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The situation was bad, so Nathan couldn't possibly say no. He nodded without missing a beat. "We can."

"Good. You and Nicole keep an eye on her. I'll take you to the hospital right now.'

"Okay."

Alaric turned his attention to the unconscious Victoria. The blood on her forehead looked even more grisly, with her pale face as the backdrop. He slowly placed her down

and adjusted her position. Then, he told the kids to sit by her side and hold her up in case she fell on the way to the hospital. Once he was done, he got out of the car and went to the driver's seat.

When the door was closed, Nathan wiped his tears away and secured his mother's head with his hands. He whispered, "Don't worry, Mommy. You'll be fine."

Nicole was crying as well, and her eyes filled with tears. They streamed down her cheeks and fell onto the back of Victoria's feet.

“Don’t cry, Nicole,” Nathan said.

The little girl looked at her brother, tears blurring her vision. “Will Mommy die, Nathan?”

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The mention of death shocked the boy, and he shot her a sharp look. “Don’t say anything like that, Nicole!”

Shocked, she sobbed, “But-”

“She’s only hurt in the forehead. She won’t die.”

Alaric kept driving through the streets. He was driving fast, but he was being careful, too. Through the rearview mirror, he saw the kids huddled close to their mother, and their conversation broke his heart. He frowned and solemnly said, “Nicole, Nathan, I won’t let anything happen to your mother. Trust me.” The last part was especially hard for him to say it.

Nathan said nothing. He merely stared at his mother’s wound, feeling upset. As for Nicole, she angrily blurted out, “I hate you, Mr. Night.”

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The man froze for a moment before smiling bitterly. “Very well. But first, let’s get to the hospital.” Nicole’s mother was hurt, so it was no surprise she would hate him. Victoria was right there, yet he failed to protect her, and his daughter almost got hurt as well. He

felt guilty for letting things turn out like this, but feeling guilty was useless in the current

situation. Thus, he quickly focused on the road.

Unfortunately, they were a bit far from the nearest hospital; it would take more than half

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an hour before they could arrive at their destination. Alaric was panicking, and he ran through two red lights on his way. Before long, the cops came after him. Once they made him pull over, he felt like slamming his fist on the steering wheel. However, Victoria was still hurt, and getting into a fight was just a waste of time.

He rolled the car window down and said, "Sorry, but my wife's hurt. She's unconscious, and I need help."

Since he ran through red lights and sped through the street, the cops came after him.

They thought the driver was some sort of punk, so Alaric's explanation came as a surprise. The cops looked at the back seat and saw a woman there. Her forehead was bleeding, and she was unconscious. There were also two crying children there, too.

Realizing the severity of the situation, the cops solemnly said, "Come with us." They helped Alaric clear the path and contacted the nearest hospital. Thanks to their help, Alaric came to the hospital sooner.

He took Victoria out of the car and rushed into the hospital, and the kids followed.

Some twists and turns later, Victoria was taken into the emergency room.

They couldn't go into the emergency room, so Alaric and the kids waited outside. There

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was no one around, so the man pulled the kids down to sit with him. "It's going to be a while, so we'll wait right here."

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Nathan had always been sensible. He didn't go against Alaric's words and merely stayed silent, but he didn't sit beside Alaric either. Instead, the boy put some distance between them. Alaric knew what he was trying to do, but since the boy was near enough for him to watch over, he said nothing.

On the other hand, Nicole came over to him. At first, he was surprised. He thought the girl had forgiven him, but then she started thumping her fists against his legs. "I hate you, Mr. Night!" The fists kept raining down on his legs.

The man looked at his crying daughter, and his heart broke. He let her continue her little

assaults. It was until she was tired that he held her hands. "You must be tired. You should stop now."

Nicole struggled but couldn't break free, so she angrily said, "Let me go, Mr. Night!"

Alaric looked at his daughter and sighed. "Promise me you will stop, and I'll let you go."

The girl started to burst into tears again. "You're a meanie! It's your fault Mommy is hurt,

and you're not even letting me hit you!"

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He couldn't do anything to his crying daughter. He used to think Victoria's tears were his

worst fear. No one else's crying would make him sad, but he was wrong. When his kids.

cried, everything in the world seemed wrong.

Nicole was crying her heart out, so he let her hand go and crouched before huddling closer. "Fine, you can keep going, but not the legs. You can hit my face." He had lost some weight over the last few years, so his legs were slightly lean. The little girl would hurt her hands if she hit his legs. It should be better if she hit his face.

