

1. She Becomes Glamorous After The Engagement Annulment

## Chapter 991: Wedding Preparations!

“Ma’am, Ma’am! They’re back! They’re back...!”

Fanny was so excited that she was at a complete loss and stuttering.

Mrs. Hunt frowned. “Pete and the others are back?”

“Yes, yes! And, and...”

Mrs. Hunt understood that Nora, Cherry, and Xander had likely also returned.

But so what even if they were back?

Wasn’t their return just in time for the group of people here, then?

Nora had already blown these shareholders away with her commercial prowess. The strategies she had drafted in the company had impressed them all.

But who'd have expected them to suddenly find out that Nora and Justin hadn't actually registered their marriage?!

In other words, Nora didn't have the right to manage the Hunts' assets at all!

The shareholders here were also terribly troubled, hence the commotion today.

They didn't really have the intention to speak out against anything; it was just that the Hunts ultimately still had to be ones managing the Hunt Corporation...

Mrs. Hunt understood this even more than them.

When Justin first met with the accident, no one was clear about Nora and Justin's relationship—after all, the two of them were already living together. Who would have thought that they were not married yet?

They had successfully fudged the issue with that

Who knew that this issue would be brought to the surface when the authorities came to investigate tax issues?

Mrs. Hunt was extremely troubled. What should she do?

She waved to Fanny and suddenly said, “They must be tired from traveling. Let them rest first...”

At the very least, she mustn’t push Nora out to handle all these now...

Mrs. Hunt was completely on Nora’s side now.

But as soon as she spoke, footsteps came from the door, and Nora’s calm voice traveled over. “We are not tired, Mrs. Hunt... Why are all of you here, though?”

As soon as she said that, someone said, “Ms. Smith, we just found out that you and Mr. Hunt are not married yet. You are not his legal wife, so you can’t manage the company!”

“Oh.”

Nora replied calmly, “Then I won’t bother anymore.”

Everyone: “?”

Mrs. Hunt was also stunned. “Who is going to manage it if you’re washing your hands off it?”

“The one who owns the company, of course.”

After speaking, Nora suddenly turned sideways. Behind her, three little ones walked in with a large figure.

There was some reflection at the door, so Mrs. Hunt couldn’t see the man’s face clearly right away.

But even if she couldn’t...

How could Mrs. Hunt possibly fail to recognize the grandson she had raised?!

She got up suddenly and looked at Justin in disbelief!!

Her lips were trembling as she called out in surprise, “J-Justin?”

Justin strode forward and soon came up to Mrs. Hunt. He nodded and said, “Grandma.”

“ . . . ”

For a while, the whole room fell silent.

Everyone looked at Justin incredulously.

Wasn't Justin dead?

Why was he showing up in front of everyone again?

Mrs. Hunt was the first to recover. She laughed and cried, and then she

suddenly shouted, “You're alive!”

No wonder... no wonder Nora didn't shed a single tear after Justin's

death... They must have planned this!

Couldn't Nora have let her in on it, though?!

But after experiencing so much, Mrs. Hunt had already let such things

go.

With tears of excitement on her face, she said, “Good, good! This is

wonderful!”

The shareholders at the side were also terribly excited. They said, "It's great that you're back, Mr. Hunt!"

"This is great. Looks like we won't have to get Raymond and his family back from wherever they are..."

"Yes, and your father won't have to come back to run the show anymore either..."

"The Hunt Corporation has found its leader!!"

"..."

As they spoke, Justin looked at them and suddenly put his arm around Nora's shoulders. He said slowly, "Next, I want everyone to go all out and help me with one thing."

"What is it?"

"Didn't all of you say that Nora and I are not married yet? Prepare for the wedding, then! In 20 days, I will give her an unforgettable wedding!"

"... Okay!"

Following Justin's words, the entire New York instantly became busy.

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At Hotel Imperial Finest.

“Hello, all appointments for the week before and after the 26th have been canceled. We will compensate you ten times the penalty... Yes, you heard right, it's ten times... Why? Because we're holding the wedding of the century!”

In the kitchen.

“Reconfirm that the ingredients will be airlifted the morning of the 26th! They mustn't arrive too early, or they will be stale by lunch at noon!”

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At the Smiths.

Ian was in his room calculating something on the computer.

Next to him, Joel said, “Dad, give her more. All of this is for Nora... I will also give her 10% of the shares in my name...”

Ian sighed. “Don’t you think I want to? But she doesn’t want it! She says that it’s annoying when you have too many things!!”

Joel frowned. “Then what should we give her as a wedding gift?”

Next to them, a hesitant Tanya finally spoke up. She said, “Er... I don’t think she would really care even if you give her this much money.

Instead, it’s better that you...”

“...That we do what?”

Both Ian and Joel looked at her.

Tanya coughed and replied, “It’s better that you gift her the most comfortable bed in the world.”

“ ... ”

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While everyone was having a headache over their choice of gifts...

At the Hunts’, Iris looked at Nora and Justin in shock and exclaimed,

“What did you say? Xander only has one month left to live?!”



## Chapter 992: Will Xander Die?

A look of disbelief appeared on the faces of everyone who heard the news, and all of them looked at Nora. Even Mrs. Hunt looked shocked.

Nora looked at Justin and nodded. "Yes."

Bang!

As Nora's voice rang out, the glass in Mrs. Hunt's hand dropped onto the floor.

She looked at Xander with a complicated look.

To be honest, Mrs. Hunt didn't like the boy very much.

