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Chapter 1011 Taking On A Great Challenge

Natalie sipped her coffee and did not answer Yvette immediately.

Yvette leaned forward and asked tentatively, "Natalie, is my cousin's request troubling you?"

"Yvette, it is not difficult to ask Muse to design one-of-a-kind jewelry for your cousin. However, what your cousin wants is more than that. She wants something that would garner the king and Prince Jonathan's favor. From what I can see, it is not an easy task," Natalie explained.

The explanation made Yvette realize that her cousin's request contained a much deeper meaning.

"I was too naive. I didn't realize there was so much to it! No wonder my cousin said no one could help her except me." Yvette had a sudden realization. "Natalie, I didn't know my cousin's request would cause this much trouble. If you do not wish to accept this commission, I can give her an excuse."

Yvette chewed the tip of her sunglasses worriedly.

However, Natalie shook her head and responded with a smile, "Yvette, I never said I won't accept this commission."

"Really?" Yvette's eyes brightened with relief.

"Of course." Natalie smiled and said, "However, I have a few conditions. Apart from the fees, I would like your cousin to use her resources to find two rare herbs for me."

Yvette was surprised to hear that Natalie's condition included herbs. However, Natalie had also specified that they were rare herbs. Therefore, she left the room to call her cousin and briefly explained the matter to her.

When Yvette returned to the room, Natalie propped her head with a hand and asked, "What did she say?"

Yvette returned to her seat and nodded. "My cousin said it is not a problem. If you can make her shine before Prince Jonathan, she will do everything within her power to help you find the herbs."

"In that case, can you tell me who your cousin is?" Natalie asked.

"My cousin is called Helma Leitz," Yvette answered.

"Helma Leitz? Is she from the Leitz family?" Natalie remembered Helma. Helma's mother was a prominent member of the royal family, so Helma inherited her mother's traditions and frequently appeared in various royal and charity events in Loang.

After sending Yvette off, Natalie tapped her fingers on the table and pondered over the matter.

Those who had the privilege of attending Prince Jonathan's birthday banquet were either members of the royal family or prominent figures in the government. Furthermore, women from the royal family would use various ways to showcase their regalness and elegance. Therefore, it would be challenging to design jewelry that would help Helma stand out.

As the saying goes, the bigger the challenge, the greater the rewards.

If she succeeded, she would not only receive high fees but raise Dream Jewelry's value within a short time frame.

More importantly, she could use Helma's royal connections to search for the medicine to cure Samuel.

Although the task was challenging, it would amount to killing three birds with one stone if she succeeded.

After Natalie was done considering, she busied herself with work again. She forced herself to work at an even faster rate, hoping to squeeze out some time for her to research ways to neutralize the poison in Samuel's body.

She kept working even at noon and was so engrossed with work that she was unwilling to stop for lunch. Instead, she took a few bites of the sandwich Lia bought for her and continued working.

Soon, Natalie smelled the delectable fragrance of mushroom soup in the air.

It would be a little troublesome to drink soup as she worked. Thus, Natalie took a few sniffs and said to the person outside her office, "Lia, I have the sandwiches you bought me, so don't mind me. You can have the mushroom soup!"

However, the person remained near the door and would not leave. Soon, Natalie heard footsteps as the person came to stand before her.

As the person came closer, the smell of the mushroom soup grew stronger.

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Chapter 1012 Accidentally Saw A Sensual Scene

"Did you hear what I said, Lia? I'll just eat the sandwich. You can have the mushroom soup..." Natalie said as she raised her head.

Instead of Lia, the person she saw was Samuel.

Light swirled in the man's glimmering eyes. The mole below his right eye added a devilish charm to him. He smiled gently as his body exuded an extraordinary aura.

Natalie was taken aback by his sudden appearance and asked, "Why are you here?"

"How would I know you're eating this for lunch if I don't come?" Samuel furrowed his eyebrows as he glanced at the sandwich with a few pieces of meat and vegetables.

She quickly put the sandwich in her hand down and used tissue paper to wipe the breadcrumbs on her hands.

"I don't always eat sandwiches. It's an occasional thing."

Samuel knew Natalie's words were just a perfunctory way of responding to him.

He wanted to teach her to care more about her body. However, when he thought about how she probably did understand what he wanted to say, he decided to watch her drink the mushroom soup instead of lecturing her.

She blinked her moist eyes and looked at the man with an unhappy expression on his face, waiting for him to say something harsh.

