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Mia glanced at her phone but refrained from answering, sensing that it probably wasn't good news she was about to receive.

The persistent ringing, however, showed no signs of stopping.

With a sense of resignation, Mia reluctantly answered the call, "Hello?"
"You

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brat, what's going on? Why didn't you pick up when I called? Don't you know I have something urgent to discuss with you?" Mia replied coldly. "What's the matter?" On the other end of the line, Mary exclaimed, "Mia, transfer a hundred thousand dollars to me right away!" "A hundred thousand? Why don't you just rob a bank?" Mia knew that whenever Mary called, it surely involved money, and this time was no exception, with a demand for a hefty sum right from the start.

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“Mia, spare me the act. Your husband is loaded. After all, you’re in charge of your family’s finances. Now that your biological family is in the picture, there’s no way you’re short on a hundred grand. “I’ve been considerate enough not to bother you recently, but if you can’t come up with the money, I’ll make your life a living hell” Upon hearing this, Mia couldn’t help but frown. “What do you need a hundred thousand dollars for?” she inquired. “Your younger brother, Ted, has a girlfriend who is expecting, and they’re

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getting ready to tie the knot. They need financial support right now. “Considering he’s your brother, you wouldn’t want to see him facing difficulties in getting married, would you?” Mia retorted with a cold tone, “I don’t have the money. I’m using Aunt Patricia’s funds to pay for my college tuition.” Mary’s tone turned sharp as she quipped. “Come on, Mia, stop lying. Didn’t you win a million dollars in that design competition?” “With Aunt Patricia’s money at your disposal, don’t tell me you’re strapped for

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cash. I'm giving you one day to transfer the money to my bank account. Otherwise, I won't let you off the hook." After ending the call, Mia frowned as

she stared at her phone. Without hesitation, she decided to block Mary's number.

She wasn't Mary's personal ATM, ready to dispense a hundred thousand dollars on demand.

As Mia gently caressed her belly, she couldn't help but recognize that she, too, was in need of money.

Having endured bullying from Mary's twins growing up, Ted getting married

held no significance for Mia. Even uneasy expression.

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Later that evening, upon returning home from work, Mia couldn't help but notice Patricia's uneasy. Turning her gaze toward her, Mia inquired, "Aunt Patricia, did Mary discuss something with you on the phone?" *She called asking for money, didn't she?" Patricia replied.

Mia nodded. "Yes, she demanded a hundred thousand dollars within a day. But where am I supposed to get that much money? I'm still paying off my mortgage every month." "Mia, there's no need to stress about this. I just got a

call from a neighbor at our old place. It turns out Mary and her family paid a

visit there, trying to find out where we live now.

"However, I didn't disclose anything, so they shouldn't be able to track us

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down.” “I understand. I won’t give them any money.” Mia reassured Patricia.

Mia assured her that if Bob and Mary showed up and caused trouble, she could count on her six brothers, who wouldn’t hesitate to stand their ground in any conflict.

Bob and Mary managed to maintain peace for an extended period, likely out

of concern for avoiding conflicts with Mia’s brothers.

In the countryside, having a predominantly male household provided an advantage in physical altercations.

Nonetheless, Mia remained undeterred by the situation. The following day,

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she attended her classes as usual.

Approaching her, Riley informed, “Mia, your adoptive parents contacted the

college. They claim they’ve been unable to reach you and have something important to discuss.” Mia grew uneasy. “I don’t want to meet them.

They’re

demanding a hundred thousand dollars to fund my brother’s wedding.

“How am I supposed to cough up that amount of money?” Riley, familiar with

Mia’s family background, chose not to press the matter.

Throughout her classes, Mia found herself somewhat distracted.

To her surprise, Bob and Mary were able to locate Mia’s college and were

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even familiar with her previous educational background.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 182-This was certainly bad news.

After class, Mia discreetly exited the college, concealing her identity with a hat

and mask, wary of being spotted by Bob and Mary:

After all, they were entirely capable of resorting to disruptive actions, such as

blocking the college entrance.

Upon reaching the roadside, Mia carefully surveyed her surroundings, ensuring there were no suspicious figures around.

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Finding none, she breathed a sigh of relief and decided to hail a taxi for her journey back home.

“Mia, stop right there!” Suddenly, a red sports car pulled over by the roadside, and Shelly emerged, visibly agitated. “Where else do you think you can hide?”

Mia maintained her composure. “I haven’t been hiding.” “Then why are you wearing a mask and hat on such a scorching day if you’re not trying to hide?”

Shelly retorted.

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She intercepted Mia, obstructing her path. “You’re the one who ratted me out to my family.

“Now, I’m stuck with a measly monthly allowance of fifty thousand dollars, which is nowhere near enough for my expenses.

“Come with me to clarify things with Timothy. The whole Wilhelmina incident

has nothing to do with me. It was all her fault, and I have zero connection to

it.” The financial strain had become unbearable for Mia lately. She avoided social gatherings with friends and hesitated to visit shopping malls. The

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experience was utterly agonizing.

As Mia observed Shelly's irritable demeanor, she couldn't help but reflect on

the lavish lifestyle Shelly had once led.

Accustomed to a life of extravagance and consistently indulging in opulence,

the unexpected freeze of her credit card was undoubtedly distressing for Shelly.

Nonetheless, Timothy's strategy had proven remarkably effective.

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Maintaining her indifference, Mia casually remarked, “Well, it’s not like I’m the one who cut off your credit card. So, this is none of my business. “Besides, Wilhelmina openly confessed that this incident is linked to you. Are you trying to claim innocence?” “It had nothing to do with me in the first place. You simply have too many enemies, and Wilhelmina targeted you out of personal animosity. How does that implicate me?” Certainly, Shelly wasn’t going to admit any involvement in the matter. With everything sorted out on Wilhelmina’s end, Shelly was confident that she

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wouldn't risk speaking up. So, for now, Shelly felt safe. Aware that Shelly wouldn't admit any wrongdoing, Mia chose not to engage in pointless arguments. Suddenly, she noticed a middle-aged couple approaching from across the street—weren't they Bob and Mary? It was all Shelly's fault for holding her up. Otherwise, she would have left already and wouldn't have been caught in this situation. Mia instinctively lowered her head, hoping to avoid them. However, Mary's voice rang out from across the road, "Mia, you brat! I see you. How dare you

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hide?” Clicking her tongue in annoyance, Mia contemplated a swift escape.

However, Shelly seized her, questioning. “Where do you think you’re going?”

Aren’t those your adoptive parents?

Why hide? Talking to them might be a good idea, don’t you think?”

“Shelly, let

go of me!” Mia yelled.

“You want me to let go? Fine, but you have to get in the car and come with me

to meet Timothy.” Observing Bob and Mary approaching, Mia acted without

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hesitation, jumping into Shelly's car.

Compared to confronting Timothy, she was even more averse to getting entangled with her adoptive parents.

at that moment.

Shelly promptly sped away, leaving Bob and Mary trailing behind in the distance.

Mia glanced back, catching a glimpse of them running and uttering curses.

A

faint smile crept onto the corner of her mouth. Fortunately, she was fast!

In a triumphant tone, Shelly declared, "Consider yourself saved this time.

However, you'll have to explain everything to Timothy later." Turning toward

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her, Mia inquired, “What exactly is it that you want me to explain?” “I want you to clarify that this situation has nothing to do with me. It’s crucial to have Timothy reinstate my credit card limit immediately.” you honestly think Timothy is gullible? If he didn’t uncover any wrongdoing, how could he have decided to block your credit card?” Upon hearing this, Shelly’s frustration grew. “Mia, are you unwilling to clarify matters with Timothy? If so, I’ll take you back immediately!” Deep down, Mia harbored an intense desire to unleash a torrent

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of profanities.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 183-Just as Shelly was on the verge of turning around, Mia swiftly Interjected, “Let’s discuss matters calmly,

there’s no need to be impulsive.” Mia was determined not to become entangled with her adoptive parents again, having finally distanced herself from her old neighborhood.

Despite any resentment that Bob and Mary might harbor, Mia was aware that

they couldn’t exert any control over her.

She was adamant about preserving the tranquility of her current life.

Wearing a smug expression, Shelly continued to drive forward.

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Before long, Mia noticed the Barrett Group nearby. She hadn't anticipated coming here.

Parking her car in the designated spot, Shelly proudly remarked, "Mia, this place is unfamiliar to you, isn't it?"

Allow me to give you a guided tour this time.

"Back when you were the Barrett family heiress, you didn't consider this building worthy of visiting. However, I'll gladly show you around now.

Don't

bother thanking me!*

Mia gazed at Shelly impassively and remarked, "Actually, there's a question

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I've been meaning to ask." Shelly arrogantly tilted her head back, inviting. "Go ahead, ask." "How do you keep up that haughty attitude?" Mia quipped. Shelly became furious. "What do you mean?" she shot back. "The way you just spoke, one would think you're the CEO of the company or something." Mia sarcastically remarked. Expressing frustration, Shelly stomped her foot. Yet, upon realizing she still needed Mia to accompany her for the meeting with Timothy, she begrudgingly swallowed her pride.

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“Enough of the nonsense. Hurry up and follow me.” Mia remained silent and followed Shelly into the elevator. She observed Timothy’s customary workplace, which exuded opulence, fitting for a major corporation. Shelly headed straight for the top floor and addressed the people in the secretary department, demanding. Where’s Timothy?” “Mr. Barrett is currently in a meeting, and it hasn’t finished yet. If you to wait in the guest room for the time being.” matters to discuss, you’re welcome Struggling to maintain her

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composure, Shelly insisted, “I’ll just go to Timothy’s office and wait.” “I apologize, Ms. Barrett, but entering Mr. Barrett’s office in his absence is not

permitted. I hope you Feeling embarrassed, Shelly turned away.

Mia hadn’t anticipated Timothy’s stringent rules. Despite being a member of

the Barrett family, Shelly didn’t appear to enjoy any special privileges here.

Wearing a sly expression; Mia remarked, “See, I was right.” With a hint of unease, Shelly retorted, “What’s with the scrutiny? You weren’t even considered worthy of being here in the first place. Timothy has always been a

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principled person.” Mia remained silent, and the two proceeded to the conference room.

th However, to their surprise, the room wasn’t empty. Maya was present. As the three women convened in the conference room, a subtle awkwardness

permeated the air.

Observing Shelly and Mia together, Maya’s eyes betrayed a hint of wariness.

“Shelly, why are you with her?” Did Shelly decide to align herself with Mia?

Mia hadn’t anticipated Maya’s presence either, and evidently, both Shelly and

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Maya were receiving the same treatment. w was an Well, unwavering workaholic after all. Shelly appeared somewhat tense and hastened to clarify. “Maya, don’t get the wrong idea. I brought Mia here to meet with Timothy regarding my credit card issue.” Hearing this, Maya recalled the suspension of Shelly’s credit card following the Wilhelmina incident. Nonetheless, she hadn’t anticipated Shelly to be so incapable, giving in and seeking help from Mia within a few days—what a pushover! Maya swiftly put on a facade of sisterly affection and remarked, “Shelly,

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haven't I told you before? If you ever find yourself short on money, you can always come to me." "But Maya, I can't keep depending on you all the time. It doesn't feel right," Shelly protested. "What's the harm in that? We're practically family now. Take my card and feel free to use it. Buy whatever your like." As Maya handed her credit card to Shelly, a twinge of regret surfaced within her. Nevertheless, to secure Shelly's allegiance, she felt she had no other option. Reluctantly, Maya had to make a sacrifice for the sake of a greater goal.

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Feeling somewhat touched, Shelly accepted the credit card. “Thank you, Maya. Oh, wait, I should refer to you as my sister-in-law now.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 184-Maya wore a triumphant smile, yet underneath, a sense of unease lingered as she glanced at Mia.

Addressing Shelly, Maya suggested, “Shelly, why not let her go? When we meet Timothy later, I’ll handle the credit card matter with him.” For some inexplicable reason, Maya didn’t want Mia to meet Timothy, especially at this

critical juncture.

Shelly rolled her eyes and nodded. “Sure, Mia, you can go. You’re not needed

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here anymore.” Mia had no intention of lingering any longer. After all, Shelly

had coerced her into coming in the first place.

This turn of events suited Mia just fine. It might have even simplified matters

for her.

As Mia exited the guest room, preparing to leave, she coincidentally encountered a group of people emerging from the adjacent conference room.

Leading the group, Timothy was attired in a dark suit, radiating his customary

air of aloofness. He had his head bowed, engrossed in conversation with

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Heath beside him.

Spotting Mia, Heath's expression immediately darkened. "Sir, Ms. Mia is here," he reported.

Timothy instinctively glanced in Mia's direction, his brows furrowing as he

spotted her standing there.

Why did Mia decide to come over?

A trace of surprise flashed in Timothy's eyes, but he kept his emotions hidden.

Speaking in a low voice, he instructed, "Tell her to wait for me in my office."

Timothy was convinced that Mia must have had a reason for coming over.

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Heath quickly approached Mia, saying, “Ms. Mia, Mr. Barrett requests that you

wait for him in his office.” Wait for Timothy?

A hint of confusion flickered in Mia’s eyes. “Actually, I’m just passing through.

The person looking for Timothy is in the guest room.” Aware that Maya was

present, Mia didn’t want to stay and risk embarrassment.

Having said this, Mia turned and headed toward the elevator.

Watching Mia depart. Timothy pressed his lips together. Was she playing the

cat-and-mouse game again?

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Why did she arrive and depart so quickly?

At that moment, the door to the guest room swung open.

Maya emerged with a gentle and happy expression, approaching Timothy.

“Tim, are you done with your work?” However, Timothy paid no attention to

Maya, his gaze remained fixed on Mia standing by the elevator.

Mia resisted the urge to glance back as she stepped into the elevator.

Despite

briefly catching sight of At that moment, she was nothing more than an Indifferent ex.

As the elevator doors closed. Timothy’s expression became somewhat

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strained. He turned to look at Mayal and Shelly, asking, “What are you two doing here?” Upon hearing this, Maya struggled to maintain her composure.

Without a second thought, Shelly stepped forward and asked Timothy, could you kindly reinstate my credit card?

“The Wilhelmina incident has nothing to do with me. If you have doubts, you can ask Mia. She’s right here As she uttered these words, Shelly realized that

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Mia had already left. She could only exchange a hopeful glance with Maya, awaiting an explanation from her. Maya's expression took on a hint of awkwardness as she expressed, "Yeah, Tim, just a moment ago, Mia clarified that this incident is unrelated to Shelly, and she didn't place any blame on her. "It would be fair to restore Shelly's credit card." Timothy pursed his lips and directed his gaze at Shelly, questioning. "Did you bring Mia here?" He was still puzzled by Mia's unexpected presence at the company.

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Shelly quickly nodded. “On our way here, I explained everything to Mia, and we came to a mutual agreement. That’s why she’s willing to come as a witness.” Timothy’s tone turned cold. “Have you apologized?” Shelly’s demeanor subtly shifted, and she confessed with a tinge of guilt, “Yes, I’ve apologized. Otherwise, Mia wouldn’t have come over with me.” “You’re lying.”

Timothy easily discerned that Shelly was being untruthful. He spoke sternly, “You’ll need to offer a sincere apology to Mia and earn her forgiveness. Only

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then will your credit card limit be reinstated.” Upon hearing this. Shelly could only turn to Maya for help, recognizing that apologizing to Mia would be a greater challenge than confronting her own mistakes. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 185-Confronted by Shelly’s stare, Maya summoned the courage to speak, “Tim, initially, this was just a minor Issue. Wilhelmina orchestrated everything, so please don’t hold Shelly responsible.” With a cold expression, Timothy curtly replied, “I have things to

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attend to. You can leave.” Feeling somewhat Kustered, Maya continued.

“Tim,

there’s something I need to discuss with you. For our engagement ceremony,

Dominic and my brothers will also be present.” Maya specifically came to inform Timothy about this matter.

Indeed, their engagement held profound significance for her.

After all, with Timothy now divorced from Mia, she considered herself the most

suitable partner for him.

confident that no one could rival her.

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Lowering his eyes, Timothy retorted. “So what? Our engagement was never real in the first place, and you know it better than anyone else.” Maya’s breath caught for a moment, and she spoke with a pleading tone. “Tim, could you please help me maintain a sense of dignity in front of my brothers? After all, Connor thinks our engagement is genuine. “If he discovers next week that it’s merely a transaction, and particularly if you’re absent, what if Connor reconsiders his decision regarding Grandma Laura’s surgery?” Timothy, his gaze reflecting a distant coldness, remained silent before walking away.

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Maya stood alone, her eyes expressing hesitation. Next to her, Shelly anxiously inquired. “Maya, have you talked to Timothy about reinstating my credit card?” Maya, her eyes turning red, responded, “Shelly, you’ve seen Timothy’s attitude toward me. I’m afraid there isn’t much I can do to assist you.” Growing increasingly anxious, Shelly exclaimed, “How am I supposed to handle my credit card situation? Do I really have to apologize to Mia? It feels utterly unbearable.” Shelly had always held a contemptuous view of Mia, consistently belittling her both openly and discreetly. Now, compelled to apologize to Mia, Shelly felt as though she was being

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pushed to the brink of despair.

Despite Maya's disheartened mood, she maintained her composure and quickly reassured Shelly, saying, "For the time being, just use the credit card I gave you.

"As time passes, Timothy is likely to forget about this incident. Mia deliberately complained to Timothy to portray herself as the victim.

"If you approach Mia, you'll be falling into her trap," Upon hearing this, Shelly's discontent intensified. "But wouldn't that mean Mia is getting away with it? I

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cannot just swallow my pride like this.

“Wilhelmina, that incompetent fool, can’t even handle such a minor issue properly. I even gave her two designer bags. Shelly complained.

Maya’s lips curled with disdain. In her perspective, Shelly was just as incompetent, struggling to deal with someone as insignificant as Mia.

Nevertheless, Maya understood the importance of maintaining Shelly’s allegiance for the time being. Once she married Timothy, she wouldn’t have to

deal with such foolishness anymore.

Out of the blue, Shelly recalled something, “Maya, when I was searching for

Mia today, I learned that she has been avoiding her adoptive parents. It

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appears they are not the easiest people to deal with. “If Mia’s adoptive parents managed to locate her, she could face significant trouble.” A glint of amusement crossed Maya’s eyes. “That’s a clever approach. With Timothy and Grandma Laura safeguarding Mia, even I wouldn’t dare to harm her casually. It appears to be the only viable option.” “I can’t fathom what’s admirable about Mia. I’ve heard she was adopted from an orphanage. How woman with such a humble background be considered worthy of someone like Timothy?” w can a Upon hearing the term

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“orphanage.” Maya’s gaze immediately took on a somber expression.

After all,

she too came from an orphanage, though she considered herself luckier than

Mia.

If it weren’t for her intelligence back then, she might still be grappling at the

bottom now.

Nonetheless, Maya quickly brushed aside these thoughts. After all, she was

now the heiress of the Lane family, destined to live a life of luxury and privilege for the rest of her days!

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 186-Regardless, Mia would never

be able to surpass Maya.

As Mia exited the Barrett Group, she briefly glanced back at the imposing skyscraper before walking away from the premises.

After returning home that evening, Patricia took Mia's hand and shared, "Mia, I

have some wonderful news to share. It appears our old neighborhood might

be undergoing redevelopment." "Redevelopment? Are you serious?" Mia hadn't considered the possibility of her old neighborhood being redeveloped.

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Could this be a stroke of luck?

Just when she was in dire need of money, did she Ironically become eligible

for compensation?

Patricia was equally excited.” Yes, it’s true. I revisited our old neighborhood

today and chatted with some neighbors. The word on the street is that we’ll

have a meeting in a few days to voice our opinions.

“I’ve heard they’re considering two options—one is to provide a new house,

and the other is to offer compensation in cash.” Mia held Patricia’s hand.

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“That’s fantastic news. When the time comes, we’ll weigh our options and decide which one suits us best.” “I’m sure Bob and Mary will eventually catch

wind of this, and I anticipate there might be a commotion again. It’s wiser to

inform your brothers sooner rather than later.

“Let’s see who can come and visit us. This way, it can prevent Mary from rallying her family to harass us.” Having endured mistreatment for so many

years due to her vulnerable position, Patricia now yearned for a moment of triumph.

When Mia’s six brothers showed up to support her, let’s see who dared to

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cause trouble then.

Understanding Patricia's intent, Mia nodded and said, "Alright, I'll discuss it

with my brothers later, After dinner, Mia tidied up and settled into bed.

She

sent a message to her family's WhatsApp group, briefly explaining the situation regarding the demolition of her old neighborhood.

Eva was the first to respond, "Demolition is a positive development! Mia, you're truly fortunate." Dominic chimed in with some playful flattery.

"Our Mia

is like a little lucky star, I've been selling so many houses recently. It must be

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because of Mia's influence." Soon, all of Mia's brothers joined the conversation, showering her with exaggerated compliments and playful banter.

Mia couldn't help but feel a mix of amusement and exasperation. She replied, "That's not the point. The main concern is that once Bob and Mary find out, they'll undoubtedly "I'm wondering if any of you have the time to come and help me handle the situation." Dominic texted promptly, "Absolutely, I'm available. I was planning to take a break and come over in the next couple

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of days anyway.” Nathan chimed in, “Perfect, I haven’t taken my annual leave either.” Connor assured, “How convenient. I’m currently in Bern City and can come over at any time.” Claude added, “I have a concert in Bern City, but I can arrive early.” Jason contributed, “I can come for a business trip.” Liam concluded, “The film I was working on has just wrapped up. I can head over for a vacation.” Reading the text messages from her six brothers, Mia felt a warm sensation in her heart. She gently touched her belly, imagining that when her baby was born, they

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would also have many uncles caring for them.

The next day, with no college classes scheduled, Mia went straight to the studio for work.

For now, her top priority was to earn money.

Shortly after stepping into the studio, Mia was startled by the loud voices of

Bob and Mary approaching from behind. “Mia, you brat! How dare you make it

difficult for us to find you!” As Mia turned around and spotted Bob and Mary,

an uneasy expression crossed her face. “How on earth did you two locate this

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place?” It shouldn’t be possible. Bob and Mary shouldn’t be aware of her workplace!

Mary approached, hugging Mia’s legs and wailing. “Ted has been forced into

this situation. Don’t you feel guilty for avoiding us like this?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 187-Mary’s antics reduced Mia’s

voice to a whisper. “Let’s discuss this outside.” “Uh–huh, I don’t want to. Let’s

sort things out in front of your colleagues. About why you don’t wanna help us.

Back when you were on the brink of death in the orphanage, we were the

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ones who adopted and raised you.

“And you’re not acknowledging us as your parents? How could you be this

ungrateful?” Mary had fully unleashed her potential in mixing truth with fabrications, hurling backlashes against Mia.

Meanwhile, Bob, who played the role of an honest family man, recounted to

the watching colleagues. “We’re at our wit’s end. Raising Mia took up a lot of

our savings. But now she’s avoiding us when we need money.” Mia shot a cold stare at her brazen adoptive parents. “You didn’t pay for my studies.”

Mary whined, “How ungrateful of you! Who else could have paid for your

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studies other than us, Mia? You won so many cash prizes and have a decently paid job, but now you refuse to give us even a cent of it.” At that moment, Felix strode out of his office with a frown. “What’s going on here?”

