

## Shadows 261

Chapter 261 Kyla Stuttered A musical always feels more high - class than any other performance . Kyla went against everyone else's opinion and formed a team . Her goal was simple . Ride that high - class vibe to fame . She wanted to win the respect of all the students at Orica University and get noticed by media companies ! She was going to show off her perfect acting skills ! Kyla chose Shakespeare's " A Midsummer Night's Dream . " It's a story everyone knows . Since time was tight - it's just the orientation party - there was no way to perform the full three - hour play .

They could only pick a short but exciting scene . And of course , Kyla claimed the female lead - Hermia . The scene changed , and the actors in their musical costumes started coming on stage . The soft cello music in the background immediately set the mood . " Oh wow , Kyla is doing the musical, A Midsummer Night's Dream ! " " If she pulls this off , I might believe she has some qualities of the Jensons ' daughter ." WA 22 " I heard Kyla's been preparing for this performance for a long time . My friend saw their rehearsal , and she nailed the lead role !

" " You can tell how much someone practiced from their performance . One minute on stage takes ten years of work . " The audience buzzed with whispers and comments . Tilda had changed and joined Una . Una looked at the performance on stage , took Tilda's hand , and made a face . " Tilda , your speech is done . Let's get out of here . I don't want to see that two - faced Kyla in the spotlight ! " " Okay . Where do you want to go ? " " Hmm ... But I kinda hope Kyla messes up , makes a fool of herself . What should I do ? " Tilda was speechless . She tapped Una's forehead playfully .

Una covered her forehead , wincing . " Ouch ! Tilda , you're bullying me . " " You really ... " Tilda looked helpless . Honestly ... Musical is tough . It requires a lot of skill from the actors in terms of voice , stage presence , acting , and stamina , After all , you have to sing , run , and do a lot of physical things . 1/3 But hoping Kyla would mess up ? Not realistic . The only good thing about Kyla was her " acting ." Plus , Kyla was aiming to break into the entertainment industry after graduation .

This freshman performance was a carefully planned " starting point " for her . Tilda remembered that in her last life , Kyla's musical performance was successful , got great reviews , and was noticed by many media companies . It laid a solid foundation for Kyla's entry into the entertainment world . On stage . Kyla bit her tongue to calm herself and got into her role as Hermia . Calm down , Kyla . Just do your best , and you'll get everyone's attention . The glory and dignity that Tilda took , I'll get it all back with my own hands and skills , one by one ! But ...

Kyla struggled to focus . Tilda's face kept flashing in her mind . That proud , mean face that looked down on Kyla and stepped all over her ! And also , how Kyla accidentally showed her true self backstage . Wade saw it , and his trust in her started to waver . She quickly used her great acting to save the situation later . But Wade's eyes were clearly more distant . All those images started to mess with Kyla's mind . The more she tried to forget and focus on her performance , the more she lost control . It was like she was stuck in a nightmare .

" Hermia , you must marry Demetrius , the finest young man in this city ! " " I ... Dad ... Sorry , I ... " Kyla messed up ! She started to stutter ! It seemed she had forgotten her lines ! The senior student playing Hermia's father was also shocked . Kyla had been doing so well just moments ago . Why did she suddenly mess up her lines ? And so badly , with all that stuttering ! This was basically a performance disaster . There was no saving it

This kind of mistake is the worst thing in a musical !

Even though Kyla rarely made mistakes in rehearsals and performed well , what did that matter now ? A mistake in the official performance means a complete failure ! Kyla realized this , and her face instantly went pale . Damn it ! At this important moment , her mind was too messy . She forgot her lines . Her mind went completely blank . That senior gritted his teeth and continued acting with her . " Why do you refuse to marry Demetrius ? He is a true gentleman . " " But ... But I don't love him anymore . He ... he's fallen for ... I ... I've fallen for ...

" The harder Kyla tried to fix the scene , the worse it became .

Chapter 262 The Worst Performance Kyla grew more and more flustered . She forgot her lines completely . The story turned into a mess . She couldn't recall a single line . The performance , later called " the worst orientation party performance in Orica University's history " , finally came to an end . - Kyla didn't even know how she forced herself to finish the performance . When she bowed , her face burned hot with shame . Countless eyes were on her . Their stares were filled with mockery , scorn , and even smugness . She could even hear the whispers from the audience . " See ?

She's a fake heiress . People bragged so much about her , saying her rehearsal was amazing . Look at her failure now . " " I think she was just nervous . I saw Kyla's rehearsal . Honestly , she was the best in her group . " " Oh , come on . Don't cover for her . A fail is still a fail . This is so funny . " " She thinks she can beat Tilda , huh ? Fake is fake , she'll never replace the real one ! " " Good thing it was only a short skit , just ten minutes . If she had to perform ' A Midsummer Night's Dream ' , three hours straight , Kyla would've turned into a complete joke .

" " Hahaha , you're terrible ! But I love it ! " " Lucky this orientation party was just for the freshmen and the university officials . If someone from the Jensons had come to watch her performance , it would've

been so embarrassing ! " Kyla felt like her spirit had been torn apart . She dragged herself backstage , completely broken . Then , she collapsed in front of her vanity table . Her shoulders trembled nonstop . Tears began to pour down . It's over . Everything is over ....

