

Shadows 501

Chapter 501 Give Them One Week " What about the other two ? I don't remember Mr. Parker talking about them before ." While everyone was talking , the door slowly opened . Dane came in , followed by Tilda and the others , all wearing lab coats . Manfred was with them , too . Everyone immediately went quiet and turned to welcome Dane and his team . Manfred introduced the newcomers one by one - their names , specialties , and what assignment they would do . Mystro studied chemistry , and Liam chose electronics .

Each of them would use their own skills to work with Dane on building the lithography machine . Tilda , on the other hand , would become Dane's personal assistant , working right by his side on the front lines . After giving out the assignments , Manfred gave a polite nod . " Good luck to all of you ." Then he left . Tilda looked a bit worried and spoke up . " Mystro , Liam , even though you studied these majors before , it's been a long time since you worked in them . Will you be alright ? " " Don't underestimate us , Tilda . If Mr. Harvey chose us , there must be a reason , right , Mystro ?

" Liam smiled and looked at Mystro . Mystro said , " Tilda , we knew this would be a really hard job from the start . But for our country and for Dane , we still came . " Now that we're here , we're not going to drag anyone down . We're going to give it our best . " " Alright ! " After that , everyone got back to work . Time passed slowly , little by little . One day , Tilda was busy writing detailed notes while Dane worked nearby .

At that moment , Riley Danton , head of the Chemistry Department , and Aiden Froning , head of the Electrical Engineering Department , who led Mystro and Liam , came to see Dane . Riley stepped forward , glanced at Tilda , and lowered his voice . " Professor Kerrigan , may I talk to you in private ? " Dane took out his notepad and wrote , " No need . Just say it here . Tilda isn't an outsider . " Riley continued , " Alright then . Professor Kerrigan , it's about your two juniors .

To be honest , they know the basics , but when it comes to something as precise as the lithography machine , they don't have enough knowledge . " If this keeps going , it's only wasting time . I'd suggest you think about this . " " Yeah , Professor Kerrigan . I agree with Professor Danton , " said Aiden , looking uneasy . At first , they thought Dane's juniors must be very talented - since Manfred let them join such a secret project . But in the past few days , all they had done was watch from the side , take notes , and study the hard parts . They couldn't actually help with the research .

Dane wrote , " Are they getting in your way ? " " No , not exactly ... You can see they really want to help and are working hard to learn . " But making a 4nm chip lithography machine is extremely detailed and complicated . We are stuck right now . If they're only watching and learning here , how much can they really pick up ? " We're worried it's wasting time , and we don't have time to train them ourselves . " Dane wrote , " That's enough . Give them one week . You'll be amazed at what they can do . " If the project really falls behind because of this , I'll take full responsibility .

" " What ?! Professor Kerrigan , that's not what we meant ! " Riley and Aiden panicked when they saw Dane's steady attitude . They believed in Dane's intelligence and skills so much it was almost like he was their hero . Without him , this whole project would never have started . The only reason they were here was because they trusted him . They didn't want to burden Dane with this decision . 55 Tilda also stepped forward . " Professor Danton , Professor Froning , I agree with Dane . Please give my two seniors one week .

" In one week , they'll show you the results you expect . " If they fail , I'll take the responsibility too , the same as Dane . " Her voice was firm and full of confidence . " Ms. Tilda ... " Since both Dane and Tilda had spoken with such certainty , Riley and Aiden could only give in and leave . Dane looked at Tilda and wrote , " Tilda ... " Tilda remarked , " It's fine , Dane . I trust you , and I trust Mystro and Liam . " We trained together . We know what each of us can and can't do . They'll succeed . " Dane wrote , " Yes . Let's just do our part and believe in them .

" He gave Tilda a gentle pat on the shoulder . Then they went back to their unresearch . The week passed faster than they realized . That day , Riley and Aiden hurried over with a stack of reports in their hands . But they were told that Dane and Tilda were in the middle of an important test . No one could enter or disturb them until they were done and gave the signal .

Chapter 502 Maybe We Can Succeed ! Riley said , " Ugh , what terrible timing ! " I just made a new discovery and wanted to get these notes to Professor Kerrigan right away ! " Aiden chimed in , " Me too . Can't we at least let Professor Kerrigan know and see this first ? This is really important . " The guard shook his head . " Sorry , professors . Professor Kerrigan gave strict orders . No one is allowed to interrupt . You'll have to wait until tomorrow . He and Ms. Tilda have been inside for more than ten hours . " But they insisted . " Still , this information is too important !

We'll stay here until Professor Kerrigan comes out ! " " That's right ! " Riley and Aiden pulled up some chairs and sat down . Seeing they wouldn't leave , the guard couldn't argue further . Five hours went by . At last , there was movement from inside . The guard quickly opened the door , letting Dane and Tilda step out . " Professor Kerrigan ! " Riley and Aiden jumped up and hurried over , full of excitement . Riley said , " I've found something huge about the chemical compounds ! We might have been using the wrong formula the whole time ! " Aiden added , " And I've got something too !

