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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 948-The mention of Asher brought Sharon mixed feelings, evident from her deep frown.

In the beginning, she assumed that Asher was Timothy's illegitimate son he had with Luna. That was why Sharon had been treating Asher like her biological grandson.

At the end of the day, Timothy revealed to her that Asher wasn't his son!

Hence, Sharon held grudges against Luna for keeping misleading her until today. Sharon felt like a fool for letting herself be wrapped around Luna's fingers.

Fortunately, she now knew that Mia had given birth to a daughter with Timothy.

Timothy didn't have plans to get married and have kids, so it was best to have Ginger back at the Barrett residence.

That was why Sharon wanted to speak to Mia.

Sharon offered, "Name your conditions, Mia. I can't have my grandchild wandering outside the Barrett residence."

Mia smirked, wondering where Sharon got her confidence from to fight for custody rights.

Not even Timothy dared to demand that from her.

Mia flashed an ambiguous smile at her. "Everyone in my family loves Ginger. My six brothers raised her like a princess. If you want to demand the custody right, you better ask their permission first."

Sharon's expression changed when she heard that. Needless to say, Sharon was aware that Mia was no longer that orphan she could influence

anymore.

As the daughter of the Lane family, Mia was on par with the Barretts.

It would be difficult for Sharon to claim the custody right over Ginger.

Still, Sharon insisted, “I heard that you’re dealing with Mr. Shelbert about a project. But it seems like a competitor is going to steal it away from you.

“As long as you promise to hand over the custody right to us, I can help you gain the project back.”

How supercilious.

But Mia was unbothered. “Do you think that this project is very important to me?”

“Why not? Didn’t you prepare a lot for it?” Sharon found it odd.

Standing next to them, Blair couldn’t put up with the conversation anymore. She blasted with mockery, “Mia’s family is as rich as our neighboring

country. She doesn’t lack money. It’s just a project. So what if it’s gone? It won’t affect her in any way.”

Sharon snorted, “Rich people should always know how to do business alone, not how to leech off the family.”

Mia grinned. “Sorry, but my family is indeed that rich. Even if I leech off my family for the rest of my life, I won’t be able to spend all of the money.”

Sharon raised her head higher. “We have enough money for my son to spend for the rest of his life too, but he’s a hard-working man. Our company is

reaching higher heights thanks to him. This is the right exemplary model.”

Blair smirked. “No matter how capable your family is, some of you don’t even own a VIP membership card.”

That hit Sharon’s sore spot—unable to be a VIP member of Vior.

Her features contorted in rage. “Old habits die hard, huh? Mia Lane, it seems like you like showing off a mere VIP membership card even after

becoming Ms. Lane, just like how you did back then!”

“Why are you so irritated then?” Mia admired her nails.

“Who’s irritated?” Sharon barked back.

Mia chuckled, “The charity auction is going to start later. I hope you won’t be petty and be a disgrace to your family.” Mia then headed to the auction area.

Standing there, Sharon was so angry that her face was beet red.

A middle-aged man came up to her. “Sharon, teach her a lesson when the auction starts later.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 949-Sharon’s body was trembling due to fury, as she didn’t expect Mia to disrespect her.

Sharon was Ginger’s grandmother! If Sharon wanted Ginger’s custody right, it would only be a good thing for Ginger’s upbringing.

Veronica added fuel to the fire. “Sharon, we have to figure out something to get the custody right over the kid. Tim has been single and he doesn’t

have kids. If Shelly gives birth to a baby, she and her mother hog away the family’s assets.”

Sharon nodded in agreement. “You’re right. But Mia’s family is rich. It won’t be easy for us to get it from them.”

“They’re rich, but the assets will be inherited by her brothers, not her. She’s just the youngest anyway. How much can she gain after getting married?”

“If she gives us Ginger, Ginger will be able to inherit all of our family’s assets. Mia has nothing to lose.”

“You have a point. I’ll talk to her later.” Sharon was determined to get Ginger’s custody right.

Having a granddaughter was better than having none.

“No, I’ll talk to her.” Veronica stopped Sharon.

Sharon sighed. As she grew older, all her friends had grandchildren except her.

Asher was her only hope, but to her dismay, he wasn't her biological grandson.

It was a waste of her effort to treat him well. If only he was truly her biological grandson...

The thought of Asher's matter made her blood boil.

If Asher wasn't her biological grandson, why did Timothy keep Asher with them? It was strange!

Mia took the front VIP seat at the auction area. Raising her head, she saw Sharon coming as well.

But the latter only sat somewhere close to her instead of her abutting seat.

Jasmine was sensible enough to separate Mia's seat from the Barrett family.

When the auction was going to commence soon, Mia had yet to see Raymond.

According to the sources, he should be attending the event for his daughter's sake.

Most of the guests attended as an act of reverence for him.

Mia texted Peyton. "Find out why Mr. Shelbert is still not at the charity dinner."

Soon, the auction started.

As someone who came to support the event, Mia casually raised her bidding number. But Sharon kept following her bid.

If it was only once, it could be a coincidence, but the same thing kept happening. It was obvious Sharon was doing it intentionally.

Mia spared a glance at Sharon, who touched her bracelet with a smug expression.

Blair huffed, “Mrs. Barrett is so mean, Mia. That old hag is definitely doing this on purpose.”

“I know. Calm down.”

After that, Mia raised her bidding number for every item, raising the bid by multiple folds.

Sharon followed Mia again several times until she realized that Mia was raising the bid as she wished and stopped her antics.

Turning her head, Mia raised her brow at Sharon provokingly.

Furious, Sharon gritted her teeth.

Mia received a message from Peyton.

“Mr. Shelbert is at the charity dinner, but he’s meeting someone upstairs so he hasn’t showed up yet.”

Mia replied, “Find out who he’s meeting. Keep an eye on his room. Inform me as soon as he leaves the room.”

She was dogged to meet Raymond today at all costs.

After buying an item from the auction, Mia stood up to go to the restroom.

She took out her phone to confirm some information regarding the project with her subordinates. When she met Raymond, she had to convince him to give her the offer.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 950-“Stop wasting your time, Mia Lane. Mr. Shelbert will never give you the project that easily.”

Mia turned around only to see Sharon and Veronica, who had picked on Mia a lot of times in the past. Veronica was also a troublesome one.

Mia hung up the phone. “As if you have the call to decide that.”

“Indeed, I don’t. But my son does.”

Hearing that, Mia wrapped her head around the situation. The competitor was indeed the Barrett family from Bern City.

Was Timothy doing this on purpose?

He clearly knew that she was taking the lead for the project. Why was he being such a busybody?

Sharon said proudly, "Did you finally realize how impressive my son is, Mia?"

Mia rested against the sink. "So what? He became my bodyguard in Nord City though."

That infuriated Sharon. "Glad you brought that up, Mia. Why did you have to stir things up between the collaboration between Ralph and the

Bowens? Just what do you gain from doing this?"

As Mia had expected, Sharon came to Nord City for her reckless younger brother.

Mia smirked. "Firstly, I didn't do anything. It was Timothy who didn't agree to work with the Bowens. What does this have to do with me?"

Veronica blurted, "How dare you claim innocence. Didn't Mr. Lewis get engaged with you? I bet you used Timothy and the collaboration ended up terminated."

"Why would I get engaged with him? I have higher standards though."

"You're a divorced woman with a kid. How dare you be picky? It won't be easy for you to get married because you have a kid. You might as well give us the child."

The glint in Mia's eyes simmered. These people surely weren't going to give up any time soon.

Stepping forward, Mia confronted Veronica. "I said, I would never hand over the custody right to your family, so you better stop dreaming."

