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Chapter 611

Task NO 1 How To Pursue Miss CEO Chapter 611-Rely on him, huh? He does have something good to say from time to time. "You hear me?"

Selena leaned against his chest. "Yeah, of course. I'll be counting on you." "Good girl." He patted her head. "And never talk to Jason again, you hear that?"

Wow, he gets jealous really easily. "Yeah, I get it, you dummy," she teased. "And one more thing, honey. Don't you think one of the servants looked really familiar?"

"Nope. Didn't really look at them." Pierre didn't have time to look at the servants. "She's old, but she still packs a punch." He touched his head. "Ow, ow, ow..."

"Let me have a look." Selena parted his hair and noticed some blood flowing out of the bruise on his head. The old lady really didn't hold back. "You're bleeding, but not much. Just patch it up once we get home."

"Blow on it."

"What?" Selena thought she was hearing things. She never expected Pierre to ask something so childish.

"Why? You always do it for Juniper."

"Alright, fine." Selena resigned and blew on the bruise.

Pierre loved how it felt. "So, what were you saying about that old lady's servant?"

"I thought one of them looked familiar. The young one. She doesn't look like a servant, judging by her clothes. She just looks really familiar from the back, but I can't remember where I saw her before." Selena noticed that the servant always had her back turned against her, and the servant left in a hurry, so she didn't have a good look. "Maybe I was seeing things."

"You should probably stop thinking about it. We don't get this chance every day, so let's not waste our time." Pierre pounced on her.

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Jason took Lindsay, Linda, and everyone else back home. Lindsay was still worried about Jason. "Stay away from Selena. She's a lascivious woman, and she insulted Linda. You have to tell her off."

Jason looked at Linda, then Lindsay continued, "I thought you said Jason got drunk, Linda. He looks plenty fine to me. What is going on?"

Linda started getting nervous. Lindsay's vision might be getting bad because of her age, but she wasn't going senile anytime soon. Linda told her to come over to help Jason out since he was drunk, but when she got there, Jason looked sober, much to her suspicion.

"Um..."

"She wasn't wrong, Grandma. I was getting tipsy, so I stayed over in the hotel. Miss Yard sent someone to get me some sobering concoction, so that's why I sobered up when you guys came." Jason quickly defended her. "It's not her fault. I was drunk when I texted her. Even made some typos."

Lindsay stopped feeling suspicious after that. "That's good to hear." She was still on high alert about Selena though. "But from now on, don't go anywhere near Selena. She's nothing but trouble."

Jason said nothing to that. "It's late, Grandma. You should sleep."

Linda heaved a sigh, but her heart skipped a beat when she met Jason's gaze.

They sent Lindsay to her room and came out together, then she smiled awkwardly at him. "It's getting late, Jason. I'll be going back to my room now. You sleep tight."

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Task NO 1 How To Pursue Miss CEO Chapter 612-Linda was about to go back to her room, but Jason stopped her. "I'm not sleepy yet, Linda. Can I go to your room?"

“Huh?” Jason went to Linda’s room before she could even say anything, so she went along. “Are you alright now, Jason? Is your stomach acting up? Do you need anything?” Linda’s voice was barely a whisper.

Jason didn’t answer her. Instead, he had a serious look on his face. “Why did you do that?” Linda averted her gaze. “What do you mean, Jason? I don’t know what you’re talking about.”

“There’s only the two of us here, so tell me the truth. You used my phone to text Selena, didn’t you? And then you sent someone masquerading as her assistant to invite me to the hotel.

You were also the one behind that incense in the room, weren’t you?” He didn’t think Linda did it alone. Jason knew she had been going around all alone, and he knew she must have been suffering. He knew she was no longer the young, innocent girl she once was.

Linda was staring down, then she pushed her hair back. “Jason, I...”

“Tell me the truth. What is going on?” Jason was as gentle as usual. He knew Linda must have her own reasons for that.