She had watched Pete, an honest and upright boy, grow up. However, from the day Xander had first come to their door, he had been awkward and contrary, and behaved in a terribly detestable way.

He was not a boy who behaved properly and followed the rules, which made him an outlier in Mrs. Hunt's eyes.

However, Mrs. Hunt did not think that Xander would suddenly die so soon.

It seemed that all of Xander's shortcomings didn't matter anymore. It was also at this moment that everyone suddenly realized that Xander was actually just a child.

"It's okay."

Unexpectedly, Xander gave them a smile that looked as though he had seen through life itself and said, "I don't feel any pain or discomfort now. See, I look totally fine, right? I supposedly have a month left to live, but who knows? At least I'm alright now! Besides, I can even be the ring-bearer at Mommy and Daddy's wedding!"

When the others saw his smile, they could only force themselves to smile as well.

Surprisingly, it was Xander who rushed up to Pete and Cherry and said,  
“Daddy Trueman has told me that I’m actually the eldest! Both of you  
must acknowledge me as the big brother from now on, get it?”

Even Xander’s speech had become a little more cheerful.

It was as though he had really let go of all the gloominess from the past  
five years.

Pete looked him in the eye and replied, “Got it. You’re my elder brother.”

Cherry’s big round eyes were filled with tears. She grabbed Xander’s  
hand and said, “Xander, Cherry doesn’t want to leave you! ... Can you  
not die?”

As they said, only children and fools spoke the truth.

Nora looked at them and sighed.

In spite of the depressing atmosphere, though, all the Hunts and Smiths  
showed an unprecedented fighting spirit.

Xander was dying.

The boy's only wish was for his parents to get married and to attend their  
wedding...

The thought of it made everyone's hearts ache.

As a result...

The Smiths and the Hunts showed an unprecedented sense of unity,  
seemingly truly planning to turn the wedding into the wedding of the  
century!!

The two parties involved were not really required to handle the wedding  
preparations themselves, of course.

Nora was currently looking at Pete.

Pete had a firm look on his face and a determined look in his eyes. He  
asked, "Mommy, is Xander sick? Which part of his body is sick? Is it the  
heart? Or the kidney? Can you give him mine?"

Pete looked extremely serious and solemn. "I don't want Xander to die."

Nora: "..."

She sighed and touched Pete's hair. "It's the brain."

Nora had done a CT scan of Xander's whole body.

Xander's gene modification was to the IQ, so the backlash had caused cancer cells to proliferate in his brain, leading to brain cancer. Unless the V16 was injected into him, with the world's current medical science, there was no cure.

Pete was stunned. "Can the brain be changed?"

Nora: "..."

The two were chatting secretly, but right after Pete spoke, Xander pushed open the door and walked in. He said disdainfully, "Why are you so uninformed about medicine? Would I still be myself if my brain is changed? Even if Mommy's medical skills are so amazing that she successfully performs the operation, who would be the one alive? You or me?"

Pete frowned. "Probably me. After all, one's consciousness lies in the brain, which would be mine..."

Xander rested his chin on his hand. “I think so too. Didn’t someone go through a head transplant surgery in hopes of survival?”

Nora: “...”

The corners of her lips spasmed, and she ignored the two little boys’ wild imaginations. But the moment she exited the room, she saw Cherry looking at her with her eyes red.

“Mommy, will Xander really die?”

After asking the question, Cherry looked at her without blinking once.

Nora: “...”

Just as she was thinking about how she should answer the question, Cherry suddenly wiped her tears and said, “I know the answer now.”

Then, the little girl turned around and ran away.

Nora stared after her, the corners of her lips spasming.

The little girl had been by her side since she was a baby. A single look from her was all it took for Cherry to know what she was thinking.

## Chapter 993: Marriage!

When the Hunts and the Smiths were up to their necks in work, the parties involved suddenly disappeared.

Justin took Nora and the three little ones, plus an additional Caleb, with him, and the group of six suddenly vanished from the city.

When Joel received Nora's text message, the corners of his lips couldn't help but spasm.

"What's wrong?" Tanya asked.

Joel replied speechlessly, "They said that they are going on their honeymoon."

"..."

Were they already going on a honeymoon when they weren't even married yet?

But no one who knew about it asked them to return. Even when they encountered problems with the wedding preparation, no one bothered the family of five—they knew that the family was accompanying Xander on the last leg of his journey.

No one wanted to waste a minute or even a second of the time they had left together.

Although, somewhat contrary to the sorrowful and tragic scene that everyone was imagining...

On the beach.

The barefooted Xander stared at the sea and exclaimed, "Is that the sea?"

“Yeah!” Cherry put her hands on her hips and raised her head as she said, “I often visit the sea. Doesn’t it make you feel relaxed and revitalized?”

“Cherry has improved! She knows words like ‘revitalized’ now!” Pete said approvingly from the side.

“Yeah!” Xander echoed.

Cherry raised her chin. “Of course... no, wait, why do I feel like you two are mocking me? Boohoo! Daddy, Pete and Xander are bullying me!”

Right after Cherry’s words and her pretense of crying by rubbing her eyes with her hands, Justin, who was clad in a pair of cooling beach shorts, strode over.

Pete and Xander looked at each other and hurriedly got ready to flee.

Unfortunately, how could the two little ones possibly outrun the Big Brother of the Irvin School of Martial Arts famous for his agility?

Thus, the two were caught.