"It's for your sake too, Mia. Your family may be rich, but the assets will be inherited by your brothers. What will you receive in the end? The identity

you have is a mere shell. If you hand over Ginger to us, she can inherit our family's assets."

“Inherit your family’s assets?” Mia looked at Sharon in disbelief. “It’s not like Timothy’s dead already. He will have kids in the future, so why the rush?”

Is he not going to survive tonight or what?”

“Stop cursing my son! He’s healthy! I just don’t want my granddaughter to wander outside there. If Tim has a son in the future, I may consider giving Ginger a portion of the inheritance.”

“Sorry, but my daughter is richer than you right now. She has owned a Vior VIP membership card since birth. Your money is nothing to her.”

Sharon’s lips pursed into a thin line, hoping that Mia could stop mentioning the VIP membership card.

Mia spun around and walked out of the restroom.

Veronica followed and blocked her way. “Wait! We’re not finished yet. Your daughter is a burden. Without her, you can marry someone better.”

Mia’s patience reached its limit when she heard that statement about Ginger. “My daughter is not a burden.”

“How is she not? Otherwise, why haven’t you gotten married in the past four years? You’re the ‘Ms. Lane’! What other reasons could it be other than that she is a burden?”

Mia slapped her without hesitation.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 951-“How dare you slap me, Mia Lane!” Sharon screamed in her squeaky voice.

Mia massaged her wrist. “So what if I’ve slapped you? Have you forgotten how I dealt with you and Luna, that pretentious woman? Seems like you

haven’t learned your lesson. You still have the nerves to provoke me.”

Sharon recalled something and grew guilty. “But still! You shouldn’t have been all physical! What if people find out what you did? It’ll ruin your name.”

“Does your IQ drop as you grow older? This is Nord City. You can try me, and I’ll make your life in Nord City a living hell.”

“You! Tim won’t let you get away with this!”

The glint in Mia’s eyes turned cold. “He was beaten up to a pulp the first day he came to Nord City and ended up wandering around the streets.

“He would’ve died here ages ago had I not made him my bodyguard. Do you think you can still do whatever you want here?”

Fear drained the color from Sharon’s face. “Y-You can’t do that.”

“So if you want to return to Bern City alive, behave. Get out of my sight and stop talking about the custody right. You won’t be this lucky next time,”

warned Mia.

She then shifted her gaze onto Veronica. “And you, better watch your language. I’ll rip your mouth off the next time I hear you speaking ill of my daughter. I will make sure that happens.”

Covering her face instinctively, Veronica didn’t dare to say a word. After all, she knew how Mia threatened Sharon by tying her up.

Mia was a lunatic woman.

Mia pivoted her heels and left the restroom while massaging her wrist.

There would always be someone out there testing her nerves.

At that moment, Mia received a call from Peyton. “What is it?”

“Ms. Mia, we found out that Mr. Shelbert is meeting a woman in the room. She also brought along a four-year-old boy. But we don’t know who they are yet because they are wearing hats.”

That was out of Mia’s expectations. “Does Mr. Shelbert have a mistress? And she’s now trying to force her way to be Mrs. Shelbert by leveraging their child?”

It wasn’t uncommon to have scandals or illegitimate children as a mayor.

“What should we do, Ms. Mia?” asked Peyton.

Mia contemplated for a moment. "I'm going to meet him."

"Are you planning to threaten him with this matter? Would it backfire?"

"It might if it was another person, but who am I? My brother is a famous actor who owns the largest entertainment agency. The best media news

outlet is on our side. If Mr. Shelbert wants to keep his affair a secret, working with me should be his best shot."

After terminating the call, Mia took the elevator to head upstairs.

According to Sharon, Timothy was competing with her for this project. Although she didn't care about the project, she didn't want to lose! Not when Timothy was the competitor!

This was Nord City! How could she lose to the Barretts, who came from Bern City?

There was no way she could stomach a loss against them!

She watched the numbers going higher and higher. The elevator suddenly stopped before it reached the highest floor.

Baffled, she wondered who else would want to go to the highest floor.

A pall of bad omen clouded her. She had a bad feeling about this.

The elevator door opened to reveal a man in a suit. It was that familiar handsome face again.

Mia flashed a smile at him. "What a coincidence, Mr. Barrett."

Didn't he run away back to Bern City only yesterday? Why would he show up at the banquet hall?

Timothy returned a faint smile. "It's not a coincidence. I've been waiting for you."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 952-Mia's jaw tightened. "Waiting for me? It seems like you're competing for this project on purpose, huh?"

Timothy nodded without hesitation. "That's right."

She didn't expect him to admit it so confidently.

She stepped forward and pulled his necktie. "You're one daring thief, huh? I was being nice and let you go and yet this is how you repay my kindness?"

Placing his hands by the doorframe, he stopped the elevator door from closing in case it hurt him.

She huffed, "Why are you doing this?"

His Adam's apple bobbed and his voice sounded hoarse. "So that you'll remember me."

"Jerk!"

She released him. "You're only making me hate you more."

There was no way she would remember this bastard.

Stretching out her arm, she wanted to press the close button. But he stopped the elevator door from closing and entered the elevator.

Mia looked at him. "What are you doing?"

"I'm going to do whatever you do." Timothy primped his necktie while looking into his reflection

"Timothy Barrett, are you a copycat? Why are you doing this?"

He smirked at the furious Mia. "Is there something wrong with following whatever you do? You're my wife."

"We were divorced a long time ago."

"Guess I'm following my ex-wife then. There's nothing wrong with it."

Mia walked out of the elevator before glaring at him. "Seems to me like you lost a few screws in your head, Timothy Barrett."

He exited the elevator calmly. "Whatever you say."

Rendered speechless, she took a few steps forward and then turned back to look at him again. "Stop following me."

"You don't own this hotel. I can go this way too. If you want to meet the mayor, I can too."

"Everything has a line. I came here first, so it's my turn. You should return and come back when it's your turn."

Smiling menacingly, he said, "If you say something nice, I may consider heading back."

"What would you like to hear, Mr. Barrett?"

"Give it a shot."

Mia gritted her teeth. "Someone handsome and rich like you should be a gentleman, right, Mr. Barrett?"

He didn't expect her to compliment him.

He gave her an ambiguous smile. "Fine. But bring Ginger along for dinner tomorrow."

"In your dreams." She knew it. He was up to no good.

"There's no room for negotiation on this then." Timothy primped his suit and walked past her

Running after him, she pulled his clothes. "I came first. Step aside."

Shoved by Mia, Timothy looked at her in surprise as he didn't expect her to be this strong.

Standing in front of the door, Mia took a deep breath and managed her expression before knocking on the door.

Soon, a voice could be heard from the room. "Who is it?"

Mia smiled. "Room service."

Timothy raised his brow at that. Why did she lie?

Next, the door was opened.

Raymond looked at Mia. "Ms. Mia?"

"Sorry for disturbing you, Mr. Shelbert. I came because I have something to discuss with you."

He frowned. "Maybe next time. I'm not available today."

She hurriedly responded, "Mr. Shelbert, about the woman and the kid in the room, maybe I can help you take care of them."

"Take care of us? Who do you think you are, Mia Lane?"

Mia looked at the woman in the room only to be surprised. "Luna?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 953-Mia couldn't believe her eyes.

Wasn't Luna supposed to be in prison??

Mia clearly remembered that she had sued Luna for stealing the bone marrow, to which Luna was charged with a one-year imprisonment.

There was no way Mia would let Luna get away with that after she persuaded Sharon to steal the bone marrow, almost killing Sage.

That was why she personally handled the issue.

Never in her wildest dream had she expected to see Luna here.

Was Mia seeing things? Or was this another woman who looked like Luna?

However, that was really Luna's voice. Even the way they spoke was the same.

