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However, he had a hard time refusing his daughter...

"Alright, but only for one night." Jason finally sighed, picked up his daughter, and said, "We'll head back to Emerald City tomorrow morning. We can't stay here any longer than that. Mommy and I have a lot of work to do when we go back to Emerald City, do you understand?"

"Got it!" The little head nodded vigorously. Jasper Reed's two small hands wrapped around Jason's neck as she gave him several kisses on his face in gratitude.

Jason was pleased with his daughter's kisses as a smile appeared on the corners of his lips.

Mick Reed curled his lips, not surprised by his father's double standards. When he kissed his father, his father looked disgusted and said it was as if he were kissing himself. He even told him that boys should not kiss too often.

However, his father enjoyed his sister's kisses. Was it because she looked like his mother? He had seen his father kiss his mother many times.

His father kissed a lot too.

When he kissed his mother, his father would look upset.

His father's standards were always changing!

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Jason found the best hotel in Deer City and chose a family suite. It was about 650 square meters and had several rooms. It was very spacious.

The two children played in the room. Grace deliberately avoided the children and said to Jason, "It seems that you don't want Jasper to meet William?"

Jason's expression changed a little but did not hide it from her. "That's true."

"Did you know beforehand that Philip Barlow wasn't going to bring William over today?" Grace asked again.

"I sort of guessed it, but Philip Barlow never told me out loud. If he did, I wouldn't have brought you to Deer City," said Jason as he glanced at the room where the two children were in. "But Jasper has to come here so she can give up. Otherwise, she'll always be thinking about Deer City and William, which is bad."

"Why is it bad to think about them?" Grace asked in confusion.

"It's because the more you think about something, the more you yearn for it. Over time, it'll become an obsession-something you want but can't get. At the end of the day, William is still related to Lily by blood. Speaking of which, the Reed family is considered his enemies. William is still young and might not

be able to do anything lethal, but what about in the future? Who knows what that kid will do when he grows up? It won't be a good thing if Jasper is always thinking about him."

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As Jasper's father, he was trying to chip away his daughter's attachment to William to keep her safe.

"You're thinking too far ahead. Jasper just regards William as a good friend. Children don't know anything else!" said Grace.

"Really?" Jason's eyes glimmered. That might be the case for Jasper, but not... William.

"I brought the boy back to the Reed family hoping he could suffer less. I don't want the previous generation's feud to involve the next generation, but this injustice has hurt William once again." Grace also felt guilty as she thought of it.

The husband and wife chatted casually while the brother and sister in the other room were whispering.

"Really?" Jasper asked quietly.

"Don't worry. I've found out where the Barlow family is. As long as we..." Mick Reed whispered for a while. Then, he said, "It'll work. Do you remember how to use what I gave you?"

"Yes." Jasper nodded her little head and patted her Minnie Mouse backpack. She had kept it inside.

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When the two children unanimously asked to sleep in one room, Grace did not think much about it. After all, since William had left the Reed family, the two siblings often slept together.

Mick said he wanted to comfort his sister too.

Therefore, Grace told the two children bedtime stories and tucked them in. When she saw the little ones slowly closing their eyes, she left the room.

What she did not expect was that the little ones opened their eyes and began to quietly change their clothes after she left the

room.

Jasper began to check her small backpack while Mick Reed connected his phone to the LCD TV in their room. Various software began to bounce on the big screen, and Mick Reed's fingers quickly tapped on his phone.

Moments later, the surveillance screens in the hotel's control room instantly went dark.

"What's going on? Did someone hack the hotel's security system?"

"Hurry and fix it!"

"Does some hacker want to use this as blackmail? Are they asking for money?"

"What do we do? We can't fix it!"

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"How can that be? Isn't this the best security system in Mason Swansonty?"

"Who? Who on earth did this?"

There was a lot of chaos in the hotel's control and computer room. No one expected the culprit to be a six-year-old child.

Grace only noticed that her two children had gone missing half an hour later.

Jason stared at the large LCD screen hanging on the wall of the room where the children had slept earlier. There were codes jumping up and down. His face turned grim.

Only Mick could do such a thing!

It seemed that he was careless, after all. The children did not want to spend the night here so that they could wait for William to come see them but they were planning to go to William!

