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Chapter 551 Feeling Hopeless and Lonely Putting aside his bias against Tilda , Santiago couldn't shake the uneasy feeling creeping over him as the situation unfolded . Something about it just didn't feel right . " But Dad insisted on inviting Tilda here . Now that she's actually coming , what can we do ? " And I also know that Mom really misses Tilda . She hopes Tilda can forgive her . If nothing goes . wrong , this might actually be the best way . " Tilda visiting Blair was both good and bad in everyone's eyes . In the end , all gazes turned to Dominic .

As the eldest , the most trusted and capable among the seven , his decision mattered most to the younger siblings , who were full of worry . Dominic thought for a full five minutes before speaking . " All we can do is take one step at a time . We must consider Mom and Dad's feelings first . If Tilda really provokes Mom , we'll step in . " " That's all we can do . Let's just follow Dominic's lead . " Dominic turned and walked towards the window . Sunlight fell across his handsome face , but couldn't smooth the worry in his mind . " Master ... Tilda , why would you agree to come see Mom ?

What exactly do you want ? " He glanced once more at Blair , who was lying unconscious in the hospital room , and clenched his fists tightly . If something truly irreversible were to happen , Dominic would rather Tilda not come at all . He would rather she never forgive the Jensions . Kyla was quietly resting in her ward . No one had come to visit ... It's been a whole day ! My brothers still haven't shown up at all ! Mom's surgery is over , she's out of danger , and has even moved to a regular room ! And yet , not a single one of them has come to check on me , who's been left disfigured !

Kyla drew a deep breath , trying to calm her anger and think clearly about what to do next . Now , with Daphne gone and Preston emotionally wounded , Kyla had a chance to step in and maintain her connection with him . But her face had been ruined . Even if Preston didn't ask questions at first because of his past feelings for Kyla , over time , he would never be able to accept a woman who had been disfigured . The Bells wouldn't accept it either . She needed to regain the Jensions ' attention .

She had to use this disfigurement as leverage to win back their care and concern . Otherwise , Kyla would have no choice but to use her final plan . The mere thought of it sparked a malicious glint in her eyes . She really didn't want to use that plan unless there was absolutely no other option . At that moment , the nurse walked in . " Ms. Kyla ... " Kyla quickly asked , " Well ? Did you bring the news to my brothers ? " The nurse nodded . " Yes , I did . They said they'd come when they have the time- " Not getting the answer she expected , Kyla's anger flared , and she shouted , " Damn it !

Why bother coming back when you didn't get the answer I wanted ? Get it done now ! " " Ms. Kyla , what's wrong ? " The nurse gasped in shock . Kyla had always been soft spoken , like cotton candy . She had never acted this hysterically before . She was like a raging , uncontrollable woman now . Kyla realized she had almost revealed her true self . She quickly took a deep breath and forced herself to sob softly , putting on a show . " I'm sorry . I'm really scared and in pain because of my face . My brothers haven't come to visit me . I feel so hopeless and lonely . I don't know what to do ...

" I'm sorry to have shouted at you just now . My mind is a mess . I know I shouldn't take out my emotions on others . Please forgive me , okay ? " Hearing her explanation , the nurse finally relaxed . " Ms. Kyla , you have the best temper out of all the patients I care for . Anyone would lose control in a situation like this . " I understand . I'll find a chance to mention this to Mr. Jenson again . After all , you are still the princess of the Jensons . If it weren't for Mrs. Jenson's injury ...

The nurse sighed , " Your family is heartless ! You got hurt so badly , and they haven't even come to check on you . " The nurse was clearly upset on Kyla's behalf . " Don't say that . I understand ... Mom is most important . I don't expect to compete with Mom for attention . " I just hope my brothers remember that I'm still their sister . That's all I could ask for . " " Ms. Kyla , you're so kind and thoughtful . If only I had a daughter like you . " The nurse was close to tears . After the nurse went to get Kyla some water , Kyla's expression instantly hardened . " Right .

They still won't come visit even after all this ... How damn infuriating ! " If they keep staying away , then I'll have no choice but to strike first . I just need to find the right chance ...

Chapter 552 She Felt Nothing . Kyla's eyes darted around as she got out of bed . Stretching and moving her stiff limbs , she debated whether she should wait for Blair to wake up or go now and put on a show of sorrow herself . At that moment ! Kyla thought she saw someone through the window . Her eyes widened in shock . That figure - Kyla would never mistake it ! It was Tilda ! Tilda was stunning today . Her natural beauty and noble aura were accentuated perfectly , making her look radiant .

It was a sharp contrast to Kyla , who was now disfigured , drowning in self - pity , and lost about what the future would hold . Kyla was a portrait of despair . Why is Tilda here ? Is she here to see Mom ? The Jensons were already leaning toward Tilda , distancing themselves from Kyla . If Tilda had really come to visit Blair , to reconcile and return as the biological daughter of the Jensons , there would be no place left for Kyla . She wouldn't need to act pitiful anymore . The Jensons would push her out themselves .

