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However, Nathan didn't walk forward. Instead, he stood where he was, hesitant.

"Your sister is in the car already, so what are you worried about? We can't leave her alone."

With that, Victoria took Nathan's hand and walked into the car.

Alaric truly had a firm grip on Victoria by carrying Nicole into the car.

As long as he had the children, Victoria couldn't possibly ignore the children, so she would do what he wanted.

When Alaric saw Victoria getting into the car, he curved his thin lips into a nice smile. A moment later, he took Nicole in his embrace.

He wasn't driving today. There was a driver in front, so when Victoria and Nathan got into the car, Terrance, who was waiting outside the car, got in as well.

After Terrance got into the car, he couldn't peel his eyes off Victoria and the two children.

When he learned that the twins were Alaric's children, he was extremely shocked.

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Terrance thought that Alaric would be single all his life judging by his behavior, but now he had both a son and a daughter. How miraculous!

Also, most importantly, Alaric's future wife was too good-looking.

While Terrance was deep in thought, he suddenly felt a cold glare on his face.

He looked in the direction of the glare, only to be met with Alaric's cold warning look.

Alaric seemed to be communicating with his eyes, implying, 'Why are you looking at my wife?'

Terrance could only avert his gaze sheepishly. Alright, I get it. I'll stop looking.

After breakfast, Alaric told the driver to send the children to school.

When they arrived at the school, Victoria got out of the car.

The teacher at the school was a little shocked when she looked and saw the two getting out of the car together.

However, because of Victoria's rage yesterday, the teacher didn't dare meet Victoria's gaze, perhaps fearing that she would get mad at her again.

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When Victoria thought about what happened yesterday, she felt a little remorseful. 3/8

She was just about to apologize to the teacher when Alaric's voice sounded beside her. "Come on, I'll send you to work."

When Victoria heard that, she quickly changed her mind. She frowned coldly as she rejected Alaric's suggestion straight away.

"No need."

Alaric pursed his thin lips. "You didn't drive here, right? Are you thinking of walking to work?"

"I can go to work however I like. What does that have to do with you?"

Since the children had already entered the school compound, Victoria didn't have to pretend to be nice to Alaric anymore. She reverted to her original behavior, and she was completely ruthless in her retorts.

Alaric sensed that as well.

She behaved a certain way when Nicole and Nathan were around.

However, when Nicole and Nathan were out of the picture, she turned into someone else entirely.

Alaric was wondering how he could convince her when he saw Victoria turning around to leave. When he saw that, he couldn't help but walk after her.

"You're seriously not getting into the car?"

"I'm not getting in."

Victoria was wearing high heels, but her strides were long regardless.

It was so strange that Alaric subconsciously looked at her feet. When he confirmed that she was wearing high heels instead of flat shoes, he was slightly shocked.

Do all women walk so fast in high heels?

Soon, Terrance caught up to them.

"Mr. Cadogan, about the company-"

When Alaric heard that, he had to stop walking.

As soon as he stopped, Victoria's figure quickly went further. Alaric could only stand

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where he was, watching Victoria's figure gradually getting further until it was out of sight.

Terrance glanced in the direction Victoria went, then explained to Alaric, "Miss Selwyn is walking toward the subway station."

"Yeah," Alaric responded coldly.

"Well, then, Mr. Cadogan, since Miss Selwyn already went to the subway station, why don't we go back to the company? There are a lot of matters to attend to, and if we don't do anything about them..."

Terrance didn't continue the sentence, but Alaric understood what he wanted to say. His thin lips slowly turned into a straight line as he looked away and said, "To the company."

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A long while after entering the subway station, Victoria couldn't help but turn and look behind her. When she noticed that no one was following her, she sighed in relief, but she was also a little disappointed.

However, she quickly got rid of the faint emotion as she hastily bought tickets and left. Later in the company, Victoria couldn't focus on work. Even when she was in a meeting, she kept getting distracted.

After making it through the minor meeting, when Henry went out after Victoria, he couldn't help but step forward and stop her from proceeding.

"Miss Selwyn, is it just me, or have you been feeling unwell for the past few days?" When Victoria heard that, she paused for a moment, but she didn't answer his question. "Miss Selwyn, did something happen?" Henry raised an eyebrow. "Would you like to tell me about it?"

Tell him about it?

Victoria shook her head. "It's okay. If I tell you, you'll be announcing it to everyone by tomorrow."