It was really Luna!

As an afterthought, Mia turned her head to face Timothy.

She pinned him with an interrogating look. "Mind explaining? Why is this woman here?"

Did he do something behind the scenes and let Luna out of prison?

In fact, Timothy was equally surprised to find Luna here.

After all, he was aware that Luna was sued and imprisoned for a year. She should be in jail, not Raymond's room in Nord City.

Luna looked at the duo triumphantly. "Why give me that look? You seem surprised."

"Why are you here, Luna?" questioned Timothy coldly.

She sneered, "Where else should I be? In prison? I begged you when Mia, this bitch, set me up and tried to send me to prison. But all you did was watch, watch her sending me to prison! Of course, I have to save myself."

Humans could only depend on themselves in this world, not anyone else.

Men were never the option.

Mia gazed at Luna. "I didn't know you were this close with the mayor of Nord City, though?"

Luna's head slightly lifted when she heard that.

This day had finally come! The day when she could reveal her true identity to Mia.

Luna wasn't actually pale in comparison to Mia.

Mia looked at Raymond, "You seem to have a special relationship with her, Mr. Shelbert."

Since when was Luna involved with him?

He took a step back first. "Come in so that we can talk."

After all, he didn't want others to know about this. Had it been other guests, he would've asked his bodyguards to drive the unbidden guests away.

But the people standing in front of him happened to be Mia and Timothy.

Mia walked into the room without hesitation, intending to find out what was going on between Luna and Raymond.

Was Asher Raymond's son?

If that was the case, it would be good news for Mia. If the mayor intended to keep his position, he should keep his life clean.

Otherwise, the people might see him badly and not vote for him.

Raymond walked to a side. "Have a seat. Why did you want to see me?"

Mia said straightforwardly, "I'd like to talk about the project with you, but I didn't expect to find out about your personal business. I don't think it's time to talk about the project."

Luna snorted, "You're still dreaming of getting the project? Stop dreaming. You won't be able to get it."

As long as she was around, she would never let Mia have it her way.

Instead of throwing a tantrum, Mia flashed a meaningful smile at Raymond. "Mr. Shelbert, what kind of relationship do you have with Luna? If people find out about your scandal, things might get serious."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 954-Raymond frowned. "I can't talk about this. This is my personal matter."

"Well, it is your personal matter, but you're joining the election again next year. Here's a piece of advice from me—be careful. Any scandals might pull your votes down. Don't you think so?"

"Besides, my family has been working with you for so many years. We hope you can continue being the mayor without any problem." Mia worded the way on purpose.

Luna obviously looked flustered.

Raymond's expression turned solemn too. He nodded. "I will settle the issue as soon as possible. It won't be a problem. And I hope you won't tell this to Mr. Dominic. I can take care of this trivial matter without a problem."

She nodded. "Of course, I have faith in you, Mr. Shelbert. If you can't even take care of such a trivial matter, you wouldn't have been able to come this far"

A furious Luna looked at Raymond. "What do you mean by that? Are you going to abandon me again?"

He sighed, "You do know that I can't be involved in any scandal right now. If our relationship is exposed, my reputation will be ruined. You won't gain anything good from this either."

She snorted, "You just need the Lane family's support. Won't it work the same with the Barrett family's support? They're the richest family in Bern City. They're on the same level as the Lanes."

Mia glanced at Timothy. "Is this how you take care of things? What is going on between you and Luna by the way? Is that child yours?"

Yet, he had the audacity to claim that he had nothing to do with Luna.

If Asher had nothing to do with Timothy, why would Luna claim that the Barretts would support Raymond so confidently?

Frowning, Timothy rebutted Luna's statement, "Since when do you have the right to make decisions in the Barrett family?"

She smirked. "Well, it is true I can't make decisions for your family, but your family owes me. Have you forgotten about your promise, Timothy Barrett?"

"That you'll look after Asher and me forever? But you sent me to prison for Mia! You didn't even care about me, you betrayer!"

Hearing that, Mia propped her chin and looked at Timothy. She was interested in the behind stories.

Given Luna's statement, it seemed like her relationship with Timothy wasn't that simple.

Besides, he would never make such a promise to a woman that easily.

Now, she was more curious about Luna's relationship with the Barrett family.

Raymond chided, "Don't talk like that. It's rude."

She barked, "Force of habit. Can't help it. You abandoned me when I was young. Life was tough and I was never raised like a rich lady should. And this is all your fault. You're the one to blame for whatever that's happening to me right now."

While Raymond lowered his head wordlessly, Mia blurted in surprise, "You're Mr. Shelbert's illegitimate daughter."

Luna barked a humorless laugh. "Illegitimate my ass! He abandoned my mother to get married to a rich lady back then. It was only after that that my mother realized that she was pregnant! That was how I was born."

Mia didn't see that coming.

If Luna was Raymond's daughter, what did Timothy have to do with this?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 955-Luna continued, "I didn't even know that my biological father was the mayor of Nord City the entire time! My mother only told me the truth on the day

she passed on!"

Resentment rooted deeply in her. If Raymond had raised her since she was young, she would've had a different identity by now. She wouldn't have needed to suffer so much.

Meanwhile, Mia didn't expect Luna to be Raymond's daughter.

Mia initially thought that they were having an affair and Asher was their son.

Well, anyone would've thought the same.

But Luna turned out to be Raymond's daughter! What a surprise!

It was no wonder Mia could sense the inherent egoism in Luna. It wasn't common to feel that from an ordinary person; it was contradicting.

Now, the reason was revealed.

Luna was supposed to be the daughter of the mayor, but she was kept in the dark. After suffering so much, she felt so wronged when she found out the truth.

According to Mia's guess, Luna must've gone to Raymond but was rejected, to which Luna felt angry and despair.

She was the daughter of the mayor of Nord City, but she couldn't even tell that to anyone. No one would've believed in her words either as she didn't have money.

Mia turned to glance at Timothy. "You knew this all along. That's why you helped him look after her."

That was the only reason she could come up with.

"No, I didn't know about that." He then looked at Luna. "Since you've found someone to support, you don't have to rely on my family anymore."

"Why? You and your family owe me! Don't think of casting me aside!"

"We never owe you anything, Luna Maynard. Never. You went to prison because of your harmful intentions. You plotted against my wife and my child

This is the price you have to pay for your deeds."

Luna's eyes glowed at the mention of the matter. "I didn't do that all alone. I was just trying to solve the problem for Mrs. Barrett. What did I do wrong?"

Mia retorted, "What did you do wrong? You talked someone else into committing a crime. Get a hold of yourself, Luna Maynard."

"Still, I'm innocent. Why must I go to the prison alone? What about Mrs. Barrett? We did it together, but why must I bear the responsibility alone? This is unfair!"

Mia said indifferently, "It is, but Mrs. Barrett should pay the price for her deeds too. You were the mastermind of the plan, so there is a price you have to pay. Don't think that you can avoid it by sneaking to Nord City and finding another backer."

Luna smirked provokingly. "I'd like to see how you'll make me pay the price."

After all, she wasn't the same old Luna anymore. She was not that helpless woman Mia could bully.

Mia looked at Raymond. "Are you intending to protect her? I remember you just implemented a law about legal justice. If you protect your daughter secretly, how do you think it'll affect your reputation when words get out?"

His expression changed as he interrogated Luna, "I thought you said you were innocent? Explain! What happened?"

If Luna had not asked someone to tell him that she was falsely accused and sent to prison, he wouldn't have pulled the strings to take her back to

Nord City.

After all, she was his daughter! There was no one else she could depend on out there.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 956-Although Raymond didn't want to acknowledge Luna as his daughter, he felt guilty toward Luna's mother because he didn't fulfill his duty as a parent

to their only daughter.