I worked so hard , planned so much , and wanted this to be my big moment , the perfect start for my debut in the entertainment industry . But it's all gone ! Completely ruined ! The teammates who had performed with Kyla all looked upset . None of them even tried to cheer her up . Her performance had been a disaster , like something straight out of a nightmare . Even though the rest remembered their lines and managed to cover for Kyla , her awful performance as the main role dragged them all down , making the entire group a joke !

They had told her not to choose such a difficult musical , but Kyla didn't listen . Sure , she nailed it in rehearsal . She really was great then . But in the real performance , she failed ! Now , everyone was angry with her . Who could possibly comfort her now ? Not far away , Wade stood watching Kyla . For a moment , he wasn't sure if he should go and console her . In the end , he just walked away . With a performance like that , nothing anyone said could make her feel better . But it was strange . Wade had actually seen Kyla practice before .

She had been outstanding then . When she was little , she loved acting , so Blair had hired the best teacher to teach her . Even the teacher praised her talent , saying Kyla would surely become a top actress one day . Just like her second brother , Darell Jenson , who had won the Best Actor ! Could it be that Tilda was the reason ? Wade couldn't think of any other reason . " Oh my gosh , Tilda ! Kyla totally messed up ! Hahaha ! Looks like payback finally caught her . She's done so many mean things , it's like God had to punish her ! Hahaha !

" Una was thrilled , enjoying every second of Kyla's downfall . She had been upset earlier when Kyla was doing great . She even thought about pulling Tilda out of there . She didn't want to watch that fake bitch steal the spotlight . But then ... What a twist ! Kyla messed up her performance ! And not just a little . This was the biggest flop ever ! All around them , people were making rude comments . Even the university officials looked embarrassed . For Una , it was the best thing ever ! " Ahem ... Una , I think you've got some kind of supernatural gift .

Everything you say comes true . Maybe you should become a fortune teller . Even Tilda joked about it It really did feel like Una's curse on Kyla had worked . It even changed the whole storyline from her previous life . O Kyla's shining moment turned into her most humiliating fail ever . Maybe Una really did have some supernatural talent . " Oh , please , Tilda ! I'm not some evil fortune teller whose bad

predictions always work ! " It's the modern day . We should believe in science ! Superstition is old - fashioned !

" Una had no idea how scary - good she was at this . Tilda didn't bring it up again . Today was meant to be Kyla's day of disaster . From now on , everyone on campus would laugh at her and spread stories . In the end , it strangely turned out just the way Tilda had hoped .. But Kyla wasn't the type to break easily . Most people would be way too embarrassed to even come back to campus after a mess like that . 948 But with Kyla's personality , she would endure it all . She would force a smile , act sweet and innocent , even if it hurt deep inside . And she pulled it off well .

Tilda almost admired Kyla's endurance . She truly could endure anything . She was tough as nails .

Chapter 263 Special Guests Right then , the host came on stage and tried to cover up the awkward situation Kyla had caused . Then he made an announcement . " Tonight , we have two very famous and special guests joining us at this orientation party ! They're not students at Orica University . But in the music world , both in Cetherland and around the world , they hold very important positions . Everyone knows their names and respects their work . " Tilda blinked in surprise . Special guests ? At this party ? She remembered everything about this orientation party from her previous life .

Back then , nothing like this had happened . It was only Kyla nailing her performance , and everyone was just praising her . After that , the other performances went on . Una's eyes lit up with excitement as she whispered , " Wow , Tilda , who are these special guests ? They must be huge stars . " " I'm dying to find out too , " Tilda said . She narrowed her eyes . She wasn't faking interest . She really wanted to know . This was way off - script from what she expected after being reborn . She only hoped it wasn't something that would cause her trouble .

Once the host walked off , the stage curtain fell . Stagehands hurried to change the setup . When it opened again , two men in tuxedos were standing on the stage . Both men were really tall , about six - foot - two , slim , and looked super classy in their suits . One had short hair , while the other had his parted in the middle . They looked a lot alike - sharp eyebrows , long eyelashes , and cool , attractive lips . Every move they made was effortlessly handsome . Still , their eyes were different . One man's gaze was soft and warm , while the other's eyes were cold and quiet .

Just from their aura , you could tell one was gentle , while the other felt distant . Even with such different personalities , it was clear they weren't ordinary people . They gave off the kind of presence that made them stand out from regular people . And they looked familiar . Almost everyone at Orica

University had seen that face before . But who exactly ? Nobody could say for certain ! On stage , it wasn't only those two special guests . There was also a double piano .

As the name suggests , it was two pianos placed side by side .

It looked like they were about to perform a duet . Tilda's eyes went wide . Why ... why were those two here ? Some audiences had no clue who they were . But others figured it out . " Oh my gosh ! Isn't that Justin Jenson , the one who just won the Best Newcomer Award at the International Piano Competition ? He's doing a world tour right now . He's the third son of the Jensons ! " Someone blurted out , " Ah ! Now that you say it , I remember ! I can't believe I didn't recognize my idol right away . Anyone who plays piano knows Justin . He's super famous in Slosa .

