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The butler answered the call almost immediately, "Hello!"

"Mr. Korbin, I am Joanna Haynes. I am looking for Mrs. Margaret!"

"Please hold on."

Margaret was undergoing physiotherapy at that moment. Korbin handed the phone to her and said, "Mrs. Margaret, it is from Miss Joanna Haynes."

"What's the matter?" asked Margaret before answering the call. "Hello, Joann!"

Joanna hesitated for a few seconds before going straight to the point, "Grandma, I would like to... I would like to bring the kids back!"

"They are fine here. You don't have to worry about them."

"Grandma, I heard that you are going to change their names. Is that true?" asked Joanna tentatively.

"Yup, it is true. They are members of the Everett family after all. How could they follow your surname, Haynes?"

"Grandma, I am going to bring the kids back first. As for the matter regarding changing names, we will talk about it another day..."

Before Joanna could finish her words, Margaret rejected her suggestion directly, "That's impossible! They are the children of the Everett family. How can

we let them wander around outside?"

"They are my children, Grandma!"

"Joanna, thank you so much for bearing these three children for the Everett family.

"However, we have very few people in the Everett family. Now, with the addition of these three children. It represents the future of the Everett family!

"I know you are capable. But, you lack experience in educating children. The Everett family is the best environment to raise them and let them grow up healthily if you let them stay!"

Joanna became more anxious upon hearing what Margaret said, "Grandma, you can't do this! No matter what, these three children belong to me!

"I will educate and raise them myself. You don't have to worry about this. If you want to see the children, I will let them see you anytime you want!

"However, you can't let them stay with the Everett family forever. You can't change their names too!"

On the other end of the call, Margaret said with despise, "Joann, I acknowledge that you are the mother of the children. So, you could come over to the Everett mansion to visit your children anytime you want!"

She continued. "However, the children could not stay by your side. They will become the successor of the Everett family in the future. Hence, they have to stay at the Everett mansion. Only then they could be raised in the best environment."

"Grandma, how could you make such a decision..."

Before Joanna could finish her words, Margaret interrupted her directly and said, "I am doing physiotherapy now. Talk to you later!"

"Regarding the children's matter, if you don't agree to it, you may talk to my lawyer!"

Margaret had already made herself clear over the phone. No matter what, she had to keep the children with the Everett family!

"Hello! Hello!" Joanna shouted twice anxiously.

the call directly as soon as she finished

Joanna was stunned!

to

in doing things she wanted. After she had made up her

was to look for Bruce and discussed it with

looked at Bruce

scene. He stood up hurriedly and

the children with the Everett

eyes upon hearing it. They were his children, they had

stubborn woman. Hence, no one could force her into doing something she did not

a gentle

"They are my children. How could she decide on

then continued. "With consideration that she is old, I am already kind enough to let the children accompany

it does not mean that I am sending the children to the Everett family for good! Who

arms and intended to hug her, "Joanna, please don't be so agitated.

about this

hug. She was so

she survived the past four

family have the right to

you can't take away the children from me! They are my life. I will fight till the end if anyone wants to

Then, he comforted her and said, "I know, I know. Don't be so angry

likes the children so much that she decided to do so! No matter what,

her act had

anxious, Joanna. Let me go back and talk to her!"

will not let Grandma do this to the children!" said Bruce

from you!" Bruce comforted Joanna. However, he already had something else

at Bruce in

sure? Do not lie to me, okay? I hate it when people

he coaxed

mother. You are the closest and most important person to the

Bruce.

stay with the Everett family too instead of taking the children away from the Everett family.

said, Joanna managed to calm herself

at that moment. She still needed him to donate his bone marrow to save Lilia!"

only think of a way to get her children back after Lilia's

it. Lilia's illness is the most important to deal with right now," said Bruce as he cuddled Joanna

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

vibrated

at it. It

to answer a

"Alright"

kissed her forehead. Then, he turned around and walked out of the

"Hello, Grandma."

"Bruce!"

the matter, Grandma?"

back home tonight? I have something to tell

slightly upon hearing it, "Alright then. In fact, I have something

early

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Suddenly, Margaret seemed to have thought of something. Her expression froze as she said, "By the way..."

"Bruce, are you going to donate your bone marrow to her daughter?"

"Yes!" Bruce nodded subconsciously.

"I already know about the child's health condition."

"And then?" Bruce asked in confusion.

Margaret breathed a sigh of relief as she said earnestly, "I do not recommend you donate your bone marrow to her!"

Bruce was stunned and speechless. He looked at Margaret with disbelief.

Margaret took a deep breath slowly and said, "Donating bone marrow is harmful to the human body. I am worried that it will cause damage to your body!"

"No, it won't. Donating bone marrow is not harmful to the human body..."

Margaret stared at Bruce and said in doubt, "Who said so?"

"Those who said that it is not harmful to the human body are lying. They are afraid that no one is willing to donate the bone marrow if they knew about

it.

"Furthermore, I already know about the child's health condition! Not only that she is suffering from leukemia, but also thalassemia and heart disease!

"There may be various sequelae in the future too. Even if her leukemia is cured, she would still be disabled for life!"

Margaret sighed deeply as she spoke. "She might not be fully recovered even after you donate your bone marrow to her!

"I have already sought advice from the specialist. After the specialist analyze her case, they suggest that it would be better for her to give up on her

treatment!"

