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Maybe Willa was just overthinking things. Black Rose wouldn't have seen anything at all. Last night, Chuck had invited her in for a drink, but she had refused him coldly.

How could Black Rose drink?

She still had to protect Chuck!

Therefore, she wouldn't have gotten anywhere close to the house last night.

She wouldn't have seen anything.

"Chucky, go in first. I'll have a few words with Black Rose."

"Okay," Chuck replied as he entered the car.

With that, Willa came to look for Black Rose.

Black Rose was startled. Why was Willa looking for her?

Of course, she didn't see anything. Last night, when Chuck invited her inside for a drink, she even grew angry and refused to go anywhere near the house.

Then, she had just been patrolling around the house to protect Chuck.

If Black Rose got to know about what had happened between Chuck and Willa last night, she might've...

"What do you want?" Black Rose asked.

Willa heaved a sigh of relief. She was indeed overthinking and said, "Nothing much."

"Have you not recovered from your injuries? Why are your legs so wobbly?" Black Rose asked in confusion.

"I... I was drunk last night and slept on the wrong side of the bed," Willa made an excuse.

As an assassin, Black Rose was incredibly observant.

She would pay attention to even the smallest details.

Hence, Willa could only make up a reasonable lie.

"Okay," Black Rose didn't say anything else.

That made sense.

Willa then returned to the car in relief. Chuck started the car and the three of them went back.

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After Willa came home, Chuck went to find Yvette, while Black Rose followed behind them. Willa said that she wanted to rest, but in fact, she went out to buy medicine quietly.

On the way, she met Karen.

"Willa, are you going out?" Karen was surprised. Why was she heading out again as soon as she had returned?

"Yeah," Willa nodded, feeling slightly embarrassed.

"What do you want to buy? I'll ask someone to buy it for you."

"It's ok, I can buy it myself," Willa was nervous. How could she ask someone to buy those things for her?

"Alright then. Where did you guys stay last night?"

"At Patricia Dawson's house. She was feeling depressed because she had been alone for some time, so we drank a bit," Willa explained.

"Okay, as long as you're safe," Karen was also relieved. Willa was smart and had self-control, so she wasn't too worried about them.

"I will. I'm leaving now," Willa nodded.

Karen felt at ease.

They were about to face off with the Yeager family.

After Willa went out, she heaved a slight sigh of relief. She drove to a place far away to purchase some medicine. However, she was a little hesitant after buying it.

What happened yesterday would probably only happen once in her entire lifetime. So...

If she was pregnant, it would be no problem for her to raise her child alone. Furthermore, her child could even keep her company when she grew older.

But if Chuck knew, then....

Willa sighed. It was safer for her to take the medicine.

It was both unfair to the child and to Chuck. If she really did give birth to his child, wouldn't she be forcing him to marry her?

Chuck didn't like her, so how could she do that?

Willa thought about it for a long time. She bought the medicine and placed it in her bag. She would eat it when she got home.

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Chuck's mind was still full of the dream he had about Yvette and him. Once he had returned, he kept holding her in his arms.

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"Hubby, what are you doing?" Yvette was startled.

Why was Chuck being so clingy?

He already told her that he had gotten drunk the night before and didn't return.

Yvette understood it completely.

When Chuck told her about last night's dream, Yvette's face turned red and she grumbled, "You little jerk. What on earth were you thinking?"

Chuckfrinned, "Fine, I'll stop."

"Alright, let's get down to business. Hubby, the Yeager family will definitely try to deal with us. What should we do?" Yvette was worried.

Chuck showed Yvette his cellphone and she blushed, "Who's that? Who did you learn this from?"

He laughed and explained to her that it was Loomis. Yvette was surprised, but when she looked at it carefully, she felt a little relieved and exclaimed, "Fine then. What is Aunt Karen planning to do?"

Upon noticing Yvette's tone and address towards Karen, Chuck could only chuckle. He was happy to hear her speaking comfortably.

"That's the only name I can call her by. Do you want me to call her by her name?" Yvette said with a sigh.

"Of course not. I'll tell you about her plans," With that, Chuck told her about Karen's intentions.

