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Marissa gently murmured. "Alright, Ellinor, take the kids to wash up and take a breather. We'll be having dinner soon."

Ellinor nodded in agreement.

Baber led his little sister upstairs, with Ellinor trailing behind them. After a few steps, she realized that Adrian hadn't followed. After turning around, she saw that Adrian stood frozen in place. He was looking around in bewilderment, as if he were shocked into paralysis.

Ellinor picked up Adrian and held him close, feeling a pang of guilt. Did her harshness today elicit such a response?

"Adrian." She tried to coax him. "Let's go upstairs and freshen up. Then we'll join your great grandma and great grandpa for dinner, okay?"

Adrian didn't reply but instead nestled comfortably into Ellinor's shoulder. He liked the scent of this beautiful lady. It was comforting.

After watching Ellinor take the three kids upstairs, Veronica whispered to Marissa, "Grandma, Adrian has been asking for his dad today. It might have affected Ellinor's mood. She must miss Theo."

Marissa's eyes dimmed at the news. "Ellinor has been waiting patiently for Theo's return."

After giving her daughter a bath and changing her into fresh, pink pajamas, Ellinor filled the tub with lukewarm water for Baber and Adrian. Boys loved playing with water, and she usually let them have their fun with toys in the tub before helping them clean up.

While her daughter played with her doll on the bed, Ellinor reclined with her laptop and began browsing some work-related matters.

There was an auction tomorrow. One of the properties being auctioned was a parcel of land that the Blanchet Corporation had been eyeing.

Theo had wanted to purchase the land before his disappearance, but the owner had been hesitant to sell. The location was prime and would make a great commercial district.

Theo's unfinished business was now hers to complete.

After logging into her long-unused hacker account, Ellinor started digging deep into the auctioned property's internal/information.

Suddenly, she noticed an old friend she hadn't seen in a while was online.

After clicking on the user icon, she typed out, "AAAres, long time no see."

After a pause, he replied, "Do we know each other?"

Ellinor blinked in surprise. "Aren't you AAAres?"

"Sorry. I had an accident three years ago and lost a lot of my memories."

Amnesia? Ellinor found this peculiar. "But you still remembered your account password?"

"Muscle memory, I guess. It just came naturally."

"Well, what doesn't kill you makes you stronger, right? You're lucky. Forgetting some troubles isn't all that bad."

AAAres didn't seem to agree. He was keen on rediscovering his past. "Were we friends?"

Ellinor pondered for a moment before replying, "Well, we were more like online buddies. We didn't know each other very well."

AAAres asked again, "Have we met in person?"

Ellinor answered truthfully. "We sort of have, but not really. Years ago, we attended the same hacker convention, but we were both wearing masks."

"Where was the convention held?"

"In H City Ellinor replied.

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"Are you saying that I've been to H City before?"

Ellinor found his question a little odd. "I suppose so. The person I met in H City should have been you because you remembered our online conversations

with me at the time."

After a minute of silence on AAAres' end, his icon showed "typing..."

Ellinor was genuinely waiting for his response when suddenly, cries came from the bathroom. Her mind snapped into focus as she quickly typed, "Sorry. My son is crying. We'll talk next time."

With a click of the enter key, she sent the message, closed her laptop, and hurried off to the bathroom.

However, what she didn't know was that AAAres immediately sent another message. "Which city are you in now? Is it okay if we meet up? I want to understand my past."

Ellinor didn't see this message because she hurriedly closed her laptop.

On the other side of the computer, the man looked at the last message in the chat box and frowned in disappointment.

Just then, the sound of Sophia's footsteps came from outside the door.

He logged out of the system and opened a news website.

Sophia walked in and called him to dinner. "Marcus, stop reading those mindless news stories. Dinner's ready."

Marcus nodded and calmly closed the news website.

Sophia didn't notice the brief flicker of something deep and different in his eyes.

In the past three years, most of the information he had about himself came from Sophia.

He used to believe her, but his online friend just mentioned that he had attended a hacker conference in H City years ago.

And yet Sophia told him he had been living in M State since he was a kid, and this was his first time out of the country.