If someone saw this scene, they'd probably have the shock of their lives.

Nicole stopped crying and looked at him angrily. "Why the face? I want to hit your legs."

The girl thought Alaric told her to stop hitting his legs because it hurt.

The man only smiled. "Because it'd make it easier for you if I crouch. Is that reason. enough?"

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It was reason enough. Nicole raised her hand and realized hitting the face was much easier than hitting the legs. When Alaric was sitting, she had to stand on her tiptoe just to hit his legs, but now that he was crouching, Nicole could easily hit him without doing anything. Still, coming face-to-face with him was scary. She was a bit afraid to slap him in the face. The girl looked at him sheepishly and took a step back.

Alaric did not miss that. "What's wrong?" he asked.

The girl pouted. "You might fight back." He's so tall, and his hands are so big. If he hits me, I'm dead. The thought of that filled her with dread, and she quickly ran to her brother.

Alaric had already prepared himself to get hit in the face, yet Nicole decided to run away at the very last second. He heaved a sigh of relief, but for some reason, he was disappointed. The man wondered how it would feel for his daughter to hit him. He thought it would feel alright, but then, he realized that notion was a bit weird.

No one would like to get hit unless that someone was a masochist, and he was certainly not that someone. He tossed that idea away and stared at the emergency room. I hope she's fine. I can give anything for that.

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Nicole went to her brother, and Nathan took care of her like an adult. He pulled her onto

the seat and wiped her tears away. Then, the boy glanced at Alaric. The tall and muscular man was staring at the ground, looking lonely. "We're staying away from him, Nicole."

Nicole, who once wanted Alaric to be her father, now changed her mind. She nodded in

agreement. "Okay, Nathan."

The boy heaved a sigh of relief, seeing that she finally wasn't arguing. Mommy should feel relieved now. She used to be unable to change Nicole's mind. The thought of their mother made him worry.

A long while later, another person appeared in the corridor. Alaric looked up and saw Norwood, and he frowned. "Why are you here?"

Norwood looked past him and saw the kids. When the kids saw him, they realized he was a part of the group that hurt their mother, and they shot him glares.

Norwood knew why they did that, and he was amused. Oh, so they hate me now, huh?

He then looked at Alaric. "When did you find out?"

Alaric shot him an icy look. "None of your business."

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Norwood shrugged languidly. "Just concerned."

"I don't have time to talk about this."

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Victoria was still in the emergency room, and the kids now hated him. All the effort Alaric did up until now was wasted, which was unacceptable. More importantly, he needed Victoria to be safe, or he would skin West alive.

Norwood noticed the displeasure in his voice, and he felt a little resigned. "I didn't think things would get that bad, but we can't change the past. How is she now?"

Alaric pressed his lips into a thin line and stayed silent, seemingly not wanting to respond to him. Norwood said nothing and sat down, but a long while later, Alaric said, "You shouldn't stay here."

“Even when I’m saying nothing?”

“Yes.”

“That’s a bit too much, don’t you think?”

“So what?”

Nothing. It’s not like I can do anything about it. Regardless, Norwood didn’t leave. After Chapter 327 When Did You Realize?

a long while, Alaric couldn’t take it anymore, so he glared at Norwood. “Don’t make me hit you.” If it weren’t because of the children, Alaric would have dragged him off a while ago.

“Really? Do it, then.”

Alaric shot him an icy look, and he coldly said, “You think I won’t?”

At this moment, the light on the emergency room’s sign went out, and someone came out. The look on Alaric’s face changed instantly, and he ran toward the doctor. The kids.

quickly got up and waddled toward the doctor as well.

“How is she, doctor?” Alaric asked. His tone was slightly gentler than before, though he sounded a bit hoarse.

The doctor looked at them and asked, “Is anyone of you her family?”

“I am,” said Alaric.

“Her head’s injured, but she doesn’t seem to be in grave danger for now. We’ll need to observe her for a bit longer and perform some checks.”

More checks? Fury glinted in Alaric’s eyes, and he hissed West’s name with malice in his mind. “How’s her situation?”

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“Not bad, but since she got hit on the head, I suggest you wait until further checks are performed.”

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Alaric had a dark look on his face. That means she has to stay in the hospital for a while. If nothing happens, then she'll be safe. But if things go awry... He couldn't bear to

imagine the alternative.

After that, Victoria was taken to a ward, and the kids stayed with her. The nurse hooked her up to an IV drip and left.