However, they had no idea when the two kids left!

Jason quickly took out his phone and dialed the number of the hotel's reception desk. He intended to check the surveillance footage to know the time the children left. However, his face turned paler a moment later.

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"What's the matter? What did the hotel say?" Grace asked urgently.

"The hotel said the surveillance system started malfunctioning half an hour ago," said Jason.

"Half an hour ago?" Grace was stunned. That meant that their son and daughter might have sneaked out at that time. "Could they have snuck out to find William? Should we contact Philip Barlow immediately? But... they don't know where the Barlow family's house is."

"It's not difficult to find out where the Barlow family's house is. Mick can easily look it up." Jason said as he called Philip Barlow, and the call was soon answered.

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Philip Barlow's voice came from the phone. "What's the matter? Are you calling me to talk about the children again?"

Jason said, "I do need to talk to you about the children. Did my son or daughter drop by your place?"

"You're not asking me for your son and daughter after you lost them, are you?" Philip Barlow quipped.

Unexpectedly, Jason replied with four words. "Yes, I lost them."

"Cough, cough..." A series of coughs sounded from the other end of the line. After a long while, the coughing stopped. "You lost your son and daughter?"

“Yes, let me know if they go to your place,” said Jason.

“Sure, do you need help looking for them? After all, you’re in Deer City, not Emerald City. I have more connections here than you do,” said Philip Barlow. After all, Jason had helped raise his son for a while, so he had to repay him somehow.

“Thanks,” said Jason.

Therefore, Philip Barlow and Jason pulled their own strings to look for the two kids in Deer City. They did not know that the two kids had just jumped out of the taxi and were politely waving goodbye to the driver.

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“Your parents are careless to let you two children take a taxi by yourself. Don’t do it again. There might be dire consequences if you run into bad people,” the taxi driver said before leaving.

“Got it. Thank you, Uncle,” Jasper answered with a sweet smile.

Mick Reed kept silent on the surface. He said to himself that if they did run into bad people, he had a lot of small weapons that would make them regret having evil ideas for the rest of their lives!

The two children sneaked up to the outer part of the Barlow family’s mansion. Jasper looked blankly at the mansion not far away. ‘Is this William’s new home?’

‘It looks like a great place!’

‘Mommy said that William’s daddy would give William a nice new home. Will William... be willing to go back to the Reed family’s house?’

Jasper Reed’s excitement suddenly died down as she grew slightly worried.

Mick Reed took out his small phone and signal enhancement devices. He began working on it with his ten tiny fingers.

Jasper squatted nearby as she watched her older brother work. Although she could not understand what he was doing, she knew her oldest brother was smart!

15 minutes later, all the lights in the Barlow family’s mansion went out.

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The security guards at the gate were startled and started to activate the backup electric supply.

During this period, no one noticed that the two little ones hiding in the shadows had slipped through the railings of the Barlow family’s gate without setting off the alarm system.

After all, Mick Reed had shut down the alarm system!

The two little ones entered the Barlow family’s mansion just like that.

At the same time, Philip Barlow learned from the security guards that it was not just the electricity that had been cut off but the entire security system. They had been hacked!

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"Hacked?" Philip Barlow was quick to filter through his competitors in the business world who were likely to go against him. "What about now? When will it be restored?"

"I'm afraid it's going to take some time, but the backup power supply is now on. The house will soon have power again," his subordinate said.

Sure enough, the lights in the residence were switched back on after a while. Philip Barlow pondered for a moment. Suddenly, he seemed to recall something and dialed Jason's number before asking, "Jason, your son seems to have good computer skills, right?"

After all, Mick Reed's forte was also written in the information he received when he investigated the Reed family before this.

However, he had just flipped through the information without thinking much about it. After all, even if a child had good computer skills, how good could they be? Now... he needed to give it some thought.

When the call got through, Philip Barlow asked, "Tell me, how did your son and daughter leave the hotel? Doesn't the hotel have surveillance? Did the security guards not notice two kids walking out of the hotel without an adult?"

Jason did not hide any information and said that his son had hacked into the hotel's surveillance system.

Philip Barlow's speculation was immediately confirmed once he heard this. He gave a long sigh. "It seems your son and daughter have arrived at my place. Your son hacked into my security system."

