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Jasper's expression changed as he felt something was off, "Are all these people here to adopt Laura?"

There were too many of them!

Laura might be good–looking, but this was getting excessive.

Xander picked up his phone and checked, and then smirked when he saw the trending topic on Twitter. They're not here to adopt Laura; they're here for the money."

Laura's appearance had caught the attention of a highly acclaimed director, who had posted on Twitter asking for her contact information. He wanted her to play the role of the male lead's. daughter in a disaster film he was preparing.

All Hestryans knew how influential this director was.

The male lead was also a winner of numerous awards.

If Laura started out alongside the best actor, there was no limit to her future.

Now, her name was trending all over the internet.

Laura wasn't just a pitiful little girl; she was also an emerging child star and a massive cash cow!

Jasper was fuming. "If they can't adopt her, they shouldn't pretend to! Adopting her for money and taking her home... Who knows if they'll treat her well!"

Antonio watched as this group of people entered the orphanage with selfie sticks, acting like tourists as they smiled at the cameras.

His eyes narrowed, and suddenly, he walked in.

His three sons were bewildered. "Dad? What are you doing?"

His tone was resolute. "Bringing her back home."

Laura sat in Grace's lap, sobbing uncontrollably, her head spinning..

She couldn't understand why she wasn't Antonio's daughter.

She thought, "I didn't make a mistake, but why am I not his daughter?"

She couldn't figure it out.

"Did my mother lie to me?" she thought.

Grace wiped away her tears and snot with tissues, patiently consoling her, "Alright, alright, Lala, stop crying. You're breaking my heart with your tears. I know you're sad now, but if you cry like this, you won't look

pretty anymore."

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Laura was heartbroken, her chest aching and making it hard for her to breathe.

Laura looked up at Grace with a pitiful expression. "Ms. Mitchell, I will never have a daddy again, right?"

Grace's expression changed, and she held Laura's hand. "How can that be? You're the smartest child in our orphanage, and smarter than all the other kids combined. You will have a daddy who is even better than this one. Alright?"

Laura wasn't comforted.

So what if there was a better one?

She just liked that man.

He looked exactly like her.

Seeing Laura fall silent, Grace knew she wasn't making her feel better. She was about to say more when the hallway suddenly erupted with noise.

"Everyone from the live-streaming channel, I'm in the hallway now. Let's go find Lala, okay?"

Laura blinked and looked toward the door, where people holding selfie sticks were looking around.

Suddenly, someone locked eyes with her. "Found her!"

Startled, she tried to get up, but the adults hurried over, filming her with their phones.

"Oh my goodness, darling! You must be Laura! You're even more beautiful in person than in the pictures. You're stunning!"

While they were saying these words, they didn't really look at her.

They were just looking at the image of her inside their live-streaming channel.

Laura was baffled, glancing at Grace with a sense of fear.

Grace immediately shielded her and spoke with caution. "Where did you all come from? Who let you in? Do you not understand the rules? No filming **is** allowed here. Turn off your livestream. immediately!"

The live streamer exchanged glances, then put on smiles. "What are you doing, Ms. Mitchell? We're here to adopt this child. We're just seeing which one of us has a connection with her so we can take her home and take care of her. She's an orphan, isn't she?"

Laura's heart skipped a beat at their words.

"They're here to adopt me?" she mused.

She looked at the shrewd–looking adults, as well as the unfriendly older siblings. She shook her

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head in resistance.

"I don't want this! They're not good people!" she thought.

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Grace sensed Laura's resistance and earnestly lied, "Laura is currently undergoing a DNA test with her grandparents, It's very likely that her grandma and grandpa will come to pick her up. So please turn off your livestream quickly. If you have any questions, we can discuss them outside, away from the child."

The live streamers smirked, their expressions mocking.

A man stepped forward and forcefully pushed Grace aside!

Caught off guard, she fell out of the camera's frame.

Laura was immediately surrounded, her escape blocked.

She recoiled in fear. "Don't come near me!"

But the male live streamer smirked as he appraised her, making her uncomfortable. "Lala, you're truly beautiful. Are you still an orphan? Will your family come to get you at all?