There's been progress in the electronic coding . This time , we might actually succeed ! " Dane took his notepad and wrote , " Great timing . We've got good news too . But it all needs to be organized . Tilda , I'll need you to work a little harder . " " If you're not complaining , then neither will I. Let's go ! " Tilda remarked . When they entered the meeting room , the three professors began sorting through their new discoveries . Tilda stayed to the side , writing everything down quickly and accurately . " What ?!

Professor Kerrigan , you mean the error range have all been reduced enough to meet the 4nm standard ?! " To make a top - tier lithography machine , every part inside has to fit and be precise enough to meet the standards needed for making advanced chips . Chip - making isn't measured in inches or millimeters - it's all measured in nanometers ! It's super small - so tiny you can hardly imagine it . And inside that minuscule space , hundreds of billions of transistors are packed onto one chip . It's like the very peak of human technology !

The team had worked for years , but they were stuck at the 4nm standard - just one final step left ! But that final step was the hardest . So close , but still out of reach . That single problem had blocked them for more than a year . Even with all the knowledge and experiences from earlier experts , they couldn't solve it. Knowledge and experience alone weren't enough to cross that critical line . But this time , Dane told them that they finally did it ! This was the best news they'd heard in a long time ! Dane wrote , " It's all thanks to Tilda .

Her calculations , programming , and ideas helped me so much . " Sometimes one person can't do it all . But with two people , it can be . When I was lost and stuck , Tilda was like a lighthouse , guiding me to the answer ." Dane looked super proud . Making chips with a lithography machine is a bit like how people used to develop photographs . If you think of making a circuit like taking a picture , then the wafer is the film , and the rest of the machine works like the camera lens . To reach the 4nm chip standard , you need more than a smart plan .

The other equipment had to improve in accuracy , too . But at least now , Dane had figured out how to build a 4nm chip lithography machine ! Now they just needed to fix the other missing parts . " On this matter , Professor Froning and I both have reports to share . " But before that , we want to apologize to you two ! Sorry , Professor Kerrigan , Ms. Tilda ! " Riley and Aiden suddenly bowed to them . That shocked both Dane and Tilda . 55 Tilda quickly asked , " What are you doing ?

Professor Danton , Professor Froning , just say it . No need to bow . " Riley explained , " This apologize is for last time , when we were blind and foolish enough to think about kicking your two juniors out of the team . We're sorry ! " Aiden chimed in , " That's right . We had no idea that they had gone through all

our research again in the past few days . They not only caught the key points , but also improved a few steps . " At first , we didn't believe it . All of this was hard - earned progress from our seniors and from years of experiments .

If we changed it , it would mean starting all over . How could that be easy ? " But they promised that if it didn't work , they would leave the team . We used a supercomputer to test it , and the results crushed our old formula ! " Dane wrote , " Let me see ! " He couldn't hide how excited he was . Riley and Aiden quickly placed a thick pile of reports on the table and started explaining everything to him . Tilda stood close by , writing down all the key points . Based on the latest data , Dane wrote this down . " This time , maybe we really can succeed ! "

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Who Exactly Is Your Mentor ? One short sentence was enough to inspire everyone and light a fire in their hearts . Dane wrote in his notepad , " Where are Mystro and Liam right now ? " " They're still in the lab , running tests and doing the calculations . They're looking for a better way to get more accurate results . " " This time , they really saved us . Professor Kerrigan and Ms. Tilda even found a way to build a 4nm chip lithography machine . Now there's real hope ! " Dane wrote , " Having a method alone isn't enough . We need the other machines to match up perfectly .

I'll go find Mystro and Liam ! " Dane and the others hurried back to the lab without a moment's pause . They jumped straight into the details , talking through every part and working out better ideas . They stayed awake for two nights in a row , pushing forward without stopping . At last , they reached a conclusion ! But the plan still needed to be written down and polished . Tilda said , " Everyone , give me one day . I'll sort everything out . " You're all exhausted these past few days . Get some rest first . " She didn't hesitate and took the whole task on herself .

Mystro and Liam felt bad watching her . " Tilda , you haven't slept in days either . Isn't this too much ? Let us help you ! " Dane gave her a look , as if saying , " Don't carry this alone . " " Yeah , Queen , that's a mountain of data . There's no way you can finish it all in just one day alone . " " You've been pushing yourself nonstop . We've made it this far , there's no need to rush . Take your time . " Other scientists joined in , trying to talk her out of it .

After working together these past days - especially since Tilda , Mystro , and Liam joined - it was like a broken clock finally got the gear it needed . Everything began to run smoothly again . That last step , which once felt impossible , suddenly sped ahead . No one thought it was impossible anymore . Everyone felt a spark of hope . Maybe this was their chance to make history . At the same time , everyone was amazed by how smart and talented Dane and his three juniors were . Every subject has its own huge challenge .

