come in the middle stages , when who knows how many more players , including foreign medical companies , would join .

The pressure of competition would only grow .

The more they thought about it, the more they felt they had to secure this opportunity.

But they werent the only ones eager to invest .

Several other companies were also rushing to get in on the deal .

It was likely a scene never before seen so many CEOs of major corporations practically begging for the opportunity to invest .

Unfortunately, Richard had the money.

Even if his funds were tied up elsewhere , he had the support of the Holmes familys massive reserves .

He did not need anyone elses help .

As for the medical equipment, Richard expressed his regret.

The government had already contacted him and offered resources and funding for the project .

The projects obvious value and potential made it no surprise that the government was interested , and they had moved quickly .

Richard remembered it well he had received the call while Yvonne hadnt.even been on break yet .

An old acquaintance had informed him that the government was interested in investing in the retirement home .

Richard had already expected this, so he wasnt taken aback.

Instead , he calmly accepted the offer .

19:58 Tue , 15 Apr Chapter 358 Richard thought , I know this retirement home will make a fortune

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Chapter 359 When the governments involvement was mentioned , any lingering regret dissipated .

It was clear this project was no longer short of funds .

Theyd been too slow .

Now they couldnt even get a taste of the opportunity .

 $58\ \%\ 0\ 53$) At that moment , their jealousy once again turned to the fortunate Celestia Group , which seemed to have effortlessly cruised into victory .

Some were seething with envy , fantasizing about storming the Celestia Group , dragging the CEO out , and taking their place .

Others, more resigned, tried to console themselves.

They thought, Maybe the Celestia Group must just be lucky.

Its probably destined for them .

Nothing we can do about it ; its just fate .

This is how we comfort ourselves , but if we ever see the CEO of Celestia Group at a business banquet , well make sure to give that lucky winner a piece of our mind .

Nothing worse than a lucky dog, and even worse is being the one who didnt win.

If resentment could form, it would soar to the heavens by now.

Disappointment washed over them briefly , but it didnt last .

They were back to square one , their spirits lifting again .

Sure , theyd missed out on the retirement home , but there were plenty of other ventures to explore .

What mattered was that peculiar Life Energy ! in Richards hands .

There were countless ways it could be utilized .

Its potential was beyond imagination .

The government was undoubtedly interested in its unique properties .

Whether Richard was building a retirement home or a chicken farm , the government would knock on his door as long as it had Life Energy .

That was where the real value lay .

No one knew what this Life Energy was , not even its form .

Yet, the fruits abilities had already proven its strength.

They thought, If Richard decides to apply this life energy in other industries, who knows how many sectors will be disrupted.

As long as we can hitch a ride with the Adler family , making money in the future would be a given .

But even now , there were no signs of them expanding into other areas , which left everyone guessing .

With such innovative technology, one would expect them to conquer everything in sight, yet aside from the retirement home, no movement at all.

They thought, Were just afraid that Richard is secretly planning something big, and that hell make an announcement one.

day, out of nowhere.

By then, well be caught off guard like we are now ! The thought made them uneasy, and they spoke more cautiously, probing to see if Richard had plans to branch into other industries, while trying to present themselves as valuable partners.

They could tell that they were trying hard to secure a place by his side .

Yet Richards attitude remained as elusive as ever .

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No matter what they asked , he didnt reveal a thing .

The most he would say was , Im old .

How could I manage more ? With a knowing look , he added , Its all in your hands now .

The future belongs to you , young ones .

The group could sense there was more to that statement , but none could quite figure it out .

Richard smiled warmly at them , his eyes flashing with a sharp glint ..

Before this , the higher ups had already had several conversations with him and Tinley about the matter .

Fortunately, they were well prepared.

1/3 19:59 Tue , 15 Apr Chapter 359 < 58 % 自 Richard thought , Earlier , I met with Taylor .

We agreed that if anyone from higher up asks , well redirect them to him .

After all , the research came from Taylors work .

At this level , we have every right to refuse anyone , no matter who they are ! No one would dare force their hand unless it involved significant public interest .

They all knew that if things went south , it wouldnt benefit either side .

And if it ever came to that , theyd figure out how to help society independently ? At this thought , a more profound smile spread across Richards face .

Richard thought , I never expected that , even at my age , with my time running out , my wealth would still rise because of Yvonne .

She was truly a gem if only I could live a few more years , my clever little Yvonne might make me the richest man in the world The thought brought another laugh to his lips .