Mary continued with her acting. “You must be Mia’s boss. Is her salary high?

We’re her parents. You should’ve transferred her pay to us.” The absurdity almost had Mia chuckling, for she had never met such shameless people. Impressively enough, her adoptive parents could always take shamelessness to a whole new level.

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Felix asked, “Are you Mia’s adoptive parents?” “Yes, we are. It wasn’t easy to raise her, but she turned into an ungrateful child. We need the money to save someone. You should give us her salary.” He snorted coldly. “Give you her salary? On what grounds? You’re demanding this shamelessly!” This stunned Mia and Bob as they didn’t expect Felix to react that way. Felix continued, “As far as I know, Aunt Patricia had raised her and paid for her education. And her so-called adoptive parents turned her into a maid after

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they had their own child.” Felix defended Mia further. “If it wasn’t for Aunt Patricia’s kindness, I wonder where Mia would’ve ended up. How dare you come and demand money from her?” Mary and Bob’s reactions seemed unnatural after Felix’s confrontation. Mary simply showed her true colors. She didn’t bother to put up the act of a good adoptive mother anymore. hurling profanities, “I don’t give a fig about that. We raised Mia, so she should give us money. Otherwise, let’s take this to

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court. We have nothing to be afraid of.” Bob shamelessly added. “If you don’t give us her salary, we’ll come by your studio and cause a ruckus every day. We’ll make a tent here too. Let’s see who’ll outlast the other.” Mary made herself comfortable on the floor. “Yes, this place looks decent. It’s spacious, bright and furnished KITE BONNORS BAGH BENT ENGANT BARch chenwirst acts coming from the other quarts diári e Mia, who was well-acquainted with her adoptive paerts thick-skinned nature, was unfazed by the debacle that just ensur She turned to fella. “Som for causing anu trouble

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again, farba, 21 moin hom–me question testay.” my au long as the redemed,
there wouldn’t be any reason for Mary and Boch to cause a affe at the shade.
Foto frowned. Me, you should reallo think this though.” Mary Chuned in.
My nu? Su bandy resign. Give it arour best shot “
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 188-Mia turned her attention to
Bob and Mary. “In your dreams! I’d rather lose my job and sleep on the streets
than give you money!” “Watch your language, Mia Bowen! Do you think I won’t hit you here?” Bob, always vile–tempered, seemed ready to resort to

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physical measures.

Felix stepped forward, grabbing him by the collar. “You can try me.” One by

one, male colleagues in the office marched forward intimidatingly, while some

female colleagues stood by Mia’s side. It was a showdown.

“Why don’t we take a moment to teach you about the law, old lady?”

Torturing

Mia when she was little is against the law. She could report you to the authorities, you’d be taken away,” one colleague stood up for Mia, talking pointedly to Mary.

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“I know, right? How shameless of them to come here and demand money!”

some women remarked.

Seeing themselves losing the fight, Mary and Bob took a few steps backward.

Mary placed her hands on her waist. “Just you wait, Mia Bowen. If you don’t

give us the money, we’ll come back again!” After the couple left, the helpless

Mia looked at her supportive colleagues. “Thanks for helping out. I’ll treat you

all to something later.” Felix replied with a smile. “It’s nothing. We can tell

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they're up to no good. How are you going to deal with this?
They don't seem like the type to give up until they get what they want."
Mia
forced a smile. "That's why I chose to resign." "No can do. That's out of
the
question. If you don't have money, I can lend you some," Felix offered.
"No. It's not about the money. I just don't wanna give in to their taunts. If I
start
giving them money, they'll leech off me until the end." Mia understood her
adoptive parents' characters very well. So, she knew the exact solution for
it.
Felix came up with another solution to help Mia. "If so, you can fake your

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resignation. You can come to work.
again when they stop causing a ruckus.” “Thanks, Felix.” Mia still felt
guilt
gnawing at her conscience.
After all, Felix had made her an exception many times.
The commotion caused by her adoptive parents at the studio triggered a
sense of remorse within her.
“You’re welcome. We’re friends, Mia. Feel free to reach out to me
whenever
you’re having a hard time. Don’t be a stranger.” Felix assured her,
prompting
squeals from the other employees.

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A helpless smile played across Mia's face as she went to order coffee for her colleagues.

Shortly after, she received a call from an unknown number. "Hello? Who is this?" "Mia, did your adoptive parents come to you?" the mystery caller asked.

"Are you the person who told them where I work?" Mia questioned, her voice tinged with suspicion.

It puzzled her how her adoptive parents managed to find their way to the studio.

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Shelly must have them!

“Mia Bowen, if you want a peaceful life, tell Timothy to unfreeze my cards,”

Shelly threatened.

“Shelly Barrett, a proper apology might have helped. I could’ve talked to Timothy about unfreezing your cards.” Mia answered calmly.

Shelly screamed. “Mia Bowen! Are you demanding an apology from me? Wake up, girl!” “That’s my line. Need me to put in a good word for you? Wake

up, this is not a dream.” Mia then hung up and blocked the number.

Mia stayed under the radar the entire day. Since she didn’t have to go to work,

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she buried herself in books in the study hall at her college.

Felix called. “Mia, your adoptive parents stopped by a while ago. I told them

about your resignation and an outstanding compensation for unfinished duties. They ran off so quickly I couldn’t catch them. I doubt they’ll come back.” Mia beamed, appreciating his clever idea.

She focused on her homework and revision with peace of mind. As the sun was about to set, she received an unexpected call.

She looked at the caller ID and wondered why this person had reached her.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 189-Mia double-checked the caller’s name on her phone—it was indeed Timothy.

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Perplexed, she mused, “Why on earth is he calling me? Could he have dialed the wrong number?” The persistent ringing prompted her to answer reluctantly, “What do you want, Mr. Barrett?” “Your adoptive parents tracked down the villa and demanded money from me.” Mia was mortified, and a wave of embarrassment surged through her. “Drive them out. Don’t give them a single penny.” “Deal with it yourself. I’m busy,” he curtly replied before ending the call. After tidying up her belongings, Mia hailed a cab to the villa.

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Standing before the house, memories flooded her mind. After all, she hadn't visited the place since moving out. A brief hesitation hung in the air before she pressed the doorbell. The heated argument inside was audible even before the door opened. It seemed like her adoptive parents weren't alone—Sharon's voice joined the fray. Mia's heart sank to the pit of her stomach as she wondered why Sharon would be there.

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Contemplating a quick escape, Holly swung the door open with a smile.

“Mrs.

Barrett, you’re finally back!

Come on in.” Suppressing her unease, Mia entered and whispered, “What is

she doing here?” “I have no idea. Anyways, things are complicated now,” Holly replied.

Fully aware of the complexity of the situation, Mia acknowledged that if Holly

hadn’t opened the door promptly, she might have turned away.

The moment Mia showed herself in the living room, all eyes fixated on her.

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Mary initiated the confrontation. “Mia, you’ve finally graced us with your presence,” she said sarcastically.

She continued, “Tell your mother-in-law you hold the reins in this household!

Your husband claims you make the final decisions, but she seems to disagree.” Sharon was livid, her hands shaking uncontrollably with anger.

“Answer me, Mia Bowen! Who’s the person with the final say here? Who are

you to handle my son’s finances?” Sharon had initially arrived with plans to

redecorate the house for Timothy’s second marriage.

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Never in her wildest dream did she expect Mary and Bob's unexpected visit.

Mia sighed inwardly before addressing Mia with a frosty gaze. "There's something I haven't disclosed. Timothy and I are divorced." "What?"

Mary's expression soured.

"Mia Bowen, why keep such huge news from us? Why divorce someone as

wealthy as him? Have you lost your mind? Mary lamented.

Sharon sneered, "Must I remind you that someone like Mia isn't fit for my son?"

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Especially with her embarrassing parents. I'm relieved they divorced. It would have been a stain on our family if words got out." Mia, who already had a taste of Sharon's sharp tongue before, turned away, pretending not to hear those awful remarks. She looked across her shoulder at her adoptive parents. "Did you hear that? I was driven out of the place because I didn't deserve all this. I have been living elsewhere for a long time now. I hope you'll stop coming over here. It'll be a

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disturbance to others.” Mary voiced her skepticism, “Even if you’re divorced, he must’ve given you a lot of money. Give it to us!” Bob concurred, “This is how it plays out in dramas. You must’ve received assets during your marriage. Hand over the money, and we’ll be on our way.” “I hate to break it to you, but I parted ways with him without receiving a single penny. I was only able to marry him because of how shameless I was back then. We signed a prenuptial agreement—I won’t get anything after the divorce. So, give up,” Mia

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said.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 190-Mia's cutting remark rendered

Mary and Bob speechless.

Meanwhile, Sharon's pride took a hit. "It's 100 thousand dollars, right? I can

cough it up, but you have to quit bothering my son. He's about to tie the knot

with a girl from a wealthy family—a perfect match." Swiftly, she penned a check

and tossed it on the floor.

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Mary snatched it up eagerly, greed written all over her face. “That’s mighty generous of you. You’re spot on about Mia too—an orphan with no background. Ungrateful to her parents, too. It is great news that they’re divorced.” Sharon smirked. Mockery flickered in her eyes. “Take the money and get out of my sight.” Fearing theft, Mary quickly stowed the check in her purse.

With haste, she turned and left, not sparing a word for Mia.

Mia took a deep breath. “I’ll repay you someday.” Supporting her adoptive parents financially was never her plan. Sharon paying for it wasn’t either.

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Sharon scoffed, “No need. That sum is a mere salon visit for me. It’s nothing.

In fact, it’s worth it to rid myself of a huge headache.

“You don’t have to pay me back. Do I have to remind you how much your pay

is? Just keep an eye on your family. Stop disturbing us. We’re worlds apart.”

Mia took her phone out to wire the money to Timothy, then glanced at Sharon.

“I wired the money to Timothy.

Don’t worry, I won’t bother you again.” “Why do you still have my son’s

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contact? What are you planning to do with it? Since you're legally divorced.

there's no need to keep in touch," Sharon questioned.

In the face of her ex-mother-in-law's request, Mia deleted Timothy's contact.

"Better now?" "That's more like it. Maya's family, the Lanes, will be at the

engagement ceremony this weekend. That's the background my daughter-in-

law should have.

"You know, you should know your place. When searching for a man, don't think of hooking up with someone out of your league. For example, don't

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dream of snagging someone like that famous actor,” Sharon said with condescension.

Mia’s expression hinted at mockery. “Snagging someone out of my league depends on my capability. If I could marry Timothy, why not someone even

better?” The atmosphere tensed unexpectedly.

“Mr. Barrett, you’re back,” Holly greeted aloud.

Mia’s back stiffened momentarily. She glanced over her shoulder at him, his

eyes holding a profound depth.

Her hands slightly curled into fists as she straightened her back. Showing timidity at this moment was the last thing on her mind.

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Sharon stood up with a smile. “Tim, you’re back. You heard Mia, didn’t you?”

Marrying someone better? It’s hard to believe she doesn’t know her place. How can she have such ridiculous dreams? This is so amusing to me.”

Timothy walked into the living room with an expressionless face, but the way

he loosened his tie gave his annoyance away.

Sharon continued, “Tim, Mia’s adoptive parents showed up and caused a scene. They claimed she made decisions in this household and handled the finances. I had no idea she was feeding them empty boasts. How hilarious!”

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He responded passively, “I did mention that.” Stiffness struck her body. The surprise caught her off-guard, and she couldn’t utter a word. She refused to believe Timothy said those words himself.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 191-Mia couldn’t help but chuckle

at Sharon’s surprised expression.

Truth be told, Timothy had only used that claim to brush off Mia’s adoptive

parents, who had showed up looking for cash.

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Mia didn't expect him to turn it into a retort against Sharon, without any hint of respect.

His gaze was shifted to Mia the next second, causing a hitch in her breath. She thought it was weird of him to look at her since she wasn't the one who said that.

Timothy questioned her coldly, "Why did you transfer 100 thousand dollars to me?" Mia was taken aback by his question. "I was repaying your mother. Since I didn't have her contact, I transferred it to you. Please help me transfer

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it to your mother.” He glanced at Sharon. “What happened?” “Tim, Mia’s adoptive parents came seeking money. I gave them 100 thousand dollars to get rid of them. It’s not that much anyways,” Sharon answered nonchalantly.

His brows furrowed. “You shouldn’t have done that.” He knew that Mia’s adoptive parents were opportunistic. To put it bluntly, they were “human leeches“. If they succeeded once, they would keep coming back for more. “Tim, I know you think it’s not worth it. Just consider it a good riddance,” Sharon tried to convince him.

He pursed his lips, not uttering a word. He didn’t say it wasn’t worth the purpose, it was just a mistake to give them money in the first place!

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Mia sneered, “If there’s nothing else, I should get going. If they come again, don’t let them in.” She left without looking back. It was dark outside. Public transport wasn’t available in the neighborhood, and hailing a cab was impossible. Soon, a luxury car pulled up beside her. The driver rolled down the window. “I’ll drive you home, Mrs. Barrett.” “There’s no need for that,” She hesitated before answering.

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The driver insisted, “You won’t find a cab here, Mrs. Barrett. Let me take you home. I have to bring Mr. Barrett something anyway.” Mia walked for a while before realizing that getting a cab was futile. In the end, she reluctantly got into the car. Between safety and pride, safety prevailed. An awkward atmosphere hung in the air as she glanced at the driver. “Thanks.” “You’re welcome.” He glimpsed at Mia from the rearview mirror. A sigh of relief escaped his lips.

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If he had failed his mission to pick Mia up, he wouldn't know how to convey

the news to his boss.

At a red light, he took out his phone to message Heath. 'Mrs. Barrett's in the

car.' Upon receiving the message, Heath rushed upstairs only to stumble upon a heated argument between Timothy and Sharon in his room.

Sharon couldn't understand Timothy. She protested, "Tim, you've divorced

Mia. Why can't you clean up the walk-in closet? It would be embarrassing if

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Maya moves in and sees this.” Timothy’s patience was running thin. “Mom, this is just a deal. A fake engagement. I won’t actually marry her.” “That’s absurd, Tim. What’s wrong with Maya? She’s got the looks and the background. Besides, her obedience and maturity make her the ideal wife for you. She could elevate our family to new heights too. Forget about the fake engagement, Tim. You two should make it real.” Sharon couldn’t understand him at all. If he could accept someone like Mia, why can’t he accept Maya?.

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He rubbed his temple, clearly annoyed by his mum's sentiments. "Mom, I'm not three, but 30. I have my own life. Don't just barge into my room whenever.

And don't judge how I live!" Timothy was infuriated, and this ticked Sharon off.

"You're my son! Why can't I check on you?" "Now that you've 'checked on

me', you can leave now." He escorted her out of the bedroom and slammed

the door, standing firm against her demands.

Despite the anger, she felt powerless against Timothy. "The engagement is

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this weekend. Behave yourself. Maya's family is no ordinary bunch. Don't get on their bad side."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 192-Timothy scowled. "Mom, I

have a meeting to attend soon. You should head home first." "Right. Don't overexert yourself during work." Sharon merely advised, as she never intervened in his work.

No matter how many words hovered at the tip of her tongue, she could only swallow them.

Once she left, he headed downstairs to the living room.

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Heath quickly reported, “Mr. Barrett, the driver dropped off Mrs. Barrett at home.” Timothy hummed in response and reclined on the couch. A hint of concern creased his brows.

He faced Heath. “You can clock off for the day.” Finally, Heath could call it a

day and leave the house.

Timothy stared at the message from Mia, as well as the transaction. He furrowed his brows.

Pursing his lips, he typed, ‘I’ll wire the money back to you.’ As soon as he sent

that, he noticed Mia’s profile picture wasn’t visible to him anymore, indicating

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that she may have deleted his number.

The temperature around him dipped, and Timothy stared at his phone screen

for the rest of the day before dialing her number.

Did Mia really delete his number? He couldn't believe it.

Meanwhile, Mia was still in the car when she received his call.

She had not intended to answer the call, but she thought it would be impolite

of her since she had hitched a ride from his driver.

As the call connected, Timothy gritted his teeth. "Mia Bowen, how dare you

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delete my number!” Her lips tightened. “I just did as your mother told me.” “Are you her servant? Why are you following her orders?” He flared with anger. His questions rendered her speechless, leading to a strained silence. Mia’s gaze dropped to the ground. “Actually, there’s no need for us to keep in contact anymore, considering our relationship now. It’s best if we cut ties for good,” she said firmly. “Why do we have to do it your way? How am I supposed to tell Grandma about this?” Timothy questioned.

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“She won’t check your phone just to find out if we deleted each other’s contact number. Besides, we have nothing to do with each other after the divorce. Don’t exes have to act like strangers?” Mia countered. The driver, overhearing the argument, broke into a cold sweat. “Fine.” A snort preceded the call’s end. Mia glanced out the window, gently caressing her slightly protruding belly. “That’s right. We have nothing to do with each other after the divorce.” She looked at her Twitter account and contemplated if she should register a new account.

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Otherwise, sharing baby photos in the future would pose a challenge.

Mia arrived home find a worried Patricia.

“Mia, your adoptive parents found out about the demolition. They visited the old neighborhood this afternoon.

What should we do?” “Don’t worry, Aunt Patricia. My brothers told me that

they’d come over. We’ll scare them off by outnumbering them. Plus, you legally own that house. As long as you don’t sign the papers, they won’t be able to proceed with the procedures.” “I see. That’s great. When you acquire

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another property, you'll be able to marry someone with a decent background.

After all, you own two houses," Patricia said reassuringly.

"I don't have plans for a new relationship for now," Mia replied.

"You have to. Someone has to look after you, or people might pick on you,"

Patricia said, her voice tinged with concern.

Mia understood Patricia's worry for her wellbeing, but contemporary society

worked differently from the past.

If Mia could fend for herself, she didn't have to get married.

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After reassuring Patricia, Mia received a call from Dominic. “Mia, our flight to Nord City is tomorrow.” The news of her brothers returning home lifted her spirits. “Great! What time will you guys land? I’ll pick you up. The next day, Mia arrived at the airport early to pick up Dominic and Eva. Stepping out of the cab, she noticed a familiar red Maserati nearby. It wasn’t until Shelly and Maya opened the car door that Mia realized. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 193-Mia didn’t expect to bump into

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the duo at the airport. Judging by their lack of luggage, she doubted they were

here for a trip.

She wondered if they were here to pick someone up.

The arrogant Shelly remarked, “What are the odds? Why do we see you everywhere we go?” Mia replied indifferently, “I have the same question.”

The

trio entered the airport, heading to the waiting area on the first floor.

Maya glanced at Mia. “Picking someone up too?” Shelly grinned. “I bet she is.

Her salary only allows her to travel by train and cab. How could she afford a

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flight ticket? It's expensive." Mia's eyelid twitched. "Are you sure you've had an education? Why is your maturity equivalent to that of an elementary kid? Does taking a flight fan your ego that much?" "Who are you calling an elementary kid, Mia Bowen? I graduated from a prestigious university, unlike you who quit school," Shelly snapped back, her ego clearly bruised. "Oh, does buying a certificate from a random college count too? I think your idea of a 'prestigious university' is a bit off," Mia added. Shelly's incessant buzzing was as annoying as a mosquito, pushing Mia to

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her limit.

Someone like Shelly needed a lesson to straighten herself up.

Shelly's expression stiffened. Instead of rebutting, she zipped her lips and concealed her anger.

A mocking voice echoed in Maya's head, "Shelly Barrett is the epitome of stupidity, but she was lucky to be born into a wealthy family. She's raised with

love." Maya glanced at Mia. "I'm here to pick my brother up. What about you?"

"Same here," Mia responded calmly.

Since Dominic and Eva were coming, Mia wanted to pick them up. After all,

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they treated her very well.

A hint of surprise flashed in Maya's eyes. "You have a brother?" Maya wondered, aside from those irresponsible adoptive parents and Aunt Patricia,

who else is there?

Shelly sneered. "Isn't it a trend nowadays to call 'good friends' brothers?"

Only

then did Maya grasp the situation, but in the wrong way.

Talking sense into a person like Shelly was impossible for Mia, so she simply

walked to the other side to distance herself from them.

She didn't want to share the same space with bad omens.

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Mia checked the time. The plane should have landed safely by now. Soon, Dominic called her, “We’ve just landed, Mia. Didn’t I tell you there’s no need for you to come all this way for us?” “It’s fine. I don’t have any lectures, and I can take a day off from the studio.” With her adoptive parents causing trouble, Mia had decided to stay away from work for a few days. It would also spare Felix unnecessary hassle. Now that the old neighborhood was on the brink of demolition, her adoptive

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parents would be preoccupied for a while.

Knowing that Dominic and the others were coming brought a sense of security to Mia.

A smile spread across her face as she told Dominic on the phone, “Aunt Patricia went grocery shopping first thing in the morning. We should be able to have a piping hot meal by the time we get home.” “Okay. But it’ll take some time before we reach the waiting area,” Dominic said before ending the call.

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He looked at his wife. “Why don’t we walk out? Mia’s waiting outside. If we leave the airport by taking VIP transportation, she might get suspicious.” Eva nodded. “Sure. A little walk won’t hurt.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 194-The couple strolled through the bustling crowd when Maya’s call interrupted their peaceful moment. Dominic’s face twisted into a frown as he answered, “Hello?” “Dominic, I read that your flight has landed safely. I’m outside waiting for you. Let’s grab a meal together. I’ve reserved a table at restaurant,” Maya chattered.

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His expression changed. How did she find out about the flight? His schedule was supposed to be confidential. He responded, “There’s transportation waiting for us. I won’t be heading to the usual waiting area.” “I’ll wait at the parking lot then.” “No. I have something to take care of. You should get home first.” With Mia waiting outside, Dominic couldn’t risk meeting up with Maya. “I’m already here, Dominic. Don’t be such a stranger. I’ll go to the parking lot

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right away,” Maya said, ending the call before he could refuse. It wasn’t easy to find out about the couple’s schedule. Maya rarely had the chance to get insider information about the couple. This was her one chance to get on their good side! The fact that he was willing to attend her engagement ceremony was a huge deal. Once she became Mrs. Barrett, and with Dominic as her backer, her status in Bern City would be elevated! When that event came to pass, no one would dare pose a threat to her

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position. She would command the respect she desires.

Maya strategically approached Mia. “My brother and his wife are heading to

the parking lot with a VIP cart. Is your brother here yet?” Maya boasted, her

expression prideful as ever.

Mia raised her eyebrow. “Maya Lane, is there a daily quota for your show-offs?” “I didn’t mean it that way. I was just asking. Don’t be angry,” Maya replied, wearing a different expression.

Shelly added fuel to the fire, chiming in, “We should go. Mia’s just jealous of

the privileges rich people like us have.” Mia rolled her eyes. “Privilege my

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ass.” Time was of the essence. If Dominic arrived at the parking lot before Maya did, he would definitely leave without waiting for her.

Sensing the urgency, Maya left with a hurry.

Ten minutes later, Mia saw Dominic and Eva approaching the waiting area.

Waving her hands, she called out, ” Dominic, Eva, I’m over here!” He trod over

with a smile before patting her head. “Sorry for keeping you waiting. Are your

legs numb yet?” “I’m fine. It wasn’t that long.” Discreetly, Eva scanned the

area for Maya’s presence and sighed in relief when she wasn’t there.