Then, the two children’s cries could be heard coming from the hotel.

“I was wrong, Daddy! I won’t bully my younger sister ever again!”

“Whoa, I’m dying, Daddy! Can you be a little less heavy-handed?!”

Afterwards.

Nora applied medicine on the two little boys’ butts.

Pete bore with the pain and kept quiet.

As for Xander, he couldn’t help complaining, “That tyrant!”

Nora chuckled, though her movements were gentle. “Who told you to say that you have never been spanked by your parents? We were just cooperating with you so that you won’t leave the world with regrets.”



“... Mommy, you’ve been led astray too!” Xander complained.

“Then Daddy can just spank him. Why spank me too?”

At the side, Justin coughed. “... It was habitual.”

“...”

Pete had mild autism when he was younger, so he was extremely disobedient. At that time, Justin didn’t know about his condition, so he had spanked him.

Pete was also very stubborn then, so he refused to cry out even when he was being spanked, which caused Justin to spank him even harder. This led to him developing a fever in the middle of the night. If Mrs. Hunt hadn’t checked in on him, no one would have noticed.

This was also the reason for the various conflicts between Pete and Justin in the beginning.

When Justin first took Pete to California, Chester had been quite afraid that Justin and the little troublemaker would fight. Neither of them was someone willing to give in. Fortunately, Pete and Cherry had switched places then. Whenever the little girl cried or wailed, Justin would give in immediately.

Come to think of it, it was true that Pete hadn’t been spanked for a really long time now.

While the family of five was happily spending time together, Caleb sat by himself in his room.

Even the door was closed.

There was no other way!

Nora wanted to treat his illness, so they had to bring him along. However! Justin didn’t want the man to disturb the family of five’s time together, so every time they arrived somewhere, he would lock him up.

He was no patient... He was a prisoner!

The corners of Caleb's lips spasmed.

At this moment, his expression suddenly changed, and Trueman appeared. "Ha, what a mockery. Aren't you jealous when you see their family of five living happily?"

"... I'm not jealous. Stop your nonsense. I will never listen to you!"

Trueman's voice was sharp as he said, "Of course you won't. Not when you have always been the primary personality! Caleb... You are so shameless!"

"I'm taking medicine prescribed to me by Nora every day. You will disappear after her wedding at the latest."

Upon hearing this, Trueman fell silent. After a while, in a low voice, he finally asked, "Will Xander's time also be up by then?"

"Yes, but with you accompanying Xander in the afterlife, maybe he won't be so lonely." After speaking, Caleb listened to the excitement in the next room and said, "How nice would it be if Xander didn't have to die?"

"You conniving little rat! ..."

As soon as Trueman's ranting began, Caleb suddenly stretched out a finger and said, "Shh. Listen to how happy they sound."

After that, his expression changed a few more times, but he ultimately successfully suppressed Trueman, who did not appear again.

Next, the six of them visited the deserts and grasslands.

Xander saw the desert and rode a big horse. Not only did he see the beautiful countryside scenery of the United States, Justin even arranged for a private plane to take them to look at the aurora!

During their twenty-day trip, everyone ran unrestrained, abandoning all their worldly troubles and playing to their hearts' content.

Twenty days later, they got on the plane and flew back home.

Because!

The wedding was about to begin!

The moment the helicopter landed at the airport, Joel and Tanya rushed over, grabbed Nora, and started walking out. "Come on, hurry up!"

"... What's the big hurry?" asked Nora.

The corners of Joel's lips spasmed. "You need to have your makeup done and your clothes changed immediately! It's your wedding in two hours!"

"..."

Justin watched as the two of them dragged Nora into the car, which raced off into the distance. He couldn't help but take two steps in that direction but was stopped by Brenda, Chester, Howard, and others. "You need to hurry up too, Justin! You have to change into the groom's outfit and prepare for the wedding!"

Justin hesitated for a moment and then asked, "Isn't the wedding tomorrow?"

Everyone: "???"

In the car returning to the Smiths' residence, Nora couldn't help but ask the same thing too.

Everyone who heard the question couldn't help roaring inwardly, "How can you guys be so unreliable?! Did you get even the date of your wedding wrong?!"

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By the time Nora returned to the Smiths' residence, the makeup artist was already waiting for her.

After checking that Nora's skin was in good condition, the makeup artist couldn't help but exclaim, "Your skin is in such good condition, Ms. Smith! I'll just give you some simple foundation and lipstick! This way, you'll look especially healthy and radiant!"

"Okay."

Nora, who rarely wore makeup, sat in front of the mirror hesitantly.

The makeup artist applied powder on her face quickly with a brush. It felt quite comfortable, so Nora couldn't help but doze off.

When someone finally woke her up, Nora slowly opened her eyes. She was a little stunned when she looked in the mirror.

## **Chapter 994: Stealing The Groom!**

Now that the woman, who didn't usually wear makeup, was wearing a little makeup, her skin looked even more beautiful and radiant.

Everyone in the room looked at her in a daze.

They knew that Nora was good-looking, but they didn't expect her to be this stunning!

At the side, Tanya marveled, "Justin is such a lucky bastard!"

Joel and Ian also stared at her blankly.

Soon, the cars that were to take them to the church arrived...

The grand celebration was so huge that people were still marveling at it a few years later.

The cost of the wedding was nearly a legend on its own.

Be it the Hunts or the Smiths, both families seemed to want to give them a perfect wedding...