Bruce drew his lips together as he frowned and said, "Grandma, how could say so? She is my biological daughter, my flesh and blood! How could I not save her and see her die before me?"

"Bruce, she is the Everett family's flesh and blood too. How could I bear to see her suffer? I want her to be healthy again too.

"However, from a rational point of view, her treatment is insignificant. She would only suffer more if she lives!

“The specialist has said that even if her leukemia is cured, she might need to perform heart transplant surgery in the future.

“Based on her condition, she might not even be able to live till she is seven. Therefore, even if you donate your bone marrow to her, she might only live

for another two to three years at the most!

“So, do you think it is meaningful for you to do so now?” Margaret’s face turned serious after she finished her words.

She would rather give up a sickly person!

Even though Margaret was not a person who favored boys over girls, she was worried that this sickly person would drag her grandson down!

Lilia was suffering from so many kinds of illnesses. Today, she might need someone to donate bone marrow. However, she might need someone to donate a heart for her in the future!

Joanna’s blood type was not a match with Lilia’s blood type so as the rest of them. Only Bruce’s blood type was a match with Lilia’s blood type.

Margaret was afraid that it would be a neverending story for her grandson in the future.

Although Margaret did not bear to see her great granddaughter suffer, she could not bear to see her grandson suffer even more!

Bruce’s face darkened as he stood up and said, “Grandma, I am going to save my daughter no matter what!

“I have not fulfilled my duty as a father ever since she was born. Therefore, I can’t give up on her today. Even if the surgery is not successful, I will still give my best shot.”

again, I will

It is indeed pointless for you to do so. Furthermore, it will be

In the future, you might also need to donate

worried...” Margaret was trying her best to

I am not going to give up on Lilia no matter what!”

turned around and walked away as soon as

seeing such a scene, Margaret choked herself in anger. “Stop right there! Are you trying to drive me

“Grandma...”

pale instantly. She almost

up. “Grandma, are you

were shocked upon seeing such a

mask hurriedly and prepared to give it to
as she panted heavily and said, "Bruce, promise me
not the time to be soft-hearted now! There will be too much trouble in the future! The
"

He said, "I

let

"Yes, Madam!"

her head

"Grandma! Grandma!"

the doctor? Call

Five minutes later.

doctor rushed over

doctor did a thorough checkup

has to be transferred to the hospital overseas for further treatment!

what the doctor said, Bruce said anxiously, "Then we will send Grandma

"Yes, Sir!"

Soon...

their private plane to send

seriously ill now. Of course, Bruce had to tag along with her to take care of

happened so suddenly that Bruce did not have

The next day.

not go to

the hospital for one whole day. However, Bruce was nowhere in sight.

the third day.

was still no news of Bruce.

days and it would be the surgery. Bruce should be staying in the hospital for observation

in sight. It had already been two days since

the fourth day.

anymore. She made a call to Bruce immediately.

Doo!

is temporarily unavailable. Please try
why are you not answering the
made a call to Korbin, the butler of the Everett
of Bruce or Korbin, both their phones could not get through
had no other option
a call to

“Hello, Andy!”

I can help, Miss Haynes?”

“Where is Bruce?”

had gone to Melta!”

Melta? Why is he there?” Joanna’s heart skipped a beat. Somehow, she had a bad feeling
it. He just told us that he had something urgent to attend

he coming

not sure either.”

was stunned upon hearing

he bring the kids

“Bruce! Did you...”

her spine. Hence, she did not dare to think further

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“Joann, what do you plan to do if he does not appear eventually?” Jaydon asked worriedly.

Joanna shook her head in a daze as she said, “I don’t know. My mind is in a mess now!”

Jaydon frowned as he said in pity, “It is such a pity that my blood type does not match Lilia’s blood type.”

“If my bone marrow is a match with Lilia’s bone marrow, I will donate it to save Lilia for sure!”

“Stop, Jay! Don’t say it anymore! ...” Joanna was choking back a sob as she said. She was so lost at that particular moment!

“Let’s wait for a little longer time then! Miracle might happen!”

“I really hope so!”

Joanna continued to call Bruce. If he really did not want to donate the bone marrow, he should at least tell her in person and not went missing just like

that..

If Bruce called her in person to tell her about it, she could at least give up all her hope. But now, the feeling of being swayed by considerations of gain and loss, and hovering between hope and despair were driving her crazy!

Doo! Doo! Doo!

Joanna kept making calls to Bruce, one after another.

However, it was such a pity that none of them got through!

Jaydon said furiously upon seeing such a situation, "We are left with so little time that we don't have enough time to find another match now!"

"Bruce is such a jerk! I did not expect him to be so heartless. How can he not save his own flesh and blood?"

Joanna had given up all her hope. Her phone had run out of battery too. "Jay, please stop talking. My mind is in a mess now. I need some space now!"

Through the glass window...

Joanna saw Lilia lying on the bed weakly. Her hair had been shaved. She looked exactly like a soulless doll now.

Joanna's tears had already dried up. She was so helpless at that moment. She could not do anything at all.

Other than Bruce, she could not think of any other alternatives to save her daughter!

Joanna walked to the window and prayed sincerely upon the starry night sky.

"If possible, I am willing to trade my life for my daughter's life. I beg upon you, Almighty God! Please let my daughter live!"