Well, he could treat Luna better but not at the expense of his career.

However, he didn't expect Luna to lie to him!

Despite the slight guilt, she bit the bullet. "It's not fault anyways. It was Mrs. Barrett who orchestrated everything. In the end, I had to take all the

blame and go to prison. She was unscathed!

“Shouldn’t you take responsibility for me instead of doubting me? You’re my father, but you haven’t done your duty all these years!”

Mia watched Luna’s little show, which was so realistic that Raymond wavered.

He shifted his gaze toward Mia. “Ms. Mia, I think I have to look into this matter first.”

“So, you’re intending to protect your daughter.”

“I’m not protecting her. I’m trying to find out what happened. If she wasn’t the only one to be blamed, she shouldn’t take the blame all by herself. Don you agree?”

When he finished that, he cast a glance at Timothy.

If Sharon and Luna did conspire together, how could his daughter be the only one handling the consequences?

That shouldn’t be happening.

If Timothy wanted to keep the lid on this matter, he had to handle it personally.

He voiced, “My mother is indeed partly responsible for this. It’s not like she’s not facing the consequences she should be. She’s on probation, so she doesn’t have to be in prison.”

Mia questioned, “If it’s probation, your mother should be staying in Bern City. She shouldn’t leave her hometown. Why is she in Nord City? At the banquet today?”

Luna was flabbergasted to hear that. “She’s at the banquet today?”

She was still livid at how Sharon abandoned her after using her.

If Luna weren’t Raymond’s daughter, she would still be in prison. Asher would be entrusted to the Barrett family.

But what kind of life would he have there? She wouldn’t know.

Luna was well aware of Sharon's character. Sharon wouldn't treat Asher well after knowing he wasn't Timothy's son.

Timothy gave Mia a glance. "I didn't know that she came."

"Alright, let's say that you didn't know. But I think Mrs. Sharon is here to take care of the issue between your uncle and the Bowen family. Judging

from how openly she came to Nord City, I guess she's taking the probation lightly. How fearless."

Mia glanced at Luna again. "Even someone, who should be in prison, can show up here. What's the use of the law right now? I wonder."

Mia wouldn't let it slide that easily.

She stood up, looking at Raymond. "About Luna's matter, I hope you can give me a contented answer as soon as possible. Otherwise, I will reveal

the incident to the public. I don't know what'll happen next."

"Ms. Mia, calm down. We can still negotiate about it."

"Sorry, but to me, there's no room for negotiation on this matter. I won't allow anyone to hurt my child or my family. My family is my bottom line."

Raymond paused. "Your family is your bottom line... Your daughter is your family, but isn't your brother your family too?"

"What do you mean?" questioned Mia, alarmed.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 957-Raymond elaborated, "I've been working with your family for many years. Guess we can say that we're old friends. Ms. Mia, do you really think

Dominic has a clean record?"

A cold glint glowed in Mia's eyes. Of course, she knew that Dominic didn't have a clean record.

After all, their family almost went bankrupt due to various blows after their parents passed on.

Dominic was the person stabilizing the company's footing until today. He had it rough.

She reckoned he had used many illicit methods in the beginning.

After all, business would always be as fierce as war, a war free from blood.

Mia had never expected Raymond to use this to threaten her, but she actually had it coming. She threatened him with his position as the mayor.

It didn't take her long to regain her composure. Smiling, she responded, "But whatever he does has nothing to do with me."

"Ms. Mia, do you really not care about your brothers' reputation? Actually, we can make a deal to make peace."

"I refuse."

"Think about it first, Ms. Mia. Luna did hurt you and your family, almost killing your child. But, fortunately, no one was hurt in the end. We can still talk

it out nicely, don't you think?"

Mia couldn't help but be impressed by his slick talk. Her gaze shifted to Luna, who wore a triumphant expression, showing no sign of regret.

The sheer sight of that made Mia's blood boil.

Mia took a deep breath. "We'll see who's going to pay the price in the end."

"Ms. Mia, since you've decided to make things difficult between us, I guess this matter won't be easy to settle."

Mia noticed the bodyguards by the door before turning her head to look at Raymond. "My secretary knows that I've come to see you. If something

happens to me here, my brothers will never let you get away this easily. You should know what they're capable of doing.

"Meanwhile, if a scandal breaks out at this crucial period, it'll affect your election next year. We're different. Our business might be affected, but we

have enough money for the rest of our life."

Luna smirked. "You'll need to stay alive to spend that money though, no?"

At that moment, Timothy stepped forward to hold Mia's hand. He warned Raymond, "She's my woman. You better think of the aftermath before laying

a finger on her. If you want to confront our families at the same time, you don't stand a chance to win."

Luna glowered, "Timothy Barrett, you're still going to take Mia's side, aren't you? Don't forget that you're on the hook when things get out of control.

Your mother will have to go to prison because of this. Do you want her to spend the rest of her life in prison?"

Raymond glanced at Mia. "Do you want your child's grandmother to be a prisoner? Her friends in school might find out about it and make fun of her.

What are you going to do then?"

Mia was exasperated. How dare they use Ginger to threaten her!

Luna was the villainess who had hurt her family. Why did Mia have to back off in the end?

If it was the past Mia, who didn't have a backer, might choose to back off for her child's sake.

However, nothing scared her now.

She didn't expect to meet Luna today. Let alone finding out that Luna was Raymond's illegitimate daughter.

Things were getting complicated. Not only was Raymond on Luna's side, but he was also threatening Mia as he knew her brothers' records.

If Mia did anything reckless, things could get out of control.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 958-However, Mia would never give in.

Her tone was cold. "You're underestimating me, Mr. Shelbert. Do you think that the life and death of the Barretts would bother me?"

“I dared not underestimate you, Ms. Mia. But there’s no point for both our families—or even the three families—to be on bad terms because of such a trivial matter. It won’t do anything good to us.”

“So how would you like to settle this?”

Raymond suggested, “I know that my daughter is at fault, but I can hand over the project to you to make up for it. For future projects, I will consider

your family first. How’s that? You won’t lose anything from this.”

“Do you think I need that?”

“Ms. Mia, if you have other conditions, tell me. I will do my best to fulfill them.”

“Simple. Let Luna pay for the price.” Mia turned around, looking at the bodyguards by the door. “If you insist on not letting me leave the room, I will

call Dominic right now. Since you have something over his head, he might as well talk to you personally. That’ll be better.”

She reckoned that Raymond didn’t want Dominic to get involved in this at all.

“It was just a joke, Ms. Mia. Don’t take it seriously.” Raymond motioned for the bodyguards to make way for her.

He was trying to threaten her, but he didn’t expect the loafing woman to be this confident. She wasn’t afraid at all.

Furthermore, he wouldn’t want her to contact Dominic. Not only was Dominic a difficult opponent, but he was also famous for pampering his sister.

Feeling agitated, Luna looked at Raymond. “Are you going to let her go like this? She hasn’t agreed to your conditions yet.”

Raymond didn’t respond to that.

Timothy eyed Luna. “You better watch out in the future.”

Then, he followed Mia out of the room.

Mia was standing before the elevator. Hearing the footsteps behind her, she spun around. "What did you leave? Not going to spend time with your old friend?"

"I seriously didn't know about her relationship with Mr. Shelbert. I was in Nord City at that time, so I didn't know what happened back in Bern City. It

was only when I saw her today that I realized that someone had released her."

"Do you think I'll believe in that, Timothy? Why did you bring Luna and that boy back to Barrett residence then? You even misled everyone that

Asher's your son."

"Because I don't have plans for marriage and having kids. I intended to raise him as the heir."

"So who is his father?"

Timothy wouldn't raise Asher as the heir without a valid reason.