To her surprise, he did not scold her. Instead, he placed a bowl of fragrant mushroom soup in front of her.

"Hmm?" Natalie was puzzled.

"What are you staring at? Drink it," Samuel uttered with his pleasant voice.

She glanced at him and asked perplexedly, "Aren't you going to criticize me, Samuel?"

"How can I?" He sat on the seat across from her and gazed at her with a warm and tender look in his eyes. It was as though he was staring at the most valuable and rare gem in the world.

The amount of care he showed her was sickly sweet.

Even though Natalie wasn't a kissless virgin anymore, she still blushed uncontrollably.

She was worried she would get overwhelmed by his gaze of affection, so she quickly picked up the spoon and drank the warm mushroom soup.

Moments later, she felt her stomach and her heart getting warmed up.

At that moment, she felt happy and blessed. That was also why her heart ached when she thought about the poison that was still lingering in his body.

Initially, Samuel hid the truth from her because he was worried she would feel anguished thinking about his condition. However, she would rather learn the cruel truth than lose him for good.

So, as painful as it was for her, she had to make sure Samuel didn't notice her feelings.

Despite the intense pain in her heart, she didn't show it on her face at all.

There was still some soup on the corner of her lips after she finished drinking the whole bowl, but she didn't realize it.

Samuel pulled out two tissues from the tissue box, stood up from the chair, and leaned toward her. One of his hands grabbed her delicate chin while the other carefully wiped away the soup on her lips.

The distance between them was close.

He was totally focused on wiping the edge of Natalie's lips.

On the other hand, she was very distracted. She couldn't stop getting distracted by his handsome face. If his delicate face weren't as flawless as it was, it wouldn't have been that alluring to her.

She really liked his face.

Of course, she also liked him as a person, too.

Suddenly, Natalie's small hand grabbed Samuel's collar, and she kissed him. There was nothing to be embarrassed about since he was already her man. She could enjoy him however she wanted.

He didn't expect her to take the initiative.

After a brief shock, he began savoring the moment as he was infected by her passion. The merry look in his eyes was incredibly seductive.

"Boss—" Yandel wanted to ask Natalie about the work progress when he unexpectedly encountered such a sensual scene.

The moment he saw that, he felt like he shouldn't have barged in. Doesn't Boss think her moment with Mr. Bowers is getting a little too passionate? Jeez, at least tone it down a little.

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Chapter 1013 Not Disappear For Long Again

Yandel felt extremely awkward.

He couldn't just go in, but it didn't seem right for him to just leave, either.

After Natalie pulled herself away from Samuel, she glanced at Yandel. "How long are you going to stare at us? This is my lunch break, and we don't discuss work during breaks. Close the door, turn around, and leave."

Yandel was stunned for a second before he returned to his senses, closed the office door silently, and ran away.

With him gone, only Samuel and Natalie were left in the spacious office.

"Shall we continue?" Samuel smiled lovingly.

"Mhm." She bit her lip and nodded obediently.

At that moment, it was his turn to take the initiative.

He carried her and placed her on the office table before kissing her deeply.

When night fell, Samuel and Natalie returned home together.

It was the first time Emma saw Samuel, and she was totally enamored by his beauty. Despite her efforts, she couldn't squeeze out a word from her mouth for a long time.

Although she had seen a handsome man like Jerome before, she never thought she would meet a man even more handsome than him. Wow. Ms. Nichols and her children are good-looking enough. I didn't expect her friends to be incredibly attractive, too!

While Emma remained stunned, the children swarmed toward Samuel when they saw him.

"You're back, Daddy!"

"I miss you so much, Daddy!"

"What are you so busy with, Daddy? Why did you only show up now?"

Despite the kids' high emotional quotient and tendencies to act like mini-adults, they were still just children. They hadn't seen Samuel for a long while. They only had two video calls prior to their current meeting, which was why they were very excited to be able to hug their father again.

The two girls, Sophia and Yumi, were getting especially emotional. Tears were welling in their eyes.

Samuel missed the children as much as they missed him.

Despite that, he still maintained a composed façade and only allowed his daughters to be physically affectionate with him. The boys didn't even get a chance to hug him.

"I really am back this time," he said seriously.

"Really?" Sophia received special treatment from her dad as she sat on his thighs. "You're not going to disappear for a long time because you're busy with work like before, right, Daddy?"