It was true that the longer one lived, the more one would see!

While the two little ones were still exploring Barlow Residence, Mick Reed found the map of the residence's layout in the security system. He asked his sister to memorize it.

Jasper had always had a good memory and soon memorized it.

"They're trying to counter the intrusion, so I need to find a place to delay them. Otherwise, they'll find us when the surveillance comes back on. You should go find William," Mick Reed said.

"Okay!" Jasper answered.

Therefore, Mick Reed found a place in the bushes outside the main house and began countering the Barlow family's computer experts, while Jasper crept into the main house.

There were few servants in the main house at this hour. Jasper easily avoided them and moved up to the second floor because she had memorized the location of each room in the house.

'William must be sleeping in his room now. I only have to go to William's room to see him!'

She had so many things to say to him. Although she had her eldest brother accompanying her to sleep these days, she still wanted to sleep with William.

Just then, she suddenly heard someone yell, "Little Young Master!"

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She subconsciously hid in a corner nearby. She looked over and saw William dressed in blue pajamas as he stood anxiously in front of a maid in uniform.

"Where is the doll I always keep by the bed? Where is it?" William asked quickly.

The maid was surprised to see the child looking so anxious. Since the young master came to the Barlow family, he rarely showed any emotions and usually seemed well-behaved and calm.

He could abide by the etiquette perfectly, and he never fell behind in his study. Many teachers had praised him, making Old Master and Old Madam smile from ear to ear.

However, it was the first time the maid had seen the little young master look so anxious.

"Old Madam said the doll is a girl's toy, and you shouldn't play with it, Little Young Master. Besides, the doll is old. You can tell Old Madam if you're interested in any other toys," the maid answered without delay.

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"Even if it's old and a girl's toy, it's mine. Nobody can take it!" William now looked like an angry lion cub. "Where did you put the doll?"

This doll was the only thing he brought from Reed Residence. It was given to him by Jasper! It was his most precious treasure!

The maid was startled, and she began to stammer. "It's... It's in the storeroom." The things the family wanted to get rid of were usually stored in the storeroom. Once they collected enough items, they would sell them to junk collectors. It was considered extra money for the servants in the house.

William immediately rushed downstairs and headed for the storeroom, and the maid followed him.

Jasper blinked as she hid in the dark.

She... had indeed seen William just now, but William was different from what she remembered. There seemed to be something in him that she could not describe.

The maid had respectfully called William 'Little Young Master', and William seemed to be living a good life here. Suddenly, Jasper felt that it would be difficult to ask him to go back with her.

However, she immediately tossed the problem aside. She needed to quickly find William and apologize!

Jasper recalled the location of the storeroom on the map and sneaked toward it.

Just then, there was a sudden shout. "Where did you come from? Why are you here so late at night? Who are your parents?"

Jasper turned around and saw a middle-aged woman who was dressed like a housekeeper. She was walking toward her.

The housekeeper thought Jasper was one of the servants' children.

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"I... I..." Jasper Reed's small hand reached for her small backpack. Then, she grabbed a handful of money and threw it at the housekeeper.

Her eldest brother said most people would subconsciously pick up money when they saw it.

The female housekeeper never expected the child before her to toss a handful of bills, and they were all hundred-dollar bills too.

She was momentarily stunned.

While running, Jasper took out a communicator and said to Mick Reed, "Brother, they found me!"

"Found you? Did you toss the money?"

"Yes. I ran away, but she's chasing after me!"

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"Then sprinkle some mung beans. I'll cut off the electricity again for you. Remember to put on night-vision goggles!" said Mick Reed.

"Okay!" Jasper responded hurriedly. Seeing the housekeeper getting close, she quickly raised her hand again.

The housekeeper thought that she was going to lose money again, so she did not stop. Unexpectedly, she threw out mung beans this time. The housekeeper almost fell to the floor when she stepped on them. She tried to get up but was surrounded by mung beans. Therefore, she kept falling as she tried to get up.

"Hurry! Hurry and catch the kid!" the housekeeper called out to the servants nearby.

The servants nearby gathered around them. Jasper quickly scattered as much money and mung beans as she could.

Therefore, one could only hear repeated thumping sounds as people kept slipping to the floor. Some people fell and were reluctant to give up the money, so they started picking up the bills.