Another female live streamer got close to Laura, holding up her phone. "Lala, in our family, you'll have an older brother and an older sister. If you come to us, you'll be the youngest child in our family. I will definitely dote on you! Do you know that a famous director has taken an interest in you? You could

become a big star in the future! I will take care of you and be by your side as you grow into a child star. Wouldn't that be wonderful?"

A man pushed the woman aside, looking disdainful. "You're shameless for saying that. Are you even genuinely interested in adopting Laura? Or are you just after her potential earnings? You're turning her into a child star and your personal cash cow, right?"

He aimed his phone at Laura, speaking firmly. "Laura, let me tell you, if you choose me, I will wholeheartedly cherish you as my own daughter. I've learned a lot about this and know that only those who can't conceive can adopt. You'll soon become my daughter!"

But for all their words, they didn't really see her. They were only looking into their phones, and their gazes didn't even fall on her real face.

Other live streamers got unhappy and retorted at the man, "Hey, what do you mean by 'your daughter'? We're here too! You can't make us leave empty—handed, right? We want to adopt her as

well!"

"Don't bother fighting with me for her. My family's situation is

the best. I can afford to take care of her. She's going to become an artist in the future! I can provide piano and dance lessons for her, Can any of you do that?"

They argued more and more loudly, and even resorted to physical violence!

Laura watched in shock, her understanding growing clearer.

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These people weren't here to genuinely adopt her.

They didn't truly want to be her mom and dad!

"I don't want this!" she thought.

Grace was trapped outside and couldn't get in. "Stop it! Don't make a scene. Adoption of a child has strict regulations, and she's not something you can **just** take away like this. Please leave now! You're scaring the child!"

The adults ignored her, continuously thrusting their phones toward Laura. "Laura, listen to me! Choose me! In my house, though there's an older boy, but don't worry. I've always wanted a second child. As long as you come to my house, I'll teach you everything. Piano, dance... I can give you. lessons for everything **a** girl can learn. You could become a big star and make a lot of money!"

The female live streamer pushed him aside. "You're utterly shameless! Look at me, Lala. I'm so beautiful. My family is wealthy, and I have a house and cars. Even when you're working, I will personally be with you. Choose me! I genuinely care for you!"

"No, no, no! Choose me! Choose me!"

Laura was trapped in the middle, her face pale. She looked at these sinister faces, her eyes wide. with fear. In a faint voice, she asked, "Are you adopting me for money?"

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Laura asked softly.

Her words went unnoticed by the adults who were too busy arguing, their voices growing louder.

The audience on the live—streaming channel couldn't bear to watch anymore. [You scared her! Are you all out of your minds?]

[Look at yourselves! Do you look like you're trying to adopt a child now? No! You're trying to bring home a money—making machine!]

[Enough! Get out of there and stop this!]

[There are clear rules set by the country for adoption! The conditions are very strict! I don't know what those live streamers with children are doing there. Aren't they just trying to ride on the popularity? How could they do this in front of that child? She has already lost her parents!]

[My heart aches for Laura! Protect her quickly!]

[Even Lala asked if you're adopting her for money! Aren't you ashamed?]

[Get lost!]

[As a child's mother, I really can't stand this. Leave quickly. Do you genuinely want what's best for the child? Or are you just satisfying your selfish desires?]

Meanwhile, "Unscrupulous Live Streamers Fighting for Laura] became a trending topic.

The accompanying video showed edited clips of the live streamers shamelessly making promises and revealing their ugly intentions as they fought over a child.

Moreover, it showed Laura appearing bewildered, her expression questioning if their motives were solely for money.

It was heart-wrenching to watch.

The accompanying caption read: [What do these adults really want to give her? Do they want to give her a bright and promising future, or do they want a carefree life provided by this child?]

Netizens were also furious. [Just ban these live streamers already! They don't care about anything for the sake of publicity! They don't even care about their reputation anymore! A child has just lost her mother, and they're causing such a ruckus in front of her!]

[Didn't they say that Lala had already undergone a paternity test? How can there still be people coming in to adopt her? What are the orphanage staff doing? How could they let this group of live streamers in?]