" " No wonder he looked so familiar to me . He really does look like Wade ! " And that other guy standing next to him ... he looks a lot like Justin too . Is he from the Jensons as well ? I honestly have no clue who he is . " " I heard many of Justin's piano songs were actually written by his fourth brother , Kayden Jenson . He is a top music producer in Cetherland ! A genius composer ! " Everyone was talking and whispering excitedly . Una shot Tilda a worried glance . She didn't think the orientation party at Orica University would bring Tilda's third and fourth brothers here .

And it was obvious why they had come . They were definitely here for Kyla ! " I'm fine , don't worry , Una . " Noticing Una's worried gaze, Tilda smiled gently . Since she had already given up on her family and cut ties , she didn't feel hurt by anything they did anymore . She decided to just watch like it was a drama and see what Justin and Kayden were planning . Meanwhile , Kyla was still crying hard backstage . But when she heard Justin and Kayden were at the party , she froze . She looked up , her eyes red and puffy , staring at the live broadcast .

On stage , under the bright lights , the two men sat down at the piano benches . It was Justin and Kayden ! At that moment , Wade walked over to Kyla . " Wade , what's happening ? Weren't Justin and Kayden still overseas ? " Wade explained , " They came back a week early and told me not to tell anyone . They wanted to surprise everyone . " Especially you , Kyla . " Even though Wade didn't know how to face Kyla because of Tilda , he couldn't just watch her stay so upset . As her brother , he had to step in . He needed to calm her down and help her out of her sadness .

After all , Kyla and Tilda were both daughters of the Jensons . They were his sisters . Hearing Wade say this , Kyla was overwhelmed with emotion . She covered her face and sobbed quietly . So this was what it felt like - to be a princess rescued by her prince ? After messing up her musical performance and being compared to Tilda , Kyla had become the joke of everyone there . She felt completely hopeless .

Chapter 264 They Came Just for Kyla ! But the appearance of Justin and Kayden saved Kyla from feeling embarrassed . The main reason was that these two brothers were super talented and famous around

the world . Most importantly , they came just for Kyla ! If it wasn't for her , there's no way people of their status would come to a university orientation party . The piano started to play . It was fast and exciting . A beautiful duet filled the entire hall . Everyone was completely focused , lost in the music . Music had no borders . At the same time , it has its own magic .

When real masters play , music can speak straight to the heart . That's exactly what Justin and Kayden were doing . No lyrics , just the piano . And that's why the audience could get totally absorbed . They could almost imagine a sun rising in their mind , shining bright light across the world . Honestly , Justin , the winner of the Best Newcomer Award in the International Piano Competition , was definitely better at playing the piano than Kayden . But Kayden was a world - famous composer , could play every instrument with ease . Each brother had his own exceptional talent in music .

Both had perfect pitch . In this original piano piece , they played perfectly together , completely in sync . With the piano , they were speaking the words of their hearts . They were shaking their beliefs ! Everyone couldn't help but think . With these two together , they could take over the music world ! Not just in Cetherland . Even around the world . They were unstoppable When the song , the audience was still lost in the beauty of the music . It took a little while for everyone to come back to reality . Then , the applause came . It echoed endlessly through the entire hall .

As the third son of the Jensons , Justin took the microphone .

" Thank you all for listening to me and my fourth brother , Kayden , play . This was an original piano piece by Kayden called ' Sunshine Within . ' " Kayden doesn't like talking much , so I'll explain . I'm sure some of you already guessed . " The reason we came to this orientation party and asked the university to keep it a secret was to surprise our sister , Kyla ! " We watched Kyla's performance just now . She was probably too nervous and made some mistakes .

She's still young , and she has so much potential . I hope everyone can be understanding . " Kyla , I'll tell you a secret . When I entered my first piano competition , I was so nervous that I was eliminated in the first round . It was super embarrassing . " Remember this failure and learn from them . Failure is the key to success . Only by failing can you achieve something even better next time ! " It was exactly what everyone had expected . But when Justin said it , it wasn't just a statement . It felt like he was setting the rules for everyone .

Even if Kyla failed and couldn't match Tilda , Justin and Kayden still saw her as their most important sister . She would always come first . No one else could come close . The Jensons adored her . Even if she

messed up completely , she was still their most treasured little sister ! No one could ever take her place ! Kayden stood quietly next to Justin and nodded . " Justin ... Kayden ... " Kyla was already crying as she watched . She felt surrounded by warmth . All the pain from failing , the frustration , and the sadness seemed to vanish at that moment . " Thank you , thank you so much ...

Wade , thank you too Kyla couldn't hold back any longer . She hugged Wade tightly . In his arms , she cried , letting out all her gratitude . Wade tensed for a moment . But he forced himself to stay calm . ... Even if he had mixed feelings inside , this wasn't the time to push her away . " Tilda , that's enough . Let's go . " Una couldn't bear to watch any longer . She tried to pull Tilda away . Even though Tilda didn't show any emotion , this was the kind of family love she had always wanted .