The decoration in the church was also done ingeniously. White and pink exotic roses covered the place. It was as if the imported flowers didn't cost a cent...

Nora's wedding dress was specially made by a world-renowned fashion designer. As time was of the essence, they had to pay through the nose for it...

On the wedding day, the guests at the wedding banquet also shocked the entire wealthy circle in New York City...

Not only did Queenie Schmidt, who was based in Switzerland, attend the wedding in person, but she was even seated on the bride's side.

People from the pugilistic world also attended the wedding. Quinn and Irvin sat at the same table, which amazed everyone.

The frail and sickly Dr. Silvester Zabe also attended the wedding...

There were also international car racers there...

Even the famous Karl Moore was there...

A singer of international fame also personally attended the wedding and sang a song that paid tribute to love...

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All kinds of people one would never have imagined coming were all attending the wedding in person—and they were all kith and kin of the bride!

If there was a reporter here, they could make headlines on social media just by interviewing any random person there.

Unfortunately for them, security at the wedding was strict, so not a single reporter made it in.

Nevertheless, the reporters still caught wind of some news because...

Even the Queen of the UK was here!

It must be mentioned that visits by the Queen to other countries must be discussed in advance. However, the Queen's visit this time was very special. Her reason for visiting the United States was just to attend a wedding...

Although the princess of the UK had also attended little Cherry's birthday party the last time, she was ultimately still just a princess. Moreover, Lucy was the second child and not the heir appointed by the Queen. Therefore, her visit was in no way as astounding as the Queen's.

Never mind that the Queen was here, but when she saw the jewelry Nora was wearing, she said jealously, there and then, that she had failed to win it at an auction in the past. She hadn't expected to see it on Nora...

The wedding was immortalized as a legendary event.

When the bride appeared, the long wedding dress behind her was held up by three insanely adorable children who won over the entire audience. They carefully followed behind their mother and brought her to the tyrant.

When Ian placed Nora's hand in Justin's, he closed his eyes, and tears fell from the corners.

He didn't say anything emotional but only one sentence: "Lad, if you ever dare bully her, I will kill you!"

Justin didn't get mad. Instead, he nodded solemnly and replied, "Never."

The three little ones behind him also rushed over waving their fists. They said, "Daddy, if you dare bully Mommy in the future..."

The look in Justin's eyes turned frosty as he looked at them, the beauty mark at the corner of his eye shimmering. "What are the three of you going to do?"

Cherry found herself at a loss for words at once.

Pete and Xander looked at each other and said in unison, "We will bully Cherry!"

Cherry: "??"

Mr. Slave-To-His-Daughter Justin: "??"

He sneered and said, "Can the two of you bear to do that?"

Who were they kidding? Those two boys with sister complexes were way scarier than he was, alright?

He couldn't imagine anyone being able to take Cherry as their wife in the future. With those two fearsome brothers around, they would probably drive everyone away!

After the wedding, at last, Nora sat on the bed at the Hunts' manor to rest.

Everyone had a great time that day. Even those who knew that Xander didn't have long to live all feigned happiness because no one wanted to leave behind any regrets.

The Queen was the only one somewhat distracted at the wedding. She looked at the door from time to time, as if waiting for someone.

While Nora was thinking about it, her cell phone suddenly rang.

When she answered the call, the Queen's quiet voice came from the other end. "Black Cat, do you know that King got married today?"

"... Yes, I know," replied Nora.

The Queen sighed. “I just knew you would be aware of King’s true identity. Why are you being such a defeatist, though?”

Nora: “?”

“In my heart, you are a heroine who does as she pleases! With your personality and skills, I thought you would have come to the wedding to steal the groom! You are too cowardly!”

Nora: “!!!”

The corners of her lips spasmed. Just as she was about to speak, the Queen coughed and spoke again. “But you still have a chance!”

Nora narrowed her eyes. “What chance?”

“Tonight, of course. They haven’t consummated their marriage yet. Why don’t I create an opportunity for you to take Justin away?”

“... You don’t have to do that anymore,” replied Nora.

“Huh? I know you’re skilled, but the Hunts’ security is still something else. You...” Suddenly, the Queen realized something and she asked in shock, “You’re not already at the Hunts’ manor, are you?”

Nora’s lips curled into a smile. “Yeah.”

The Queen sounded excited at once. “Where are you? I’ll come to you!”

## **Chapter 995: I’m Behind You**

“... In the bridal chamber.”

“Huh? You’ve already sneaked into the bridal chamber? But Justin is not there right now... Oh, I get it!”

Nora raised her brows. Had the Queen finally realized who she was?

However, the next moment, the Queen said, “You must have gone there to assassinate Nora!”



Nora: “???”

The Queen continued smiling as she said, “You have my support, Black Cat! Still, you shouldn’t kill her. Although I hate Nora, Cherry would become a very pitiful child if she loses her mother. How about this? I think it’s better if you just kidnap Justin instead...”

As Nora listened to the Queen on the phone and the hurried footsteps outside the door, the corners of her lips curled into a smile.

The Queen continued. “Don’t be rash! It’s not right to take another person’s life. I know you are a killer, but if you kill Nora, Justin won’t let you off... Like you, I really dislike her, especially that poker face of hers that looks as though she never smiles. On top of that, she’s so lazy, and all she does every day is sleep... But Kitty, don’t be rash!”

Kitty? Nora’s lip corners spasmed.

The next moment, the Queen lowered her voice and said, “I’m at the door now. Where are you? I’ll pick you up and get you out of there...”

