

### 235: Sebastian's Mother Finally Returns

Octavia had no idea what Raymond was about to present, but her intuition told her that it wouldn't be anything good.

Before long, one of Raymond's subordinates brought over a box. Raymond took it and said, "You've forced me into this. If it weren't for this, I wouldn't be revealing this to anyone."

Everyone's eyes were on the box in Raymond's hands. Sebastian asked, "What are you trying to pull now?"

Raymond handed the box to Sebastian. "Sebastian, you take a look."

Sebastian opened the box, revealing a bunch of old letters. "These are letters?"

He picked one up and unfolded it. As he read, he realized it was a love letter from a girl to a boy, addressed to "Raymond." At the bottom, the signature was—Octavia!!!

One letter after another followed, all from the same girl writing to Raymond. The letters contained personal exchanges, like those between lovers.

Sebastian could barely believe his eyes. "These are letters from Octavia to you?"

"Correct! These are all from Octavia. I love Eliza, so I couldn't accept her. That's why she tried to frame me, trying to destroy me because of unrequited love."

At Raymond's words, Octavia lost her composure. "What? I wrote what? What do you mean, unrequited love?"

Sebastian handed the letter to Octavia. "Aunt, did you write these letters?"

Octavia took the letter, reading it in shock. She nodded, trembling. "These... These are my letters... But how could this be..."

Before she could finish speaking, Raymond interjected, "These are the best evidence I have. Sebastian, I've told you before, things are not as you've seen them. You shouldn't just take Octavia's word for it. Sometimes, adult matters aren't as simple as you think."

The situation took a dramatic turn, leaving everyone more confused than ever.

Caitlin picked up the letters and read them as well. They indeed seemed like letters between lovers, filled with emotional confessions and exchanges.

After reading, Caitlin asked, "You claim to love Sebastian's mother, Eliza, and couldn't accept Octavia's feelings, but these letters read like romantic exchanges. How do you explain that?"

Raymond was momentarily silent, unable to answer.

Caitlin continued, pressing further. "And if you truly loved Eliza, why did you marry Grace so soon after her accident? What was that about?"

Raymond found himself at a loss for words in response to Caitlin's questions.

Caitlin turned to Octavia. "Octavia, are these letters really from you to Raymond? Did you once have feelings for him, or even have a relationship with him when you were younger?"

"No... No..." Octavia was trembling, her hands shaking, tears streaming down her face. She seemed to have something difficult to say. "I... I..."

"Whatever it is, you can speak out here. Only then can the truth of the past be restored!" Caitlin encouraged her gently.

Sebastian also comforted Octavia. "Aunt, don't be afraid. We'll protect you. Just speak your truth!"

Octavia nodded, tears in her eyes. "These letters were written many years ago, during my correspondence with Professor Xavian. I wrote them, but the names at the top should have been Xavian, and the signature at the end should have been my mother Kelly's, not Raymond's."

Caitlin was stunned. What did Xavian and her mother Kelly have to do with all of this?

The situation was becoming increasingly complicated, but Caitlin decided she would ask about the specifics later. For now, she only asked, "So, the content of the letters didn't change, just the names at the top and the signatures, right?"

"Exactly..."

Caitlin examined the letterheads and signatures again. She knew there were chemicals that could alter handwriting, so changing the names wasn't impossible.

"So... Raymond, you took someone else's letters, altered them, and tried to create a fake impression that Octavia had feelings for you, just to clear your own name?" Caitlin confronted him.

"Caitlin, you're just an outsider. This isn't your business! Stop speaking out of turn!" Raymond shot her a warning glare.

Sebastian's anger flared. "Who says Caitlin is an outsider? She's my wife, the mother of my child! If anyone here is an outsider, it's you! You've been pretending to be my father, but who are you really? Has anyone ever truly accepted you for who you are?"

Sebastian's words struck a nerve with Raymond, causing his anger to boil over. His fists clenched tightly as he tried to suppress his rage.

At this point, everyone in the room was completely stunned, unsure of who was telling the truth.

"Enough! Stop arguing!" Beatrice intervened with a sharp tone. Her tear-filled eyes turned to Raymond. "Are you Raymond's brother? If you are, then you are the child I lost all those years ago, the one who should be part of The Vanderbilt Family. If you've returned alive, I'm happy, but why would you do all these wicked things?"

It was supposed to be a heartwarming scene of a mother recognizing her long-lost son, but Raymond remained cold and indifferent. "I told you, I am Raymond! It doesn't matter if others doubt me, but how can you not believe me, Mom?"

Beatrice sighed heavily, deeply saddened, unsure of what to do.

"You still firmly believe you're Raymond, don't you? Then we'll have to bring in your first wife, Eliza, and have her confront you directly!" Caitlin spoke up.

Molly's eyes widened in shock. "What? Mom?"

Everyone was equally bewildered, but Caitlin quickly made a phone call. Soon after, accompanied by Faith, Eliza walked in, her face now healed.

"Is that really Eliza?" Megan gasped, her voice filled with disbelief. The

entire room was in shock.

Eighteen years later, Eliza had finally returned!

As she stepped into The Vanderbilt Family's estate once again, she couldn't help but feel a whirlwind of emotions. The scars on her face had faded, though there were still some faint marks left. She looked different compared to eighteen years ago, but the unique beauty mark on her forehead was unmistakable.

"It's really my mom... She's alive... Mom has come back!" Molly exclaimed, tears streaming down her face as she tightly grabbed Sebastian's arm in excitement.

Sebastian, seeing his mother walk in, felt an overwhelming mix of emotions. His mother, the woman they thought was lost forever, was standing before them, alive!

"Mom..." Sebastian whispered.

"Mom..." Molly said, her voice choked with emotion.

The siblings rushed to embrace their mother, and the reunion was filled with tears and heartfelt emotions.

After they greeted their children, Eliza turned to face Raymond, the man who looked exactly like her husband, and demanded angrily, "It's time for you to stop pretending. You're not my husband. Who exactly are you?!!!"