“I... I could see that you like Selena, so I wanted to help you out.” She looked up at him, tears welling up in her eyes. “I know you don’t like Jane at all. She’s just an arrogant, narcissistic woman. You don’t like women like her. I know you prefer Oriental women. We’re a gentle kind, after all.”

Jason didn’t expect Linda to see through him despite the short time they spent together.

“I was just trying to help, Jason. Of course, I have another reason for that. I used to work for Selena, but I hate her. She did a lot of things, things I don’t want to talk about. If my plan had gone as intended, you would have gotten what you wanted, and her marriage would be ruined once Pierre finds out about it. I would have gotten back at her as well. If you really like her, I don’t mind helping you out. After all, I have something to gain from it as well. I don’t mind letting the past go.”

Linda’s tears wouldn’t stop. “Sorry, Jason. I was just...” She couldn’t talk anymore.

Jason trusted her, since he had no reason to. He held the back of her head and pulled her closer. "There, there."

"I'm sorry, Jason. I really am!" Linda kept apologizing. She cried in his arms for a while before stopping. "I know it's wrong, Jason. I'm really sorry about it."

"Do you know where you went wrong, Linda?"

Linda looked up at him tearfully. "I shouldn't have done that to begin with."

"Too simplistic. I won't fall for someone just for their body. I'm not that shallow. And..." He paused for a moment. "I don't really feel any love for Selena. You've been letting your imagination run wild."

He wasn't sure what to feel about Selena either. All he wanted was to know her better. He never thought of doing anything more than that. "Besides, if I did have an affair with her, all hell would break loose."

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Task NO 1 How To Pursue Miss CEO Chapter 613-Jason gazed at her sternly. "Pierre will most definitely be enraged. We have Grandpa and Grandma to take care of here. If Pierre gets serious, we'll never leave Astoria. Even if we do, he's going to find us, and he's going to kill us."

Linda stared down, sobbing. "I'm sorry, Jason." "You're lucky Miss Yard and I noticed something was off right off the bat."

"D-Does she know I'm behind this, then? Jason, she's a cruel woman. If she knows I'm behind this, she's going to kill me!" Linda held his arm. "You have to help me, Jason!"

"We were planning on waiting until the culprit showed herself, but then you and Grandma came. Don't worry. I'll settle this. She won't find out it's you."

Linda felt relieved. "I don't want her to know I'm here, Jason. Can you keep this a secret? There's bad blood between us. She'll kill me if she knows I'm still here."

Jason frowned. He wanted to know more, but since Linda didn't want to explain, he didn't ask further. She must have her own reasons. "You're my

cousin. Of course I'll help you, but Linda, please don't take our grandparents' love for granted. They're too old for any trouble now. Come to me if you need anything. I'll do everything I can to help."

Linda nodded. "Thank you, Jason."

"It's getting late. Go to sleep." He left her room.

Linda could finally relax. That was close. I could have been exposed.

Jason was going to call Selena, but he found out she'd blocked him on all social media, and he couldn't even give her a call for some reason. He thought about it for a while and decided to just pay her a visit.

When he came to Fowler Residence the next day, Pierre was the one welcoming him, as if expecting his arrival. He didn't even go to work.

Jason asked, "Where's Miss Yard?"

"She's exhausted after what happened last night, so she's sleeping in." Pierre arched his eyebrow. He wanted Jason to know that he was Selena's husband.

Jason ignored that. "I'll wait for her, then."

"Nope. We got a little bit too much into it last night, so she can't get up. Just tell me what you have to say." He was trying to say that their marriage was going well, so Jason should back off.

"Mr. Fowler, this matter concerns Miss Yard, so I need to explain it to her," Jason answered politely.

"Mr. Murray, I need to make one thing clear. Selena's my wife, but you've been calling her 'Miss Yard' ever since you came in. Why? Do you think she's still single?"