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“Let’s go. I’m kinda tired,” Eva said before feigning a yawn. Dominic, understanding Eva’s unspoken concern, quickly led Mia out of the airport so they wouldn’t run into Maya. The trio hopped into a cab, and Dominic’s phone wouldn’t stop ringing. He stole a quick glance, and just as he had expected, it was Maya calling non-stop. However, knowing he couldn’t pick up the call, he put his phone on silent. Mia glanced over her shoulder, concern evident in her expression, “Not going to pick up the call, Dominic? What if it’s something urgent?” “It’s nothing

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urgent. I'm on leave. It's not like the company can't survive without me," he calmly brushed her off, crafting a plausible excuse. Seated next to him, Eva shot him a look. She feels that they have greatly underestimated the sly fox Maya. How did she find out about their schedule? Mia, oblivious to the hidden drama, pulled out her phone to shoot a message in the group chat. 'Heading home now. We'll be having a feast tonight. Don't be fashionably late, Connor.' Connor replied with an emoji. He put his phone down, already contemplating skipping work for the feast.

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However, his peace was short-lived as his phone continued to ring persistently.

It was Maya.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 195-Connor glanced at his phone

before answering the call, “Yes?” “Connor, did you know that Dominic and

Eva flew back today?” Maya questioned.

“Really? I had no clue.” He sensed Maya’s attempt to pry information, but he

remained tight-lipped.

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Eva had discreetly updated the others that Mia picked the couple up from the airport without anyone's knowledge, narrowly avoiding Maya. Connor had no intention of letting Maya in on the secret. Meanwhile, Maya was still waiting in the parking lot. Time ticked by but there was no sight of Dominic and Eva. Maya sensed that something was off. Still on the phone with Connor, she asked him, her voice tinged with suspicion, "You seriously didn't know?" "I've been swamped with work. How would I know?" "Dominic and Eva are really

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here! I was a bit late to the airport, so I didn't manage to pick them up.

Call

them and ask where they are so we can have a meal together. They're

going

to attend my engagement ceremony. I need to thank them properly."

Connor

fabricated an excuse. "I'm busy now. I'll check with them when I have time."

Maya felt defeated. Asking about Dominic and Eva's whereabouts was definitely off the table now.

However, Maya pressed on because she could sense that he was trying to

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evade her questions. “Connor, do you know why Dominic wanted to acquire a small factory? It’s strange of him to suddenly invest in a small company that has nothing to do with our family business.” Most importantly, the owner of that small company had spread damaging rumors about Mia. Without Dominic’s sudden acquisition that made the company go bankrupt, Mia would not have escaped unscathed. In the end, that company was announced bankrupt and Mia successfully cleared her name.

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The sheer thought of it displeased Maya. She wanted to get to the bottom of it, but Dominic remained tight-lipped, leaving her in the dark. No one told her the reason behind his decision. Needless to say, Connor knew about it but he wouldn't tell Maya, keeping Mia's secret safe. "Beats me. Dominic's business is none of my concern anyways," Connor replied nonchalantly. Maya's expression darkened as the call ended, but she quickly composed herself. She turned towards Shelly and quickly made something up. "My brother has

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to deal with something urgent, so “I see. Work comes first. Your brother seems

like a busy man indeed,” Shelly replied.

Maya mustered a strained smile. “Yeah, he’s here in Bern City for my engagement ceremony, but work summoned him anyway. I bet he squeezed

in some time just to come to the ceremony.” Yet, an uneasy feeling gnawed at

her chest.

Nevertheless, she couldn’t reveal any vulnerability to Shelly. Being the unloved Ms. Lane was her secret, and she intended to keep it that way.

No one in Bern City knew about that.

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That was precisely why she was determined to settle down there and marry Timothy.

Shelly looked envious. “Your brother may be busy, but he treats you well.

He

gives you loads of pocket money, unlike my cousin. He froze my card, and nobody in the family dared to say a word about it.” The freezing of her cards

weighed heavily on Shelly.

Maya’s expression briefly stiffened at the mention of pocket money.

In actuality, it was her hard-earned money and savings.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 196-Maya wasn’t an extravagant

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spendthrift like Shelly.

If Maya was the true daughter of the Lane family, she wouldn't have had to

endure such hardships.

Her life could have been as carefree as Shelly's.

Mia, Dominic and Eva arrived home, finding Patricia hard at work in the kitchen.

Eva sniffed the air. "It smells amazing. I wonder what Aunt Patricia is making."

"She's whipping up some local delicacies. Remember how you said you love

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them? She snagged the freshest ingredients from the morning market just to

perfect the dishes,” Mia grinned.

“Awesome! I’ll go help her out in the kitchen.” Eva set down the presents before dashing towards the alluring aroma of delicious foods.

Meanwhile, Dominic settled on the living room couch.

Mia offered him a plate of fruits. “You must be exhausted from the long flight.

Come, have some fruit. You need to replenish those vitamins.” Dominic wasn’t

a fan of fruits because of their sweetness. Taking vitamin pills was normally

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his way of replenishing his nutrients.

Despite this, he took small bites of the fruits Mia offered.

He reassured Mia between bites, “Mia, don’t worry about the rumors.

Jason

will hold those people responsible for what they did. Wilhelmina has received

a lawsuit letter.

“Now, that company is on the brink of bankruptcy and someone might swoop

in to buy it. That family will lose their home and drown in debts soon.

None of

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them can get away with what they did.” Holding the plate of fruits, Mia stared at him in bewilderment. “Dominic.” “If something’s bothering you, just say it, Mia.” He met her gaze with anticipation.

The reason behind him putting off his work to rush over here was to deal with this issue.

After all, as the eldest brother, it was his duty to protect his sister from such baseless accusations.

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Taking a bite of fruit, Mia questioned, “Dominic, how did you know that that family would lose their home and carry a burden of debts soon?” Mia could understand Jason’s pursuit of justice, given his role at a law firm. However, the impending bankruptcy seemed like insider information. It was almost as if Dominic was gearing up to acquire that company. His eyelids fluttered as the realization hit that he might’ve revealed too much information. Swiftly regaining composure, he said, “Vista Properties is set to acquire that

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company, and I happen to work there. That's why I'm privy to the information."

"I see. What a coincidence," Mia remarked calmly, although a sense that something was amiss lingered at the back of her mind.

In Mia's understanding, Maya's brother ran that company.

And Shelly and Maya seemed to be the masterminds behind the scenes.

Logically speaking, Maya would never allow her brother to acquire that company because it would be no different from digging her own grave!

Dominic felt the tension and swiftly changed the subject. "Mia, why is Connor

not here yet? Is he pulling a late- shift today?" "Nope. I told him you guys were

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coming. He promised to be home earlier than usual.” As soon as she finished, the doorbell rang.

“That’s probably Connor. He must’ve forgotten his keys again.” She headed to the door, only to find an unexpected guest.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 197-The moment Mia saw who

was standing there, an instinct to shut the door overwhelmed her.

Assuming it was Connor who forgot his keys, she didn’t bother checking through the peephole, a choice she is regretting now.

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“Mia Bowen, how are you close the door?” Mary forcefully shoved her way in, shamelessly invading the space. “We’ve been searching for you for ages. How can you live in such an upscale place when you’re broke? Liar.” Bob spoke sternly, “Let’s get one thing straight, Mia Bowen. Don’t even think about laying a finger on the house earmarked for demolition and money. They’re for my son. He’s the sole heir of the family.” Mia retorted icily, “That house belongs to Aunt Patricia. You don’t have the right to do anything with

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it.” “She only has a daughter. What use does she have for the house and money? My eldest brother is still in the hospital. If you take the house and money and marry another man, what should we do? As his brother, I should look after his assets. Otherwise, he’ll realize he has lost everything when he regains consciousness.” “That sounds like a brilliant ‘plan.’” Mia wasn’t fooled by the couple’s scheme. They had their eyes on the demolition payment and money. At that moment, Dominic walked out of the toilet.

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He glared at her adoptive parents. “Look who’s here. Are you not happy with the pain you suffered previously? Would you like a premium service that guarantees fractured bones?” Bob’s expression shifted when he saw Dominic, hugging his fractured arm, which always stung during rainy days. Startled, Mary stepped back but didn’t leave. Meanwhile, Patricia, in the kitchen, overheard the commotion. She wanted to check out the situation, but Eva stopped her. “Aunt Patricia, let the young ones handle it. Don’t show yourself. Just focus on making the food. We can

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start eating when Connor comes back.” A cloud of worries hung over Patricia.

“Is it really okay to do that?” “There’s nothing wrong with it. Even if you show

yourself, there’s nothing that can be solved. It’ll only cause them more trouble.” Eva was never worried about that issue because Dominic was there

to solve it.

Plus, it was his chance to shine in front of his beloved sister.

Otherwise, he would continue grumbling about how to be a good brother so

much that her ears would bleed.

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Dominic looked down on Mia's adoptive parents. "Leave! If you come again, I'll break your legs for good." Mary glared at Mia and snorted, "Don't think you can get away with this, Mia Bowen! I'm telling you, that house set for demolition is ours!" Bob was going to threaten Mia, but Dominic's grim expression deprived him of the courage to do so. They were so scared that they left the place immediately. Defeat tasted bitter in their mouths. Their initial plan was to cause a ruckus at Mia's place, but they didn't expect Dominic to be there! Despite their aggressive visit, they ended up making themselves scarce.

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A dangerous aura radiated off Dominic, who saw them as an eyesore. Dominic had thought that they wouldn't come to the doorstep looking for trouble after teaching them a lesson, but he was wrong. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 198-Regardless, Mary and Bob were Mia's adoptive parents. Even though they treated Mia badly, Patricia, their sister-in-law, later adopted Mia, providing a glimmer of hope. No matter what, Dominic was grateful that the Bowens raised Mia. However, Mary's and Bob's greed exceeded his expectations. To think that they came to Mia's doorstep to issue threats? Unforgivable. Mia closed the door and returned to the couch. "I knew this day would come

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from the moment the demolition was announced. They'd definitely come for that house." Even biological families would fight over such things when it came to money, let alone adoptive parents. Dominic declared, "Don't worry, Mia. Leave it to me." It took him just a lift of his finger to deal with such people. Patricia walked out of the kitchen, concerned. "Mia, I'm sure they won't stop here. They'll keep coming. Just how did they find this place? I swear I didn't

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tell anyone about it.” “I have a vague idea of what’s going on. It’s fine if they’ve found us here. Just don’t give in no matter what.” Mia was certain that Mary and Bob found out the address through Shelly. Shelly was also the reason why that couple found their way to the studio. Dominic reassured the anxious Patricia, “Don’t worry, Aunt Patricia. Leave it to me.” “You don’t know how shameless her adoptive parents are, Dominic. I’m fine, but I don’t want Mia to get hurt. She’s still young. There’s a long way

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ahead of her.” Tears streamed down Patricia’s cheeks.

Always demure, Patricia turned to crying in times of desperation.

Eva walked Patricia to the bedroom to comfort her. Eva also shot Dominic a

look.

He knew what needed to be done to deal with this issue. He took out his phone to send a message to his assistant. ‘Look into the demolition case.’ Finding out which company was in charge of the demolition was the first step.

Dominic had a plan after that.

The old Dominic might have resorted to drastic measures such as kidnapping

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Mia's adoptive parents and feeding them to sharks. However, now that he had turned a new leaf, he had to teach them a lesson in the right way. He raised his head, reassuring Mia. "Don't worry. We'll be your backer until the demolition is over." "But it'll take up too much time." "We can take turns to keep you company." At that moment, Connor entered the house. Eva had updated everyone in the group chat about Mary and Bob coming over and demanding for the house. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 199-Mia set the dining table before

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coaxing Patricia out of her room.

With teary eyes, Patricia admitted, “Look at me. My mind went blank when there was a problem. My husband was a stern man too. It is all thanks to Mia that we were protected from bad guys.” Dominic felt a huge weight of guilt.

If the Lane family hadn’t lost Mia, she wouldn’t have needed to go through that.

After experiencing Mary and Bob’s antics first-hand, he couldn’t possibly imagine how arrogant they were in the past.

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It gave Dominic more reasons to resolve the issue with Maya and bring Mia

back to the Lane family.

The dinner ended.

Dominic, Eva and Mia delved into a discussion about the demolition, strategizing for a solution.

For Dominic, the discussion felt like an overkill to him because he could easily

delegate the task to his subordinates to solve the problem.

Unbeknownst to others, Eva had stepped on his feet a few times to keep him

composed.

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They couldn't let the facade slip. They could settle it behind Mia's back, but putting up a show in front of her was still needed. Fatigue struck Mia as she yawned. Sleepiness frequently found its way to her all the time. Although she didn't vomit, her sleeping hours were long. Connor could tell that she was sleepy. "Dominic, Eva, it's getting late. Let's get some rest. It's not urgent to settle the demolition anyways." The trio left without saying much. Once they entered the elevator, Dominic spoke up, "I've asked someone to

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look into the demolition company. I will never let Mia's adoptive parents take advantage of this. I won't let Mia suffer from this." Eva gave it a thought before voicing out her opinion, "Mia's house only comes with two rooms. It's kinda small. Why don't we take this chance to give her a new place?" His eyes brightened. "Yes, why don't we give her a villa? I had one in mind, and it's near her college." Connor rubbed his chin. "Isn't a villa kinda over the top? There are a lot of people involved in the demolition. If she's the only one

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getting a huge house, they'll suspect something." Dominic sighed, "Why can't we just reveal our identities? I think Mia has accepted us." Numerous villas and seaside houses were under his name, and he yearned to give them all to Mia. Connor thought about it. "Let's straighten things out with Maya first. We'll take action afterward." 12:05 They couldn't possibly welcome Mia back to the Lane family with Maya still in the picture.

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Besides, Connor believed that someone as calculating as Maya wasn't fit to stay in the family for long.

Meanwhile, Mia skipped work, opting for lectures or secluding herself in the study hall to avoid her adoptive parents.

With Dominic by her side, Bob and Mary might think twice before coming up to the doorstep.

All Mia had to do was endure until Patricia signed the demolition contract. Once that happened, her adoptive parents would be powerless.

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Felix reached out to her. “Mia, the coast is clear these days. You can return to work.” “But I want to wait until the demolition is over.” “Mia, don’t tell me that you’re planning to quit after the demolition. You’ll be rich when that happens,”

Felix teased.

Mia chuckled. “I’m drowning in debt. How could I be rich?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 200-“Mia, regarding the Mael Neighborhood Project, the client specifically wants you to be in charge of it.

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They prefer your eye for aesthetics and details.” “Okay. I’ll stop by the studio.”

Mia hung up the call and headed to the studio.

She wore a mask, fearing that her adoptive parents might catch her.

Felix raised an eyebrow at her. “Playing detective?” “I’m worried my adoptive

parents might spot me. It’ll cause trouble to everyone. You can send me the

follow- ups of the project through email. I’ll go through it to see if there’s any

problem.” As soon as she settled at her desk, an unexpected guest stormed into the studio like a hungry beast.

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“Mia Bowen!” Mia’s head shot up at the unexpected guest.

It was Wilhelmina.

It had only been days, but she appeared disheveled in shabby clothes, as if she hadn’t washed up for days.

Mia put her work on hold for a moment. “Anything I can help you with?”

Felix

left his office immediately and stood before Mia. “Wilhelmina Jones, you’re

already fired. If you’re trying to cause trouble here, I won’t let it slide that easily.” Wilhelmina’s expression contorted. “Why are you doing this to me,

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Felix Quilter? Have you forgotten what you said to me that night? That you'd take responsibility for it? And that you'll reveal our relationship once we're stable?" There was a nuance in his expression, but he calmly replied, "I never said such things." She retorted, "You jerk! We slept together!" Frustrated, he snapped, "Wilhelmina Jones, everyone knows what you did. You were the one behind it and yet you framed Mia. This is the ending you brought upon

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yourself.” Had he known earlier that she was a sugar baby, he wouldn’t have

touched her at all.

He even went for a body checkup to make sure he was healthy.

Her eyes welled up with tears as she knelt before Mia. “I was wrong about that. I’m so sorry. Please forgive me!

Mia was completely dumbfounded. Wilhelmina was all confrontational as though she was trying to settle the score, yet she was the one on her knees now.

Mia scanned the area, wondering if it was a prank.

Wilhelmina had Shelly’s support, so Mia needed to tread carefully.

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The company had declared bankruptcy, leaving the family with no gains but

the looming threat of substantial debt.

Shelly, who had long deleted Wilhelmina's contact number, didn't answer her

calls. Shelly clearly showed her intention to cut ties with Wilhelmina.

Adding to the pressure, Wilhelmina also received a letter from a famous law

firm, which demanded she beg for Mia's forgiveness, Otherwise, they would

send Wilhelmina behind bars!

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Left with no choice, Wilhelmina got on her knees to plead for forgiveness and mercy from Mia.

Wilhelmina raged internally. She won't forget this. She wondered how Mia Bowen managed to outshine her in the Fleur International Design Competition. How did Mia turn the tables and earn Felix's recognition? Wilhelmina is just as hardworking and capable as she is! Why does she get all the good stuff?

Meanwhile, Felix was equally taken aback.

He wondered that perhaps Mia is from a powerful family.

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Still finding the situation perplexing, Mia approached Wilhelmina. “What are you- Before Mia could finish, Wilhelmina abruptly charged in her direction.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 201-When Wilhelmina lunged at her, Mia stood frozen, unable to comprehend the sudden turn of events. Mia protected her belly instinctively, guarding her precious secret. Reacting swiftly, Felix managed to stop Wilhelmina by pushing her aside. He

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then yelled at her, “Are you out of your mind?” Wilhelmina cackled like a villain, her eyes on Mia’s belly. “I know your secret, Mia Bowen. I know what you’re hiding.” Wilhelmina already had her suspicions about Mia’s pregnancy before this confrontation.

The more Wilhelmina thought about it, the more upset she was. While Wilhelmina was left with nothing, Mia was a top designer, and under

Felix’s wings at that!

Being the green-eyed monster, Wilhelmina targeted Mia right at her belly to

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expose her secret.

Unfortunately for Wilhelmina, Felix got in the way.

Mia's face paled, her widened eyes staring at Wilhelmina.

Something bad almost happened back there!

Had it not been for Felix, Mia couldn't imagine what would've happened.

Mia stepped forward and slapped Wilhelmina with a chilly glare. "I'm sure you're out of your mind, Wilhelmina Jones. Cross me one more time, and you

won't get away with it." If something happened to her child, Mia would never

show mercy.

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Wilhelmina chuckled, her eyes dark in stark contrast. “I know your secret, Mia Bowen. You’re pregnant, aren’t you?” Mia’s expression stiffened briefly before cracking into a sneer. “A piece of advice, Wilhelmina Jones, why don’t you take an MRI scan for a brain check?” “You’re feeling guilty, Mia Bowen. If you’re not pregnant, why were you protecting your belly?” Mia looked down her nose at the erratic woman. “Funny, I thought I should protect the area you

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were attacking. Was I supposed to hug my head?” There was no way Mia would admit the pregnancy.

Until the divorce proceedings were finalized, no one should know about her

baby’s existence. No one.

Yet, she hadn’t expected Wilhelmina to sniff out the truth.

Wilhelmina burst into laughter. Her gaze shifted toward Felix. “Did you see

that? This woman has been acting this whole time. Mia is actually a rich person’s mistress, and she’s now pregnant. She’s been lying to you and trying

to cheat on you.” Mia snorted coldly, “What’s the point of saying that,

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Wilhelmina? There's nothing going on between Felix and I." Felix's expression

turned cold as he glared at Wilhelmina. "Leave or I'll call the security guards."

Wilhelmina rose from the floor, shooting an angry look at Mia. "Why do you

win in everything? Why!" she raised her voice at Mia.

That plan was so perfect, and Mia could've learned her lesson the hard way.

Emotions barely showed on Mia's face. "You're the mistress, not me." It was

the wrong decision Wilhelmina had made to begin with.

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She wanted to cause a bigger ruckus but was dragged out of the studio by the security guards.

Strings of curses could be heard from outside. Wilhelmina pulled her phone

out to call Shelly but to no avail.

In the end, she resorted to message Shelly on Twitter. ‘Mia Bowen’s pregnant.’ Soon after, Shelly contacted Wilhelmina. “Wilhelmina, is it true that

Mia Bowen’s pregnant?” “Yes. I swear.” “Evidence please.” Shelly wouldn’t

take it at face value that easily, especially since she deemed Wilhelmina

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foolish.

Wilhelmina was the reason Shelly's cards were frozen and she had to tighten up her belt.

Shelly had learned her lesson.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 202-"When I charged at Mia, she

instinctively shielded her belly. Her reaction was vehement. I've been holding

on to these suspicions for a long time, but I couldn't prove it until today."

"Why

should I believe you? You told me that spreading rumors could bring her

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down, and yet look at what happened! My family told me off because of that!”

Resentment clouded Wilhelmina’s eyes as she thought, “Right, Shelly was able to get away with it because she’s Ms. Barrett while I was held accountable for everything. No one bothered to care about my side of the story.” Her voice dipped into an icy tone. “Mia was able to get away with it

because there’s a man backing her up. I think he’s the baby’s father.”

Shelly

gave it a serious thought. “You have a point.” Liam, the famous actor, was the

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man backing Mia up. If he hadn't gotten in Shelly's way, she would've been

able to teach Mia a lesson.

Shelly admired her newly manicured nails. "But this is just your side of the

story. Unless, you can prove that Mia's really pregnant." "I'll figure something

out. But, Ms. Barrett, you know my situation right now. I lost my job and reputation. No one will take me in. I'm in need of cash." Shelly rolled her eyes.

"I'll transfer you a thousand dollars. As long as you can get me something to

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prove Mia's pregnancy, you'll gain what you deserve." Wilhelmina received a notification of a transaction, her brows frowning in annoyance. This amount of money didn't even mean anything to her in the past. Shelly was trying to brush Wilhelmina off with that little money. However, Wilhelmina was in dire need of money. She cast a backward glance at the studio, and vowed to never forgive Mia and Shelly. Meanwhile, Mia slumped in her seat, still in disbelief over what had just transpired. Her heartbeat was racing.

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Felix approached her, pouring her a glass of warm water. “Are you okay?”
“I’m
okay. Thanks for earlier, Felix.” A few sips of warm water recentered her a
bit,
but they did nothing to placate her heartbeat.
Instead, dizziness clouded her mind and she felt cold.
She held the desk. “Felix.” “Mia, what’s wrong?” +15 BONOS Before she
could stand up, she flopped onto the floor.
Felix carried her in his arms. “Hold on, I’ll take you to the hospital.” Mia
gritted
her teeth in an attempt to stay awake. “Peace Hospital.” Going to the
hospital

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Connor worked at could give her a peace of mind.
Felix rushed to the hospital. Her face was pale and he kept comforting her along the way.
Mia mustered every ounce of strength left in her to call Connor. The line got through almost immediately. “Mia, what’s up?” “I have a stomach ache. I’m reaching the hospital soon.” “What? Hold on, I’m coming!” A wave of relief washed over her when she heard that. Things should be fine now. She didn’t want anyone to find out that she was pregnant. Felix parked the car before carrying her to the emergency room.

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At the same time, Maya and Timothy got out of a car.

Timothy raised his head only to see a man carrying Mia to the emergency room.