He went silent for a moment before admitting, "Luna's boyfriend is my father's illegitimate son."

Hearing that, Mia understood the whole connection of the relationship.

Since Luna's boyfriend was Timothy's father's illegitimate son, Asher was indeed one of the Barretts.

"So, Asher isn't your son, but your nephew."

"Yes. Four years ago, Luna came to me pregnant. That was when I found out that my father had an illegitimate son. However, he passed on in a car

crash.

"Luna had no one to depend on, and she was going to give birth soon. That was why I let her stay."

"Does your mother know the existence of the illegitimate son?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 959-Mia recalled the past of how Sharon misunderstood that Asher was Timothy's son and treated the boy well.

It wasn't only Sharon. Mia also assumed that Asher was Timothy's son.

After all, she had seen Luna's pictures on Timothy's laptop before. Back then, she thought that Luna was the woman he liked.

The truth was completely beyond her imagination.

Timothy said, "No, she doesn't know about this. I don't want her to know either."

"I understand." She nodded.

If Sharon found out the truth, she would be devastated. No woman could tolerate having the child of their husband's illegitimate child staying under the same roof.

It was abhorrent.

Mia blurted, "Why did you have Luna's picture on your laptop back then? Did you already know that your half-brother was seeing Luna at that time?"

"When did you use my laptop?" questioned Timothy seriously.

"Let me explain. I wasn't sneaking or peeking. I had to sketch a design urgently, so I had no choice but to use your laptop in the study. And I came across the picture by chance.

"You threw a fit at that time as if I had done something wrong. I thought she was the woman you liked but couldn't have."

It turned out that Luna was his half-brother's girlfriend.

He frowned. "Did that happen?"

"Yes. But you're a busy man. Of course, you wouldn't remember such a small matter. It is etched in my mind though. I can't forget it."

He raised his fist to his mouth, coughing. "Sorry for being too fierce at you."

“Don’t apologize. It’s weird.”

Noticing the indecipherable emotions churning in his deep eyes, she quickly averted the topic. “Since Luna was your half-brother’s girlfriend, why were you so angry?”

“I had always respected Dad, thinking that he was the epitome of perfection. Then, I realized how different he was from my imagination. I don’t want anyone to know that he had an illegitimate son. Let alone having their existence affect my mother.”

Timothy pursed his lips and continued, “And one more thing, I thought it was too humiliating for you to know.”

“That was why you were so angry when you found out that I was looking at Luna’s picture. You were trying to cover up the truth. If you had asked me to keep it a secret, I wouldn’t have told anyone. Not even your mother.”

Silence settled in him. “Sorry, I couldn’t trust anyone by my side at that time, so I didn’t want anyone to know.”

“What a rare moment to hear you apologize. I accept it.”

After all, the affair of an illegitimate child was indeed a sensitive topic.

Even the perfect man, who had been standing high up the ladder, couldn’t tolerate this happening to him.

Mia strode into the elevator, preparing to leave.

Timothy came along. “I will take care of this issue.”

“Oh don’t, please. You said the same thing last time, but Luna was released from prison in the end. She even came to Bern City. Your mother is attending today’s banquet as well. Is this how you take care of things?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 960-Mia said solemnly. “It’s been four years, Timothy. The orphan Mia might need you to take care of something, but I don’t need it now. I can take care of

it myself.”

The elevator door opened and she walked out.

Now that she knew Raymond was meeting Luna and the relationship between the duo, there was a need to devise a proper plan.

She mustn't act recklessly.

Winning the project wasn't the main objective now. It was to make Luna pay the price for her deeds.

Timothy followed Mia. “Mia, hear me out.”

“I don't want to hear any explanation from you.”

At that moment, Sharon scurried over. “Son, what are you doing here?”

Veronica quickly said, “Tim, look at me! This woman slapped me! You have to teach her a lesson!”

Mia was surprised that Sharon and Veronica hadn't left.

Stopping in her tracks, Mia flashed him a meaningful smile. “I slapped her because she kept saying how Ginger's a burden and trying to steal her custody right.

“You know how vile my temper has always been. I never hold myself back when someone speaks ill of my child.

“Please tell your family to not tick my nerves in the future, especially in Nord City. They might not be able to leave the city because of that.”

Veronica raised her voice upon hearing that. “Did you hear that, Timothy? How ridiculous! She's threatening that we won't be able to return to Nord

City. Someone like her isn't qualified to become a mother!”

Sharon nodded in agreement. “Son, I think she's not fit to be a mother too. You have to think of something to retrieve the custody right.”

Timothy disagreed, “Mom, I’ve straightened things out with you about the custody right. I will never take it away from Mia. It’s better for Ginger to be with Mia than me.”

“You’re being thoughtless, Tim! It doesn’t work that way. You’re the president of Barrett Group. Everything in the family will belong to your child someday.

“Meanwhile, Mia is the daughter of the Lane family, but her brothers will inherit all the family assets. What will she gain from there?”

“If Ginger comes with me, she can own all of the family assets. There’s nothing better for her to be with Mia.”

Mia chuckled at that gibberish premise. Still, given Sharon’s greed, it wasn’t a surprise that she thought it that way.

“Timothy, I think you should get married and have kids as soon as possible. I pray that you’ll have a son to be the hero. That way, your mother will stop thinking about stealing Ginger’s custody right,” Mia suggested.

Sharon would never try to steal Gigner’s custody right for no reason. She had expressed her intention while they were outside the restroom.

It was all because Timothy wasn’t married and didn’t have a child, so she was worried that there wouldn’t be an heir to take over Barrett Group.

That was why Sharon intended to steal Ginger’s custody right.

“Mom, you’re on probation. Shouldn’t you be in Bern City?” Timothy called her out.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 961-Sharon avoided eye contact upon hearing that. “I came to take care of your uncle’s issue.”

Timothy frowned. “I will take care of that. You don’t have to come all the way here yourself. Besides, you’re on probation. If the police find out you’re here, your punishment will be more severe.”

He didn't expect her to sneak to Nord City.

Veronica defended, "Tim, if we keep this a secret, no one will know that Sharon sneaked to Nord City. Still, you have to be careful that someone else might snitch on Sharon to intensify the severity of the punishment."

Mia noticed that Veronica was implying her to be a potential snitcher.

Well, the fact that Veronica pointed it out might provoke Mia to do so.

A pristine smile was plastered on Mia's face. "You're right. I will call the police from Bern City immediately, reporting to them that you've sneaked to

Nord City during probation."

Sharon became jittery. "How could you be this evil, Mia Lane? I came here just to take care of something personal, not anything else. Why can't I come?"

Veronica agreed, "Sharon's right. Why can't she come? It's not like she's doing something illegal."

"According to Bern City's law, those who are on probation are prohibited from leaving their house without permission. It'll increase the severity of the punishment. In cases of serious offenses, actual imprisonment is imposed," Mia coldly stated the facts.

The color drained from Sharon's face.

When Mia was going to make a call, Sharon quickly pulled Timothy's arm. "Stop her, Tim! I don't want to be punished and sent to prison!"

If word of her going to prison got out, she could never hold her head high in Bern City anymore. She was supposed to be the richest lady in the city!

In fact, her probation was covered up. No one was aware of it aside from the fact that Luna was punished for her wrong deeds.

He looked at Sharon. "Why did you come when you know that this is illegal? I'll ask someone to send you home."

“No, I can’t return home yet. I haven’t taken care of your uncle’s issue. I can’t watch him being sent to prison. I won’t leave unless you promise me that you’ll bail him out and give his project the green light.”

She still remembered the reason she came here.

Hearing that, Mia spoke to the person on the line, “Hello? I would like to report on someone. She came to Nord City without permission while on probation.”