"No, I am not." Jason thought Selena looked too young to be a wife, so he preferred to address her as 'Miss Yard.'

Pierre raised his hand, refusing to listen to further explanation. You're just making it harder for yourself, so stop explaining. Not like I want to hear it anyway.

"If it's about what happened last night, then you can tell me all about it. My wife's problem is my problem as well. She tells me everything anyway, so you can just come right at me. Saves her time as well."

Jason wondered why Pierre insisted on keeping him away from Selena, then he realized something. If even Linda thinks I like her, then it must be the same for Pierre.

I'd better not dwell on this. "A competitor did that. I crossed someone in a deal, so they wanted to get me embroiled in a scandal. I'll settle this. I'm sorry for all the trouble M... Mrs. Fowler had to go through."

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Task NO 1 How To Pursue Miss CEO Chapter 614-"Competitor?" Pierre was slightly surprised. "What do you mean?" "Just a business competitor." "Why did your grandma show up, then?" Pierre found his answer hard to believe.

"That's a coincidence. My grandmother was worried because I stayed out late, so she came to the hotel to see me. I told her where I was going before I went out, so that was why she found us."

It's a good explanation, but I don't buy it. "Tell me who you crossed. I'll take them out. I don't want my wife to get involved in your problem."

Jason smiled. "It's fine. I'll handle this. I don't want to get myself into trouble either. Don't worry. I won't let them off the hook, not when Mrs. Fowler has been hurt." Pierre wanted to ask him something, but Jason stood up. "Tell Mrs. Fowler I'm sorry for the trouble I've caused her. I'll be taking my leave now."

Good. I don't want her to flirt with you anyway. "Show Mr. Murray the exit," Pierre ordered, then a servant sent Jason off.

Selena came down the moment he left. She heard everything, but she didn't show up, since Pierre would get jealous.

"Good morning." She went up to him. "Something's off."

"You heard everything, didn't you?"

Selena nodded. "I think he's hiding something. Of course, it's normal for a business competitor to sabotage him, but something about his grandma's appearance is off. It's too much of a coincidence. Even if it was, how did she even get the attendant to open the door?"

Pierre frowned. "I don't believe a word he said. I'll look into this myself." He couldn't tell Jason what to do, but he'd investigate the case, especially when Selena was involved.

"But why did he lie anyway? He doesn't look like the kind of guy who'd lie. I mean, he's a gentleman." Selena felt Pierre shooting her a nasty glare the moment she said that. Oh no. Why did I go and call him a gentleman?

"Did you say he's a gentleman? I think he's just a hypocrite!" Pierre glared at her. "You like men like that, don't you?"

"No, of course not. I don't like sissies like that. I like manly men like you."

Pierre didn't look the least bit happy. "I don't think he's a sissy."

"Don't change the topic. Why did he lie anyway?"

"Because he wants to bed you, but his plan got foiled, so he's looking for an excuse." Pierre was still annoyed.

"No. He could have done that the moment I got into the room. There was no need to put on a show with me to bait the culprit. He didn't know about the incense either, nor did he expect his grandmother to show up." Selena held her chin as she pondered about the case.

"There are two reasons for a person to lie. One, he wants to protect himself, or two, he has someone he wants to protect."

"You're saying he's trying to keep someone safe? He knows who did it, but he's keeping them under wraps?"

Pierre nodded. "I'll find out about it no matter what."

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Task NO 1 How To Pursue Miss CEO Chapter 615—Selena didn't try to dissuade Pierre, since she knew he wouldn't let it slide. Someone tried to hook her up with another guy, after all. He would never allow that to happen. She thought it wasn't a bad move though, since having an unknown enemy in the shadows was unnerving.

Linda was relieved to hear that Jason managed to gloss it over with the Fowler couple, but then another problem arose. Murray Group was facing a crisis. Their system was hacked, and their new lineup for the spring season was leaked.