"Don't worry, Joann. Miracles will happen for sure!"

In just a link of an eye....

It was already Sunday night!

Lilia would need to undergo the surgery tomorrow!

However, Bruce was still nowhere in sight!

The doctor had been urging Joanna on this matter. However, she was still unable to contact Bruce.

In the clinic.

still unable to contact the donor, I am afraid

the doctor in a daze. Her face was as pale as a sheet. She looked so haggard at that moment. She said, "Doctor, is

way?

to save my daughter? Please! Please save my daughter! I beg

became more agitated as she spoke. She grabbed the doctor's hand tightly with

hand out forcefully. Then, he said helplessly, "I am sorry that there is no other way of saving your

contact the patient's father as soon as possible. We could not proceed with the surgery in his

felt so desperate when she walked out of the clinic.

are so heartless, Bruce. Are you going to leave your daughter in the

burst into laughter all of a sudden!

would she expect anything from

been so ruthless. He was so domineering and decisive that he would leave no room

would only be losing a

did not suffer any loss at all! There were so many women out there who were willing to bear a child for him if he was

thought that Bruce would be kind enough to save Lilia taking the account that she was his flesh and

had overestimated him

In the ward.

at Lilia in a daze. Her face was filled with indescribable

as she looked at Joanna and said weakly, "Mommy, does Daddy don't want me anymore?"

a wry smile and tried to comfort her daughter. "Lilia, Mommy will always

and said heartbrokenly, "Mommy, your eyes are swollen and welled up! Did you cry for a

course not! I am not crying." However, before Joanna could finish her words, her

hand and tried her best to wipe the tears off Joanna's

You will be fine and

Could it be that he is unwilling to save me

was so heartbroken upon hearing what Lilia

explain to the child

want the child to suffer from the pain of being abandoned again right before her death!

not. Daddy is very busy. He is dealing with some urgent matters now. That's why he
her eyes lit up. Then, she smiled sweetly
How would she not know the reason why her Daddy went
her Daddy did not want her anymore. That was why
cry. She was afraid that her
a wry smile as she said, "Of course! Daddy and Mommy love
Mommy, Daddy, Davian, and Irvin too!"
covered her eyes and wiped her tears away with her sleeves. Then, she smiled radiantly at her
to do?"
gave it a thought. A few seconds
will buy chocolate for you, a lot of
cannot eat chocolate now because
eat it after I
to you in the past because you will have cavities if you eat too much chocolate. But you are undergoing
surgery soon, so you can have as many as you
smiled as she said with her eyes welled up. But, she could only swallow her tears..
gone missing!
take the risk
marrow, Lilia was tantamount to a death
was try her best to fulfill her daughter's
fulfill all of Lilia's wishes before her
you want,
to take a family portrait with Daddy, Mommy, Davian, and Irvin!" said Lilia
having such a
in the television program. So, I want to
and Irvin? Why aren't they visiting me?"
upon

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Bruce rushed back hurriedly.

He did not even bother to return home. He rushed to the hospital directly as soon as he touched down. However, the moment he entered the ward, he happened to see Joanna in Jaydon's arms.

Jaydon hugged her tightly in his arms as if he was the only man she could rely on!

It seemed that the three of them looked more like a family!

As for him, he was only a bone marrow donor, an absolute stranger to them!

Bruce felt so heartbroken upon seeing such a scene!

Bruce stood outside the ward. He did not go into the ward.

"Joanna, in the end, you still choose Jaydon instead of me. Aren't you?"

"You came to me just to ask me to donate bone marrow to save our daughter!"

"After Lilia recovers from her illness, will you throw yourself into Jaydon's arms again?"

Bruce flew into a fit of rage instantly.

In the end, he turned around and walked away!

The next day.

Bruce still did not show up!

Joanna has been in the abyss of despair. Her heart was so wretched now.

She had packed everything early in the morning and proceeded with the discharge procedures. She was preparing to take her daughter out of the hospital.

Since her daughter was left with not much time, she wanted to spend more time with her daughter through the last moment of her life!

"Lilia, Mommy is taking you out of the hospital today!"

"Didn't you like the dolphins in Ocean Park? Mommy is going to bring you there later. After that, we are going to eat burgers, ice cream, and fried chicken. Is that okay for you?"

Children seemed to like all this food. Weren't they?

In the past, her daughter was sick!

Therefore, she did not dare to let her daughter eat all this junk food. But now, her daughter was dying soon. She did not want to deprive the last joy of her daughter!

"Mommy" kilia wanted to say something. However, she swallowed her words again.

"What's wrong?"

"Could you go out for a while?"

Joanna was stunned and speechless. She looked at Lilia in confusion.

Lilia gave it a thought for a few seconds before she braced herself and said, "I would like to have a private conversation with Mr. Grimm."

"Alright! I will be waiting for you outside!" said Joanna as her eyes welled up. She took a glance at Jaydon before she left the ward.

"Lilia, what do you want to say to me? I am all ears!" said Jaydon as he bent forward to get closer to Lilia. His eyes welled up as well as he spoke.

Joanna went out

mouth and

I know my

that I am dying soon, but I don't dare to cry. I am afraid that
be very sad after losing me!