Alaric stood beside the bed, staring at her grimly.

“I hate you! Leave!” Nicole charged at him and thumped his legs, pushing him out of the

room.

A while later, when he was finally outside the room, Nathan closed the door.

Norwood watched the whole scene unfold before him. Then, he approached Alaric and asked, “Are you sure they can handle things alone?” She's just a little girl. He could've just stood there, and she wouldn't even be able to move him. Yet, he played along, anyway.

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Seeing Alaric wasn't responding, Norwood asked, “Is Victoria still in a coma?”

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When Alaric heard that, he finally woke up from his daze and answered, “That won't be a problem. The two are pretty smart.”

Even without him, the two children were clever enough to respond to many situations,

especially Nathan. He must have a way of taking care of his mother. However...

"But they are still children," Norwood argued. "What if something happens-"

Alaric interrupted him. "I will watch over them."

"Fine."

"You're not needed here. Please leave."

When Norwood noticed Alaric wasn't listening to his advice, he felt like there was no point in continuing this conversation, but... He thought about it and decided to sit on the long benches in the hallway, quietly waiting.

Alaric stood outside the ward, leaning against the wall while taking out his phone to call Terrance.

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Once he was done, he suddenly thought of something while putting away his phone. and quickly pushed the ward's door open with a grim face.

As he thought, he saw the two children leaning against each other while holding Victoria's phone, about to call someone.

When the children heard someone entering, they immediately turned around, and when Nicole saw it was Alaric, her face was instantly filled with displeasure as she pouted her lips. But just as she was thinking of pushing Alaric out the door, he approached them and knelt before them, asking, "What are you doing with the phone?"

Nathan pursed his lips and said nothing, but Nicole touched her hips and retorted, "What does that have to do with you? Mr. Night, you're so impolite. You didn't knock before coming in and interrupted us!"

However, Alaric was in no mood to listen to what they had to say because he was focused on the phone in Nathan's hand, so he reached out his hand and said to Nathan,

"Nate, give me the phone."

Yet, Nathan hid the phone behind him. "This is Mommy's phone, not yours."

"I know that's your mommy's phone." Alaric smiled, "But she's in a coma, so how about I

help you keep it safe? What if you drop it and break it?"

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Nicole rebuked, "We won't. Nate and I have our own phones, but we've never dropped them before."

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"Really?" Alaric rubbed her head and complimented them, "Then you and Nathan did very well, but I need to pay for your mommy's hospitalization fees. I won't be able to do that without her phone, right?"

Nicole and Nathan were kids, after all, so they immediately believed what Alaric said. once he changed the topic. When Nathan heard Alaric needed the phone to pay the bills, he thought it wouldn't be appropriate to hog his mother's phone, so he handed it to

Alaric. "Fine. I'll lend you Mommy's phone for a while, but you have to return it after paying the bills."

"I promise." Alaric smiled and took the phone, but when he tried to unlock it, he noticed he needed a passcode, so he asked, "What's the passcode to unlock the phone?"

"Six eights."

Six eights? Alaric was surprised and then nodded. "Okay, I'll go pay the bills while you two stay here and take care of your mommy, alright?"

"Hmph. Nate and I will take care of Mommy even if you didn't tell us to do it."

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While watching Nicole, Alaric could not help but rub her head again. "Okay, I'll leave now."

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Since his aim had been achieved, Alaric left the room, and once he was outside, he unlocked the phone. Then, his smile instantly disappeared because, as he thought, the screen was showing the call log, and there just happened to be Bane's name there.

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call might have been placed if Alaric had arrived in the room a moment later.

It was lucky he entered the room when he did.

When Alaric saw Bane's name, he instantly wanted to remove Bane's number from Victoria's phone but decided against it in the end. After all, it was pointless to do so. If Victoria and Bane had something going on, there was no use in deleting Bane's number.

Therefore, Alaric locked the phone, deciding to avoid looking at it.

In the meantime, the two little fellows leaned their heads together and began whispering after Alaric left the room.

"Nate, is it okay to give him Mommy's phone?"

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Nicole was somewhat worried because there was a lot of money inside their mother's phone, so what if Silent Night stole the money? But when she thought about it, the man.

had been constantly sending them money during their live broadcasts, so it didn't make sense for him to send them money if he wanted to steal from them.

The more Nicole thought about it, the stranger she felt, so she could only ask her brother for help.