“Mia Lane, you brat! Are you out of your mind? What will it do good to you if I’m in prison? Do you want your child to have a prisoner as a grandmother?” Sharon marched forward, stealing Mia’s phone.

Everything in her was screaming to throw the phone onto the ground.

Sharon looked at Mia. “I know that there are disagreements and misunderstandings between us. That happened because I didn’t know that Ginger

was my granddaughter.

“If I had known the truth, I wouldn’t have stolen the bone marrow that could save her. I wouldn’t have done that no matter how much I hated you!”

Mia didn’t expect Sharon to apologize for it herself.

“But you still did it in the end. Since you’ve done it, you should pay the price for your wrong deeds.”

Holding the phone, Sharon was at the end of her wits.

In the end, she softened her tone. “Mia, we were once a family, weren’t we? Ginger is also my granddaughter. I know I was wrong to steal the bone marrow.

“I want to make up for it for Ginger, so I wanted her to come with us. I can look after her. Please don’t report it to the police. I’m Ginger’s grandmother.

Please.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 962-Sharon could never be as pitiful as she was right now.

Mia watched the middle-aged woman before her. Never in her wildest dream had she dreamed of the prideful Sharon apologizing to her.

Nevertheless, Mia didn't wish to have a prisoner to be Ginger's grandmother.

If words got out, there would be someone making fun of Ginger because of this.

Mia took a deep breath. “Fine, but on two conditions.”

“Say it. I'll agree to anything.”

“Simple. I will never hand over the custody right, so don't dream of it anymore. Don't bring it up in front of my child either. If I find out you break the promise, I will never let you go twice.”

Despite the reluctance, Sharon didn't have the right to negotiate given the situation.

Unwillingly, she nodded. “I promise you that I won't bring it up again.”

The main reason she came to Nord City was to take care of Ralph's matter to bail him out of prison, not fighting for Ginger's custody rights. Sharon knew that it wouldn't be easy to steal Ginger's custody rights from Mia. She simply wanted to give it a shot.

Mia added, “Secondly...”

Sharon raised her head.

“Don't do anything illegal in Nord City. You have only three days. If you're still in Nord City after that, you're going to get it from me.” Sharon gritted her teeth. “Okay.”

She was here to take care of Ralph's matter anyway. It had nothing to do with Mia.

Three days would be enough.

Mia took her phone back and left.

Watching Mia leave, Sharon stomped her foot.

She turned around to ace Timothy. “Tim, how could you just stand still and watch her bully me? Do you wish for me to go to prison?”

“You sneaking to Nord City is against the law to begin with. If someone exposes you, it’ll affect the company because you’re my mother. Everything you do represents the company. Are you going to drag the company down just for Uncle Ralph?” Timothy didn’t hold himself back from lecturing her. He didn’t wish to see her getting in trouble because of Ralph either.

Sharon answered guiltily, “That’s because of you. Why did you stop him from working with the Bowen family? If you hadn’t stopped the collaboration, they wouldn’t have sent him to prison here.”

“I stopped it from happening for the company’s sake. He was using our family name to work with the Bowen family. He was trying to steal away the investment capital of the project.

“If I hadn’t found out his ulterior motives, he wouldn’t been imprisoned for life. When that happens, I won’t be able to help him either. Nord City is not my territory.”

Sharon knew that her brother was wrong, but she couldn’t just let him be.

Timothy prompted, “I’ll ask someone to drive to the airport. You’ll return to Bern City tonight.”

Sharon protested, “No, I can’t go back! How can I return home without taking care of it? Besides, Mia gave me three days time.”

At that moment, the elevator door near them opened.

Luna exited the elevator.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 963-Sharon’s eyes widened when she noticed Luna. “W-What are you doing here?”

Veronica was shell-shocked as well. “Luna Maynard, aren’t you supposed to be in prison? How come you’re here? Are you her doppelgänger or what?”

The similarity was too much to be called a doppelgänger.

Luna smirked at Sharon. "Surprised to see me here?"

It was unfair that Luna was the only one imprisoned when both of them conspired in the theft together.

Having mixed feelings, Sharon asked Timothy, "Tim, what's going on here? Did you release her in secret?"

She felt annoyed to think that he actually released Luna secretly. He didn't even help her when she was threatened by Mia!

Luna scoffed, "I'm able to stand here not because of him. Stop taking all the credit."

Sharon continued questioning, "How are you able to come here then? Did you perhaps escape from prison?"

"Escape my ass. Say, what are you doing here? Aren't you on probation? According to the law, you shouldn't be leaving Bern City however you wish. If I report to the police, would you end up the same as me?"

Sharon's face fell. "Don't forget that Asher's with us, Luna."

"Don't use him to threaten me. He's not at Barrett residence right now. Do you think I would come without bringing my son along?"

Luna had the chance to take Asher with her because Timothy wasn't in Bern City at the moment.

Luna wanted to say something, but two bodyguards approached her. "You shouldn't be here."

She gulped. "I'm close with the Barretts. We're just talking."

"Sorry, but we've been ordered to make sure you don't show up at the banquet. Otherwise, we will take action."

Luna bit her lip and stormed away.

One day, she would tell everyone that she was the daughter of the mayor, not someone from a poor family.

She came from a rich family!

Although Luna had left, Sharon couldn't shake the surprise off. "Tim, you saw that. That's Lune Maynard! How was she able to come out of prison?"

If Luna was able to come out of prison, would that mean Sharon would be fine as well?

"This is none of your business. Go to the airport immediately," Timothy urged.

"I don't want to return home, Tim. If Luna's here, why can't I?"

Timothy gave Heath a look. Soon, a few bodyguards escorted Sharon and Veronica out of the banquet hall.

On the other hand, Mia had left the banquet.

The thought of Luna being freed from prison angered her. She felt disgusted too.

That evil witch stole Timothy's bone marrow and Sage almost had to die in that vacuum chamber.

At that point, all Mia could think of was to kill the mastermind.

She would never forgive Luna. Never.

Peyton studied her expression cautiously. "Ms. Mia, you look upset after meeting Mr. Shelbert. Did the discussion end on a negative note?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 964-"That's not exactly right. All I can say is that it became complicated."

"Ms. Mia, you don't have to worry if the project will belong to us or not. Back then, your family said that you could run a company to kill some time. If Mr. Dominic knows that you're all upset because of this project, he'll be worried."

Mia massaged her temples. "This has nothing to do with the project. I met that woman in Mr. Shelbert's room. Guess who it was."

"Who?" Peyton asked.

"Luna Maynard."

Peyton was shocked. "Didn't we personally send her to prison? How is she able to show up in Nord City? Getting so close with Mr. Shelbert at that! Is she his mistress? Is Asher his son?"

"I had the same guess, thinking that Asher was surely Mr. Shelbert's illegitimate child. But it turns out that Luna is his illegitimate daughter."

Peyton paused momentarily. "What a surprise. Ms. Maynard has always been a show-off. If she's actually his daughter, she'll surely brag about it. Weirdly, she has never talked about it."

"Luna was able to stay with the Barretts by acting pitiful like she had no one to depend on. That was why Timothy let her stay. Luna kept her identity from him."

Regardless, Luna hadn't expected her plan to backfire and be sent to prison. Timothy didn't save her either.

Hence, she had to pull her trump card out her identity as Raymond's daughter.

Timothy happened to be in Nord City at that time. Mia placed her attention fully on Sage's treatment too.

The opening served Luna as a chance. She requested Raymond to bring Asher back unobtrusively.

Peyton said, "This is Nord City, Ms.

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Mia. Isn't it easy to deal with her? This is a prison break. It's illegal If something happens to her here, believe the police from Bern City won't look into it, including Mr. Shelbert." Content belongs t FindNovel.net

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"I know, but she's the mayor's daughter. If we're going to make things ugly, it'll affect our

relationship with the mayor.

