

Chapter 101

Raymond went back to his room to continue working after dinner, so he wasn't present.

Brandon fully agreed with his two older brothers, "Alex's actions were really out of line. He's just causing trouble for Via."

Hearing the three of them, Richard was a bit confused.

Just as one hand couldn't clap alone, why did these three brothers insist on blaming their youngest sibling for everything?

He couldn't help but ask, "Don't you think their actions were too intimate?"

Without hesitation, Brandon replied, "No, it looks like Alex was just comforting Via. When Via feels wronged, we comfort her the same way."

Olivia was their sister, and this close comfort only showed how good their relationship was.

He really didn't see anything wrong with it.

Over the years, Richard had been busy with the company, and he was home only about three days a week on average.

And during that time, it was usually just for dinner; they all worked separately during the day.

So, he really didn't know the relationship between his sons and adopted daughter was like this.

Did comforting their sister require such intimacy?



Was this the new generation's way of thinking?

With a stern face, he asked, "You guys also hug and kiss Via like that?"

Edmund and Oliver observed something unusual about their father's expression.

Just as they were about to deny it, Brandon, with a matter-of-fact tone, said, "Yeah, what's the problem?"

Edmund and Oliver were speechless.

Brandon was such a fool.

Seeing Brandon's demeanor and hearing his words, Richard was furious.

He raised and slammed his hand heavily on the table again, "You are siblings! This behavior is completely unacceptable.

Brandon argued, "It's precisely because we are siblings that this shows our strong bond."

He helplessly retorted, "Dad, can't you stop overthinking this?"

Richard fell silent.

How could he not think too much about it?

The real issue was that even if he didn't care much, others certainly would. If word got out in their social circle, what would become of his reputation?

He squinted his eyes and asked, "Do you treat Lindsay, your biological sister, the same way?"



Brandon shook his head. "How could we possibly do that? Our relationship with her isn't that close. Besides, she would never initiate such intimacy with us."

Lindsay usually showed concern for them, but she never initiated intimate contact. Unlike Olivia, who was so reliant on them.

Richard was infuriated by his self-righteous response. "Lindsay's behavior is what a normal sister should be like!"

Seeing his fourth son's defiant expression, Richard knew they wouldn't listen to him at all.

He could only turn to Grace and blame her, his voice dripping with sarcasm. "Look at the fine sons and adopted daughter you've raised."

With that, he got up with a stern face and went straight upstairs to the study.

He needed to think carefully about what to do about the relationship between his sons and the adopted daughter.

Grace watched her unhappy husband leave, feeling aggrieved.

She knew her sons and the adopted daughter were close, but she had no idea they interacted so intimately in private.

Looking at her three sons, she said, "Via is still young and doesn't understand her actions. But you are her older brothers. How can you be so intimate with your sister?"

She emphasized again, "When Via returns, you are not allowed to hug her or, even worse, kiss her on the cheek."



Brandon was still indignant, wondering why they couldn't be close and affectionate with their sister.

Just as he was about to argue back, Edmund pulled him back.

Looking at Grace, he responded perfunctorily, "Mom, we understand."

Their parents were not open-minded and couldn't accept such displays of intimacy. They planned to continue being affectionate with Olivia in private, as long as they were more discreet than Alex.

Grace noticed the defiance on Brandon's face and the perfunctory attitude from Edmund.

For the first time, she felt a vague resentment towards Olivia. Why couldn't she show more self-respect and stop acting so intimate with her brothers?

Lindsay was different; she always maintained a distance from men, even with her biological brothers.



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