I hope that you could comfort Mommy and let Mommy

it anymore. He felt so heartbroken that he burst into

she already knew so many things and was so

not believe that all these words were said by a four

me anymore. That's why

right now! But Mr. Grimm, if you happen to see my Daddy, please tell him that I

Even if he did not save me, I would

feelings upon

said in a serious manner, "Don't worry, Lilia. I

smiled upon hearing it. She said, "I am leaving my Mommy under your care now. I hope that you will

carried Lilia in his arms. At that moment, how he hoped that he was the father of the child!

child, he would donate his bone marrow to her without

at

the hospital now. Is

Lilia replied obediently. Then, she reached out her tiny hand to wipe

would

Outside the ward.

what her daughter said, Joanna burst into tears as she

do wrong in her

did her daughter need to suffer
she committed in her previous life to let him
out of the ward, she said in a sweet voice, "Mommy,
away her tears hurriedly and smiled
Joanna choked with a sob as she put a smile
that it was almost inaudible.

"Alright!"

were about to go

Suddenly...

sounded from behind.

taking the child to?"

when she

turned around to take a look

standing right

in the middle of the corridor, against the light. He seemed to have blocked out all the lights
at the moment. As he had blocked out all the light, his face looked gloomier and cold as if
tall figure seemed to be cast by the sunlight which made people feel dizzy by looking at him.

was pumping fast. It took her quite some time to regain

shouted happily too. "Daddy!"

his eyes darkened. "Lilia is undergoing surgery today. Why didn't you help

of mother are

balance.

spot upon seeing such a

appear right

thought that Bruce, the

here!" said Lilia in a sweet voice. Then, she spread

carried Lilia

my daughter. Not any Tom,

so stunned and speechless. He did not know how to refute all of

knew that you will

Bruce's cheek as she

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"Alright! Hurry up and get into the operating theater!"

Bruce's face darkened instantly as he said, "Are you listening? Tell him to scram immediately and don't stay here anymore. I do not want to see him!"

"Alright, alright! Got it!" said Joanna with her face darkened.

Bruce went into the operating theater.

When Joanna came out and stood in the hospital corridor, Jaydon approached her and asked with concern, "How is it?"

Joanna paused for a second and said awkwardly, "Jay, why don't you go back first?"

"Joann..."

"You know Bruce is petty and has a bad temper. He will go insane again if you stay here."

Jaydon went silent for a few seconds. Then, he smiled at Joanna and said, "Well then. I shall take my leave first. Call me if anything happens!"

"Alright! Got it!"

"I shall leave the factory under your care for the time being."

Jaydon looked at her gently as he comforted her. "Don't worry about the factory. I will make the necessary arrangements accordingly!"

"As for now, Lilia's illness is the most important thing that you have to deal with now. As for the rest, you can leave it to me and don't worry about it."

Joanna nodded. She trusted Jaydon. She could put the company under his care without worrying about anything at all.

"Sorry to trouble you, Jaydon, I will be back to work as soon as Lilia recovers from her illness."

"No hurry. Nothing is more important than Lilia's safety."

Joanna did not say anything further upon hearing it. She just looked at Jaydon deeply.

"Well, I'll make a move first then!"

"Bye!"

Jaydon patted Joanna's shoulder as he turned around and walked out of the hospital!

Indeed, there was no point for him to stay in such a situation.

It would only add more trouble to Joanna if he stayed. At the same time, he would provoke Bruce too.

After Jaydon left the hospital, Miranda and Kelly came to the hospital.

They came to the hospital to accompany Joanna.

Outside the operating theater.

Joanna kept pacing back and forth. She was praying hard for the surgery to be a success.

Miranda and Kelly were so worried too. They kept encouraging Joanna. "Don't worry. Lilia will be fine!"

"That's right! Lilia is such a sweet and obedient girl. Heaven will definitely bless such a good girl."

"Let's hope so!"

Six hours later.

The red light above the entrance of the operating theater went out. The door was finally opened.

The doctor and the nurses came out of the operating theater.

Joanna approached them immediately when she saw them coming out of the operating theater. "How is it, doctor? Is the surgery a success?"

The doctor nodded confidently as he said, "The surgery is a success. Now, we will only have to monitor if there is any rejection!

could schedule the second surgery

so much, doctor!" Joanna

are welcome. It is

the first to be pushed

undergo a few times of bone marrow transplant surgery according to the rejection. This was the early stage. The rest

approached Bruce hurriedly and said with concern, "How are you feeling,

that moment. He lifted his head to look at

sharp and spirited eyes seemed to look a little slack..

looked very weak

tightly. Her eyes were filled

"Where is Lilia?"

still inside!"

"Thank you, Bruce!"

you

for her good. It is the responsibility of a father. It has nothing to do

Joanna. Hence, the words he said were
eyelashes flickered upon hearing what he said.

sacrifice Bruce had made, Joanna decided not

Three days later.

had

was good as well. There was no sign

Joanna had been

the fourth day.

observation, Lilia showed no sign of rejection.

doctor was so glad that everything went smoothly. He said, "We

hearing what the doctor

"Thank you, doctor."

"You are welcome."

looked at the attending doctor gratefully. Finally, she could

the bone marrow donated by Bruce, Lilia's surgery was a

again after the

In the ward.

the bed like a boss while Joanna was feeding him food like a subordinate. Soup, beverages, fruits, and
supplements

at his command.