Although he's a bastard, he net

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wants to protect Luna. I bet she has something over him. If he doesn't help her, she might reveal their relationship to the media."

In fact, it was easy to read through Raymond.

"This is easy. Ms. Mia, we can kidnap Luna and send her somewhere else, locking her up forever." "Let's stay low for the time being. I have to figure out a solution." Mia reclined in her seat in the car. She wouldn't let Luna off the hook that easily.

If Luna came to Nord City to take advantage of Raymond's power, troubles were bound to arise.

While she was thinking, she received a message from Jasmine.

Mia smirked.

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the truth to the

media, but what about Jasmine? It was like she couldn't tell it to her.

One should never cover a crime.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 965-A smile flashed across Mia's face when she glanced at the text from Jasmine. It couldn't have shown up at a better moment.

Mia cast a glance at Peyton, who was in the front passenger seat. "Find a chance to reveal Mr. Shelbert's relationship with Luna to Jasmine."

"Are we going to directly reveal that Luna is Mr. Shelbert's illegitimate child?"

"We can't do that. It'll make Jasmine suspicious. Just let her know that Mr. Shelbert secretly met with a young woman with a child, and he even made sure that they settled down snugly."

She would make Jasmine believe that Luna was Raymond's mistress, and Asher his child. Usually, children from such families were deft in dealing with mistresses.

Wasn't Luna very pleased with her identity as the mayor's daughter? If Mia showed her the kind of life the actual mayor's daughter led, would she still be able to handle it?

Luna's ambition was too much for her to be tolerant. Mia did promise not to expose her identity for now, but she couldn't be blamed if Luna were to blow her own cover.

Mia set her phone aside and turned to Peyton. "Head to the research institute." It had been days since she last visited Sage.

The car steered toward another direction and sped off to the research institute. Not far away, a black luxury car switched directions and trailed after Mia's car as well.

From the back seat, Timothy watched the sudden shift in the direction of Mia's car. "Did she find out?"

Heath, who was in the front passenger seat, faltered. "Probably not. We're at a safe distance, and two cars are providing cover for us as well. She won't discover us that easily."

Narrowing his eyes, Timothy fell silent.

Heath began tentatively, "So, are we still following them?"

"Yes."

As Timothy's gaze lingered upon Mia's car, he wondered where she was headed. It didn't matter if she eventually discovered him stalking her.

He inquired, "Do you have any updates regarding the bone marrow at the hospital?"

Timothy had already confirmed that Ginger wasn't ill at all. So, Mia had been desperate to deceive him into donating his bone marrow to save someone else. Did she still have another child hidden away?

He could hardly sleep once he learned this information. Yet, he couldn't find any evidence regarding Mia's other child despite his

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thorough investigation. Only Mia's daughter was known to the public, and there was no mention of any other child.

Besides that, none of the Lane brothers had children either.

Staring at Mia's car ahead, Timothy pondered the secrets she had kept from him.

Warm city lights dotted along the view outside the car window, creating a cozy ambiance. She had always envied familial love when she was an orphan. With her brothers and children keeping her company

now, she no longer felt lonely.

Timothy's car pulled up at the roadside not far away. He glanced over at the pristine building before him. "Where is this?"

Timothy's expression hardened upon the mention of Nicholas' name. Was Nicholas the main reason behind her sudden visit? Why didn't she head home instead after the banquet at this late hour?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 966-Timothy stiffened his lips. He took out his phone and called Mia.

Meanwhile, Mia had just entered the research institute. Glancing at the caller ID, she was surprised to see that it was Timothy calling.

Still, she couldn't fathom why he called her. Things didn't end well between them at the banquet earlier after all.

Mia tossed her phone into her bag. She didn't intend to answer any calls. Peyton knew not to disturb her with any work-related matters whenever she bonded with her children unless they were urgent.

She changed into sterile clothing before she entered Sage's ward. He was busying himself in front of the computer. A series of codes appeared on the monitor, and he looked solemn.

"Handle the left wing, and let them come through in the middle. I'll deal with them."

The codes on the screen shifted promptly, indicating Sage's victory.

Having learned about coding from Nathan, Mia could also decipher the codes on Sage's screen. She clapped, exclaiming, "Good work!"

Sage muted his microphone once he heard her. Feigning sobriety, he said, "Mommy, why didn't you knock before you came in? I have my own privacy too."

Noting the prudence in his tone, Mia pinched his cheeks. "Since you seemed super engrossed earlier, I didn't want to affect your performance by knocking. What if you lost and embarrass yourself in front of your friends?"

Sage's eyes glinted as he dangled his legs. "That man hasn't left yet, right?"

"Who?" Staring at Sage, Mia instinctively thought of Timothy.

Sage's expression hardened. "That philanderer."

"Sage, you're referring to Timothy, right? How do you know he hasn't left?"

Mia had only learned that he hadn't

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left when she saw him at the banquet earlier. Not only had he not left, but he also intended to wrest the deal away from her. Content

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Sage began solemnly, "Mommy, do you need me to teach him a lesson? He pestered you, right?"

Crouching down in front of Sage, Mia said, "This is an adult matter. I can handle it, so you don't have to get involved."

Sage lowered his head and remained silent. Mia could tell he felt awkward.

Patiently, she asked, "Sage, you seem to hate Timothy. Can you tell me why?"

"I don't. I just don't like it when I have no choice but to accept the bone marrow he donated."

Sage had always deemed himself as

the pillar of the family. Ever since he

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was young, he'd vowed to make Timothy regret abandoning his mother and him. Little did he expect that he could only survive with Timothy's bone marrow.

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Sensing Sage's uneasiness, Mia understood his thoughts. She stroked his head and said, "Sage, you don't have to feel uneasy about the bone marrow donation. It's only natural for him to do so as your father."

"W-What if he blackmails you with this?"

Sage still seemed perturbed nonetheless.

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A commotion took place outside just as she ended her sentence. All the security personnel rushed over to the scene in haste.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 967-Mia spun around, realizing several security guards filing out from behind her. What happened?

Sage got off his chair and stared at a nurse dashing by. "What happened?"

"It seems that someone is trying to break in. The security guards have all gone over to the scene. No one is going to get in. Don't worry, Mr. Sage," Josie said. She hurried toward the entrance.

Being informed of the commotion, the other staff members from the labs eventually set aside their work and went outside. They wanted to see who was so bold to invade the research institute.

Plenty of weirdos roamed around these days, indeed.

Little did Mia expect that someone had the gall to break in. By the looks of how people were swarming toward the commotion, it was evident that people were always drawn to gossip.

Mia dropped her gaze and glanced at Sage. “Why don’t we go and have a look?”

Sage’s expression remained shuttered. He shook his head. “What’s the point? It’s a waste of time.”

Holding his hand, Mia chided, “Why are you talking like an old geezer when you’re a four-year-old? You shouldn’t be this rigid. Come on, let’s see what all the commotion is about.”

Mia knew Sage had always been obedient and sensible. His maturity surpassed that of his peers, and his capability also put certain adults to shame. Still, she hoped that he’d live a carefree life like Ginger. He didn’t have to always be so sensible.

Sage was reluctant at first, but he eventually gave in. Seeing Mia’s hand intertwined with his, he blushed. With his expression shuttering quickly, he soon regained his usual composure.

Mia approached the entrance, holding Sage’s hand in hers. She felt inquisitive about the bold invader.

The research institute looked

nothing like a hospital; it was one of a kind. All the staff here avoided conflicts at all costs, and no one had ever attempted to break in before.

So who was it?