Samuel hesitated to reply to that question.

Children's hearts were the purest, especially his daughter's.

While he loved all his children, he still favored his daughters more. He lied to Franklin before, but he never lied to Sophia.

Sophia just asked whatever question was on her mind, but the answer to that question was too grave. It was difficult for him to reply to her truthfully. How could he tell her that he might only have a few months left to live? The truth was too cruel.

"Why aren't you saying anything, Daddy?" Confusion was reflected in Sophia's big, watery eyes.

The other four were equally confounded by his hesitation to reply and started feeling anxious. They wondered if there was a difficult-to-solve issue going on between their parents.

At that moment, Natalie blinked and smiled. "He won't."

She was worried an answer like that still wouldn't relieve her children's worries, so she continued, "Mommy really loves Daddy. I won't let him disappear from our lives for a long, long time again!"

She tightened her grip when she said that.

While her red, tender lips formed a charming smile, there was a tinge of ruthlessness and determination in her tone when she said that. There's no way I'll let my man go that easily.

When Samuel heard that, a gleam twirled around in his eyes. He wasn't sure how to describe that complicated feeling in his heart, but he knew she was serious. While her serious demeanor attracted her, it did make his heart clench.

He was reluctant to leave her and his family, too.

With a smile, he assured, "Don't worry. I'll do my best to not disappear for a long time, too!"

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Chapter 1014 Report From The Children

"Hooray!" Sophia clapped her small hands with a bright smile. "From this day onward, we're a family of seven! There's Mommy, Daddy, Franklin, Clayton, Xavian, Yumi, and me! We're going to live together every day and never leave each other!"

While the other four children didn't say anything, there was a cheery smile on their faces.

Even though Emma had lived for half a century, she was still touched by such a happy scene.

Before she met Samuel, she wondered what the children's father looked like. After she saw him with her own eyes, she thought he was an extraordinary man in many aspects, and he easily exceeded her expectation of him.

"See, Mrs. Bunton? I told you Daddy is handsome!" Clayton's eyes were filled with pride when he said that.

Emma smiled and stuck up her thumb. "You're right! You didn't lie to me at all. He really is handsome!"

The children's smiles became sweeter than honey when they heard their dad being praised.

"I just finished preparing dinner, actually. Please lead the children into the dining room. I'll serve the dishes soon." Emma smiled.

"All right. Thank you for your hard work, Mrs. Bunton." Natalie nodded.

It didn't take long for Emma to serve dinner after Natalie and Samuel took the children into the dining room.

All five kids ate elegantly and quietly. When they did occasionally talk, they would finish chewing their food first. Natalie did the same. Samuel, of course, had the best eating manner among all of them.

Emma, who was watching them eat at the side, was impressed.

She finally understood that some things couldn't be learned and could only be born with.

After dinner was over, she cleaned up the dishes.

It had been too long since the children saw Samuel, so they all clung to him instead of Natalie.

As the children's father, the love Samuel showed them wasn't any less than what Natalie could provide. However, he tended to hide his affection for them. Even though he still pretended to be calm while the children clung to him, he was very happy when he saw how much his children loved him.

Natalie just so happened to have something to take care of, so she went to the study by herself.

When only Samuel and the children were left in the room, they carried small stools and sat around their father.

"There's something really important we need to tell you, Daddy," Franklin uttered seriously.

"Oh? What is it?" Samuel unbuttoned his sleeves and rolled it up, revealing his muscular arms.

"Jerome, Mommy's childhood friend really likes Mommy!" said Xavian. He then added, "If he hadn't listened to his grandpa's advice to become a soldier and instead followed Mommy to Chanaea, our daddy would probably be him, and not you."

Clayton nodded. "Xavian is right. Jerome likes Mommy a lot. When we were in Loang, he treated us and Mommy really well. There was almost nothing we could complain about."

Even Sophia couldn't help but join in. "He's a really good guy, Daddy! He didn't treat us poorly just because we aren't related to him by blood! In fact, I think he's so in love with Mommy that he treats us well, too!"

Yumi spoke, too. "Daddy, the thing is... Mr. Sutton treats us well because he wants to, not because he's pretending to. It's a very rare thing!"

Thanks to the children's description, Samuel gained a deeper understanding of Jerome. If he can become a major-general of Loang at such a young age, his abilities must be impressive. Still, his affection for Natalie far exceeded my expectations.