Or worse - she would fall into Tilda's hands and be tormented until living feels worse than death ! Kyla watched as Tilda entered the hospital and disappeared from the window view . She bit her nails in panic . " No ! I can't just sit here and wait to die ! I have to take action now ! " With that , Kyla hurried out of the room . At the hospital , Wade had already sent a message to Dominic . They were waiting for the

elevator , ready to head up . Dominic took a deep breath and looked at his younger brothers . " They're here .

" " Alright ... " Knowing Tilda was coming , Darell and the others couldn't help feeling a little uneasy . Russell and the others took the elevator to Blair's VIP floor . The moment the doors opened , their gazes locked on Tilda , who was standing in the farthest corner . Tilda crossed her arms and leaned against the elevator wall . Her delicately made - up face carried an air of serene detachment , as if the world around her didn't exist . Even when she noticed the Jensons staring , her expression didn't change . Her eyes were like still water , unreadable .

Then , she stepped out of the elevator in her high heels . Honestly , before coming , Tilda had imagined facing the Jensons in a thousand different ways . In the end , she hadn't expected to feel so calm and composed . Even Tilda herself was surprised by the serenity she felt . After all , these were the people who had once inflicted unforgettable pain on her . Now , she felt nothing toward them . And that was exactly what she wanted . It meant she could truly move on and embrace her own life . Tilda's silent composure only made Dominic and the others more nervous .

Dominic couldn't help but speak . " Tilda , honestly , I'm surprised that you're willing to visit Mom . Why are you here ? " As Queen's former mentee , Dominic knew that Tilda had no tolerance whatsoever for traitors . For someone like her to come see Blair , Dominic couldn't convince himself it was out of motherly love no matter how hard he tried . Flomhed Being the most familiar person with Tilda within the family , Dominic had been pessimistic from the start . " What ?

Russell and Wade told you I was coming to see Blair , but did they tell you how I was ' invited ' ? " When she said this , she didn't even spare Dominic a glance . Among the seven brothers , the one Tilda hated most was Dominic - the so - called eldest brother . He had given her nothing but despair , even telling her she should just die . And yet , he was once the mentee she cherished most , the one she had been proud of . Tilda believed this was among the rare ties she had left in the world .

With all those identities stacked on top of each other , the sense of betrayal stemming from Dominic was more overwhelming than ever before ! " What ?! " Dominic and the others froze , a wave of unease washing over them . Instinctively , they looked at Russell . What had Dad done ?! Russell turned his face away , saying nothing . Yet the evasive look in his eyes betrayed his guilt . Their hearts sank . " Alright , Tilda . Mom's in the ward . Let's go see her .

" Wade didn't want Tilda to discover that Russell had knelt to beg her to come - he didn't want to lose face in front of Dominic and the others . He tried to guide Tilda toward Blair's room . " Wade , don't touch me with your dirty hands ! " Tilda moved to avoid Wade's hand completely . Her icy expression never softened as she strode forward . Russell bit his lip and silently followed her . Wade looked at his hand , which had been rejected by Tilda , and gave a self - mocking smile . Yeah , what right did I have to touch Tilda ?

I should know my place .

Chapter 553 Get Your Ass Up As Russell and Tilda entered the ward , Wade was about to follow when Dominic and the others stopped him , urgently asking , " Wade , what deal did Dad make with Tilda for her to agree to come ? " " Sorry , I can't tell you guys anything . And please , don't ask Dad either . I beg you . " Seeing the sorrow etched across Wade's face , Dominic and the others fell silent . Santiago was the first to speak . " Dominic , let's get inside first . I'm worried Tilda might provoke Mom or Dad . " " Yeah .

" Inside the ward , Tilda stood in the corner , coldly observing Blair lying unconscious on the bed . Russell knelt beside Blair , taking her hand and gently stroking her pale , lifeless cheek . " Blair , it's Russell here . I brought Tilda too . Wake up . Open your eyes . Tilda is really here . " Til ... da ... The word " Tilda " . seemed to spark something in Blair's brain . Unconsciously , she gripped Russell's hand back . Russell's face lit up with joy . " She's responding ! She's responding ! Blair , open your eyes ! Tilda is right here ! I'm not lying ! " Then Russell looked at Tilda .

" Tilda , please - say something to Blair . Just your voice can wake her up ! " Tilda rolled her eyes and smirked with amusement . " Are you sure you want me to talk to her ? " At that moment , Dominic and the others had arrived at the ward door . Hearing Russell's urgent plea , " Yes ! Please , Tilda . Only you can wake Blair and bring her out of this coma ! " " Okaaay ... " Tilda deliberately dragged out the word , squinting her eyes with a sharp glint . Then , she parted her lips lightly . " Blair , get your ass up !

Everyone froze , staring at Tilda in disbelief . " What ? Why are you all looking at me like that ? Didn't you want me to say something to wake Blair ? " Or do you want me to give Blair a few slaps to stimulate her physically ? From medical experience , it's simple, effective , and guaranteed to wake her up immediately . " my Since they had used a provocation tactic to make Tilda visit Blair , they shouldn't expect Tilda to play along obediently .

