

## Meeting The One For Me

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 21-Tia didn't wait for Audrey to reply.

She spoke with a nagging tone, "Audrey, please persuade your grandfather. We really don't want to ruin his reputation, and yours, by bringing this onto the show. He's a university professor, isn't he? Won't his reputation as an educator be tarnished if this blows up?"

Audrey's face darkened, "What do you want?"

"I heard professors are given houses by the university. Ask your grandfather to transfer a house to your brother Adam. If not, buy him a villa in Sheysea and a car worth half a million dollars. The car isn't our demand. It's what the bride's family wants."

Tia continued, "They're also asking for a wedding gift of 660 thousand dollars. Your mother was your grandfather's only child. Now that she's gone, he only has Adam.

"Everything your grandfather owns should belong to Adam. If he's holding onto his wealth so Adam doesn't inherit what's rightfully his, your mother would be turning in her grave!"

Audrey replied in a calm voice, "You tortured my birth mother to death! If Mr. Lambert helps you, she will never rest in peace."

"Give me the phone!" bellowed Wayne Yeomans, Audrey's biological father. He couldn't contain his anger and snatched the phone.

He spat insultingly, "Audrey! Am I being too nice to you? Don't think I can't see that you're keeping Mr. Lambert from seeing Adam so you can monopolize the house and money for yourself. That old man's house and money belong to Adam.

If you dare covet them, I'll kill you!"

"Bullshit! When she was 12, we received a five thousand dollar deposit from Jolin Watson's family. But your sister couldn't bring Audrey back, and I had to pay them 600 dollars to settle it!"

Donna interrupted Wayne, "This time, we got 30 thousand dollars from Claude, promising to bring Audrey back to bear his children. If you kill her, we'll have to compensate him, and he's not someone to mess with!"

"Her life is mine to take. If I want her dead, she has no right to live. That's just how it is!" Wayne yelled at Donna.

He told Audrey, "Call that old man right now. If he doesn't transfer the house to Adam, send us the money, and buy him the car, I'll kill you. You're nothing but a shameless, greedy wretch coveting your brother's inheritance!"

Wayne's voice was sinister and nasty. He sounded as vicious as Audrey remembered him being when he beat her and her mother in the cellar, a stark contrast to the usual façade of kindness he showed will be consequences!"

Having obtained the recording she needed, Audrey decided not to engage with her family further. She hung up the phone.

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 22-The Yeomans family was undeterred. They called again.

Audrey blocked the number, turning her attention to organizing the various pieces of evidence she had kept as a precaution against the Yeomans family.

The Yeomans family huddled together, cursing and fuming in a hotel room. They conspired to align their stories.

"That wretch. She's just like her heartless mother! A shameless dog! She's just after our Adam's inheritance!" Donna seethed with hatred.

She added, "Adam, you need to make a good impression on the show tomorrow. You must connect with your grandfather at all costs. We can't let Audrey take advantage of you!"

"She thinks she has grown strong, and dares to threaten me with prison! Well, I'm her real father. I gave her life. We'll see what laws I break if I kill her!" Wayne spat. His face contorted with anger.

Wandaflower was the name the Yeomans family used for Audrey's birth mother, Wayne's wife.

Women abducted to Sayeno Town were sent there to bear children, and no one cared about their real names.

Upon learning that her name was “Wanda Lambert“, Wayne always called her Wandaflower.

“I couldn’t bring Audrey back when she was 12. Now that she’s grown stronger, how could she willingly return with us to Sayeno Town? Wayne, you’ve taken money from Claude. If Audrey doesn’t return, explaining this to Claude won’t be easy

“She wouldn’t dare!” Wayne shouted, trembling with rage.

“Her nude photos were plastered everywhere. We’ll spill the beans on the show tomorrow! Then everyone will know she took off her clothes for money at Sheysea University. She’ll have no choice but to return and marry Claude.”

The next day at 12:30 pm, Audrey headed to the Sheysea TV station armed with her evidence.

Before the show started, she spoke to Ryan on the phone then met the host, Ian.

At 2:00 pm, the show recording began.

The studio was packed with an audience.

The show was already popular, and the recent incident involving Amelia and Aunt Anne at the airport. had heightened interest even further.

As usual, the host, Ian, started with a brief introduction before inviting the Yeomans family to share their story.