"Miss Selwyn, you can't accuse me like that. I love gossip, but my mouth isn't that loose. I won't spread your news everywhere, all right? Look at the company now. Not many people here know about you and Mr. Cadogan, right?"

Victoria realized that she couldn't refute that argument.

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There wasn't anyone else in the company who knew about her and Alaric save for the bespectacled man from before, but he had witnessed it in person, so he didn't count. Also, Henry simply liked gossip, but his mouth was sealed, just like he claimed before. 7/8

She truly did want someone to suggest some ideas for her current situation. Her father was getting old, so she couldn't keep bothering him.

With Henry's age...

At that thought, Victoria whispered, "Mr. Poole, if you and your wife divorced-"

"Wait," Henry interrupted her. "There are no ifs; I'll never divorce my dear wife. We're very

close to each other."

Victoria was speechless.

Henry smiled. "Miss Selwyn, I think you can just say that it happened to one of your friends."

Victoria fell silent.

One of my friends? Wouldn't that give it away... Actually, never mind. In the end, no matter how she started the story, it wouldn't make a difference.

At that thought, Victoria said straightforwardly, "One of my friends divorced, but she was pregnant when it happened. In the years after that, she raised the children on her own, and now that the children's father learned about it, he wanted to s\*\*\*h the two children back."

At first, Henry had gotten ready for the tea, but when Victoria told him the truth, he was immensely shocked.

"C-Children?!"

Henry asked, "Where did they come from?"

Victoria crossed her arms and looked at him leisurely.

"She gave birth to them, of course."

Henry fell silent.

He thought for a moment, then asked, "Two? Miss Selwyn, you're amazing to have given birth to twins right off the bat."

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It was supposed to be gossip about Victoria's love life, but when the children were mentioned, Henry instantly shifted his focus.

"Miss Selwyn, are your twins both boys or girls?"

Victoria looked at him expressionlessly. "It was one of my friends."

Henry said, "Yes, yes, your friend. Did your friend give birth to twin boys or girls?" "Is that important at all?"

"Yes, because I'm curious."

"... Both. It's a pigeon pair."

"Wow, so if Mr. Cadogan managed to get them, he'll have both a son and a daughter." Victoria corrected, "My friend's ex-husband."

"Yes, yes, your friend's ex-husband. That was a slip of the tongue."

"But Mr. Cado- Your friend, why would she think that her ex-husband was trying to 1/8

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s\*\*\*ing the kids together? What sort of joke is this? That's impossible." 2/8

"There has to be a reason, right? Why is that impossible?" Henry raised an eyebrow as he analyzed, "Your ex- I mean, your friend's ex-husband is a remarkable man, right? He has the resources and enjoys a high status in society, so if he helps to raise the children, it would be very beneficial for the children's future."

"It's impossible for him to help raise the kids. He only knows how to s\*h, a\*\*nd that's the only thing he will do." Victoria even repeated the last two phrases stubbornly. "He already has someone he likes, so raising the kids together or helping to raise them are all lies. He just wants the children."

"He has someone he likes?"

When Henry heard that, he felt like he finally saw the crucial point.

He asked smilingly, "Miss Selwyn, you mean to say you feel that Mr. Cadogan has a significant other already, so you're afraid that he'll s\*h th\*\*e children from you, right?" Victoria stared at him. Even though she didn't answer, the look in her eyes and the expression on her face were affirmative. Also, she didn't realize that Henry had stopped Chapter 317 Forced Marriage

correcting the characters to 'your friend' and 'your friend's ex-husband."

In the next second, Victoria heard Henry laughing.

"Miss Selwyn, if you're simply worried about this, then let me tell you something-you don't have to be worried anymore."

"What do you mean?"

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"I'm not trying to speak on Mr. Cadogan's behalf, but in the five years you were gone, Mr. Cadogan never approached any woman. He didn't even date his benefactor, Claudia, whom everyone was rooting for."

When Victoria heard that, her eyes glinted.

They weren't together? How was that possible?

When he asked to divorce back then, even abandoning the children in the process, wasn't he thinking of getting together with Claudia as soon as possible?

But now, Henry was telling her that Alaric and Claudia weren't dating yet.

Why?