Maya was still in a good mood. “My brother has made a surgical plan.

Feel

free to ask any questions if you-” Before she could finish, she followed his gaze and caught Mia in sight.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 203-A heavy silence descended in an instant.

Maya never expected to bump into Mia at the hospital.

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Maya quickly said, “Timothy, that woman in that man’s arms looks so much like Mia. Am I seeing things?” Timothy pursed his lips. Maya could be right. It was Mia.

Annoyed, he strode into the hospital grumpily.

Maya was at his heels. “Timothy, why don’t we go ask them? It could be Mia.

We can check on her too. Although you’ve divorced, at least for old time’s sake-” “Shut up!” He halted in his tracks. He was so upset that a man was carrying Mia to the emergency room. Where’s your brother?” “He’s on the third floor. I can take you to him.” Hints of his bad mood seemed to amuse

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Maya.

Maya knew that framing it that way would put him in a bad mood. He wouldn't

be bothered to care about Mia then, Maya believed.

Judging from how the man carried Mia to the emergency room, Maya sensed

that something was going on between them.

As a man himself, how could Timothy possibly stomach it?

The duo entered the elevator, the door closing just as Connor skipped down

the stairs.

Connor headed straight to the emergency room.

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A man standing beside Mia explained the situation to the nurse and doctor anxiously, “She suddenly fainted. It could be low sugar or too much shock.”

Connor narrowed his eyes, taking big strides toward them. “I know what’s going on with the patient. The outsiders may step out of here.” Mia’s heart finally eased when she heard his voice. There wouldn’t be any problem as long as he was there.

Still, Felix couldn’t shake off his concerns. He eyed Mia. “Mia, I’ll be waiting for you outside. Don’t be afraid.” That earned a deep look from Connor, who wondered, “Is this her admirer? Not bad-looking and he cares for her, but he

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has not passed the test yet. Not just anyone can be my brother-in-law.” Connor examined Mia in the emergency room. Since he was aware of her pregnancy, he had an inkling of what happened. Mia finally regained consciousness half an hour later. Her eyes fluttered open. Knowing that Connor was guarding her, she heaved a sigh of relief. “Connor.” “Mia, you’re up. Do you feel uncomfortable anywhere?” “Just kinda dizzy. Everything went black and I felt cold before I fainted. Am I sick? Is the baby alright?” She placed her hand over her belly. The baby’s well-being worried her the most.

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Connor was momentarily silent. “Don’t worry about the baby. That little one is very healthy. As for you, so many things are plaguing your mind and stressing you out, and you’re malnourished. That’s why you fainted. Tell me, what’s worrying you so much?” He sat along her bedside. There was something he wanted to say but he hesitated. “Mia, I know that you might not like hearing this, but your belly is getting bigger. You can’t possibly hide it from everyone.” As her brother, he figured that he should at least know who the

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father of the baby was.

His position as her brother might be able to get him an answer from Mia.
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 204-Mia hesitated for a moment.

“Connor, I don’t want anyone to know that I’m pregnant, at least not until I’m officially divorced from Timothy.” Connor couldn’t understand her reason for that decision. “Why? Will the baby’s father threaten you?” She shook her head and pleaded, “Just keep it a secret for me, please.” She gave him her puppy eyes.

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Connor gave in within three minutes in the face of those puppy eyes. He thought that as his big brother, he should grant his sister's wish. Years of remorse shackled him. It was rare for Mia to ask a favor of him, so what else could he do besides letting her have it her way? What about his pride as her guardian? Now, it seemed insignificant compared to Mia's interests. He rubbed her head. "Alright, I'll keep it a secret for you. But you have to promise me you'll take good care of yourself. You have to tell me if you're feeling sick." "I promise! I contacted you right away this time," Mia exclaimed.

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The only person she could trust was Connor, hence the strong request to come to Peace Hospital.

He raised an eyebrow. “Speaking of which, who’s the guy who took you here?”

Your admirer? He’s not bad- looking.” She coughed. “You’re misunderstanding, Connor. He’s my boss and my superior.” “Oh, your boss.

He seems to be a man with ambitions. Guess I can say that he has the potential, nothing more, “judged Connor, who thought Felix didn’t deserve her.

Mia was an outstanding woman. Not any ordinary man could be her perfect

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match.

If Felix was the boss of a small studio, Connor doubted his income was high.

He began questioning the studio's performance.

Helplessness weighed on Mia. "Stop the nonsense, Connor." His phone kept

ringing. He gave it a glimpse but didn't take it out.

At that moment, Felix entered the room. "Mia, you're awake. How are you feeling?" "I'm alright, Felix. Thanks for bringing me here." "It's no big deal. You

really got me there. Glad to see that you're fine." A hostile gaze from the doctor bothered Felix.

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Mia quickly tugged on Connor's sleeve. "Connor." Only then did he reluctantly divert his gaze. "Relax, relax. It's not like I'll devour him." The revelation of their family relationship caught Felix off guard. "Is he your brother, Mia?" He had heard that she was an orphan who later found her family. The fact that her brother was a doctor pleasantly surprised Felix. She nodded. "Yes, he's my third elder brother, Connor Lane." Felix approached Connor eagerly. "Nice to meet you. I'm Felix." Indifferently, Connor extended his hand. "Don't try to butter me up. You're Mia's boss,

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right? She fainted due to overexertion. Please give her lighter duties without pay cuts.” “Connor!” She called him out. After all, it was unbecoming of him to say that.

Right then, a nurse entered the room. “Dr. Lane, your sister is waiting for you in the office.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 205-Connor tensed as soon as the nurse said that.

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He was on the verge of being exposed!

Dubious, Mia looked at him. “Sister?” She wondered if he had another sister.

He quickly explained, “Mia, you’re my only sister. I swear!” Never once had he

acknowledged Maya as his sister.

Connor’s nervous reaction tickled Mia’s funny bones. “I didn’t even say anything, Connor. Why so tense?” It was as though a girlfriend caught her boyfriend cheating on her.

He let out a wry cough. “Anyway, I just wanted to straighten things out.”

He

turned to face the nurse. “I got it. I’ll leave in a while.” The nurse was

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interrupted midway because he knew who the guest was.

Today, Connor had an appointment with Timothy to discuss the surgical plan.

Who would've expected Mia to be sent to the emergency room? Her well-being was of utmost importance at the moment.

"You should go ahead, Connor. I can manage here." Felix reassured him,

"Don't worry. I'll look after her." Connor nodded. "Rest up, Mia. We'll head

home together later." Then, he took the elevator back to his office.

He pushed the door open to see Maya and Timothy. His expression spoke of

tranquility.

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Joyful, Maya rose from her seat. “Connor, I’ve called you many times but you didn’t answer. Are you busy today?” “Yes. There was an emergency.” Maya’s eyes lit up. “Was the patient a woman?” If her vision served her correctly, Mia was carried to the emergency room. Timothy suddenly cast his gaze in Connor’s direction, eager to know the answer. If it was really Mia, Timothy wondered how she was doing right now. Connor’s skeptical gaze alternated between the duo before fixating upon Timothy.

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Memories of Timothy taking Mia to the hospital conjured up in Connor's head, prompting a negative answer He would never admit that, in hope that Mia sever ties with Timothy for good. Maya sighed inwardly. It was a missed opportunity for her. If the patient turned out to be Mia, Maya could seize the chance to degrade Mia, tarnishing her reputation further. Timothy averted his gaze and suggested, "Let's focus on the matter at hand." He personally came over to discuss the surgical plan for Laura's case.

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Connor settled into his seat. “Actually, you didn’t need to come for the surgical plan. I planned to discuss it with the other doctors. There’s not much we can do even if we talk about it right now. You’re not a doctor, Mr. Barrett. It’s not within your purview.” Maya’s face fell at that. “Connor, Timothy came because he is genuinely concerned about his grandmother.” Timothy shot a cold look at Maya, and she broke into a cold sweat. Not even her gutsy side dared to meet his eye.

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In truth, she lied to Timothy about the finalized surgical plan so that she could

bring him to the hospital.

She didn't expect the truth to be revealed by Connor so straightforwardly.

Maya's guilty expression caught on Connor's radar, giving him an inkling of

the situation.

He asked on purpose, "Maya, did you clearly tell Mr. Barrett about it?"

"Connor, I think it's best for Timothy to talk to you so that both parties know

more about each others' request. That'll be best for Mrs. Barrett Senior's surgery." She racked her brain to come up with an explanation.

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Her back was drenched in sweat.

If Connor revealed the truth about the surgery, would Timothy call off the engagement?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 206-Maya was anxiety-ridden as

she faced Timothy. “Timothy, I’m thinking of the bigger picture. It’s best for

everyone to know more about the surgical plan.” “What’s the point of him knowing more about the surgery? He’s not a doctor,” Connor was literally driving her to the edge with his calculated words.

The smile on her face was barely holding up.

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Suppressing his anger, Timothy stood up and glared at Maya. “Let’s talk about it after Dr. Lane meets with the other doctors.” With that, he left the office. She grabbed at his arm, but he flung her hands away. There was no warmth in his eyes.

In the end, Maya stayed riveted at her spot awkwardly. She looked back at Connor. “Connor, did you have to say that?” “I was simply telling the truth, wasn’t I? I thought both of you were all lovey–dovey because you were so jittery about marrying him. But based on what I’ve seen, I don’t think he has

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feelings for you.” “Connor, Timothy and I are getting engaged. He has feelings for me. He was pulling a long face because of my little mistake.” His eyes narrowed. “Oh really? Did he not agree to the marriage because you promised to make the surgery happen?” Pale-faced, she denied, “How could that be? We’ve known each other for three years now. If it wasn’t for that accident, I would’ve become his wife a long time ago. Connor, I know you’ve never liked me since we were young, but I hope you won’t stop me from chasing after my

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happiness.” “Since you’re so certain that this is your so-called happiness, have it your way,” Connor growled. “Maya, although I’ve never been fond of you, I opposed the marriage simply because I don’t think he’s the right fit for you. It was for your own good.” Despite her being the adoptive child, he couldn’t turn a blind eye to it. She mocked, “Was it for my own good? Connor, if that is truly your intention, stop blabbering so much and do your best for Mrs. Barrett Senior’s surgery.”

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She stormed out of the office, with one thing etched in her mind—she wasn't a Lane and she could forge her own bright future. Only power and status could bring happiness in this world. Felix queued in line to foot the hospital bills, nearly bumping into a man in black suit. Felix's head shot upward and he met a pair of shrewd eyes that sent chills down his spine. In terms of height and aura, Timothy surpassed Felix. Timothy recognized him as the man who took Mia to the hospital. Timothy's lips tightened and his gaze dropped to the bills in Felix's hand. "Paying the bills?" Timothy asked coldly.

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“Y–Yeah,” Felix replied instinctively, completely taken aback by Timothy’s imposing presence.

A crease formed between Timothy’s brows. His expression appeared unnatural as he questioned further, “Is the patient alright?” Questions swirled in Felix’s head as he wondered, “Does this man know Mia?” Timothy prompted impatiently, “I’m asking you a question.” Felix answered, “The patient is fine. Sir, are you here to see the doctor?” No matter how Felix looked at it, Timothy appeared weird to him. The way he spoke was commanding, and that face seemed familiar to Felix.

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He gave it a serious thought before asking vehemently, “Are you Mr. Barrett?”

The president of Barrett Group?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 207-Timothy’s eyes narrowed slightly as he didn’t expect the man to recognize him.

He gave a casual response. “Yes.” Felix was instantly overwhelmed with excitement. “Nice to meet you, Mr. Barrett. I’m the owner of Elite Studio.

We

met once at the Fleur International Design Competition. It was a pleasure to

meet you.” Timothy raised an eyebrow. Thanks to his rich experience with individuals like Felix, he could quickly decipher Felix’s intentions.

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He glanced at the bill in Felix's hand. "What is your relationship with the patient?" Felix hurriedly answered, "She's my employee. She suddenly fainted, so I brought her to the hospital." "Do you overwork your employees?"

Timothy disapproved.

"No, no! Hiring Mia was a stroke of luck. She's an ace. Mr. Barrett, you were

there at the Fleur International Design Competition. She was the first-place

winner." The glint in Timothy's gaze darkened. He continued his question, which was hanging in the air. "Oh, now I remember. What's going on between

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the two of you?” Felix paused momentarily, not expecting Timothy to be nosy.

Felix coughed before answering, “Let’s just say she could be my girlfriend in

the future. We’re getting along.

well.” The atmosphere turned cold as soon as he said that. Timothy’s expression turned grim, making Felix regret his words.

Timothy regained his composure very quickly, but his eyes remained dark. He didn’t expect Mia to get close to another man so soon.

At that moment, Felix pulled out a business card from his pocket. “Here’s my

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business card, Mr. Barrett. Hope we can collaborate in the future.”

Timothy

looked at the card before taking it. “There might be a chance for that.”

“Really? That’s great! I won’t let you down, Mr. Barrett.” Felix was

overflowing

with ecstasy.

If he could collaborate with Barrett group, there could be a bright future

ahead

of Elite Studio real soon!

Watching the greed churning in Felix’s eyes, Timothy kept the business

card

and glanced at the emergency room.

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He then turned and left the hospital.

Felix remained, watching the man leave as he thought, “Am I about to strike

gold?” Soon, Maya exited the elevator, her head turning left and right, searching for Timothy.

There was a need to explain the whole situation.

Felix approached her gentlemanly. “Are you looking for Mr. Barrett?” She turned to look at him, recalling the fact that he was the man who carried Mia to

the hospital, A meaningful smile graced her face. “Who are you?” she asked

with intent.

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“Nice to meet you. Ms. Lane. I’m Felix Quilter, the boss of Elite Studio, I had a brief chat with Mr. Barrett a while ago. He went in that direction.” “Thank you.”

She took the offered business card and glimpsed at the bill in his hand.

“What are you doing here in the hospital, Mr. Quilter? Is it for your girlfriend?”

Felix chuckled. “Almost.” Maya’s smile beamed wider. “The woman you’re pursuing

will surely say ‘yes’, I mean, you’re such a capable man. Good luck!”

“Thanks.” He watched her leave.

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Ambitious dreams filled his mind.

Not only did Felix exchange business cards with Timothy, but he also spoke to

Maya personally!

Was Felix going to hit it big soon?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 208-As long as these rich people

gave Felix a chance, he would be able to rake in big money!

Mia waited for a long time before Felix finally showed up. “Was it a long queue, Felix?” “Kind of.” He masked his excitement, not telling her about his

encounter with Timothy.

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Taking a seat beside her, he asked, “So, you have three brothers. One of them is a doctor, what about the other two?” “They live in Nord City. My eldest brother is a salesman at a property agency, and my other brother works at a law firm. He’s just a low-ranking officer.” Felix nodded. “No wonder that famous law firm in Nord City sued the rumormongers when Wilhelmina defamed you. I don’t think your brother is a small officer there. You can just tell me the truth, Mia.” “Nope. It’s probably because he gets along well with the people in the law firm. His colleagues are willing to help him out.” She still

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appeared humble to him. Not anyone could get into that law firm in Nord City.

At least, the employees over there possessed high education qualifications and had a promising future.

Mia seemed to come from a respectable family, at least according to Felix. In addition to her identity as a top designer, once he started going out with her, their relationship would boost his career to another height.

The sheer thought of it gave him an adrenaline rush, as he envisioned his successful business and triumphant return home.

Not long after, Connor returned to the emergency room with a frown.

“Mia, I

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have a surgery suddenly lined up for schedule, so I can't go home with you."

Felix offered, "I can send her home." Reluctantly, Connor nodded. "Okay. Be

careful on your way home." Mia had always known that he was a busy man.

Besides, she already recovered enough to return home alone.

Her gaze shifted to Felix. "Felix, I can grab a cab home. I've already taken up

too much of your time." "It's no big deal. I can take you home on my way back.

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Connor has entrusted you to my care. I should keep my promise.” She caved

in to his persistence and accepted his offer.

The drive took an hour before they arrived at her neighborhood. Felix surveyed it. “Do you live here, Mia?” If his memory serves him correctly, she

used to live in an old neighborhood which was up for demolition soon.

“Yes, I moved here not long ago,” she answered.

“And yet you said you aren’t rich. The houses here are expensive.” Felix started up his business right after graduation and still couldn’t afford a house

in the city as of today. Not even the houses in this neighborhood.

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“That’s not true. Remember the cash prize I received? My brothers lent me some money so I was able to buy it.

Felix figured Mia’s brothers had handsomely paid jobs. Otherwise, they wouldn’t have been able to lend so much money to her.

This revelation spurred Felix on, prompting a more enthusiastic response from

him, “Text me when you arrive home, Mia. It puts my mind at ease knowing

you’re safe.” “Okay, and sorry for the trouble. I’ll buy you a meal someday.”

He waved his hand, watching her walk into the neighborhood.

Then, he took his phone out to check the price of the house. Ideas began

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flooding his mind, pieces clicking into place as he devised a plan to win Mia over.

Since Mia was an orphan, she should be someone who yearned for love.

This

thought lingered in Felix's mind.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 209-Patricia and Eva checked in

on Mia's well-being when she got home. After learning that Mia had fainted

due to malnourishment, Patricia whipped up some chicken soup for her.

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Nourishing soups weren't exactly Mia's favorite, but she didn't mind having them for the sake of her baby. She took a break on the couch and glanced at Eva. "Where's Dominic?" "He's at work. Vista Properties expanded a branch in Bern City. He went over to visit his old friend." "I see. That's great. I was able to buy this house thanks to his friend. Maybe I should treat his friend to a meal" Eva coughed. "It's fine. Dominic has repaid the favor. We don't have to do anything." When there were no follow-up questions from Mia, Eva breathed a sigh of relief.

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Where could Eva possibly find someone to put on a show for her?
Dominic returned home in time for dinner. His brows furrowed when he first saw Mia. ‘Mia, you should put more care in what you eat. Look at you. You’re all bones.’ The corner of her lips twitched. He was spouting nonsense. She actually gained a few pounds.
He continued, ‘Mia, don’t worry about the demolition. I went to see an old friend who works in the construction industry. He said he could personally meet with you to get the contracts signed. Don’t let your adoptive parents bother you. There’s nothing they can do about it.’ The meeting he had was

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with the boss of that construction company, who was willing to let him pull

some strings for this.

It was news worth celebrating for Mia. “Fantastic! Your friend has been a huge

help. Maybe I should buy him a meal.” Dominic was stunned in silence.

How

could he tell her that he was actually that so-called friend?

He quickly shook his head. “No need for that. I already treated him to a meal

this afternoon.” In the end, there was nothing Mia could do about it.

That night, she lay in bed, gently caressing her belly.

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Her baby was safe, thankfully.

Mia went to work as usual the next day.

A bouquet of roses rested on her desk without a note.

Mia asked out of curiosity, “Did someone make a mistake?” Her colleagues

teased, “Nope. It is specially for you. We’re jealous.” Mia sneezed at the flowers, rubbing her nose. “Do you know who the sender is?” “We don’t.

Give

it a guess.” However, her colleagues’ expressions offered a hint as to who the

sender could be.

As Mia had expected, Felix showed up with a box of supplements. “Mia, I

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heard these are great for women. Your blood sugar is low. You should take them.” Mia forced a smile before declining politely. “No thank you, Felix.” The others began squealing, “Take them, Mia. Mr. Quilter looked into it, and we pitched in with recommendations.” He placed the box on the table. “Remember to take them. I’ve got to get back to work now.” Mia watched him leave and let out a sigh. She wasn’t oblivious to his feelings for her, but getting into a relationship wasn’t in her plans right now. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 210-Mia handed in her

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assignments at college, then went shopping with Gina. It had been a while since they last hung out together.

Gina was all smiles. “Mia, I heard your house is going to be demolished. You’re going to be rich! I’m so happy for you!” “Thanks. I honestly didn’t expect the demolition. But I doubt the compensation will be generous.”

They

entered the mall when Mia received a phone call from Felix.

“Mia, where are you? I don’t see you in the office.” “I’m shopping with my best

friend.” “I see. How about we have dinner together? Bring your friend along

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too.” She hesitated momentarily. “Felix, I have dinner plans with my family. My eldest brother and his wife just returned from Nord City.” Only then did Felix drop the dinner invite.

The call ended, and Gina chimed in. “Why didn’t you say yes? It’s Felix who asked you out for dinner. Don’t worry about me. I won’t be a third wheel* “Gina, you know I was married. Felix will never accept a divorced woman.

Besides, she was carrying her ex- husband’s baby.
No man could ever accept their partner to be like that.

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“You’re playing by old rules, Mia. Felix is a great boss and he’s got the potential. Just think about it. Come, I’ll bring you somewhere nice for a manicure. A new nail salon just opened.” *Count me out. I’m sensitive to the smell.” A pregnant woman like her wasn’t suited for a manicure. The duo sat down in the nail salon and a pungent smell of perfume wafted their noses. It was so strong that it was repulsive. Pinching her nose, Mia looked across her shoulder to see a familiar person. She knew that it wasn’t common for someone to wear so much perfume. It was Shelly! Shelly’s high heels clicked as she approached the duo. She sneered, “Mia, do

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you know how much it costs to get your nails done here? If you can't afford it, don't even try to step foot into the place. It's not a place for you." Gina, never one to back down, barked back, "Only someone as shallow as you would think that a manicure is a luxury privilege. Guess it's understandable, given that you use up half a bottle of perfume every single time." Watch your mouth. Poor people like you only deserve to come with discount vouchers in their hands.

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The Alta faked a smile. Hahten up your belt, will you? Your cards are frozen.

Best not to humiliate yourself while You're struggling to pay bills.”

Furious,

Shelly raised her voice. That is all your faulll‘ The mention of the maller set

Shelly on edge. She retorted, “Ms. Lane gave me a card, though. I can spend

the money however I want. After all, her wedding gift is extravagant.”

Shelly

continued, ‘Mrs. Lane Senior spoils her rotten. I bet Ms. Lane has received a

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lot of assets, unlike someone who keeps trying to rub shoulders with the rich without knowing her place,” Gina chuckled. ‘You blabber with so much confidence that I thought that it was your own money. Turns out it Isn’t. Why are you so pleased about spending someone else’s money?’ Shelly couldn’t find any words to rebut and turned to Mia. “The engagement ceremony is this weekend. Ms. Lane’s brothers will be there. Don’t be jealous,”
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 211-Timothy and Maya were about

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to announce their engagement this weekend?

Mia knew it all along, but it somehow stifled her chest to hear it from Shelly.

Gina snorted. “Well, let’s give that bastard and slut our best wishes then. Besides, Mia’s house is going to be demolished soon. She can find herself a

better man at any moment now.” It was so funny to Shelly that her stomach

hurt from laughter. “It’s just a demolition. How can the money change her circumstances for the better?” Mia pulled Gina away, leaving the place together before things got physical.

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Shelly was the daughter of the Barrett family, not someone they could mess with.
Shelly called Wilhelmina while watching Mia leave. “Hey, I heard Mia’s house is getting demolished. Look into the details for me.” “Okay.” Wilhelmina hung, feeling the cruelty of fate.
Why did get Mia so lucky to have her house demolished?
It was just unfair!
Mia dragged Gina to another floor. Gina couldn’t understand Mia’s reaction.