Donna began to cry as she listened to Adam. She lamented her hardships and swore that she had never been a cruel mother-in-law.

“Adam’s mother was treated like royalty in our house. We never let her do any chores. When she was indisposed, I took care of her, feeding her myself. But she abandoned her child and ran away because we were too poor.”

Adam’s aunt quickly consoled Donna. Her eyes were red with emotion.

Meanwhile, as Ian had planned, Audrey sat in the makeup room backstage. She was utterly unfazed, watching the family's performance on screen.

"How infuriating! How can a woman be so heartless, abandoning her child just because the family is poor!"

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 23-"The threshold to become a parent in this world is too low. It's too difficult for the children if people choose to give birth but don't raise the child." The audience sympathized with the "honest and simple" Yeomans family, expressing their anger.

old. Don't you resent her?" told me that my mom didn't marry my dad willingly. My dad borrowed 30 thousand dollars to 'acquire' my mom as his wife.

"Even though grandma and dad were kind to her, my mom had no feelings for my dad and didn't want to stay in that place. I understand her, but it's been hard growing up without a mom. I really miss her. I want to meet her and ask why she didn't want me." "What? They acquired her to be his a wife?" "Is this about human trafficking or a marriage arranged by her paternal family?" "Could it be an arranged marriage?" "Even it was arranged, the child is innocent." Waiting to appear on the other side of the stage, Anne heard the audience's discussion. She was so infuriated that her eyes reddened.

She couldn't help but burst out, "Why don't you tell everyone that Wanda was trafficked and sold to your family!" Staff members quickly escorted Anne away.

The revelation stirred the audience.

"What? This young man's mother was trafficked?" "Oh dear. Women who are trafficked often meet tragic fates!" "It's no wonder she ran away! My goodness! Who wouldn't run in that situation?" A child born to a trafficked woman seeking his mother was the explosive highlight and topic Ian wanted for the episode.

because of this. He's realized his mistake over the years in jail. He's here today to see my mom and apologize to her for his ignorance of the law back then.

He's deeply remorseful." Wayne spoke timidly, "It was my mistake, I admit. I've served time in prison as atonement. But the child is innocent!"

In the studio, the recorded phone conversation with Dr. Harrison began.

Dr. Harrison recalled the trafficked woman vividly, "The injuries on her body, both new and old, were heart-wrenching. Her leg was broken, and her mental state was very poor.

"She eventually died on the operating table due to excessive bleeding. Her mother begged me on her knees to save her daughter, offering any amount of money.

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 24-Dr. Harrison's voice was still laden with sighs even now.

He sighed and spoke, "The patient's father got on his knees, begging me to save their daughter at any cost. He feared his wife wouldn't survive if their daughter didn't.

"Sadly, despite the surgery, the patient didn't make it. Later, I heard that the patient's mother also passed not long after her daughter. Truly a tragic tale." The recording stopped there.

mother has indeed passed away, just as your mother's friend, Anne, said. Today, we've invited her to the show. We ask Anne to share Wanda's story with us." The crew escorted an emotional Anne to the center of the stage. She sat down and recounted how she and Audrey's birth mother escaped Sayeno Town with Audrey's help.

She described how they had panicked in front of the police station, which had led to a fall and hospital admission, where Wanda bled to death.

The audience murmured with sympathy.

"I told them Wanda was gone, but they wouldn't believe me!" Anne said anxiously. Just as she was about to reveal how the Yeomans family had used Audrey to threaten her, she stopped. She was afraid of implicating Audrey. She abruptly shut her mouth.

were close back in Sayeno Town, and you left together. You must have her contact details! The child just wants to see his birth mother, sister, and grandfather.

so heartless and keep them to us? Otherwise, we wouldn't have to air our dirty laundry on this show!" at what kind of woman she's become. Drugging people, climbing into their beds, her nude photos plastered everywhere..." Donna became more agitated as she spoke, "We never should have let Audrey go. If she'd listened to me, she would've been married and had kids by now.

She wouldn't be causing all this trouble!" "You're lying! Audrey is the best child in the world! She's a top student at Sheysea University! When you heard Audrey had helped her mom escape, you wanted to kill her!" Anne defended.