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"Surprising, right?" Henry smiled, rubbing his chin as he said, "Then I'll tell you

something even more shocking. Back then, not long after you left Cadogan Group, there were rumors everywhere that Mr. Cadogan would be engaged to the young lady of the Johnson Family. Back then, it was known in their social circle that Miss Johnson had saved Mr. Cadogan's life, after all, so it was normal for the two to be engaged. Hence, many people thought that Mr. Cadogan married you just to help the Selwyns get through their difficulties, and when Miss Johnson came back, the spot next to Mr. Cadogan would be hers."

With that, Henry stole a glance at Victoria, trying to glean some information from her expression.

However, Victoria remained indifferent as if she didn't care about it one bit.

Henry couldn't get any reactions, so he continued, "That's what everyone thought, including me back then. If not, why would they be engaged at that time? However, something happened afterward..."

Noticing his pause, Victoria looked at him.

"What was it?"

Henry said, "Heh, I thought you didn't care, Miss Selwyn. Guess you're listening, after Chapter 317 Forced Marriage

all."
Victoria fell silent.

She had tried to be patient all along, but in the end, she couldn't take it anymore. She said to Henry, "Mr. Poole, are you trying to get yourself fired?"

"No, please don't do it. I was just joking to lighten the mood. Also, I'll only know that you're listening if you respond."

Seeing that Victoria's expression was turning even darker, Henry could only say, "Okay, okay, I'll continue."

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"Back then, everyone thought that they would be engaged soon, because even the date was set, and some people were showing off invitations they received to attend the engagement ceremony."

Victoria frowned slightly when she heard that. "So?"

"Be patient, Miss Selwyn, and listen till the end."

Victoria was speechless.

She wasn't in a hurry.

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"Later on, even more people received invitations, and there were even photos of the venue where the engagement ceremony would be held. Back then, rumors were spreading in the entire Gandra that the two would be engaged soon, and they were just waiting for the day. There were even reporters who flocked to the entrance of Cadogan Group, trying to ask about the engagement. But guess what? Cadogan Group replied that it didn't exist."

When Victoria heard that, she narrowed her eyes. "It didn't exist?"

"Yes. Even though Mr. Cadogan didn't respond personally, Cadogan Group answered that they didn't know about this and that it was just a rumor."

Henry touched his chin. "But the rumors were spreading so quickly that no one believed it. Also, after Cadogan Group's reply, the rumors spread even more, and more photos

were leaked of the engagement ceremony behind the scenes. Also, Miss Johnson's friend shared her conversation history with Miss Johnson, saying that the latter admitted to the engagement. Do you know what I felt when I saw that?" Victoria didn't answer. Instead, she just looked quietly at Henry.

"Think about it. Cadogan Group denied this incident, but why were rumors of the engagement spreading like wildfire? It gave me the impression that she was forcing Mr. Cadogan to marry her. In other words, she had announced to the public that they would Chapter 317 Forced Marriage

be engaged, so if Mr. Cadogan didn't show up on the day itself, she would be utterly disgraced. If her reputation were to be protected, Mr. Cadogan would have to be engaged to her, right, Miss Selwyn?"

At this point, Victoria couldn't help but chuckle.

"It looks like a forced marriage, but who gave her that confidence?" 7/8

Wasn't it Alaric himself? He didn't step forward to deny it personally, and even though it meant that he didn't want things to look too bad for her, this gesture also gave Claudia hope.

Claudia tested the waters and found that Alaric was nicer to her because of what she did for him, so she took it up a notch and announced the engagement publicly, trying to force him to show up on the day of the engagement ceremony.

If he went, she would be the winner.

Of course, she might also lose horribly.

Henry scratched his head. "You have a point, but the tough part here is that Mr.

Cadogan owed her a favor, and unfortunately, all the Cadogans were decent people.

The Johnsons rose in status for the past few years because of this, and it was true that Chapter 317 Forced Marriage

people do go places by riding on someone else's coattails."

In the end, Henry clicked his tongue while touching his chin.

"One is always obliged to repay a favor, and even more so when one's life is saved. If I were Mr. Cadogan, I might be in a dilemma, and I might just go to the engagement ceremony. However, Mr. Cadogan was a better man. He didn't go."

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Even though Victoria already guessed the answer, when she heard Henry say that Alaric didn't go, she still felt her heart skip a beat.

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It took a long while before Victoria managed to speak. "He didn't go?"

Henry shook his head solemnly. "No."

Victoria stared at the ground in silence. He owes that woman. If he doesn't go, it'll put

him in jeopardy. Still, it wouldn't change anything even if he did go.