Then, she rushed into the bridal chamber.

Nora was alone in the room. Justin had dismissed everyone else because... Nora, who had to go to her own wedding as soon as she stepped off the plane, had become sleepy!

Thus, after the Queen entered and looked left and right, she didn’t see Black Cat. She curled her lips disdainfully at Nora and said, “I’m here to tour your room. You don’t mind, do you?”

Nora raised her brows and gestured to her to do as she pleased.

The Queen went straight into the bathroom. The room outside was huge, but there was only a big bed in it. There was nowhere else for one to hide, so the Queen had thought Black Cat was hiding in the bathroom.

It was only after she went in that she realized that Black Cat wasn't in there.

Thus, the Queen whispered into the phone, "Where on earth are you, Black Cat?"

"I'm on the bed."

"..."

The Queen was taken aback by the reply.

After replying, Nora hung up.

She felt that the Queen must have understood what she meant by now.

She waited for the Queen to exit the bathroom and face her. She wanted to know how the Queen would react since she had dissed Nora for so long just now.

The thought had only just formed when she spotted the Queen furtively sticking her head out of the bathroom.

The Queen had blue eyes and blond hair and was a beauty. Her current actions added some playfulness to her bearing, and there was none of the imposing aura she usually displayed before outsiders.

She smiled awkwardly and walked toward Nora.

Nora looked at her quietly, waiting for her to speak.

The Queen slowly came up to her. She said, "Uh... Your bed is really big!"

Nora raised her brows but said nothing.

The Queen coughed and touched her own hair. Then, she continued in Welsh, "Even my bed back in the UK is not as big and soft as yours... Can I try lying down on it for a while?"

Nora: “?”

She frowned, but right after, she saw the Queen suddenly throw herself on the bed. Then, she rolled across the bed all the way from the top to the end. In between, she even pressed her hands against the mattress, seemingly... looking for something?

Nora: “???????”

The corners of her lips spasmed, and she finally understood what the Queen was doing. Thus, she picked up her cell phone and dialed the Queen’s number.

The Queen got a shock when she saw her cell phone ringing. She gave Nora a smile, then hid at the side and asked in a low voice, “Which part of the bed are you at, Black Cat? Why didn’t I find any mechanisms on the bed?”

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Nora: “...”

As expected, the Queen hadn’t realized anything at all!

When she made all those excuses and even rolled back and forth on her bed, she was actually searching for Black Cat.

By then, she couldn’t help but really suspect that the Queen had lost her mind. She slowly stood up, walked up to the Queen from the back, and said into the phone, “I’m behind you.”

“I’m behind you.”

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The voice on the phone and the one in real life coming from behind her merged into one, causing the Queen to freeze. Then, she looked behind her incredulously.

## Chapter 996: Bed

The Queen's eyes widened and she stared at Nora in disbelief.

She stared hard at Nora. "You, you, you..."

"I'm Black Cat," Nora said directly, worried that the Queen hadn't still realized her identity, as well as to avoid causing further misunderstandings.

"... You are standing right in front of me! Of course I've realized!" The Queen replied.

"Oh. I was afraid you'd misunderstand and think that I kidnapped her."

Nora's reply made the Queen's eyes flicker. To be honest, when she first saw that Nora was holding Black Cat's cell phone, that had indeed been her first thought.

However, she would never admit it, so she raised her chin, snorted, and said, "I'm not that stupid!"

"..."

Just as Nora was about to speak, Brenda rushed in. She said, "My goodness, why are you here, Your Majesty? Justin instructed everyone to leave my sister-in-law alone and let her sleep. What if your presence here affects her?"

The Queen: "..."

When she wanted to speak, Brenda grabbed her arm and said to Nora, "Have a good sleep, Nora. It's all because I went to the bathroom and took my eyes off her. In just that split second, she made her way here. Don't worry, no one will disturb you after this!"

The Queen struggled. “I—”

“Yeah, yeah. Alright, let’s go, Your Majesty. I know you have feelings for Justin, but you mustn’t do anything to harm Nora, or I won’t let you off...”

“The audacity of you! How dare you talk to me like that! I’m the Queen!”

“You may be the Queen of the UK, but I’m not a citizen of the UK,” retorted Brenda.

“...”

The two left the room as they quarreled.

Brenda had received a task from Justin that day—even if the world came crashing down, no one was to disturb them in the bridal chamber!

And so...

When Chester, Howard, the rest of Justin’s cousins, his friends in New York, and other friends from the Smiths came to visit the bridal chamber, they saw Brenda standing at the door.

Brenda was wearing a fiery red mini dress. She brought a chair over and placed it at the entrance of the corridor to block everyone’s way. Then, she said righteously, “Do you have the heart to disturb those five people in the bridal chamber tonight?”

Xander was dying.

Everyone in New York had heard of it. Thus, when they heard what Brenda said, they lost interest in visiting the bridal chamber at once and even cast a glance full of heartache at it before leaving obediently.

Chester also started to entertain the continuous waves of guests on Justin’s behalf, so that he could go upstairs too.

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Seeing that the bedroom had quietened, Nora finally lay down on the bed.

She had only just lay down when she heard rustling at the door. When she looked over, she saw three little heads—from top to bottom, they were Xander, Pete, and Cherry respectively—lined up in a row. The three little ones looked at Nora curiously.

When Nora looked over, Cherry asked, “Mommy, are you and Daddy making a baby brother for us tonight?”