After he finished talking, Yvette's beautiful eyes lit up. So that was how it was going to be...

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"Madam Sophia, there are some people outside to see you!" Sophia of the Lawrence family answered a phone call from her own security guard.

"Who is it? Didn't I already say that I won't meet anyone recently?"

Sophia frowned. Since she had agreed to cooperate with Chuck and even had an affair with him, she decided to give it her all.

If she could earn profits faster, she could make money for Chuck.

After all, Sophia still felt that she had taken advantage of Chuck. She felt guilty, so she wanted to make it up to him as much as she could.

Money was the most direct way for her to do so.

"Don't be angry, Madam. He only said one word," The voice on the phone was shaky.

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"What did he say?"

"Yeager!"

Sophia was astonished. Yeager? What Yeager?

Was that person messing around with her?

Suddenly, the expression on her face changed drastically!

"How many people are there?" Sophia asked.

"Two."

"Let them in!"

"Yes, madam!"

After hanging up the phone, Sophia took a deep breath. As one of the Four Greatest Households, she definitely heard of the hidden families before.

The Yeager family was one of them!

However, none of the three hidden families had sought her out before. What was happening?

Sophia thought about it, but she could only find out after meeting them.

After a while, someone entered the room.

It was Loomis, followed by one of his bodyguards!

Why was he here?

It was simple. As the largest military supplier in the world, the Lawrence family was home to the technology of many different weapons.

He wanted Sophia to make a few bombs. Better, he wanted her to make the type that Chuck had brought before, those that couldn't be detected easily.

After all, Chuck had dirt on him right now, so he would definitely be controlled by Chuck for the rest of his life if he didn't do anything! He thought of a plan, and decided to try to bomb Chuck up secretly!

Sophia had never seen Loomis before, but she knew from one glance that he was from the Yeager family. He was pretty domineering.

"It's said that Sophia Lawrence is a charming and well-maintained beauty. I finally see with my own eyes that it's true," Loomis smiled.

Hearing this, Sophia was secretly disgusted. She hated others talking like this to her. Besides, he was not Chuck. Why was he saying those things to her?

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"What can I do for you?" She went straight to the point.

"Oh, it's not a big deal. I want you to make something for me," Loomis continued smiling.

"What is it?"

"A bomb the size of a glass marble."

Sophia was shocked. Wasn't this the bomb Chuck had asked her to make last time?

She had started on production recently, but there were still a few adjustments to make.

"Doesn't your company study this kind of stuff?" Loomis walked over.

"No. But if you want, I can help you to do some research," Sophia felt that Loomis was extremely annoying at first glance.

Loomis smiled and pinched Sophia's chin. She immediately backed away in anger and frowned, "What the hell are you doing?"

Bang!

Loomis raised his hand and slapped Sophia in the face.

Blood trickled from the corner of her lips as she fell onto the ground.

Her pretty face was reddened and swollen, looking gruesome and painful.

"Does it hurt?" Loomis was still full of smiles.

Sophia got up on her own and glared at him. She would've called for her men to come in if she was dealing with someone else. However, this was the Yeager family she was dealing with. It was one of the powerful hidden families!

As the head of the family, Sophia knew how powerful they were, so she had to consider her family's sake.

Therefore, Sophia did not react to the slap just now.

"Do you think you can hide from me? I heard that you have a lab that has started making such bombs. Do you still want to lie to me?" Loomis snorted.

Sophia was stunned. He actually knew about it?

"Don't be so surprised. Don't forget that one-third of the world belongs to my family. What can you hide from me? So, let me ask you again! Do you have the bomb?" Loomis walked over towards her step by step.

"What do you want those for?" Sophia asked vigilantly.

"It's none of your business. Sophia Lawrence, answer me! Do you have

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it or not?" Loomis sneered.

He pinched Sophia's chin again.

Sophia pushed his hand away and shouted, "Don't touch me!!"

"Hah!"

Bang!

Loomis immediately slapped her again and she fell to the ground. She was quite miserable now as the head of her family.