Being a fashion company, that was a huge deal for them. Every year, the company would perform a strict evaluation to come up with a new lineup. That lineup would be kept a secret until it was released, but now, the information was leaked beforehand. That alone caused the company's share to take a dip.

Left with no choice, Jason and his father went back to handle the matter, while Jerry, Lindsay, Jocelyn, and Linda would stay back to celebrate the festival. It was just around the corner, which meant they had a lot to deal with.

On the other hand, Pierre was staring down his son after knowing that someone hacked into Murray Group's system. Any hacker worth their salt wouldn't hack any system and create a security loophole for no reason, since that'd cause them to be blacklisted. Pierre suspected that his son was behind it, for Joaquin was an amateur; he wouldn't know that rule.

When Selena came back, she was greeted by a sight of Pierre and Joaquin staring at each other, as if they were petrified. Jameson came up to her excitedly. "Mommy! I think they're in a trance!"

Juniper laughed. "Daddy and Jojo's petrified!" Selena went up to Pierre and patted him. Then he moved. "Oh, the spell's broken! You're awesome, Mommy!" Jameson clapped his hands.

"What are you doing? Don't glare at him! What if you scare him?"

"I think you'd better ask him what he did." Pierre pointed at Juniper and Jameson. "And get out, the two of you." Jameson and Juniper stuck their tongues out at their father, but they quickly hurried away. It's gonna blow in there. We'd better leave.

Selena turned to Joaquin. "What did you do this time, Jojo?"

Joaquin answered calmly, "I hacked into Murray Group's system."

Selena thought she was hearing things. He hacked into their system? Oh, wait. He hacked into the police's system before. Murray Group's nothing for him. Why did I tell him to look into the old lady? He must have taken that to heart. "Jojo, did you do that for me? You want to get back at that lady because she insulted me, is that right?"

Joaquin nodded.

"Thank you. You're a good boy." She kissed his cheek.

Pierre couldn't believe what he was seeing. "That's a crime, Selena! Why'd you thank him? That's going to corrupt his values!"

"He did it for me. Someone tried to walk all over me, so he got back at them. Is that wrong?"

"What? That's not what you said to me! You would have yelled at me if I did the same thing! Why did you kiss him but not me?" Double standard, that's what it is.

"Well, I can kiss you too if you're my son." Selena glanced at him.

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Task NO 1 How To Pursue Miss CEO Chapter 616-"That's just being unreasonable!" Pierre couldn't argue with her, not after she had decided to throw logic out of the window.

Selena put Joaquin on her lap. "I know you're trying to help me out, but that's not the way to go. That old lady only said something upsetting to me. Nothing more."

Joaquin nodded in silence. He didn't argue, since he knew he had crossed the line. On the other hand, Pierre couldn't believe that Selena was being so gentle to Joaquin. He was annoyed. "I can't take this anymore!" He left the room. "Get here right away, Selena!"

Selena ignored him. "I know you're a brilliant boy, Jojo, but please don't abuse your talent, okay?"

“Okay.” Selena patted his head before leaving for her room, where Pierre was throwing a tantrum. “I’m getting a teacher for him, Selena! I’m not taking any objections!”

“I’m not stopping you. Go ahead.” She shrugged. “I…” Pierre couldn’t throw his tantrum anymore.

Selena didn’t care. She wondered if she should apologize to Jason, since her son caused his company’s share to take a dip even though there wasn’t any grudge between them. It was a huge loss for Murray Group. Selena also ran a fashion company, so if Murray Group found out about it, they’d think Selena was pulling something underhanded.

But Pierre would get mad if I talked to Jason. Not to mention I don’t have his number anymore. Forget it. I’m sure he can handle it.

Meanwhile, Pierre was running through his contacts before finally settling on someone. “Get over here right now.”

“What do you want? You’re scaring me.”

“Shut up and get here.”

“Do you really need me there?”

“Yes, or else.” Pierre gave the person over the phone an ultimatum. Backed to a corner, the person agreed to come over after the festival.