Tilda loved stirring up trouble , messing with the Jensons , and making them suffer . Russell remained silent . Naturally , he ignored Tilda's teasing . After all , he had expected this . He still held a sliver of hope . He wished that seeing Blair like this might stir some sympathy in Tilda . However , that hope was shattered mercilessly . Then , Blair's fingers twitched . Santiago's eyes caught it , and he exclaimed , " Dad ! I saw Mom's hand move ! " All eyes followed Santiago's gaze to Blair's fingertips . It wasn't an illusion . Blair's fingertips were visibly twitching .

Then , her tightly shut eyes slowly opened , filled with a haze of confusion as her mind struggled to catch up . She stared blankly at those around her . Russell , seeing his beloved wife awaken , couldn't contain his joy . He hurried forward , gripping her hands tightly , his voice trembling with excitement . " Blair ! You're finally awake ! " " I- " Blair opened her mouth , but after a single word , her throat burned like fire . " 1 " Wa ... water ... " Water ! Blair , I'll get it right away !

" After sipping some water , her chaotic thoughts began to clear . Blair remembered who she was , what had happened , and her family . And then , her gaze landed on Tilda . Her eyes widened in disbelief . " Honey ... is this ... am I dreaming ? Why is Tilda here ? " She croaked . If this were a dream , then the exhaustion weighing on her body , the soreness in her limbs , and the waves of pain that came and went were far too real . I'm not dreaming ! If it's real , how could Tilda be here ? " It was me who brought Tilda , Blair .

While you were unconscious , you subconsciously called her name . That's when I realized that if Tilda came , she could wake you up ! " I'm sorry , Blair . As your husband , I thought time would heal all sorrow . Even if the memories couldn't fade , we could face life again . I didn't consider your feelings properly , didn't notice what you truly wanted . " Blair was speechless for a moment . Russell's words made Blair realize that , even in her unconscious murmurs , she had revealed her deepest desire . She looked at Russell gratefully . " Thank you , Honey . You're right .

While I was in the coma , I could hear everyone calling my name , but I didn't have the strength to get up until I heard Tilda's voice ... "

Chapter 554 You're Such a Fool Blair looked at Tilda as she spoke . " Tilda , I'm really glad you came to see me . I know I don't have the right to call myself your mother anymore , but ... thank you so much for coming . " Without Tilda's words , Blair might not have found the strength to wake up at all . Blair owed Tilda the most and had hurt her the deepest . If she could turn back time to the very first day she found Tilda , Blair swore she would never do those foolish things again . She would never make Tilda sad .

" Before you start with your empty words , there's something I need to remind you ... " Wade felt a chill when he heard Tilda say this . He wanted to stop her , but it was already too late . " The reason I came here is because your husband - Russell , Chairman of Jenson Group - knelt and begged me to come . "

Otherwise , do you really think I'd waste my time coming to see you ? Take a look in the mirror , Blair . What right , do you have to make me give up a perfect holiday just to come see your disabled body ? " Tilda's words were like daggers , stabbing straight into Blair's heart .

Before Blair even realized what was happening , the pain came crashing in - tearing through her whole body , raw and unbearable . " Tilda?! " Russell's eyes widened . He hadn't expected Tilda to be so merciless at a time like this , spitting out such venomous words . " What , Russell ? It's your own trickery that made me come . I had warned you . You'd regret asking me to visit Blair ! Did you really expect honeyed words from my mouth to cheer you guys up ? " Still clinging to fairy - tale dreams at your age ?

Fine , then I'll be generous enough to play the realist and shatter that fantasy for you ! " Tilda ignored the stunned gazes of Russell and the others . " What a shame . I actually forgot to take a photo when Russell knelt in front of me and begged me to come to the hospital to see you . I must have been out of my mind . If you doubt me , ask Russell yourself - did he really kneel and beg me to see you ? " With that , she tossed the burning - hot burden straight into Russell's lap .

This was what people meant by words that cut deeper than a blade . Blair bit her lip tightly and looked at Russell . The moment she caught the flicker of guilt as he averted his gaze , she understood everything . The feeling was like a thousand knives slicing through her heart . For the first time , Blair felt what it truly meant to have her very blood run cold and her whole body throbbing with bone - crushing pain . " Russell ... Why ? How could you ? You're such a fool ! How could you kneel to Tilda ...

for my sake ..." Blair had difficulty breathing when she spoke ; she had to keep gasping for air just to get the words out . Her eyes turned red , and tears shimmered , ready to spill . " I'm sorry , Blair . I know this seems ridiculous , but it was the only way I could get Tilda to come . Otherwise , she wouldn't have come at all . " I told you that I'd pluck the stars or the moon from the sky for you . I could even sacrifice my life for you . It worked , didn't it ? Tilda came , and you woke up . If I had to watch you stay in a coma , it would have been worse than death for me !

" Russell tried to smile gently , comforting Blair's grief . It was like a lion nuzzling a lioness , ignoring the gaping wound in his own chest . More importantly , he needed to distract Blair . He had to keep her from noticing her legs . If Blair realized she had lost control of her legs , combined with Tilda's taunts , she might collapse emotionally . Russell knew he couldn't hide it forever , but for now , he tried . " Russell , you're such a fool ... " Blair took a deep breath , swallowing back her tears .