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"Sophia Lawrence, I'm not a patient person. Answer me, do you have it or not? I want to hear it from you personally!" Loomis grabbed Sophia and snickered.

Sophia pushed his hand away and roared, "Don't force me!"

She had been slapped twice. It was the first time in her life that she had been slapped in the face. Her fury was already brewing and threatening to burst any moment now!

However, Sophia was well aware of the power of the hidden family. She was frightened, which was why she had yet to make a move despite being slapped twice.

The power of a hidden family was indeed not something that a family like hers could compete with.

"Force you? Do you even have the right to say this?" Loomis mocked her, "Are you still unaware of the strength of the Yeager family? Should I make it clear to you?"

Sophia did not compromise. Instead, she glared at him and gritted her teeth, "No!"

"It's good that you understand it. So answer me, do you have it or not? If you don't answer this time, I will have the Lawrence family disappear from the face of the earth!" Loomis threatened ruthlessly.

Sophia bit her lip. In the end, she lowered her head and answered, "Yes, I do."

She was extremely humiliated, and tears welled up in her eyes.

"Haha, then why didn't you just say so earlier? I couldn't bear to hit you, but you just wouldn't listen to me," Loomis cackled.

"Don't touch me. Come get it in five days!" Sophia retreated, refusing to allow Loomis to continue touching her.

In fact, ever since she had been with Chuck last time, she knew that no one apart from him would be able to touch her ever again.

That included Loomis Yeager.

"In five days? Haha, do you want to see me again after five days?"

She said coldly, "You'd better stay away from me. I'm still in the middle of researching that type of bomb, so there are no ready-made ones. If you want it now, the prototypes will explode any time. Do you want

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that?"

Loomis furrowed his brows. His life was so valuable, so how could he use the prototype bombs?

"Don't lie to me, or you'll be in trouble!" Loomis snorted.

With that, he went out with his bodyguard. Sophia felt so wronged that she burst into tears. She felt extremely helpless now and needed a strong shoulder to cry on.

Sophia had an urge to call Chuck, but she just couldn't.

What if Chuck didn't want to come? She would only be disappointed in the end!

"Mom, what's going on? Who hit you?" After returning from training, Elise noticed that her house was in a mess. She even saw a palm print on Sophia's face, and she was enraged.

"I'm fine," Sophia shook her head.

They couldn't afford to offend the hidden family.

"What?! Who the hell did this? W-was it Chuck?" Elise asked in a hurry.

"No, why would he hit me? It was someone else," Sophia replied as she shook her head. How would Chuck bear to slap her?

She didn't believe he could.

She could tell that Chuck was slightly afraid of meeting her now, so he would never dare to hit her.

In fact, it was even a question of whether he would come or not.

"Then, who was it?" Elise was really angry.

How could someone beat up her mother like this?

"Don't ask. I'm fine."

Sophia returned to her room and closed the door. She crouched in a corner and endured the stinging pain on her face. Unknowingly, tears began to flow down her cheeks...

She felt so pressured by the sheer difference in strength that she felt like she was suffocating. She couldn't even fight back because if she did, her entire family would be done for.

Elise was worried when she saw Sophia's expression. She wondered what had happened to her mother!

She could not bear to see her like this at all.

Elise rushed out of the house. She didn't know who to look for to help her. Amidst her anxiety, she immediately thought of Chuck. She wanted

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Chuck to persuade Karen to help them.

With that, she drove over in hurry.

Inside the room, Chuck was still sweating profusely from all the training he was doing. He was surprised by the unexpected visitor and exclaimed, "What? Elise wants to see me?"

"Yes. She said that she wanted to see you now," Betty replied. She was also surprised. Why would Elise suddenly come over?

"No, I won't meet her," Chuck rejected.

If Sophia was the one asking, he would've met with her immediately. Although he was still slightly afraid of her, he would still let her in.

However, if it was Elise, then forget it.

"But I noticed that Elise's eyes were red," Betty added.

Chuck put down his training gear and sighed, "Forget it. Just let her in."

"Please hold on then!" Betty turned around and walked out. Before she left, she glanced at Chuck and praised, "You have trained well."

When she said this, her heart skipped a beat.