Richard thought, What a wonderful granddaughter she is.

I must keep her hidden from those higher ups .

They cant find out about her .

Safety isnt a concern, after all, shes Tinleys child.

But they are such a hassle .

I hope no one comes around trying to steal Yvonne .

A few rebellious grandchildren are already enough trouble for me ! Up until now , no one had suspected a thing about Yvonne .

A glance at Taylors situation confirmed it the higher ups still focused on him .

Richard thought, All I need to do is look at how things are going with Taylor.

The higher ups are still focused on him .

Ive heard hes been swamped lately , barely able to catch a breath His superiors and others called him in for meetings every other day , leaving him with no time to visit Yvonne .

Richard couldnt help but feel a deep sense of satisfaction with this .

He thought , As long as Taylor stays away , Yvonne is mine all mine ! He recalled how Yvonne once asked why Taylor hadnt visited her anymore .

At first , shed asked often .

But lately , the frequency of those questions had dropped , and now it had been a week since she last asked .

It seemed shed forgotten about Taylor .

Richard couldnt suppress his glee at the thought .

His smile widened as he thought about Yvonne a little force of nature who had single handedly made him and Taylor famous .

And the best part ? She had no idea about it .

She was blissfully unaware of her abilities .

Her family ensured she kept them hidden from outsiders and obediently followed their wishes .

Most days , she ran around with Richard or Jeremy , having fun .

Occasionally, shed secretly add something to Richards fishing bait to indulge his vanity, but otherwise, she lived like a normal child.

Richard chuckled for a while , then suddenly found himself missing Yvonne .

Checking the time , he called for Kelvin , who was passing by .

Tell the kids to come over .

Yvonne must be hungry after running around for so long.

Richard was so familiar with her routine that he could predict exactly when she would be hungry in the afternoon .

On his way out , Kelvin asked a few staff members , and based on their answers , he figured out that the kids had been all over the place that afternoon .

The last hed heard , about ten minutes ago , they had been playing with swans by the pond behind the hotel .

They probably hadnt moved yet .

Following their directions , Kelvin went to the pond , where the kids stood at the edge .

But as he neared , he suddenly heard a few excited shouts from the group , mixed with praise and envy .

Thats amazing, Jeremy ! Wherever you go, these swans follow you ! Jeremy, can you teach me how you do that ? Its so cool ! I want to learn too ! Kelvins got twisted with an unpleasant feeling.

As he reached the scene , his face darkened immediately .

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Chapter 360 58 % +53 Jeremy had never been particularly fond of animals , but ever since he learned about Yvonnes unusual abilities , hed found himself eagerly bringing her around creatures of all kinds .

The turning point came the first time he took Yvonne horseback riding .

He had Yvonne safely nestled in front of him , and as they galloped along , the horses behind them seemed to catch wind of the excitement , following closely in pursuit .

The scene was like something out of a legend like a wild stampede .

Anyone who didnt know better might ha thought an earthquake had struck .

At first , Jeremy didnt realize what was happening .

But when he turned to see the spectacle unfolding behind him , every cell in his body was exhilarated .

Behind him , the instructor had already fainted in shock , being revived by the staff .

What was supposed to be a peaceful ride had turned into a wild circus .

It was a balancing act , keeping these two little powerhouses from wreaking havoc in the stable .

Luckily, there were no injuries.

The horses gradually calmed down, and both Jeremy and Yvonne dismounted safely.

Coincidentally, a staff member had been filming the whole ordeal.

Once they were off the horses, they handed over the footage to Jeremy, who, impressed by the video quality, decided to share it on TikTok.

The video went semi viral, and commenters hailing him as a natural leader, someone with the aura of an ancient general heading into battle.

Jeremy couldnt contain his delight .

He spent sleepless nights replaying the video , reveling in the praise , and showing it to anyone who would listen .

He even badgered Kelvin to get the video shown on a giant 3D screen in Times Square , though , unsurprisingly , Kelvin refused .

Still, that was the moment when a new door opened for Jeremy.

Hed never before felt such a deep connection to life and nature .

The hotel kept several black swans , each worth 20 thousand dollars .

They usually swam in the artificial pond , looking very noble .

They ignored people and stayed in the center of the pond.

If the guests wanted a photo with the black swans , they had to request food from the staff to catch the birds attention .

Whether or not the swans would approach depended entirely on their mood .

Jeremys curiosity was piqued when he heard how those swans had such distinct personalities .

