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At night, she also did not have any nightmares because she was not used to sleeping in a different bed. Aino woke up the other morning with her grandmother right by her side and asked her, "Did you sleep next to me the entire time, Grandma?"

Gloria shook her head gently. "No. I was worried that Aino might be scared to wake up alone, so I came here after I woke up this morning. Aino, try guessing what gift I have prepared for you."

"Flowers! It's freshly picked flowers!" Aino beamed.

Gloria had made Aino a flower crown early in the morning, and instantly, the little child no longer missed her mother or her father. She knew that her grandmother was doing everything she could to care for Aino, even better than her parents could and therefore, she could not help but want to get even closer to Gloria.

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Before her parents could pick her up, Aino even told her grandmother that she would be staying with her every week to keep her company. Their bond had strengthened overnight. On her way back to the old residence with her parents, Aino kept on asking them, "Why won't Grandma go to Grandpa and Grandma's place as well? Doesn't Grandpa know my Grandma? Aren't you... Aren't you all my family?" But her parents did not answer any of her questions, which confused Aino even more.

Lucky for her, however, Aino saw her grandmother as soon as she got out of the car. She ran toward Gloria and said, "Grandma... Hehehe, are you here to give me a surprise? Why didn't you tell me you were coming just now? You are so naughty, Grandma, for giving me such a big surprise. I might just not come over next time! Hehehe."

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Just then, Sabrina and Sebastian had arrived before Gloria. Sabrina's eyes were still swollen and when Gloria looked at her daughter, she felt like crying. Her daughter did not tell her anything. Was she still in a fight with Sebastian? Was she here with Sebastian only to meet her own demise? Gloria saw how Sean treated Sabrina with her own eyes yesterday and there were more people today in comparison. Not only was Sean there, but also Jennie, Lori, and the old Master Shaw.

'Ha!' She laughed bitterly in her mind at the despair that overwhelmed her. She turned to look at her daughter and said, "Sabbie, Mommy is here today to face this with you. I am going to do what I have learned from you and Aino. I don't need to be an elegant lady. I can be a crazy woman if that's what's needed."

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Lori heard distinctly what Sabrina had to say and could tell that Sabrina and Sebastian must have had an enormous fight.

'Sebastian probably went home and had a showdown with Sabrina... Did he ask Sabrina to leave? Aha!' Lori thought to herself. She beamed at Sebastian and said, "I had a great time having a meal with you yesterday, Master Sebastian."

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Sebastian's expression was calm, and his tone even more so when he said, "Hm! Hopefully you will be able to stay happy forever."

Aino, who was holding hands with her father, started to realize that something was wrong. "Why are you here??" She looked up at Lori and questioned sharply.

Lori gave her a gentle smile. "Hi, little beauty Aino, I... I am your relative."

"A relative on my mom's side or my dad's side?"

"Hm... If we trace back to it, I am probably counted as a relative on your mom's side."

"Then why did you talk to my dad first before talking to my mom?" Aino retorted immediately.

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"That time when you bumped into me and my mom, you did that on purpose too, didn't you? Also, you sent your daughter Jennifer to the same kindergarten I go to on purpose as well, right? My classmate Jennifer told me that you are not her real mom because you keep asking her to get close to me!"

"..." Lori was silenced. She had calculated each step of the way, so she was not going to have her plan ruined by a six-year-old little girl.

"I'm your mom's relative, and your dad's friend, kiddo. That makes us twice as related. You can ask your dad if you don't believe me." Lori lifted an eyebrow as looked at Aino. She felt that Sebastian would be impressed by her control over her emotions if she communicated with Aino in such a manner. However, before Sebastian could even react in any way, Aino suddenly erupted in anger.

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"You are such a weird woman! Why would you keep asking my dad over small things when you are my mom's relative? You are friends with my dad? Excuse me, but did I give you approval to be friends with my dad? Did I approve, huh? Every friend my dad makes out there needs to have my approval, do you understand??"

"..."

The little child's arrogant demeanor had amused Marcus, who sent Gloria here. He felt so pleased that he could not help but ask, "By the way, little beauty Aino, how many female friends have you given your approval to being friends with your dad?"

Aino replied without hesitation, "Not a single one!"

"Pfft!" Both Marcus and Kingston burst out laughing.

Lori felt awkward in a way that words could not begin to describe.

Coincidentally, that was when Sean and his wife came out. Once they saw the old Master Shaw and Jennie from afar, Sean and Rose rushed over with a big smile on

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"Uncle Shaw, you were finally willing to come out. It's been over a month since you last came out. You kept saying it's because you weren't feeling well, but it seems to me that you are still incredibly strong. Come in, Uncle Shaw, come on in. It's all thanks to Jennie that I can see you today." Sean went up and held the old Master Shaw by the arm.

Meanwhile, Rose was also looking at Jennie with a beaming smile. "Jennie, you look so youthful and beautiful in these clothes you are wearing today. You don't look like you are fifty, but more like you have just turned forty."