She reached out and caressed Russell's cheek , her eyes full of love and worry . She didn't want him to feel sad at a moment like this . Compared to others , Blair already had a happy life . She had a devoted husband and loving sons . As for Tilda ... That was karma Blair had brought upon herself . Now , she had to bear the consequences . " Tilda , thank you . Now that Mom is awake ... you should leave . " Finally , Wade made the decision . He stepped forward and spoke to Tilda with no room for argument .

It was the best choice , even if the others blamed him , even if Tilda came to hate him more . Wade had to be the villain . He had to make Tilda leave . Dominic and the others could see the resolve in Wade's eyes .

Chapter 555 A Blessing From God Silence was their response . Some even let out a quiet sigh of relief . They all knew this was the best decision , but none of them had the courage Wade had . None of them could bring themselves to say such words to Tilda . Even though they knew this was the best thing to do , none of them had the courage to do what Wade had just done ... to speak to Tilda like that . " Okay , then . I'm leaving . " Russell , I've done what you asked . Watch that foul mouth of yours , and don't go spreading nonsense everywhere !

" Tilda wouldn't agree even if the Jensions want her to stay . Just being here , breathing the same air as the Jensions , felt like inhaling a deadly virus . It was disgusting , nauseating , and completely unbearable . This time , she had completely severed her ties with the Jensions . Tilda turned sharply to leave , and Russell said nothing . As much as he wanted to mend their broken bond , he knew having Tilda here would do more harm than good for now . He couldn't let her keep upsetting Blair . Just then- " Tilda , wait !

" Blair , seeing her about to leave , hurriedly tried to climb out of bed . Her right leg , however , had no sensation and couldn't support her . She nearly fell off the bed . " Blair ! " Luckily , Russell's quick reflexes saved her , holding her steady . At that moment , Blair realized her right leg was completely numb . Panic shot through her as she cried , " Russell , m - my right leg ... What's wrong with it ? " Russell cursed under his breath . His worst fears were coming true in the worst way .

" Blair , you need to stay calm . Calm down , okay ! The doctors said that as long as we keep up with treatment and rehabilitation , your leg will heal . One day , you'll be able to walk again ! " " Haha ... Russell , sometimes I really admire your optimism . Doctors ' words sound ten times prettier coming out of your mouth ! " Tilda mocked , her sarcasm cutting through the tension . Russell ignored her . His entire focus was on Blair , afraid she might collapse under the shock of reality and pass out again . But surprisingly- Blair remained calm . " Is that so ...' 11 " Blair ?

A - are you okay ? " Her calmness shocked everyone . The more composed she seemed , the more they feared it might signal a bigger storm to come . " Russell , before I lost consciousness , I protected Kyla . A huge stone fell on my right foot , and the pain shot through my whole body . At that moment , I was already prepared for the worst . " I was actually more afraid of dying then . I'm afraid of losing you and the children . Now , I've woken up and I've only lost my right leg . This is a blessing from God . I'm lucky . " Blair faced her disaster with simplicity and calmness .

Her inner strength far surpassed everyone's expectations - even Tilda's . If it were Tilda herself , she couldn't have stayed so composed after the accident . Blair had always been the type to snap easily , to lose control the moment someone touched her bottom line , to spiral into hysteria . Yet now , with this composure on her face , she actually earned a flicker of respect from Tilda . Even so , Tilda smirked and turned to leave . No matter what Blair became , no matter how she looked now , it no longer had anything to do with Tilda .

0 : 0 Her only regret was that Russell had used her to visit Blair , yet she still hadn't managed to provoke Blair or get the revenge she wanted . " Thank you , Tilda . I know you still hate me , but thank you for coming to see me . I don't know when I would have woken up otherwise . " And... I'm sorry . I really am . As your mother , I didn't protect you , but did many things that hurt you . I'm truly sorry . " Blair offered a heartfelt , genuine apology , finally voicing the guilt she had carried toward Tilda all these years .

Now at last , she had the chance to say it fully , in front of everyone . In that moment , Blair felt as if her heart had been granted a brief redemption , warmed by sunlight . " If you really feel sorry for me , then stop showing up in front of me . I don't ever want to see you guys again . " Tilda's response remained ice - cold , completely devoid of warmth . Blair lowered her head , unable to summon the courage to answer . Even if Tilda's heart toward the Jensions was long since dead , Blair's guilt toward her ran so deep -and Tilda was still her own flesh and blood .

How could she bear to let go of her , to walk away and never see her again ? After all , Tilda was the daughter Blair had carried for nine months , the child she had nearly died giving birth to . She had been so blind and ignorant back then . She had totally forgotten the joy she felt when she first prepared with the family to welcome this little life into the world .