"A ton of reporters were there, thinking they could witness the engagement of the century only to report a missing groom. Claudia was a mess. She was alone during the engagement, and it was both embarrassing for her and her family. However, no reporters managed to get any pictures. Even if they did, the pictures were deleted immediately."

Victoria got a little curious at that point. "Maybe it's a fluke. Maybe there was no engagement party."

She couldn't believe Alaric didn't attend the ceremony. Previously, the fact he staged a fake wedding with her and refused to have children with her was all because he loved Claudia. So, there's no way Claudia would have to force his hand. Doubly impossible that she failed too.

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"That was what everyone guessed, but my reporter friend said that the decoration was already up and it was gorgeous. They didn't post the pictures though, since it was banned. Anyone who did that would get fired, but someone got some photos and posted them online. Went viral for a bit before they were taken down."

"Some? More than one?"

"Yep." Henry grinned. "Even I saw it. He took the photo of a disappointed Claudia. She

was even holding a bouquet. Heck, she even looked like an abandoned kitten. What a shame."

"You saw the picture?" Victoria narrowed her eyes. She didn't believe that this whole thing was true at first, but now that Henry said he had seen the picture, it changed things. So, he didn't attend the ceremony.

"I don't really understand why you'd say Mr. Cadogan has someone he loves. I've never

seen him dating anyone. Maybe he just wants to help you raise your kids. Or maybe..."

Henry stopped for a moment and stole a glance at her. Then, he asked, "Why did you get divorced in the first place, boss? Maybe it was a misunderstanding?"

Misunderstanding? Victoria sneered. There is no misunderstanding. He was the one who started the emotional abuse, and... For some reason, Victoria got frustrated.

Noticing Henry trying to say something, she interrupted, "Enough. I know full well there

are no misunderstandings." It's too complex to be explained away by misunderstandings.

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Henry realized Victoria must have been reminded of something bad, so he scratched his nose sheepishly. "I'll stop, but call me if you need anything. I'll be going now."

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"Yeah, sure." Once Henry was gone, Victoria sat down in her seat, leaned into it, and closed her eyes. She looked exhausted. So what if he was absent from the ceremony?

He went to the auction with her. They looked like a perfect couple. They might not be a couple back then, but there's no way they're not dating now. If he tries to take my kids, I'll fight him.

Victoria got a message from Silent Night right before she could clock out. 'Didn't have much work today, so I picked the kids up. I'm going to take them to my place, so come over after you're done with work.'

Victoria shot up, looking in disbelief, but then she snapped out of it and answered, 'I won't let you.'

'What do you mean?'

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'I won't let you take them to your place. I'd like you to respect my decision, please."

After some time, Silent Night texted back, 'They're also my children, Victoria'

'Don't give me that. I raised them, and I know who their father is. It's not you.'

'Really? Then you won't mind me doing a paternity test, will you?'

'Just don't take the kids. Please.'

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The message wasn't replied to for a long, long time, and Victoria frowned. Did he listen to me? Did he do as I told him to? Victoria didn't think so. Something was off, since Alaric wasn't someone who would give up that easily. She was still worried. There were fifteen minutes left until clock—out time, but she didn't care. Victoria packed her things

up and got ready to leave early.

While she did, she kept cursing Alaric for making her leave work early. It had been going

on for a while now. Before she could finish, she got another text from Silent Night. 'We're in the car now. On the way back home.'

The b\*stard! Victoria gritted her teeth. Just when she was about to call and ask him what he was thinking, he texted, 'If you want to call me, make sure you don't yell. The kids are right beside me.'

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Victoria was speechless and mad, but she couldn't do anything about it, lest her kids. feel scared. Just because of that text, Victoria dashed the idea of calling him. Like hell he'll let the kids go just because I call him. The call is useless. He wants to take them away from me. She stopped talking to him and quickly drove away to see him. While she was on the way down, a lot of thoughts went through her head. Why don't I stay here for work and send the kids abroad instead? They can go to school somewhere else since their grandfather can take care of them. Still, I'd be absent from their lives, and they'd grow up without both their parents by their side. But I'd rather that than have them taken away by Alaric.

She made up her mind. Once she got the kids back, she was going to buy the flight tickets and send the kids abroad.

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After Alaric took the kids back home, he told the chef to make them some good food and his men to get them a lot of toys. Since he had no idea what the kids liked and this was the first time he was getting them toys, he bought a mountain of it. Of course, there were toys for girls and boys.