During this period of time, Chuck had been training every day. As a result, his muscles had grown really firm.

Betty's words pleased Chuck and he laughed.

It was only then that she walked out with a smile and let Elise in.

After a while, Elise came running in with reddened eyes and muttered, "Chuck..."

"What do you want?" Chuck continued training, sweat dripping down his face.

Elise immediately blushed when she saw his figure. He wasn't extremely buff, but his muscles were well-defined.

She admired his figure.

"Where's your mother, Karen Lee? I want to see her," Elise stated bluntly.

"Huh? What for?"

"Someone just made a mess at our house, my mom..." Elise trailed off.

Chuck stopped and walked over to her instinctively. He frowned, "What happened to Sophia?"

"When I went back, I saw that my mom had been slapped on the face. I asked her what had happened, but she was very wary and didn't say

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anything," Elise sighed.

Chuck's gaze turned cold as he muttered, "I'll come with you and take a look."

"Okay!" Elise let out a sigh of relief. With Chuck's words, it meant that he was willing to help.

Sure enough, as business partners, he was willing to help.

The two of them ran out. Betty was curious and asked, "What are you doing?"

"I'm going to the Lawrence family and have a look."

"Okay."

A while later, Chuck drove and headed to the Lawrence family, Black Rose following closely behind them.

When he arrived, he immediately entered the house.

"Mom...." Elise knocked on the door of Sophia's room.

Her face was still red and swollen, so she didn't want to see anyone. However, how could she avoid her own daughter?

When she opened the door, she noticed that Chuck was there. She felt surprised and immediately lowered her head.

"Mom, I brought Chuck here. Who did this to you?" Elise couldn't hold herself back.

Chuck also felt bad for Sophia. Although their relationship had developed out of the blue, he still had feelings for the women that he had slept with, even if it was by accident.

Therefore, he felt sorry for her.

Sophia did not speak at all. Chuck's sudden appearance had confused her.

She even felt humiliated. It was so rare for him to come to see her, but she was in such a sorry state.

"Elise, I'll ask. Is there anything that I can drink?" Chuck asked.

"Yes, wait a moment. I'll get some for you," With that, Elise ran out.

Chuck closed the door.

He walked up to Sophia and raised her head, asking gently, "Does it still hurt?"

Sophia couldn't look him in the eye. Her heart thumped against her chest, and she felt moved. She stammered, "It doesn't..."

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Was Chuck showing concern for her?

"Tell me, what's going on?" He inquired.

Sophia was the family head of one of the Four Greatest Households. There weren't many people who dared to hit her, right?

Was it the Lee family? But that was impossible. Could it be Karen? That was even more impossible.

Or was it another family who did it?

After the annihilation of the Oatker family, the other families had been in hiding for some time.

They were afraid that Karen would attack them.

"No, I'm fine. Thank you for coming over. You can go back now," Sophia lowered her head. The hidden family was too powerful. They weren't someone ordinary people could deal with.

Sophia didn't want to drag Chuck into this. She couldn't do that.

"I've come all this way here, yet you're asking me to return?" Chuck stared at her.

"I... Chuck, can you go home? I look terrible now," Sophia turned around, reluctant to let him see her blushing.

She cared about him too much.

"You're not. If you are, how could I have..."

"Stop," Sophia shook her head.

Chuck held her in his arms and she trembled, "I don't want to tell you, it'll get you into trouble for sure."

"Oh? Then it must be one of the hidden families, am I right?" Chuck immediately understood. With Sophia's temper, how could she have just taken a beating without fighting back?

Only a powerful hidden family could have done this.

However, which hidden family was it? Why were they after Sophia?

Why did they slap Sophia? Chuck was furious! After all, he considered Sophia one of his women, so he needed to get to the bottom of this. Sophia felt touched upon Chuck's concerned tone and turned around, "No, it's not that. Just stop asking about it, okay?"

"I refuse!" Chuck replied.

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Sophia felt helpless and said, "Don't hug me. When Elise comes in later, she will see us."

If Elise saw it, she would be too ashamed to face her own daughter!

The fact that her daughter found her with a man so much younger was enough to make her feel ashamed.