Chapter 556 Unaware of the Truth At this point , all Blair wanted from Tilda was atonement . But how could atonement happen without meeting face to face ? Russell and the others were taken aback because a few of Tilda's cold words hinted at something more . She once said , " If you really feel sorry for me . Was it a sign of Tilda softening inside ? A sign that she wanted to reconcile with the Jensions ? Tilda didn't wait for Blair's reply , nor did she bother with the Jensions ' mixed thoughts . She simply turned and walked away . The group silently watched her leave .



This time , Tilda's arrival was expected to be like a bomb . Yet Blair's calm defused it , and what might have torn the Jensions apart simply fizzled out . In a way , it was a blessing . Before anyone could even quietly breathe a sigh of relief- Tap , tap , tap . Urgent footsteps approached . " Mom ! " Kyla's anxious voice grew louder as she ran closer . Hearing her , Russell and the others ' faces changed instantly . Blair , however , seemed to realize something . " Kyla ?! Wait , is Kyla okay ? " Before she could finish , Kyla appeared at the doorway of the ward .

Pretending not to see Tilda , she ran straight to Blair's bedside , eyes red and tears streaming , before dropping to her knees . " Mom ! Are you okay ?! Are you okay ?! " of the Truth Kyla's sudden arrival disrupted all the scattered thoughts racing through Russell and the others ' minds . A flicker of hidden disgust flashed in their eyes - something Tilda quietly noticed . It seemed Russell had been right . The entire Jenson family now knew Kyla's true nature . Everyone except Blair , who was still kept in the dark .

Oh , and one more person . Kyla herself . If Kyla weren't so foolish , she would have realized the Jensions were distancing themselves from her . What she didn't know was that the plot to frame Tilda back then had already been exposed . Seeing Kyla's face covered in bandages , Blair's worry surged instantly . " Kyla , are you okay ? Your face ... " " I - I'm fine , Mom . As long as you're okay , that's all that matters ! " I'm sorry , Mom . I've been wanting to see you , but you were unconscious , and Dad and the others were always here . I didn't want to disturb you .

As soon as I heard you were awake , I ran here as fast as I could ! " Before Kyla could finish , Blair interrupted anxiously . " Kyla , don't say that . Your face - what happened ? Why is it like this ? " " Mom ... " Hearing Blair's words , Kyla finally lost control of her tears . They fell like broken pearls . " Mom , my face is ruined ! I survived , but I'm disfigured ! " Blair's heart felt as if it had been struck hard by a heavy weight . Seeing Kyla crying so pitifully and her face wrapped in bandages , Blair's heart was filled with overwhelming guilt . " I'm sorry .

Kyla , I failed to protect you ... " I was right there by your side , and this still happened . It ruined your face. I'm so sorry .. " Don't worry , Kyla . I will find the best plastic surgeon . I'll do everything I can to restore your Mom , it's okay . I'm fine . Just being here with you and being able to talk to you is enough for me . Last night , I swore I'd rather my face never heal for the rest of my life than not see you wake up . I'd do anything for you !

" Kyla's tear - filled eyes and heartfelt sobs made her look every bit the devoted daughter . If Russell and the others hadn't already had concrete evidence of Kyla's true nature , they could have been completely fooled . Watching Kyla , Russell felt a surge of disbelief . This one face had deceived them all ! It had

caused them to completely misunderstand Tilda for so long! It wasn't that the Jensons were hopelessly gullible .

After years of living together and building trust - and with Kyla's flawless , Oscar - worthy performance - even Darell , an award - winning actor , could only sense that something was slightly off . How could anyone have seen Kyla's true nature ? If the scheme against Tilda hadn't been exposed , they might have remained in the dark forever . At the same time , Russell and the others instinctively glanced at Tilda , worried she might misunderstand what she was seeing and resent the Jensons even more . Now , only Blair remained unaware of the truth , but they couldn't reveal it to her .

Watching this scene , the Jensons felt both miserable and disgusted . Tilda's lips curved in a faint , disdainful smirk . She had remained an observer from start to finish . In the past , seeing the close bond between Blair and Kyla would have filled Tilda with sadness , hurt , and even anger .

Chapter 557 Kyla's Flawless Acting There was not a single feeling left now . All Tilda could think about was how foolish Blair was . Her entire life was built on lies . Oh , right . This life wouldn't last long . Just as Tilda ignored the heart - wrenching mother - daughter drama and turned to leave the ward , Kyla suddenly noticed her and exclaimed , " Y - you're Tilda ?! You're really Tilda ?! " Then she rushed to Tilda's side , her excitement spilling over . " Tilda , it's really you ! I knew you wouldn't be cruel enough to leave Mom all alone !

You came this time because you were worried about her , right ? " Kyla's sudden move caught everyone completely off guard . Watching Kyla's flawless performance , Tilda had to admit her expressions and gestures were perfect . But at such close range , she still caught the flicker of hatred and jealousy in Kyla's eyes . " Yeah , I'm here to see Blair because I made a deal with Russell . As long as I see Blair and help her wake up , you'll be kicked out of the Jensons . You won't get a single cent .

