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Trevon had no qualms about being addressed respectfully.

He somehow fell that he was superior. After all, it was Frank who was in love with Ava, so addressing him as such was only natural.

Just like when Edward hooked up with Rose, there was no way around it; Frank had to be dubbed with Edward's respect, even though Edward had a year's seniority.

As Hackett unveiled the box, he quipped, "You didn't go all out and get my son a pink diamond, did you? That would be too girly."

The moment the box was cracked open, Hackett froze, his eyes locked on the chunky, oversized pasta—made golden necklace inside. The golden beads were plump and shimmered brilliantly, looking solid as a rock.

But wasn't this the kind of bling that nouveau riche folks flaunted?

Was it even suitable for a newborn?

Hackett didn't shut the box, and his gaze pierced Frank with skepticism. "Do you think my kid is some kind of nouveau riche? This thing is as thick as a chain link."

Those in the know understood Frank's generosity, but others might think he was planning to murder Hackett's son. Trevon was itching to know what Frank had given that had left Hackett tongue—tied and wearing a constipated expression. As he approached, Trevon playfully placed his fist to his lips and quipped; "Chill out. Frank went all out on this one. When you're wheeling and dealing in real estate, aren't you a bit of a nouveau riche too? Frank gifting your kid a gold chain is on point. Your kid is now the crown prince, destined for the throne

Hackett thought, "I haven't even inherited anything from my old man yet. What throne is my kid inheriting?"

Seeing this, Sherri sprang off the bed and strode over.

Rose was astounded by Sherri's graceful moves and couldn't help but gawk at Natalie, who hadn't quite bounced back yet. "How did she go from being as slow as molasses to lightning fast, like a mother hen laying tomatoes, ready to take off once she's done?"

Natalie felt these two were here to crack jokes, maybe even to kill her. All that laughter had naturally tugged at her wounds.

"Wow, Mr. Roberts, you're really pulling out all the stops. I love how flashy this is. The pearls are huge and bold. When you and Ava have kids down the line, I'll get you an even bigger one.

Sherri started weaving an elaborate story, talking non–stop.

Natalie knew this was the outcome, so she just shook her head and sighed. She glanced at Trevon, who was looking her way, and offered a smile.

They exchanged some invisible affection.

Frank was speechless.

Finally, he casually added, "I'm glad you like it."

Sherri definitely did. Who wouldn't like a thick gold chain handed out for free?

Trevon tossed in casually, "Should I give you something?"

The couple quickly intervened, answering in unison, "No need."

Their tone was unwavering.

Natalie thought, "Trevon's calculator has probably been used a dozen times already. One's for double servings, and the other's for single servings. Just thinking about it is a real bummer. It would be a lot of debts for us."

Trevon responded, "If you don't accept it, don't blame me for being stingy later."

Hackett chimed in, "Let's skip the cliched brotherly gift exchange. We shared the same womb; there's no need for presents back and forth. But if we must, we can get them a toy or something for the occasion, right?"

Natalie nodded, "Sounds good."

Frank stood on the sidelines and suddenly quipped, "Hand over the gift.

Hackett laughed heartily. "There's no rule that says you can reclain a gift once it's given. This is your goodwill, and I take it." Frank couldn't be bothered to continue with Hackett.

Listening to their banter, Rose mused, "If my brother has twins in the future, Hackett will be in quite a jam. The odds are still

there."

The two little kids had dozed off Their bodies had stopped twitching. The grown—ups didn't want to disturb Natalie Anyone. They began making their way to Sherri's room.

Trevon didn't follow but sat on the edge of the bed, helping Natalie recline. "Should we get them a gift?"

Natalic replied. "Do you think they'd accept it? Let's hold off for now. We can follow Frank's lead and gift them a gold chain on their son's one—month anniversary.

"Sounds good. After all, Sherri's into it."

Sherri confidently led the way, akin to a charismatic leader, guiding everyone to her hospital room. If it weren't for her hospital gown, others wouldn't even know she had given birth just yesterday. Her vitality was striking, even in her sleepwear.

Even Frank, who trailed behind, couldn't help but wonder, "Is natural childbirth really this straightforward?"

Hackett, equally puzzled by Sherri's seemingly effortless demeanor, chimed in. "I have no idea. I've never experienced childbirth myself. I've only watched videos, and my wife didn't make it seem this easy. Perhaps it's because my wife is an obstetrician—gynecologist, so she has a wealth of experience.

"How about I ask my wife? Are you inquiring on behalf of Ava?"

Rose recounted the events of the delivery room from yesterday, mentioning how Sherri had been chatting and laughing throughout. After hearing the story, both men were left dumbfounded, not knowing how to interpret Sherri's behavior.

If it weren't for the baby lying peacefully in the crib, they might have suspected Sherri was feigning her pregnancy.

Joy and Juana sat comfortably on the couch, the crib pulled up close. Ruby stood beside it, completely captivated by her

newborn baby brother.

Rose was the first to step into Sherri's hospital room, breaking the silence.

Upon seeing Rose enter, Juana leaped up as if pricked by a needle as if she were about to rush over. However, when she spoued Frank following Rose, she held back and regained her composure. This was her son's uncle, after all, and she needed to stay poised.

Despite the lack of objections from the Roberts family regarding their relationship, there remained some uncertainty without official documents, and they couldn't afford to act recklessly.

With a warm smile, Juana announced, "Oh, Frank and Dr. Roberts are here."

Rose greeted her warmly, "Hello, Auntie. We've come to see the little one."

"Come, take a look. He's the spitting image of Hackett. Sherri is the family hero," Joy said with a warm smile, stepping aside to make room for them.

Juana, concerned, asked, "How's Natalie doing?"

Sherri replied candidly, "The anesthesia has worn off, and she'll be in pain for a few more days. She didn't want Trevon to find out, so she's trying not to show the pain."

"Oh, she has always been so sensible and strong. Just don't overexert yourself in other ways. Check on Natalie when you get a chance, Juana advised.

"I know. Didn't I just come back from there? If you didn't know any better, you'd think I was the one you picked up. And I've just given birth. But it seems that she is your real daughter, not me," Sherri playfully teased.

Juana felt a pang of sympathy but couldn't resist exposing her, "Look at yourself, do you really look like someone who just gave birth? I wouldn't even bother scolding you if you at least pretended a bit."

Joy walked over to Juana and encouraged her, "Sherri, hop into bed. You've already made a trip to the next room, and you must be tired. Rest up.' She winked at her daughter—in—law.

Sherri played along, saying, "Oh my, Mom, I am a bit tired. I'll take a little rest. When I'm feeling better, you can scold me all

you want."

With Frank present, Juana held back her enthusiasm while chatting with Rose, maintaining her composure.

She kept glancing at Rose, and Frank noticed it a few times. Hackett's son indeed bore a striking resemblance to him. Frank silently hoped that he wouldn't turn out as audacious as Hackett.

As Frank prepared to leave, Joy adopted a more serious tone, "Frank, it's your turn next. Hackett mentioned you're engaged."

Frank nodded, "Yes. Just give us a bit more time. My fiancée is still in college."

Having seen Sherri's child, Rose was ready to say her goodbyes. With both parents present; she felt a bit uncomfortable, especially with Edward's mother in the room. "Sherri, we'll head out for now. We'll come visit you again tomorrow."

In the meantime, Juana had already sent a message to Edward, urging him to hurry to the hospital. His father was overseeing the company, and Edward was on his way here now.

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Sherri quickly picked up on her man's charade. It looked like her brother was on his way, even though he and Rose were officially an item now truth, the whole Roberts clan had already swung by

Juana was will banning her eyelashes, and Sherri worried that if he declined, her inom's eyes might turn to the overdrive mode. "Ense, can you stay here for a bit! I've got a baby question, and Jil love for Hackett to hear it too."

Rose felt a ad uneasy arel glanced at Frank. "Hey, Frank, would you mind waiting downstairs?

Frank lad docked the theatrics between Sherri and Juana ages ago and had a pretty good inkling of what was brewing Waiting downstairs might mean that she wouldn't come. "Why don't you grab lunch with Trevon and the gang? I'm off to the office'

With folks accompanying Kose, there was no need for more words. Tm out. See you"

So, in the end, Frank strolled out solo and headed to the parking lot. Fate had it, he ran into Edward getting out of his car. He had figured that Edward might come.

Frank propped huirnself against the car roof, exuding a sense of nonchalance. "Right on time."

Edward adjusted his glasses. "Well, I drove at a regular speed"

"Keep up the good pace. Catch you later." Frank bent down and hopped into his car.

Upstairs, Juana was ushering Rose to take a seat on the couch. Juana's hospitality was dialed up to eleven, and Sherri couldn't help but fret that her mom's enthusiasm might spook Rose.

She couldn't even handle this level of maternal warmth herself, let alone Rose. "Mom, ease up a little. Rose's palms are practically sweating."

Just as she uttered those words, Edward, suited up to the nines, strolled in like a beacon of light, a real lifesaver. Rose heaved a sigh of relief deep inside, and her gaze toward Edward brimmed with complexity.