In addition, Sophia also knew that Elise had feelings for Chuck.

Sophia sighed. She was secretly panicking and struggling to balance her morals and her feelings.

Chuck shook his head and said, "It's fine if she sees us. What's the matter with that?"

It was not like him to do something and be afraid to acknowledge it.

Sooner or later, Elise would find out. If she knew it earlier, it would be better for her.

"Please don't, Chuck. Please don't let Elise know," Sophia panicked."

She pleaded with Chuck.

After a moment of silence, he compromised and replied, "Well fine, I won't let her know, but I'll give you a chance to tell me before Elise returns. Who slapped you?"

"No, I don't want to mention it," Hearing this, Sophia was anxious. She did not want to drag Chuck down.

The Yeager family was a hidden family. No matter how powerful Chuck was, how could he be a match for the hidden family?

She would definitely cause Chuck trouble.

This was her own issue. Why should she get Chuck involved?

"Then you'll have to let Elise to see us like this," Chuck shrugged.

"No, Chuck. Please don't treat me like this," Sophia's tears rolled down her cheeks.

If her first boyfriend treated her like this, she would get angry immediately and would even ask him to leave!

However, when Chuck threatened her, Sophia was not pissed. How could she be angry with him? She could only plead with him since she really had feelings for him.

Sophia was anxious!

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Chuck could not bear to see her like this, so he said, "Sophia, I'm here to help you. Trust me, you can tell me. I can hear footsteps. Elise is coming back soon."

Of course, Sophia heard that as well. She was nervous and desperate, "Chuck, I don't want to cause you trouble. Do you understand?"

- "Do you love me? That's why you don't want to get me into trouble?" Chuck asked.
- Sophia stared at Chuck in silence. Could it be that she really had fallen in love with Chuck?
- She had experienced it before, but she was still confused. Did she really fall in love with Chuck?
- Her thoughts wandered for a good three seconds. Soon, Sophia felt certain that she really liked Chuck.
- Their little affair had brought them together and made the relationship between the two of them more obvious.
- Otherwise, how could she allow Chuck to hug her like this?
- Chuck was threatening her, yet she was not angry.
- It must be love.
- "I..." Sophia trailed off. How could she tell her his feelings? She felt abashed.
- "Do you love me?" Chuck asked again.
- Sophia slowly lowered her head and said in a voice so soft that it was barely audible, "Yes."
- When Sophia gently nodded, she looked like a young girl who was experiencing her first love. There was no sense of discourse at all. She looked absolutely charming.
- "Then tell me what happened. Elise is coming soon," Chuck suddenly said.
- "Ah, no. It's Loomis Yeager..." Sophia was shocked and tried to wriggle out from his embrace.
- She accidentally said Loomis' name and felt extremely regretful to see Chuck's reaction. He seemed angry and surprised, and his expression was dark and ominous
- At this moment, Sophia felt very touched. Chuck's cold face and angry look told her that she finally had someone she could rely on.
- In fact, she had been in charge of the Lawrence family for so many years. No matter how well she managed the family and no matter how

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strong she was, she was still a woman. There were times when she felt helpless and wanted a shoulder to cry on.

Chuck had given her a feeling that she had not experienced for a long time.

However, Sophia was scared. How could she say it aloud?

She couldn't tell him!

It would harm Chuck!

"Did Loomis slap you? Why would he do so?!" Chuck was furious. Loomis had the audacity to hit Sophia?

"No, I was wrong. It's not him," Sophia shook her head frantically.

"I heard it clearly. It was him. Trust me!" Chuck said with a serious look on his face.

When he asked her to trust him, she suddenly realized that the sense of security he provided her warmed her heart up.

She was completely immersed in it!

How many years had it been since she last felt like this?

She was in a daze and nodded, "Yes!"

Chuck wanted to hug her, but Elise returned with drinks for them.

Sophia quickly tidied up her clothes. Chuck held her in his arms and her clothes were all wrinkled.

"Drink this. I took it from my room. It's spring water."

Chuck took a few sips. It felt sweet. Elise was really nice to him to actually grab the water from her room.

