

## Shadows 89

Chapter 89 The Steel in Tilda's Heart Howard gave Tilda an angry glare , spat out his threat , and stormed off after Russell . Tilda's lips curled into a smile , and her eyes hardened like ice . To her , it was almost funny . " Regret ? No. I'll never regret a damn thing ." Finished The words could have been aimed at Russell and Howard , but in truth , she was saying them to herself . After what she endured in her last life - left to burn like garbage in a fire , broken and humiliated - she had been reborn .

And in this life , she swore she would never regret to do anything she had never thought of before . That included cutting the Jensions out of her life completely . They had no idea ... For a sunflower to turn its back on the sun , it had to be hurt so deeply that it could never forgive . That was the depth of her scar . C Andy reached out , ruffling her hair with a tenderness that softened his tone . " Alright , Tilda . Please don't waste your anger on people like them . They're not worth it . " " You're right . They're not worth it . Not one bit . " Tilda nodded , her voice steady , fierce .

Then , she flashed him a smile , warm enough despite the coldness still clinging to her eyes : " The only people worth it to me are you all - my friends . My real family , " She wasn't alone anymore . Losing the blood relatives who had shattered her meant nothing . In their place , she had gained something she never truly saw in her last life - light she had almost overlooked , shining right beside her all along . Waiting only makes sense if it's for someone who matters . The ones who truly care about you - who treasure you will fight tooth and nail to crash into your world .

Not like how Tilda was in her past life ... throwing away her pride , clawing to break into the Jenson family's world , only to be shoved out , broken , and left to wither . Night settled in . Tilda and Andy had laughed themselves breathless before she finally dropped him at his hotel . When she asked if he wanted to change hotels , Andy just scoffed . " After what I told them today , if the Jensions still try to buy me off , then they've got pig brains . " No family at the top would be dumb enough to keep banging their head against a wall .

He stayed put . Tilda drove back to her apartment . A message from Una lit up her phone . Tilda , what have you been up to lately ? I miss you !! Tilda replied , " Just wrapped up with the lawsuit , Una . The hearing's in two days . Don't get involved for now . Just wait for Russell to give you the apology you deserve . " " Tilda ... about that , I don't need the apology anymore . But you need to win this case . I want you to fight. I'm behind you all the way ! " I've been thinking about it a lot . Even if Mom and Dad know , they'll support me .

But I'm scared the Jensions might retaliate against my family . " Her parents already knew about the lawsuit , about the apology Tilda was demanding from Russell . They weren't angry . They had listened , learned the truth of how Tilda had been abused , and their outrage boiled over . They stood firmly by

her side , promising to help however they could , And really - what kind of parent wouldn't ? Especially after learning their long - lost daughter had been missing for 19 years . Any real parent would move heaven and earth to protect and make up for that loss .

But the Jensions weren't real parents . They had found their missing daughter only to beat her , starve her of affection , and give all their love to the adopted one who had lived in luxury for 18 years . That kind of cruelty was almost unbelievable . Una's parents were furious when they heard it - nearly sick with rage . But ... Una's parents were the opposite . They were ordinary , middle - class , not powerful like the Jensions . Against the likes of the Jensions , one of the city's most powerful dynasties , they didn't stand a chance . Even so , Una was deeply grateful .

Her parents understood her , stood by her , and wanted justice for Tilda . In this world , families like the Jensions were rare . Families like hers - the Colons - were the majority . They stood with their daughter . And that was worth more than any empire . She couldn't let her own troubles drag the Colons into disaster . " Una , do you trust me ? " " Why would you even ask that ? Of course , I trust you . " Then hear me .

If the Jensions are shameless enough to lay a finger on your family , I'll make sure the Colons rise to the top of Slosa - and I'll crush the Jensions under your feet . " That was Tilda's limit . The apology was non - negotiable . Russell had targeted Una just to break her . Finished And if the Jensions thought they could go further , using the Colons as leverage against her , then they were beyond redemption . They would pay , no matter the cost . Tilda would do whatever it takes . She would lift Una's family into glory , and she would bury the Jensions . ...

I believe you . " Una had only paused three seconds before replying . Not just because they were close as sisters , but because from the day they became friends , she had seen the steel in Tilda's heart .