Jennie held onto Rose's hand with a smile. "I didn't think that the dress I bought for you would fit you so well, Sister-in-law. You have such a model-like figure, so anything looks good on you."

"It's just that you have a great sense of fashion and picked the pattern that I love the most. Let me tell you this; it's been a while since I saw a dress that I like and this dress is the perfect fit for me." Rose

the most. Let me see this; it's been a while since I saw a dress that I like and this dress is the perfect fit for me," Rose replied, grinning from ear to ear.

Rose and Jennie seemed to have clicked with one another and there were endless topics that the two middle-aged women could share amongst themselves.

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"Hello, Aunt Rose." Lori greeted politely from behind them.

"Oh, such a sweet child. I heard from people in the Ford Group that you have just signed a contract with Sebastian, so the two of you are business partners now. That's great," Rose said, fully intending for her words to be directed towards Sabrina.

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'So what? It's not like I haven't been tortured before. It's fine. As long as Aino and Mom are okay, that's all I want,' she thought. When she managed to lower her expectations to such an extent, Sabrina somehow started to relax and even joked around with Sebastian with a casual tone. "I don't mind if you want to go ahead and hold hands with Lori right now, Master Sebastian, I really don't mind. If you don't go and hold her hand or support her, I'm afraid that Aino wouldn't hold back against her."

"What are you talking about?" Sebastian asked.

She shrugged. "When Aino acts against Lori, you mustn't hurt Aino. If you do, I'm going to sink my teeth into your neck until you bleed out!" She then looked over to Lori and continued, "There's something I need to clarify, Ms. Gibson, I am not your relative. You are just my husband's friend,

need to clarify. I am not your relative. You are just my husband's friend, don't try to play the family card with me."

Despite Sabrina's sarcastic tone, Lori appeared to be very understanding. "We are related, Sabrina, my grand-uncle is your -"

"My what?" Sabrina interrupted her.

Lori glanced over at the old Master Shaw. "Grand-uncle, look at her..."

"This old man here is just your grand-uncle, your mother's uncle-in-law, you three are a family, but we are not."

Sabrina went and hugged her mother. "My mother and I have nothing to do with the Shaw family, so we are not related in any way."

"Mommy!" Tears started to well up in Aino's eyes.

Sabrina immediately squatted down to look at her daughter. "What's wrong, Aino?"

"So that means Jennifer's mommy isn't our relative?" Aino asked.

"Of course not!!"

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"So she is just friends with Daddy?"

"I don't know," Sabrina answered honestly. "Maybe...even more intimate than that? About that...I can't say for sure."

"No!" Aino pouted. She rushed over to Sebastian and demanded, "Come with me, Daddy! Come with me! We are not going to Grandpa's house! I'm not going! Daddy, Mommy, Grandma, let's go! We are the only family we have!"

The little lady had a great sense for danger and was fierce. She pulled on Sebastian, all the while continued to scream at Lori in tears, "You cannot be my dad's friend without my approval, you bad woman! Try getting any closer to my dad and I'll smash your head in!"

Everyone was silent. No one among the people who were standing in front of the gates to the old Ford residence had expected that Aino would be the hardest one to deal with. Both Sean and Rose were shocked by Aino's crying. Sean was

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one to deal with _____ and Rose were shocked by Aino's crying. Sean was helping the old Master Shaw in while Rose was holding hands with Jennie, and the four had already gone a few steps ahead of the others when they were stunned by Aino's reaction.

"Aino Scott! How presumptuous of you!" Sean immediately roared at Aino.

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"You are the one that's presumptuous! I don't want a Grandpa like you! I hate you, Grandpa!" Aino cried even harder after being scolded by Sean.

Sabrina, who was often composed, couldn't help herself at the sight of how upset her daughter was, and lowered herself to scoop Aino up into her arms in tears.

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"Sabrina!" Sean barked. "How could you allow your own daughter to cause so much drama outside the gates of the old Ford residence? I can tell that you have run out of tricks and started using a child to try and manipulate us! You know that I have leverage over you and it's impossible to escape, so now you are using Aino against us?"

Sabrina stood up abruptly and stared Sean in the eyes. "Sean Ford, do whatever you want to me, but I won't let you hurt my child! I'm already here, so of course I will follow you in, but I have a condition."

"You name it!"

"Let my mom take my daughter away and I will go in with you. Aren't you planning to make me pay? Then you shouldn't need anyone else but me."

Sean was about to agree. It wasn't out of kindness, but because he was also worried about Aino. Aino was the spitting image of Sebastian, so he was never concerned about whether she was actually Sebastian's child. Since there wasn't a

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Sebastian's child since there wasn't a doubt that she was, Sebastian's daughter was Sean's granddaughter and neither did he want to see his granddaughter upset. However, he was interrupted before he could say a word.