You'll be left on the streets , disfigured , living the rest of your life like you'd fallen from heaven straight into hell . " Hearing Tilda's words , panic flashed in Kyla's eyes . The Jensons , who were watching her every move , noticed the shift immediately . They were not unobservant . On the contrary , at the top of the social ladder , they had seen countless people in countless situations . Now that they finally knew Kyla's true nature , her reaction made everything click into place . Only then did they realize just how much they'd missed before - how blind they'd been all this time !

" What ?! Russell , is this true ?! " Blair stared at Russell in disbelief . 1/3 20:14 Wed , Oct 1 d . 317 Just as Russell opened his mouth , Kyla suddenly laughed . Tilda , you are willing to come back to the Jensons - that's wonderful ! I was never truly one of them anyway . To have enjoyed 18 years of their love and affection is already more than enough for me . " For an orphan like me , that kind of happiness was too much to ask for . Most people wouldn't even dare dream of it , yet I lived it for 18 whole years .

This identity was yours from the beginning , and now I'm giving it back to you . " You don't know this , Tilda ... ever since you left , Dad , Mom , and our brothers have missed you terribly . They've always wanted you to come back . If my leaving can ease the knot in your heart and bring you home to the Jensons , then I'd be happier than anyone . As long as you guys are happy , I'd be willing to give up everything - even my life - without regret . " Her voice wavered with sorrow as she spoke .

Halfway through , she had to stop , draw in a shaky breath , and lift her chin as though to keep the tears from falling . Her acting was flawless . Even Tilda almost felt like applauding her . After all , in the previous life , when this had just started , not even Tilda had spotted the slightest flaw in her performance . No wonder Kyla aimed for the entertainment industry . With her acting skills , even without the Jensons ' backing , her sly , calculating nature and talent could carve her a place in that messy , cutthroat world . Russell felt a little dazed .

Should I just go along with it and kick Kyla out of the Jensons ? Even if Tilda never returns , at least this will lessen her hatred toward us and provide some closure . In the future , when we meet again , we won't clash like enemies , hurting each other . And with Kyla gone , this suffocating atmosphere will finally disappear . We'll have room to breathe . " No ! I absolutely won't allow it ! " Blair suddenly exclaimed , her voice tense . H " Russell , are you out of your mind ? How can you even agree to Tilda's terms ?

We've already lost one daughter , and now you want to force another to die just to make it right ? Cough ... cough ... Kyla's Flawless Acting Russell quickly spoke up , " Blair , don't be upset! Tilda was only joking . I didn't agree to that . " "J - joking ? " Blair slowly calmed down , confused , and looked at Tilda . " Yeah , Blair , don't get worked up . Your precious daughter isn't going anywhere . She'll stay by your side and take care of you her whole life . " Tilda's mocking words threw Blair , who had just regained consciousness , into a panic .

" Tilda , y- you've got it wrong ! That's not what I meant- " " I'm not misunderstanding anything , and honestly , I don't care what you think . Like I said , I've got nothing to do with you Jensons anymore - do whatever you want . " Tilda said this and turned to leave . She pulled out her phone and booked a ride . She had checked with her seniors for her destination . She didn't want to waste any more time . Blair wasn't going to collapse from shock anyway . Kyla , pretending to snap out of it , called after her , " No ! Tilda ! Don't go ! I'm the one who should leave ! Wait , Tilda !

Chapter 558 Did I Mess up Again ? Kyla ran after Tilda's retreating figure . " Hurry ! Wade ! Go check on them - make sure nothing happens ! " Russell was worried about Tilda getting into trouble . As for Kyla ,

a shadow of doubt had already settled over Russell's mind . He could no longer fully trust her . If the two of them clashed , with Kyla's persistence and Tilda's obvious disgust , it could easily turn violent . Russell knew that Kyla was no match for Tilda . Still , he feared that Tilda might suffer from getting caught up in unnecessary trouble . " Got it !

" Wade quickly ran off . Blair called after him , " Wade , while you're at it , tell Tilda I didn't mean it ! Don't let her misunderstand ! " . " I know , Mom . " With that , Wade left . After Tilda and the others departed , Blair felt completely drained . She almost collapsed . Luckily , Russell was quick to steady her . " Well , you just came out of major surgery and are still recovering . You need to take it easy . " Blair lay in Russell's arms , her voice trembling with pain . " Honey , did I mess up again ? I just don't want to lose Tilda and then Kyla too .

I already feel so guilty about Tilda , but if I lose Kyla as well , what am I supposed to do ? What should I do ? " " It's okay , Blair . I know , I understand . Don't blame yourself . Right now , the most important thing is to focus on your recovery and your health . " Russell held her gently , soothing her to prevent her emotions from straining her body . The other sons watched the scene with a bitter pang in their chests . Could Mom accept it if she found out the truth about Kyla ?

Betrayal by someone she loves would hurt far more than the fact that she has become disabled . It would be far more than she could possibly bear . Meanwhile , Kyla had chased Tilda outside the hospital . Seeing no one around , she quickened her pace and leapt in front of Tilda , spreading her arms to block her . " Tilda ! Wait ! " Tilda crossed her arms and gave her a cold look . " What ? Now that we're alone , do you still need to put on an act ? " She lifted her chin slightly , exuding an untouchable aura . Her fair , flawless skin looked almost like a newborn's .