Although both were the same age, Nathan was smarter, and when he heard Nicole's question, he shook his head. "It's fine. He wouldn't do such a thing."

After what happened to Victoria, Nathan refused to let Silent Night become his father. Judging from the conversation between those grownups, he was sure that their relationship with Silent Night wasn't that simple. It seems like Silent Night... is our biological father, but Mommy has never mentioned it before.

Everything would have to wait until their mother woke up from her coma.

When Terrance arrived at the hospital, he was extremely surprised to hear that Victoria got injured. "W-What happened? She was doing fine before. How did she end up in the hospital?"

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He thought Victoria and Alaric had greatly improved their relationship after seeing her  
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visit Alaric yesterday. Also, Alaric had even brought the two children home with him this.

afternoon and even prepared a lot of gifts for them.

It hadn't been long since then, yet he was suddenly told that Victoria was injured and hospitalized.

Meanwhile, Alaric was surrounded by a gloomy aura. "Everything happened too suddenly, and I can't leave. You deal with all the aftermath."

Then, he instructed Terrance to do whatever was needed.

Once Terrance received all the slips, he organized them while Alaric watched him from

the side. Then, Alaric suddenly ordered, "After you're done with this, head downstairs to

buy something kids would enjoy eating."

Hearing that, Terrance stopped his actions and asked, "Are Mr. Nathan and Miss Nicole

here too?"

After that, he searched his surroundings.

Noticing Terrance's actions, Alaric frowned. "Stop searching. They're inside the ward."

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"The ward?" Terrance then glanced toward the closed ward's door before looking at

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Alaric and pursed his lips. He carefully asked, "Although it sounds rude, I would still like to ask, did you get kicked out of the room?"

Alaric growled, "Go away."

Terrance fell silent.

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Terrance was secretly happy to have accidentally poked at Alaric's sore spot.

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If it were before, he wouldn't dare to speak to Alaric in such a way because Alaric's gold

stare was enough to freeze him to death. Also, Alaric wouldn't allow such behavior from him. However, things had changed since Victoria and the children appeared, and Alaric's attitude had also changed drastically.

Although Alaric would still ask him to go away after he teased him, he would only look like he was angry on the surface when he was not, just like how he did just now.

After Alaric heard what Terrance said, he cursed at him but then regained his composure after a few seconds and even urged Terrance, "Chop chop. Go get everything settled. Also, buy some food for the children."

Following that, Terrance went downstairs, but on his way, he passed by Norwood, and they looked at each other.

To think of it, Terrance scratched his head while wondering, Why is Norwood here? What happened tonight? I'll ask him for the details once I finish buying all those things.

After that, Terrance drove to a children's amusement park nearby and bought many

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things before returning to the hospital.

Alaric could see Terrance with two bags approaching from far away, and he immediately went up to Terrance. "What did you buy?"

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However, before Terrance could explain what he bought, Alaric had already taken the bags away. "Forget it. Just give them to me. I'll head inside."

It was then that Terrance noticed his actions and expression seemed rushed. He was obviously anxious from the long wait. But it was reasonable because his wife and



children were inside the ward, yet he wasn't allowed inside and could only stand and wait outside. Who wouldn't be anxious in such a situation?

After taking away the bags, Alaric quickly approached the room and was about to enter, but just as he turned the doorknob, he suddenly realized something and stopped. Then, he knocked on the door.

That left Terrance surprised, thinking, Isn't Miss Selwyn still unconscious? Why is Mr. Cadogan knocking? Could he be knocking to inform the children?

At that moment, he heard a childish voice coming from inside the room. "Come in."

Terrance immediately recognized it was Nicole's voice and felt slightly nervous.

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Once Alaric received Nicole's permission, he opened the door and entered the room.

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At first, Terrance approached the door, wanting to see what was going on inside, but he hadn't gotten near the door when it slammed closed.

While touching his nose, he embarrassedly sat on the seat in the hallway, and just after he took a seat, Norwood, who had been sitting quietly on the side, approached him.

Norwood offered Terrance a cigarette, but Terrance only glanced at it but didn't take it.

"My apologies, Mr. Oaks, but I don't smoke."

When Norwood heard that, he glanced at Terrance before slowly putting away the cigarette. While he was doing so, Terrance noticed there was only one cigarette

missing from the cigarette box, and it seemed like a newly opened packet. Is Norwood

a non-smoker too?

“Can we have a talk?” Since his offer to smoke was declined, Norwood wasn’t sure if Terrance wasn’t a smoker or was in no mood to smoke. Therefore, Norwood jumped straight to the topic.