One of them was lying.

His online friend didn't seem to know his true identity and had no reason to lie.

So, it was more likely that Sophia was the one lying.

What was Sophia hiding from him?

Ellinor rushed into the bathroom to see Adrian crying and rubbing his eyes with his arms.

And Baber stood a little lost, watching his brother.

Ellinor didn't know what had happened, so she asked, "What's going on?"

Baber explained innocently. "Mommy, Adrian didn't want to undress for the bath, and I tried to help him, but he didn't let me... I tried to coax him by saying we could play with toys in the bath, and then he suddenly started crying."

After hearing Baber's explanation, Ellinor crouched down to ask Adrian, "Tell Mommy, why don't you want to take a bath?"

Adrian snuffled and said stubbornly and pitifully, "I don't want to share a bath with anyone!"

Ellinor frowned. "That's your brother. He's not just anyone. Didn't you two used to bathe together and play with toys since you were little? Why don't you want to share a bath with your brother today?"

Adrian looked at Baber and then at Ellinor. "He's not my brother. I don't have a brother."

Baber was taken aback. He seemed heartbroken and lowered his head in sadness.

After hearing this, Ellinor got a bit angry. "Adrian, what are you talking about?"

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Tristan put on an innocent face. "I wasn't blabbering. I really don't have a brother!"

Ellinor was genuinely angry now, and her tone became very stern. "Adrian, you've been very naughty today! If you continue like this, Mommy won't like you anymore!"

Tristan got a little panicked after he saw the disappointment in the pretty lady's eyes, and he quickly reached out to hold her hand. "Don't... don't dislike me, Mommy..."

For the first time, saying the word 'mommy' didn't seem so hard.

At home, Sophia always told him to call her 'mommy, but for some reason he didn't want to and just couldn't say it.

Even though her youngest son backed down, Ellinor didn't soften up immediately. Instead, she sternly reprimanded him. "Go to your brother! He was hurt to hear what you said! Apologize to him now!"

Pouting, Tristan obediently walked over to Baber. "Brother, don't be mad. I'll call you brother from now on."

Baber lifted his head and gave his little brother a generous smile. "I'm not mad. I'll always love you and our sister."

Baber, showing a big brother's magnanimity, opened his arms to hug Tristan. "Mommy always said that you, me, and our sister are the closest people in the world. We have to love each other forever."

Initially, Tristan felt awkward being hugged, but after feeling genuine love from his brother, his heart warmed up.

Growing up as an only child, he was always with his father and Sophia, and no one ever taught him how to interact with siblings. He had never been around kids his age and was always playing alone.

So this was what it felt like to have a brother?

Ellinor's face brightened as she watched her sons make peace.

"Alright, let's get in the bathtub and take a bath. Great Grandma will be calling us for dinner soon."

After hearing this, Baber and Tristan obediently undressed and hopped into the bathtub.

Ellinor tied up her long hair with a hair tie and sat by the tub, squirting some baby shampoo into her hand. "Mommy will wash your brother's hair first, then Adrian's, okay?"

Tristan nodded. "Okay!"

Ellinor gently massaged the shampoo into her sons' hair, ensuring the foam didn't get into their eyes.

Half-an-hour later, after bathing the boys and drying their hair, she helped them change into clean clothes.

The two little boys scampered out

Initially, Tristan felt a bit out of place here. But after playing with Baber in the bath, he relaxed.

He liked it here. He liked the atmosphere so much that he didn't want to leave.

At home, he only had Sophia for company, which was boring.

But he missed his dad a bit.

Well, that didn't matter now. He wanted to stay here with the beautiful lady and his brother, Baber, for a few more days before going home.

Baber and Adrian were chasing each other around the room when they accidentally knocked over Layla's doll.

The doll fell to the floor, and Tristan immediately picked it up and handed it back to Layla.

Layla took her doll back, but stared at him suspiciously. "I know that you're not my real brother. Who are you?" Tristan was taken aback. He didn't expect the youngest to notice since the beautiful lady and Baber hadn't. Children weren't good at lying, and, after being questioned like this by Layla, Tristan fell silent for a while.