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Jasper quickly ran away. She put on her night-vision goggles as she ran.

Sure enough, there was another power outage in the house moments later. Jasper found her way to the storeroom without any obstacles with the help of the night-vision goggles.

It was dark inside the storeroom as well. William was still standing inside with a doll in his hand. He managed to find it while the maid who followed him there was standing just a short distance away, mumbling, "What's going on today? The electricity has been cut off twice. But it should be back on soon, Little Young Master. Don't be afraid."

Jasper stared blankly through the lens of her night-vision goggles at the person she had been trying to find.

'It's William. It's really him. He's standing not far from me. I can touch him if I get just a little bit closer!'

"Who is it?" William suddenly asked.

His already acute hearing was amplified in the dark.

"Hey, is someone here?" the maid could not help asking as well.

Jasper suddenly felt her nose grow sore as she walked step by step toward William.

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William's expression changed, and a defensive look appeared on his face. Even his small body was bent over slightly. He was extremely alert.

However, different from the alertness his body expressed, his hands were wrapped around the doll as if it was much more important than himself.

Jasper frowned. 'Does he... like dolls? It does seem to be the case. I gave him my favorite doll back then and he has always treasured it.'

After he left, she could not find it in his room and wondered if he had taken it with him.

As Jasper moved closer to William, his body tensed.

When she walked up to him, he could not be tenser. Seeing that her body was about to bump into him, Jasper suddenly embraced the person in front of her.

William stiffened. This embrace... It felt like Jasper was holding him.

Even though the other person said nothing, he knew better than anyone that it was Jasper because he was familiar with her embrace... Incredibly familiar.

"I'm sorry, William," Jasper gently said.

The next moment, the power supply came back on and the

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storeroom lit up instantly.

The maid was shocked when she saw another child in the storeroom, and she was even hugging Little Young Master. If

the child hurt Little Young Master, Old Master and Old Madam would scold her to death.

After all, Little Young Master was now Old Master and Old Madam's little darling!

"Where did you come from? Let go of Little Young Master!" the maid said as she came forward to pull Jasper away.

William looked coldly at the maid. "Don't touch her!"

The maid immediately stiffened and dared not pull her. 'Does... Little Young Master know this girl?'

Jasper hugged William tightly. "William, I'm sorry I misunderstood you. You didn't push Nelson down the stairs. I shouldn't have said those things and not believe you..."

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Jasper finally apologized after wanting to do it for a few days.

She also said that she always thought of him when she ate and slept. She did not even find chocolate appealing anymore because he was gone!

She babbled childishly, confusing the maid nearby.

'What is she talking about...'

"Brother and I came with our parents to see you this time. Why didn't you come see us? I was so disappointed that I didn't see you at noon today. I almost cried!" said Jasper as she pouted.

William pressed his lips together tightly. His father did tell him they were coming to Deer City and asked if he wanted to meet them.

He wanted to see Jasper, but... he was afraid that she would look at him like he was a naughty child when they met and she would want him to go back to apologize to Nelson Corbyn.

Therefore, he told his father that he was not going and wanted to attend his class instead.

However, he did not expect Jasper to appear in front of him like this and tell him such things.

"You... know I didn't push Nelson Corbyn down the stairs?" William asked after a long while.

"Yeah, didn't your daddy tell you? The police found out that someone shot an air gun in Nelson's direction. Fortunately, you pushed Nelson away. Otherwise, Nelson would have been seriously injured," said Jasper Reed.

William looked confused. His father did not tell him this when he came back.

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"William, stop being mad at me, okay? I'll... believe you from now on. I'll believe you no matter what happens. Brother wants to apologize to you too. Let's go find Brother!" said Jasper Reed.

Jasper grabbed William's hand and ran out of the storeroom. However, when they reached the living room in the main house, there was already a row of servants and security guards standing there.

Besides them, the owners of the Barlow family-Charlie Barlow, Chelsea, and Philip Barlow-were here too.

Panic flashed across Jasper Reed's little face as she gripped William tightly.

Chelsea frowned as she looked at the little girl standing next to her grandson. Chelsea only thought the little girl had humiliated the Barlow family when she made such a scene in the residence.

All those grown-ups could not even catch a little girl.