Terrance pursed his lips and asked, “What would you like to talk about, Mr. Oaks?”

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Glancing toward the ward, Norwood asked, “When did you find out.”

Terrance immediately knew what the other was asking about and pursed his lips, hesitant about what to say.

“I remember Alaric brought Claudia to the auction.”

At the mention of that incident, Terrance quickly explained, “He did, but that was because Mrs. Cadogan ordered him to do so. Also, Miss Johnson wanted something from the auction too, so they went together.”

“So?” Norwood squinted his eyes. “When did he bump into Victoria, and when did she return? Those two children... are they his?”

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Terrance replied, “Otherwise? You can obviously tell their Mr. Cadogan’s children just by

looking at them, right?”

Hearing that, Norwood chuckled softly. “You’re right. They look very much alike.”

The children’s features are almost identical to Alaric’s, but they also resemble Victoria, so a DNA test was unnecessary because anyone could identify those children with just a glance.

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Terrance looked at Norwood. Maybe Alaric's recent connivance had made Terrance bolder. He asked, "Mr. Oaks, why are you here tonight?"

At first, he wanted to ask about what had happened, but after seeing Alaric enter the room, he guessed Alaric wouldn't come out anytime soon, so he averted his attention to Norwood.

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Since Norwood initiated the conversation, he could ask Norwood questions too.

Therefore, he asked his second question before the other could reply to his first question. "How did Miss Selwyn get hurt? Wasn't everything going well before tonight?"

"Yes, it was." Norwood nodded. "Everything was fine when we arrived, but what happened next was an accident."

"We?"

"West, Claudia, and I."

When Terrance heard Claudia's name, he almost jumped to his feet. "What? Miss Johnson was there as well? How did Miss Selwyn get injured? Was it Miss Johnson?"

Norwood looked at him like he was a fool and rebuked, "What are you thinking about? Even if Claudia's an idiot, she wouldn't do such a stupid thing."

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Unless she didn't want Alaric's respect, she wouldn't do such a thing before Alaric.

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"You're right." After Terrance calmed down, he felt like Claudia was indeed incapable of such a thing. "So, what really happened?"

"It was West. But... it was an accident."

“Mr. Finn did it?”

Once Terrance heard it was West’s doing, he instantly felt at a loss for words and chuckled before Norwood. “I was wondering who might have done it. Turns out it was Mr. Finn. Has he gone mad? Even if he likes Miss Johnson, why would he harm Miss Selwyn?”

At this moment, Terrance was completely biased toward Victoria, and even the way he spoke was leaning toward her. When he heard West had hurt her, he was instantly filled

with disdain, which was also why he spoke so disdainfully about West.

Meanwhile, Norwood secretly glanced at Terrance, thinking, Terrance became Alaric’s assistant after Victoria left, so he didn’t know her before all this. Judging by how he spoke, he seemed very close to her. It looks like a lot has happened recently without me

knowing. Victoria... Who would have thought she’d still be so good at winning other people’s hearts after all these years?

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Then, he unconsciously tried to grab a cigarette but then realized he had quit smoking for a long time.

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When Nicole heard someone knocking, she immediately looked toward Nathan and then agreed to let Alaric enter the room after receiving Nathan's approval.

Once the door opened, the two little fellows looked at the two large bags in Alaric's hands. Nicole unconsciously looked into the bags and unwittingly asked, "Mr. Night, did you buy something for us?"

Right after asking, Nicole realized what she said and immediately covered her mouth while her watery eyes were filled with shock.

Oh no! She had decided never to care about Mr. Knight anymore, but why did she ask him that after seeing the bags in his hands?

"Yes, I did." Alaric's long, narrow eyes were filled with smiles as he sat down with the bags. "I asked Mr. Levane to buy you some food."

While he spoke, he took out the food inside the bags and placed them on the table.

The two little fellows watched quietly with fisted hands as they stood in their spot.

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Inside the quiet room, Alaric peeked at the two unmoving children out of the corner of his eyes before slowly placing everything on the table in a calm manner.

It was until the table was filled to the max that he stopped moving. Then, he looked at the children. "You didn't eat anything for dinner, right? Aren't you hungry?"

Nathan tugged his lips into a thin line. "I'm not hungry."

Meanwhile, Nicole was salivating at the food but immediately concurred after hearing that, "I-I'm not hungry either."