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Justin had to pretend to be slightly drunk before he could finally go upstairs.

It was his wedding night. The mere thought of what was about to come excited him.

It was just that when he was heading upstairs, he received a text message from Joel: “You’re welcome for the bed! It’ll definitely be to your convenience! You’ll love it!”

## **Chapter 997: The Dawning Sun Lights Up The Clouds**

Joel had ordered someone to construct a big bed and specially sent it over. The mattress was even a high-tech one that felt extremely comfortable. It suited Nora very well, and also suited him and Nora sleeping on it together very well...

No matter what they did on it, the bed would never creak...

With his head lowered, he hurriedly entered the bridal chamber. Just as he was about to go for it, he suddenly spotted one... two... three... four people lying on the bed!

The three little ones were lying beside Nora and even rolling about. “Mommy, this bed is awesome! Uncle Joel is still the best, after all! He gave us such a huge bed!”

“Yes! This way, we can all sleep with Mommy! And it’s not a squeeze either...”

Justin: “???”

*What the #%¥#&!!*

He couldn’t help but curse in his head!!

*Thanks a lot, Joel!!*

The corners of his lips spasmed. He was about to speak when Cherry spotted him. She stood up at once and waved at him. “Come on over, Daddy! Let’s sleep together!”

The little girl scuttled inward and patted the area beside her. “You’re the biggest among us! This space here is yours!”

A resigned Justin walked over. His eyes met Nora’s.

Nora looked breathtakingly beautiful that day. From the very moment he laid eyes on her at the wedding, he couldn’t look away anymore. Even Cherry couldn’t take his attention away from her.

He smiled. But before he could speak, Nora said, “You looked pretty handsome today.”

Justin paused when he heard her. Then, he suddenly broke into a grin.

Xander looked at Justin and then at Nora. Suddenly, he said, “Hey tyr... Daddy. You didn’t say any sweet nothings to Mommy at the wedding today. You have to say one before you can get on the bed!”

Pete also nodded. "Yes, you must say that you love Mommy! Otherwise, what if you bully her in the future?"

"Why would I bully her? I can't even beat her in a fight," said Justin.

At the side, Cherry suddenly asked, "Daddy, you're King, so you're really powerful; but so is Mommy. In that case, who is stronger, you or Mommy?"

Nora was also curious. She looked at him eagerly and asked, "Which one of us is the stronger one?"

One was the Big Sister of the Quinn School of Martial Arts while the other was the Big Brother of the Irvin School of Martial Arts...

Both of them were equally strong, but in their private fights, no one ever came out the winner because Justin always let her win.

Justin looked at the four in front of him. Suddenly, he smiled and slowly said, "That which wafts and drifts, yet is neither smoke nor clouds; and that which is lush and rich, circling about; that is what we know as the clouds of auspice."

As soon as those words came out of his mouth, Cherry and Xander were stunned. "What does that mean?"

Pete sighed silently and explained, "Those lines come from the 'Records of the Grand Historian: Treatise on the Celestial Offices'. It means that the morning glow lights up the sky, dyeing the clouds into dazzling colors, thereby complementing each other."

The tyrant was likening himself to the sun and Mommy to the clouds.

Xander and Cherry looked at each other, both suddenly feeling that they should study harder!

Cherry then asked, "Daddy, are you saying that you and Mommy are equally strong?"

"No, I'm not as good as her."



Justin replied honestly as he looked at Nora affectionately.

As King, and as a leading figure in various industries, he had always been arrogant and never bowed down to anyone. However, in this instant, as he gazed at the woman before him, only one sentence came to his mind:

“The dawning sun lights up the clouds.”

Even if he was the sun, he was willing to stand behind the clouds and let her shine.

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That night, the family of five slept together.

Even after spending more than 20 days outside having fun, their relationship was still surprisingly good.

Nora also had a rare good night's sleep. Perhaps she was tired or perhaps it was something else, but the corners of her lips curled into a smile in her dreams.

The next day, when she woke up and opened her eyes, she met Cherry and Pete's eyes at once.

When Nora stretched, Cherry immediately gestured at her to keep it down. She said, “Shh. Mommy, Xander is sleeping in like you. He has already slept for 16 hours, but he's still not up!”

When she said this, Nora froze.

Her head turned to the side sharply and she looked at the face fast asleep beside her...

Was one month over so soon?

## Chapter 998: The Only Person You Can Count On Is Yourself

Xander's gene modification was for his IQ. Therefore, when something went wrong with his body, his symptoms were not as intense as Caleb's and Queenie's. Instead, it would only be apparent in one way—falling into a coma.

Nora checked his breathing. When she found that he was breathing evenly, she let out a sigh of relief.

Actually, even if Xander were to die, he would only be brain-dead.

Even Nora could not be sure when he would wake up again.

Nora's grim expression filled the whole Hunt residence with a depressive mood.

It wasn't until ten o'clock in the evening that Xander finally woke up.

The people around him breathed a sigh of relief at once.

Cherry was the first to speak. "Xander, why did you sleep for so long? You've become as lazy as Mommy!"

Pete kept quiet.

No one had told Cherry about what was soon to come. All of them wanted to protect her.

When Xander heard her, his expression became dazed for a while before he finally said with a smile, "Tsk, I'm having a competition with Pete to see who can sleep for a longer time. As I expected, I managed to sleep longer. I must be the eldest among us!"

Xander had a smug look on his face.