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“What’s worrying you, Mia? I could’ve torn her mouth apart. You’re going to be rich because of the demolition, and that bitch is just being jealous.” Mia sighed. “That’s not jealousy, Gina. It’s mockery.” “Wait, is your ex-husband that rich?” Silence hung in the air for a moment before Mia pointed at the advertisement in front of them. “He’s the president of this company.” “What? Your ex-husband is Barrett Group’s-” Gina covered her mouth in disbelief. “Mia, how could you keep this from me?” “I signed a prenuptial agreement. I’m

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prohibited from telling anyone about my relationship with him. Besides, the self-abasement keeps me from revealing it. Thank God I didn't tell anyone about it. Otherwise, they would've poked fun at me now that I was driven out of the place," Mia explained.

It took Gina a while to process it all. Eventually, a sigh escaped her lips. "It's

fortunate you're divorced. You don't have to endure the Barrett family's mistreatment anymore.

"I think Felix is fine. He's good-looking and has potential. Only people of the

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same world can last long together.

Mia nodded in agreement. “You’re right. It has to be someone from the same

world.” A self-mocking glint flashed in her eyes. “Sorry for ruining your mood,

Gina.” 1/2 .

+15 BONOS Gina reassured her, “Hey, it’s no big deal. You’re going to hit it

big someday, considering your growing reputation. You won’t be trailing behind these rich people. We can be the main characters of a

rags-to-riches

story!” They went their separate ways, and Mia returned home.

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Since Dominic had taken care of the demolition, Mia's adoptive parents didn't have the guts to cause a scene at her place anymore. Mia could finally have some peace of mind. She went to work as soon as her lectures finished. Her colleague approached her. "Mia, are you busy this weekend?" Mia thought, "The weekend? That's tomorrow." She snapped back to reality. "Yes, I've got plenty of free time." "Could you cover for me this weekend? Something came up at home, so I need to take a leave." "No problem." Mia usually spent her weekends at the studio. There were a few colleagues who

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would do the same.

Since she had no plans, she gladly accepted the request.

It wasn't the first time anyway.

Felix ordered cups of coffee in the afternoon. "It's on me. We landed a big client recently." Someone asked, "Does that mean we're pulling overtime this

weekend?" "Bingo. Brace yourselves for the workload in the coming days.

You

can take turns for leaves after that." Felix handed Mia a cup of coffee.

"Hope

you're not put off by the news." "I'm free this weekend anyway. I'd be a fool

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not to earn more money when I can.” She looked at the coffee in front of her.

“I don’t like coffee, Felix.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 212-Mia’s concern lingered—what if

someone had tampered with the drink? She preferred not to take any chances.

Her food preferences changed ever since she got pregnant.

“You don’t like coffee? I remember you liked this coffee brand a lot back in

college.” The colleagues became nosy. “Gosh, Ms. Quilter remembers your

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past favorites, Mia.” Someone chimed in. “Mia, isn’t our boss young, handsome and caring too?” Mia was rendered helpless. Now that her colleagues were playing matchmaker, she was at her wit’s end. Seeing her discomfort, Felix stepped in. He gave the colleagues a look. “Enough. You guys are crossing a line. I’m looking out for Mia as her superior.

She’s our top designer.” A wave of relief washed over her when she heard that. She had no idea how to react to this kind of situation.

Once the colleagues dispersed, Felix lowered his voice. “Mia, don’t be stressed out. My feelings for you are my business. Don’t overthink it.”

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giving it a thought, she raised her head. “Felix, actually, I—” “Alright, I know.

Just focus on your work. By the way, you’re in charge of this project. I feel more assured to leave it in your hands.” “Is it the interior design project for a

villa?” “Nope. It’s for an engagement ceremony. The client has high demands,

not only for the venue but also the decorations. They requested us to go to them for a discussion.” An engagement ceremony?

It reminded Mia of Maya and Timothy’s engagement, but she pushed those thoughts aside.

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“Felix, I don’t think the studio has accepted this kind of order. We specialize in interior design, not wedding planning,” Mia said.

“I know, but this is an exception. We must accept this order and do our best.

It’ll bring us to further heights. Please, Mia,” Felix pleaded with her. Since he had put it that way, there was no way she could refuse it. “Okay. Give me more commissions in return. My monthly mortgage installment is high.” “That is for sure.” Felix turned around and returned to his office before making a call.

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He began his flagrant bootlicking towards Maya. “Ms. Lane, I’ve talked it out with my team. We’re all geared up for it.” “Really? Great! I’ve heard that you have Mia Bowen working at your studio. With her involvement in the 1/2 +15 BONOS “Don’t worry about it, Ms. Lane, Everyone on my team is capable and willing to accept challenges. If you have any complaints, just tell us. We can change the plan accordingly.” The corner of Maya’s lips curled upward.

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“Thanks.” “Don’t be. It is truly our honor that you’re giving us this opportunity.”

“How sweet of you. But please, keep this engagement a secret. I hope you won’t reveal who the bride and bridegroom are before the engagement ceremony.” “Don’t worry, Ms. Lane. I’m the only person who knows about it for

now. My lips are sealed.” Maya’s smile brightened. “I can share the decorations online after the ceremony. Hope it can boost your studio.”

Felix

was thrilled. “That’s fantastic! Thank you, Ms. Lane.” The call ended with Maya in good spirits.

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What kind of expression would Mia wear when she saw Maya and Timothy at the engagement ceremony?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 213-Maya began looking forward to the engagement ceremony, which would be held on the day after tomorrow.

1 She pulled her phone out to call Dominic.

The line got through quickly and she grinned. “Dominic, are you busy these days? Is it necessary when you’ve only bought such a small company?”
Maya

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was aware of Dominic's return to Bern City and that he personally followed up on the acquisition. It must be important to his work and hence he gave it so much importance.

Mia's luck still annoyed Maya. Dominic happened to acquire that company at that moment. If things went differently, that old man's daughter might've taught Mia a lesson.

Instead, Wilhelmina became the scapegoat in the end.

"This is work-related," Dominic's tone was calming.

He would never keep Maya in the loop by saying that his efforts were all for

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Mia. Not only did he come to the city in person, but he had also personally acquired that company.

No longer pestering him with questions, she changed the topic. “You should be done with your work by now. My engagement ceremony is on the day after tomorrow. You and Eva have time to attend it, right?” “Yeah.” He contemplated momentarily before continuing, “I have something to tell you after the ceremony ends.” “What is it? That’s such a cliffhanger. Why don’t

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you tell me right now?” He refused without a second thought, “Now’s not the time.” A sense of foreboding loomed over her. Left with no choice, she could only rein her curiosity in. “I’m going to get married not long after the engagement. Grandma promised to give me those collections once I get married. A crease was formed between his eyebrows. “That won’t do.” Maya was taken aback. “Why not? Grandma promised.” “Maya, you should know that Grandma promised to give them to her biological granddaughter, not you.”

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Tears of anger pooled in her eyes. “Dominic, don’t I deserve to be your sister?
It’s been years.” She had flaunted about being his sister in front of Shelly from the beginning. Now, a lot of people know that her family would give her an abundance of wedding gifts and were envious of her. Now that Dominic refused, what should she do? If nothing was shown at the wedding, would everyone make fun of her? He said calmly, “Maya, I personally think that I have treated you well all these years. You haven’t forgotten +15 BONOS Maya was stunned. She never

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forgot about it.

However, years of living in luxury as Ms. Lane had her put her old memories at the back of her mind, She perceived herself as the true Ms. Lane. After all, the true Ms. Lane would never return to the Lane farmity, she believed. Menace tinged her face, but her voice remained steady with a touch of plea. “I haven’t forgotten. I know who’s the reason I’m able to come this far too. But I’m still Ms. Lane in public. If the wedding gift is too shabby, people will laugh

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at us.” “You don’t have to worry about that. I won’t disappoint you. And as for Grandma’s collection, don’t even think about getting a share. That is her will.”

On top of that, the Lane brothers had found their long–lost sister. Those things were meant for Mia.

Maya suppressed her feelings. “Fine. Got it. Remember to come the day after tomorrow.” “We will. The three of us.” “Great! I thought you guys wouldn’t.

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Thanks, Dominic.” Nathan’s attendance was out of her expectations.

Dominic

was indeed a man of his word!

The call beeped to an end.

The thought of the wedding gift stole the smile from her face.

Like a mad woman, she smashed everything in the house.

Just why couldn’t she get those assets?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 214-Maya was also considered the

daughter of the Lane family. Credits should be given to her for placating that

mad old woman in the Lane residence.

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Perhaps, the Lane brothers were hoping for the true Ms. Lane to return? In their dreams! That wouldn't happen in this lifetime! Maya took a seat and covered her face, which carried a sinister smile in the end. It seemed like she should give in to them at the moment. She could plan the next step after the Lane brothers attended her engagement ceremony. As for the wedding gifts, she could figure something out. Although she couldn't demand it, the mad old woman might give it to her, and that wouldn't violate her deal with Dominic.

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The true Ms. Lane wouldn't come back, for Maya had already taken her place!

Mia worked on drafting the engagement ceremony venue in the office. The romantic and beautiful draft drawn earned an envious smile from her.

In reality, she had envisioned how her wedding would be. However, the marriage with Timothy was done in a rush back then.

Let alone a wedding, even the basic procedures weren't done.

He was unconscious at that time, his life hanging in the balance.

At that time, Mia had a crush on him so she didn't regret marrying him.

Yet,

who would've known things would turn out this way?

After all, it is best to keep a distance from the person one likes.

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If Mia could turn back time, she would give her naive past self a smack at the

back of the head.

What did Timothy's life and death have to do with her anyway?

Pitying a man was the start of a misfortune—she was the living example of it.

It took a few inward curses to let her steam off. She caressed her belly, thinking, “Baby, I don't hate you. Although I don't like that bastard, I love kids.”

At that moment, she received a call from Patricia.

“Mia, the person in charge of the demolition came to me this afternoon.

Tomorrow is the day everyone gathers to sign the contract. But he told me

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that someone else had signed the contract for our house.” “How could that be? Dominic already made arrangements. Who signed the paper?”

“According

to the neighbors, your adoptive parents visited this afternoon. It could be them. What should we 1/2 +15 BONOS Mia stood up and began walking out

of the office. “Calm down, Aunt Patricia. I’m on my way.” Felix chased after

her. “Where are you going, Mia?” “Something happened back at home.” “I can

give you a ride. It’s time to clock off work anyway. Just take my offer.”

Mia,

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who wanted to get to Patricia quickly, nodded and got into his car. He sped to the old neighborhood. The moment they arrived in the old neighborhood, Mia witnessed her adoptive parents bullying Patricia. She rushed to them with a cold expression. Then, she yelled, “Stop! What are you doing!” Mary snorted. “I’ve signed the demolition papers, Mia Bowen. That house is ours. Don’t think of getting a share of the pie out of this.” Mia frowned. “Impossible. You don’t own the house. How could you sign the

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papers?” Felix walked up to her. “Mia, take care of Aunt Patricia. I’ll go ask the person in charge in the office.” Mary and Bob exchanged looks before she snorted. “No use asking them. We’ve signed the papers. Let’s go, Bob. Let’s sit and wait for the money to be wired to our account.” While Mia was comforting Patricia, Felix exited the office. “Mia, did you get on someone’s bad side?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 215-Mia thought it was strange.
Who did she offend?

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There weren't many that would be offended by her, other than Shelly and Maya.

This was all starting to make sense.

Mia said, "I'm not sure yet." Just then, a car came to a halt by the roadside.

Dominic's expression darkened as he descended from the car.

"Mia, are you alright? Where is Bob and Mary? Let me talk to them." Mia shook her head and replied, "They're already gone." Bob and Mary, who were

always pestering her, left quickly because they wanted to avoid Dominic.

They

were worried that he was going to teach them a lesson.

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Felix turned to Mia and said, “Mia, let’s send Aunt Patricia back first.”

Dominic

frowned as his gaze landed on Felix.

In an unfriendly tone, he asked, “Who are you?” Mia interrupted hastily to introduce Felix to him, “Dominic, he’s my boss, and also my senior at school.”

Felix flashed a smile at Dominic as he greeted him, “Nice to meet you, Mr. Lane.” Dominic gave a vague response. So, Felix was the boss of the studio

that Connor mentioned. It appeared that he had been the one who sent Mia to

the hospital in the nick of time.

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Well, he looked decent. To Dominic, the fact that he sent Mia to the hospital made him barely tolerable.

When he glanced back at Mia and Patricia, his expression softened as he said, “Get in the car. I’ll send both of you back first.” After Mia helped Patricia

get in the car, she turned back and waved at Felix.

“Thanks for today, Felix.” “Don’t mention it.” Felix glanced over at their Volkswagen as he watched them leave. He narrowed his eyes when he realized this wasn’t just any ordinary model.

It was a Volkswagen Phaeton, and he was certain that it would cost at least a

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few hundred thousand dollars.

Basically, it wasn't an affordable car.

It suddenly hit him that Mia wasn't being completely honest with him. He didn't

expect her to be well off. No wonder she could afford the house that cost millions in her area. He knew it wasn't possible for her to purchase that house

on a loan.

+15 BONOS A pang of confidence shot through him as he made his mind up.

He had to make her his, so he wouldn't have to work that hard in the future.

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Once they were in the car, Patricia asked anxiously, “Mia, what if Bob and Mary really received the demolition payment?” “You don’t have to worry about that. Aunt Patricia. They won’t be able to,” Dominic answered as he drove, “I’ve been in real estate for years, and I know how things work. Trust me.” Mia nodded in approval as she chimed in, “Aunt Patricia, Dominic’s right. You have to trust him so we can resolve this matter.” When they arrived home, Eva comforted Patricia. Mia and Dominic took their seats in the living room. After a while, Mia said, “Dominic, after Felix inquired from the Demolition

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Department, it appears that I've offended someone." "Rest assured. I've already sent someone to look into what happened." Dominic was holding back his anger. He couldn't tolerate how things still went wrong despite meeting up with George over a meal to remind him about this. Walter rang him up shortly after. He went to the veranda with his phone. When he turned around, his expression was sullen. "So, who is it?" He would most definitely seize the mastermind of this incident and break his legs.

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After a brief moment of hesitation, Walter replied, “It seems like the Barrett family is involved in this.” “What?” When Dominic heard the Barretts being mentioned, he quickly spun around and glanced at Mia, who was in the living room. He lifted his hand and shut the veranda door. Only then did he lower his voice and asked Walter, “Did you find out why?” How dare Timothy target Mia? What was he trying to do? Could it be that he was using the demolition to coerce Mia into becoming his

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mistress?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 216-Dominic let his imagination

get the better of him in those few seconds. By the time he was done, he was

so infuriated to the point he could commit murder right away.

“We’re not sure what the cause was, but it was indeed the Barrett family who

told George to target Ms. Mia. After all, the Barretts are the local powerhouse

in Bern City. Optima Construction wouldn’t dare to go against them.”

“Timothy

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really has some guts to do that, huh? How dare he?” Dominic huffed.

His blood was boiling with rage.

Timothy was even thinking of marrying Maya despite his doings.

Moreover, he

was still relying on Connor to operate on Laura. How dare he target Mia?

After Dominic hung up, he called Connor right away. He had to discuss something this important with him. If Timothy was really framing Mia, especially in such a lowly manner, he would have to reconsider their connection with the Barrett family.

He would be more than glad to call off Maya’s engagement to Timothy.

Mia was still waiting for Dominic in the living room after he ended his call. Just

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then, her phone rang. It was an unknown number. She picked it up and asked, “Hello? Who’s on the line?” “It’s me, idiot! You got me into so much trouble. How are you feeling now though, Mia? Aren’t you so disappointed now? You’ve been looking forward to the demolition payment for so long. You thought you could’ve changed your fate, but you failed! Hahaha!”

The person on the other end of the phone cackled. Mia’s expression turned grim as she hissed, “Was this your doing, Wilhelmina? No, I don’t think you’re capable of that. Shelly’s probably

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responsible for this.” Though Shelly wasn’t exactly that bright, it was easy for

her to have her way as a Barrett.

Wilhelmina snickered, “That dumbass is completely clueless! She’s merely a

rich kid showing off her status. I was the one who did all these! I purposely let

Bob and Mary sign it instead after they left their bank account details with me.

There’s no way you’d get the money no matter how outraged you are!”

“Wilhelmina, you’re not any better. You’re nothing but Shelly’s lapdog. If it

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weren't for her, do you think George would even pay you any attention?

Oh

right, wait. You could help him warm his bed though, since I guess that's what

you're best at, right? I know you slept with old men more often than enough,

so it should be easy for you." Wilhelmina shrieked on the other end of the phone when she heard her.

"Mia, you'll be sorry for this! I swear!" Mia hung up right away. So it did have

something to do with Shelly, although it is the last thing Mia had expected.

Why did she always have to get involved with the Barretts?

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1/2 +15 BONOS Back then, she fell victim to Shelly's bullying. Now, it was becoming worse as she grew older, Patricia hadn't been well lately, and she'd worry herself to death if they failed to receive the demolition payment. By then, she'd be drowned in guilt. Mia took out her phone as she planned to text Timothy. She urged him to keep an eye on Shelly. To her surprise, she realized that she had already blocked him. She decided to call him. However, no one answered her call. As a result, she resorted to texting him furiously, "If you don't keep an eye on

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that crazy bitch, Shelly, don't blame me for being ruthless." Mia had leverage on Shelly. Right after she sent the message, Timothy called. Just then, Dominic had ended his phone call as he exited the veranda, moving toward the living room. With a slightly awkward expression, she hung up on Timothy instantly. "Dominic, how was it?" *Ahem. I asked them, and it seems like Bob and Mary managed to snake their way in through certain means." Mia heaved a small sigh of relief. Fortunately, he didn't realize that this had something to do with

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the Barretts. Otherwise, she was certain that she couldn't hold him back, given his hot temper.

Nonetheless, she couldn't comprehend why she was targeted.

Her phone was buzzing, and Dominic glanced over at it.

'Aren't you going to answer your call?'

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 217-Mia was slightly stunned.

She

glanced down at her phone. It was Timothy.

Her head shot back up as she replied gracefully, "Oh, don't bother. It's a scam

call." Dominic frowned as he asked, "Who's harassing you?" Could it be Timothy, that old and divorced prick?

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Mia pursed her lips before coming up with something plausible, “Um, I have been receiving calls about whether I’d fancy a renovation, since I just bought my house not long ago.” Dominic nodded. So, this was the truth. As he stared at Mia, he said, “Mia, you must let me know if anyone’s bullying you.” “I know.” Mia muted her phone and made her way to the kitchen. She didn’t pay any attention to her phone at all. Meanwhile, Timothy’s gaze was fixated on the phone. How dare Mia not pick

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up his calls?

Didn't she sound so confident when she texted him earlier?

He massaged his temples as he read her message again. He gave Shelly a call.

She answered the call after a while.

In a cautious manner, Shelly asked, "Timothy? What's the matter?"

Timothy

snapped, "Shelly, is terminating your credit card far from enough? If it weren't

for your mom who came crying at my knees, you would've already been brought away by the cops for investigation." Shelly stuttered, "Timothy, I've

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been behaving lately. I didn't do anything." "Do you think I wasn't well-informed, Shelly?" Her whole body was quivering on the other end of the phone.

"Timothy, she's just lucky to have her house demolished. But that house doesn't even belong to her! It's her adoptive parents'. I have nothing to do with

them taking back the house," Shelly was quick to defend herself, although her

voice was tinged with fear.

Shelly felt totally justified. Moreover, Wilhelmina, Bob and Mary would be held

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responsible for what they had done. She didn't have anything to do with them.

Timothy's expression darkened as he ordered, "Apologize to Mia now until she forgives you." "I don't want that! Why should I apologize when I've done nothing wrong? Timothy, you're still so biased even though you're going to divorce Mia soon. Or did you actually fall in love with her?" In a cold tone, he replied, "Be prepared to bear your consequences if you don't apologize."

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+15 BONOS “I’m not going to! You’ll have to kill me for that!” Shelly snapped.

Timothy’s expression was stoic as he hung up.

He glanced over at Walter as he instructed, “Investigate the demolition issue

on the previous residential area Mia resided in. Make an appointment with George. I need to talk to him.” Walter nodded. After he left, Timothy took his

phone out. It suddenly dawned on him that Mia had blocked him last time. Their last conversation came to a stop at the payment of a hundred thousand

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dollars, and there was a clear indication that his message wasn't successfully sent.

Finally, Timothy texted, "I have nothing to do with what Shelly did." He thought

Shelly deserved to be taught a lesson since she was so stubborn.

Mia had just returned to her room after a meal. She took out her phone, and a

smirk crept onto her face when she saw Timothy's reply.

So, this was his response.

Mia took out her computer, and found a video from the pendrive. Without

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skipping a beat, she forwarded the video to a renowned tabloid news outlet.

“Do you dare to accept this video of a daughter from a prestigious family having some sort of fun in a large group?” Right after she sent a screenshot of

the video, the news outlet responded quickly.

“Sure, why not?” Mia sent the video. Since Shelly had been painstakingly trying to scheme her, she would no longer hold back. After all, she was married to Timothy for three years, and she was well aware of the ordeals that

happened in her family, including Shelly’s. She was nothing more than a fool

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who loved getting herself in trouble.

Mia used to deal with the consequences of Shelly's actions in the past. She only did so upon the request of Shelly's mother.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 218-Mia was well aware of how

easy it was for the Barretts to burn their bridges. Thus, she had to keep her last card safe with her so she wouldn't be completely powerless if she was attacked or framed in the future.

And that was exactly what she had been doing.

After she completed her task, she deleted her anonymous account and removed the pendrive. Everything was carried out unnoticed.

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Nathan gave her the pendrive. After all, he was capable of locating the other party's IP address when she fell victim to an online slander twice. She asked him what one should do to prevent someone from finding out their IP address.

Nathan thought she had a certain target in mind, so he gave her the pendrive.

He mentioned that there was a special software in it which would make the other party locate a fake IP address.

Mia didn't expect it to be handy that soon. Nonetheless, she felt the adrenaline rush from not doing the right thing.

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She would make Shelly very sorry this time, and she would make sure that she wouldn't dare to lay a finger on her again.

Once she was done, she realized she had received a refund of a hundred thousand dollars. Did Timothy not accept the payment?

Back then, Sharon gave Bob and Mary a hundred-thousand-dollar cheque when they came asking for money at their marital home.

The last thing Mia wanted was to owe the Barretts money. Thus, she transferred the exact amount to Timothy.

Why didn't he accept the payment? She didn't want to be indebted to him.

Mia added him back again, and she was surprised to see that he accepted her

request immediately. She was puzzled.

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Did he not block her?

Back then, he even called her to chastise her about blocking him.

Nevertheless, she was still taken aback by the fact that he didn't block her.

Mia transferred a hundred thousand dollars to him again.

She wondered if he would be reluctant to accept the money again. After all, a

hundred thousand dollars wasn't any different from a dollar to him, who was

the scion of an affluent family.

Thus, she texted, "Please accept the payment." After she texted him, she yawned, then fell asleep quickly.

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The next day, she took her phone and glanced at it once she woke up. There were a dozen missed calls. She sat up and went for the trending entertainment headlines. After a brief glance at it, she wasn't surprised when she saw Shelly being mentioned in it. "The Barrett socialite having fun on some drugs and men!" The news was all over the place. It was impossible to bring it down. A triumphant smile flashed across Mia's face when she saw the headlines. In the next second, Shelly called again. Mia picked it up this time. "Morning, Ms. Barrett," "Mia! Did you do it? Was it you? You were the only one

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who knew about this!” Shelly’s shrill voice almost tore her eardrums apart from

the other end of the phone.