But once she said that, her tummy rumbled. She blushed bright red and even covered her belly with her hands before running to Nathan's side and whispering, "Nate, that was so embarrassing."

Her brother, Nathan, patted her shoulder to comfort her.

Meanwhile, Alaric watched everything and felt amused. Did he have some sort of preconception for his children? Why did he think everything they did was cute?

At that thought, Alaric smiled, and his voice unconsciously became even gentler. "Are you really not hungry? The food will turn cold if you don't eat them, and they will become nasty."

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Angry, Nicole was still covering her belly while standing there, ignoring her hungry stomach. "I don't want to eat anything you bought. Mommy wouldn't be bleeding if it weren't for you, and Nathan won't eat the food too."

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Since she refused to eat, Nathan would have to do the same. Meanwhile, Nathan had no objections because it didn't matter if he needed to stay hungry, but he was worried about Nicole, who was a foodie.

Nathan pursed his lips and nodded slightly, but after a short moment, Nicole could not help but want to give up. "Nathan, I'm hungry."

Nathan said nothing because he knew this would happen. That was because Nicole

loved to eat and had never suffered from hunger, so she couldn't stay hungry for long.  
"Nathan."

Just as Nathan thought she was about to give up and surrender, she gently tugged on his shirt and softly suggested, "Nathan, how about we get Mommy's phone back and call Mr. Bane?"

Nathan thought it was a good suggestion because Bane was the only person they could rely on now. But he wasn't sure if Silent Night had paid for Victoria's hospitalization fees and if he would return her phone if he asked for it.

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Most importantly, Silent Night had bought them so much food, and if they called Bane over...

"Nathan..." Before he could think any further, the hungry Nicole began tugging on his shirt again.

Hopeless, Nathan was about to ask for Victoria's phone back when Alaric suddenly left the table and knelt before them.

Seeing him before her, Nicole quickly turned away, not wanting to see him.

Alaric gently poked the back of her head. "Are you very angry at me?"

"Hmph." She didn't want to speak a word with him.

Therefore, Alaric lowered his finger and poked at the back of her neck. "I was wrong, and I'm very sorry. Will you forgive me?"

"No, I won't!" Without considering it, Nicole instantly rejected him angrily.

"It's fine if you don't forgive me, but are you not eating anything? What if you faint from

being too hungry? Wouldn't your mommy be worried if she didn't see you when she woke up?"

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With no other choice, Alaric could only take another approach, and he was lucky that he

was speaking to a child because Nicole immediately became flustered after hearing that.

"M-Mommy will be worried?"

"Yes." Alaric nodded. "Children can faint easily if they don't eat when they're hungry."

Nicole asked, "For real?"

Alaric nodded heavily. "For real."

Meanwhile, Nathan felt speechless because he felt Silent Night was trying to trick Nicole, but he didn't want to expose the truth. After all, he didn't want his younger sister to stay hungry.

"Also, aren't you guys mad at me? If you are, the more you shouldn't stay hungry. You have to punish me."

"Punish you?" Nicole was intrigued by that suggestion. "How are we going to punish you?"

Hearing that, Alaric pretended to be deep in thought and replied, "How about you

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punish me by letting me treat you guys to a meal?"



Once he said that, Nathan stayed silent while Nicole looked at him quizzically.

“Is treating us to a meal considered a punishment?”

“Of course. Buying you food costs money, so using my money to buy you food is considered a punishment.”

After he spoke, he pinched Nicole’s cheeks. “Or are you thinking of letting someone else pay for your meal?”

“Of course not!” Nicole was quick to fall for the trick and snorted softly. “Then, we’ll punish you by letting you buy us food until we grow old!”

A smile appeared on Alaric’s face as he said, “Sure. It’s a deal.” Buying them food until they grew up just happened to be what he wanted.

The famished Nicole was instantly persuaded, but her pride made her stand in place despite agreeing to the idea.

When Alaric noticed that, he knew the young girl was still throwing a tantrum. After all, she was a young girl and his daughter, so he had to coax her.

“Come on, I’ll bring you out to have some nice food.” After saying so, he stretched out his arms at her.

Looking at the broad and warm embrace, Nicole blinked her eyes and fidgeted with her hands before slowly making her way toward him.

Right after she approached Alaric, she was pulled into his embrace. “Let’s go.”

On the other hand, Nathan didn’t expect his sister to get wooed away so quickly and thought of standing his ground when a hand appeared before him. “Nate, come with us.”