Edward had already sussed out half of the situation; he probably suspected his mom had cast some doubt into Rose's mind. Without making a fuss, he naturally settled in between Juana and Rose, creating some distance. He chimed in, "It's formula time."

Juana slapped her thigh. "We almost forgot about that. How could we forget what the nurse said?"

Hackett emerged from the bathroom and caught sight of Edward. Looking puzzled, he asked, "Why are you here?"

"Oh, fetching Rose."

The moment the name dropped. Joy smacked Hackett on the noggin from behind. He massaged his head in pain, then turned around.

"What's the deal? Why're you calling Dr. Roberts's name so casually?"

Hackett thought that ever since both mothers joined forces, it had been a real head-scratcher.

Originally, Edward had thought of asking Hackett to drop the casual manner when he heard it, but Joy beat him to the punch.

Seeing the two young lovebirds together, Joy ushered Hackett over to Sherri's side. "Time to feed your son. Sherri's milk isn't cutting it anymore."

The Blackwell family hadn't hired a maternity nurse for two reasons. First, Sherri was an obstetrician—gynecologist herself. Second, both moms had loads of free time, so there was no need to bring in a nurse.

"Your mom's really something. I could barely keep up, but she's nice," Rose whispered into Edward's ear, leaning in closer.

Edward grinned and settled Ruby onto his lap. Rose pinched Ruby's cheek, and the three of them shared a laugh. Juana and Joy, who'd been covertly watching from a distance, couldn't help but smile too.

Joy lowered her voice to a level only the two of them could hear. Next year, you're definitely having another one. Just wait and see how much fun it'll be, maybe even loud laughter under the covers at night."

Sherri discreetly pulled out her phone and snapped a pic of her brother with Rose and Ruby, the three of them together. It was truly a beautiful sight, and if someday her brother's kid was in that scene

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Truth be told, Bose hard her own diner piam Edward's mom was super welcoming, and Hackett's mom had a bit too much of thar lave—fond gear going on for that she didn't like them, but it was kind of making her a tad uneasy.

With a firm grip, Edward bromed Ruby up and reached for Rose's hand. Right before everyone's eyes, Rose made an at "Goodbye"

Jebamed and said. "No need for goodbyes. You can swing by later for some playtime."

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Maching for to depart Juana shook her head, still wearing a smile, and continued her praise, "Rose, that's a mighty fine rate Her personality's quine charming too. You can tell just by her smile that she's a bright, straightforward kid, no hidden

"Locks Mb Edward's ring doser to tying the knot. Time to sit down with your father and plan things out. Wonder what the Rohms family might expect

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At a crucial pure, Harken played his role

Jana kore than the Roberts family had no objections to her. Otherwise, they wouldn't let her son openly date Rose. Her real

ith was the marriage requirements. Why couldn't Sherri and Hackett meet her expectations?

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I won't debate whether a bag chest is good with you. Today, I'm in a good mood, and won't argue with you. Quick, tell me what you watne touch on and I fetch it. After you chow down go grab some shut—eye"

Honey, witsats prour grab of choice? I'll snag it for you" Hackett felt like Sherri'd lost her head-of-household status.

She pursed and have to start buttering up Rose from now on

Joy hard gomen med to Juana's peculiar way of treating Sherri Not that she minded, but their way of communicating was a tad suoral For instance, now Juana was asking her daughter what she wanted to eat, and once Sherri responded, she'd head

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The two of them had grown used to not conversing in the usual way. Maybe both felt awkward being too polite.

Kaby hat bem spirited away by Rose, and the little grandson had nodded off. So Joy asked, "Sherri, what's your grub craig Your mom and I are gonna grab something. Hackett, don't spend the whole day glued to playing games. Check if your son needs a diaper change later. Well get some grub that suits Sherri

As she spoke. Harken had already fired up his mobile game. His son was out cold, and Sherri had settled in for some rest foo Staring at the ceiling with nada to do wasn't exactly an option

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Acknowledging her detentiation, Edward served Baby sme vegetables "Here, munch on these Your aunt in–law says being picky with found won't help you grow taller?

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'Would you like to get something for them collectivelyr

Edward hesitated at her suggestion Whale he had contemplated laying gifts for everyone, his history with Natalie had made him candions, fearing Rose might not approve

Sensing her boyfriend's uncertainty, Rose understood and clarified, Edward, you don't need to avoid this. I already know you're into me now. So, you can continue treating Natalie like a sister. There's no need to go out of your way to avoid her I'm not that petty. As long as you have no ulterior motives, it's fine. This is my only condition. If you love me, then it's exclusively me. I can be quite possessive in that regard

Rose genuinely had no significant concerns about Edward's past feelings for Natalie. Natalie was remarkable, and given their long history, it was understandable that feelings might have developed. However, they had never been romantically involved, and Natalie remained unaware of his emotions.

Future gatherings would inevitably bring them all together. Deliberately avoiding her would only lead to misunderstandings. "You can continue treating Natalie like a sister. I'm comfortable with that, especially considering the's younger than us."

Edward hadn't anticipated such understanding from Rose. "Rose, thank you. Thank you for being so understanding, and thank you for your generosity.

Rose concluded her statement with a touch of self—appreciation before lightening the mood. "Alright, alright, cherish me. Once you love me, there's no turning back"

Edward smiled. Tll keep that in mind"

"That sounds about right. Adore me for the rest of your life, okay?

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The children's clothing section brimmed with attention—grabbing attire. It was not just the exquisite princess dresses that caught the eye, even the combination of denim pants and a white short—sleeved shirt worn by the mannequin at the entrance exuded a remarkable appeal, The mannequin also donned a sleek milky white baseball cap atop its head, radiating a distinct sense of style.

Adjacent to that mannequin stood another one featuring a young girl. She was dressed in a pink ball gown with a voluminous skirt. The skirt sparkled with dazzling sequins, and there was a delicate floral ruffle adorning the shoulder.

It was full of fairy—like charm. However, since Rose did not know Ruby's preferences, she asked the little one for her opinion. "Ruby, do you like the clothes at the entrance?"

Ruby glanced upward for a brief moment and became instantly enchanted. Her tiny eyes remained fixated and she found herself unable to turn away. It appeared that the allure of beautiful things was not limited to adults; even children possessed a sense of aesthetics/Edward, who was holding his niece's hand, remarked, "I think she likes it. Ruby has always adored dresses, unlike Sherri

Ruby had a gentle and sweet personality, and she loved dresses and the color pink.

Hearing Edward's words, Rose said to the salesperson, "I would like the two pieces at the entrance. Are there any available in your stockroom?

The salesperson replied, "Yes, I'll go get them for you."

Edward promptly shared Ruby's height, while Rose indicated Jasper's, which proved to be one size larger than Ruby's.

Jasper stood just half a head taller than Ruby; thus, a size larger would be the ideal fit.

After that, Rose allowed Ruby to pick several other styles of clothes in the store, a total of eight sets, and the same for Jasper.

Downstairs at the jewelry store.

Rose was not very knowledgeable about buying jewelry, but in the morning, she saw the joy on Sherri's face when she received the gold chain necklace from her brother. Besides, Natalie had mentioned that Sherri had a preference for Juxurious, materialistic items. While standing near the display counter, Rose inquired, "Could you make some recommendations?"

The salesperson said, "Hello, is it going to be a gift?"

Rose replied, "Yes. Well, I want to give a newborn baby a gift. Is there anything suitable for a baby?"

Edward positioned the child on a chair, and then gently placed his arm around Rose's shoulder. The duo delved into the intricacies of the jewelry designs, and their attention was completely ensnared by the radiant exhibition beneath the see—through glass counter.

The salesperson carefully picked out a few styles suitable for gifts and arranged them in the display tray. Have a look at these options. A gold lock symbolizes auspiciousness, and this bracelet is quite popular with customers as it represents a sense of generosity."

The gold lock was hollow, while the bracelet was solid.

Rose glanced up at Edward, seeking his opinion. "Which one do you think is better?"

He prioritized her preferences, gently squeezing her shoulder and tidying the strands of hair around her collarbone as he said, "Choose the one you like the most; that's the one you should go for."

The young girl on the chair played with a small cat toy. The man was striking, and the woman was quite attractive. Therefore, the salesperson assumed they were a family of three, expressing his admiration

for the family by saying, "All three of you are exceptionally good-looking."

Rose did not find it inappropriate and explained with a smile, "This is my niece. We don't have children yet."

She smiled warmly after saying that.

I'm sorry. But, really, the three of you are so good—looking. I've been in sales for many years, and this is the first time I've seen such a good—looking combination like yours. Your future children will definitely be very handsome or beautiful. After all, both of your genes are top—notch." The salesperson showered them with enthusiastic compliments, and in response, Edward and Rose maintained polite smiles...

Gazing at the gold on the tray for a while, Rose finally made up her mind. Edward, who was patiently waiting by her side, asked, "Have you made up your mind?"

"I have. I'll go with the bracelet. Give me a pair of this, please."