Joanna was serving a King

the moment with clear consciousness. He did not

not as weak as he looked. He could actually get

the feeling when Joanna took good

still want

am

you want some

"Yup."

to peel

cut the apple into small pieces and
pieces of apples, Joanna sighed all

“Bruce...”

“What’s wrong?”

I am worried about them. Can I bring them home

eyes as he said, “They are fine at the Everett mansion. We’d better wait

it has been so long since I last saw them. I can’t put my mind at ease at all!”

the Everett mansion. You don’t have to

seconds before she frowned and said, “I want to bring

moment. Grandma is still undergoing treatment

out that the kids have been taken away when she is back home, she

the kids forever. They are my children!” said Joanna as her

dissatisfaction.

Bruce had donated bone marrow for her daughter, she would have brought the children

ww

said, “Let’s wait until

about this. Don’t worry. She will not take your children away

must keep your word,

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The Everett mansion’s network was being cut off all of a sudden.

A few minutes later, the power circuit was cut off as well. All electronic devices were out.

The servants were confused. “Sigh! Why is there a power outage all of a sudden? Everything is fine a moment ago.”

“That’s right! The power of the surveillance cameras and electromechanical doors is being cut as well!”

“Oh, crap! This aquarium is thermostatic. I am afraid that the fishes will die during the power outage.”

“Hurry up and close the door of the backyard! The power is out now! Don’t let the animals escape!”

Bruce liked to raise animals ever since young. Therefore, there were a lot of pets in the Everett mansion.

However, Bruce’s pets were not ordinary pets. All of them were ferocious beasts.

There were crocodiles, Tibetan mastiffs, wolves, leopards, and so on.

An independent zoo was built in the backyard. It would be a disaster if the animals escaped during the power outage and hurt someone.

The servants were shocked. This had never happened before in the Everett mansion.

In the past, even if there was a power outage, the backup power would be activated immediately..

But now, the whole mansion's powers were out.

"Go and check on the power circuit and see what's going on!"

"Go over there to check it out! Hurry up!"

"Got it!"

It was absolute chaos in the mansion now. All of the servants ran over to check it out!

Naturally, the two little fellows were being neglected now.

Irvin chuckled, "Davian, it's time. Let's go! Hurry!"

"Okay!"

The two little fellows packed their things into their backpacks, grabbed their backpacks, and sneaked out of the bedroom in stealth.

The Everett mansion was huge. Most of the areas were covered with greenery.

Now that surveillance cameras were down, the two little fellows managed to sneak out of the first electromechanical door smoothly.

The security guard's at the door were busy checking on the power circuit that they did not notice the two kids come out of the fence.

"Be careful, Davian."

"Shh! Don't make any noise! Don't let them catch us."

The two little fellows crouched down as they slipped along the underside of the wall of greenery and walked towards the second electromechanical

door.

There were approximately 500 yards between the first and second electromechanical doors.

In the middle, it was an exquisite inner garden with all kinds of precious flowers.

Now that the surveillance cameras were down, it would difficult to find an adult hiding inside, let alone two little kids.

"Davian, there are three exits here. Which way are we going?"

"There are fewer people here. I guess this must be the back door!"

"Let's take the back door!"

“Okay!”

The two little fellows got out of the second electromechanical door as they walked down a remote path!

That was the back door indeed.

was connected to

a wild bird island that was not open to the public.

little fellows quite sometime before reaching

little fellows flipped over the

you think you could keep us

go home and look for

been so long since we last saw Mommy and Lilia. I

“Me too!”

the

first, the road was

O

they walked, the road became narrower and more difficult to

we going in

can't we see any public transport after walking

He said, “That's right! I find it weird too. We seem to go further and further away. Aren't

too big. Why can't

Let's go further to take a look. There might be a bus stop ahead. If

“Alright!”

continued to

Everett mansion.

problem and managed to restore

it was delayed for more than

is bad! The two young masters are missing!”

servant named Dahlia was delivering the cakes to the two little fellows,

they in the

and a few rooms in the vicinity. But there was

them now!

and ask them to send their men out

Everett mansion was in chaos again. More than a dozen servants were searching everywhere for

One hour later.

little fellows were still

What should

these two kids disappear in such a short time?"

that they have already

young. How could it be possible for them

no! It's over! We will be doomed for sure for losing

we do

do now?

"Ring!"

phone rang all of a sudden.

took out his phone and glanced at it. It was actually a call from the general secretary

"Hello!"

Mr. Everett! Bad

it, Bruce sat upright immediately and asked in a deep tone,

two young masters are missing!"

Boom!

Bruce gasped astonishingly. He

was right beside her, he had to suppress his anxiety and asked in a vexed manner,

control system

that, two young masters are

a cold breath as he got down from the bed and walked to the washroom hurriedly, "Hurry up and send our men to look for them!"

everywhere but they were still

now. He shouted over the phone and said, "I

happens to the kids, all of you shall

“Yes, Sir!”

general secretary hung up the call. He was so frightened that his entire body was trembling in fear. He gathered more people and started the search.

the kids

turned ghastly after coming out

were filled with

sensed something amiss upon seeing his expression. Her heart skipped a beat as she asked,

said Bruce with a

kids were missing for

seeing Bruce speak evasively, Joanna had a bad feeling about it. She

“Nothing! Really nothing!”

speechless. She felt so uneasy when she

right now.