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Chapter 1115 Pulling Strings

Once again, Jerome's response exceeded Joseph's expectations. Joseph did not expect Jerome to treat Natalie the same way Bastien did. Natalie is the perfect example of "women are nothing but trouble."

Having lost his patience, Joseph said in annoyance, "Major General Sutton, please think wisely before you do anything. Are you sure you want to be at loggerheads with Prince Jonathan over this person?"

Jerome could not be bothered to waste his breath on Joseph. He shoved Joseph's arm away and stormed toward the royal lounge. Seeing that, Joseph launched an attack by swinging his left fist into Jerome's face.

Jerome avoided it swiftly and countered with punches faster than Joseph's attack, which made it difficult for Joseph to dodge. The gusts of wind that followed the punches left his face feeling sore.

Jerome did not earn his military rank by pulling strings. Joseph knew his combat prowess was no match for Jerome. Even so, he had no choice but to bite the bullet and continue fighting.

Jerome had already made up his mind and could not be bothered by his military rank. He attacked Joseph viciously, wanting to defeat the latter using the shortest amount of time.

Just when Joseph was almost losing, Bastien stepped out of the ward and approached Jerome. "What are you doing, Jerome?" asked Bastien while gesturing for Joseph to stop.

Panting slightly, Jerome answered, "Return Natalie to me."

In an unhurried manner, Bastien said, "She's getting treated. She needs to recuperate to let her wound and broken bones heal. Where are you planning to take her to? What other place in Yaleview has better medical facilities than this hospital?"

"I'm aware that Natalie's severely injured, but you don't have to worry about it. My family is acquainted with a well-known doctor. Once I take her with me, I'm going to provide her with the best treatment."

Bastien's eyes immediately glinted with hostility. "Jerome, do you really want to offend me because of this?"

Jerome did not seem to be afraid. "Offend is a wrong choice of word. Natalie is my childhood friend, and I've let her down at the dock just now. Since I've promised to send her home, I'll make sure to deliver it. If not, I'm not worthy of being an ordinary person, let alone a major general."

Jerome knew he and Natalie could never become lovers. Hence, he had done his best to fulfill his role as her friend. Though he could not harbor any feelings for her, he would never betray her.

Bastien's eyes darkened. "What if I say no?" "Then I'll—" Before Jerome could even finish, an elderly voice rang out.

"Then my son and I will do everything in our power to take her away." The voice belonged to Jerome's father, Daniel. He was leaning on his walking stick and glaring at Bastien. "That lady is a daughter of a family friend. Surely it isn't a problem for an elder of the Sutton family to take her away? You, on the other hand, don't have a deep relationship with her. If you insist on keeping her, you'll make me upset. Please think wisely of what His Majesty will think of you."

Daniel was steady and reserved, but his words held great power. He made the Sutton family's stance clear and threatened Bastien at the same time.

It moved Jerome to see his father getting involved. "Father..."

Ignoring his son, Daniel continued speaking to Bastien. "Prince Jonathan, this child has suffered a lot. My wife and I will take good care of her."

With that, he ordered his men to proceed with Natalie's discharge procedure. Bastien pursed his lips and remained silent, exuding an aura that got more hostile by the second. Alas, he could only watch the father and son take Natalie away.

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Chapter 1116 A Pity

Bastien narrowed his eyes as he stared at the hospital exit. I just wanted to keep her company and take care of her since she was injured. Why does the Sutton family think I'm going to do her harm? Jerome and his father are worse. One disobeyed me while the other threatened me.

Joseph, whose face was bruised, staggered over to Bastien's side. "Prince Jonathan, they've left." "Let's go, Joseph," Bastien said calmly, although his eyes were cold. "Okay."

Right then, Bastien raised the corners of his lips into a smirk. Will I only get what I want when I take over my father's position? If that's the case... I've got to go all out, then.

Meanwhile, at the Sutton residence, Patricia studied Natalie, who was asleep on the bed. She could not help but feel sorry for her.

"Jennie will be so heartbroken if she finds out Natalie is in such a state. I'm so sorry, Jennie. It's all my fault that she had to endure so much suffering in Loang."

While Patricia paced around, she suddenly thought of something and pounded Jerome on the shoulder a few times.

"Jerome Sutton! You rascal! What have you been doing all these years in the army? How could you have failed to protect Natalie? Your years of training have gone to waste!"