The kids had never seen so many toys before in their lives, so they were shocked. Both turned to Alaric, and Nicole asked softly, "Are these for me and Nathan, Mr. Night?" "Yep." Alaric nodded. "All so I can become your dad. This is just the start. Do you like it?" He put his hand on the children's backs and pushed them ahead gently.

The kids went into the room and exchanged a look, then Nicole asked Nathan softly, "Can we really have these, Nathan?"

Nathan knew his sister couldn't hold herself back anymore. Even he was tempted to try out these toys. He mused over it and answered, "We'll just look. Don't touch."

"What?" Nicole looked confused. "But Mr. Night bought these for us, didn't he?" "I know, but he's still not our dad yet."

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"But..." I can't even touch these. That's sad. She puckered her lips and decided to ignore Nathan's advice. She went ahead and unwrapped one of the toys. Nathan couldn't stop her in time, and when he got to her, she was already holding the toy. "Look, Nathan!" "Nicole..." Nathan scrunched up his nose. He was about to say something when Alaric came in, so he swallowed his words.

Alaric crouched before Nicole, looking at the model airplane she was holding. "You like this?" This is surprising. His men bought some dolls and plushies because he thought Nicole might like them, but he didn't expect her to pick a model airplane right away. Nicole nodded. "Yeah. I want to be a pilot when I grow up."

Alaric c\*\*\*d his eyebrow. "That's cool." It was surprising. Nicole was a sweet little ball of happiness, so he didn't expect her to want to be a pilot. But it's normal for kids to have a lot of dreams. Unbeknownst to her, Nicole did grow up to be a cool and dashing pilot, though that was a story for another time.

Seeing her dreams being recognized made Nicole puff her chest out in pride. She was then reminded of something, and she got deflated. "But they say it's hard for a girl to be a pilot."

"Who says girls can't be pilots?" Alaric patted the back of Nicole's head. "Don't listen to Chapter 319 Chance Encounter

them. If you want to be a pilot, do your best to become one. I'm sure you'll be a fine one."

"Really?"

"Yes."

"Yay! I'm going to work hard for it!"

"I'll get you more model airplanes in the future."

"Thank you, Mr. Night!" Nicole cheered happily as she was delighted about the recognition, then she continued unwrapping the other model airplanes.

After she left, Alaric looked at the quiet and reserved Nathan. "What about you, Nathan?"

"S-Sorry?" Nathan was nervous about being called.

"She wants to be a pilot when she grows up. What about you?" This was the first time Alaric was so patient with children. He even asked them about their dreams. The old him wouldn't even spend a second listening to children, but now he wanted all the time in the world to get to know his kids. He had missed out on their lives for five years,

after

all.

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Nathan looked away and said quietly, "I haven't made up my mind."

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Alaric looked at Nathan's hands. The boy was tugging on the hem of his shirt, and Alaric got that cryptic look in his eyes. "Is that so? I have a feeling you just don't want to tell me. Still on guard around me, are you?"

"No," Nathan denied it, but Alaric knew he was trying to be distant, judging from his little movements.

The boy was observant. Even though Victoria tried her best not to let the animosity show, Nathan must have realized something, or he wouldn't be so distant. What can I do to salvage my image? Just then, someone rang the doorbell.

Alaric froze for a moment, then he said, "Must be your mother. I'll take the door." Before he got up, he said, "And don't call me Mr. Night. I have a name. Call me Mr. Alaric." Then he went downstairs.

The doorbell kept ringing, and Alaric frowned. She came into my house right away yesterday. She should know the passcode, so why is she ringing the bell? Maybe she's just venting her frustration because I took her kids over. Well, I can understand that. He smirked. Still as feisty as ever.

He unlocked the door and opened it. Lovingly, he said, "You have the passcode, don't Chapter 319 Chance Encounter

you? Why-" He froze, staring at the people standing outside.

"Alaric!" Standing outside were Claudia, Norwood, and West.

An excited Claudia tried to hug Alaric, but something fierce glinted in his eyes and he moved back before she could touch him.

Claudia froze, looking a little hurt. "Alaric..."

Alaric looked at her and turned his attention to the men behind her, then he looked at Norwood. "Why are you guys here?" Everyone else I can understand, but even you, Norwood?

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"Hey, what's the meaning of that? You came all the way to Jasea without telling us. Of course, we would come and see you," blurted West as he tried to come to Claudia's defense.