Putting the phone further away from her, Mia drawled, “I don’t know what you’re talking about.” “Stop pretending. Mia! I’m telling you, you’re certainly

messing with the wrong person. I’m one of the Barretts, and my family will do

anything to protect me. Just you wait. I won’t let you off the hook! I’ll kill you.”

Mia snapped icily, “I warned you back then. Don’t you dare piss me off again!”

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“Who do you think you are, Mia? I’m a Barrett, and you’re nothing but a maggot from the slums! Targeting you is as easy as trampling an ant. How dare you sneak up on me? Just you wait. I won’t spare your family!” Mia scoffed.

“Well, go ahead. But if you’re going to be that reckless, I have another video which is even more explicit. And mind you, you were naked in it. I’m sure plenty of people will be more than glad to see your body for themselves.”

The

other end of the phone became silent in an instant.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 219-Mia’s gaze was piercing as

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she held her phone.

After a while, Shelly screamed furiously from the other end of the phone.

“Mia, who’d expect you to be such a bitch? I asked you multiple times before if

you had deleted all the videos, and you said you did! But in the end, you still

have a trick up your sleeve.” “Yeah, I did. If only you and your mother respected me and didn’t order me around like a slave, I wouldn’t have kept this video with me. After all, it’s super disgusting.” Shelly shrieked frantically,

“You bitch! Who are you calling disgusting?” “You, obviously. Did you forget

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how you shimmied out of your clothes in the blink of an eye and fucked with the guys once you got high?” Mia had meant to provoke Shelly. She could hear her hysterical screams on the other end of the phone. She might even be hurling things at the ground at this moment. Mia smirked and quipped, “Why don’t you get yourself a better publicity team to get yourself out of this mess instead of looking for my trouble?” She hung up right away and blocked her. Shelly was nothing more than a dumbass who

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couldn't control her temper. The last thing she wanted was to be harassed by her.

Just then, she received a new notification from Timothy. Her gaze wavered when she saw his message.

He merely replied, “?” What did he mean by that?

In response, Mia texted, “I expect you to be completely capable of accepting

the payment, right?” Timothy exited his bedroom and made his way to the living room.

Heath hurried toward him as he said, “Mr. Barrett, there's an emergency.

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stock prices are deflating.” As he said so, he handed him the iPad which showed Shelly’s news topping the entertainment headlines.

Timothy’s expression darkened as he cursed, “Damn it! Get someone to lock

Shelly up, and don’t let anyone out there take her pictures.” “I’ve contacted

Ms. Lane, and she said Shelly wouldn’t go out at all.” As Timothy tugged on

his tie, he recalled Mia mentioning that she was going to teach them a lesson.

Was this her doing?

He looked at Heath as he ordered, “Make publicity tend to this now. Make

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them do whatever they can to reduce the impact on our company.” “Noted. The publicity team will be at the company for an emergency meeting, and they’ll come up with a plan 1/2 +15 BONOS Timothy leaned back on the couch as he massaged his temples. He called Mia, and she answered the call

in a hushed tone.

“Hello? What is it?” “Do you think a hundred thousand dollars is enough?”

“Shouldn’t that be all?” Mia retorted, slightly bewildered.

She turned back to her bedroom from the living room again. Was Timothy trying to scam her?

“The video you released caused our stock prices to deflate, and we lost

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millions. So, do you think a hundred thousand dollars will suffice?” After a brief pause, Mia sneered.

“What does that have anything to do with me? Haven’t you heard of a chain reaction? In fact, you should be blaming Shelly instead of me.” “The video was probably taken a year ago. You kept it with you for so long, and you showed your cards at the most critical moment. Mia, I’ve really underestimated you.”

Mia inhaled sharply when she sensed the coldness in his voice.

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“Indeed. And there’s more I have to tell you—the video isn’t complete. I have more of it, and it’s even more explicit.” Timothy gritted his teeth as he ordered,

“Give me the video.” Although he didn’t really care about Shelly, he wouldn’t let her ruin his company image.

“Why would I do that? This is my leverage to keep Shelly from doing crazy things to me. If she behaves, the video won’t ever be released.” “Mia, I’m sure

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you're aware that exposing the video violates the law as well. Do you think

you can hide your traces on the internet?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 220-Mia pursed her lips and remarked, "If you're capable, go ahead and investigate. Once you find something, come back and negotiate the terms with me." Just then, Connor's

voice echoed from outside the door, "Mia." "On my way." Mia replied, promptly ending the call.

On the other end of the call, Timothy detected a man's voice, finding it somewhat familiar—it sounded like Connor, Maya's brother.

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Timothy couldn't help but wonder. Why was Connor with Mia this early in the

morning? Could they have spent the night together?

As these thoughts raced through Timothy's mind, an uneasy feeling settled in

his heart.

With a stern expression, he directed his attention to Heath, asking. "How's the

progress on investigating the redevelopment of Mia's old neighborhood?"

Feeling overwhelmed, Heath replied, "What old neighborhood

redevelopment? Oh, you mean the project on the east side of the city?"

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“Our company has already settled matters with the residents. There shouldn’t be any issues.” Frustrated, Timothy rubbed his temples and clarified, “I’m referring to Mia’s old neighborhood! What are you thinking?” Heath nervously swallowed and continued, “Mr. Coleman from Optima Construction mentioned that someone from our company had approached them. “Upon investigation, it seems to be someone from Ms. Shelly’s team. Therefore, this matter is likely connected to her.” Given Shelly’s past actions against Mia, there could be a connection.

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With a hint of impatience, Timothy pressed, “Anything else?” “Well, today is

the scheduled day for signing documents in the old neighborhood.

“The house owned by Ms. Mia and Ms. Patricia has been claimed by Mia’s adoptive parents, who were able to sign the papers ahead of others,” Heath elaborated.

With a furrowed brow, Timothy rose from his seat and declared, “I’m heading

to that old neighborhood right now.” Heath looked puzzled. “Aren’t you going

back to the company to address Ms. Shelly’s matter? The PR department is

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still waiting for you.” “If the PR department requires my intervention, then what purpose do they serve?” Timothy shot back. With that, he grabbed his suit jacket and left. 1/2 +15 BONOS Heath couldn't help but sigh. Was Timothy still eager to go and clarify things with Mia? Upon ending her call with Timothy, Mia exited her bedroom and found all six of her brothers gathered in the living room. “Why are you all here?” she asked, a hint of surprise in her voice.

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Dominic flashed a grin. “We promised to come and support you, so here we are.” Mia was momentarily touched by the gesture. It was reassuring to have the support of her family.

Following breakfast, they embarked on their journey to the old neighborhood.

Outside the vicinity, a large crowd had already assembled early in the morning.

Upon arriving, Mia and her brothers entered the expansive courtyard of the old neighborhood alongside Patricia, encountering many familiar faces among

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the neighbors.

With six tall and commanding bodyguards at her side, Mia exuded an intimidating aura.

At that moment, a friendly old neighbor spoke up loudly. “Mia, your adoptive parents are here as well, right over there.” Following the indicated direction,

Mia spotted Bob and Mary hesitantly standing in a corner, with Wilhelmina alongside them.

Seeing Mia with her six brothers, Bob and Mary’s faces turned pale.

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They were visibly frightened, recalling how Mia had single-handedly dealt with them last time. Now, with six men accompanying her, the dread of a more severe outcome struck them. In contrast, Wilhelmina appeared unfazed. Approaching with a cold smirk, she remarked, “Mia, is it really necessary to bring along so many men? Are they all your past flames?” “I must say, I’m genuinely impressed by your ability to maintain a harmonious

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dynamic among these six handsome gentlemen. You certainly possess quite a skill.” Remaining composed, Mia addressed Wilhelmina, “You truly have the audacity to show up here, don’t you? Haven’t you been online?” Given the extensive coverage of Shelly’s incident, anyone with Internet access was well-informed about it. Indeed, such a scandal posed a threat even to those with powerful connections. Yet, here stands Wilhelmina, daring to make an appearance. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 221-Mia couldn’t help but marvel

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at Wilhelmina's audacity. Following Wilhelmina's words, Mia observed that Wilhelmina seemed genuinely oblivious to the situation. Through gritted teeth, Wilhelmina retorted, "It's all because of you that I've ended up like this." Wilhelmina had depleted her funds long ago, found herself embroiled in legal troubles, and was on the brink of being blacklisted. This morning, her phone had been disconnected due to unpaid bills, leaving her unable to make a call or access the internet. All of this, of course, was courtesy of Mia!

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Wilhelmina sneered, “Mia, I came here today specifically to witness your downfall.” Upon hearing this, Dominic scowled. “Where did this unpleasant woman come from, carrying such a foul mouth?” Nathan chimed in. “This is the woman who spread false rumors about Mia last time.” Dominic’s expression darkened as he shot a glance at Nathan, asking. “Hasn’t this been taken care of yet?” Wasn’t the plan to ensure Wilhelmina could never recover? How was she still able to show up here? Jason cleared his throat and stated, “This falls under my responsibility. I’ll

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investigate it later.” Mia turned to her brothers and calmly stated, “It’s okay, let’s focus on dealing with the matter at hand now.” She knew why Wilhelmina was still standing loud and proud here—it was because Shelly was secretly supporting her. However, from today onward, Shelly would no longer have any influence. Wilhelmina, this accomplice, was simply making empty threats. With an arrogant laugh, Wilhelmina retorted, “Mia, even with so many men by your side, you won’t be able to handle this matter. After all, you can’t match

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the influence of the people backing me.

“Soon, they’ll transfer the money directly into your adoptive parents’ bank account, and unfortunately, you won’t receive a single penny.” Dominic cautioned her, “Don’t be too confident.” Overnight, he had orchestrated the

acquisition of Optima Construction, and the new owner behind the scenes would assume control this morning.

Just then, representatives from Optima Construction emerged.

Wilhelmina promptly approached them, stating, “Mr. Parkson, do you recall

our agreement? Later, make sure to adhere to what I instructed you.” +15

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BONOS Certainly, Mia wouldn't comprehend the full extent until she faced the repercussions. Now, Wilhelmina was determined to unveil to Mia the true meaning of despair! However, Lucas forcefully pushed Wilhelmina aside, exclaiming, "Leave me alone, stop bothering me. "I just found out last night that Optima Construction has gone bankrupt, and our salaries haven't been paid. Let's quickly return to demand what's owed to us." Upon learning this startling news, all the employees of Optima

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Construction dispersed.

Realizing the situation was taking an unfavorable turn, Bob and Mary hurriedly approached. “Why is everyone leaving? We haven’t received our money yet.”

Wilhelmina, equally baffled, questioned, “How could it go bankrupt!”

Upon

hearing about Optima Construction’s bankruptcy and the cancellation of the

demolition, everyone hurried outside, eager to find company

representatives

for clarification.

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However, it appeared that the company officials had scattered, leaving the fate of the redevelopment uncertain.

Mia noticed Patricia heading outside and hurriedly caught up, but the crowd quickly separated them.

At that moment, a black luxury car was parked outside.

Observing the abrupt commotion in the old neighborhood, Timothy frowned

and asked, “What’s going on?” Just then, Heath received a call and turned to answer.

“Optima Construction has just been acquired. It seems the redevelopment

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project has failed, and these people have come out seeking an explanation.”

“Acquired overnight? By which company?” “Vista Properties.” Upon hearing

this, Timothy couldn’t help but furrow his brows. Wasn’t Vista Properties Dominic’s company? Something felt off.

Could they be planning to retaliate against Mia?

Timothy instructed coldly, “Look into it.” After saying that, he looked up and

spotted Mia in the crowd, pushed to the side and seemingly in a precarious situation.

His gaze sharpened as he prepared to step out of the car. Just then, he

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observed Mia being embraced by a man, their interaction appearing quite intimate.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 222-Timothy lowered the car window. Seeing the couple in an embrace, his gaze noticeably turned colder.

Heath, seated in the passenger seat, expressed surprise, “Isn’t that Dr. Connor?” “My eyes are working fine. I don’t need you to remind me,” Timothy retorted.

He slowly withdrew his hand from the car door where it had been resting. As Mia approached the neighborhood entrance, the bustling crowd nearly

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knocked her to the ground, and her face paled with fright. Fortunately, Connor

arrived just in time to intervene.

If a stampede were to occur here, it could pose a threat to her unborn baby.

Still a bit shaken, Connor advised, “Mia, you can’t act impulsively like that,

especially since you’re pregnant!” Mia playfully stuck out her tongue.

“I’m

aware. I saw Aunt Patricia rushing out, and I got worried. I wanted to catch up

with her, but I didn’t expect such a large crowd.” “Mia, you can always rely on

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us. You have six brothers, you know? Just now, you could have let us go and find Aunt Patricia for you,” Connor assured. He gently tapped Mia on the head. “Don’t do this next time,” he cautioned. Obediently nodding, Mia walked toward the old neighborhood with Connor. However, she suddenly looked back toward the road outside, sensing a strange feeling she couldn’t quite pinpoint. Withdrawing her gaze, Mia walked back into the courtyard with Connor. Seeing Patricia safe and sound, Mia felt a wave of relief wash over her. Once again, Mia faced a round of scolding from her older brothers. With a hint of concern, Patricia inquired, “Despite Optima Construction’s

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bankruptcy, will the demolition still proceed?” Dominic confidently replied,
“Don’t worry, the redevelopment will proceed as planned.” However, Mia wasn’t holding much hope. The demolition had always been a risky endeavor from the start.
Shortly after, a group of people in uniforms entered, equipped with a megaphone.
They announced, “Greetings, everyone. We represent the acquiring company, Vista Properties. We kindly request that everyone line up to sign one by one.

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Let's not prolong the relocation process for everyone." Promptly, a queue began to form.

Mia voiced her surprise, stating, "Oh, so Vista Properties made the acquisition!" In a solemn tone, Dominic remarked, "Ahem, Mia, you should find

more reassurance now. A large corporation offers strength and security."

However, Mia wasn't particularly happy.

After all, Vista Properties belonged to Maya's eldest brother, forming part of

his business empire. What if this was a trap set by that troublemaker, Maya?

Mia certainly couldn't dismiss the possibility!

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Connor chimed in, “Mia, don’t stress too much. Dominic works for that company, so he must have confidence in their capabilities.” Mia, feeling a mix of amusement and exasperation, pondered how to convey her connection to Timothy and Maya to Dominic. Nonetheless, she resolved to take it one step at a time. Attempting to pull the same trick again, Wilhelmina rushed to the front with Bob and Mary, announcing, “They are the owners of this property. Kindly allow them to proceed with the signing process.” Bob and Mary promptly

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nodded in agreement, affirming, “Yes, that’s us.” However, upon verifying the details, Randy, the person in charge, declared, “I regret to inform you that you are not the legal owners, and therefore, you do not have the authorization to sign.” Bob, visibly frustrated, retorted, “This property belongs to my brother-in-law. He’s currently in the hospital in a vegetative state, and as his family, I have the rightful authority to sign on his behalf.” “I’m afraid the property is

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registered under his spouse's name. Only his wife's signature holds the requisite authority. Other family members do not possess the legal standing to sign." Bob and Mary were left in disbelief at this revelation. Seated on the ground, Mary voiced her protest, exclaiming, "This is utterly unfair! She's a widow on the brink of remarrying. How can she be deemed eligible for the demolition compensation?" Shortly after, Mia, accompanied by her six brothers, approached with a commanding presence, creating a somewhat intimidating atmosphere. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 223-Mia glared at Mary and asserted coldly, "Because the house is registered under Aunt Patricia's

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name.” Momentarily at a loss for words, Mary instinctively turned to Wilhelmina for help, stating, “Ms. Jones, you mentioned last time that when it comes to dividing the inheritance, we also have a share, right?” “You’re an educated person. So please explain.” Standing on the side, Wilhelmina nervously cowered, somewhat intimidated by the bodyguards accompanying Mia. Despite Optima Construction’s recent bankruptcy, Mia’s demolition project remained on course, having been acquired by Vista Properties. Consumed by jealousy, Wilhelmina asserted. “That’s correct. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen have the right to inherit this property.” Regardless of the

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circumstances, Wilhelmina was determined not to let Mia secure the new house and compensation. Why should Mia have it all while she ended up with nothing?

Glancing over, Mia explained, “But my Uncle James is still alive. Aunt Patricia

has been covering his medical expenses during these years while he’s been lying in the hospital.

“She also consistently visits to take care of him. The compensation from the

demolition of this house will be used for Uncle James’s treatment.” The neighbors around nodded in agreement. “This house originally belonged to

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James. Bob shouldn't be contesting it." "Over the years, the Bowens have consistently displayed this behavior. Initially, their focus was not on the house.

Rather, they were more inclined toward monetary gain.

"Yet, James ended up taking the house without seeking any financial compensation.

"Now, with news of the old house being demolished, they suddenly appear,

demanding a share of the compensation. What kind of logic is that?" The neighbors began chiming in, revealing the details of the past events.

Bob and Mary exchanged guilty glances. Seeing the demolition compensation

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slip through their fingers, they couldn't bear to give up even a small share. In despair, Mary cried out, "Do you realize that when James was undergoing medical treatment, he borrowed a significant amount of money from us, and he hasn't repaid it?" "The compensation for this house rightfully belongs to us." Bob scowled and declared, "If anyone dares to hinder us from getting the money, I'll confront them today!"

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“I’m ready to fight tooth and nail, and I won’t back down until my last breath, ensuring no one gets a penny.” Bob and Mary escalated the situation, causing a scene and throwing a tantrum. Wilhelmina, standing on the sidelines, continued to fan the flames, determined to obstruct the demolition from happening today. Dominic exchanged a glance with Randy, who immediately grasped the unspoken signal. With a firm tone, Randy announced, “If you have concerns about the demolition, kindly proceed to the nearby office for a detailed discussion.”

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“Let’s not disrupt those who are in the process of signing for the redevelopment.” Joining in, other neighbors added, “Exactly, please don’t block our way.” A group of young men in business attire approached from the

vicinity and swiftly guided Bob and Mary away. Wilhelmina, too, found herself escorted along with them.

Randy quickly relayed through the megaphone, “Alright, everyone, keep lining up to sign. The compensation terms and amounts are even more favorable now.

“If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to ask here.” For a moment,

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hesitation hung in the air as no one dared to be the first in line, fearing the possibility of a disadvantageous deal.

However, Patricia boldly took the initiative, declaring, “I’ll sign and leave my

bank card.” She was determined to secure the money, regardless of the potential drawbacks. This way, she could preempt any trouble caused by Bob

and Mary, ensuring they wouldn’t obstruct her signing later on.

Mia didn’t intervene. Instead, she stood by, assisting Patricia in making sure

the bank card details were correct.

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Once she completed the signing, Patricia held Mia's hand and inquired, "Mia, is this sufficient? Bob and Mary won't have the chance to alter, will they?" "No, they won't be able to make changes. Vista Properties is a sizable company with strict rules and regulations." "That's good." Mia turned around and glanced at her six brothers, stating, "Let's go. It's time to head back." Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 224-Without the support of Mia's six brothers today, Bob and Mary would have exhibited even greater arrogance.

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Directing his gaze toward Mia, Dominic remarked, “Vista Properties has a longstanding tradition regarding redevelopment. Typically, the individual who signs first enjoys preferential treatment.

“Besides the compensation for demolition, there might be additional benefits.”

“Is that so?” Mia responded with a smile. “Regardless of whether there is or

not, as long as my adoptive parents can’t stir things up, I’m content.” In truth,

she harbored some reservations, especially given Vista Properties’s association with Maya and Dominic.

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During their previous encounter, Shelly had purposefully gotten in their way.

Could Maya resort to similar tactics this time?

Dominic turned to look at her, offering reassurance, “Mia, if you have any concerns, feel free to share them with me.” “Dominic, do you think there’s

a chance that Vista Properties might unexpectedly halt the demolition due to some issue?

“Or perhaps manipulate the names of those involved in the relocation or their

bank card information?” “Mia, why would you entertain such thoughts?

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highly unlikely. Vista Properties adheres to stringent management rules and regulations.

“Rest assured, I’ll closely monitor the progress of this matter for you,”

Dominic

assured her.

Mia fell silent for a moment and then responded, “Alright, thanks,

Dominic.” If

Maya did indeed pull some strings behind the scenes, Mia wouldn’t let it slide

so easily.

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Dominic's eyes reflected a hint of confusion. Why was Mia worried that Vista

Properties might engage in covert actions?

He found Mia's inquiry somewhat unusual.

After Mia left, she received a call from Felix. "Mia, how did the redevelopment

proceedings go today?" "Everything went smoothly. The paperwork has already been signed." "Congratulations, wealthy lady. Are you planning to work extra hours this afternoon? Would you like to come and provide guidance at the site for the project you designed?" "Of course, I'll head there

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right away.” After ending the call, Mia turned to her brothers, stating, “I need to put in some extra hours at the studio. I’ll make sure to be back in time for dinner tonight.” 1/2.
Patricia smiled reassuringly. “No worries. I’ll handle the grocery shopping. You may concentrate on your work. Just make sure to be back for dinner on time this evening.” Even though Dominic was tempted to propose dining out, he refrained from doing so upon witnessing Patricia finally at ease.

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Beneath Patricia's gentle exterior, she was sincerely concerned for their well-

being. Opting for a cozy dinner at home seemed like the better choice. At this moment, Connor stepped forward, saying, "Mia, I'll drive you there. It

so happens I need to go to Peace Hospital." Mia hopped into Connor's car, and as he navigated the road, he inquired, "Mia, is there any discomfort in your stomach?" "No, Connor, you don't have to worry so much." "How can I

not worry about you? There were so many people earlier, and thankfully, I arrived in time. Do you realize the potential consequences?" Mia playfully stuck out her tongue. "I promise it won't happen again." Connor sighed,

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feeling a bit helpless. “Where’s your overtime location? I can drive you there.”

“It’s alright. I’ll hop in a taxi straight to the venue. It’s not exactly en route to

Peace Hospital, and it’s a bit of a distance.” “I’m just going to the hospital for a

routine check. There’s no urgency.” With the conversation progressing as such, Mia had no choice but to input the wedding venue’s address into the navigation system. An hour later, they arrived at the location.

The scenery was picturesque, almost as if it were tailor-made for outdoor weddings.

Connor surveyed the area, recognizing the surroundings as somewhat

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familiar. Where had he seen this place before?

He inquired, “Finding a taxi here might be a challenge. How do you intend to

get back later?” “I’ll catch a ride with Felix. With so many people from the studio present, there’s bound to be a car available.” As Mia opened the car door and stepped out, she glanced up to see a familiar figure not far away

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 225-Upon spotting the familiar face, Mia turned back and waved to Connor, saying, “Connor, I need to get busy with work now.” Connor also noticed the man over there, identified as

Felix.

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After another glance at the surroundings, Connor pulled out his phone, opening the picture shared by Maya in the group chat earlier. “These are the photos of the wedding venue.

“Brothers, feel free to share any good suggestions you might have.

Remember to be on time tomorrow at noon.

After carefully examining the photo, Connor couldn't help but realize that it matched the place he was currently at.