Even with some background knowledge , most people could never master the key points in such a short time , let alone come up with better solutions . That was unbelievable . Calling them " once - in - a - century geniuses " or " chosen ones " would not be an overstatement . For a task this tough , you needed talent that went far beyond what normal people could even imagine . And in this team , they had four of them ! There was only one way to describe it : scary good ! " No problem . Right now , I feel like I just got a shot of adrenaline . I'm hyped !

" Just thinking about this plan working , and what it means for our country and for all the dreamers who worked hard for so many years - how could I possibly sit still ? " This is our battle cry , the moment we break free from the monopoly and finally have our own 4nm chip lithography machine ! " Most of these notes are in my own shorthand . Nobody else could understand them , so just let me handle it ! I'm not trying to act tough . " Since Tilda explained it like that , everyone could only rely on her . The meeting wrapped up .

Tilda went straight to her room , locked the door , and kept working late into the night . Dane and the others stood outside her door for a long time . " Come on , Dane , Liam , let's get some sleep . Standing here won't do any good . " Let Tilda handle it . She'll finish it well . After that , we'll still have to write the report ." Mystro spoke up , and his words made Dane and Liam finally agree to rest . What he said made sense . They were just about to turn away when a voice called out . " Professor Kerrigan .

" Riley walked up to the three of them . Mystro asked , " Is there something you need , Professor Danton? " Riley looked hesitate and asked , " Actually , it's more of a personal question . " Now that things have settled and we've done all we can , I finally get to ask . " Who exactly is your mentor ? How did he manage to teach four people with such amazing skill ? " The question had been growing in his mind ever since he'd watched Mystro join the team and show such shocking progress in only a few days . And it wasn't just Riley who wondered . The others wanted to know too .

But only Riley was bold enough to ask it out loud . Sure , Dane and his juniors were already far beyond what anyone would call normal genius . Out of billions of people in the world , there are always a few rare genius people who break every rule of common sense . But the real shocker wasn't them . It was the mentor who had noticed their talents and helped them grow . There are many smart people in the world , but finding them and teaching them well takes someone truly special . So just how powerful is their mentor ? Dane and the others looked at each other .

Finally , Liam spoke , " Honestly , Professor Danton , we can't really answer that . We don't know much about our mentor . " All we can say is that he's the most important person to us . Without him , we wouldn't be the

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Finally , We Did It ! " Maybe we want this answer even more than you ." Liam's voice was deep and strong . It sounded like he was lost in a fog , full of both wonder and doubt . Riley noticed he had asked the wrong thing . He quickly said , " Sorry , I was only curious . Please don't mind me . What matters is what we can do right now . For this 4nm chip lithography machine , I believe we'll succeed ! " " We will , for sure ! " One whole day passed . Tilda kept her promise . In just a single day , she worked nonstop and put together a complete plan all on her own .

As soon as she was done , Tilda didn't rest at all . She called the whole team together right away . In the meeting room , everyone from Dane's group showed up , including Manfred . Excited , Tilda handed out the documents she had prepared . She said , " These cover the entire plan . I've marked the important parts and listed which departments should pay special attention . " If anyone has questions , feel free to ask during the meeting . " " Thank you for your hard work , Ms. Tilda . Please , have a seat . " Manfred quickly asked Tilda to sit and take a break .

Most people in Lab Seven already knew , at least a little , about Tilda's other identity as a Queen . But here , in front of everyone , Manfred still called her Ms. Tilda , not Queen . Her history with the dark web was far too sensitive to bring up in front of everyone . The other professors looked through her neat , well - prepared documents and couldn't stop praising her . " I can't believe Ms. Tilda managed to make all this in just one day . That's amazing ." We Did It ! " More than amazing .

Not a single mistake , everything organized , and the notes are clear and easy to read . It really puts us to shame ! " The meeting went on for six hours . After everyone gave their ideas to adjust and improve the details , the meeting ended without problems . Dane wrote in his notepad , " Tilda , go rest now . Mystro and Liam can help me with the next steps . " " Okay . " Tilda didn't argue . She was really exhausted , even though she still felt excited inside . She was hyped as hell . Before leaving , Tilda gave Dane and the others a thumbs - up .

" Dane , Mystro , Liam , I trust that hard work will pay off . When I wake up , I want to hear good news , okay ? " The three seniors exchanged a glance . " Of course ! " Back in her room , Tilda fell onto her bed and passed out right away . She hadn't slept in three days . This time , she slept deeply and comfortably . When she woke up , she felt refreshed and clear - headed . She checked the clock . She had been asleep

for 13 hours straight . She stretched and yawned , then walked barefoot to the bathroom to wash up . Right then , someone started knocking hard on her door .

The moment had come . Tilda wiped her face and took a deep breath . When she opened the door , she saw Manfred standing there , his face glowing with excitement . 2/4 " Queen , we did it ! This time , we really did it ! " Even though Tilda had been expecting this , hearing it for real made her heart jump . " Mr. Parker ... is this for real ? " Her voice trembled with excitement . Manfred responded , " It's real ! Professor Kerrigan said you should come see it yourself the moment you woke up . " Come on , let's go ! " Tilda and Manfred rushed straight to the lab . " Tilda !