Mia saw a woman dressed in a red gown at the entrance hollering at the security personnel. “How dare you stop me? Do you have any idea who I am?”

The head of security replied politely yet unyielding, “I’m sorry, Miss. No matter who you are, you can’t enter our research institute without an appointment unless you’re a staff member.”

“Asshole! Do you fucking know who I am? How dare you speak to me like that! I’ll make your boss fire you later once I meet him,” The woman threatened.

Jonathan was unfazed. He said nonchalantly, "You'll have to meet our boss in person and have him order me to do so. Otherwise, you're still not allowed to enter."

Yet, the woman in red slapped him across his face in the next instant.

A hint of surprise flashed across Mia's face. Although the woman claimed to be Nicholas' fiancée, she'd never seen her before. It wasn't surprising, given how packed the upper crust was in Nord City.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 968-Sage chanced a glance at Mia. "Mommy, do you know this vile woman?"

Mia shook her head. "I don't, but I'm curious about why she claims to be Nicholas' fiancée. I haven't heard about any updates regarding his love life though."

Josie chimed in, "Mr. Mendes is just so attractive and capable, after all. In fact, some of my colleagues fancied him. But he wasn't interested in dating. He even turned down one of his suitors who bombarded him with a fervent confession.

"Mr. Mendes has already fallen for another woman. He won't be fazed no matter which bitch flocked to him."

Mia sensed her implication, and her expression grew awkward. Not long ago, she had just found out that Nicholas fancied her. She didn't see him as a potential suitor; he was like a brother to her.

There wasn't even a single spark of romance between them from the beginning. Despite the amount of time they'd spent together, she could only see him as family.

Things began to escalate quickly outside.

The woman in red gestured to her bodyguards to swarm forward after she struck Jonathan. Her bodyguards seemed proficient, and they were particularly ruthless.

Unmatched with their skills, all the research institute's security guards were taken down in a heartbeat.

Louisa, the woman in red, cast a smug look at the security guards scattered on the ground. "This is the price you pay for messing with me."

Mia furrowed her brows. She thought Louisa had gone too far.

Fishing out a stack of notes from her purse, Louisa hurled them to the ground and said, "It's for your medical expenses-you're welcome. As your boss' fiancée, it's only right for me to teach you guys a lesson. I hope I've made it clear to not defy me next time."

Then, she ambled into the research institute. Faced with the disinfectant device at the entrance of the research institute, she covered her nose in disgust. "What's that awful smell? Get rid of this now!"

Josie replied, "This is a disinfectant device. Everyone has to be disinfected before entering and leaving the institute. It's mandatory for the institute to maintain a sterile environment, so we have to abide by strict hygiene rules."

"Are you insinuating that I'm filthy?" Louisa landed a swift slap on Josie's cheek.

Losing her balance, Josie staggered and fell to the floor.

That didn't dampen Louisa's fury one bit. She marched forward and trampled on Josie's hand.

"Now that I'm here, you better refrain from having any thoughts about my fiancé! Otherwise, you'll be very sorry!"

Louisa stared at her. "Who are you?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 969-Mia gave no heed to Louisa. Helping Josie up, she said, "Are you okay?"

"I'm fine." Josie shook her head, seemingly unbothered.

Still, Mia noticed that Josie's cheeks swelled up quickly. Louisa was ruthless! How could she treat others this way?

Mia glanced at another staff member and said, "Bring her to the infirmary and apply a cold compress on her cheek. It's a shame if her pretty face becomes scarred."

Josie took the damage for the sake of the research institute, after all.

However, Louisa snapped in the next instant, “Hey, I’m talking to you! Why are you ignoring me? Are you deaf? Also, why are you so concerned about this bitch? It doesn’t matter if her face is ruined. She’s just going to seduce men with her looks anyway.”

Mia turned toward her. “Actually, I have been wondering.”

“I know you have a lot of questions regarding my identity. Go on,” Louisa said smugly.

“Did you forget to brush your teeth before leaving this morning? Why does your mouth stink?”

Louisa’s expression changed drastically. “How dare you! You’re doomed!” She raised a hand, attempting to strike Mia like how she did with Josie.

Mia wasn’t going to stand by and let Louisa hit her. She grabbed her wrist. “Where do you think you are? Do you think you can just do whatever you want?”

“Bitch, listen up! I’m your boss’ fiancée, so that makes me your boss as well. You’re treating me like this out of jealousy, aren’t you? I won’t spare you!”

Mia didn’t indulge her. She flung Louisa’s hand away and snarled, “Come brag about after you’ve really become our boss’ wife. As a stranger, you’re not permitted to

enter the research institute

Louisa was extremely upset. “Who the heck are you? How dare you stop me? Haven’t you seen the

consequences of those securitoet

guards? Believe it or not, I’ll have someone strip you naked and leave you at the gate!”

Louisa had always had things her way. She’d never been chastised in her life before.

Mia arched her brows. "I also wonder where a lunatic like you comes from. Haven't you heard of this place? The nerve of you to barge in with your bodyguards!"

No one had dared to speak to Mia in such a condescending manner after all these years in Bern City. Certain ignorant fools were an exception, though.

Louisa tilted her chin proudly.

"You're not worthy to know who I am. You commoners are way below my status, so there's no need for me to disclose my identity to you. Kalso have to keep a low profile because I sneaked out this time."

"Really? You sound like a princess who had just sneaked out of the palace. Judging by how secretive you are, could it be that you escaped from a mental asylum? You look suspicious."

"Yellow Island?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 970-Mia's gaze on Louisa grew heavy with scrutiny. She didn't expect her to come from Yellow Island.

Nord City and Bern City used to be one in the past. The city was split into two after the feudal government was overthrown.

The royal family at the time moved to an island and called it the Yellow Island, where all the residents on the island changed their last name to "Yarrow".

Yellow Island's status remained ambiguous. It wasn't really a country though it seemed like one, and it belonged to the territory of neither Nord City nor Bern City. Its existence was truly one of a kind.

Louisa raised her brows. "Why? Did my identity scare you out of your wits?"

Mia nodded. "I was slightly taken aback. That explains why you're so spoiled."

"What? Are you nuts? I know you're jealous that I'm from Yellow Island. With noble blood, I'm just far more superior than you peasants! That's why you're deliberately mocking me. I know what you're thinking."

Mia was flabbergasted. She'd seen people with bizarre personalities after all this while, but Louisa's impudence really threw her off.

“Fuck off!” Louisa shoved her aside and hollered, “Now that you know who I am, get out of my way! Otherwise, you’ll be very sorry as well. I want to meet Nicholas now. Ask him to come out now, or I’ll blow this place to pieces!”

Losing her balance, Mia nearly toppled over. Just then, someone dashed toward her and enveloped her in his arms. Both of them collapsed to the floor. With her head cradled between a pair of strong hands, she fell down unscathed.

Mia caught a familiar scent. She glanced up in surprise and gasped, “It’s you?”

She didn’t expect Timothy to show up at all. Why was he here? Did he stalk her to the research institute?

Mia had a bad feeling about this.

Timothy frowned and said, “Who else did you expect?” He sounded upset, as he thought Mia had expected Nicholas to save her.

Mia sat up in silence, noticing that his movements seemed awkward. His left hand was seemingly injured.

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Mia reached out and took his left hand. “Where does it hurt?”

Timothy inhaled sharply. He snapped, “Are you trying to break my hand?”

“Stop talking nonsense. Let me see whether your injury is serious or not. I can treat you now if it’s a mild injury.”

Noting his stubbornness, Mia

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chanced a glance at him and restrained from exposing him, he was too wrapped up in his ego to acknowledge his injury. S

Louisa suddenly clapped her hands. “Another man with a death wish. Not anyone could be a knight in shining armor, alright? You might even lose your life.”