Could it be that the wedding venue for Mia's overtime work was right here?

What a coincidence.

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After pondering for a moment, Connor decided to bring this up with Dominic.

Mia followed Felix into the decorated venue.

Observing everything come to life according to the design, Mia couldn't help

but smile. "It looks beautiful." "Mia, it's a testament to your excellent taste. The

client is highly satisfied." "These flowers are truly exquisite. I doubt we have

them locally, especially in this season when such vibrant blooms might be rare." At first, Mia intended to go with artificial flowers, but she ultimately decided on real ones, and the outcome exceeded her expectations.

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“The client specifically had these flowers flown in from Nord City. However, due to their high value, their freshness can only be maintained for the next two days.

“The extravagant gestures of wealthy people truly exceed the understanding of ordinary folks like us,” Felix teased.

In his eyes, there was a trace of envy with concealed ambition and anticipation.

Shifting his gaze to Mia, Felix inquired, “Mia, do you like these flowers?”
Mia

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glanced at the blooms and replied, “Yes, they’re beautiful.” As soon as she concluded her words, Felix gracefully presented a bouquet of identical flowers from the side.” Here you go, a gift for the wealthy lady. “In the future, as my studio expands, I’ll make sure to provide you with an abundance of these flowers.” Instantly, their colleagues around them erupted in cheers, exclaiming, “Say yes, say yes.” 1/2. Mia’s expression turned somewhat awkward. Just as she was about to offer clarification, she caught sight of someone entering from the side—was it Maya?

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Maya entered with confidence, high heels clicking as she haughtily surveyed the surroundings. “The setup is nearly there, but there are some minor details that need adjusting,” she remarked. Felix promptly set the bouquet down, attending to her, “Ms. Lane, if there are any adjustments needed, our project designer is present as well. We can make on-the-spot modifications for you.” Mia noticed the smug expression on Maya’s face, and suddenly, everything clicked. It turned out that Maya deliberately orchestrated the wedding venue design

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order that Mia had recently undertaken.

Mia looked once again at the wedding venue she had personally designed—the setting for her husband and his mistress’s engagement. What could be more repugnant than this?

“Ms. Bowen, I truly appreciate your design. Mr. Quilter, would you mind if I

had a private conversation with Ms. Bowen?” “No problem. We’ll move over

there and continue our work.” Felix promptly led the other colleagues away,

creating a space for the two women to converse privately.

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With a hypocritical expression, Maya made her way toward Mia. “I appreciate your effort in designing the engagement venue for me. I anticipate it will be a truly unforgettable experience.” Mia slowly clenched her fist, her gaze turning noticeably colder. “Ah, attempting this trick again, I see?” Maya’s smile widened. “I trust your design skills, which is why I sought your assistance in planning my engagement venue.” Mia smirked. “If your goal is to repulse me with these tactics, I must admit you’ve succeeded. It’s rather nauseating.”

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“Don’t utter such words, Ms. Bowen. After all, I seek your blessings for my wedding as well.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 226-“Do you want me to wish you

a household full of infertility and barrenness, then?” Mia countered.

“Maya, stop these petty games,” she continued sternly before turning away,

showing no intention of lingering any longer.

“Mia, are you planning to sneak away? After all, this reality is undeniably harsh for you, isn’t it?”

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“The flowers I brought here are worth more than your annual salary. That’s the stark difference between us!” Maya taunted.

Mia turned around, her gaze calm and undisturbed.

“If you want me to continue designing, that’s fine. However, aren’t you concerned that I might tamper with things and make you disappear without a trace?” she retorted.

Upon hearing Mia’s statement, Maya’s expression grew uneasy.

With a forced bravado, she responded, “Mia, you wouldn’t dare! Just because

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you used those dirty tricks against Shelly doesn't mean I'm as gullible as she is." Mia responded with a wry smile, "Go ahead, put it to the test. Since you're not keen on making it easy for me, let's just make it challenging for everyone, shall we?" Through gritted teeth, Maya retorted, "If you do that, the studio will also bear the responsibility! Besides, you didn't even know it was my order before you came today. You wouldn't dare to sabotage it." Despite their intense conflicts, Mia still adhered to professional ethics.

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A cold smirk crept onto Mia's face. "Actually, there are a few safety concerns related to this wedding design. I observed them upon my arrival, and I intended to address them.

"However, since it's your wedding, let's just leave it at that. Embracing the path of no return as a couple seems to suit you perfectly." As Mia finished speaking, Maya's face paled.

With a smirk, Mia turned around and briskly walked away. If Maya intended to repulse her, Mia was prepared to return the favor.

Tomorrow marked Maya and Timothy's engagement ceremony.

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It was likely too late to alter the design and venue now. Once Maya saw the engagement setup, she would probably start contemplating where the safety hazards might be.

Finally exhaling, Mia swiftly walked away from the scene. She pulled out her phone and sent a WhatsApp message to Felix: “Felix, something came up at home. I’m leaving early.

“The engagement venue design is almost done. You’re in charge of keeping

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an eye on it.” Mia had no intention of delving into the complex relationship

between her and Maya with Felix.

However, to expect her to stay there and arrange the engagement venue for that couple was something she couldn’t bring herself to do!

Soon enough, Felix’s call came in. “Mia, why did you suddenly leave? Is something happening at home? Is it related to the demolition?” “Yeah, something along those lines,” Mia offered in a vague response.

Upon hearing this, Felix’s tone softened. “If it’s something this important, you

should go back and handle it. I’ll take care of things here.” Mia breathed a sigh

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of relief. Fortunately, Felix didn't press for more information.

Otherwise, she wouldn't know how to explain further.

Given that the contract for this order was already signed, canceling it was impractical at this stage.

Elaborating on the situation to Felix would have been awkward, so leaving it

as it was seemed like the best option.

As Mia stepped outside, she noticed a familiar car parked on the side of the

road.

Wasn't that Connor's car?

Has he not left yet?

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Meanwhile, Connor was still on the phone with Dominic. Glancing up, he noticed Mia emerging. “Dominic, I’ll update you later. Mia’s on her way out.

We can discuss it tonight.” Mia approached Connor. The timing couldn’t have

been better. She had been worried about how to leave the venue, given the challenge of finding a taxi in this area.

Fortunately, Connor hadn’t left yet.

Suddenly, Maya’s voice called out from behind, “Mia, wait!”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 227-Upon hearing Maya’s voice,

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Mia quickly turned around and, as expected, spotted Maya approaching,
Was

Maya intentionally trying to stir up trouble? Perhaps because she was
feeling
unsatisfied?

However, Mia wasn't about to stay here any longer. After all, wasn't
retreating
the more sensible option?

Without hesitation, she rushed toward Connor, thankful that he was
present.

As Connor noticed Mia approaching, his heart raced considerably. He
never

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anticipated getting entangled in such a predicament.

He had to ensure Mia's safety!

This wasn't the right moment to disclose everything!

In the blink of an eye, Mia hurried over and settled into the passenger seat, urging, "Connor, let's get out of here!" "Alright." Without further inquiry,

Connor

stepped on the gas and quickly left the scene.

With all six brothers at home today, the revelation of Mia's expulsion from the

Barrett family might prompt her brothers to seek revenge, especially the impulsive Dominic, known for stirring up trouble.

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“It was a close call,” Mia and Connor thought, sharing a collective sense of relief.

Mia cleared her throat before responding, “Well, considering that most of the decorations are already set up, they’ll likely continue overseeing the arrangements here tonight.

“However, I needed to head home for dinner, so I decided to slip away early.”

She nonchalantly crafted an excuse.

Connor nodded, still perplexed. “But when I saw you coming out, it looked like

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someone was calling out to you.

He wanted to delve into Mia's connection with Maya.

Mia's expression briefly stiffened. "You know how it is these days, Connor.

Managing communication between the client and the designer isn't always seamless.

"Besides, with Felix on site, I can take a break. Everything should run smoothly without any problems." Connor remained somewhat skeptical.

"Was

the woman who was chasing you just now the client?" "Yeah, she's demanding and troublesome. Honestly, I'm just too lazy to cater to her.

She

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can be quite annoying.” As Mia spoke, it became evident that she harbored a

genuine dislike for Maya.

Given Maya’s somewhat two-faced personality, Connor had anticipated from

the start that Mia and Maya would never get along. Now, it appeared his suspicions were justified.

Feeling apprehensive, Connor remained silent, deciding not to press further.

Mia, too, felt a sense of unease. If Connor delved further, she would be forced

to devise more elaborate excuses. Fortunately, Connor refrained from

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additional inquiries.

Mia glanced down at the phone buzzing incessantly beside her. “Connor, your

phone has been ringing nonstop. Aren’t you going to answer?” Connor could

easily deduce the identity of the caller. He quickly clarified, “It’s probably from

the hospital, and it’s nothing urgent. You don’t have to respond. I did mention I

would be late.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 228-Mia nodded in response, and

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simultaneously, they both stopped discussing the previous topic. She turned her gaze to the scenery outside the window, contemplating the wedding venue she had personally designed. A wave of irony washed over her.

Tomorrow marked Maya's engagement to Timothy.

Mia lowered her eyes, a trace of self-mockery crossing her face. Despite being aware that this day would inevitably arrive, when it finally did, a sense of emptiness settled deep within her heart.

Upon reaching the hospital, Connor parked his car. "Mia, stay here for a moment. I'll finish up quickly and join you soon." She planned to give birth to

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her child there.

With the considerable distance, Timothy wouldn't be able to find out about it.

By that time, both Timothy and Maya would be married, making it unlikely that

they would come to investigate Mia.

As Mia and Laura continued their conversation, the hospital room door creaked open, ushering in a cool breeze.

As Mia turned around, she unexpectedly spotted a familiar figure entering.

It

took her a moment to catch her breath, not anticipating another encounter with Timothy here.

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In contrast, Laura seemed delighted. “Tim, what brings you here? Are you planning to take Mia home?” Mia remained silent, withdrawing her gaze. However, from the corner of her eye, she noticed Timothy walking by. The pair of shoes Timothy wore struck a chord of familiarity; they were the custom-made shoes Mia had selected for him in the past. While they didn’t bear any prestigious brand, they were comfortable. Timothy had worn them once in the past, but afterward, he never put them on again. Mia assumed he disliked them because they lacked a notable brand to showcase. Consequently, Mia never repeated the gesture.

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Yet, much to her surprise, Timothy was wearing them again. Mia found herself increasingly perplexed by Timothy's actions. Timothy stood by Mia, his tone composed. "Grandma, how are you feeling today?" "I'm fine. Seeing you two lovebirds brightens my day even more. Tim, keep up the good work. Regardless of how hectic work may be, make sure to take good care of Mia. After all, she's expecting!" Upon finishing her words, Laura took both of their hands, gently placing them together.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 229-Mia felt the firm grip of Timothy's hand, causing her expression to turn somewhat awkward. She contemplated pulling her hand back, but Laura steadfastly held their hands together.

“If anything were to happen to me during this surgery, both of you must take care of each other.

“With a child on the way, life can't go back to how it was before.” Laura uttered, as though entrusting them with her last wishes.

Upon hearing Laura's words, Mia found herself overwhelmed with emotion.

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“Grandma, you’ll be okay. After all, you still need to witness the birth of our child.” Laura smiled contentedly. “Yes, I will witness the birth of this child with my own eyes.” Mia’s throat tightened slightly. Though everyone assumed she faked her pregnancy to convince Laura to undergo surgery, only she knew the truth—the pregnancy was real. Beside her, Timothy spoke softly, “Grandma, I will take care of Mia and our child. You don’t have to worry so much.” Upon hearing this, a flicker of

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mockery appeared in Mia's eyes.

Wasn't Timothy supposed to get engaged to Maya tomorrow?

Certainly, his words were misleading.

Glancing at the clock, Laura observed. "It's getting late. How about you two

head out for dinner?

"The hospital food here is bland and lacks the nourishment you need. I won't

insist on keeping you both here to eat with me." Mia breathed a sigh of relief.

If Laura had insisted on her staying for dinner, she would have struggled to come up with an explanation.

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After all, all six of her brothers were waiting at home for her to have dinner.

After Laura released her hand, Mia instinctively attempted to pull away, but

Timothy held onto it firmly, refusing to let go.

Mia pressed her lips together, displaying no visible reaction.

Upon exiting the hospital room, Mia once again tried to free her hand, but Timothy remained resolute.

Looking up at him, Mia asserted, “Mr. Barrett, Grandma can’t see us now. There’s no need to keep up the charade.” Timothy narrowed his eyes and remarked, “I heard they’re signing off on the demolition for your old neighborhood today.” Mia’s eyes carried a hint of mockery as she replu,

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“Indeed, Shelly went to great lengths to retaliate against “However, Optima Construction eventually went bankrupt, though it didn’t impede my family from receiving compensation for the demolition.” Timothy pressed his lips together, remarking, “Your connections seem surprisingly vast, with quite a few ment ready to assist you.” Earlier in the day, he noticed Connor embracing Mia, their connection seemingly quite intimate. Furthermore, during Timothy’s recent call to Mia, he distinctly heard Connors’s

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voice, adding to the intrigue.

Wasn't Mia supposed to be with Linden?

Why did it seem like she was now entangled with another man?

Mia sneered, casting a glance at his tightly held hand. "So, Mr. Barrett, are you feeling a bit jealous?" Upon hearing this, Timothy's expression turned somewhat awkward.

He promptly released her hand and responded coldly, "Don't read too much

into it. I'm simply cautioning you about the risks of juggling multiple relationships.

"Sooner or later, it will backfire. If they discover your double-dealing, you might find yourself in a difficult situation." "Mr. Barrett, you don't need to

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concern yourself with these matters. It's my affair!" Timothy's chilly tone followed, serving as a reminder, "Remember, our divorce isn't finalized yet."

"Following Grandma's surgery next Monday, we will coincidentally be completing the one-month waiting period. By then, I expect you to be punctual for our appointment." Witnessing the determination in Mia's gaze and

processing her words, Timothy couldn't shake the sense that his endeavors were falling short.

His throat constricted slightly as he emphasized. "Remember not to disclose

anything before Grandma's surgery." "I understand, but given that you're

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getting engaged to another woman tomorrow, Mr. Barrett, do you truly have the authority to caution me about keeping things under wraps? “Do you think I enjoy bearing the label of being ‘cheated on’?” That day, Mia was present at Timothy and Maya’s engagement ceremony. Indeed, the ambiance at such affluent gatherings was noticeably distinct. On the other hand, when Mia married Timothy, she had a prenuptial agreement, warning her not to covet anything possessed by the Barrett family. Sharon even compelled her to sign away a portion of the Barrett family’s wealth.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 230-People were truly different from each other.

Timothy frustratingly tugged at his tie. “Actually, my engagement with Maya is-

” “Enough, Mr. Barrett! There’s no need to explain it to me. Someone of my status has no right to inquire, let alone listen!” Mia retorted before walking away.

She gazed up at the ceiling, holding back her tears.

Observing Mia’s departing silhouette, Timothy raised his hand and forcefully

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slammed it against the wall. Pain swiftly surged through him. Upon witnessing blood seeping through, Heath panicked and hastily called for a nurse to come and bandage Timothy's wound. However, upon catching a glimpse of Timothy's expression, Heath dared not utter a word. Was it because Timothy, who was typically calm and strategic, displayed a hint of helplessness at that moment? Heath couldn't help but sigh. Ever since Timothy and Mia settled on a divorce,

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life had grown increasingly tumultuous.

In the next instant, Timothy's phone rang.

Unfazed, Timothy picked up the call. "Hello?" "Tim, tomorrow is your big day.

Come home for dinner tonight. Maya will also-" Sharon's words trailed off as

Timothy abruptly hung up the phone. His gaze turned cold as he observed Mia from a distance, watching her as she entered a taxi and departed.

Following the disconnection of Sharon's call, she made several more attempts, but none received an answer.

With a hint of awkwardness, Sharon addressed Maya. "He probably has work

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obligations. You're well aware of how a corporation of this magnitude relies solely on him." Maya's gaze slightly darkened, but she remained composed and replied, "It's alright, Mrs. Barrett. I understand that Tim is busy with work."

"Maya, you're so understanding. Nonetheless, please join us for dinner tonight. What about your brothers? I heard they're supposed to come over, right?" Maya's expression stiffened momentarily. "Yes, they did plan to come, but their flight got delayed. I'll go pick them up after dinner." "Why not propose

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to Tim that we pick them up together later? Considering his hectic schedule, there's a chance he might not be able to make it. If that's the case, I'll gladly accompany you," Sharon suggested.

"It's alright, Mrs. Barrett. It's late, and you should re Besides, you'll have a busy day tomorrow." Maya promptly rejected Sharon's idea. She had just fabricated a story about her brothers' delayed flight. If Sharon accompanied her to pick them up, wouldn't the truth be exposed?

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In the afternoon, Maya reached out to Dominic, hoping to invite her brothers and Timothy for a meal. However, Dominic had prior commitments, Nathan mentioned he would arrive the next day, and attempts to contact Connor went unanswered. Maya didn't dare to pry further. After all, her time with the Lane family in Nord City had always revolved around Laura, and her three brothers had consistently shown indifference toward her. Maya was well aware that she was merely a substitute for the original heiress

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of the Lane family.

Consequently, she maintained a low profile and a humble demeanor, enduring

this dynamic until that day—the day she was set to marry Timothy.

Upon assuming the title of Mrs. Barrett, Maya eagerly anticipated a future where she wouldn't have to concern herself with the Lane family's opinions or

serve Laura any longer.

Sharon and Maya found themselves alone at the dinner table.

Maya was aware that Sharon's fondness for her was solely based on her status as the Lane family's heiress.

Midway through the meal, Maya's phone rang. Noticing it was a call from

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Dominic, she rose excitedly, stating.” It’s Dominic calling.” Answering swiftly, she inquired, “Hello, Dominic, have you finished your work?” “Maya, I initially intended to discuss this after your engagement ceremony tomorrow, but I believe it’s best to inform you now,” he began. “I’ve forwarded the electronic file to your inbox. Please take a look, and if you have any requests, feel free to let me know.” After the call concluded, Maya opened the document Dominic had sent, revealing a straightforward title-” Termination of Adoption Agreement“.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 231-Upon reading those words, a chilling surge coursed through Maya's body. What could "Termination of Adoption Agreement" possibly mean? Maya ya couldn't help but feel puzzled, struggling to comprehend the implications behind this unexpected message. Why would they contemplate dissolving her adoption agreement? Concerned, Sharon cautiously asked, "Maya, what's wrong? You look so grim!" In response, Maya hastily turned her phone face down on the table, mustering a forced smile. "It's nothing, just a bit of discomfort in my stomach. I probably ate something

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bad in the afternoon. ” she explained.

“Let Dr. Levin take a look at you. Fortunately, it’s just a stomachache. I was

concerned, thinking Dominic might have said something to upset you!”

“No,

Dominic just mentioned he’s too busy to join for dinner. He asked if I had eaten and advised me to rest early to prepare for tomorrow’s engagement.”

Suppressing her anger, Maya continued to craft a carefully constructed narrative.

Holding her phone, she rose from her seat, saying, “Mrs. Barrett, I need to use

the restroom.

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Please go ahead and eat. You don't have to wait for me." With her phone in hand, Maya headed straight to the bathroom. Once alone, she closed the door, took a seat on the toilet, and reopened the document on her phone. She meticulously read through the content, word by word, and her heart sank.

As it turned out, her initial reading was accurate. The document indeed outlined the termination of her adoption agreement.

Upon signing, she would sever all ties with the Lane family and would no longer be considered part of the family.

Tears welled up in Maya's eyes as she dialed Dominic's number, her voice

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quivering. “Dominic, did I do something to upset you? Is that why you want to

push me away?

“I’ve been a part of the Lane family since childhood. If you cast me aside, what will my future hold? I fear everyone will mock me!” +15 BONOS

“Maya,

it’s not that you did something wrong. Perhaps it was a mistake on my part from the beginning. I shouldn’t have sought a girl of a similar age to replace

my sister.

“Now that you’ve grown into an adult and are about to marry into the Barrett

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family, your future is bound to be secure. So, I think it's time to put an end to all of this." Following an afternoon. phone call with Connor, Dominic decided to inform Maya about this matter ahead of time. Unexpectedly, Mia had taken charge of the engagement design for Maya and Timothy. As a result, there was a possibility that Mia might be present at tomorrow's ceremony. This unforeseen development injected an element of unpredictability into the upcoming engagement.

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Dominic was determined to prevent Mia from discovering Maya's true identity during the event.

With Connor and Nathan also in attendance, Dominic wanted to avoid any potential misunderstandings or conflicts from occurring.

In light of this, he decided to address the termination of Maya's adoption agreement beforehand.

Maya's expression noticeably darkened as she absorbed Dominic's explanation.

In a choked voice, she pleaded, "Dominic, please reconsider terminating my

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adoption. I started as an orphan, and over the years, the Lane family has truly

become my second home!

“Even if I choose to marry Timothy, I will forever be a part of the Lane family.

Please, don’t cast me aside!” Hearing the sadness and vulnerability in Maya’s

voice, Dominic couldn’t help but feel a pang of sympathy.

Thinking about Mia’s past hardships, he gently refused, stating, “It’s not about

pushing you away. If you ever want to come back in the future, you’re always

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welcome.” “Dominic, may I ask why you’ve suddenly decided to terminate my adoption? Is it because of my upcoming marriage?” Maya couldn’t shake the feeling that there was something she had overlooked. Indeed, her brothers’ recent actions and behaviors have taken on a somewhat unusual turn. During this period, Maya had been residing in Bern City, attempting to sow discord between Timothy and Mia. Her ultimate goal was to orchestrate their divorce, paving the way for her

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seamless entrance into the Barrett family.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 232-Upon thoughtful consideration, Maya couldn't pinpoint any actions on her part that might have

triggered Dominic's disapproval or resentment.

So, what prompted his sudden decision to terminate her adoption?

Maya found herself struggling to make sense of it all.

If the Lane family cast her out, she would revert to being just an orphan. In such a circumstance.

how could she possibly secure a marriage into the Barrett family?

After all, Sharon's favorable treatment of Maya was due to the Lane family's

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esteemed status!

Maya couldn't grasp the potential ramifications of losing this social standing.

Therefore,

regardless of the situation, she couldn't afford to forfeit it!

In a composed tone, Dominic spoke, "Yes, once you get married, you won't

have to confine yourself at home to care for Grandma, and you won't have to

constantly please everyone in the family.

"It's time for your life to start anew." Tears streamed down Maya's face as she

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pleaded, “But Dominic, I really don’t want to leave!” “I understand that accepting this situation may be difficult for you at the moment. So, I’ll give you some time to process it.

“Take a careful look at the conditions in the contract and let me know if there’s anything else you need. I’ll do my best to accommodate your requests. That’s all for now.” As the call concluded, Mia shot a disdainful glance at the document before her.

After a brief pause, she burst into laughter, though her voice carried an eerie

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undertone.

After years of dealing with Laura, Maya couldn't fathom being told to leave so

abruptly. There was no way she was going to accept that!

At the moment, she was only engaged to Timothy, and it was a fake engagement at that.

Losing her position as the Lane family heiress was something Maya couldn't

afford. She certainly couldn't consent to these terms.