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“Alright!”

The two little fellows walked back along the path they had just taken.

However, the sky was too dark and the mountain was full of greenery that they could not find the way down the mountain!

It was a restricted area where tourists were not allowed to enter. The mountain covered a large area too. Furthermore, it was a wild bird sanctuary

The two little fellows could not find their way out at all.

Suddenly, a big bird flapped its wing and flew with a loud cackling sound. It was so ear-piercing and terrifying!

It sounded so much like the Witch of the Black Mountain appearing out of the blue in the dark.

“Argh!”

“Davian, a ghost!” Irvin was so scared that he burst into tears instantly. He screamed as he hid his head in Davian’s arm.

Davian was freaked out too.

But as Davian was the elder brother, he had to be braver.

“Don’t be scared, Irvin. I will protect you.”

Irvin was so scared that he did not dare to open his eyes. He cried as he said, "Davian, when can we go home?"

Davian looked around and said, "Don't be anxious! It is already dark now. We are unable to find the way back!

"I think we should find somewhere safe first. When the sun rises tomorrow, I am pretty sure that we could find out way home."

"Okay!"

The two little fellows held each other's hands tightly. They dared not run around cluelessly. Hence, they could only grope around in the darkness.

"Look! There is a hole here!"

"Let's go inside!"

"Okay!"

The two little fellows found a place that looked like a cave. Both of them crouched down and crawled into the hole.

In fact, it was an abandoned underground drainage channel.

However, it had already dried up. It was relatively safer for both of them to curl up inside the underground drainage channel.

After entering the underground drainage channel...

It was so dark inside that they could not see anything at all.

"I am so hungry, Davian!" said Irvin. His stomach is growling non-stop right now.

Both of them had not eaten anything for the entire afternoon. They were starving now.

"Bear with it first!"

we had known earlier, we should have packed some food in our backpack when we came out just now."

"How I wish I could eat cakes, chocolates, and the dumplings made by Mommy now Oh yeah! Finger licking drumsticks too!"

Irvin drooled as he spoke.

Davian sighed and said, "Stop talking! The more you talk, the hungrier you will get! Let's get some rest first. We will not feel hungry after we fall asleep!"

sleep,

will not have enough energy to walk tomorrow. We will be able to go home at

had been walking for the whole day. They were so tired, hungry, and sleepy right

now. So, both of them cuddled together to keep each other warm. In fact, it was

channel.

foot of

and Joanna were losing their mind.

find the kids, even if there is a

“Yes, Sir!”

family and the search and rescue team were deployed to search the

anxious at that moment, “I want

and said, “Joanna, you should stay behind and wait for them to return. What if they come home? There should be someone in the house to wait for

I am going to

the kids, I am not going to forgive you for

was in a

his expectation that the kids would be missing in the Everett mansion!

to

were three electromechanical doors. It was impossible for

“Calm down, Joanna!

how the kids could have gone

it is impossible for anyone to enter the mansion and kidnap the kids without being noticed!”

mind was in a mess now. All she wanted to do now was to find the kids as soon as possible. Her brain

the surveillance cameras are down. Otherwise, we would be

“Could it be that Davian and Irvin sneaked

with computers. So, it was not impossible for him to hack into the Everett mansion power circuit control

as he gave it a

little fellow hacked into the Everett Group’s network twice. So, most probably, he was

we have to find

“Davian, Irvin!”

Davian, Master

helicopter flew in

searching around Mount Lance too!

was such
a very good soundproof design. Hence, they could
in a daze when he heard someone calling their names intermittently. "Davian, I think I heard Mommy
continued to sleep. "Hurry up and sleep. You
late now. How would she be here at
it made sense
must have missed his Mommy too much that he even
little fellows then fell asleep
a blink of an
to seven hours
search and rescue team had been searching the whole
doubt that the kids are still in the mountain!"
and so many people are looking for them. If the children
sight on the mountain, then we should search
in the morning.
rescue team and the members of the Everett family
been searching for a day and a night. Since they could not find them on the mountain, it seemed that
the kids were not on
not sleep
bloodshot and she looked exceptionally haggard at that moment.
you, my children?
was so worried that he had stubble on his face. He hugged Joanna's shoulder tightly and said, "Don't be
anxious, Joanna. We will
as she blamed herself. "I hate myself so much!"
let you take Davian and Irvin
my children, Bruce! Give me back my children!"
so guilty at that moment. "As long as the
will definitely bring the children
Soon...

news on the rewards offered

who could provide any leads would be rewarded with 2 million dollars

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Davian's face turned pale from fright. He hurriedly looked around for something that could save Irvin!

Fortunately, there were many dead branches and leaves here!

Davian picked up a long dry branch and stretched it into the stream!

"Irvin, quickly grab this branch. I'll pull you up!"

Irvin bobbed a few times in the water and swam desperately to the branch. He reached out and grabbed the branch.

Meanwhile, Davian was desperately trying to pull him ashore.

After much effort, he finally dragged his brother out!

The two little guys were frightened and their clothes were wet.

"Brother, my clothes are wet."

Davian took off his clothes first. "Take off your clothes and dry them. Otherwise, we'll catch a cold!"

"Okay!"

The two children took off their clothes..

Greyport was a southern city. Although there was no winter, it was close to December and the weather was still very cold.