Then she pointed to a pair of beautiful and delicate knot bracelets on the display counter. "Please fetch me two pairs of these. Can they be engraved

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"You're worth good pd. Hackers must have done something good in his past life to be blessed with such a cute daughter." She gratly cloned the door and walked to the trunk, where the found that Edward had already arranged all the items. After doing the trunk, the noticed his hand had turned red from the effort. She gently took his hand and blew on it to cool it down. His eyes brwdy darkened, but a smile curled on his lips. It's nothing I'll go away soon

She quickly wrapped her arms around his neck, stood on her tiptoes, and planted three kisses on his lips. "A reward for your free bbor all afternoon You've worked hard, Mr. Landor

Be needs at the car and swiftly cupped the back of her head. She tilted her head back, closed her eyes, and welcomed his

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After all, she koned just as pressionately as always. She tilted her chin slightly as love flowed between their lips, reaching mery pen of their bodies. It marked the first time he had kissed her in a public setting.

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"Home" He was also dispaly out of breath

"Your kissing skills seem to have improved again"

He was seniors.

Considering that Kultry was sitting alone in the back seat, they did not continue discussing the topic of improvement. After \* fear, they headed straight to the Athena Hospital to deliver the gifts.

The two first went to Natalie's room one was afraid they might be asleep, so she gently knocked on the door. Trevon \*\*he quirked tus lips after glancing at the gift boxes in Edward's hands.

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These worch were said so fly that only them could bear Rose shely füpped her hair, saying, "It's alright. Quick, take a look. These are the gift get for your Link Priznesses. This is from me, and this is from Edward

Trevonanced at the boxes on the bed and the various bags, srailing appreciatively. "You've really spent a lot

This comment was directed at Edward, who put Ruby down and replied. Tm the elder anyway Besides, they aren't meant for you

When Entry new Jasper playing in the living morn, the quickly ran over, grabbed the boy's arm, and sweetly called out. Jasper

Jasper responded indifferenly. "Hmin

Ruby seemed completely unfazed by his aloofness and continued Jasper, do you want to play

The boy simply replied. "Hmm"

As Trevon watched his son respond with single syllables, he was at a loss for words.

Row briefly introduced the gifts, saying. These are clothes for Jasper and the Little Princesses. This watch is for Jasper, and these are locks from Edward"

Natalie's gaze shifted to the pile of gifts on the bed, and she was deeply touched by their thoughtful gesture. She did not know what exactly to say except, "Thank you so much

She had not expected Rose and Edward to go shopping for gifts in the afternoon. After all, they were not the type to fuss over such formalities

She had not anticipated Rose to be so meticulous, tending to each child without favoritism, and ensuring that both the younger and elder ones received gifts.

Buying all these items would have taken several hours. In other words, Edward had been accompanying Rose on this shopping trip the whole time.

Natalie was genuinely happy for them and hoped that they would have a bright future together.

After finishing with the gift–giving. Rose prepared to go to the neighboring ward to deliver the presents. However, Ruby was unwilling to leave. With a playmate around and considering they had not seen

each other for a long time, Edward's attempt to hold Ruby's hand was swatted away. Meanwhile, the little girl's expectant eyes clearly conveyed her desire to stay.

In the end. Trevon spoke up. "Don't worry, my son is very well-behaved."

Natalie remarked, Tm afraid that you have some misunderstanding about what 'well-behaved' means."

She gave Trevon a stern look and then said, "Edward, it's fine. Let them play together. After all, the two little ones haven't seen each other in a long time."

Besides, Hackett, who was in the neighboring ward, could come over anytime.

Edward said, "Alright, if she misbehaves, please bring her to me: His implication was that Trevon should bring the child to him if necessary.

With that settled, Edward left with the gift boxes in one hand and Rose's hand in his other. They pushed open the door and entered Sherri's ward, where a lively conversation was ongoing. However, as Juana and Joy chatted and snacked on peanuts, they did not appear particularly noisy.

Sherri was in high spirits as she listened to the two mothers chatting. "You're back. Where's Ruby?"

Hackett glanced at Edward and, seeing that his daughter was not around, asked, "Where's my precious girl?"

Edward rolled his eyes at him. "I can't possibly lose her, can I? She's in Natalie's ward, playing with her son."

Just as Hackett was about to go and bring his daughter back, Sherri stopped him. "Hackett, stay."

It was not easy for the two little ones to finally bond and get close to one another, so there was no point in disturbing them. Even if they could not be a couple in the future, they could at least be good friends.

Hackett was eager to bring his daughter back, but Sherri disagreed. Sitting discontentedly on the couch, he glared at Edward and said, "You know to take her away, but you have no idea that you should bring her back."

Edward replied, "Can you think normally for once, huh? Ruby has the right to socialize."

Rose took out the gifts for Sherri, saying. "One from your brother, and one from me."

Sherri opened the boxes and exclaimed. "Good lord, you guys are so sweet. This is so beautiful! Wow!" She then showered Rose's face with kisses.

Edward frowned in disgust, walking over with a tissue to wipe Rose's cheeks.

Sherri was speechless as she had already brushed her teeth.

Juana said. "If you think it's beautiful, just express it properly. What's all this good lord' stuff?"

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After they had finished giving the gifts, Edward ewiftly took Rone wway, fearing that his other's enthusiasm might overwhelm her.

He was concerned about overwhelming his girlfriend, so he med the excuse of going to watch a movie in the afternoon to avid interaction

Upon hearing that her son was taking his future fangée to a trivic, Juana was delighted. She encouraged them to leave quickly, iraisting, that there was no need to return to the hospital and that they should take their time.

As soon as they had left the hospital, Rose, having just sat in the car, wid, "Your mum has such a lovely personality. Does your dad love her very thuch

Edward lowered his head as he fastened his seatbelt and earnestly explained the family dynamics, "My dad is usually a man of few words. At home, it's my mom who makes the decisions. She has the final say on everything related to the family. As for the company, my mom doesn't get involved; that's where try dad has the authority

She rested one hand on the car window and replied, "Well, that sounds like a clear division of labor. One manages the home, and the other manages the company. It seems like a good arrangement.

He glanced at her with a smile and said, 'In the future, you can also manage me like that"

Upon hearing this, her face turned instantly crimson, and the covered her cheek with one hand, saying, "Drive already."

Seeing her blush, he could not help but smile. They settled into a comfortable silence, and he concentrated on starting the

car

"In the figure, you can also manage me like that, kept replaying in her mind. The more she dwelled on it, the redder her cheeks grew. She turned her head to gaze out of the window at the retreating scenery, attempting to divert her thoughts, and an unintended smile crept onto her lips.

They fell into silence, and the car became so quiet that they could hear each other's heartbeats. Meanwhile, Edward's gaze would occasionally drift toward her, who was seated in the passenger seat.

About forty minutes later, the car stopped at Arhana Mall

Inside, there was a large movie theater.

"Isn't this the mall we visited this afternoon? Why are we here again? Are you planning to shop again?" she asked in puzzlement

He unbuckled his seatbelt, saying, "Didn't we say we were going to watch a movie?"

She thought he had just made an excuse to avoid his mother.

She had not anticipated that he was serious about it.

While she was lost in thought, he had already leaned in to help her unbuckle her seatbelt. "What do you want to watch?" Her response was swift. Since they were here, they might as well watch a movie. Besides, she was excited because she had not watched a movie with him yet. "Let's go take a look. Do you want popcorn or a drink?"

As the elevator ascended, they arrived on the cinema's floor. She was already at the counter, making her movie selection over the phone.

Meanwhile, he ordered popcorn for her. When he noticed that milkshakes and other drinks were also available, he asked, "Rose, would you like a milkshake or a drink?"

He had no idea about her past trauma with milkshakes.

Hearing milkshake, she had a reflexive association with Frank's milkshake, and she figured that the trauma from that experience would probably never go away.

Without hesitation, she chose a drink "A drink. Orange juice, please."

He recalled that Sherri had a fondness for milkshakes, and typically, girls tended to enjoy them, so he found it a bit surprising that Rose was not a fan. Nevertheless, he did not delve into it and simply told the server, 'One orange juice, please

In no time, Edward had popcorn in one hand and a drink in the other as he quietly waited for Rose to choose a movie. Edward, should we watch a romance, a sci—fi, or a horror movie?

Rose lowered her head, scrolling through the movie options available on her phone while showing clear indecision. Standing, shoulder to shoulder with her, he glanced at the screen and suggested, "How about a romance?

Considering that she might not be a fan of sci–fi, and horror films could lead to nightmares, he thought a romance movie

was a safer choice.

"Alright then. Since we're on the same page, let's go with a romance thovie.

"Great. Pick this one. h's starting soon, he suggested

"Oh, there's still five minutes before it starts. Let's go and check our tickets in advance,' she replied, affectionately hooking her arm around his..

They located their seats in the third row, matching the seat numbers on their tickets. He placed the drinks in the cup holder and held onto the popcorn. Should we start eating now or wail?"

Let's wait. The movie hasn't started yet. It's better to enjoy the popcorn while watching it."

