

Love Me Or Leave Me

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Naturally, the Hoggard family did not agree to the demands of the Jones family and had no intention of doing so. After all, Kelly was now with Charlie, and they had a child together. Both Kelly and their daughter, Serena, were considered lineal descendants of the Jones family. If the Hoggard family cooperated with the Jones family and the Jones family grew stronger, there was a chance they would eventually turn against the lineal descendants and try to kill Kelly and Serena.

The Hoggard family's refusal irritated the current leaders of the Jones family's branch family, but that was the end of it. They didn't dare to offend the Hoggard family and left in frustration. The Hoggard family didn't keep their refusal to cooperate with the Jones family a secret. Instead, they discreetly let the news spread. When the two other major groups in Yowhayton, aside from the Jones family, learned the news, they were relieved and even pleased because it meant they could freely encroach on the Jones family's territory.

Following the sudden and unexpected death of the Jones family's direct heir, the newly appointed branch family leader was unfamiliar with previous business operations. Furthermore, the companies that had collaborated with the Jones family favored the lineal descendant over the branch family. Now that the branch family was in charge, their relationships naturally deteriorated, giving the other two major families ample opportunities to poach partners and sow discord.

Over the next six months, the Jones family's global businesses suffered a significant decline, with many partners taken over by the other two families. The Jones family's influence and status in Yowhayton were significantly weakened. The Jones family had to concentrate on battling the other two major families. They were too busy trying to stabilize their power and status to engage in internal strife, leaving them with little time to trouble Kelly.

Meanwhile, in Zentscape, Kelly and Charlie gradually let their guard down. Initially wary, they breathed a sigh of relief when they discovered that the Jones family was under pressure from the other two major groups and was too preoccupied to bother them.

Kelly and Charlie co-invested in several film projects. Some flopped, while others were unable to be released due to unforeseen circumstances, resulting

in substantial losses. However, some projects were extremely successful and produced excellent results, resulting in significant profits overall.

As time passed, Kelly accumulated her own funds in Zentscape. She then established a website, attracting many authors and screenwriters to write novels and scripts. Outstanding novels were quickly adapted, and excellent scripts were swiftly produced. Her company and Charlie's company, the L&K Group, formed a strong alliance, facilitating both companies' growth.

As Kelly and Charlie's careers progressed, Serena slowly grew up. She was a charming and mischievous child who was both adorable and fond of beauty. She enjoyed makeup from a young age and frequently attempted to use her mother's and grandmother's cosmetics in secret. Debra adored the child and, upon discovering Serena's love of makeup, immediately ordered a custom line of expensive children's cosmetics.

Those children's cosmetics were made from natural extracts of fruits, vegetables, and other plants and dyed with natural dyes to ensure that they did not irritate the children's skin. The only disadvantage was that the makeup did not last long. Once applied, it could quickly become a smudged mess, making the child look like a clown.

Nevertheless, Serena isn't concerned about it at all. She simply enjoyed the vibrant colors and found them amusing. She enjoyed not only applying makeup to herself but also doing her father's makeup. When Charlie was tired and resting, she would bring over her small makeup kit and give him a makeover.

Besides that, Serena had a collection of toy jewelry as well. She would often use those to adorn her father. Charlie once left the house without realizing that his daughter had painted his face, making him appear quite comical. Many of his fans recognized him as soon as he stepped outside. They were surprised, then astonished, and finally took out their phones to quickly snap his photos.

Charlie, puzzled by the fans reactions, thought something was off that day. Nonetheless, his primary concern was to protect his child, so he held Serena close to him so she would not be photographed. As he shielded her, Serena giggled happily in his arms as she swung her feet.

I wasn't until they returned to the car that Charlie's manager pointed out the situation. Realizing what had happened,

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Charlie found it both amusing and exasperating. Photos of Charlie with funny makeup quickly went viral. Since getting together with Claire, he hadn't appeared much on screen. Even after all those years, many fans still remembered him and found the incident amusing.

Most importantly, Charlie was married. For younger stars, news of dating or marriage often sparks backlash, but Charlie's situation was unique. By the time he turned 35, many of his female fans had tied the knot and started families, so now they became fans who were worried about his dating life. Every year, fans would leave comments online encouraging him to marry, hoping he would find a woman he liked and settle down,

Despite years of encouragement, Charlie remained single, with no news of any relationships, causing fans to worry that he would be single in his old age. He eventually starred in fewer films and never took on new roles. Years had passed, and suddenly, a big piece of news broke, and the netizens were surprised. They started posting questions online.

[Did Charlie get married?]

[Did Chuck have a child?]

[My goodness! Congratulations!]

[Chuck has finally found his love!]

The news immediately piqued netizens' interest, with some attempting to discover Charlie's wife's identity. However, Charlie was prepared and had kept Claire and their child's information hidden. Given their status in the entertainment industry/few media outlets dared to report on their private lives without permission.

Despite the public's curiosity, details about Claire and Serena remained undisclosed. After addressing a few troublemakers who were causing havoc, most fans remained rational and supported Charlie's efforts to protect his family. They did not care about Charlie's wife's identity. After all, they were content knowing that he was married, had a wife and daughter, and was living a happy life.

"Mommy!" While the internet was buzzing with excitement, Serena ran straight into her mother's arms as she arrived on set. The child was now three years old and very mischievous.

Claire bent down to pick up her daughter, asking, "Did you behave yourself today?" Seeing the photos of Charlie with funny makeup online, Claire immediately knew it was Serena's doing. Serena

immediately beamed with joy, looking incredibly adorable.

Claire, amused, pinched her daughter's cheek with one hand, playfully admonishing Serena, "No more teasing Daddy like that, or I will have to teach you a lesson!"

Serena, nestled in her mother's embrace, stuck her tongue out at her father playfully. Seeing that, Charlie was rendered speechless. Claire had watched Serena grow up and knew her personality well. Claire couldn't help but feel helpless as she thought about Serena's playful nature, which reminded her of Charlie. Serena's mischievous nature was undoubtedly inherited from her father. Now that he was being teased by their daughter, Claire thought, 'He deserves it! Hmph!'