Her emotions ran high as she continued, "You're the one who said girls are a loss! You said you'd give Audrey to me for 20 thousand dollars!" <sup>2/3</sup> The normally timid Anne and the Yeomans family started arguing fiercely on stage.

The show's crew loved the intense conflict. They focused the camera on Donna's face.

Donna stood up. She spat vile, twisted words, "Shut the hell up! Audrey left with her mom. We had to give her to her mother! Who took your 20 thousand dollars? Show us the proof!

"You turned a good girl into a shameless, loose woman who sells herself for money. How will she ever get married now? Why doesn't God see this!" The audience frowned at Donna's filthy words. They couldn't believe a grandmother would speak of her granddaughter like that.

Anne argued, unable to contain her anger. Donna lunged at her, pulling at her hair. The stage descended into chaos.

Two and a half hours later.

Holding a tearful Anne, Audrey walked out of the Sheysea TV station building.

Behind them, the Yeomans family created a hysterical scene, adamantly protesting the show's broadcast.

“You must be in cahoots with that despicable Audrey!” Donna yelled, “If you dare broadcast this, I’ll jump off the building of Sheysea TV Station! Even if I die, I won’t let you bastards off the hook.”

Aunt Anne nodded vigorously and took out a card from her pocket. She pushed it into Audrey’s hand and said, “Take this money. The PIN is your birthday. It’s always good to have money on a journey.” Worried Audrey might refuse, she added, “If you don’t use it all, just give it back to me when you come home! I don’t want to hold you back in Cloudmill. It’ll give me peace of mind if you have more money,” Audrey took the bank card and smiled at Anne. “Okay, I’ll take it.” “Audrey, you’re not at fault here. You’re the kindest and best child in the world!

Without you, your mother and I…”

“I know, Aunt Anne.”

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 25-“Okay, okay, enough talking! Go now! Harper and I will wait for you to come home. When you’re back, I’ll make your favorite chicken lasagna and egg salad,” Anne said, wiping away her tears with the back of her hand.

As she watched Audrey get into the cab and drive away, Anne clutched the photo of Audrey and Nathan in her pocket. Audrey’s life had been so hard. Anne felt she needed to do something for her.

Audrey had already packed her bags before heading to the TV station that morning. She left the villa and took a cab to the train station.

Her Instagram pinged with a follow request. The message read: “Audrey, you’ve got guts! Just your wait!” Her brows furrowed as she rejected the request.

She closed the app and then pulled up Ryan’s profile on PayPal. She transferred him the money for the hospital and clothes.

When she didn’t receive a response from him, she sent him a message on WhatsApp, “Mr. Lambert, I’m leaving for Cloudmill tonight. Thank you for your care.” Ryan replied quickly, “Stay safe.” “Please accept the money,” Audrey typed.

The WhatsApp chat was quiet.

Audrey thought Ryan was probably busy with work. She locked her phone screen and gazed out the window.

She was leaving the city she had lived in for years. She had come to the city because of Nathan. Now, as she left, it was time to let go of everything and start anew.

Audrey sent a message to Anne, reminding her to let her know once she got home the next day.

The high-speed train from Sheysea to Cloudmill started moving.

Audrey looked at the time on her phone and noticed another Instagram follow request had popped up on the screen.

The message was from Nathan.

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 26-Audrey was momentarily stunned. Her eyes grew tight and uncomfortable.

She didn't accept the friend request. Instead, she replied, "I have no need for the scarf. Please throw it away. Thank you.!"

She locked her phone screen again, and leaned her cheek on her hand as she gazed out the window.

The pitter-patter of raindrops hit the glass, illuminated by the lights outside.

They highlighted Audrey's indifferent features and the bandage around her forehead.

In the years since waking up from the accident, she thought she was chasing the love of her youth and all the happiness in her life.

But it seemed someone like her was never going to attain happiness in life. She had kept up the promises she'd made for two years and was truly tired now.

From this day forward, she had to live for herself.



She was grateful to have survived the car accident.

Life was short. Beyond Nathan, she had Anne, Harper, her passions, and her beloved studies.

The high-speed train began to accelerate, carrying Audrey past the blurred lights of Sheysea under the rain.

Sheysea, the city that had been her life for several years, held her past loves and all her friends. The rapidly moving train was leaving the city and its inhabitants far behind.