Meanwhile, he wondered why exactly would it be better to enjoy the popcorn while watching the movie.

The movie began.

The popcorn rested in his arms. When she wanted some, she would reach out to grab it, occasionally grabbing something unintended as her gaze locked ahead.

Instead of touching the popcorn, she ended up touching his chest, which was firm and had a protrusion point. Upon recognizing her error, she did not immediately withdraw her hand. Instead, she deliberately repeated the gesture, grabbing a few more times.

The movie theater was dimly lit. She turned to him with a mischievous smile and said, "Do you work out regularly? Your chest seems muscular, and it feels nice."

After her repeated grabs, his back tensed up. He had expected her to let go right away, but to his surprise, she not only maintained her hold but also intensified the strength, seizing him a few more times.

With helplessness, he extended his hand to gently lift her playful hand from his chest to prevent any further grabs. He then proposed. "I'll feed you, so you can concentrate on the movie."

She then asked, "Do you have abs?"

Just then, on the enormous screen, the male lead took off his shirt, revealing his perfect abs and well–defined obliques. Even

through the screen, one could sense the masculinity exuding from the character.

She pointed at the screen and said softly, "Like him? Do you have something like that?"

He glanced at the male lead in the movie and sighed. "I'll tell you after the movie."

It was quite something.

"Alright." Judging by the sensation earlier, Rose assumed that Edward had something akin to the actor in the movie. Besides, she seemed to have touched his abs earlier.

In that case, he probably maintained a regular exercise routine. But for now, she decided to focus on the movie first.

She was not acting inappropriately; rather, she was simply curious if a sophisticated guy like Edward would have the same well–defined abs as Frank. She was simply eager to confirm if all good–looking men had abs.

Subsequently, she turned her attention to the movie, while he assumed the responsibility of feeding her. When he noticed her successfully swallow her bite, he refrained from rushing to offer more food. Instead, he took precautions to prevent her from choking by handing her the drink.

He attended to her every need, and for the entire duration of the movie, he barely diverted his attention to the screen. His primary focus was on looking after her, and he did it with great professionalism.

Athana Hospital.

Trevon emerged from the doctor's office and headed straight back to the hospital ward. As he approached, he noticed a beautifully wrapped bag hanging on the door handle. Instead of immediately picking it up, he turned to ask the nurse at the reception desk, "Has anyone been here?"

The director had previously instructed the reception staff to treat this specific patient with care, emphasizing that it was an important maternity ward. The nurse replied with a smile, "A young boy came by. He said it's a gift for his sister."

The nurse had also inquired why the boy did not bring it in himself. The boy explained that his sister might not be happy to see him, and he would like her to remain joyful after giving birth.

However, the nurse did not relay this part to Trevon.

Trevon squinted his eyes, contemplating whether to bring the bag inside. After hesitating at the door for a few seconds, he reached out and took the beautifully wrapped bag from the handle, then pushed the door open.

Seeing hit enter with the elegant bag in hand, Natalie was puzzled. "Did you go shopping?"

After all, he had left empty-handed just a moment ago

Rachel had meticulously brought nearly half of the toys from the Wilson's residence to the hospital ward, enabling Jasper and Ruby to be deeply immersed in their play within the living room. They were now engaging in a variety of games such as

The next moment, a friend verification message appeared on Natalie's phone. She gently tapped to accept it and found that Tucker's WhatsApp nickname was 'atonement".

She disliked the name.

Let me help you reply. Should I suggest he change his nickname to something more cheerful?" Trevon did not want her to use her phone so much after giving birth as it could lead to nearsightedness.

"Yeah, he shouldn't live like this. At his age, he should be cheerful. You know, he should be an energetic young man. Please give him some advice: Ultimately, it was up to Tucker to decide whether to change or not.

Trevon knew that Tucker would listen to Natalie, and it appeared to him that whatever she requested, her brother would get it done immediately. [Natalie has just given birth and can't look at her phone for a long time. She wants you to change your WhatsApp nickname. You know, something more cheerful.]

Tucker sent a response over. [I'll change it immediately.]

In no time, Tucker's WhatsApp nickname was changed to "Sunshine, as if Natalie were his sunshine.

Trevon showed Natalie Tucker's new nickname. "It changed. See, it's quite cheerful."

After looking at Tucker's new nickname for a while, she smiled and said, "Good. That's how it should be."

Trevon replied to Tucker. [Your sister said it was good. She also wants you to study hard, live happily, and put your parents' matters behind you. You should focus on the future.]

[I got it.]

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After Sherri had fallen asleep. Juana, Joy, and Hackett went to Natalie's ward.

The door was gently pushed open and the three entered together. Meanwhile, they tiptoed as though they were burglars..

As soon as they entered, they bumped into Rachel, who were about to leave. Rachel nodded at the them and said to Joy, "Congratulations.

Joy held Rachel's hand and said softly. "Congratulations to you too. Are you heading out now?"

Because Natalie was already asleep, Rachel said softly, "I'll go home and make some creamy potato soup for her."

Hackett, who was following behind, greeted Rachel as well..

"Why didn't you arrange for postpartum meals? Sherri doesn't like to eat those. I guess you will have to make some creamy potato soup for your two Little Princesses as well.

Rachel had exclusively tasked the two maids with looking after the children, without any request for them to prepare postpartum meals. This decision was made in light of the fact that all arrangements had been tailored to meet Natalie's preferences.

Nevertheless, Rachel assumed responsibility for the postpartum needs, making dietary adjustments as necessary.

Walking into the living room, she saw the two little ones happily playing on the couch. Hackett said, "You shouldn't bully Ruby, alright?

Jasper responded casually, "Hmm."

Joy gently patted her son's arm and said, "You're a good kid, but you talk too much."

Accompanied by Joy and Juana, Rachel entered the baby's room. Since Hackett had already met the two Little Princesses, he took a seat on the couch with them to engage in play.

With Natalie now asleep, Trevon found himself with some free time. Spotting Hackett's arrival, he approached and took a seat beside Jasper, wearing a smile as he remarked, "It looks like your daughter has taken a liking to my son."

Hackett said protectively, "You're overthinking it. Don't even think about making a move on my little darling."

Trevon struck back by saying, "I have two little darlings."

Hackett pondered the unfairness of life, questioning how a man like Trevon would be blessed with two daughters.

Seeing Hackett's defeat, Trevon basked in his own victory. With great pleasure, he said, "If your daughter really likes my son, I wouldn't mind accepting him. Your daughter is more likable than you, anyway.

"Don't get ahead of yourself. Dream on!" Hackett retorted in frustration.

As Hackett seethed with anger, Trevon's smile grew even wider.

In the baby's room, Joy could not stop praising when she saw the two identical little ones, "Rachel, you are truly blessed. These two kids are so precious, and they look so much like Trevon."

Rachel looked at the two little ones, who were peacefully asleep. At times, their lips would twitch, and their eyes would be half—open, indicating their contentment. "They resemble Trevon more, but their mouths are like Natalie's."

Juana, a chatty person, had watched Natalie grow up since childhood. Now, seeing Natalie in such a joyful and loving home. she felt a sense of happiness too. "Natalie has faced challenges from a young age. It appears that fate is just, and she's finally finding the happiness she's earned."

Rachel grasped the meaning behind Juana's words but decided to remain silent, offering only a subtle smile. Once the group had visited the children, they departed quietly. Meanwhile, the maids within the room remained an unseen presence, watching but not intervening.

Outside the room, Joy told her son, "Let's go home and make creamy potato soup. You keep an eye on Sherri, eh? If she isn't taken care of properly, you'll see me unleash my wrath"

Hackett replied, "Alright, you should hurry and leave; otherwise, Sherri won't get to have creamy potato soup."

After the trio had departed, Hackett began to suspect that Trevon might have hidden intentions concerning his daughter. To alleviate his worries, he persuaded Ruby to return home with him by explaining that her younger brother was searching for

her.

It was highly unlikely that a newborn baby who had only arrived a few days ago would be searching for Ruby, but Hackett devised this explanation nonetheless,

Then, Natalie stayed in the hospital for several days, and Sherri also stayed a few extra days, just to be together with her best friend. Meanwhile, visitors from the two wards could visit each other.

If Natalie and Sherri went through their postpartum recovery separately, they would not be able to see each other for two

months. It was worth noting that, since they first niet, they had never been separated for more than a week.

Upon seeing Jasper sleeping in the ward, Ruby resolved not to depart. She was resolute in her decision to remain at the heispital, and Hackett could only grant her permission to stay.

Rose and Edward visited Natale and Sherri as soon as they finished work. Since the last conversation between Bone and Fdward, Ethward would now sit down for a few minutes to chat with Trevon before leaving

The children's room at the Wilson's residence had been set up well in advance during Natalie's pregnancy, but it had remained untouched. This was because Trevon had voiced his preference for the baby to sleep in the same room, allowing him to be involved in feeding, changing diapers, and nighttime care.

Theo was delighted with his grandson's choice and gave his wholehearted approval. It was evident that he empathized wit the challenges Natalie had experienced, and without delay, he directed servants to relocate the couch from Trevor's room and arrange two cradles in the same space.