"Is this Jason's daughter?" Chelsea asked unhappily.

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"Yes, she's called Jasper Reed." Philip Barlow smiled and said to Jasper Reed, "Little girl, it's inappropriate to break into my home like this. Didn't your parents teach you to tell the host in advance if you want to visit them?"

"I just wanted to see William," said Jasper Reed.

Philip Barlow said, "Now that you've seen him, can you let go? And where's your brother? You must have come with your brother. Where's your brother?"

Jasper immediately grasped William's hand tighter. Then, she pressed her lips together tightly to show that she would not say a word

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Philip Barlow's eyes glimmered. The power in his house went out twice today while the security system was breached and had not been restored until now. Then, there was such a big scene in the house. When he walked out of his room, he saw several servants on the floor that was scattered with mung beans and bills. It was eye-opening to him.

Few people would believe him if he told them the culprits of the chaos in the Barlow family this time were two children.

"William, come here," Philip Barlow said to his son.

William hesitated but did not move because Jasper's hand was currently gripping his.

"Daddy, why didn't you tell me that Jasper and her family came today because they found out that I didn't push Nelson Corbyn down the stairs and that they were here to apologize to me?" asked William as he looked at Philip Barlow.

Philip Barlow only smiled nonchalantly. "I forgot to tell you, but didn't you find out anyway?"

It was as if it was not a big deal.

William bit his lip..

Philip Barlow said grimly, "But William, they misunderstood

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you so badly at the time. Do you think an apology can make up for it? Nobody seemed to believe you when you were there, right? And this Jasper beside you kept saying you pushed Nelson Corbyn down the stairs, didn't she? When the children of the Reed family's servants criticized you and beat you up, what did Jasper, who wants to apologize to you now, do? She just looked on."

Philip Barlow spoke slowly, and his smile seemed very kind. However, what he said made Jasper turn pale. Her hand that was holding William's hand was also trembling slightly.

However, Charlie Barlow said, "That's enough. You're a man. Don't criticize a little girl like that. She's only a few years old!"

Philip Barlow smiled faintly. Even a child who was only a few years

old could have a tremendous impact on his son!

"Jasper didn't mean to misunderstand me," said William.

"Yes, she didn't mean it. But she cares more about Nelson than you. She would have believed you if she cared more about you. She would have believed that you didn't push Nelson Corbyn," Philip Barlow continued saying.

He spoke like a considerate adult, but every word of his shot straight to the children's hearts.

Jasper listened vaguely, not understanding what he was saying. 'What does he mean by me caring more about Nelson? I treat William and Nelson equally. I love them both!'

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However, William understood. His experience had made him more precocious than ordinary children. He kept silent because he understood.

"William?" Jasper shook William's hand somewhat nervously. Although she did not quite understand what Uncle Barlow said, she did understand one thing. It seemed Uncle Barlow did not want William to forgive her.

William remained silent.

Jasper suddenly felt scared. Would William... refuse to forgive her and accept her apology? Then... they would not be good friends anymore!

Her imagination began to run wild in her head. She instantly hugged William with a cry and burst into tears.

Her crying stunned the grown-ups in the room.

She was crying so loudly that others might think it was child abuse!

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However, the child was Jason's. Although the Reed family was in Emerald City and the Barlow family was in Deer City, which meant the two families did not have anything to do with each other, the Barlow family did not want to offend the Reed family.

Chelsea glared at her son. "Stop saying such things. Look, you frightened the child."

Philip Barlow smiled and said nothing more.

Chelsea stepped forward and comforted Jasper Reed, saying, "Alright, stop crying. Since you're here to apologize, William will accept your apology. Your parents are coming to pick you up, so go home with them."

Chelsea just wanted to get rid of the little one.

She wanted to grab Jasper Reed, but little one clung to her grandson like taffy. Chelsea only wanted to separate them.

When she pulled a little harder, Jasper cried louder as if they were going to be parted by death. She shouted, "No, I don't want to part with William. I want to be with William!"

It made Chelsea feel awkward.

Just then, the Barlow family's servant came and reported, "Mr. Jason and Mrs. Reed from the Reed family are at the entrance.

They said they've come to pick up their children."

"Hurry and let them in!" said Chelsea.

