

Chapter 642 Johnny Opposes

"I found her in the disaster-stricken area. She had lost her family. I felt compelled to provide her with shelter and a loving home, so I brought her here," Melissa said.

"Oh, so I have another granddaughter now?" Vivienne said.

"Yes," Melissa nodded in confirmation.

Vivienne squatted down and conversed gently with Star. "Hello, do you know me?"

Caught off guard by Vivienne's sudden question, Star seemed somewhat confused and turned to Melissa for help.

Melissa squatted down and introduced, "Star, this is your grandmother, your dad's mother."

Upon hearing that, Star softly addressed Vivienne as 'Grandma'.

"Good girl."

However, Johnny appeared slightly perturbed. Rather than approaching to greet Star, he headed straight to the dining room.

An exquisite lunch had been arranged.

Upon entering the dining room, Melissa noticed that all her favorite dishes were present.

"This looks amazing. Johnny, Vivienne, thank you so much."

"You are our cherished daughter-in-law. This is the least we could do."

Vivienne felt Melissa was being too formal, and commented, "To your father and me, you're like our own daughter. It's only natural that we'd prepare something you'd enjoy. After all, you just survived a disaster."

"Thank you."

Even though Vivienne had requested her to refrain from formality, Melissa often defaulted to it.

For Star, this was her first time seeing such a feast. She tried to pick up some food with her fork, but was evidently unskilled. A large chunk of food dropped onto the table.

Star's clumsy maneuver instantly drew Johnny's attention.

With a stern expression, he summoned a servant to clean the mess. ☹

Observing Star's difficulty, Melissa stepped in to assist her.

"Star, if you need anything, just let us know. We're here to help you."

"Okay."

Star nodded in agreement.

Perhaps due to the new surroundings and inherent shyness, she made no demands.

Post-dinner, Lindsey discreetly approached Melissa.

"Mommy, can Star bunk with me in my room? I really like her. I finally have someone to play with."

Hearing this, Melissa was relieved that they had taken to Star.

"Since you're fond of her, would you share your toys with her?"

After pondering for a moment, Lindsey agreed, "Okay, but I need to clean them up first."

She then retreated to her room, seemingly intent on organizing the toys for Star.

Johnny approached with a somber expression.

"Melissa, can we have a private conversation?"

Melissa accompanied Johnny to the study.

"Melissa, I understand your kindness, but you can't just bring home a child from a disaster-stricken area. She wasn't born into a family like ours and adapting won't be easy. Additionally, the life of the upper class is

complicated. Are you sure she can manage it?" ⓘ

Melissa hadn't considered these aspects when she decided to adopt Star. She was moved by sympathy and wanted to offer the child a home.

Previously, she managed two children on her own. Given their improved living conditions, raising a child their age shouldn't be an insurmountable challenge.

"Dad, I didn't dwell on the issues you're raising, but I knew that if she were sent to an orphanage, she'd be just another unfortunate child without a family. For her, I am different. I was present during her most trying times, establishing a bond with her."