The room's door swung open, and it was not the maids or Trevon but Natalie's godmother, Lena. "Natalie

Natalie, who was breastfeeding on the bed, was taken aback. "Lena?"

Ever since Mel had left. Lena had been staying alone at the Foster's residence. Natalie had suggested several times during her stay there for Lena to move in with her at Phoenix Manor, but Lena was

adamant about staying at the Foster's residence. She even refused Natalie's offer to hire a caregiver for her.

Natalie chose not to inform Lena about her childbirth during her hospital stay because Lena had theumatoid arthritis in ber legs. Her intention was not only to spare her godmother from the inconvenience of frequent trips but also to shield Lena from witnessing her immediately after surgery to prevent any unnecessary worry.

Natalie had planned for Trevon to pick up Lena when they returned home after giving birth. However, it had been less than an hour since they arrived home, and Lena was already at the Wilson's residence.

Lena approached the bedside, casting a glance at the baby cradled in Natalie's arms and then at the child in the crib. She scolded gently, "You, my dear, how could you keep something as significant as childbirth a secret from me? Do you still consider me your godmother?"

Tears welled up in Lena's eyes as she spoke. After all, she had witnessed Natalie's growth from a young age and had played a role in raising her. In essence, Natalie was like a daughter to her, and no mother should be kept in the dark when her daughter gives birth. The thought weighed heavily on her heart, and she could not help but blame her own troublesome legs.

Natalie reached out to wipe away Lena's tears, saying. "Lena, I'm sorry. I just didn't want too many people worrying But, look, isn't everything fine? Take a look at your granddaughter. Isn't she adorable

Natalie tried to play good. Hearing that, Lena wiped away her tears, leaning in for another look at the baby "She's beautiful. Your grandfather and Jenny will be delighted when they find out."

'Lena, let's live together from now on. I'm really worried about you living alone."

Lena responded, "Okay, I will listen to you this time. You know, Theo is a kind man. He fetched me to stay here while you were in the hospital, saying he didn't want you to be concerned. He assured me that I could leave whenever you decided to leave the Wilson's residence. Are you feeling reassured now?"

Lena's voice quivered with emotion. Indeed, living at Phoenix Manor had been Theo's idea as well. He had mentioned that Natalie enjoyed the sense of home there, and for elderly individuals like them, it was wiser to reside under the watchful eyes of the younger generation. This way, the younger ones could take care of them, and everyone could find happiness and peace

Hearing Lena's words, Natalie was certainly delighted

At the moment, the person Natalie was most worried about was indeed Lena, and she could not help but marvel at how observant Theo was

At night.

A group of people entered the room energetically, prompting those in the living room to swiftly rise and greet them

Even Theo got up, leaning on his cane as he hurried over to greet them 'Oh my, why didn't any of you call Trevon to pack you up

Daniel walked briskly to Theo, holding the old man's wrinkly ham! "We all know the way here, and we can manage on out own. There's no need to trouble Trevon Besides, Natalie just gave birth, and I've heard she has to wake up wveral tas at right"

Theo was quite pleased with this, though he did not openly praise it in front of his in—laws. "That's what her should be doing You see, Natalie deserves to be taken care of If he doesn't get up and feed the baby, what che a hr upposed to da

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Koo with her mouth covered nodded repeatedly to show she understood.

Curace brough the suitcase into the room, smiling as she observed the two on the bed. Rose was positioned with one leg Kuching on the bed and the other off, seemingly ready to get off the bed. Ava,

on the other hand, stood on the edge of the best with both legs, one hand covering Rose's mouth, and the other steadying her head.

The scene was quite adorable, and Grace could not resist offering a reminder, 'Get some rest. Ava will be showering in your room so keep your voice down

Rose, who dared not disobey, nodded vigorously although Avas hand remained in place. Ava turned to Grace, who was about to leave, and said "Grace, good night"

Grace responded calmly Good night. Get some rest

The door was gently closed and Rose could not hold back any longer She freed herself from Ava's gentle grasp and whaspered. "When did you arrive? Why didn't you tell me? Did you come to surprise Frank and check if he's cheating

Ava could not help but laugh at Rose's imagination. She knew there was no need to check on Frank, as he would never cheat "What are you thinking? You have quite the misconception about Frank

Both of them continued to converse in subdued tones, each trying to be even quieter than the other as if they believed the walls had no soundproofing Their cautious whispers made them sound like mischievous children sharing a secret

## **CONVERSATION**

Rose gestured toward the phone on the bed displaying a paused scene where the wife was seen catching the mistress by her hair See, that's how it plays out on TV The main characters are in a long–distance relationstup, and eventually, the guy gets involved with another woman. It's because of a surprise visit that he gets caught. But Ava, Frank is not that kind of person

"Ever since your return to Sapphire City, he has been very well—behaved. He goes to work and comes back home on time every day. You see, he's become quite the homebody I assure you he hasn't even been to the Lithern Club

Having just watched the TV drama Rose had been deeply affected by it and feared that her future sister—in—law might have misunderstandings about her brother. She did not want Frank to be in danger, so she went to great lengths to prove his

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In other to earn Ava's trust, she even raised her hand to make a solemn oath

Ava, however, stopped her from going any further. You're overthinking it I didn't come here to catch Frank off guard. 1

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the suspected that it might involve something strictly for adults but her curiosity got the better of her, and she wondered what would happen next

About in finutes later, Ava emerged from the bathroom, wearing a nightgown with spaghetti straps. She took off her shoes and climbed onto Rose's bed, asking. "Are you ready to sleep?"

Rose could not help but think. "Yeah, my future sister—in—law is certainly planning something big. She's dressed so seductively"

Rose's direct gaze way so intense, making Ava feel uneasy and flustered. Ava instinctively covered her chest with one hand- and blushed slightly 'Oh my, stop looking

Rose withdrew her gaze with a mischievous smile and checked the time on her phone's screen. It was 00 08 am, and she nodded. 'I stay with you for another half hour, but I have to work tomorrow Edward will be here early, and I can't keep him waiting outside You see, I have to bring him breakfast."

"Can't you invite him in to eat? Grace and William have met hirn, right?" Ava asked curiously, "Don't Grace and William agree?

Rose replied. "Well, they've only met once, and it might make Mr. Landor uncomfortable if we invite him in too soon."

Ava ratsedd an eyebrow 'So, can't you just bring breakfast to him every day?"

Rose chuckled "Have you been to the Wilson's residence?"

Yeah, my parents live there, Ava replied, sitting cross-legged just like Rose.

The two sat side by side and chatted for over half an hour. During their conversation, Rose asked Ava what she had brought for the two little ones, and Ava mentioned that she had gifted them pink crystals,

which earned her another round of compliments from Rose

Little did they know, Frank had gifted pink diamonds, and it appeared that they shared an unspoken connection Rose, meanwhile, could not help but wonder if she and Edward would share such a connection in the future.

As Rose began to yawn Ava quietly left her room and headed to Frank's bedroom. She carefully opened the door, fearing she nught wake him up

Frank remained undisturbed on the bed Ava, holding her breath, dared not make a sound, fearing that any movement night wake hum It seemed that he was sleeping deeply, perhaps due to great exhaustion, or maybe it was because he was staying in the Roberts family's house.

She quietly removed her shoes and took slow, careful steps toward the edge of the bed. With her index finger and thumb. she gently gripped a corner of the blanket and swiftly slipped beneath it.

In the next moment. Frank, who had been alert and vigilant, grasped her wrist and was about to switch on the light. Then, at gentle and affectionate voice echoed through the room, saying. "Frank"

Upon hearing it, he was momentarily stunned. He initially suspected it might be Rose playing a prank on him or plotting some scheme, given that the Roberts family was practically impervious to outside intrusion, and only his sister could think of such things. However, he could never have imagined that it was his woman.

As she spoke, she wrapped her arms around his waist beneath the blanket, nuzzling her petite face into his chest. "Frank, do you miss me? Please don't turn on the light."

Be withdrew the hand he had prepared to use for the light switch and instead placed it back under the covers, embracing the young lady's shoulders Sensing her stnooth skin, he suppressed a certain emotion and inquired. "When did you arrive?"

She did not answer his question directly as many had asked her the same question today. Instead, she asked, "Are you surprised

To find the person you long for sleeping beside you halfway through the night, how could one not be surprised?

He held her tightly and planted a kiss on her forehead as if he wanted to embed her deeply within himself. "Very surprised."

For a inoment, neither of them spoke. In the darkness, their eyes, shining like stars, locked onto each other, as if they knew what was about to happen next.

They did know.

He gently tilted his head, and she instinctively raised hers to meet him. Her hands moved languidly from his waist up to his neck, while the room's temperature continued to climb, their emotions spinning further out of control. He shifted, bracing himself on either side of her.

The prolonged kiss continued, but he was no longer fixated on the tenderness of her lips. Her shoulder became a new focal point, and he moved there inch by inch, reaching the destination he desired.