Nathan stared at Audrey's response on his phone, motionless for a long time.

Her overly polite and distant reply unsettled him. Frowning, he stared at the screen, lost in thought.

"Nathan, I toast to you! If it hadn't been for your money sorting that woman out, I wouldn't be free now." Charles raised his glass to Nathan. He downed its contents in one gulp. "I can't mess with Ryan, but this was too insulting! He's just a foster son of the Lambert family... Why is he so arrogant?" "Even though he's a foster son, you can't deny his luck. Everyone in the circle knows he's the true heir of the Lambert family," someone cautioned Charles.

"Forget it. Ryan isn't someone we can afford to offend." Charles didn't respond. He took another drink.

"You're late to the scene so you don't know. Audrey's birth mother and Ryan are relatives. In the years Ryan wasn't in Sheysea, he still looked out for Audrey.

You drugged Audrey. Do you think Ryan would let you off?" Lucas poured Charles more wine and continued, "From now on, stop messing with Audrey. You'll regret it if you drag Amelia into this." Charles's eyes darkened with malice.

He couldn't provoke Ryan... couldn't touch Audrey... Was he really powerless against a mute?

He had to vent this frustration somehow.

The club was designed in an antique style. Each room had a private courtyard attached.

He texted Amelia a reminder to take her medicine and rest.

Nathan looked up.

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 27-Lucas passed a cigarette to Nathan and sat down beside him.

Nathan accepted the cigarette and asked, "What kind of person is Audrey?" Lucas turned his head to look at Nathan with a curious expression as he shielded the flame of his lighter with one hand. "Ever since Audrey woke up, anyone who mentioned her to you got the cold shoulder. Why the sudden interest? Did you remember something?" "I'm just worried she'll come back to cause trouble," Nathan replied, trying to hide his embarrassment. He lit his cigarette and added, "I have no memory of her and don't understand her character. It's been bothering me." "You're worrying unnecessarily," Lucas said calmly, exhaling a cloud of smoke.

"Audrey, despite her humble origins, has always been proud and aloof. In my memory, she'd always been someone who sticks to her words, especially when it came to you... "How so?" When Nathan pressed him for more, Lucas didn't immediately answer. He looked at Nathan with a complicated expression. "Nathan, now that you're divorced from Audrey, as you wanted, stop dwelling on your past with her. If you want to have a good relationship with Amelia, look forward." He watched as Nathan frowned and smoked in silence. Lucas suddenly straightened his back and asked, "Be honest... did you remember something?" "No," Nathan replied. He looked down and flicked the ash off his cigarette. He denied it stubbornly, "I'm just concerned she might play tricks. I'm afraid she'll come back and affect me and Amelia." Lucas thought carefully about Audrey's demeanor and actions when she got her certificate. He confidently replied, "From my understanding of Audrey, she completely let go the day she went to get the divorce certificate with you." "Really?" Nathan bit his cigarette, exhaling a thin mist. His gaze dropped to his phone, muttering, "That's good." "I heard from Amelia's cousin, Charles, that you let slip to the Yeomans family that Audrey was in Sheysea University?" Lucas asked, fiddling with his lighter.

Nathan remained silent. He had, indeed.

That happened about a month and a half before he and Audrey were drugged and ended up together.

Tired of Audrey's persistence, and Amelia's insistence on waiting for him to remember his " thought of the Yeomans family.

Initially, all he'd wanted was for the Yeomans to take Audrey away from Sheysea, to trap her in Sayeno Town forever.

past, he Unexpectedly, the Yeomans assumed Audrey's maternal grandfather was funding her education. So, they set their sights on her grandfather's wealth and contacted the "Looking for Family" show.

"After the show was recorded, the family caused a scene outside the Sheysea TV station. That old woman even threatened to jump off the building, accusing the show of bullying them and colluding with Audrey," Lucas recalled with a frown.

He continued, "They even did a livestream earlier. They publicly revealed Audrey's information and ordered netizens to attack her online. Luckily, the livestream was shut down.

Nathan's head snapped up upon hearing this.

"Actually..." Lucas took a long drag of his cigarette, gathering his courage. He continued, "I didn't tell Audrey the whole truth that day at the hospital." Nathan's lips moved slightly. "What truth?"

Nathan looked shocked.

