

A Man with Nerves of Steel

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Joseph wasn't affected by Cora's parting threats of karma and regret.

"You've deceived me for over a decade. None of the three daughters are biologically mine. I've given the family everything, sacrificing my career and ambitions until I accomplished nothing professionally. Isn't

that the ultimate karma?"

*Joseph, tell me what you know," Bernard said in a deep voice.

Joseph no longer showed deference and fear toward Cora. Instead, he seemed unusually confident. Bernard wondered if Joseph had uncovered an important secret.

“I believe in science. Natalie isn’t my daughter. I don’t know about the rest. You’re an influential man; surely you know more than I do. Besides, a father knows his child well. You know what Cora is really like.”

“Suppose Natalie really isn’t your daughter, and Cora did betray you. What is it that you want?”

“When I first found out Natalie wasn’t my daughter, I wanted justice. I wanted an explanation from Cora. But I realized she is an unreasonable person, and so are you. All I want now is freedom. I want to end this marriage and sever ties with all of you. That’s all.”

“Isn’t money what you are after? You’re always talking about billions of dollars. You’re asking for quite a

lot,” Bernard said with a sneer.

“Would you give it to me?”

“The Lowell family’s money is never yours. I won’t give you a single cent.”

Joseph scoffed. They spoke as if he were a gold-digger.

“If you want to divorce Cora, you’ll have to prove she’s the one at fault. Otherwise, she’ll never agree to it. You have an opportunity right now. Is Frank really Nat’s biological father?”

“What do you think of DNA testing?”

“I believe it’s credible. Nothing is absolutely foolproof, but the margin of error is extremely small. The results are trustworthy.”

“That means you believe Nat isn’t my daughter. I can’t control whether her real father is Frank or some Tom, Dick, or Harry. That isn’t my problem anymore, is it?”

“But Cora won’t admit it.”

“That’s her problem. My status and influence only go so far. There’s not much I can do. But you can. If you stepped forward as the former chairman and took control of the situation, you could strip Cora of power in the company. What do you say?”

“The Lowell family business became what it is today because of Cora. She is the driving force behind it. I don’t have the authority to do that. Even if I did, I wouldn’t do that to her.”

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“Then let her keep twisting the truth and do whatever she pleases.” Joseph ended the conversation with Bernard and turned his attention back to the surgical recordings.

Meanwhile, Helen went to find Cora after speaking to Natalie. “Is Natalie really changing her surname to

Ashmore? Are you and Frank having an affair?"

"Mom, why do you say that? I've repeatedly said that Joseph is Nat's father. I never slept with Frank."

"How do you explain the DNA test results?"

"It's fake. You should not believe it."

"First, you said the test Joseph showed was fake, and now the one involving Frank is fake too. Everything is fake to you. What exactly is real? Cora, I know you're capable, and you always want to have everything. But relationships don't work that way. Now that everything is out in the open, you have to make a choice. Cora, you messed up!"

Cora furrowed her brows, her expression turning solemn.

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