Seeing Justin and Kayden for the " first time " and seeing them speak up at the orientation party for Kyla , their affection for her was clear

Kyla was overjoyed . But Tilda was the one hurting . Una didn't even dare to imagine that . 0 If it had been the old Tilda , seeing this scene would have been unbearable . Fortunately , Tilda had already severed ties with the Jensons . She was done with them . So at least her heart didn't hurt so much . Just as Tilda was about to speak , Justin spoke again from the stage .

" The next piano song , ' Eternal Moonlight , is for another sister - Tilda Jenson . " Welcome back , Tilda , to our family ! Tilda , Kayden and I just watched your speech . It was wonderful . We're so proud to have a younger sister like you ! " The moment he said that ...

Chapter 265 She Didn't Care Anymore The entire hall went completely silent . Everyone stared at each other . What on earth ... What's going on here ? Don't Justin and Kayden know ? Tilda has already cut ties with the Jensons . Things had gotten completely out of control . And now Justin and Kayden are at the Orica University orientation party , not just for Kyla , but for Tilda too ? They even composed a new piano piece just for Tilda ? The atmosphere instantly turned tense and awkward . Up on the stage , Justin and Kayden didn't notice anything . They were focused on playing the piano .

The music flowed like water , each one dancing perfectly . It was like calm moonlight under the ocean's surface - soft , pure , and peaceful . " Tilda ... w - what is going on ? " Una couldn't make sense of it . She was completely confused . Tilda responded , " Looks like the Jensons did a perfect job hiding all this drama from their sons who were abroad . Justin and Kayden , who just returned and are focused on the orientation party , have no idea about everything that happened between me and the Jensons .

" After listening to her , Una stayed quiet for a moment , pressing her lips together . " So ... maybe not all the Jensons are jerks like Wade , Dominic , and Howard . There are still brothers who actually care about you . " Now that's what a normal brother looks like ! " Not like Wade and the others back then . When they finally found their sister , who had been missing for 19 years , they treated her with distance

and coldness . They even cursed her and wished Tilda would just disappear so she wouldn't embarrass them or ruin the family's reputation . " Normal ? Yeah ...

I guess that's normal . " Tilda's lips curved into a bitter smile . She looked up at the stage at her so - called brothers , Justin and Kayden . Her eyes showed no emotion . All she felt was ice - cold . Tilda didn't hate Justin and Kayden as much as she hated Russell and the others . Because when she first returned to the Jensons , those two brothers genuinely wanted to accept her .

Back then , Tilda was caught up in the swirl of family love , thinking she could win over her other brothers and parents by being sincere .

After all , they were her family by blood ! However ... When sunlight hits a dark corner but can't get rid of all the shadows , even the sunlight becomes tainted . Just like Blair , their kindness toward Tilda only tied her down to the Jensons and made her life miserable . Their kindness only showed up when Kyla wasn't around . Whenever Kyla was involved , anything related to Kyla , Tilda would be pushed aside . Kyla was always the most important sister to Justin and Kayden . Tilda was just a replaceable spare , nothing more . Just like at this orientation party .

Kyla would always come first . Tilda would always come later . In her previous life, Tilda tried to follow what her family called " good advice . " Don't try to compete with Kyla . Kyla was the younger , adopted sister . Her feelings were already sensitive and fragile . Tilda coming back only made things harder . Kyla could always act sweet and friendly to welcome Tilda to the Jensons , always speaking up for herself . So , just being able to get little attention from Justin and Kayden was already lucky for her . She couldn't expect more than what didn't belong to her .

Kyla had lived with the Jensons for 18 years . Even without blood ties , that kind of time together couldn't be erased . Tilda might be their biological family , but after losing so many years , things were bound to be distant . So , Tilda kept swallowing her pride . And that let Kyla walk all over her . Even Justin and Kayden , who originally wanted to treat Tilda well , slowly grew distant . They looked down on her and doubted everything she did . This lifetime , Tilda didn't care anymore . Let Justin and Kayden spoil whoever they wanted , put whoever they wanted first .

Treat me like a spare ? Hah ! I wasn't joining this ridiculous game anymore ! " Let's go , Una . " Tilda put her hands in her pockets , turned around , and walked out of the hall .

" Huh ? Tilda ? " Una froze for a moment . She felt like Tilda seemed a little different . But Una was her best friend . She could feel it . Even if Justin and Kayden weren't as bad as the other jerks at the Jensons

, Tilda wasn't going to forgive them . Things could never go back to the way they were . So , Una quietly followed Tilda outside .

The song . Kyla watched the live broadcast . She bit her lip . Her eyes flickered with unease . She figured it out , too . Justin and Kayden probably still didn't know that Tilda had cut ties with the Jensons , that things had gotten completely out of control . Back when Blair said she wanted to find Tilda and bring her back , Justin and Kayden were pretty supportive .