Therefore, the servant quickly left. Moments later, Jason and Grace stepped into the Barlow family's living room and saw their daughter crying miserably.

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As soon as Jasper saw her parents, she cried harder as she said, "What if William doesn't forgive me? Does that mean I can't be best friends with William anymore?"

"I... I never said I won't forgive you." William blushed slightly and wiped away the tears on Jasper Reed's face in a fluster. He did not like to see her cry. He only wanted to see her smile.

"R-Really?" Jasper blinked her big almond-shaped eyes.

William nodded quickly.

Therefore, Jasper finally stopped crying. However, she was a little out of breath as she had been crying so hard.

Grace hurried to help her daughter steady her breathing, while Jason said to the three members of the Barlow family, "I'm sorry, Old Master Shen, Old Madam Shen, and Mr. Barlow. My children have caused you trouble."

Philip Barlow said with a half-smile, "They did cause a lot of trouble. Your daughter scattered a lot of money and mung beans in my house today. Several of my servants have taken quite a tumble."

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Jason raised his eyebrows slightly and looked at his daughter.

Jasper hurriedly said, "It's because they caught me. I... I was scared that I wouldn't be able to see William again if I was caught!" There was a lump in her throat, so she was stammering a little.

"Hurry and apologize to Uncle Barlow, Grandpa Shen, and Grandma Shen!" said Jason.

With eyes swollen from all her crying, the little one said to the three members of the Barlow family, "Grandpa Shen, Grandma Shen, and Uncle Barlow, I'm sorry. I won't do it again. Next time, I'll ring the bell, but you mustn't have people come to catch me."

"..." The apology left the Barlow family not knowing whether to laugh or cry.

After she finished speaking, Jasper took out a box of chocolates from her backpack and an apology card she had written a long time ago. She handed them to William.

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"This is my favorite box of chocolates and an apology card I wrote. William, we're still best friends, right?" Jasper said with a deep nasal voice.

William looked at the chocolates and apology card in his hand. He suddenly felt a little heavy-hearted.

When he opened the apology card, he saw a lot of words written on it.

He knew that she hated writing the most. She would get lazy every time the kindergarten teachers and tutors taught her to write. Aunt Cummins said she even wrote her own name hideously because she did not like writing.

However, she had written all the ugly words on the apology card one by one. There were so many words!

Seeing William being silent, Jasper said a little guiltily, "Is... my handwriting too ugly? I... I tried very hard. Keep this apology card first. I promise I'll work on my writing and make it look good!" She was only six years old, anyway. She would be able to write beautiful words when she grew up!

Just then, another voice rang out as it got closer.

"I'll walk myself. Put me down..." Someone carried Mick Reed inside. He was shouting and struggling.

However, he was small and no match for an adult.

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Security took Mick Reed to the living room, along with the tools he used to 'commit the crime'.

When Mick Reed saw the people in the living room, he stopped struggling and immediately calmed down as if he had backup now. He had his father to take care of everything, anyway.

Philip Barlow frowned as he looked at the tools. The 'tools' looked a little crude to him.

However, the boy in front of him was able to cut off the Barlow family house's electricity twice and hacked the security system with these things.

"It seems that you have a capable son, Young master Reed," Philip Barlow said with a fake smile.

"No, no. My son only wanted to help his sister see William. I hope you won't take it to heart, Mr. Barlow," Jason also responded with a fake smile.

Philip Barlow's face trembled. 'Don't take it to heart...' He wanted to. However, the Barlow family would be the only one humiliated if he did. Two kids had caused the Barlow family of Deer City so much trouble.

Mick Reed walked up to William and said solemnly, "I misunderstood you, and I'm sorry. I'll help you if someone ever bullies you in the future!"

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Mick Reed spoke so solemnly. That was extremely rare for him. After all, he usually only cared about his family. He never cared about people outside his family, let alone help others.

William froze too. Although he saw Mick Reed every day and went to the same kindergarten, they rarely talked to each other. Even if they did, it was all about Jasper!

However, Mick Reed had now apologized to him and made a promise.

Seeing that his son and daughter had apologized, Jason said, "Alright, you've said everything you came here to say. It's time to go back to the hotel. We have to take a plane back to Emerald City tomorrow morning."

Jasper subconsciously grabbed William to leave with her.

However, William's feet froze in place.