The festival was just around the corner, so Selena and the kids were making true love knots in the living room. She thought it’d look beautiful if the living room was filled with it. Joaquin got some wire and light bulbs to light the knots up. Making simple circuits was nothing for him.

Right when they were enjoying their family time, Pierre got a call, and his face fell after he took it. Selena didn’t realize her husband’s change, since she was still having fun with her kids.

Her excitement didn’t die even after her kids were asleep. “Jojo’s really smart. He made circuits to light up the knots. I bet they’ll look gorgeous when we light it up at night.” She went into the bathroom to wash herself up. “I’m making more of them tomorrow so every room will have one. It’s going to be a wonderful sight. I just know it. Oh, we should go shopping tomorrow, since

everyone's closing for the festival soon. I want to get some sparklers for the kids."

It was the first time Selena was looking forward to the festival after her mother's death. It had been a long time since then.

Pierre was standing at the doorstep silently. After brushing her teeth, Selena noticed he wasn't talking, so she looked at him. "What's the matter? Are you upset?"

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Selena stopped smiling. She knew what he was going to say. Pierre didn't continue, since he knew Selena was smart enough to figure out what he was going to tell her.

"Calm down, honey. I told you this might happen."

Selena turned around to wipe her face off. "I know. I just think it's a bit too sudden; that's all." She forced herself to calm down. "Are you gonna use the bathroom?"

"Yeah." Selena came out, and he went in. She sat on the bed, feeling empty. Her excitement earlier was snuffed out, since the festival didn't matter anymore without Pierre around. The festival was only worth it if everyone was present. Even one person being absent would rob it of its meaning.

Pierre quickly washed himself up. When he came back out, Selena was already lying in the bed. "When are you leaving?"

Pierre got into the bed. "Tomorrow." He can't even stay for the festival's eve, huh? Tears welled in her eyes, but she held it down. "Do you need me to pack your stuff?"

"No. There's nothing to pack anyway." "I see. Sleep tight, then." She covered herself and turned the lights off.

Pierre wanted to console her, but he didn't know how. He knew nothing would work, since Selena had been looking forward to the celebration for a long time coming. Instead, he huddled closer and gave her a hug. "You can cry if you feel like it."

Selena couldn't hold it in any longer, thus leaned closer to him and bawled. She was frustrated, disappointed, and helpless. An urge to do something seized her, but she knew she was powerless to do anything. Crying was all she had.

Pierre hugged her tightly, kissing her forehead. "I'll be here next year, honey. I promise." That was the only thing he could say, but he wasn't even sure if he'd be there the coming year.

Selena kept weeping for a while longer before staring up at him. "You'd better not forget that!" She thumped his chest. She knew he was in a difficult position too, but she needed to vent on him.

"Yes, I won't forget this. I won't forget you either." "You'd better hold on to that promise." "Yeah. I'll hold on to it even if it's the last thing I do." "No! Don't jinx yourself!" Selena huffed.

He hugged her tighter. They had a lot to tell each other, since God knew when their next meeting would be. But they couldn't say anything no matter what. Their motto was 'catch the moment,' for they knew they might not have much time together. When the time to separate finally came, they still felt reluctant to let go.

"Be careful, and don't push yourself. Come back in one piece." Selena knew that advice would fall on deaf ears, since Pierre was a responsible man. As long as he held that position, he'd do his best to carry out his duty.

"Yes, I will. I'll be back, so wait for me."

"We will."

Pierre didn't let her go, and neither did she. They wanted to feel the warmth of each other for as long as possible. It could be a long time before they got the chance to do that again. Eventually, Selena drifted to sleep.

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She jolted up the next morning. “Honey!” Selena called out to him, but there was nobody in the room. She started panicking, but then a voice drifted out from the bathroom.

“Yes?”

