

Chapter 97

In the courtyard.

Everyone else had finished their evening routines and gone to their rooms to rest.

Olivia lay in bed, thinking about what had happened during the day.

She was worried that someone might dig into their relationships and uncover the truth.

The more she thought about it, the more anxious she became. Finally, she picked up her phone and sent a message to Alex.

Alex saw the message, got up, and opened his door.

He found Olivia standing under the oak tree in the courtyard.

He walked over. "Via, what's wrong?"

Olivia rushed into his arms. "Brother, I'm scared."

Alex was taken aback and asked, "Scared of what?"

Olivia, with teary eyes, clung tightly to his waist.

She looked up at him. "I'm afraid our relationship will be exposed, and that you'll get dragged down with me and be criticized. After all, you're Lindsay's real brother, and I'm nothing."

Saying this, she started crying. "I'm so scared that Mom, Dad, and you will abandon me."

Ever since Lindsay was found and brought back, she had been afraid of



this.

Having grown accustomed to being the Harper family's beloved daughter, she didn't want to return to her old life.

So, she often subtly badmouthed Lindsay to each member of the Harper family in private.

She made them believe that Lindsay had returned not only to steal her identity but also because she disliked her.

She made it seem like Lindsay wanted to take everything from her and drive her away.

Over the past year, she had been quite successful in her efforts.

As a result, both her parents and her brothers continued to love her more and became increasingly dissatisfied with Lindsay.

So, what if Lindsay was their biological daughter? She couldn't compare to her, the adopted daughter.

Whenever she wanted something of Lindsay's, she only had to subtly hint at it.

The Harper family would then willingly take it from Lindsay and give it to her.

Initially, everything had been under her control and manipulation.

But ever since the incident with the nomination, things had started spiraling out of control.

Lindsay had unexpectedly lashed out at the family she cared so much



about, cutting ties and leaving.

At first, Olivia was delighted, finally driving Lindsay, the legitimate daughter, away.

The Harper family would only have her, the little princess.

But things didn't go as she had planned.

After Lindsay left, the Harper family verbally blamed and scolded her, even threatening to deal with her.

However, it often seemed like they actually wanted to force Lindsay to come back.

Alex, who used to have Lindsay around him, now couldn't help but seek her attention after the variety show started.

This made Olivia uncomfortable and gave her a sense of crisis.

She felt that things shouldn't be like this.

Especially today, when Lindsay mentioned the "Three Nos," it almost exposed their relationship during the live stream.

She panicked even more.

After much thought, she realized that driving Lindsay away was the worst strategy.

She should have let Lindsay continue to provoke the Harper family's dissatisfaction, leading them to eventually kick her out.

So, she decided she needed to get the family to coax Lindsay back, then find ways to slowly sow discord.



She would make them unable to bear Lindsay's presence and eventually force her out.

That was the only way to truly eliminate any future troubles.

Alex wrapped one arm around Olivia's shoulders.

He gently stroked her head with his other hand, "Silly girl, that won't happen. You are our family's little princess, our cherished treasure. There's no way we would abandon you. As for the identity issue, you don't need to worry.

"It hasn't been exposed yet, and Oliver will definitely find a way to handle it. And even if it does get exposed, I'm not afraid of the criticism. We'll protect you."

Seeing Olivia's fear and anxiety, he regretted his impulsiveness earlier that day.

He also felt some resentment toward Lindsay for insisting on bringing up the "Three Nos" to him.

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