He spared no efforts in the initial stages, and at this moment, he was diligently preparing the prelude to his masterpiece. People who approached their tasks with seriousness had heightened senses, and the sounds of their passionate encounter -filled the air.

In the quiet night, a gentle breeze brushed through, gently tugging at the branches. The leaves rustled and collided with each other, creating a continuous symphony of sounds, like a unique form of communication.

The moonlight bathed the scene in a soft, cold glow, covering the yard with a layer of light, making it a few degrees colder compared to the warmth inside the room.

An hour and a half later, Ava was more awake. Frank, who was lying beside her, asked, "Shall I carry you to the bathroom? Are you tired?"

"Hmm Yeah." She nodded, acknowledging her fatigue. While she was wide awake, she just did not feel like moving after their intense encounter.

He filled the bathtub with warm water, carefully testing the temperature with his hand until it was just right. Then, he gently lowered her into the water. The warmth enveloped her, soothing every cell in her body, and making her feel pampered from head to toe. As the tub was large enough for two people to comfortably recline, she invited him in with enthusiasm, saying, "Frank, join me."

He cleared his throat nervously, fearing he might lose control. I'll take a quick shower, and then I'll join you."

She pouted and stared at him for a few seconds. Eventually, he relented upon meeting her eyes. "Okay, just for a little while. It's quite late, you know."

She said teasingly. "Then why did you take so much time?"

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"That's enough. Be doesn't eat much. Rose declined William's offer of pizza

Grace glanced at the breakfast in her daughter's band and did not say anything in the end

After Rose left, William started talking Looks like we're going to be grandparents soon, right

Don't overthink it. Your son won't disrupt Ava's studies. Let go of your unrealistic expectations!

Just as William was feeling elated, Grace had the rug pulled om from under him it felt like a bucket of ice cold water had been dumped on him, chilling his heart and snutting out the hope that had just been killed

William sighed heavily and looked helplessly in the direction of the staircase It wasn't entirely a good thing that his son was too sensible. At least, not when it came to him being a grandfather Nigh

Outside the villa, in Edward's car

Rose got into the car and stuffed her breakfast into Edward's hands. She took out her lipstick and applied it to her lig facing the rearview mirror

Afraid that Edward would be hungry and rush out, she did not put on any makeup

Edward ate the breakfast while looking at Rose Rose, who had put on makeup and lipstick, pursed her lips several times. She put away the lipstick and placed it in her bag

A finger pressed against Edward's chin and raised his head she asked with a charming gaze, "Do I look good. Edward Edward couldn't react in time to her sudden coquettishness. He choked on the breakfast he had just eaten 'Cough, cough

Seeing that his face was red from coughing. Rose did not have the mod to continue teasing him the quickly took the prepared coffee and handed it over to him. I was just joking with you Do you have to choke from fright?"

She thought, I didn't do much just now. I just winked at him a few times and blinked a few times. Why is he an fragde? "This was too bad. If she were a female demon in the television drama, would Elward be able to take it?

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On the other end of the line. Teven could clearly hear the displeasure in Frank's tone. Instead, he smiled slyly "Are you still harboring unfulfilled deree

Frank smiled playfully and retorted. Who are you talking about? Im not that horny

Trevon wasn't angry After all, he had three children. What was wrong with being horny? He said smugly. You only live once, you know"

Frank instantly understood what he meant. He replied, saving he was just talking nonsense. Seriously, are you calling me

Just to ease me

He thought, "He has three children already, why does he have to tease me?"

Having gained the upper hand. Trevon didn't waste any more time talking to Frank. He continued discussing serious matters. "Come over for lunch at noon. Your future mother—in—law and the others are all here.

Other than being your friend. I'm still your brother-in-law. I have to call you by the way

Trevon implied that he wasn't genuinely inviting Frank. This was just an act out of politeness

Just as Frank was about to hang up Trevon continued. "There's no need to bring anything. The Wilson's residence doesn't lack anything

The polite words that came out of Trevon's mouth had a different intention. He clearly wanted Frank to feel at home and dine like a family member, but his words conveyed a different message.

Frank laughed out loud. "I didn't plan to give you a gift. Is there anything else?"

"I'm hanging up. I'll save on the phone bill. Milk powder is quite expensive.

Frank thought, "Why do you have to mention your children again? Stop showing off man!"

After hanging up the phone, Frank felt wide awake. He lay on his side and looked at the little girl who had been staring at him. He said gently, "Time to get up Your brother wants us to go to the Wilson's residence for dinner.

Ava patted Frank's smooth arm. "Yeah, let's hurry. Otherwise, it won't be good if everyone waits for us later

After speaking. Ava quickly sat up and patted Frank's arm again to urge him to hurry up.

She was going to her sister's house for dinner. Her sister's husband was not the only one at home. There were also other relatives. It would be rude if they were late.

The two of them dressed up as quickly as possible. Frank behaved like a gentleman last night. He did not leave any awkward marks on Ava's neck. He knew his limits.

An hour later.

Upstairs, Emma was chatting with Natalie and looking after the child. Downstairs, Daniel and Theo continued playing chess while Rachel was preparing lunch in the kitchen.

In the courtyard, Trevon was playing with the remote control plane with his son. The toys were given by Ava. Every time Ava came over, she would give Jasper a lot of toys. It was usually not just one but a set.

For example, Transformers were a complete set, and the toy cars were also a complete set.

Jasper looked up at the plane flying in the air. His movements were agile, and his father's hand operating the remote control was smooth The plane flew round and round in the air.

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After lunch, Ava wanted to send a gth to Sherri However, she did not know the exact location of the Blackwell family's villa s she could only ask Frank to accompany her

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Car stopped at the Blackwell family's villa.

Frank led Ava inside and pressed the doorbell at the door. Neither of them had called Sherri or Hackett beforehand.

After the doorbell rang for a while, Joy came out to open the door. At first, she was a little surprised. "Frank... Come in quickly

"Hello, Mrs. Blackwell. I'm here to look for Sherri," Ava said politely.

Joy invited. "Sherri is upstairs. Come in Don't stand outside

After they entered, Joy instructed the servants to prepare fruits and drinks. Then, she said to Frank, "Didn't you call Hacken? He went to the company. This morning, his father told him the price of the building. He held the calculator and calculated for a long time because he felt that the price was inappropriate. After arguing with his father for a while, they both went to the company

"Take a seat first. I'll go inform Sherri that we'll be having dinner here tonight," Joy said.

As soon as they entered, Joy had already arranged their dinner.

Joy ran upstairs anxiously. In the room, Juana was tidying up the ba\*\*inet while Sherri was breastfeeding. Seeing her mother—in—law grinning, Sherri asked curiously, "Joy, what are you so happy about?"

Tm just happy for your mother. Frank and his fiancée are downstairs. I asked them to stay for dinner just now. When the time comes, call your son and Dr. Rose over. Wouldn't that be perfect?" Joy replied.

Joy had a well-arranged plan.

Sherri said uncertainly, 'Moms, isn't this very awkward? My brother and sister are both at the dining table, and my brother—in—law, who is also my brother. There would probably be an awkward silence.

He was not very good at talking, and Frank had a cold personality. What did they rely on to ease the atmosphere? Perhaps the two mothers could help.

To be honest, Sherri was afraid that it would backfire.

"I don't think so. I thought the Roberts family didn't object to your brother being with Dr. Rose. That means they don't object. It's fine to have a meal together," Joy rea\*\*ured Sherri

Juana voiced her thoughts. "Actually, this isn't a deliberate arrangement. Didn't Dr. Rose give the child a lot of gifts?

Shouldn't you thank her? You should at least invite her over for a meal," she suggested.

"Isn't that just nice? Your brother is going home for dinner too. In addition, Frank and the others happened to come today. Isn't this a coincidence?" Sherri exclaimed.

"Yes, Sherri. Your mother is right. We have to thank her, Joy agreed with Juana's analysis.

Sherri thought, "Most importantly, your purpose is not just to treat us to a meal, but to observe Frank's attitude. Isn't this intentional? What else could be considered intentional? Tying the two of them to the bed?

"Or consummate the marriage on the spot?"

Under the heated gazes of his two mothers and their urging, Sherri finally picked up his phone and sent a message to Rose (Sister, come to the Blackwell family for dinner tonight.)

Everyone else was left waiting for Rose's reply in the hospital. She did not reply immediately, likely because she was at

work

Sherri showed the phone screen to the two mothers and confirmed that the message had been successfully sent. He expressed his frustration, saying that it was really difficult. He felt like he was just a tool after continement.

Downstairs, Ava and Frank were sitting side by side. The coffee tables were already filled with fruits and dried fruits for them Ava asked Frank, "Frank, is Hackett good at math?"