He was a man of simple tastes , a lover of the theatrics .

Without a second thought, Jeremy grabbed Yvonnes hand and led her to the ponds edge, standing there with an imposing presence, as if his aura stretched nearly seven feet tall.

With a casual wave of his hand toward the proud black swans , it was as if a spell had been cast instantly , they swam toward him as if they had recognized their mother .

The staff couldnt believe their eyes , having never seen such eager swans .

Wherever he went , the swans followed , and Jeremy basked in the flattery .

His vanity was thoroughly satisfied .

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Amidst the awed whispers from bystanders , his smile grew wider .

Kelvins gaze hardened as he watched the scene unfold .

In an instant , his expression darkened , his jaw tightening as veins in his forehead bulged .

As he walked toward them , a palpable tension seemed to follow him , as if the air grew heavier with his restrained anger .

Jeremy felt a chill crawl down his spine as he basked in his triumph .

It was a sensation he knew all too well the suffocating feeling of being caught , like a cold shadow closing in on him , tightening around his chest .

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He shifted his gaze , his eyes scanning the surroundings , and when he saw Kelvin silently making his way toward him , his hand jerked reflexively , nearly dropping Yvonne in the process .

Startled , Yvonne tightened her grip on his shirt , but it wasnt long before she spotted the man walking toward them .

Without hesitation , she left Jeremy and ran straight into Kelvins arms , joyfully calling out , Kelvin ! The boys playing nearby greeted Kelvin as well .

Jeremy stood frozen , unable to move , and his whole body was stiff .

He watched as Yvonne left his side , and he couldnt bring himself to speak because he felt guilty , Kelvins face remained as composed as always .

He only slightly nodded to the boys before taking Yvonne in his arms .

He fixed her disheveled hair gently, his movements soft and fatherly.

But only Jeremy could feel the pressure in the air the quiet storm of tension , directed at him .

He rubbed his nose nervously, lowering his gaze, telling himself inwardly.

He thought , I cant see him , I cant see him ! His prayers seemed to have worked , as Kelvin didnt say a word .

Instead , he turned away , his voice as calm as a still lake , telling them to return before striding off , carrying Yvonne in his arms .

Jeremy let out a relieved sigh but quickly realized that his relief had come too soon .

Half an hour later , he stood in a private room , head lowered , too afraid to speak .

Kelvins cold , detached tone sent a chill down his spine .

Is Yvonnes ability meant for you to play around like this ? Jeremy shook his head quickly , his face sincere as he muttered , No.

Jeremy thought , Its been a long time since Ive received a beating , and this situation is different .

Im scared this time .

The pressures on , and I can feel it .

If Yvonne doesnt rescue me, Im not getting out of this one ! Just as he was lost in thought, the door to the room suddenly swung open.

Vic stepped inside , immediately sensing the tension in the air .

He hesitated for a moment before deciding to make his exit .

Uh ... Kelvin , Richard asked me to check on you .

If youre busy , I can leave.

He grabbed the doorknob, preparing to leave.

Jeremy , desperately caught in the middle of a scolding , shot a frantic look at him , silently mouthing two words .

Save me-Being brothers, they shared an unspoken understanding.

Jeremy could see that Vic had picked up on the silent plea , but still , after a moment of confusion , he closed the door and left .

What was that about ? Hed just stepped out to make a call , and when he returned , the staff mentioned that Jeremy and Kelvin had already left .

He didnt have the slightest clue about what had just happened .

He could hardly step in to help now .

Vic thought, Guess theres no point stressing over it.

After all , Jeremy will get his punishment sooner or later .

As those thoughts crossed his mind , a slight twinge of guilt pricked him , but he left the situation behind .

Jeremys hopes shattered inside the room as soon as Vic left .

He thought , I know Ive messed up , but this feeling is suffocating .

My heart cant take it .

I might pass out to avoid facing Kelvin .

Right now, Im at the hotel so Kelvin might let me off easy.

But once were home, it will be a whole different story.

Im in for a beating .

2/3 19:59 Tue , 15 Apr Chapter 360 58 % Meanwhile , Vic went to find Richard and quickly recounted the scene hed just witnessed .

Upon hearing the details , Richard immediately sprang to his feet , his curiosity getting the best of him .

He mumbled to himself as he made his way toward the room , What trouble has Jeremy gotten into this time ? Hes causing such a scene , shouting at him in the hotel ? No way , if hes getting a beating , I have to be there to see it ,