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West put in a good word for Claudia. "You have no idea how much Claudia misses I know you're busy, but at least take her calls."

you.

Norwood shot West a look. West was one of the few people who had the guts to speak like that to Alaric. One, because they were childhood friends, and two, their families

were friends too. Alaric was a lot more tolerant of them than he was of other people. Some didn't take advantage of that and kept quiet on things they shouldn't talk about. Some, like West, wouldn't shut up no matter what. He had been that way ever since he was a child. Even though Alaric had warned him many times, he still didn't change. Sometimes Alaric would just let him be, and this time was no different. He ignored West and said, "You didn't have to come over. If you have nothing else to do, go home." After saying that, Alaric tried to close the door. "Alaric..."

West quickly pushed back and grumbled, "Hey, we came all the way here, man. Can't you at least let us in for a cuppa? You think Gandra's just a mile away? Heck no, we came here just to see you. At least let us in."

Alaric's temples throbbed. "Not today. Maybe sometime else." The kids are around, and 1/5

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Victoria's coming any minute now. Things will get complicated if they come in. He chased them off.

West did not like that. "Hey, we're your friends, aren't we? You can't just chase us off. We just want to chat. You can save the tea."

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Alaric's determination to see them off upset Claudia. She teared up and bit her lip. "We just want to see you, Alaric..."

Alaric shot Norwood a look. Norwood scratched his nose and stepped in to defuse the situation. "I think he's busy, so why don't we-"

A young voice belonging to a child interrupted, "Do we have guests, Mr. Night?" Alaric froze, and everyone looked at the child who just spoke. They saw a girl in a dress standing at the edge of the staircase. Her skin was fair, and her eyes were glistening with life. She was holding a model airplane in her hand and staring at the doorway curiously.

When Claudia saw the girl, she felt her blood run cold. That girl looked so much like Alaric, and a terrifying thought popped into her head.

Norwood was shocked when he saw the girl too, but he was a lot calmer than everyone Chapter 320 Are They Your Children?

else and got over his shock quickly. He narrowed his eyes. She's a child, but she resembles Alaric. She looks like that woman too. Norwood c\*\*\*d his eyebrow, and realization struck him.

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Claudia snapped out of her stupor as well. She didn't show up all of a sudden. Look at her. She's immaculately dressed, and she's holding a model airplane. And she called Alaric... Mr. Night? What's that supposed to mean? Is that some kind of nickname I don't know about?

No longer able to stay calm, Claudia looked at Alaric. With difficulty, she asked, "Who is that child. Alaric?"

Norwood cocked his eyebrow and stared at Alaric silently, awaiting his answer.

The idiotic West stared at the girl in shock, like he hadn't noticed her at first. "She looks just like you. Is she your daughter?"

And Claudia's face fell even further. Her hands were balled into fists and her nails were

digging into her flesh. "There's no way." She forced a smile, though barely. "There are a lot of kids who look like Alaric, but we looked into it and found out their parents put them through cosmetic surgery so the mother can hook up with him. This might be the same case."

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Despite what she said, she couldn't be too sure about it. The girl's looks were natural, and there was something so alive about her. If this was the result of cosmetic surgery, she wouldn't look so natural in the first place. But more importantly, she didn't just look like Alaric; she also looked like that woman too.

Claudia couldn't even bring herself to say that name. If it weren't for her, she would've been engaged to Alaric a long time ago.

Nicole stood at the staircase, staring at the people outside. Aside from Mr. Night, there were two men and a woman looking at her, sizing her up. She was used to being sized up because of how cute she was, so Nicole was unfazed. In fact, she stood around so they could have a closer look.

Alaric had a deep frown on his forehead. He had planned to keep this a secret until Victoria and the kids fully accepted. The more people who knew this, the more variables it would bring to the equation, and the more complicated it would make things. That is not good news. He said, "None of your business. Now leave before I make you."

West was still oblivious to Alaric's fury and he tried to go into the house. "Why? You haven't answered my question. Whose kid is this?"

Alaric shot him an icy look, then he grabbed West by the collar and tossed him outside. Chapter 320 Are They Vin Chalken?

"Seram." If it was possible, he didn't want to use any violence, but the fool wouldn't listen to him. If he let West do whatever he wanted, Victoria was bound to see them. West lost his balance and plopped to the ground. He was dumbfounded, and Claudia was shocked as well. She didn't expect Alaric to get so angry.

At the same time, Victoria was already arriving at the villa.