

Chapter 640 We Are Family

Star hugged Melissa once again, brimming with excitement.

During the rescue operations, Melissa couldn't always be with Star, so she had entrusted her care to the local residents.

After a week's effort, their rescue mission finally concluded.

A bus carried them back along the path they had come. When the bus reached the downtown area, it was a signal that their time together was about to end.

Having spent a few days together, enduring life and death situations, they had all grown incredibly close.

After exchanging contact information and making a promise to catch up over dinner, they parted ways.

Melissa had taken only a few steps, suitcase in one hand and Star's hand in the other, when she spotted Everett's car approaching them.

"Star, Daddy is here to pick us up."

Star was somewhat intimidated by this unfamiliar figure who was her new father, especially due to his tall stature and stern demeanor.

She clung to Melissa's hand, and whispered in a low voice, "Mom, will Dad dislike me?"

"Of course not! When I decided to adopt you, we discussed it together. If he didn't like you, he wouldn't have agreed to the adoption."

"I see,"

said Star, her eyes downcast.

Just as Star was voicing her concerns, two children about her age came running towards them.

Initially, Star was startled, assuming they were headed towards her. However, she watched them bypass her and run straight into Melissa's arms.

"Mommy! You're okay. We've been so worried about you."

Standing silently to the side, Star watched as these two children, Melissa's biological children, embraced their mother. She suddenly felt an odd pang of being superfluous.

"See? I'm fine. Besides, with you two lucky charms protecting me, how could anything happen?"

Tears streaming down her face, Lindsey cried, "Mommy, the news reported a severe flood in the area you were in. You went missing too. Merrick and I were scared we would never see you again."

Melissa's face drained of color. It seemed the two children had inadvertently learned about her predicament from the news.

Feeling a pang of guilt, she gathered the two children into her arms, patting their backs gently.

"I'm so sorry. I didn't mean to worry you."

While Melissa was engaged in a heartfelt conversation with her children, Star let go of Melissa's hand and stepped aside quietly.

Unexpectedly, she bumped into Everett.

She recoiled, anticipating a scolding, but instead, Everett took her hand.

He led her over to Melissa and the children.

"Lindsey, Merrick, this is Star. Your mommy rescued her during the disaster. She's about a year older than you two, but she has no family left. From now on, we are her family. You can call her Star."

Both Lindsey and Merrick appeared surprised.

Star, being quite sensitive, feared they might not like her.

She was consumed with worry.

Merrick extended his hand in greeting.

"Hello, Star. I'm Merrick."

Lindsey followed suit.

"I'm Lindsey. Nice to meet you, Star. We're family now."

Star had initially thought they might reject her, but their warm reception dispelled her fears.

She took their hands, smiling brightly. "My name is Star. I'm so happy to be part of your family."