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Task NO 1 How To Pursue Miss CEO Chapter 618-Oh, it’s him. Selena felt more at ease, for Pierre was still around. “It’s nothing.” He came out of the bathroom and walked over to her. “Rise and shine, sleepyhead.” Selena scrambled up from the bed and was about to help him with his luggage, but he said, “Let’s get some breakfast. I’m not in a hurry.”

“You will be in a moment. I should pack your luggage first.” “I... Well, I got their permission to delay the job for a while longer. I’ll only be leaving tonight.”

Selena was stupefied. So that means we have the whole morning to ourselves.

“Someone looks happy. Right, time for breakfast.” He pulled her up and went down together. By the time they came down, the kids were already waiting in the dining room.

“We got a big breakfast today, Mommy.” Juniper showed her a doughnut. Selena took a closer look and realized they were having a typical festival feast. She looked at Pierre before taking her seat. Then the family had a happy breakfast.

“I’ll be going to the company for a bit. Be back in an hour. I think I can make it for the shopping date.” “We wanna go too!” Juniper said loudly. “Me too!”

“Of course, kids.” After Pierre was done with breakfast, he quickly went to the company to tell everyone what to do in his absence. Selena stared at the table, then an idea struck her. “Kids, let’s change into the new clothes we bought.”

“But the festival’s two days away. Don’t you think it’s a bit too early for that?” Jameson tilted his head. “No. We’ll do it today. I’ll help you.”

Pierre went to Fowler Corporation first. Since the holidays would start in a few days, he called a meeting with the top brass. He couldn't make it back in time after the holidays, so he had to make the arrangements beforehand. "Miss Yard will handle everything in the meantime. She's in charge."

Then he went to Empire Group to delegate his work there too. When everything was done, he called Niall. "I'll be going to the base soon, but you're not coming. Stay here."

Niall was surprised. "But you always take me along, President Fowler." He felt like he was abandoned.

"You're going to help my wife. And send someone to watch over her, but don't let her find out. She hates being restricted and followed. Selena thinks she's super strong, but she's actually super weak."

Niall felt jealous. "That didn't sound like an insult at all. More like a public display of affection."

Pierre shot him a glare. "You'd better keep her safe, or else."

"Yes, sir!"

"And find a kindergarten for my kids. I don't want Selena to work so hard."

"Of course."

"Also, I'll be leaving my account and assets to you. Make sure Selena has the best of everything, and keep her safe." Pierre looked at Selena's photo and caressed it. He wanted to tell Niall to report everything to him, but since nobody could call him after he left, he kept that to himself.

Once everything was done, he went back home in a hurry, only to see that everyone was in a merry mood. Juniper was wearing the red dress Selena bought for her. She loved it. Selena tied Juniper's hair into two buns, one on each side, and she even used red ribbons for it.

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Chapter 619

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Everyone stared at them the moment they came to the mall. Some people were even taking photos of them. Pierre might have to leave on short notice, but Selena managed to buy everything she wanted, so they were going to celebrate the festival early.

They made dumplings in the afternoon, then Selena and the kids decorated the house with the paper craft and true love knots they made. When night came, Selena brandished a set of clothes for Pierre. "Time to change, honey."

"No." Pierre turned his head away without even looking at the clothes. He knew what was going on when he saw the kids in their festival clothes. Selena prepared one for him too. She was wearing a red dress that was similar to Juniper's, so only he was left.

"Oh, just try it on. It'll be perfect." Selena came up to him with the clothes. "No! This is just... tacky! We're not shooting a movie anyway." He adamantly refused. "Honey! Honey... Aw, honey..."

Pierre eventually caved in. "Fine, fine. I'll wear it, but only for a bit."

"Alright! I'll help you change." Selena happily helped him change into the set of traditional clothes. He looked more handsome than usual in the blue shirt.

Selena clapped her hands. "Anything you wear looks nice on you. If we ever go broke, you can work as a model. You're perfect for the role."