" Mystro and Liam noticed her right away . They waved their hands . " Over here ! " Tilda hurried over , her heart racing with anticipation . She saw Dane and the other professors still working hard in front of the supercomputer . On the screen , the experiment results froze on " Success . " At that moment , Tilda felt a sudden sting in her nose . She was about to burst into tears . " How many years has it been ? We worked so hard and still couldn't " Even if this is just a simulation , we ... finally did it ." Manfred stood next to Tilda , his eyes red as well .

He remembered the early days . get this one answer . When Motrar put sanctions on Cetherland , local companies couldn't even use their own 5G networks . Even the chips had to be bought from others , leaving them powerless . Once the sanctions started , everything collapsed . One day they were on top , and the next they fell into disaster . We Did It ! No one dared to claim they had the world's best chips anymore . People all over the world laughed at them . Even some traitors inside the country mocked their struggles and took pleasure in their failures .

The government wanted to help , but didn't have the power to do much . The gap in science and technology was huge , and the road ahead was long . It wasn't something that could be solved in a single night , or by shouting proud slogans . But now , after spending countless resources and all the hard work and dedication of the scientists , they finally reached the word " Success . "

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The Holiday Is Coming Tilda could totally relate to how it felt . Beside her stood Manfred , a tough , older man who had given so much to his country . Even after retiring , he kept working , earning medals , and never losing his energy . She gave Manfred a gentle pat on the shoulder and then walked over to Dane . At that moment , Dane and the others saw Tilda and broke into loud applause for her . Tilda blushed a little . " Oh ... this is too much . You're making me feel nervous . " " Ms. Tilda , you deserved it .

Without you and your two seniors , we would have no idea how long this project would have taken . " " To be honest , even when we were almost done , we didn't think we could make it . But you came in and changed everything - like heroes in a movie saving the day ." It sounded dramatic , but it was true . three If Tilda and the others hadn't joined , they probably would still be stuck with no progress at all . Forget about finally this long - awaited , first - ever " success . " Dane took out his notepad and wrote , " Thank you , Mystro , Liam , Tilda .

" No matter what , we did everything we could . Now we just wait for the real results . " From here on , it wasn't Dane's team's job anymore . It was out of their hands , success or failure . After the holidays , when the first 4nm chip lithography machine is completed , everything will be clear . " I'm going to call and tell the higher - ups this amazing news ! " Manfred said , turning to leave . Then , as if he'd remembered something , he added quickly , " Winter holiday is just a few days away . " You've all worked so hard .

If nothing goes wrong , I'll ask the higher - ups today to let everyone leave work . " Once the notice comes , you can go home and enjoy the holidays . " As soon as he said that , everyone cheered . the winter holiday was one of the most important and meaningful holidays of the year . People would take time off during this holiday . Some people simply take vacation days to rest , read , or enjoy quiet time at home . Family gatherings , watching their favorite holiday TV shows , sharing laughter and happiness .

Some went out to enjoy winter activities or parties with friends . There are so many memorable things to do . Especially now . They had just something that seemed impossible - not just for the world , but even for Cetherland itself . With that feeling , they could truly enjoy the holiday , the family time , and the national celebration . When you're alive , what could be happier than this ? None ! Manfred's request for leave got approved quickly . The higher - ups were excited when they heard the news .

They would tell the experts to rush the production of the lithography machine according to the plan . Once he got the official word , Manfred led the team to sign confidentiality agreements . After all the checks were done , they were allowed to leave the base and were driven in special cars to the airport . The base became quiet very fast . The winter holiday was almost here . Not many people were left on the base . Manfred still needed to finish a detailed report , so he decided to stay at the base until it was done .

His hometown was Hetsa , so if he the report in time , he would make it home before the holiday . As for Dane , Mystro , and Liam ... They quietly watched Tilda , who was busy replying to messages on her phone . The underground signal wasn't very good , and she had been really busy lately . Tilda had a lot of

messages to reply to . Now that she was back at the base upstairs , she finally had time to reply to them one by one , making sure no one would worry . " Hey , why don't you three come with me to Slosa ?

I bought a big apartment so the four of us can live together . " Oh , and I have a new friend . I'll introduce him to you . " Tilda replying to Rain's message and showed her chat to the three seniors . They immediately agreed . " Let's go ! " Slosa . Today is the 29th . The streets were full of holiday decorations . Some people were even setting off small fireworks and playing with sparklers . Tilda drove the three seniors to her apartment . As soon as she opened the door , she saw Rain sitting there , snacking and watching TV .

When Rain saw Tilda , he dropped his drink and ran over . " Tilda ! " Tilda scooped him up and hugged him , brushing her hand over his white hair . " Rain , it's been so long ! " Rain suddenly felt three cold stares on him . Trying to show off , he buried his face even deeper in Tilda's arms . If he could , he would have made a silly face at Dane and the others .. Ha ! Being like her little brother is the best . I can ask Tilda for hugs anytime ! Tilda is mine . I'm her favorite . You guys only get what's left ! Rain completely ignored them and claimed Tilda all for himself .

