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"I will! Caiden said the same thing too! I'm going to grow up big and strong to protect Mom and Grandma!" the young boy exclaimed, enthusiasm lacing his voice.

A cold glint flashed in Larry's eyes.

Even Lucius had been bringing up Caiden more and more often.

Sensing the mood around them going from bad to worse, Delilah hurriedly shushed the child. "Alright, that's enough, Lucius. Hurry up and finish your food. You've still got homework to do."

Even though she was having dinner with her own family, Joan felt inexplicable anxiety growing inside her.

Is he angry? Did he misunderstand my relationship with Caiden? Is he going to leave again soon? Joan picked at her food, lost in her thoughts.

"What's wrong, Mom? Are you unhappy? Did somebody bully you? Don't worry. Dad and I will protect you!" Lucius exclaimed.

Larry looked up and held Joan's gaze, but his eyes didn't hold their usual spark.

"It's nothing. I think Mom is just tired today. Here, Lucius, eat more of this meat. You want to grow up big and strong, don't you?" Joan glanced at Larry and smiled, but the man just ignored her.

Delilah, having witnessed everything, felt her own cheeks flush in embarrassment for Joan. She couldn't take it anymore and lightly kicked Larry under the table.

The man looked at Delilah in confusion, wondering why she was behaving as such.

Without saying anything, she coughed and tilted her head toward Joan.

"Ms. Young, are you okay?" Larry asked out of concern.

Delilah was stunned by his nonchalant response. What? What the hell is this? Was I not obvious enough? Larry, you dummy. I wanted you to say something nice to Joan!

"Oh, I'm fine. I'm full now, so I shall go back to my room to rest," Delilah muttered as she got up to leave the dining room.

She never used to see her dining room as small, but now, it was starting to feel like so.

"Dad, I've missed you so much when you weren't home. Luckily Caiden was around. Otherwise, I wouldn't have anyone to take me to my school's tree planting event," Lucius said as he wolfed down big mouthfuls of food.

Caiden this, Caiden that! I've had enough! Larry placed his cutlery down, his fists clenching tightly as anger and jealousy flashed in his eyes.

Joan grew even more flustered when Lucius uttered those words.

"I called you many times, but you didn't pick up. Caiden happened to be around, so he took Lucius to the tree planting event. The school only allowed fathers to go. That's why I couldn't go," Joan carefully explained as she looked at her husband.

So? Has she, Lucius, and Caiden gotten even closer? Larry scoffed at the thought.

His wife had been out shopping with another man who had bought clothes for his son. His son let another man take him to school events in his place. The more he thought about the entire situation, the more laughable it was to him.

I didn't pick up the phone? Couldn't she have gone straight to the office? No matter how busy work is or how bad things are, I've never let my child down!

Excuses! Everything is just a whole load of excuses! The longer he stayed in the room, the more he felt his blood boil.

"I'm done eating. I'm going back to the office tonight and won't be coming back." With that, Larry stood up and left the dining room without looking back.

With Delilah and Larry gone, Joan and Lucius were the only ones left at the dining table. The young boy remained blissfully unaware of the storm that had just come through. Joan, on the other hand, was devastated.

"Mom, is Dad unhappy?" Lucius suddenly asked.

Yes, Lucius. Very much so.

"No. Of course he isn't. Your father just has a lot to deal with these days. Come on, try the food I made. Let me know if you like them."

Lucius looked in the direction that his father had left in, his eyes filled with disappointment.

He had wanted to play games with his father, but it was too late to let him know now.

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"Everything's ready, Larry. Shall we set off now?" Caspian asked softly.

Larry cracked his neck, his eyes once again filled with tiredness. He walked to the window and surveyed his surroundings before letting out a deep breath.

Without any hesitation, he grabbed his phone and strode out of his office. "Let's go!"

The airport seemed busier than usual. Thanks to the glorious weather, everyone seemed to be in a cheerier mood. There were many heartwarming sights of people hugging and kissing.

And then there was Larry, looking stoic and cold.

"Larry, shall we go over to the waiting area?" Caspian suggested.

"There'll be no need for that. She'll be out soon."

Caspian felt mildly embarrassed as he looked at the many couples behaving intimately in front of them. But since Larry didn't want to move, he had no choice but to stay rooted in his spot.

At long last, the woman in the photo finally showed up. Larry looked a little domineering as he marched up to her with his hands in his pockets. He stood there, blocking her way.

The woman took off her shades slowly and eyed Larry curiously.

Wow, this man sure is good looking! He's got high cheekbones and a strong jawline. And despite looking cool and distant, he still radiates a gentlemanly charm.

"Nice to meet you. I'm Jessica Zimmer. And you are?" She held her hand out as she introduced herself.

Caspian was taken aback by her reaction. He had expected her to kick up a fuss and run. Never had he expected her to take the initiative to greet Larry.

Larry went straight to the point, his tone polite. "Nice to meet you too, Ms. Zimmer. I'm Larry Norton. Are you free today? I'd like to buy you a meal if you are."

Jessica remembered her father instructing her not to come back for the time being. Apparently, something had happened in the company, and he wanted her to stay overseas until things blew over. Alas, she had to come back to attend her friend's wedding. She just never expected Larry to show up this soon at the airport.

"Mr. Norton? Sure, it'd be my pleasure to have a meal with you," Jessica replied, her platform heels clicking against the floor tiles as she moved to walk out.

"Before that, however, I'll have to make a trip home first to put my luggage."

Larry found her requests reasonable and had no problem acceding to them.

Silence filled the car as Jessica looked out of the window, pretending to be deep in thought.

She was curious to find out what kind of a character Larry was, who had frightened her father so much that he had to leave the country.

"Ms. Zimmer, what would you like to eat? I'll get them prepared for you," Larry said.

He never liked wasting time and would prefer to have everything prepared beforehand. Besides, he didn't even like this woman. So all the more, he wouldn't want to waste any more time on her.

"Well, I don't know yet. We'll see when we get there. I feel like sleeping now. I'm a little tired," Jessica remarked, faking a yawn.

This woman is no fool. She's playing games with us! Caspian looked straight ahead with a scowl.

Forget it. I will Larry handle this.

"No worries. I'll wait for you. You can catch up on some sleep first," Larry replied slowly.

"That's good. But I wonder where you'd like to wait for me, Mr. Norton? Would it be at my house, or..." Jessica's voice trailed off as she turned to look at Larry suggestively.

"I'll send you home so you can rest. You can give me a call when you wake up. We'll then have that meal I promised you."

Is that how it'll be? What a dull man! Jessica intentionally let out a sigh, a hint of disappointment in her eyes.

"I thought you'd want to wait at my house," she whined.

Caspian immediately knew what she was trying to get at, and a fresh swell of rage rose in him.

Clearing his throat, Caspian cut in, "Oh yeah, Larry, Joan called earlier to remind you about Lucius's parent-teacher conference."

Larry was stunned for a split second but quickly recovered.

"Drive!" he bellowed. Even though she was in the backseat, Jessica had heard their conversation clearly and was a little upset by it.