The kids came to see what was going on. "Wow, you're handsome, Daddy! You look like the guys on the TV show I always watch!"

"What? I look like a king, at least!" He looked at Selena. "You should have gotten me the emperor's clothes! This is lacking!"

"Alright, then you'll be wearing that next year!"

Selena had called a photographer to shoot some family photos. Even the photographer thought the whole family was beautiful. He could just take a photo and it'd turn out to be a piece of art anyway.

Selena made dinner that night, and the couple even had some wine to drink. It was a merry night, where the family spent all their time laughing. They could wish for nothing more.

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After the kids had fallen asleep that night, Selena knew it was time for Pierre to leave. She didn't tell the kids about Pierre's departure, since they were awful at keeping their emotions in check, especially Juniper. If Juniper were to cry, the whole day would have been ruined.

Selena came out of the nursery and took a deep breath before going back to her bedroom. Pierre had already changed the traditional clothes out for some normal clothes.

"Is it time already?" Selena trotted up to him. "Yes. I have to go." He held her in his arms. "It was delicious. The best meal I've ever had." Selena smiled sweetly. "Me too. This is the best festival ever."

"Nope. There's still next year. You should aim higher."

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She nodded. "I love you, honey." He hugged her tightly. Oh, how he wished he didn't have to let go, but he had to. "You should go now, or you'll be late." She pushed him away. Selena knew it'd be hard for him to leave if they kept it up.

"See you." He let her go and turned around. Selena didn't go after him, or she'd want to hold him again. Pierre looked up after he went down, and he saw Selena by the window, seeing him off. He waved at her, but she pulled the curtains down. Once he was out of sight, she let her tears flow.

It was a sleepless night for Selena. Her mind was in a mess, for all she could think of was the mission Pierre had to take.

Juniper woke up early the next morning, and she quickly came to see Selena. “I had a dream last night, Mommy. Daddy bought a giant teddy bear for me! Hey, where’s Daddy?”

“He went to work, sweetie.” “When’s he coming back? I thought he got me a teddy bear, so I came to look.” Juniper stared down, feeling crestfallen. “He’ll be back soon, but he won’t make it in time for the festival.”

Realization struck Juniper. “Oh, so that’s why we were wearing the new clothes yesterday. I see. That’s why we had the festival feast too, huh?”

Selena hugged Juniper. “Your daddy’s a hero, Juniper. He’s going to protect the world, so we’re gonna support him, alright?” “Really? Is Daddy really that awesome?”

“Yeah. Your daddy’s the best daddy in the whole world. Let’s wait for him to come back alright?”

Juniper nodded. The boys didn’t think much about Pierre’s departure. They weren’t close to him anyway, so it didn’t matter if he was there or not. Even though Pierre wasn’t around, they had to celebrate the festival anyway.

Selena and the servants who stayed back made the dumplings and the food for the festival. It was busy, but they had fun. On the festival’s eve, Selena took the kids to see the gala for a bit before giving them the sparklers. The kids hopped around happily when the fireworks bloomed in the sky.

The fireworks bloomed magnificently in the sky for but a moment before disappearing into the darkness forever. Unbidden, she thought about Pierre, wondering where he was and what he was doing.

She gave the kids a red envelope each on the first day of the festival, and the servants received a big bonus. Selena even prepared some gifts for the kids, though she told them Pierre bought it.

Juniper got a big teddy bear. It was two heads taller than her, and it was quite heavy too. Juniper couldn’t jump if she was holding the teddy bear. “I knew Daddy would give me a teddy bear! My dream came true!”

She gave Joaquin a new PC. Joaquin could see that it was the best PC around. It was much better than the one he was using, and he could do all sorts of things he couldn’t do on his old PC.

Jameson got a box of good food, but Selena told him he could only have one snack a day. The boy couldn't be happier when he saw the big box of goodies in front of him.

On the second day of the festival, Selena was invited to a festival ball.