Frank hesitated for a moment but eventually admitted, "Yes, he's quite outstanding in mathematics and has a strong aptitude for numbers"

But usually, I can't tell at all. Hackett always seems like he doesn't care about anything and is always cheerful"

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Hackett sasi proudy, "When did I ever make a mistake? hi must be the old man's fault. He didn't stay in the company to ball the aftermath If he had made a mistake. Nathan would surely have left him to deal with the consequences. Only the old man himself might feel a bit inferion

"Have dinner here tonight. It's rare for you to come over, so I have to treat you to a meal. Do you want to invite Rose as well Sve you be accepted the gift you have to arrange the meal. You can't just be a freeloader

Frank dit indiately agree with Rackett's suggestion. Instead, he asked. 'Is Edward joining us for dinner tonight?" How is that possible? He's busy. He picked up your sister in the morning, took her to lunch, and then dropped her off after work Dont you think that Fewand Landor's schedule might not align with my family's mealtime?" Hackett replied.

Hacken felt that Edward was even busier than a taxi driver. He couldn't fathom how many miles he had to drive in a day. Frank said. "If he can't even see Rose off, he should distance himself from her as soon as possible. Many people would clay see my sister of

Trk you're so protective of your sister. You didn't mention that no one is pursuing Rose. Are you also advocating for my brother–in–law" Hackett responded

Ava went upstairs joy and Juana were no longer there. The little guy was already asleep

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Since Joy had already told Sherri that Ava was downstairs, she was not too surprised to see Ava. "Ava, come and see your little nephew

Ava held a rectangular box and a round box in her hands. She walked to the side of the crib and stared at the sleeping little guy. "He's so cute. He's very similar to Hackett

"He does look like him. Our whole family says he resembles Hackett. Hackett's genes are just too dominant. Ruby looks like him, and our son looks like him too. It seems it has nothing to do with me, Sherri remarked.

Regarding this, Sherri felt somewhat helpless.

After garing at him for a while. Ava couldn't bear to disturb the little guy's adorable sleep. She tiptoed to the bed and said. Sis. I bought this for my nephew. It's not very expensive, but I purchased it with my own money. Mom asked me to bring

#### this over

Ava also gave her gold. Before presenting it, she had asked Natalie what he liked. At the time, Natalie had mentioned that he would appreciate gold

A gold spoon, a gold bowl, and a pair of gold forks

They were all solid and had significant weight to them.

Ava introduced. "This represents luxury. This is from Mont. It's an emerald longevity lock. Mom gave the two girls the same style. They're identical

As she spoke, she helped open the box and let Sherri take a look.

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Because Rose was afraid of Frank, she did not hold Edward's arm too intimately when they entered. The two of them walked one after the other, separated by a little distance.

When Juana saw the two of them return, she had the illusion that her son and daughter—in—law had both returned home. She hoped that this day would come faster and welcomed them warmly. "Rose is here. Come in quickly

As she spoke, she walked over and held Rose's hand. She brought Rose into the living room and walked toward the sofa. When Rose walked to the sofa, she realized that Frank was looking at her gloomily, making her feel guilty. She said ingratiatingly. "Frank, where's Ava?"

Juana saw that Frank did not look angry and smiled as she settled down. "Take a seat first. Rose, take whatever you want to eat. I will go and see how Joy is doing."

It was good that Rose was brought in. The rest was left to the young people.

It seemed that she would have to call Rose to the Landor family to eat more often in the future.

Edward approached the sofa and greeted, "You've been here for a long time."

Frank replied calmly, "Earlier than you."

Edward went to wash his hands and did not continue the conversation.

Seeing that his brother was not in a good mood and that Ava was not around, Rose hugged her brother affectionately and said coquettishly. "Frank, when did you come? Let's go back together later."

Rose asked, "Did you tell Grace not to come home for dinner?"

"I did

Frank rolled his eyes. "You don't have to rack your brains to flatter him. You're the one who wants to marry him, not me. As long as you like it."

Hackett was peeling an orange on the sofa at the side. "You want to marry Edward? Aren't you straight? Edward might not want to marry you either. He likes Rose, not you Don't flatter yourself"

Rose was speechless.

"If you don't speak, no one will think you're mute. Eat your food" As he spoke, Frank threw another orange at him.

At the dining table, Juana took good care of Rose. He asked Sherri about Rose's preferences in advance Half of the dishes on the table were Rose's favorites.

Juana did not know Frank's preferences. When asking Hackett Blackwell, he directly said that he was not picky about food, as long as it was edible.

Frank naturally noticed such meticulous preparation. Throughout the entire meal, whenever the dishes turned to Rose Juana would give a gaze to the others, indicating that they should not turn around the dishes and let Rose have the first bite.

Frank couldn't help but want to laugh. Edward was so unwanted that his mother was so anxious.

Juana was still trying to persuade Rose enthusiastically "Rose, eat more. Don't stand on ceremony. Make yourself at home"

Joy echoed, "Yes, our family doesn't have so many rules. You can eat the same way you eat at home, both here and there There's no need to be restrained. It's the same for Frank. We're not a strict family Just look at Hackett's personality"

Hackett asked, "If you guys are just chatting, there's no need to talk about me."

by replied, "Well, you are a perfect example"

shern had just given birth to a baby. To prevent her from getting a cold, Joy had closed all the doors and windows in the iving room

sherri, who was quietly drinking creamy potato soup, choked. Sometimes, her mother—in—law's words could be described is the epitome of wit. Even she admired her, like at this very moment

Sathan and Richard did not go home for dinner and instead worked overtime at the company

iva felt that the Blackwell family had a great family atmosphere. She was very comfortable and didn't feel any restrictions

dward's mother was also very easy to get along with If Rose married into the family in the future. Mrs. Landor would robably treat her very well.

sherr was about to go upstairs after eating. She came down after feeding the baby "Eat more Tm going to look after our

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Joy stood up first I will go You young people can chat

Juana strued it as well. I'm done eating too. You guys chat, and we'll go upstairs and watch"

Tu give the young people some space, the two mothers tactfully left together.

After saving that, they both walked towards the stairs. Sherri could only sit back down on the stool and prepare to chat. It was budeed yare for everyone to come to her house for dinner. If Natalie had not gone through confinement like her, the gathering would be even more complete.

Frank sympathized with Hackett, understanding the pressure of "preparing to take over the company."

Hackett was serious this time. "Let's wait for Sherri to get back on her feet.

Indeed, after their son was born, Nathan had the idea of retiring. Before getting married, Hackett used to frequently visit the company However, after getting married, he didn't go as often. Essentially, Nathan was the one who remained busy with the company.

Sherri said, I've chosen a name for the child, as Liam Blackwell. I've checked the meaning, and it's very good and extraordinary

Edward responded, "Not bad. What do you think?"

This question was directed at Hackett.

Hackett felt that the name was just a placeholder. As long as it wasn't too complicated, he thought it was fine. "It's pretty good. Let's consider it settled then.

Sherri counted on her fingers. "Brother has agreed, Mom and Dad have also agreed, and Hackett has agreed. So, it's decided Future sister—in—law, do you agree?"

Rose thought, "If your entire family agrees, I, who am not yet part of the family, don't have much of a say in the matter." Rose didn't answer directly, but she nodded slightly in agreement.

Seeing her nod, Edward smiled. Rose's reaction toward Sherri was different, indicating that she was becoming a part of the Landor family.

Frank smiled knowingly. It seemed intentional. He pretended not to hear and turned to Ava beside him, asking. "Are you still hungry?"

Ava shook her head and leaned close to Frank's ear. "Frank, should we start thinking of names now?"

"It's still early," Frank squeezed Ava's neck.

Ava said, "I forgot to ask my sister's two babies' names."

Sherri asked, "Ah, didn't you go to Wilson's residence? Didn't Natalie tell you?"

Ava shook her head honestly. She really didn't ask. She was busy listening to her mother teach her sister how to be fair. Sherri replied, "The older sister is Olivia Wilson and the younger sister is Sophia Wilson. Theo gave them their names. Just as everyone was contemplating which name to use, Hackett broke the silence. "Both names match our son's name quite well"

Frank understood what she meant. "You might be overthinking. If you want to get teased, go ahead and fantasize all you

#### Want

Ever since Trevon had three children, he had been extremely proud, especially since his two daughters were like precious gems. They personally changed their diapers, fed them milk, bathed them, and even hired confinement maids to a\*\*ist them in doing so.

It was probably unrealistic to daydream about his daughter.

Hackett didn't think much of it and said confidently, "That's hard to say. What if Trevon's daughter develops a liking for my

Ava thought, "They were still very young after all

Just like that, the few of them sat together and discussed the topic they had just fantasized about. They also talked for a while about Hackett taking over the company. Sherri had no objections to Hackett sharing the workload of her father—in—law, Every time she saw her father—in—law ma\*\*aging her shoulders on the sofa, her heart would ache.

The children grew older day by day, and the elderly grew older day by day. They had always lived in an environment that their parents had worked hard to create. They had been sheltered from the harbhi

kevesener turth Now, it was time for them to take on the responsibility of allowing their parents to rest and enjoy

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The following day Ava miomed Frank and Iron accompanted the Turner family to the airport once more They agreed to meet in Sapphire City on New Years Day to search for her

There were wyzat partings, and Ava had grown more mature. She asked Frank to visit her during the holidays. During this tome she had to work diligently and couldn't afford to waste her time because of her absence.