"No!" The old Master Shaw said.

"Grandpa!" Marcus immediately shouted angrily.

"Marcus, didn't you say that you are busy today?" The old Master Shaw studied Marcus, "I asked you to accompany me here to the Ford residence as guests but you refused, and now you are here?"

"Grandpa! I didn't come with you, because clearly you already have someone else keeping you company. But my Aunt Gloria doesn't have anyone!"

The old Master Shaw glanced over at Gloria and found her looking back at him with a distant and dispassionate expression. "If you dare to support that nephew or grand-nephew of yours, I'm going to kill you!"

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He hastily looked away and said to Marcus, "Now that we are here, we should all go in as guests, Marcus. Your parents rarely come out and stay home to manage every family matter most of the time, you should be coming to their places."

The old Master Shaw turned to Sean. "Since we are here by the gate, everyone here is a guest that came here today to resolve things. Isn't that right, Sean?"

"Yes, Uncle Shaw." Sean agreed respectfully.

"Then none of us should leave!"

"You are right, Uncle Shaw."

Sabrina snorted. "You-"

"Sabbie." Suddenly, Gloria joined in. "I don't intend on leaving as well."

"Mom!" Sabrina choked back on her tears.

"You need to listen to me, Mom! Go back, don't stay and watch."

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mother? In a scenario where the entire Ford Family, including Sebastian, would be ganging up against her. She might be forced to get down on her knees, possibly in front of Sebastian, or even get slapped by Lori. Anything could happen, including embarrassing scenarios that she could or could not imagine, but Sabrina wasn't afraid of those scenarios. She had been through those before, and it wasn't as though she hadn't been hit in the face before in prison. She didn't care. However, how excruciating would it be for her mother and daughter to see her like that?

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However, her mother said, "my sweet girl, I know that this must be hard on you. I just want to stay, even if they want to strip you down to nothing, I can still hold you in my arms so that you won't be too embarrassed, isn't that right, my child?"

Sabrina immediately broke down in tears. "Mom..."

"Come, Mommy will go in with you. No matter what happens, I'm here to face it with you." Gloria looked at Sabrina with determination in her eyes.

Sabrina decided not to say anything more. She turned to look at Sebastian, who had been silent the entire time, his face pale.

"I didn't ask you to be here just so you can walk around the gate and go back," he said.

Sabrina laughed bitterly. "Very well, then, let's go in!"

She had nothing else to fear today. What was the worst that could happen? Being

was the worst that could happen? Being dragged to parade the street naked? Even so, that would be her fate for this life and she had to face it! In the end, she only had one principle, and that was to tear anyone apart if they dare to hurt her daughter and her mother!

Sabrina took Aino's hand and wrapped the other arm around her mother and went into the residence with Sebastian, following Sean and Rose. After spending some time arguing outside the gate, it was almost eleven in the morning. It was time for the party to start. However, it would be an overstatement to call it a party, as it was in fact a small gathering with just enough people to fill a table.

Frost wasn't present, and with Henry and his wife included, there were only a dozen people.

When old Madam Ford saw Sabrina taking her seat calmly, she went to take her hands. "Tell Granny, what have you done wrong this time?"

Sabrina didn't know what to say. The old woman was the only one who had given her warmth in the entire old Ford

her warmth in the entire old Ford residence, and when Sabrina saw her, her heart was instantly filled with bitterness. "Grandma...it's okay."

Old Madam Ford smiled and with a trembling voice, she said, "My granddaughter-in-law, there are a lot of things in life that wouldn't go according to plan. Don't be too disheartened, child."

Sabrina nodded. "I understand, Grandma."
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The old Madam Ford nodded as well. "Oh, my granddaughter-in-law, Grandma is so happy to see you, hahaha." Old age had reverted the elderly to the mindset of a child, who paid no mind to all the trouble in the world. Sabrina was thankful, but she also knew that the old woman couldn't change anything. She reached out and tapped the old Madam Ford on the back to put her mind at peace, before gazing up at Sean.

"Sean, I am going to divorce your son soon. I know that you, your son's new girlfriend and your new girlfriend, have ganged up together with something to

ganged up together with something to hold against me. Let's lay it all out on the table, then, take whatever leverage you have out."

Sean was instantly enraged. "What do you mean, my girlfriend? Are you still going to frame me when your demise is near?"

"Sean! Shut up! Zip it, or I'll beat you to death!" The old Madam Ford scolded.

Sean sneered. "Mom, you have gotten too old to see what the world is like out there! The granddaughter-in-law you care so much about has been having fun with men out there behind Sebastian's back, and not just one, but two at a time!"

Sean became increasingly agitated at this point. "On top of that, those two men fought in public in the Grand Sage International Hotel out of jealousy!"

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"Sebastian! Regarding her keeping two men out there, I've already collected undeniable proof. You should take care of the rest!" Sean looked at his son.

Simultaneously, all eyes focused on Sebastian.