Jerome only endured the beating in silence, which only left Patricia feeling more enraged.

Daniel let out a sigh and said, "That's enough, Patricia. Stop finding fault with him. He truly wanted to protect her, but there are some things he can't decide with his rank. If I didn't show up today, your son might not be able to bring Natalie back."

Patricia was surprised by the news. "How come?" "Let's talk outside and let Natalie rest here." Jerome and Patricia nodded and followed Daniel out of the guest room.

The moment they stepped into the living room, Patricia could not hold back anymore. She asked, "You two better explain everything to me today. What's going on? What do you mean, Jerome can't decide with his rank?"

Daniel crossed his arms and rested them on the walking stick. "Why don't you explain this, Jerome? What exactly is going on?"

Jerome recounted the kidnapping and the incident at the dock to her parents. "That's everything that happened."

As soon as Patricia found out Jerome had been hiding in the corner when Natalie was attacked by Zophie, she picked up her house slipper and threw it at him. "How could you do this to her when she treated you so well in the past? Have you forgotten what you promised me? Is this what you mean by protecting her?"

However, throwing the slipper did not help with venting her anger. Just as she was about to throw the ashtray, Daniel stopped her. "That was not what he wanted. He received orders from Bastien." "Prince Jonathan?"

Daniel nodded. "Yes. If Jerome had taken action, it might have brought harm to Natalie and ruined the jade key as well. What Bastien did was shameful, but that was the safest way. It's a pity Natalie had to go through that."

Patricia knitted her brows. "What the heck? How is he a prince? Is he even a man? How could he let a woman be in such danger?"

Daniel knew how hot-tempered his wife could be. He patted her shoulder and assured her, "Patricia, I'm sure Bastien has considered things carefully before making that decision. And based on my observation, his feelings toward Natalie are rather obvious."

Patricia was perplexed. "Feelings? What feelings?"

Jerome pursed his lips without saying anything. Daniel sighed heavily. "What else? The feeling a man has for a woman!" "What?"

A frown crept up between Daniel's brows as he explained, "The royal hospital is not a place any ordinary person can enter. Yet, Bastien brought her there to be treated. Besides, Jerome had made it clear that he wanted to bring Natalie away, but Bastien did not give in until I brought up the king. See? He has such deep feelings for her."

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Chapter 1117 Stop Hiding The Truth

Patricia staggered backward at the news. "How is that possible? Since when was Natalie acquainted with Prince Jonathan?"

Jerome said calmly, "They met each other once by coincidence back in Chanaea. However, Prince Jonathan didn't tell Natalie his true identity. She thought he was just an ordinary businessman."

When Jerome finished his sentence, all of them fell silent. At the same time, their faces clouded over. If Bastien were an ordinary person, the Sutton family would do anything to get Natalie out of the mess.

However, Natalie had formed a deep bond with the royal family, which meant that Daniel might not be able to protect her again.

After pondering for some time, Patricia said firmly, "Natalie already has five children. Bastien can't just do whatever he wants no matter how much he likes her. We shouldn't worry too much, either. Besides, no one knows what's going to happen in the future.

We'll just do our best to protect her if they really meet again. Remember the time I was still pregnant with Jerome? He and I almost died when we fled to Chanaea because of premature fetal movement. It's all thanks to Jennie that we survived. If not for her, Jerome and I wouldn't be here today. This is a favor Jerome and I owe her."

Hugging his wife, Daniel promised, "Don't worry. I'll help you both with this."

Jerome, too, nodded seriously. "I understand, Mother." About ten hours later, Natalie finally opened her eyes. She was finally awake.

When she tried to move, she felt a terrible ache spread all over her body. The right side, especially, put her in so much pain when she had only moved just a little. She could not help but inhale sharply.

Hearing that, Jerome rushed to her side, gazing at her concernedly. "You're awake!"

While she placed her hand on her wound, visions of what happened before she passed out came flooding back to her mind. Immediately, she frowned. "Where am I? Tell me, where am I?"

"Don't worry. This isn't Luna Palace. This is my house." Jerome propped Natalie up by placing a soft cushion behind her, making it more comfortable for her to sit up. "I promised to send you home safely, and I'm going to keep my word."

"I remember seeing Bastien before I passed out..." Natalie grabbed the hem of Jerome's shirt. "How did you bring me back? Did Bastien cause you any trouble?"