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Introduce Tilda's Three Seniors Wow ! They really wish they could switch places with Rain ! Being that short means he can curl up this comfy in Tilda's arms ! " Okay , let me introduce you . These are my three seniors . Since you treated me like your sister , you can treat them like your brothers too . " Tilda didn't notice the small competition flying between the four guys . She just kept going , introducing everyone like it was no big deal . " Dane , Mystro , Liam , nice to meet you all . " Rain liked Tilda the most , but he didn't mind gaining three more brothers .

He could tell all three had a really impressive aura . Yeah , being his brother ? They were definitely qualified . Dane and the others twitched when they heard Rain's greeting . For a moment , no one knew how to respond . " Dane , Mystro , Liam , what's going on ? Rain is saying hi ! " With a little nudge from Tilda , Dane and the others finally muttered , " Hi ... " Just then , Tilda's phone rang . " Hello , the groceries you ordered are downstairs . The front door won't get them ? " " Sure . " open . Could you come After hanging up , Tilda said , " The ingredients for holidays are here .

I'll go grab it . You guys stay here and get along , okay ? " With that , Tilda ran out in her slippers , leaving the four guys staring at each other . Ahem , ahem ! The room felt super awkward ! Finally , Mystro spoke first . " Since we're all Tilda's friends , let's sit down first . Your name's Rain ,

Rain shrugged and smiled . " Yep , Mystro ! " He even added a cute little pose .

: 55 Hardly anyone would guess , from his playful look , that he was the leader of a third - ranked assassin group on the dark web , trained from childhood by an ancient Lucien family . Mystro looked Rain over again , and his impression completely changed . He could barely feel Rain's presence . Even though Rain was standing right in front of him , he could hide his aura completely . Mystro might not notice him if he wasn't paying close attention . This wasn't just a natural talent . It felt like something he had been trained in his whole life , as normal as breathing .

Liam's eyes widened . " Rain , your white hair and red eyes ... Were you born like that ? " " Yeah , I've had them since I was born , " Rain replied . " That's super rare ! Even rarer than two people with normal blood types having a child with Rh- negative blood type . It's a genetic mutation ! " Liam was getting more and more excited , so Dane and Mystro both patted his shoulder . Their looks basically said , " Calm down , don't scare the kid with your doctor stuff . " Liam explained , " Oh , sorry . I'm a doctor who studies strange diseases .

The weirder the symptoms , the more excited I get " But looking at you , the mutation just changed how you look . No health problems at all , which is great . " Why don't we pick a time , and I can give you a full check - up myself ? Don't worry . It's a welcome gift from us . Honestly , I couldn't think of anything better to give you . " " Hey ! Liam , how did you blurt that out so fast ?! Mystro hurried to cover Liam's mouth . But it was too late . Liam froze .

Tilda's Three Seniors He only realized after saying it that the gift was supposed to be a secret ! Total mess - up ! Rain looked a bit surprised . " Uh ... aren't you guys scared ? " " What's there to scare about ? Isn't this kind of cool ? " Mystro and Liam stared at Rain confusedly . Rain was speechless . It was exactly what Tilda had said when they first met . Suddenly , Rain felt a little warmer inside . When Tilda had texted Rain that she'd bring her three seniors for the holiday , Rain hadn't felt happy at first .

He had been nervous . He worried that his looks , his identity , and even the aura of an assassin might scare these guys he'd never met . Rain wasn't usually shy , but meeting people who could be important in his life made him shy and anxious . He forced a smile and acted normal because Tilda was there . The moment Tilda left , Rain tried to act cute around the three others , just to hide how nervous and awkward he really felt . Thankfully , just like Tilda , they were kind - hearted too .

Even though their personalities were all different , each one had their own way of making Rain feel comfortable . Dane took out his phone , typed a message , and showed it to Rain . " Rain , nice to meet you . " When Rain looked into Dane's gentle eyes , it felt like someone had lightly poked his heart , sending little waves of nervous excitement he couldn't calm down .

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Everyone Has to Walk Their Own Path Rain replied , " Me too ! I'm really happy to meet you all ! " Dane typed again , " This is something I made for you ." He took out a dagger he had made himself and gave it to Rain . He wrote , " I didn't have a lot of time , but I hope you like it . " Rain's eyes widened as he looked at the high - tech dagger . His instincts , sharpened from a life he had lived on the edge , told him this was a dream weapon . Seeing Rain treat the dagger like a treasure , Dane knew he had picked the right gift .

After Tilda told him Rain's true identity , Dane understood how risky this kind of life could be . But he wasn't going to interfere with someone else's choices . Everyone has to walk their own path , and no one can choose it for them , unless they've seen everything and choose to quit . Other people's advice is just background noise . No one has the right to judge how someone should live . And no matter what happens - even if it means danger or death - you have to face the results of your own decisions . There was no need for regret .