But if it was indeed Jen who drugged Hugo. Everything made sense. He really had misunderstood. Audrey.

Lucas looked earnestly at Nathan through the drifting smoke.

He said, "So, it's time to let Audrey go."

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 28-"Looking for Family" was recorded on Wednesdays and broadcast at 8:00 pm on weekends on Sheysea TV and various online platforms.

The episode was already highly anticipated a few days prior because a guest had accidentally pushed Amelia down the stairs. Then, the topic of a child trafficked woman searching for his mother. had sparked immense public interest.

The comments on the episode on three major video websites exceeded all previous episodes Audrey, however, wasn't concerned about these developments.

On Friday, she met the gentle and scholarly Professor Diego Douglas.

Diego disclosed the confidential details of the project. After she signed a non-disclosure agreement, he personally guided her around the laboratory, introduced her to a few senior colleagues, and even escorted her to the entrance of the building.

"Our lab is often tight on time and manpower. We might need to spend weekends here. For now, you familiarize yourself with everything. You'll officially join us after New Year's Eve." "Okay," Audrey responded.

After discussing business, Diego inquired about Audrey's well-being. "How are you finding Cloudmill?" "It's very nice," she replied, smiling. She thanked Diego. "The day before yesterday, Justin picked me up from the station. Thank you for arranging the single dormitory for me." "That's what we should do," Diego spoke kindly, "If you hadn't had that accident and been bedridden for two years, Professor Winston would have already applied for you to pursue a PhD. But no worries, we'll take it slow. As long as you're awake, there are endless possibilities." Audrey understood what Diego meant. She nodded gratefully.

"In a few days, another student will return from abroad, and our project team will be complete," Diego explained as his phone rang.

He checked it and continued, "Justin mentioned you haven't added him on WhatsApp. Remember to add him later so he can add you to the group. He'll help you with life and study matters. If you have any difficulties, go to him." "Okay. I got it, Professor." Diego patted her shoulder earnestly, "Work hard, Audrey! Focus on the project.

Your brain was made for scientific research, not to be trapped in romantic affairs." Diego knew about Audrey and Nathan's past.

Everyone had thought the once promising genius had fallen into a vegetative state forever, only for her to wake up. But instead of rejoicing, she had wasted two years on a man.

Diego thought it was a tremendous waste of Audrey's intellect and talent.

"Yes!" Audrey nodded. "Don't worry, I was too stubborn before. My mind is clear now."

In his years in education, Diego had seen many geniuses but only a few lamentable cases. Audrey was one of them.

Fortunately, Audrey had escaped death and was now clear-headed in love. She was sure to achieve great things.

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 29-"The professor is footing the bill tonight to welcome our new colleague!" Justin announced as he passed menus around with a beaming smile.

"Wow, the professor must be thrilled to have Audrey join us! He's being so generous!" Azure Lane, another colleague, handed the menu to Audrey.

She urged, "Audrey, go ahead. Take advantage of the professor's generosity!

He's not usually so generous!" "Let's order the surf and turf platter. Audrey can't have anything too spicy because of her injury," Azure advised as she studied the menu.

The restaurant buzzed with lively chatter, filled with mouth-watering aromas and bustling waiters. As customers entered, they were greeted with a hearty, "Welcome!" in fluent Cloudmillese.

Amidst constant laughter, Audrey's colleagues told her amusing tales of how Professor Diego had been scouting talents over the years.

Surrounded by the lively, everyday bustle, warmth began to fill Audrey's eyes.

As Audrey and her colleagues were enjoying the lively dinner, the "Looking for Family" episode aired on satellite TV and major online platforms at 8:00 pm.

The episode played on the television in the restaurant.

The number of viewers on the online platforms rose continuously.

Audrey's colleagues glanced up at the TV as they ate.

people in the restaurant gasped in shock.

"My God, his mother was trafficked!" Azure exclaimed in surprise.

She frowned, "If she was trafficked, of course she had to run! That old lady was saying she was nice to her daughter-in-law, who left because she despised poverty. But is being trafficked the same as despising poverty?" Even Justin couldn't help but feel indignant, "If they knew his mother was trafficked, why go on the show to look for her?" Soon, the hashtag #ShouldAChildBornToATraffickedWomanSearchForTheirMother started trending.