Tilda's beauty seemed divine even with light makeup . Her bright red lips were dangerously alluring , strikingly beautiful . The winter limited - edition coat hugged her perfect figure flawlessly . Her long legs , clad in black stockings , were accentuated by her high heels . Even the sunlight on her face seemed dim in comparison . Everything about her was almost blinding to Kyla . Before she was disfigured , Kyla had considered herself the campus belle of Orica University . She was the most outstanding and the most privileged student there .

But now that Tilda was back , everything had changed . Glory , money , and status flowed toward Tilda like a rushing river , leaving Kyla behind . Even the Jensions , who once fully supported and trusted Kyla , began to drift away . What Kyla couldn't accept was that even at her peak of beauty , she was no match

for Tilda . She wasn't even qualified for any attention . Tilda's beauty was breathtaking . She had inherited the best of Russell and Blair's features , with none of their flaws .

Even the Jensons ' seven sons , despite inheriting genes from Russell and Blair , weren't nearly as eye - catching as Tilda . Anyone could see that Tilda was the biological daughter of the Jensons . Kyla had become nothing more than a backdrop , a mere frame to highlight Tilda . Compared to a year ago , Kyla's life had been completely turned upside down . And now , with her disfigurement , the contrast was even harsher . Kyla's eyes were full of envy , jealousy , and hatred as they locked on Tilda's face .

Tilda smiled and traced her cheek with a fingertip effortlessly , like a hunter strolling through the forest with a weapon in hand . " My face ... isn't it beautiful ? " The words cut deep into Kyla , burning her with shame and anger . Tilda was clearly flaunting her beauty on purpose , fully aware that Kyla had been disfigured . How could anyone be so shameless and cruel ? Kyla gritted her teeth so hard she almost broke them . She wanted to rush forward , grab a knife , and tear Tilda's face off to put it on her own . But reason told her she couldn't . She had another plan .

" Tilda , of course , you're beautiful . You're the biological daughter of the Jensons . You inherited Mom and Dad's perfect genes . You're a real princess , a swan . Unlike me , a little ugly duckling . No matter how much support I get from Mom and Dad , I could never become a swan . "

Chapter 559 Kyla , Don't Disappoint Me " Tilda , come back ! Dad and Mom need you . Our brothers need you too . The fact that you came to see Mom today proves that your heart still belongs to this family , doesn't it ? " Kyla was still acting , her words sounding painfully sincere . But Tilda had long since seen through Kyla's ulterior motives . She thought for a moment , and an idea formed . Since Kyla had come to her willingly , and the " time bomb " Tilda had prepared was about to go off , why not act as a catalyst ?

She would like to stir the muddy waters even more to let the chaos deepen . " Are you sure ? You want me to come back to the Jensons ? Kyla , is this really how you feel ? " " Of course , Tilda ! I've always wanted you to come back ! Back then , Dad misunderstood you , and I can see he truly regrets it ! He just can't bring himself to say it to you directly . " " Can't bring himself to say it ? Kyla , do you even know that Russell knelt in front of me , personally apologizing , even begging me to visit Blair in the hospital ? Otherwise , do you think I would have come ? " " Wh - what ?!

" It was like a bolt of lightning had struck Kyla's head . Dad knelt before Tilda ? No way ! He's the chairman of the Jenson Group , the head of a top financial empire ! " Now that you're disfigured , even if you think Blair will always protect you , you hold no real value to the Jensons . Even if I don't come back , it's only a matter of time before they cast you out . " You really thought no one knew about the bad things you did ? Back then , I proved my innocence , and everyone saw that trending scandal wasn't my fault - it was someone else's .

If it had been you , do you think Russell wouldn't have found out the truth ? " Think about your place in the Jensons . You probably had a hunch . And now , with your looks gone , it won't be long before you're kicked out . " Tilda was dumbfounded . Every word Tilda said hit Kyla like an arrow . She couldn't dodge . She could only endure it , feeling as if countless invisible wounds were being torn into her . Kyla's worst fears were now confirmed by Tilda's words . Could it really be just as I suspected ?

The Jensons ' drastic change in attitude toward me wasn't just because of Tilda . Was it because my misdeeds had been exposed ? Kyla had sensed it long ago . Otherwise , why would Dominic and the others act so happy when she returned , only for Russell to call them to the study and suddenly treat her with cold indifference afterward ? At the time , Kyla guessed that something she had done must have been exposed , causing the Jensons to distance themselves . But they didn't confront or kick her out . So she comforted herself , convincing herself that her actions hadn't been revealed .

Now , things have escalated to this point . " Think it over . My ride's here . I'm leaving . " The bait had been set . Tilda knew Kyla's clever mind could figure out the best way to maximize her advantage . " Tilda , I don't know what you're talking about . If you're still mad at me , you can hit me , scold me , but you can't slander my character or my innocence ! " Kyla finally snapped back to reality , remembering why she had chased Tilda in the first place . Tilda smiled coldly , ignored her , and got into her ride , which immediately drove off . " Tilda !