She knew without a doubt that Jerome would protect her. However, Bastien was more powerful than Jerome in Loang, and that was a fact.

She feared Jerome had offended Bastien by protecting her. Jerome answered half-heartedly, "You're still injured. Don't worry about—"

"Jerome! Tell me the truth! What happened when I passed out? How were you able to bring me to your house? What happened that Bastien agreed to let you take me away?" Natalie refused to let the matter go.

In the end, Jerome had no choice but to recount the incidents that happened after she fainted. Natalie was touched by what she heard. "Uncle Daniel..."

Daniel and Patricia treated Natalie as if she was their biological daughter even though she was not. She swore to always remember the kindness they had shown.

Meanwhile, Jerome brought some painkillers and anti-inflammatory pills for her.

After taking them, Natalie returned the glass to him.

Noting the hesitant look on his face, Natalie eyed him suspiciously and asked, "Do you have something to tell me?"

Jerome was mildly stumped. "H-How do you know?"

Natalie looked into his eyes and said plainly, "How can I not know? We grew up together, and I know the meaning behind every expression you make. Stop hiding the truth. Just say whatever you need to say."

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Chapter 1118 It Is All Because Of Me

Jerome took a deep breath before uttering with difficulty, "I'm sorry. I promised to protect you, but I watched you get hurt at the dock. I let you become the bait."

He truly hated himself. At that moment, he felt he was no different from a coward no matter how great his reputation was.

Natalie looked down and smiled. "It's not your fault. Besides, this is probably the best outcome we can ask for. It's just a minor injury anyway. Now, Yumi is safe, and you have captured Zophie. Besides, no explosion happened at the dock." Jerome stressed, "Natalie, it's not a minor injury!"

A subtle smile remained on Natalie's lips. "Silly, it's a minor one if I can talk to you like this, so don't apologize to me anymore. You don't owe me anything. Besides, you knew how much I hate being in Bastien's presence, so you risked everything to bring me back to the Sutton residence. Apologize one more time and I'm going to lose my temper."

"All right." Jerome knew Natalie had said that to make him feel better. However, it only made him more determined to be loyal to her. If the same thing happened again, Natalie's safety would be his first priority.

Looking pale, Natalie said weakly, "Jerome, I'm a little tired. I'd like to get some rest. Could you contact Yandel and tell him to work with Emma to take care of the kids? Yumi, especially. Help me come up with an excuse and tell them I'll be away for a few days. I'll go back once I'm better."

Jerome nodded. "Don't worry and get all the rest you need. I'll handle the others." "Okay." Natalie trusted Jerome with all her heart. She was reassured to hear his words, and she soon fell back to sleep.

Seeing she had fallen asleep, Jerome studied her haggard face.

Without realizing it, he lifted his hand and was about to stroke her face when he suddenly thought of something. He hurriedly retracted his hand and tucked her in before turning around to leave.

Some distances had to be maintained, or there would be no turning back.

Natalie was not an indecisive person.

In fact, she would help him decide if he hesitated.

All Jerome could do at that moment was to control himself.

Meanwhile, Yandel was busy taking care of Franklin, Sophia, Xavian, and Clayton at the Moss residence.

Billy had brought Yumi to Yandel's home.

As soon as the door opened, Yumi appeared before the four children.

Seeing that, Sophia rushed over and hugged Yumi, wailing, "Yumi, you're finally back! Are you okay? Are you all right?"

They played with each other the most since they were girls.

When Yumi was kidnapped by Zophie, Sophia was never in a good mood even when Yandel coaxed her with delicious food.

The sight of Yumi caused all the emotions Sophia had been suppressing to rush out, and the latter instantly burst into tears.

Yumi, too, was touched to see all of them again.

She was already an orphan back at the orphanage.

After all, she was the final member of the Jankovich family. There was no one else left.

Just when Yumi thought she was going to spend the rest of her days in the orphanage, she was—much to her surprise—adopted by Natalie. She did not even expect to have siblings like Sophia and Xavian.

When Yumi felt Sophia's arms around her, tears started streaming down her face. "I missed you, too, Sophia! I'm fine. I'm all right. Everything's all right."

As Sophia let Yumi go, she discovered some bruises on her face.

"You're lying! How are you all right?" exclaimed Sophia, wiping Yumi's tears and examining her wounds. "Look at you. So many parts of your face are swollen. It's all because of me. If you hadn't distracted her to protect me, I would've been the one who got kidnapped."