Cherry, who didn't know better, nodded again and again. "Yeah! You're amazing! Even Mommy can't sleep as much as you!"

Xander sat up and raised his chin.

Next to him, Pete stayed quiet for a long while before he finally said, "Yeah, you're more impressive. You're the older brother."

Xander's eyes lit up.

Seeing the three children's interaction, Nora and Justin couldn't help but say, "Alright, let's get Xander something to eat!"

The group accompanied Xander downstairs for dinner.

Cherry yawned repeatedly.

She was usually already in bed by this time.

Xander ate something and then said to Cherry, "Cherry, you can go to sleep first."

"No, I have to wait for Pete and Xander to sleep with me!"

Just as Nora was about to speak, Xander nodded and replied, "Okay, then let's go to sleep."

The three little ones went upstairs again.

A worried Nora stood outside their door, whereupon she heard the children's conversation coming from within.

Cherry asked, "Xander, why aren't you sleeping?"

"I already slept the entire day. I'd be a pig if I could fall asleep that quickly!" Xander replied.

Cherry said, "... Oh, that's true. I'm so sleepy, though."

Xander replied, "Go to bed, Cherry. Can you promise me one thing, though?"

"What is it?"

"Even if you want to play games all the time, you still have to learn and master other skills. Be it Pete, Daddy, Mommy, or any of our other relatives, I know any one of them can feed you your whole life, but you are the only one you can really count on!"

Cherry didn't quite understand. Nevertheless, the sharp girl caught something in his words. She asked, "Why aren't you going to protect me?"

"Because I may not be able to grow up with you anymore."

Cherry was so sleepy that she sounded like she was in a daze. She said, "Don't be anxious, Xander. We must grow up bit by bit... yeah..."

As she managed to speak the last few words, she fell asleep.

Nora cast her eyes down, her heart aching a little.

She wanted to push the door open and enter, but Justin stopped her and shook his head.

Sure enough, a short while later, they heard a voice in the room again. "Are you asleep?"

It was Pete.

Xander replied, "Of course not."

"... Why aren't you sleeping?" asked Pete.

"..." Xander kept quiet for a while before he finally replied, "Because I'm afraid that if I fall asleep, I won't be able to wake up again."

## **Chapter 999: That Little Rascal**

“...”

Outside the door, Nora felt her heart clenching again when she heard Xander.

Then, she heard rustling movements from Pete.

“What are you doing?” asked Xander.

“Getting out of bed.”

“Why are you getting out of bed?”

“Aren’t you having trouble falling asleep? In that case, finish everything you want to do before you go to bed again.”

Xander paused. “... The way you’re behaving makes it seem like you’re the older brother.”

Pete replied, “You’re the older one.”

“Hey, I don’t need you to give in to me just because you pity me!”

“Then am I the older brother?”

“Bah! Daddy Trueman said that he saved me first! It’s only because he didn’t have the strength left to save you that he approached the tyrant... You were born after me!”

“Oh.”

“What do you mean ‘oh’? You don’t believe me?”

“I do, I guess.”

“What do you mean ‘I guess’?! Do you believe me or not?!”

“ ... ”

The two boys in the room spoke very softly, catching anyone who heard them between laughter and tears. Nora and Justin looked at each other and then stepped aside. Then, they saw the two little boys, who had dressed themselves, walking out.

Pete tilted his head and asked, “What do you want to do?”

“Come with me.”

Nora followed after the two boys and saw them sneaking into the garden.

Xander came to a spot. He looked around, stepped on it a few times, and then said, “Let’s dig a hole here!”

Pete: “?”

Xander said, “I’ve already looked around. From here, I can see your room, Cherry’s room, as well as Daddy and Mommy’s room. This place has the best view! So, you must bury me here after I die! I also want to move Butterscotch and Buttercup here to accompany me...”

After saying this, a quiet Pete walked forward.

“Where are you going?” asked Xander.

“Don’t you need a shovel to dig a hole?”

“ ... ”

The two little guys went off to get their shovels and returned a while later. Then, in the dark of the night, they started digging a hole in the garden.

Both of them were smart, so they dug the pit a little faster than others, taking only an hour to do so. After they were done, Xander even tossed about inside. “Yeah, it’s big enough. There’s enough room for me to turn over.”

Pete: "..."

Xander spoke again. "It's just that it's kinda dark. Can you find me a luminous pearl?"

"Okay."

Pete thought about it for a while and then added, "Great-grandma has a big one. I'll steal it for you another day."

"Steal?"

"Yeah. I asked her for it before, but she refused to give it to me."

"Alright, then."

Xander spoke again. "Let's get a quilt. It's freezing inside."

"Okay."

The two of them went back into the house and secretly returned with a quilt. They stuffed it into the pit, padding it comfortably. Xander lay down. Finding that it felt pretty comfortable, he was finally satisfied. He said, "Okay, that would do. I will stay here after I die!"

Satisfied, he dusted off his hands. Then, he patted Pete's shoulder and said, "Peter Hunt, take care of our little sister and Mommy when your big brother is gone! Don't let anyone bully them!"

Pete said seriously, "There's still Daddy..."

"I'm talking precisely about the tyrant. Mommy is so strong; no one can bully her except the tyrant."

Pete said, "... Actually, Daddy isn't half-bad."

"Hah."

The two boys started walking back home as they chatted.

Nora, who was standing behind the two: "..."

She turned her head to look at the sullen-looking Justin and she couldn't help but laugh. "C'mon now, are you really going to hold it against a child?"