"Do you like it?"

"Yep."

"I still have a lot of them in my room. I'll bring you a few bottles later," Elise offered. Her room was big and there were all kinds of things in it. The spring water that she brought him could help in detoxifying one's body. That was why she bought a lot of them and stored them in her room.

"No, I'm just thirsty," Chuck shook his head and declined the offer. He didn't have particular requirements for drinking water as long as it was clean. Spring water looked expensive, so there was no need for it.

"Alright."

Elis was disappointed but curious. Why were her mother's eyes redrimmed again?

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- "Mom, what's wrong?" Elise asked with concern.
- "Nothing. I'm fine," Sophia shook her head.
- "When will he come over?" Chuck asked.
- "Five days later," Sophia replied in a daze. Upon saying it, she regretted it right away.
- "Okay, then I'll be here earlier," Chuck shrugged.
- Loomis was definitely looking for death. He actually dared to slap Sophia and even threaten her.
- He was angry now. Someone like Sophia didn't even dare to talk about it, but it just went to show how aggrieved she was about the matter.
- If Elise was not around, Chuck would really comfort her.
- "Do-don't come over," Sophia refused, her eyes were red.
- "I'll be here. Don't worry, trust me!" Chuck looked at Sophia for the last time and turned to leave.
- Sophia wanted to chase after him. She didn't want Chuck to face Loomis at all!
- "Mom, I'm sending Chuck off," Seeing as Chuck was leaving, Elise went after him.
- Sophia wanted to say something but stopped on second thought. She sighed and deeply regretted whatever she just blurted out. Why did she say it?
- "Chuck, who on earth slapped my mom?" Elise, who chased after Chuck, pulled him over and asked.
- She was really annoyed. She had never seen Sophia in that state before as far as she could remember.
- It seemed like Sophia had been forced to a dead end.
- "You'll find out in five days," Chuck didn't explain anything else as he got into the car.
- As he drove away, Black Rose, who had been waiting for him, also tailed after him.
- Elise was left dumbfounded.
- "Why did mom tell him but me? Why?" Elise was at a loss. She did not understand.
- She was supposed to be the one closest to Sophia, wasn't she?
- However, Sophia didn't say anything to her. On the contrary, she told Chuck what had happened when Elise stepped away to get them

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drinks.

When Elise returned, Sophia's beautiful eyes were still red, looking confused and regretful. She thought that she had doomed Chuck for sure this time.

"Mom? Mom!" Elise shouted upon noticing her mother still zoned out.

Hearing her daughter's voice, Sophia came back to her senses and asked, "Elise? What's wrong?"

"What did Chuck say to you just now?" Elise was serious.

"Nothing!!" Sophia immediately shook her head. How could she let Elise know about it?

If Elise found out, Sophia wouldn't know how to face her daughter anymore.

"What?! Why did you tell Chuck but not me?"

"I didn't tell you because I was afraid that you would be worried."

"Then why did you tell Chuck?" Elise demanded angrily.

"Stop it. Go back to your room," Sophia shook her head. If this continued, she would definitely give herself away.

"Tell me, who on earth was it?" Elise was close to tears. She felt that it was unfair for her mother!

Elise suddenly couldn't help at all. She felt that she was very useless.

Looking at Elise's face, Sophia sighed and finally said, "It's the Yeager family, one of the hidden families."

"What?" Elise was astonished.

Her jaw almost dropped to the ground. As Sophia's only daughter, she definitely knew about it. Now, she finally understood why her mother could do nothing about it. It turned out that it was because they were dealing with someone from the hidden family!

But why would they suddenly make a move now?

"Mom, tell me. What happened?" Elise was so worried that she was crying.

Did the Lawrence family offend someone from a hidden family?

Since Elise persisted, Sophia had to tell her the whole story. After hearing what her mother had to say, Elise was furious and shouted, "How can they act like that? Why did they need to hit people?"

Elise was so angry that she almost lost her temper.

Sophia sighed and said, "I have really doomed Chuck..."

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Elise was startled and probed, "Mom, why do I feel that there is something strange between you and Chuck?" 3

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