[Did you not see them pushing out the staff from the orphanage? She can't even enter! These

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people are like robbers. They've trapped Lala deep inside.]

[I feel so sorry for Laura! These people clearly don't genuinely care for her! They're just after her popularity!]

Even the director who had taken an interest in Laura's case shared the video with a scathing comment. !! hope those who want to adopt a child genuinely wish to provide a loving home. If it's for personal gain, I'd rather give up casting this child in the role than let her become a tool for adults to make money!]

The heated discussion on both sides continued to escalate.

The live comments about the live streamers gradually became unbearable to watch.

The live comments were all cursing and telling the live streamers to leave, but as the publicity increased, some live streamers became even more frantic and fanatical, vehemently defending themselves. "I genuinely have good intentions for Lala. I've said it before, I am the only one among us who is unable to have children, and I've decided not to have any more children in the future. Adopting Lala is enough for me!"

The live comments read: [Go to hell!]

[Get out of there! You'd all better get out of there now, or I'll report your livestream accounts and get them banned!]

[Guys, let's report them together!]

Seeing that the situation was bad, a few live streamers could only grab Laura and force her to say nice for them. "Come on. Lala, tell us. Do you think we're

making you uncomfortable? We really want to adopt you. You don't have any family now. You are an orphan. You should be happy!"

Laura was confused.

"Happy?" she mused.

She was not happy at all. How could she be happy after losing her favorite Mr. Smith?

She looked at Grace who was trapped outside and refused fiercely. "I don't need you. Please leave!"

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The adults were taken aback, becoming even more displeased. "Hey, what do you mean? We genuinely have your best interests at heart. How can you **ask** us to leave?"

She remained calm and resolute. "I don't want to be adopted right now! I don't want any of you to adopt me either!"

The adults widened their eyes in disbelief. "What right do you have to choose not to be adopted by us? Aren't you just an orphan?"

"That's right! Nowadays, can orphans choose their own parents? It's already good that someone wants to adopt you. Do you think you're all that just because

you're all that just because you have some popularity? What's

wrong with you,

kid?"

s in surprise. "It's

Laura widened her you who lack manners!"

Frustration made her chest rise and fall, and she tried to stand up to move away from them.

But the adults aggressively blocked her path. "Wait, you haven't heard us out yet! We genuinely want what's best for you!"

As Laura tried to stand, she lost her balance and ended up falling onto the ground. A dull ache spread from her buttocks.

Grace exclaimed, "Laura, did you hurt yourself from that fall?"

Laura endured the pain and patted her own buttocks. She was about to get up when several pairs of hands reached out toward her.

"Come, take

my hand!"

"Hold onto mine! Hold onto mine!"

She wrinkled her **nose** in further aversion.

She didn't want them touching her.

She hated these people!

In that instant, a dark figure suddenly darted forward, prying their hands open

An angry and strong voice followed. "Get lost, you bunch of monsters!"

Laura raised her head in astonishment, locking eyes with the smoothly defined jawline of Zayn.

He held her tightly, like a wolfling, and stared at the adults menacingly.

The tone in the live—streaming channel shifted abruptly. [Oh my gosh; her childhood sweetheart

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descends out of nowhere!]

[The handsome young man is so charming, I like him!]

[Ah, I was really angry at first, but how did I suddenly fall for him? It's so strangel]

[The young man is so good—looking! He is such boyfriend material!]

Laura looked at Zayn in shock

"Zayn, what are you doing here?"

The live streamers quickly reacted and scrutinized Zayn from head to toe. "Who are you, kid? What right do you have to interfere? We can do whatever we want. We'll decide what we want to do with her. You can step aside!

Without hesitation, Zayn turned to the door and shouted, "Get something to hit them and kick

them out!"

The live streamers were taken aback, and then they saw a few boys standing behind them, eyeing them like wolves. The boys grabbed books and started throwing them at the live streamers.

"Get out of here!"

"Don't come near us!"

"Go away!"

The adults were caught off guard, stumbling back and finally creating a path.

They panicked even more. "What are you kids doing? Have you lost your mind? We're here to adopt a child. How can you treat us adults like this without any manners?"