Chapter 266 Couldn't Stop Thinking About Tilda Justin and Kayden were pretty supportive . Even though Tilda had been missing for 19 years and didn't really know them anymore , in their hearts , she was still their sister . Kyla used to worry that Justin and Kayden might think Tilda was more important than her , just because they shared the same blood . But now ? Tilda , do you really think you're better than me ? That you've beaten me and can be so proud of yourself ? There are things I have that you'll never get , not ever !

You can cry , beg , or do whatever you want , but you'll never have them ! That is the love and attention of the Jensons ! As long as I'm here , I'll always be the one everyone cares about first ! Always me ! Not you , the so - called blood - related sister , who has nothing to do with the family and only brings harm as a traitor ! However , Wade thought differently . He was just wondering why Tilda hadn't come to the backstage lounge . Where did she go ? Was it because Kyla and I were there , so she didn't want to come ?

Tilda , did you hear the piano piece Justin and Kayden made just for you ? Did it touch your heart at all ? Did it remind you of the bond we used to share ? Do you understand that the blood that ties us together can never be cut entirely ? You are the daughter of our family , our biological sister ! If he could , Wade would apologize in front of Tilda . He would beg her to forgive him . As long as Tilda forgave him and came back to the Jensons , he would do anything she wanted . But what he didn't realize was that Justin and Kayden were acting just like they had in the previous life .

And once again , Tilda's heart fell to the very bottom , cold as ice . Tilda and Una were about to leave campus . Suddenly , someone stepped right in front of them , blocking the way . When Una saw who it was , she blurted out , " Inflated ego ? What are you doing here ? " Preston was startled . What the heck ? Why is she calling me an inflated ego ?

I'm not that ! Is she obsessed with calling me that or what ? Preston had been waiting outside the main hall of Orica University the whole time .

He was there partly because of Kyla , and partly for Tilda . He had been busy with work lately . At the same time , Wade , keeping his promise to Justin and Kayden , made up all sorts of excuses to keep the family from coming to Orica University . He did it so he could go back with Justin and Kayden and give the family a big surprise . Even though Preston couldn't get inside the main hall , he could still watch the live broadcast and see everyone's reactions . inside . But he never expected Kyla to mess up her performance . It was so embarrassing .

Preston's perfect image of Kyla was starting to fall apart . On the other hand , Tilda , wearing a gorgeous red evening gown , gave an impressive speech . Confident and elegant , she really stood out . Preston felt his heart skip a beat . He thought about his plan to win Tilda's favor and get rid of the proof . At the same time , he wanted to show that he was more attractive than Jarrett , even better than Jude ! It was like a male instinct to compete . He wanted to win and be the best . Now , Preston couldn't stop thinking about Tilda . He wanted to take her away from Jarrett and Jude .

He wanted to prove himself . After that desire grew , he kept imagining Tilda's face . Honestly , her skin looked even fairer and softer than Kyla's . He wondered what it would feel like to touch her . Even so , Preston knew in his heart that Kyla was the one he truly loved . After all these years , his first love stayed deep inside him , impossible to forget . In his heart , Kyla would always come first . Tilda was just someone he was using for his own gain . But he didn't mind having a secret relationship with Tilda .

If she wanted , he would agree to make her his secret lover As long as it didn't mess up his future with Kyla or his plan to gain influence in the Jensons . He thought he could give Tilda a little love . If she behaved well and pleased him , he might even allow her to bear his child and live in luxury . While waiting outside the hall , Preston saw Tilda and Una coming out . He quickly followed them .

He finally managed to block Tilda's way . Tilda didn't care at all what Preston was thinking .

If she knew the gross thoughts in his head , she would kick him so hard he'd be in serious trouble . She grabbed Una's hand and pulled her away . " Tilda , wait ... don't tell me you forgot what I told you before . " I really have something important to talk to you about . Let's talk properly . " Preston kept bothering her . Tilda snapped , " Preston , are you crazy ? Your beloved Kyla is still in the hall embarrassing herself , and you're wasting time bothering me ? \*

Chapter 267 Preston's Crazy Behavior " Aren't you totally in love with Kyla ? Don't you hate me the most ? So what's the point of talking ? " Tilda really couldn't stand Preston's ridiculous behavior . Just like the Jensons . Back then , they couldn't stand her and wanted her out of their lives forever . Now that Tilda was finally doing what they wanted , she left her and followed her own path . They went their own separate way . But somehow , they all stuck to her like sticky candy , impossible to get rid of ! " I ... don't get the wrong idea , Tilda . Kyla and I ...

we're just childhood friends , that's all . " Even Preston sounded unconvinced by his own excuse . Una rolled her eyes so hard it almost hurt . What , now you like Tilda ? Planning to chase after her ? " Hey , inflated ego , get over yourself . If you don't have a mirror at home , just pee on the ground and see your face . Seriously , look at you . Do you actually think you have a chance ? " Una thought Preston wasn't just full of himself . He was completely crazy . Anyone could see that whenever Preston and Kyla were around , it was always about Kyla .

And yet , here he was , lying right in front of them . Tilda wasn't even part of Jensons anymore . She couldn't gain anything from her . So why did he lie and try to get close to her ? Preston was furious . " Una , stop it ! Just because I don't fight you back doesn't mean you can keep humiliating me ! " You think acting like this will make me notice you ? Dream on ! I'm talking to Tilda , not you . So stop yelling , you desperate girl ! " What did he say ? Una was shocked . She had never met anyone so shameless . But Preston wasn't yet . He was about to push back even harder .