" Kyla suddenly thought of something and chased after her . The car kept moving forward and Kyla ran after it in slippers . There was no way she could catch up . She tripped heavily , falling flat on the ground , scraping herself badly . Tilda knew Kyla was just trying to put on a tragic little performance and let her act it out . Kyla , don't disappoint me . I'm counting on you to go back and stir the Jensons up , turn their world upside down ! By the time Wade arrived , he saw Kyla lying on the ground , crying nonstop .

He instinctively stayed hidden . Seeing that Tilda was gone , he let out a silent sigh of relief . Thank goodness she didn't get into a fight with Kyla . Then Wade's gaze drifted to Kyla , who was lying on the ground , and he turned away without a second thought . He was afraid he might lose control and expose her fake act . After Kyla had cried herself out , she finally got up , limping back to Blair's hospital room . Blair , comforted by Russell , had finally caught her breath and was waiting impatiently for Wade and Kyla to return . She had even thought of calling Dominic over .

Just as Dominic was about to speak , Kyla returned to the hospital room , dirty , bruised , and exhausted .

Chapter 560 Russell's Promise Blair felt sorry the moment she saw her . " Kyla , what happened to you ? How did this ?! " you end up like " I - I'm sorry , Mom . I was too clumsy . I tried to chase after Tilda's car , to make things right with her , but I tripped- " " Oh no ! Russell , take Kyla and get her wounds treated immediately ! She just barely escaped death ; she can't suffer more injuries ! " " I ... " Russell hesitated . He didn't actually want to go . But if he refused , Blair might sense that something was off . Kyla noticed Russell's hesitation , and her heart skipped a beat .

It's just as Tilda had said ! If this had been the past , Russell would have had someone take Kyla immediately to tend to her wounds . He wouldn't hesitate like this . Kyla began softly , in a weak , fragile voice , " It's okay , Mom . I can go to the doctor myself . Right now , your health is the most important . Dad should stay here with you- " Blair furrowed her brows subtly . " You're going alone ? No way ! You're badly hurt ! I can't just let you go like that . " " I'll go with Kyla . " Justin stepped forward . Someone had to accompany Kyla .

Since Russell didn't want to do so , Justin would do it . " Alright . " Once Justin and Kyla left , Blair muttered , " That's strange . Why hasn't Wade returned yet ? Did he not find Tilda or Kyla ? " " It's fine . Since she's back , I'll call Wade to come back . " All right , kids , since your mom has woken up , you guys should go rest a little . " Dominic said instinctively , " Dad , we're not tired ... " Blair's expression immediately hardened . " People aren't made of steel . I know you guys are exhausted .

You've been taking care of me all this time - do you expect me to wake up only for you guys to collapse ? Your dad's here ; he can handle things . When he needs rest , you'll have to take over anyway ! " " Uhh ... okay ... " Blair was the priority now . No one dared go against her wishes , fearing her anger . The brothers had already arranged a schedule for taking care of her before leaving . " Come on , Blair , you should rest too . I'm right beside you . Just tell me if you need anything . " Russell adjusted her blankets as he spoke .

Looking at his stubble and dark circles , Blair felt a pang of guilt and concern . " Honey , I'm so sorry this happened . Thank you for taking care of me . " " Blair , I'm your husband , the man who's meant to spend his life with you . Taking care of you is my responsibility . " Now , you should focus on getting better . I'm waiting for the day we retire together - to travel and enjoy a happy , peaceful life . " Russell helped Blair lie back down .

Looking into his eyes , soft enough to melt her heart , Blair hesitated for a moment before asking , " Honey , did something happen between you and Kyla when I was unconscious ? " Russell's heart skipped a beat . Afraid she'd see through him , he forced a practiced calm into his gaze , not daring to look away , and laughed awkwardly . " Wh - what makes you think that ? " " I've just felt that you've been more distant with Kyla lately . No , not just you - Dominic and the others too . But no one says anything . Kyla's probably already noticed . " Blair had clearly sensed this earlier .

There was probably something that happened while Blair was unconscious , something Blair didn't know . " It's probably because of Tilda . Whenever we see Kyla , we're reminded of what we owe her . Over time , it's just become harder to face her , " Russell explained . He had already prepared the excuse . Blaming Tilda eased Blair's suspicions considerably . Finishe " Honey , I know how you feel - I feel the same way . The guilt over Tilda is eating at me too , but we can't let this pain fall on Kyla . " Kyla is our daughter too .

If we've already lost one daughter , how could we hurt Kyla as well ? That would just be repeating the same mistake ! Honey , promise me . No matter how uncomfortable it feels , treat Kyla well . You don't have to dote on her like before ; just treat her a little better . Okay ? " " All right , Blair . I promise you . Don't get worked up . I promise . " With Russell's reassurance , Blair slowly closed her eyes . She was exhausted . So much had happened just after waking up . With Russell's guarantee , she could finally rest .

Watching her sleep , Russell reached out and gently caressed her cheek , his face full of worry and tenderness .