All Dane could do was use his skills and strengths to help Rain , this new friend he had just met . Dane typed again , " Here's the manual . " Rain replied , " Thanks , Dane ! " Mystro chimed in , " Since Dane gave a gift , I can't just stay quiet . My talent ... I'll draw a portrait of Rain as a gift . " Don't underestimate me . I'm a pretty famous artist . Having Rain as my model , I'm the lucky one here . " Mystro was actually getting excited .

Walk Their Own Path A model like Rain - white hair , red eyes , and only 18 - was nearly impossible to find ! This wasn't a cartoon character . It was a real person ! What kind of masterpiece could Mystro make with Rain as his model ? Just the thought made his love for art bubble up . " Thanks , Mystro ! " Tilda opened the door for the delivery guy . When she came back inside , she could hear laughter and talking . She couldn't help but smile .

\$ 5 She had worried that Rain , who was always shy and awkward with people , might feel out of place with the three seniors . Even though meeting Tilda had helped him open up and feel normal human emotions , the years of pain and strict training had left permanent scars in his soul . That was why Rain rarely interacted with anyone outside a few trusted people . No connections meant no pain . He had closed his heart , not letting anyone in . Luckily , the three seniors were good , kind men . This house was finally starting to feel complete .

It was Tilda's safe haven , the warmth she would always protect . From now on , her life would be easy and calm , even happier . Meanwhile , on the evening of the 29th , around eight o'clock . Dominic and his team finally got off their private jet , tired from the trip . Russell and the others had already received the news and had been waiting for an hour . At last , their sons - the family's pride - were home . The whole family was together again !

Dominic , looking sharp in a custom black suit , led his brothers toward Russell and the others , speaking with an apology . " Sorry , Dad , something came up at the last minute . It took a few more hours than we thought ." Russell patted Dominic on the shoulder , feeling relieved . " It's okay , as long as you're safe . " The other brothers were busy greeting the family as well . " Dominic , Howard , Santiago , Wade , welcome back ! " Kyla acted the same as always .

She gave a sweet , harmless smile to the brothers she hadn't seen in a long time . But Russell and a few others ' expressions suddenly darkened . They felt a wave of disgust that was hard to describe . Kyla had always behaved this way before . Back then , they just thought it was normal . A sign that Kyla missed her family . But now , knowing the cruel , cold - hearted things she had done , and how she had even made them misunderstand Tilda , pushing Tilda away , and making things so bad they couldn't even see their biological daughter , they couldn't stand her fake sweetness .

Just watching Kyla act all cute made them feel sick ! Dominic and the others hadn't noticed Russell's change in attitude yet . They kept paying attention to Kyla . Everyone talked and laughed as they walked back to Jenson Villa . As usual , when they got home , Dominic and the other brothers gave out the gifts they had bought for the family . This had been a long - time tradition at the Jensons . Kyla was already curious about what kind of gifts Dominic and the others had brought her from Endralsia this time .

In Endralsia , Athleon and Glamora were the most famous clothing and cosmetics brands . They had many limited - edition items sold only there . You couldn't find them in Cetherland , and buying from resellers was risky - there was a chance of being scammed or receiving fakes . The products were expensive , too .

Chapter 508 You Need to Brace Yourselves Especially that winter limited edition coat from Athleon - Kyla fell in love with it the moment she saw the pictures . As a quiet and polite heiress , she would never ask Dominic or the others to buy it for her . Besides , they were already very busy on their trip to Endralsia and had almost gotten themselves killed . Still , Dominic and the others , who always cared about their little sister , would never pass up a chance to get her something special like this . It was the same every year .

Kyla had been counting the days until Dominic and the others returned , just so she could grab the latest exclusive edition from Endralsia . Just as Dominic was about to speak , Russell interrupted first . " Let's go to the study first . I want an update on how things are going with the company in Endralsia ." " Okay , Dad . " With Russell speaking , Dominic and the others had no choice but to put the gifts aside and follow him upstairs . Kyla's eyes immediately lost their sparkle . She bit her lip , looking sulky and unhappy .

Darell , Justin , and Kayden - who already knew Kyla's true colors - watched her quietly . Seeing her expression like that made their fists tighten . Why ? She was such an awful woman . Her every move over all these years had been right under their noses . How had they never realized that Kyla could be so two - faced ? Had they all been blind ? In the study , Dominic and the others gave Russell a report on the recent progress . Russell listened carefully and nodded in satisfaction . It pretty much matches the reports .

But what about Tobias Lowell ? How is the investigation going ? " " We're checking into him , but honestly , there isn't much to report . No real progress so far . " From the bidding event to Hotel Morloss , and even at the company's latest targets , his presence appeared faintly , almost like he was there but not really . " He's a business genius , smart , super sharp , and kind of mysterious . We still don't know who he really is , but he always seems one step ahead of us . " There's no way the information leaked .