Suddenly , bang ! Something hit him hard in the stomach . Preston doubled over , clutching his stomach , and fell to his knees , gagging like crazy . He vomited all over the ground . Una stared , completely confused . " What ... what just happened ? " She could've sworn she heard a heavy thud . And then Preston ended up like this . " I don't know . Maybe his stupid instincts kicked in and he felt like apologizing , " Tilda said calmly .

She grabbed Una's hand and walked away .

Preston clutched his stomach , doubled over on the ground , his face contorted in pain . People walking by started pointing and whispering . Was this supposed to be some kind of act ? Or was he just a lovesick fool , kneeling to confess to his crush , only to get rejected and lose his mind ? Preston's eyes burned with rage . He took several deep breaths before finally standing up . What the heck had just happened ? Something had hit him in the stomach out of nowhere . It hurt so much that he nearly fainted . The worst part ? Preston hadn't even seen what hit him .

He wanted to chase Tilda , but she and Una were already gone . " Damn it ! She got away again . " That bitch , why does she keep playing hard to get ? Does she think it's funny to mess with me like this ? " Damn , it really hurts ... ugh ! " His stomach hurt so badly it felt like it was twisting . Preston fell to his knees again , gagging without stopping . People nearby looked at him in disgust and hurried away . Una and Tilda had run pretty far by now . At last , they managed to shake Preston off . Una said , " Tilda , that inflated ego is so annoying . What does he even want ?

I don't get it . " For Preston , winning over Kyla had always been his goal . It was also the best way to get close to the Jensons . So why was he chasing Tilda , someone who had completely cut ties with the Jensons ? Wasn't he scared that the family would find out and make things miserable for him ? Tilda didn't answer right away . She just pulled out her phone and typed a message . " Jude , I'm done with this . I want to destroy Ryan's whole family . Is that okay ? " Jude replied , " If they hurt you , just say the word . I'll make sure they're gone for good .

" The man was totally devoted . During the live broadcast of the orientation party , Jude had cleared his whole day just to watch . He sat alone in his office , quietly following the performance . Watching the woman he loved on stage , shining and full of life , made him feel proud .

At the same time , he felt possessive . Tilda looked so beautiful that he didn't want anyone else to see her . He wanted to take her home and keep her all for himself . Jude tried to calm himself , deciding he would contact Tilda after the party .

As the representative for Orica University's orientation party , Tilda would probably be busy until late at night . But suddenly , she sent him a message , talking about taking down his second uncle's whole family . Since they dared to mess with Tilda , they were nothing to him ! Tilda texted , " If you're okay with it , I'll handle it . They're my target . Jude , you can give them a small warning if you want . I trust your judgment . " For scumbags like this , she couldn't let go until she had beaten them herself .

If it weren't for Jude , she would've dealt with them without holding back . After all , Ryan was his second uncle .

Chapter 268 Tilda Took Action Just now , Preston had been bothering Tilda and blaming Una . Tilda was so angry , she felt like punching Preston right in the stomach . Jude said , " Okay . " As long as Tilda wanted it , he would agree . Jude always took her side . If she wanted to handle things on her own , he would just follow along . As long as she was happy , that was all that mattered . Immediately , Tilda posted the video of Rebecca crawling on the ground and barking like a dog at the amusement park online .

She used her hacking skills to bypass the review system , making the video undeletable . Then she just left it there . Earlier , Una had noticed Tilda was busy , so she quietly stepped aside and waited . When Tilda finally put her phone down , she asked , " Tilda , what were you doing ? " Tilda said with a smirk , " Una , just wait and watch . This is going to be fun . " I just posted Rebecca's video online . Let's watch Preston's whole family freak out . " " What ?! You actually did it ? That's so cool ! " Una remarked . Her eyes widened in shock .

She remembered the day Tilda had totally humiliated Rebecca . Watching Rebecca forced to crawl and bark like a dog had been so satisfying . Una had always wondered why Tilda recorded it but never

posted it . But she never asked . Today , Tilda finally put it online ! " Before , I just wanted to scare Rebecca a little and save a little face for the Bells . After all , it was only their second son's family that offended me . I actually get along with some of them . " But now this Preston is acting crazy , constantly harassing me , and even insulted you . That really made me mad !

" So now , Tilda didn't have to hold back anymore . No matter what she did , Jude would always be there for her . With his unconditional support , she didn't need anything else ! Una responded , " Haha , Tilda , you should've done this ages ago . " Now that this inflated ego is going to screw himself over . Wait , Tilda , I just remembered something ! " That guy has been trying so hard to get close to you , acting all sweet , even ignoring Kyla . Was it all just because of that video ? Gross ! " Una hit her forehead .