Zayn reprimanded angrily, "Manners? You're looking for manners at an orphanage? What about you? You barged in out of nowhere, ignoring the rules and getting too close to Laura. Where are

your manners?"

He held onto Laura's hand tightly like a steadfast mountain, not even trembling.

Laura's eyes gleamed.

Zayn...

He really was the coolest!

One female live streamer shouted as she approached, "You're such an impolite child. Let me tell you; I've recorded all of this. I can see your face."

[Madam, are you really in a position to talk about manners? How could you have the nerve?] [Idiot!]

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Zayn's eyes were full of determination as he faced the camera directly Laura is under my protection. I will stand up for her! Your video recording doesn't scare the

He grabbed the Cinderella book from the table and fiercely hurled it at the fema

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The live—streaming channel instantly exploded. [Gosh! That boy is shocking!"]

[He just said Laura'is under his protection! Ah, ah, ah! What a bittersweet story! I feel like I'm witnessing a real–life drama right before my eyes. Isn't this just like the protagonists during their childhood?]

[I actually find a young boy handsome! I'm in! Maybe I should take better care of myself. I'm willing to wait a few more years for you to grow up!]

[Me too! I'm willing to wait for you!]

[Ha-ha, girls, please stop! He's still a kid after all!]

[He belongs to Laura! No one is allowed to snatch him away!]

The livestream trending topic surged again with the title: [Laura is under my protection!]

The video showed Zayn confidently facing the live streamers and calling over a group of his little followers to pelt these live streamers.

[Ha-ha, isn't this the ending of a feel-good story? I can't believe I'm witnessing a satisfying ending acted by a group of kids!]

[What's this story about a domineering young man and his adorable little girlfriend? I can't handle it! I'm sold! Can I witness them being together in my lifetime?]

[He's so brave! His body isn't even trembling, and his eyes are like those of a wolfling! Fantastic!]

[I can't believe I'm envious of a little girl!]

[I'm addicted to them! Laura might have had a tough life, but she's really amazing. She's brave, fights back, and has a boy willing to help her by her side!]

[Go for it, handsome young man! Protect your future wife well!]

More and more people flooded into the live—streaming channel, all praising Laura and Zayn.

Antonio remained in the corner, observing quietly.

He watched as Zayn protected his daughter like a wolfling, his eyes narrowing slightly. He had the urge to step forward, but he restrained himself.

There was a livestream, and he didn't want to reveal himself.

He exchanged a meaningful glance with the dean.

The dean of the orphanage entered the room and announced loudly, "That's enough. I've just

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received news that Laura's family is on their way here. They will come to take Laura home. So, I suggest you all leave now and avoid making me call the police."

The expressions of the live streamers changed suddenly, not expecting this turn of events.

Yet, the live-streaming channel was filled with cheers. [Great!]

[This is an even better outcome!]

[Ha-ha, this is so satisfying!]

[What are you waiting for? Get out of there!]

They frowned with disgust and muttered, "What is this nonsense? They wanted us to adopt her? We're not interested in adopting her. There's no need to put on a show!"

"Can orphans even set their own values?" they thought angrily.

They all left, casting resentful glances at Laura before departing.

Zayn held Laura's hand tightly, watching the live streamers as they walked away.

As they left, the room quickly quieted down. What was once akin to a bustling marketplace returned to being a peaceful classroom.

Laura let out a sigh of relief and gratefully looked at the dean, saying in her sweet voice, "Thank you for helping."

Dean snorted and chuckled. "Why are you thanking me? I was telling the truth. Your family has come to take you away."

She blinked in surprise, and Zayn mirrored her reaction. "Who is that?"

Antonio's voice rang out. "It's me."

When Laura heard this familiar voice, her heart skipped a beat as she turned to look in the direction of the sound.

Antonio strode in with a commanding presence, accompanied by his three sons.

In a well–tailored suit that contrasted with the slightly outdated style of the orphanage, he fixated his sharp eyes on Laura, seeming to pierce through her heart. "Laura, I know your maternal uncle, who is your mother's brother. He'll take you home."

Antonio paused for a moment before continuing, "From now on, you'll have a home."

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