Dominic had only told a few trusted friends about this , along with a few trusted assistants . Besides , they were still just starting - nothing was certain yet . All they could say was Tobias , just like Dominic , was interested in the undeveloped Endralsia's entertainment industry . 4 0 4 2 And it seemed he had the same idea as Dominic . Now it was just a question of who could do it better . Russell narrowed his eyes , his voice carrying a dangerous tone . " Keep investigating this Tobias . If there's nothing unusual going on , then we'll just compete honestly .

" But if there is something else , like someone secretly betraying them ... This time , Russell would never let the traitor escape ! " Dad ? " Dominic and the others noticed there was more to Russell's words . His face was tense , almost fierce . It was very different from the calm , confident man they usually knew . Russell spoke up . " Dominic , Howard , Santiago , Wade , I have something really important to tell you all . " You need to brace yourselves . What I'm going to say might be shocking .

It might even be hard to believe ." Seeing his serious expression , Dominic and the others felt their bodies tighten . They looked at each other for a moment . " I understand , Dad . Go ahead , we'll listen carefully . " Dominic , the oldest , spoke first . His voice was steady as always . Howard and the others

also relaxed a bit , staring at Russell with serious , determined eyes . Good or bad , there was no running from it . Ever since they were little , the family had been taught one principle .

" You don't look for trouble , but you don't run from it either . " If danger comes , hiding won't help . Face it . Solve it . Do whatever it takes to get through it . That's what being a real man means ! " Okay ... " Russell took a deep breath . He told Dominic and the others every single detail of what Kyla had done , how she had framed Tilda , pretended to be the victim , and caused Tilda to cut ties with the family . Even though he had known the truth for a long time , saying it out loud still made Russell's teeth grind with anger .

He hated Kyla for it - for getting all the love and attention from the family , everything Tilda had always wanted but never received ! And even with all that , it still wasn't enough for her . She had to sink so low , pretending to be pitiful , deceiving everyone , and making Tilda suffer ! Back then , when she cried and begged , asking them to bring Tilda back , even saying she would leave the family herself , what was she really thinking when she said all that ? She had said it all so convincingly , without a single flaw . Her flawless act had fooled them completely .

But more than anything , Russell hated himself for being so blind . He felt nothing but guilt toward Tilda !

Chapter 509 The Harsh Truth Nobody knows what Tilda was thinking when she walked away from the Jensons and cut ties completely . She must have been completely disappointed , heartbroken to take such an extreme step . Even after she left , the family kept talking badly about her , calling her ungrateful and selfish . Russell couldn't even remember how many times he'd gone after Tilda for no real reason . Just thinking about the way Tilda looked at every one of them - with cold , judging eyes - made Russell's heart ache .

But he had to hide it , especially around Blair . He couldn't let her see how much it hurt , or she would worry . Since he learned the truth , he felt more worn out than ever . At home , it wasn't just dealing with clueless Blair . He also had to handle Kyla , who acted all sweet and innocent , like the perfect daughter . Russell lost track of how many times he had almost snapped , wanting to confront Kyla . Why did she do all those things ? How could she pretend to be innocent after everything she had done ? And what else had Kyla done in secret to hurt Tilda and the family ?

It wasn't just Russell who thought this . Darell and the others probably felt the same way . After Russell talking , the atmosphere in the study grew tense . The silence felt heavy , like it was hard to breathe . Dominic and the others didn't see this coming . They had grown up with Kyla , treated her like their sister , spoiled her , and protected her . They even did terrible things to Tilda for Kyla's sake - ignoring

her presence in the family , acting like she wasn't one of them , giving her the cold shoulder , humiliating her with words . All because they trusted Kyla .

in the bond they shared growing up . They thought they knew Kyla was a kind and innocent girl. But Tilda , who had been missing for 19 years and was only just found , felt like a stranger . Even though they were real siblings , the 19 - year gap made it impossible to feel that connection . The Jensons had always thought Tilda was nothing compared to Kyla . But now , seeing the harsh truth , all their illusions were shattered . Kyla turned out to be a person they didn't expect . And because of her , they had treated Tilda so terribly !

Just thinking about it felt like invisible slaps , hitting them hard in the face . Slaps so strong they left them bloody , nearly broken , but never stopping . It was like an invisible hand was squeezing their hearts , almost ready to burst . It hurt . It hurt so much that it felt worse than dying . Santiago , who felt the least guilty, wanted to say something . But the heavy , tense atmosphere made him feel like he couldn't breathe . He needed a way to release all this tension . Thud ! Suddenly , Wade's legs gave out , and he collapsed to the floor . " Wade !

" Everyone panicked and rushed to him . " Wade , are you okay ? " Howard , who was closest , quickly tried to help Wade stand . He saw Wade completely drained , his lips shaking nonstop . " Wade ... " 2/4 Seeing Wade like that , Russell remembered something . Back then , no one else was at Jenson Villa . When Kyla framed Tilda , Wade had been the only son there . Russell knew a little about what Wade had done to Tilda that day . But as for what he didn't know ... According to Tilda's accusations , Wade had done many cruel things to her .