How did she not see this coming ? . . 3 She never thought someone from one of the top families in Slosa could be so shameless . Preston's shamelessness completely shocked her . He even pretended to like Tilda just to destroy the video ! A.M Una clenched her teeth with anger . " I should've slapped that bastard a few times earlier ! Next time I see him , I swear I'll beat him up ! " " It's okay , Una . This time , I'm going to take down their whole family , " Tilda said . Her eyes went cold , a murderous glint flashing inside .

Preston had chosen the absolute worst time to provoke her . Preston , just wait . You're going to pay for what you did , worse than anything ! Meanwhile , at Orica University , Preston had no idea how much trouble his foolish actions had just brought down on his entire family . At Jenson Villa . Russell and the others had already heard about the orientation party . They stood by the door , looking out , excited to see their sons come home . When they found out Justin and Kayden were coming back , even Howard , who had been keeping to himself lately , came out .

He shaved off his messy beard and cut his hair short . He looked fresh and much more handsome . Finally , a Rolls - Royce pulled up and stopped . Justin and the others stepped out of the car . " Dad , Mom , Dominic , Howard , we're back , " Justin said , smiling as he hugged each family member . Even Kayden , who was usually serious , looked gentle for once . At Jenson Villa , the rule was clear .. Family always comes first . They cared about each other more than anyone else . They would never allow even the smallest harm to their family .

If someone tried to mess with them , they would never let it slide ! " Welcome home . Why didn't you tell us ? Wade , you really kept us in the dark . Are you happy now ? " Russell's words sounded like he was scolding them , but his voice was full of happiness . Honestly , this was the best thing that had happened to him in a long time . " Dad , don't be mad at Wade . Kayden and I asked him to keep it a

secret . We wanted it to be a surprise , " Justin explained . " You're the sweetest in the family , but you sure know how to trick people . This surprise almost gave us a shock !

" Russell laughed

" Your dad and I were so shocked when we heard you and Kayden were coming back ! " Blair added . She pressed her lips into a smile . " Alright , why are you just standing here talking ? Let's go inside . Oh , Justin , Kayden , are you hungry ? I can ask the chef to make some late - night snacks . " " No need , Dad , we're not hungry , " Justin said . The whole family walked into the villa , all smiles . Justin and Kayden began sharing about their experiences abroad over the past few months .

Chapter 269 Tilda Ruined the Happy Mood After he talking . Justin was the first to get up . " Dad , Mom , Dominic ... I picked these gifts for you while I was abroad . I took my time choosing them . " Kayden added , " I have something for you too . " He called the servants to bring in the neatly wrapped gifts .. Each gift was wrapped in bright , colorful paper and tied with ribbon . They looked festive and special , perfect for an important occasion . Justin and Kayden had carefully picked out these gifts while they were working abroad .

They had taken time to go to local shops and choose each one . For the Jensons , diamonds , gold , and jewelry didn't matter much . What really made them happy were gifts that felt special , unusual , and memorable . " Just so you know , Kayden and I chose our gifts separately . We had no idea what the other was getting . " If they happen to be the same , it's purely a coincidence . " Justin even made a little joke . Everyone laughed , and the mood instantly lifted . " What matters most is that it's from you . It's the thought that counts .

After all , it's the thought that matters more than the gift itself . " You both were working so hard abroad , one touring the world playing piano , the other making hit songs and sharing Cetherland's music . " With everything you have going on , you still remembered us and brought these gifts . That already makes us really happy . " Russell , as the family head , spoke with deep emotion . Having such responsible and talented sons made him proud . It's just a shame ... If only they didn't have that troublemaking daughter , Tilda ...

Justin suddenly asked , " By the way , when will Tilda be home ? " Kayden and I got her something , too . We want to give it to her . " We saw her at the orientation party earlier , and she was amazing . We were so proud of her ! " The moment he said that , the whole room went quiet . Everyone exchanged awkward looks . Just saying the name " Tilda " instantly soured the mood . It was like a forbidden word at the Jensons . If anyone mentioned her , it felt like ruining the happy mood . Kayden noticed the tension and asked , " Dad , did something happen ? " Russell sighed . " It's ...

complicated ."

Even just talking about it made his mind messy . His smile disappeared , replaced by mixed feelings . Blair , sitting beside Russell , didn't look happy either . Kayden and Justin exchanged a glance . Something was definitely wrong . Did something happen after their sister , missing for 19 years , returned to their family ? " I'm sorry , Justin , Kayden . It's all my fault . If it weren't for me ... Tilda , she ... Kyla suddenly started crying , covering her face . She couldn't even finish her sentence .

She ran upstairs without looking back . This time , Kyla had finally learned her lesson . She always used the same excuse , and everyone was sick of hearing it . So this time , she just started crying and ran away , acting like the one who got hurt the most . Her plan worked . Seeing Kyla run off like that , Justin and Kayden were even more puzzled . " I'll go to check on Kyla . Blair , worried about her , hurried to follow . Howard pressed his lips together . Then he finally stood up , picked up his gift , and quietly went upstairs .