The two little guys shivered from the cold and kept twisting the water on their clothes with their little hands.

"Let's hurry back to the mountain path!"

"Okay!"

It was very dangerous by the stream.

Although the two children could swim, there were still underground rivers and swamps below in such a rapid stream. If they fell into it, they would definitely not survive!

The two little guys climbed up the mountain path one step at a time.

"Brother, look, there are so many oranges!"

There were a few orange trees beside the mountain path!

There were tons of oranges on the trees.

Davian frowned and glanced at it. "This kind of wild fruit can't be eaten, right?"

Irvin was already starving. He reached out and plucked a few. "I can't care less. Let's eat some first!"

As he spoke, Irvin peeled an orange and put it into his mouth.

He chewed on it a few times and then he spat it out again.

"Pfft, why is this orange so sour?"

"Don't eat randomly. it'll be troublesome if you get a stomachache!"

Irvin threw away the orange in his hand. His little round face was filled with gloom. "Sigh, if I had known that we would get lost, I wouldn't have come out

in the first place!"

"Look at us now. We can't go back even if we want to!"

"Davian, if they find out that we're missing, will they come looking for us?"

Davian's face turned a little serious. "Definitely!"

Irvin rubbed his arms which were covered in goosebumps and muttered, "Mommy, I miss you so much. Did you come back to look for us?"

"Let's go and look over there!"

"Davian, I'm so tired!"

When we cross this mountain, we should be able to reach

we'll definitely be able to get a

little guys had no idea that this was a wild bird sanctuary. There would be no one

direction. The further they went, the deeper

the Haynes's house.

she saw the news

those two

saw the news, she hurriedly ran downstairs with

look at

was pushing her face with the beauty apparatus. She then

two children are missing!"

beauty apparatus in her hand and took the phone

news of Joanna looking for her children was

and said happily, "Well, this is retribution!"

how come the children has disappeared all of a
That's what that bitch gets for taking Bruce from you!
"Serves her right!
children can never return. Let's see what else she can use
do
her eyes widened. "I would need the ability to do it even if I
as
say anything else. She then ran upstairs with her phone.
a big incident happening in the Everett family,
make a call to ask
Beep, beep, beep!
Bruce's phone rang
at the phone and picked it
"Hey!"
"Hey, Bruce!"
"What is it?"
just saw the news. I heard that the
you have any leads?" Bruce's voice
missing was because of
was related to the Haynes family this time,
just concerned about the children.
up! It's best if the children's disappearance has nothing
anything to
to say anything more to Roxanne and just hung
"Hey..."
hung up
and analyzed
with surveillance cameras at the foot of the mountain.
the children must have gone up the

still be on the

go up the mountain to look again.

“Joanna, we’ve already searched the mountain many times. It’s impossible for them
mountain!”

most likely on the

the foot of the mountain. They didn’t

people to search

Bruce heard this, he also felt that it

Bruce organized a second

the

two little

an animal that looked like a wild dog and a wild wolf

fangs and glared fiercely at the two little

fear. “Davian, what is

he did not dare to move. “Don’t move. It

are there wolves

around. No matter if it’s a wolf or

gulped and asked nervously, “Then what should we

a book that when you encounter wolves in the

above our heads! We have to make ourselves look

“Ah!”

pretend to be calm and raised their hands high to make themselves look as tall as possible!

wild dog was

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Although there were no large ferocious beasts on the mountain, the number of wild dogs and stray cats was enough to pose a threat to the lives of two four-year-old children.

It was not certain that the child had died, but it was certain that the child had an accident on the mountain.

“Davian, Irvin...” Joanna burst into tears.

Bruce also sucked in a breath of cold air. His heart was like dead ashes. "Hurry up and search. No matter what, I want to see them alive or dead!"

"Okay!"

The bodyguards began to scatter and surround the mountain for a new round of search and rescue.

"Don't cry. It might not be what you think!" Bruce comforted Joanna.

"Bruce, I really hate you!" Joanna blamed herself and was so worried that she broke down.

"The children will be found!"

Joanna wiped her tears, mustered her courage, and continued her search!

Now was not the time to complain. She had to quickly find the children's whereabouts!

The search went from the morning to the evening.

Just as everyone was about to give up....

Finally, there was a faint light in a corner of the mountain.

"Is someone living there?"

"I think so. Let's head down and take a look."

Joanna and Bruce felt a glimmer of hope in their hearts. They hurriedly ran along the mountain path toward the light.

At the foot of the mountain, a simple hut made of iron and tree branches appeared.

There was a light in the room. Although it was very dim, it was still quite eye-catching at night.

This was also the northernmost part of the mountain. Two days ago, the search and rescue team had also come to search. However, at that time, the forest rangers had yet to save the two little fellows, so they could not find them.

Therefore, they did not come to search again today.

Joanna had a feeling that the children were in this room.

Due to the fact that she was running too fast, she tripped over a rock under her feet. "Ouch!"

"Joanna, be careful!"

"Don't worry about me!" Joanna ignored the pain and struggled to stand up.

The two of them had just descended the mountain path and had yet to enter the house to ask.

The two large black dogs pounced over ferociously.