Audrey ate quietly as her new colleagues were engrossed in the show.

On the show, Donna tearfully portrayed Audrey as a troublemaker, alleging she had failed to marry, had drugged someone due to a lack of male companionship, and was involved in a nude photo scandal.

Anne and Donna engaged in a heated argument, each adamantly asserting their own views on Audrey's character. Anne insisted that Audrey was a good person.

"Who posted the photos? Was it that guy?" Justin asked, furrowing his brow.

"Hmm..." Audrey mumbled, reaching for a napkin to wipe her mouth.

"Why would he do that?" Azure asked, puzzled. "Was it just to show off?" "It's because the boy had feelings for another girl. When his beloved heard about the incident, she was planning to leave the country. So, he posted the photos at someone else's advice," Audrey explained.

When she talked about the incident, it no longer caused her the heartache it once did.

Meeting The One For Me Chapter 40-When he saw Ryan's deep eyes looking at him, Julian switched off the tablet.

Despite the pressure Ryan was putting on him, he continued in a serious tone, “Your status is special. Mr. Lambert Senior didn’t want you to have any further contact with Audrey. But you’ve disobeyed him many times for her over the years. You even supported the Franklin Group for her.

“Mr. Lambert Senior is already very unhappy. If you don’t obey his arrangements regarding your marriage, I’m afraid it’ll be tough for you to take over the Lambert Corporation in the future.” Ryan had helped Audrey discreetly despite the pressure from his grandfather, but never said anything about it. If Audrey was the daughter-in-law of the Franklin Group, she could help Ryan in the future.

But now, Audrey had no idea how much Ryan helped her. Not to mention, if Audrey couldn’t bear Ryan’s kindness any longer, she wouldn’t help him after she got divorced.

“Get out,” Ryan ordered coldly.

Julian pursed his lips. He knew he couldn’t persuade Ryan, so he apologized and left the study.

... When Audrey arrived at the door of Anne’s small store in Eastville, she found Harper ringing up a customer’s purchase. She was wearing a light-blue down jacket and having her hair tied up in a high ponytail.

Harper’s homework also sat on top of the glass cashier’s desk. She carefully placed the customer’s snacks in a plastic bag and calculated the total amount on a calculator. She accepted the ten dollar note, then handed the necessary change to the customer with a smile.

When Harper saw Audrey, she hurriedly walked out from behind the desk. Even if she noticed that Audrey wasn’t carrying a suitcase, she didn’t question it.

Harper took Audrey’s cold hand and walked into the shop. There was a heater behind the desk, and it was warm inside.

Harper was tall and thin. She gestured for Audrey to warm herself near the heater. Then, she poured out a mug of hot water and gave it to Audrey.

Harper had watched the “Looking For Family” program on Friday night and she was very worried about Audrey.

In Harper's eyes, Audrey was the best. The host had teased the recording in next week's episode, but she had a feeling that there had to be a reversal.

Audrey was definitely going to expose the evil Yeomans family.

Audrey took the mug and asked, "I thought you had hired someone to work at the store. Why are you here?" Harper had no hearing problems. They took her to the hospital when she was little.

2/2 The doctor said that her vocal chords were fine. They deduced that she'd probably gone through some psychological trauma when she was younger, which rendered her unwilling to talk.

However, Harper didn't want to receive therapy and refused to see the psychologist.

Therefore, Anne insisted on sending Harper to a normal school. She wanted Harper to get more contact with other children and hoped that she would speak one day.

Harper moved her hands, saying, "It's 100 dollars a day for Mom to hire Aunt Mary to work at the shop. I'm free on the weekends. I can mind the store.

Where's Mom?" At the mention of Anne, Audrey gripped the mug tightly and her eyes were sore.

She looked down and couldn't hold back her tears.

Harper had a premonition. Her face turned pale instantly. She stood still and clenched her fists.

Harper's eyes widened then burst into tears.

"What happened to Mom?" Harper signed.

"Aunt Anne was in a car accident and didn't make it. They're delivering her body here."

She grabbed Audrey's clothes and shook her. She didn't understand why a good person like her mother was in a car accident.

Anne had a miserable life. She hadn't waited until Harper and Audrey had become successful to live at good life.



Anne hadn't heard her speak. Anne hadn't heard her call her Mom...