Seeing this , Justin quickly called out , " Howard , what's going on ? You've never acted like this before . " Howard replied , " Sorry , Justin . I'm just in a bad mood and need some rest . " Thanks for the gift . I'll make it up to you tomorrow . " Then Howard left without another word . Kayden started to worry , too . " Dad , Dominic , Wade , what's happening ? Why does everyone act so strange whenever Tilda is mentioned ? " Russell sighed heavily . He responded , " Well , here's what happened ... He explained everything that had happened recently to Justin and Kayden . " What ?!

Are you serious ? Dad , if something this big happened , why didn't you tell us ? " Does Santiago know about this ? " Russell remarked , " He doesn't . You guys were busy with your own lives abroad , and this isn't something to be proud of . I didn't want to bother you with it . " After he explaining , he felt even worse , It was all Tilda's fault . Seriously , what was supposed to be a happy day was completely ruined .

All because their long - lost daughter showed up . Justin and Kayden didn't know what to say .

Tilda had cut ties with the Jasons , taken Russell to court , and even worked with outsiders to go after the Jenson Group . She had even humiliated Wade , Howard , and Kyla . Everything made her look like a terrible person . But Justin and Kayden didn't feel that Tilda was really like that . Even though they had only seen pictures of her and didn't know her well , they just didn't buy it .

Chapter 270 What Has Been Done Can't Be Undone It was just a gut feeling . A feeling that came from blood ties - trusting their little sister . They believed in the girl who shone so brightly on stage , the one who even left Justin and Kayden speechless with awe . She was nothing like what Russell had described . The atmosphere in the room was tense . Russell didn't stay long . He told Justin and Kayden , who had been busy all day , to go shower and rest . Then he went upstairs . Justin and Kayden looked at each other , unsure what to do next . Then Dominic finally spoke up .

" Justin , Kayden , if you two aren't too tired , let's go out and talk for a while . We need to discuss Tilda . " Wade added , " Dominic , I'm coming too . " " Okay , " Dominic said . From the looks in Dominic and Wade's eyes , Justin and Kayden could tell there was more going on than they knew . Without hesitation , they agreed . They went to Nightingale Bar together . Dominic and Wade told every terrible thing they had done to Tilda . When they , Dominic drank a glass of whiskey in one shot . Justin and Kayden just sat there , shocked .

They never imagined that their family had treated Tilda so badly ! No wonder she left . No wonder she went against the family . She had once hoped so much and loved so deeply . But now , all that hope had turned to pain , and all that love had turned to hate . She was their little sister who had been missing for 19 years ! Justin said , " Dominic , Wade , why did you do this back then ? I know you tried to stop Tilda from coming back to our family , Jenson Villa , and I understand why you felt it was unfair .

" But I never thought you'd go this far ." Justin , the gentlest of the seven brothers , couldn't help but speak up . His voice carried clear blame . Let alone Wade , the youngest brother . Among the seven , they all respected Dominic the most . He was the oldest and the smartest .

Because he could run Jenson Group , take Russell and Blair's place , and keep the family together . Because of him , the others could follow their dreams without worry . For Justin to be this upset meant Dominic had really gone too far this time .

Kayden didn't speak , but his eyes said it all . He was on Justin's side . Dominic remarked , " What Dad , Mom , and I did can't be undone . Tilda has every right to hate us . " But you two , I hope you don't make the same mistakes . Don't hurt Tilda like we did . " At the very least , Tilda won't think our whole family is hopeless . You still have a chance to be real brothers to her ." Dominic gave a bitter laugh . Faced with Justin's accusation , he had nothing to say . He even hated himself for how he had treated Tilda back then .

In the end , when the truth came out , the one who suffered the most , the one who wished he could die , was Dominic himself . He had lost the mentor he loved and respected the most . And at the same time , he had lost his biological sister . There was no turning back . All they could do was live in the present and face the future . " I'm begging you , Justin , Kayden , " Wade said slowly . His voice was steady , but his eyes carried a silent plea . Justin and Kayden saw it . They nodded quietly . " Don't worry , we won't hurt Tilda . No matter what , she's still our sister .

" If we can , we'll try to convince her to return to our family . And give everyone one more chance ! " Justin noticed that Dominic and Wade really felt sorry for what they had done They wanted to fix things with Tilda .. But she had been hurt so badly . She probably wouldn't want to forgive them . Their anger slowly faded . Since Dominic and Wade were truly repentant , they deserved a chance . So , it was now up to Justin and Kayden , " Another chance , huh ? " Dominic and Wade let out bitter laughs at the same time . Was there really such a chance ?

With Tilda's cold and merciless behavior , they had already been crushed .

They didn't dare to hope . More hope would only bring more pain and disappointment . But ... If there was even a tiny chance ... Even if they had to do whatever it took to earn Tilda's forgiveness , they would do it willingly ! The next morning , Tilda woke up early . She checked the video she had posted online . It was already getting a lot of attention . A cold smile appeared on her face . She knew Ryan's family would soon find out .

Tilda sent another message to Jude . " Jude , is this going to cause trouble for DY Group or for you ? " Jude texted , " Just do what you need to do . I'll take care of the rest . " He even added a smile emoticon . Right after that , Jude sent another reply . " Tilda , it really means a lot that you care about my feelings . I'm happy you thought of me . "