Frank agreed

Since Rose met Edwards mother, she was frequently invited to dine with either the Landor or Blackwell families.

After dinner, Edward would ensure Rose's safe return to the Roberts family

Day after day, he continued to repeat this routine.

Joday marked the final day of work before the New Year's holiday Rose had prepared small gifts for her colleagues and successfully arranged shift changes with their approval from the HR department.

Tomorrow, Rose was set to embark on an overseas trip with Edward

be the Roberts family villa, Rose stepped out of Edward's car and entered the living room with a cheerful demeanor. She hunned a little tune and hung up her bag Fragrance of red louis root... in the rain. A gentle sense of relief."

Frank was engaged in a conversation with Ava Turner on the sofa when he heard the commotion behind him, signaling his sister's return. Without turning his head, he playfully teased, "Do you still remember where the door is?"

Rose casually placed her bag on the sofa and took a seat next to Frank. She leaned in to take a closer look at her brother's phone, and Frank didn't hide it from her "Are you also going to Sapphire City tomorrow?" she asked.

"Only you and Edward can go?"

Rose, in her cheerful mood, brushed off her brother's dissatisfaction. "Oh, come on, I'm just having a meal at the Landor family. Juana is always so polite. If you were to invite me. I wouldn't be able to refuse. Plus, she's an elder, and we should show her respect"

Since Rose started dining at the Landor family, Juana would often use the excuse that Edward was too busy to answer her calls and would reach out to Rose instead. Rose didn't think much of it and added Juana directly. Eventually, Juana started calling Rose from time to time.

Juana was extremely enthusiastic, making it challenging for Rose to refuse her requests.

Frank replied, "You're so polite."

Rose decided not to dwell on their meal any longer. "Oh, I came back from my trip just to have a meal with you. I know ou must have missed me, but I didn't want to embarra\*\* you by saying it. Anyway,

where are you and Ava planning to go?"

It seems like you've exhausted all the activities in Sapphire City. It can get a bit monotonous. How about we form a team nd go to Haililand together? There are plenty of new and exciting things to explore there."

rank responded with indifference, saying, "Won't you be going to Artroyland this time?"

've already been to Artroyland twice. I've explored all the exciting places there. I feel like it's time for a change of scenery. don't have any particular attachment to Artroyland anymore," Rose replied.

sn't that where you met Edward?"

Why do you keep talking endlessly? You're so irritating. Are you going to go?"

eing that his sister was anxious, Frank did not intend to continue arguing. "No," he said.

ose said in a mischievous tone, "Forget it if you don't want to go. When Edward and I find a fun place, don't be envious." ank looked at his sister with disdain and pulled Rose's arm.

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Early the next morning

Rose skipped down the stairs, while Frank followed behind, carrying two suitcases. His gaze was fixed on his sister's feet

"If you don't want to go to Haildland and prefer to stay in the hospital, then keep jumping around, Frank remarked

Sure enough, in the next second, Rose walked obediently

She had made a complete mating plan with Edward. Nothing must go wrong

When they arrived downstairs, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts instructed. "Be careful Rose, do you have enough money? If not, Daddy will give you more

Before Rose could speak, Frank said teasingly. "Someone is paying"

"That won't do. Edward and I are dillerent. How can we be the same?" William glared at his annoying son, Frank.

Frank disregarded William's gaze and pushed the suitcase out to the car.

Rose said. "Daddy, I have enough money. I received some pocket money from Frank last night. If it's not enough, I'll ask him for more"

Grace said. "Have fum"

"Okay, Mommy Rose said playfully as she hugged Grace, William, and Frank before walking out with a hint of disdain. When she arrived at the courtyard, Edward was already waiting there. Upon seeing the

Roberts couple, he politely greeted, "Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Roberts."

William put on airs and spoke unhurriedly, his hands behind his back, resembling a dean. "Yes, take good care of Rose, he said. It anything went wrong, it would be disastrous.

Edward replied. "I will

Compared to William's take attitude, Grace was much more polite. She calmly replied, "Hello"

After the Roberts couple left, Frank handed the suitcase to Edward. "Take it. We're going different ways. Carry it yourself, he said.

Edward smiled and took the suitcase. He opened the trunk and placed it inside. "I'll protect her, he promised.

Remember what you said. Protect her well," Frank emphasized, with only one request in mind: for Rose to be happy and afc.

Rose thought. "We're at the same airport. Why are we taking different routes?"

gnoring his sister's doubts, Frank got into the car and started the engine. Rose was left puzzled, but Edward understood er concerns. "Perhaps your brother boarded the plane at a different time than us. Let's go," he rea\*\*ured her.

rank was heading to Sapphire City on a private plane, which could be accessed at any time without any issues. On the ther hand, Rose and Edward were purchasing tickets. Although the Landor family also had a private plane, Rose was

ferent from other girls. She enjoyed actively participating in life.

he felt that on the private plane, it was just her. Edward, and the captain, which made the journey quite dull. Buying kets for commercial flights, on the other hand, offered the possibility of encountering interesting experiences. After all, isn't the beauty of life often discovered during various journeys?

ter getting into the car, Rose automatically buckled her seatbelt. Before Edward started the car, he apologized, saying. ose, I have a business meeting with a client at noon, so..."

se interrupted, saying, "Then go ahead. I won't get lost, anyway. Are you going to talk in Flaililand too?

1. ah. I might be a little late. I'll come back as soon as we finish talking. I apologize for any inconvenience," Edward replied. ell, it's just a small matter. It's not like you're going to another country to discuss something. It's fine. Go ahead and don't ry about me. I'll wait for you in the room, Rose replied, rea\*\*uring Edward

ward was taken aback by Rose's words, sensing a deeper meaning behind them. "Okay," he froze and replied.

en he arrived at the airport, Kyle was already waiting

ing Rose, he nodded as a greeting. Kyle looked at the two of them with their fingers intertwined and had an expression

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Where anong bee bugete Rose proven the som She was too awake on the plane just now and did not fall sleeg. She wanted to catch up on her eps that he could enjoy her time later

The a\*\*istant besale Edward was quite good looking but he spoke very little. He couldn't say anything more than Edward I was unclear bow the me of them usually

is she thought about

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reging on the pillow. The Bankee was

When wand came out of the bathroom after changing his clothes, he saw Rose

creed and her phone was pressed under one side of her face

Bard walked closer and gently turned Rose ever Be covered her with the blanket and turned her phone to silent mode. led it on the bead of the bed and rubbed her cheek. Perhaps it was a little itchy, and Kose touched her face with her

and stood be the bed and watched for a while before quietly leaving the n nom

e was already waiting downstar Award and to him "You did it on purpose

le may understood what and meant because he indeed did it on purpose. He hoped that Ndward and Rose u noe so there. I would be better if they could take their relationship further and get married. You've been stagnant

long time. You have to move forward de sad

2 guessed that Rose did not object to his arrangement Odherwise. Rowand would not have such an expression and made she did tot object, it means that she does not die you ve sat

and didn't know how to respond to this so he sing remained silent. He believed in betting nature take its course. As :as Rose wasn't willing he wouldn't make any as towards her

aght ole helped the half-drunk Adward to the door and rang the doorbell After ringing for a long time, there was no

ase was about to run around and go to the next room, the door to Ndward's wom opened Rose, still wearing her ning dress, rubbed her sleepy eyes and squinted at the two people in front of her

atment, Beward's cheeks and neck were red. He leaned against Kyle in a dare, a strong smell of alcohol emanating his body. He was quiet and would not make a fuss even when ditunk Rose already halt awake, yawned and asked, "T

rds entire weight was on Kyle as he mumbled in a da. Go to your room. Rose doesn't like it

ing Edward's drunken instructions. vie continued to speak to Rose. Yes the contract has been negotiated. He had a

deks. Tim Ty

so heard Bowan's words. Even in his chunk se, he was still concerned about whether she liked him or not Her ached slightly, but she was also deeply touched Edward bad always been considerate of her

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"No. Fin going to sit on the sofa and try to sober up. Could you please call the customer service and ask them to change the sheets? It smells like alcohol, and I don't want you to be uncomfortable sleeping at night." Edward replied, concerned about Rose's comfort.

As there was indeed a noticeable smell. Rose didn't object and called customer service directly. Edward. half—lying on the sofa and awake, could see the concern in Rose's eyes. "Are you still feeling unwell? Should we go to the hospital?" she asked. genuinely worried about his well—being.

Despite his own discomfort, Edward's concern for Rose's comfort and well-being was evident. His selflessness and thoughtfulness made him more than just a warm person; he was truly a remarkable and caring individual

Edward pinched his eyebrows and neck with his fingers, trying to alleviate the discomfort. "No need to go to the hospital. Im feeling much better now Just give me half an hour.

Alright. Rose replied, her worry evident in her voice. She had never taken care of a drunk person before, so she was unsure of what to expect. She made a mental note that if Edward still felt uncomfortable later, she would take him to the hospital for further a\*\*istance.

A few minutes later, customer service arrived and cleaned the room, changing the sheets as requested.

She even placed a refreshing fragrance in the room.