"Woof, wool, woof!"

most afraid of dogs and almost
dog
barked even louder, baring its teeth at the two
anyone
“Creak!”
iron door was pushed open
“Who is it?”
of the house
and he
took pity on him and
few years ago, he had picked up a girl from a garbage dump
here to look for
large black dogs and sized up Joanna and
you looking
you seen two
Joanna eagerly gestured
you to the children?”
are their
his lips and said with a hint of blame, “How can
dangerous to let the children run
eyes flickered. “Does that mean you’ve seen the children,
the house!
patrolling the mountain today. Come in and see if they’re your children.”
Bruce looked at each other. Their eyes were
“Thank you, sir.”
and followed Zack into
house, the three children were sleeping soundly
bodies from tree
Joanna was so excited that she rushed to the bed and

of relief. "Thank goodness the children are safe!"
wake up. We're going home!" Joanna cried as she reached out
burning hot, as if they
that the person standing
it was a dream
and hugged
sob..." After Davian knew that it was not a dream, he burst into
he saw his mommy coming
you
two children tightly in her arms. "Mommy misses you
Do you know that I was worried sick?"
you, but those people
but to sneak out! After that,
would pick us up! Why didn't you pick us up for so many days?
I thought Mommy didn't want
their mommy for so many days. Now that they finally saw
fault. I will never let you two
"Mommy..."
hugged each other and
heart ached! He subconsciously hugged
matter what, he would give the children a complete home.
stop
Don't let the children run out again.
to Zack and thanked him

Chapter 170

After this incident, Joanna was already filled with lingering fear. She blamed herself and her heart ached!

If she hadn't easily agreed to Margaret taking her children away, this wouldn't have happened.

She would learn from her mistakes. No matter how hard it was, she would never be separated from the children again. Especially since Margaret actually wanted to change the children's names,

This was even more unacceptable to her.

"Take us home!"

Bruce's expression turned cold. "No, the children have to stay in the Everett family for the time being!",

"Kody, return to the Everett mansion and send the children back to the Everett family. Inform the people in charge of taking care of the children that if they don't take good care of them, their annual bonus will be deducted!

"If something similar happens again, all of them will be fired!"

"Yes, Mr. Everett!" Kody responded and started the car, driving towards the Everett mansion.

When Joanna heard this, she was even angrier. "Bruce, how could you do this?"

"Stop the car! We're getting out!"

"Joanna, stop messing around!"

"Bruce, you're the one making a scene, okay? They are my children. You have no right to detain my children."

When Bruce heard this, his handsome face darkened and he smiled coldly. "Your children? Well, can you give birth to them without me?"

Joanna was so angry that she choked. She did not want to argue with him. "Stop the car now. We want to get out!"

"Don't stop!"

"Bruce, what do you want?"

"Joanna, I've already said that when Grandma comes back from Melta, I'll persuade Grandma! If you take the child away now, Grandma will be sad if she finds out."

When Joanna heard this, she was so angry that he panted heavily.

He and Margaret were so tyrannical and overbearing. They never cared about the feelings of others.

If it weren't for Lilia's illness, she really didn't want to have anything to do with Bruce anymore!

When Davian heard that they were going back to the Everett family, he immediately hid in Joanna's arms. "Mommy, we want to go home. We don't want to go to the Everett family!"

Irvin also looked aggrieved. "That's right. That house is really too big. It's so scary!"

"We want to go back to our home!"

Bruce's face darkened. "This is your home. You're my son. You should be proud."

Davian's little face turned into a tiger as he roared at Bruce, "You're not our daddy, we don't want to go back with you!"

"Our daddy isn't as bad as you. He won't bully Mommy!"

When Bruce heard this, he was even angrier. "I'll tell you one last time. I'm your daddy, your father! dare to say such nonsense again, I'll beat you up."

his expression was

children were frightened and

him angrily. "Bruce, don't scare the children!"

"Joanna, don't make

Why do you have to make me angry?"

and was so angry that

now, she really couldn't win

attitude, other

way to the

gates, they stopped

get out of the car. He said coldly, "Get

let's not stay here!"

to get out of the car. "Bruce, do

"That's right.

the children stay, or you

difference does it

the difference? You can choose to stay or leave," Bruce said coldly.

long as the children stayed,

in the hospital. There's has to be someone there

children behind and go to the hospital to take care of Lilia!"

her heart ached. Her eyes were filled with anger as she glared fiercely at playfully and returned her gaze calmly.

that he

After a while.

gently, "Davian, Irvin, you guys stay here for a few
with tears in his eyes. "Mommy, we don't want to stay
Joanna's neck. "Mommy, we want to go
off the two little guys' faces. "Listen to me. Your sister is still in the hospital. Mommy has
will
Joanna said this, she did not feel confident at
at the current situation, the Everett family was probably
not take them
her illness yet. He still needed
with Bruce at this crucial
Mommy, please take
hospital to
seen her for so many days. We're also very worried
and couldn't help but sneeze twice.
two little guys had a fever and their bodies
forehead and her tone softened. "Bruce, Davian, and Irvin are sick. They have to go to the
Lilia company! Lilia's illness is quite serious. She misses
seconds and replied without thinking, "Sure! I'll
"Alright!"
topic. "However, they have to stay here tonight!"
the hospital tomorrow
looked at Bruce helplessly. "Bruce, Davian and Irvin have
worry, I'll get the family doctor to come and take a
this, she was powerless to refute. "Alright, I'll
to
with us?" The two children