Justin didn't say anything, but there was anger in his eyes.

Hah, initially, he had wanted to say something because the boy was so pitiful. But since the little rascal had the balls to say that about him, he would let him be frightened for a while more!

## **Chapter 1000: A Mistake**

When the couple turned around to catch up to the boys, they noticed someone flash by nearby—it was Caleb.

All three noticed one another. Caleb paused and looked at Nora.

Both Nora and Justin stopped and then approached Caleb.

Caleb also walked toward them.

They met in the middle where all three stopped.

Caleb, who looked solemn, frowned and asked, "Isn't there any other solution we can try? Is Xander really going to die? If you can, I'd like you to extract the V16 from my blood and administer it to him."

Nora replied, "You know it yourself that the V16 is absorbed into the cells once it has been injected into someone. Doing that is useless now."

Caleb then asked, "It's been so long. Haven't you found the V16 formula yet?"

Nora shook her head. "You've been with us the whole time over the last month. When am I supposed to find the time to do any research?"



Caleb suddenly became furious. Seemingly a little crazed, he snapped, "So, why did you do that? Why didn't you use this time to study the V16 instead of wasting time traveling around? If you had studied the V16 in the lab from the start, maybe you'd already have found the formula by now! And Xander wouldn't have had to die anymore!"

Nora replied, "Xander made his choice."

The chances of her successfully developing the V16 in the laboratory within a month were close to zero.

So many people had spent decades trying to develop the V16 and still failed. Nora couldn't say for sure that she could develop something like that in just a few months.

She had already made her decision with regard to this matter a few months ago.

Moreover, Lily had been in the laboratory all this time and even so, she had only just managed to outline the real situation. After all, genetic modification was a brand-new field for them. They had never looked into it before.

Upon hearing her reply, Caleb realized that his anger was utterly unreasonable. He lowered his head and took a deep breath.

Only then did the trio enter the villa. When they were about to head up the stairs, they saw Xander and Pete looking at them quietly.

The few of them were surprised.

Pete nudged Xander. "Go tell them."

Xander fidgeted awkwardly but stayed where he was.

Seeing this, Nora stepped forward and stroked Xander's hair. "What's the matter? Is something wrong?"

"Mommy, I... I want a kiss from you."

Xander made a request to Nora.

Nora nodded and gave him a kiss on the cheek.

Xander then looked at Justin. "Tyr... Daddy, lower your head."

Justin lowered his head.

Xander gave him a kiss on the cheek.

Lastly, Xander looked at Caleb, who took a step forward and squatted down, stretching out his arms to give him a hug.

However, Xander kept quiet. After some time, he suddenly looked at Nora. "Mommy, would you be able to cure Daddy Trueman's illness?"

Over the past month, Nora had been treating Caleb's condition the whole time. He had almost fully recovered from schizophrenia. Trueman pretty much never appeared the entire time.

Nora nodded. "Yes, I will."

Xander made another request. "Can you do it before I die?"

"..." Nora was taken aback.

But faced with the stubbornness in Xander's eyes, Nora could only sigh and reply, "It'll more or less be done over the next couple of days. Trueman will be killed off completely and he will never appear again."

Only then did Xander nod. He said seriously, "Then I will wake up again tomorrow. I want to see Daddy Trueman recovering from his illness with my own eyes."

"Okay."

Nora stroked his hair.

Xander yawned. Rubbing his eyes, he then said, "I'm sleepy."

"Go to sleep, then."

Nora said gently, "You will wake up for sure."

"Okay."

Nora went up the stairs, took Xander and Pete to their room, and watched the two little boys get into bed. Xander was awfully sleepy. Unable to control his body, he fell asleep immediately after lying down.

Pete's closed eyes were still moving about, though.

When Nora noticed, she smiled and flicked his forehead. Pete opened his eyes and looked at her. "Mommy, Xander won't die, right?"

A surprised Nora asked, "Why do you say that?"

"Once, when I was sick and nearly died, the tyrant held me all night, but he's not treating Xander with the same tenderness now. This means that he won't die, right?"

"..." After a long silence, Nora finally replied, "I don't know, either."

She was telling the truth.

Since the moment Justin made the decision for them, Nora hadn't once asked him about his plan. She had done as he said merely because she trusted him.

She also felt that Justin had a backup plan.

It was just that she didn't know what it was...

Pete was not disappointed at her reply, though. He breathed a sigh of relief and said, "In that case, it's pretty much confirmed."

Nora slowly broke into a smile. "Perhaps we will have the answer tomorrow."

Because Xander's body wouldn't be able to hold out any longer now.

Pete nodded.

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In a guest room.

Caleb walked in and entered the bathroom. When he was washing up, he took off his glasses and looked in the mirror.

In the mirror, Caleb's smile slowly disappeared and his expression suddenly turned into one of extreme indifference.

Suddenly, he said, "You'll be dead tomorrow. Is there anything left that you want to say?"

Almost as soon as he spoke, his expression became animated. The corners of his lips rose slightly into a smirk, and his voice also turned a bit shrill. "Caleb, you are so shameless!"

After he spoke, his expression turned into one of indifference again. "I didn't let you out so that you could throw insults at me."

"Then what did you do that for? To bid me farewell? Ha, are you that kind? Caleb, you stole my credit and my son! And now, you're here to rob me of my life and my body! You sure are scheming! I must have been blind to misjudge you so badly in the past! Who would have thought that you'd be the biggest winner in the end?!"