And the reason he acted that way was all because of Kyla ! " Why ... why did it turn out like this ? " Back then , I said many terrible things to Tilda for Kyla . I told her to die , called her worthless , made her beg for Kyla ... " And now I find out the truth wasn't like that at all . Just like Tilda said , she was framed . I knew nothing . I just let my anger control me . " I thought Tilda was the bad one . I hated her so much , but the real problem was Kyla . " Wade had never felt this broken before . He had already started keeping away from Kyla because of his guilt toward Tilda .

Wade felt stuck and miserable . On one hand , it was his own fault that his relationship with Tilda had fallen apart . He couldn't blame anyone else . On the other hand , it didn't feel right to blame Kyla for his mistakes , to push her away . That wouldn't be right . But if he didn't , he could never be the kind and caring brother he used to be around her . Damn it ! Wade had been caught in these thoughts for so

many days ! He even went all the way to Endralsia to help his brothers , partly because he wanted to avoid facing Kyla and Tilda . Until today , Russell told them everything .

The Harsh Hearing it from Russell , he finally saw what Kyla was really like ! After everything he had done to Tilda, how could he ever face Kyla ? And how could he face Tilda ?

Chapter 510 The Jensons Were in Chaos As Wade kept talking , he couldn't help but tilt his head back . His eyes were red , and tears were swirling . Everyone who saw him felt a sudden weight on their chest , like something had hit them hard . At last , Wade couldn't hold back anymore . The tears fell freely , and he began to sob quietly , just like a kid who had lost his favorite toy . No one blamed him . Dominic and Howard , feeling guilty about how they treated Tilda , couldn't help but turn away , tears running down their faces .

Dominic remembered how , back then , he had told Tilda to leave and even said terrible things for Kyla's sake . But in the end , Tilda turned out to be the mentor he had always cherished . Howard thought about how he had favored Kyla , even going so far as to accuse Tilda of stealing . Looking back , the brothers realized they were nothing but scumbags . They were cruel to their own sister . And yet , they had spoiled the adopted one who pretended to be sweet but was really selfish . Tilda was right . They had been blind fools !

Only Santiago , seeing all this , bit his lip and said , " Dad , could there be some kind of misunderstanding here ? Maybe we got the wrong information ? " Santiago still hoped Kyla might be innocent . Even though out of the seven brothers , he didn't spoil Kyla like the others did . But if what Russell said was true , it was too cruel . Not just to Tilda , but to everyone involved . Santiago wished it were all just a misunderstanding . That wasn't true !

Chaos Russell said , " Santiago , do you think I would announce something this big without proof ? " No one wants to believe this more than I do . Because if it's true , our debt to Tilda is like a black hole - it can't ever be fixed . " I tried everything to prove it was wrong . But when I had no other choice , I had to accept that this is the truth ." Santiago went quiet . The tiny bit of hope left in his heart was completely gone , like it had been smashed to pieces and could never be fixed .

Back when Santiago had been abroad , Tilda had been taken back in by the Jensons . But during that time , her life had been full of pain . She got nothing but coldness and distrust from the family that should have protected her . And the worst part ? All of that was caused by the person they trusted most - Kyla . " Dad , I know it sounds like I'm saying this too late , but back then , with your power , you could

have investigated and cleared Tilda's name ... " Howard said with a hint of resentment . Now , to her brothers , Tilda was completely different .

She had defeated Howard , becoming someone Howard would spend his life trying to surpass . She even saved Blair and Dominic . She was the family's lifesaver . On top of that , she was their sister who had been missing for 19 years ! If Russell had looked into what really happened back then and cleared Tilda's name , maybe they would have felt worse for treating her badly and wouldn't have thought she betrayed the family like the first time they met . Maybe things wouldn't have turned out like this . Dominic quickly said , " Howard , don't say that . Dad is hurting more than we are .

" Russell responded , " Howard is right . Back then , Tilda had proven her innocence , and I already suspected Kyla the most . " But I didn't investigate to prove it . I didn't clear Tilda's name . That was me clearly taking sides . " I chose Kyla over my biological daughter . That caused mistake after mistake , right up to today

I caused all of this . I destroyed our family . I hurt Tilda ! " Russell couldn't control his feelings . He turned away , tears rolling down his old face , his whole body trembling .

Seeing him like that, Howard and the others couldn't say a word . The room went completely silent again . " No , I have to go talk to Kyla ! There has to be some mistake . Maybe this isn't what Kyla wanted ! " Santiago said , about to leave the study and go downstairs to confront her . " Don't go ! Santiago ! " Russell shouted , stopping him . " Blair still can't sleep because of what happened the last time Tilda saved them . If you confront Kyla now and Blair learns the truth , she'll completely break ! " That sentence hit Santiago like a curse , freezing him in place .

He couldn't even imagine that if Blair learned the truth , what would happen to her ? The one who loved Kyla the most was Blair . After losing Tilda for over ten years , Blair poured all her love into Kyla . So when they finally found Tilda and brought her back , Blair didn't even know how to face her , all because of Kyla . At that moment , Wade suddenly broke free from Howard's support and ran straight outside . " Wade ! "