Without hesitation, Maya called Blake, urging. "Investigate whether Dominic

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has discovered information about my past actions. Find out where the mistake might have occurred!” Throughout her life, Maya had adeptly concealed her secrets.

Connor had stumbled upon Maya’s true identity by accident, and since that revelation, his demeanor toward her had undergone a significant shift, almost treating her like a stranger.

However, even with that incident, the most severe consequence she faced was a scolding from Dominic.

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How could Dominic contemplate severing Maya's adoptive ties over such an occurrence?

There must be an aspect of this situation that Maya was unaware of. With these thoughts swirling in her mind, Maya found herself in a state of chaotic confusion, especially upon seeing that document, which triggered a sense of utter panic.

At this moment, a memory flashed through Maya's mind—that afternoon at the engagement venue. She vividly remembered chasing after Mia and witnessing her slipping into Connor's car. However, Connor had consistently been

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unresponsive to her calls, a reluctance that seemed even more pronounced now, making it unlikely that she would receive any answers.

If Maya were to upset Connor, there was a chance he might not attend her engagement ceremony tomorrow, potentially jeopardizing Laura's upcoming surgery.

After a moment of consideration, Maya sent a WhatsApp message to Felix:

“To ensure the seamless flow of my upcoming wedding. I hope that the designer, Mia, can also be present at my engagement ceremony tomorrow.”

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Maya was determined to uncover the relationship between Mia and Connor.

Upon returning home, Mia left the negative emotions from the hospital behind.

As she pushed open the door and entered her house, she found all six of her brothers gathered in the living room.

The sofa wasn't spacious enough to accommodate everyone, leading some to

sit on the dining chairs. Meanwhile, Dominic stayed on the balcony, engrossed in a phone call.

Observing this scene, Mia couldn't help but smile. This was her new life—a

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home brimming with a lively atmosphere.

Suddenly, Connor approached her. “You came back even later than I did. Where did you go?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 233-Mia hesitated briefly, grappling with how to explain her delayed return. She couldn’t simply mention

her visit to the private hospital to see Laura.

Maintaining a composed demeanor, Mia replied, “The traffic was quite congested. I probably should have opted for the subway instead of taking a taxi.” “Taking a taxi is a good choice. At least, you get to sit and rest even if

there’s traffic. The subway can be crowded, and finding a seat is not

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guaranteed. What if it gets too cramped?” Connor’s concern for Mia’s well-being was evident, especially considering he was the only one privy to the fact that she was pregnant. Understanding Connor’s worry, Mia acknowledged the need for extra caution during her pregnancy. They exchanged a meaningful glance, each comprehending the other’s sentiments. After completing their meal, Mia couldn’t help but feel a sense of contentment

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and happiness.

She genuinely cherished the opportunity to be with her family.

With a baby on the way, she envisioned their home becoming even more vibrant.

Upon resolving affairs here, Mia planned to return to Nord City to give birth

and subsequently settle down there.

After chatting for a while, Mia couldn't suppress a yawn. She had become increasingly prone to drowsiness lately.

Noticing Mia's tiredness, Connor promptly stood up and suggested. "It's getting late. Let's all call it a night." His primary concern was ensuring that his

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pregnant sister could rest undisturbed.

The six brothers discuss later in the evening.

departed together, as they still had matters related to Maya to Once they left,

the living room swiftly resumed its quiet ambiance.

Patricia gently held Mia's hand and advised, "Mia, when the compensation money arrives, make sure to save it." Mia protested, "No, this is your money. I

can't accept it. Besides, Uncle James needs funds for hist +15 BONOS

"Your

brothers covered Uncle James's medical expenses for ten years, didn't they?

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Take this money and manage your finances wisely, you can use it to start a business or save it in a fixed deposit.

“I’m afraid I might get confused dealing with such a sum. Even my maternal

family is aware of the compensation money now, and they’ve been calling, urging me to return for a reunion,” Patricia explained.

Mia was well aware of Patricia’s maternal family’s character.

When James had a car accident and needed financial assistance, Patricia’s family didn’t contribute a single penny. Instead, they had suggested selling the

house for a divorce settlement.

In short, Patricia’s family wasn’t a supportive group of individuals.

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“Alright, I’ll hold onto the money for you. If you ever need anything in the future, you can count on me.” Mia assured.

Despite accepting the money on Patricia’s behalf, Mia had plans to utilize it for

Patricia’s retirement.

After washing up in the evening. Mia lay in bed, gently touching her lower abdomen. It seemed that her belly had started to show a slight bump.

Just then, her phone rang—it was a call from Felix.

Recalling her evasive departure in the afternoon, Mia felt a pang of guilt as she answered the phone, “Hey, Felix, are you guys just getting off work now?”

“Yeah, we’ve been occupied all day and just finished eating dinner.

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“With the wedding tomorrow, there are numerous details to verify, ensuring everything is in order to avoid any last-minute time crunch,” Felix explained.

Upon hearing this, Mia felt an even deeper sense of remorse. “I’m sorry. I was

supposed to work overtime with you guys today.” “No worries. You had family matters to attend to, and we completely understand.

“By the way, news has spread among our colleagues that the demolition compensation from your old neighborhood is turning you into a wealthy woman.

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“Don’t forget to treat everyone to a meal!” Felix teased.
Mia chuckled with a hint of helplessness. “Sure thing.” +15 BONOS “By the way, Mia, now that your family’s relocation matters are settled, make sure to drop by tomorrow to inspect the venue for the engagement ceremony,” Felix added.

Why did he want Mia to come over?

Mia didn’t have to speculate about the mastermind behind this unexpected request. It was undoubtedly the audacious Maya, shamelessly asking Mia to

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be present at the wedding venue.

Did Maya believe Mia had no involvement in the wedding preparations, giving

her the audacity to make such a request?

“Mia, don’t you want to come?” Felix inquired.

Upon hearing Felix’s voice, Mia hesitated briefly before responding.

“Felix, I

believe you’ve all done a fantastic job with the arrangements. Tomorrow, I’ll

just be on duty at the studio.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 234-“No, Mia, you’re the

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designated designer for this event. It's crucial for you to be there to oversee the engagement venue. Besides, Ms. Lane expressed her desire to thank you in person.

"You have to come over. Otherwise, it will be challenging for us to explain on our end," Felix insisted.

At this juncture, Mia found herself at a loss for an excuse to refuse.

"Mia, have you had any prior acquaintance with Ms. Lane, or is there any past conflict between you two?" Felix inquired.

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“No, I don’t know her.” Mia promptly denied.

She had no intention of revisiting past issues that could potentially affect her present life.

Reluctantly, Mia conceded, “Okay, I’ll go to the wedding venue tomorrow and

keep an eye on things.” “Alright, just make sure to arrive early and don’t be

late. Get some rest,” Felix advised.

After ending the call, Mia couldn’t help but feel a surge of anger.

Maya, that conniving individual!

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It was evident that she was intentionally trying to cause trouble for Mia, which

explained why Felix insisted on Mia being present at the wedding venue tomorrow!

If she decided not to attend, it would be challenging to explain. But having to

witness her ex- husband's engagement to another woman, especially in a venue she personally designed, was an incredibly bitter pill to swallow.

The thought alone was unbearable, and Mia couldn't shake off this frustration.

In an attempt to vent her feelings, Mia turned to the internet. She posted:

“As

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a wedding designer, I received an engagement design order from my ex-husband and his mistress.

“Now, his mistress insists that I must attend their wedding tomorrow. As a humble employee, I can’t refuse my boss’s request.

“What should I do when I go to the engagement venue tomorrow?

Urgently

seeking advice!” Initially yearning for an outlet to express her frustration, the

post quickly garnered over a thousand comments in just a minute.

+15 BONOS *1 suggest you bring a bomb to the venue and blast those cheaters away. Who cares about this.

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job!” a “Sorry to hear that, I hope this isn’t a troll. Waiting for updates!”

“You

might consider sending them a unique gift, such as a funeral wreath or a banner noting the number of days the mistress and your ex have been together.” For a moment, many people in the comment section engaged in discussions, gradually deviating into a gender-based debate.

However, Mia noticed a highly upvoted reply suggesting sending the funeral

wreath—an idea that didn’t seem entirely unreasonable.

Since the engagement venue the next day was entirely themed with fresh flowers, incorporating some yellow and white chrysanthemums might indeed

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contribute to its aesthetic appeal.

Mia promptly took out her phone and ordered the flowers along with a wreath package.

Seeing that the earlier warning to Maya had been ineffective, Mia decided to present her with this symbolic gift.

If Mia can't find peace, then none of them should expect to find peace!

She gently caressed her belly, turned off the lights, and went to sleep.

The following day. Mia woke up unusually early, seemingly aware of an important task at hand. She couldn't help but feel a surge of excitement.

This was the first time in her entire life that she had considered doing

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something like this!

After getting ready, Mia found Patricia sitting on the couch. “Mia, what’s the

matter?” Patricia asked.

“Nothing much, just heading to work,” Mia replied.

As Mia left home, she called the flower shop, arranging for the “gift” to be delivered to the engagement ceremony at a specific time.

As the designated designer for the engagement ceremony, Mia was well aware of the event’s timeline and knew precisely when delivering this “gift”

would have the most impact.

At this point, she felt she had nothing to lose.

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Opening the work group chat, Mia noticed that everyone was sharing photos of the engagement +15 BONOS As she walked out of her neighborhood, she saw Bob and Mary approaching with determination. “Mia, stop right there! If you don’t hand over the money today, don’t even think about leaving!”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 235-Upon seeing Bob and Mary, Mia realized she wouldn’t be able to leave immediately. However, she wasn’t overly concerned, knowing that Vista Properties had

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Patricia's bank card information. Regardless of how much of a scene Bob and

Mary caused, it wouldn't alter the situation.

Mia swiftly sent a WhatsApp message to Felix: "Felix, I just ran into my adoptive parents. I'll be a bit late." Upon reading the message at the engagement venue, Felix furrowed his brows.

He always sensed that Mia's family situation was somewhat complicated, especially with the troublesome nature of Bob and Mary.

If Mia were to be a part of Felix's future, he'd make sure she establishes clear

boundaries with Bob, Mary, and even Patricia, focusing solely on maintaining

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a positive relationship with her brothers.
Felix certainly had no desire to get entangled with Bob and Mary.
Expressing his understanding, Felix replied, “Okay, handle it quickly and come over as soon as you can. We’re all waiting for you.” Maya had explicitly expressed her desire to see the designer at the engagement venue, and Felix had already made a promise to Maya. If Mia failed to show up, it could potentially damage Felix’s reputation.
Felix quickly revisited the details of the engagement venue, aiming to leave a lasting impression on Maya this time. The risk of losing future business

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opportunities was something he couldn't afford.

After all, this engagement ceremony marked the union between the heiress of

the Lane family and the heir of the Barrett family.

Shortly afterward, Maya arrived at the engagement venue. She glanced at the

romantic and beautiful decorations, exactly as she had envisioned for her engagement ceremony.

Despite Mia being somewhat bothersome, Maya couldn't help but acknowledge the undeniable appeal of Mia's designs.

With a smirk, Maya inquired, "Where's the designer?" 143 +15 BONOS
She

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purposefully arranged for Mia to witness her engagement to Timothy, intending to show Mia what a compatible and fitting match entailed. As the heiress of the Lane family. Maya believed Mia, being an orphan, had

little to measure up to in comparison.

Adopting a tone of appeasement, Felix replied, “Ms. Lane, Mia has some urgent matters and will arrive a bit later.” Maya immediately frowned, expressing her dissatisfaction. “Is this the work attitude of your studio employees? As the designer for this wedding, how could she be late? “She left early yesterday, and I didn’t make a big issue out of it. How dare she

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be late today!” Was it possible that Mia intentionally found an excuse not to come?

“Ms. Lane, please don’t be upset. Here’s the situation, Mia is an orphan, and

her adoptive parents are causing some trouble.

“I’ve heard that her family received a sum of money from the relocation, and

now her adoptive parents are seeking a share of it,” Felix explained.

Maya’s eyebrows subtly furrowed. “They received money from the demolition?” Wasn’t Shelly supposed to coordinate Optima Construction to

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manipulate the funds and channel the money to Bob and Mary?
However, according to Felix, it seemed Mia still managed to get her hands on the compensation.

“Yes, there were some initial complications. Optima Construction underwent an acquisition by a major conglomerate. Interestingly, it happened to be Dominic’s company—Vista Properties.

“Following the acquisition, Mia was able to receive the demolition compensation.” Felix clarified.

“So, you’re saying Dominic’s conglomerate acquired the original real estate

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company?” “Yes, it’s a fairly common occurrence for large conglomerates to absorb smaller companies,” Felix explained. Maya couldn’t shake the feeling that something was amiss. Regardless of the magnitude of Dominic’s company, it seemed improbable for him to casually acquire a small real estate company in Bern City. Furthermore, in the preceding rumor incident involving Mia, it was revealed that the conglomerate implicated in the malicious takeover and bankruptcy of Keegan’s company was none other than 2/3 +15 BONOS While a single

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occurrence might be dismissed as a coincidence, the repetition of such events

certainly raised questions.

Maya pressed her lips together and remarked, “Regardless, ensure that Mia reaches the wedding venue punctually. Otherwise, it would reflect poorly on

the professionalism of your studio.

“Furthermore, I believe there’s no necessity to use my engagement as a means of promotion afterward.” Felix’s expression stiffened. “Ms. Lane, rest

assured, I will ensure Mia arrives on time.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 236-“Alright, that would be great.”

Maya said with a cold tone, then turned and strode away.

Maya’s joy would be significantly diminished if Mia failed to attend her engagement ceremony that day.

With all her brothers attending the event, it presented the ideal opportunity to

showcase to Mia the stark contrasts in their lives.

After a few paces, Maya instructed Blake, “Find out the reason behind Dominic’s sudden decision to acquire Optima Construction.” Blake took a moment to contemplate before responding. “It’s likely just a coincidence.

“Mr. Lane has indeed been planning to establish a branch in Bern City

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recently, and the preparations are already in progress.” Maya considered this explanation, finding it plausible. Yet, a lingering sense of unease persisted, and she couldn’t quite pinpoint the cause. It all seemed too coincidental. Blake suggested, “In fact, this could work in our favor. Since the compensation money from the demolition hasn’t arrived yet, there’s a lot we can leverage.” Upon hearing this. Maya couldn’t help but smirk. “You’re right. Take care of this matter for me.

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Maya was resolute in ensuring that Mia didn't lead a comfortable life. She harbored a strong desire for Mia to endure a lifetime of hardship, residing at the bottom as a destitute and wretched soul." Just then, Maya received a phone call. Her expression brightened with excitement. "Dominic, have you arrived? I'll come out to greet you." Maya left the garden and headed straight to the front gate. A sleek black luxury car pulled up, halting just outside the villa. Observing the three men disembarking from the car, Maya's excitement was

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evident. It was a rare occasion for her to meet with her brothers. She hadn't anticipated all three of them attending her engagement. Their presence suggested they still considered her their sister. Otherwise, why would they bother to come?

Maya's eyes welled up with tears. "Dominic, Nathan, Connor, I'm so grateful

you came for my +15 BONOS "Let's take a moment to relax in the main hall

first. The main ceremony will be held in the garden behind, and we'll need to

walk there." Dominic nodded in response.

Upon entering the hall and taking a seat, he instructed Walter to bring out

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some documents. Maya, regarding the matter we discussed earlier, have you given it some thought?” Maya noticed the document titled: “Termination of Adoption Agreement“.

Her complexion instantly paled. She had hoped that by delaying the discussion, the issue would eventually fade away. After all, Laura still needed

her assistance, didn't she?

Maya never anticipated Dominic presenting a physical document directly, and

his demeanor was unusually resolute.

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Wearing a pitiful expression, Maya pleaded, “Dominic, today is my engagement day. Do we have to discuss this matter now?” After the ceremony, Maya planned to return to Nord City. At that point, she would ensure her brothers witnessed how indispensable she was to Laura. Hopefully, this would make Dominic reconsider and spare her from signing the agreement.

Dominic narrowed his eyes slightly. “Maya, I made it clear to you last night. If you’re dissatisfied with the compensation terms, feel free to suggest your own.” Connor fixed his gaze on Maya. “But you’re marrying Timothy and assuming the role of the lady of the house, aren’t you?”

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“Financial concerns shouldn’t be an issue for you. After all, Dominic has been generous to you all these years!” Maya forced a smile and replied, “I acknowledge Dominic’s kindness to me. That’s why I see myself as part of the Lane family. But, getting married shouldn’t be a reason to cast me aside. right?” She couldn’t fathom the reason for this sudden decision. Considering his biological sister Mia, who had endured years of suffering, Dominic chose to sever Maya’s adoptive ties. Otherwise, explaining things to Mia would be difficult if she saw them together here before knowing everything..

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At the very least, he wanted Maya out of the Lane family before Mia discovered the truth.

Dominic handed the document to Maya. “Sign it.” Maya scrutinized the document. “Dominic, could you tell me why you’ve suddenly decided to terminate my adoption?”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 237-Maya had no intention of signing the document.

Deep down, she had always regarded herself as the heiress of the Lane family. The chance to become engaged to Timothy also derived from her standing in the family.

Hence, Maya was determined not to lose this advantageous position under

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any circumstances.

Dominic pursed his lips. “There isn’t any additional rationale behind this decision. It’s simply the appropriate moment to finalize your adoption, in accordance with our initial agreement.” Before Maya could respond, Blake hurriedly entered and announced, “Ms. Lane, the Barrett family has arrived.”

Maya’s expression turned uneasy. She promptly handed the document to Blake and turned to Dominic, pleading. “Dominic, can we discuss this matter after the engagement ceremony?” Dominic nodded. “Certainly, Maya. However, concerning this matter, there’s flexibility only in terms of

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compensation. Everything else is non–negotiable.” Upon hearing this, Maya’s fists clenched tightly. Did this imply that, regardless of the circumstances, she would be required to sign the document? But, why? After dedicating herself for all these years and making significant contributions to the Lane family. why were they intent on pushing her away? Connor’s tone was cold as he retorted, “Maya, you’ve already benefited significantly from our family over the years. We don’t owe you anything.” With

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the discovery of their biological sister, Mia, who had endured years of suffering, the Lane family was determined to bring her back into the fold. They certainly wouldn't tolerate anyone mistreating Mia. Hence, Maya couldn't remain a part of the Lane family. After all, she was now set to marry Timothy and step into a prosperous future as his wife. Maya stayed silent and signaled to Blake to discreetly conceal the document, ensuring it remained out of sight. Just then, the Barretts entered the main hall.

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+15 BONOS Maya swiftly regained her composure and greeted, “Mrs. Barrett, you’ve arrived.” As she spoke, Maya cast another glance at Timothy beside her, a subtle anticipation in her eyes. If the engagement ceremony unfolded smoothly today, she would soon become part of the Barrett family. Timothy remained unfazed, his eyes scanning the three Lane brothers before finally settling on Connor. He recalled the morning when he called Mia, and Connor’s voice could be heard in the background.

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This incident had been on Timothy's mind ever since..
Upon spotting the three handsome Lane brothers, Shelly's eyes widened. Dominic may be married, but Nathan and Connor, both remarkable young men, were still single. If Shelly could marry one of them, it would be ideal. With a smile, Sharon took Maya's hand. "Why are you still calling me Mrs. Barrett? It's time to change that now." Maya smiled with a touch of shyness, though her eyes didn't quite reflect the same warmth. Shelly chimed in, "Maya, we're going to be family soon. When does the

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engagement ceremony begin? You haven't started getting ready. Do you have enough time?" "I thought I'd wait for all of you to help me out, you know? After all, I don't have any female friends or relatives here in Bern City." Sharon waved her hands dismissively. "No worries, we'll assist you. Let's go." Maya nodded and turned to Dominic. "Dominic, I'll take them upstairs for makeup and a change of clothes." "Sure." Dominic nodded, shooting Timothy a displeased look. According to Connor's remarks, it seemed Timothy had ulterior motives

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toward Mia.

Soon after, the main hall was left with four men.

Three members faced off against a single opponent; it was evident that there

was mutual animosity between the two sides.

Breaking the silence, Connor spoke up, “Mr. Barrett, after your engagement

today, you should other women.” Certainly, Timothy must not entertain any

feelings for Mia! Being a divorced man from a second marriage, he had no right to covet her.

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Timothy could discern the underlying message in Connor's words. It seemed like a veiled threat, but Timothy questioned Connor's authority to make such statements.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 238-Timothy narrowed his eyes.

"What's your connection with Mia?" "Heh, whatever connection I have with her is none of your concern. But remember this, young man, she's not someone

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you can pursue. Stay away from her!” Connor decided to be straightforward.

After all, it would be better for everyone to be open and transparent with each other.

The atmosphere in the hall grew tense for a moment.

Timothy adjusted his tie. “Dr. Lane, you’re too overbearing. Grandma entrusted me with taking care of Mia, so her matters are my responsibility.”

Dominic couldn’t contain his volatile temper upon hearing this. Timothy was

already engaged to Maya. Did he still want to have it both ways?

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Timothy's face remained stern, showing no signs of yielding. Dominic was furious. He stood up, seized Timothy's collar, and declared, "What's with that attitude? Retract what you just said, or I'll break your damn legs today!" Dominic couldn't comprehend how Timothy had the audacity to openly express his interest in Mia! Timothy's gaze was arrogant and defiant. "No retractions," he shot back. Speaking in a cold tone, Connor addressed Timothy, "Do you even think you deserve Mia? Initially. I was reluctant to consent to Grandma Laura's surgery.

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“I don’t usually go out of my way for people I dislike, and you happen to be

one of them. However, Mia pleaded with me, so I reluctantly agreed.”

Timothy

stared at him in shock, and after a moment, he spoke in a hoarse voice,

“Are

you telling me that Mia begged you to perform the surgery on my

grandmother?” “Yes, that’s right. I agreed to operate on Grandma Laura

out of

consideration for Mia. It’s solely because of Mia’s plea.

“After all, Grandma Laura has looked after Mia before, and I’m not one to

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disregard gratitude. So, I consented to the surgery!” Timothy’s body seemed to freeze, his mind going blank. His trembling lips managed to utter, “Isn’t it because of Maya that you agreed to perform the Connor promptly denied, “No, it’s not.” +15 BONOS Timothy felt as if all the strength had been drained from his body. He sank onto the sofa, propping himself up with one hand, and stared at Connor with a weighted gaze. All along. Timothy had assumed it was because of Maya. He never anticipated that it was due to Mia’s plea that Connor agreed to

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perform the surgery on Laura!

Why hadn't Mia disclosed this information?

Indeed, that morning when Timothy overheard Connor's conversation with Maya, it hinted at a close relationship between them, especially considering

they were together so early in the morning.

The mere thought weighed heavily on Timothy's chest, making it difficult to

breathe.

Sensing Timothy's peculiar reaction, Connor wondered if he had crossed a line.

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Unable to contain himself, Connor spoke up. “Timothy, Mia might not have shared this with you earlier, but now that you’re aware, I urge you to keep your distance from her in the future. Don’t get too close!” Timothy’s voice was strained as he replied, “I cannot agree to that condition.” “Whether you agree or not is inconsequential. The successful execution of the surgery for your grandmother lies solely within my capabilities, and her health cannot endure any delays.

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“If you still have an ounce of respect for her, you’ll comply!” Initially, Connor considered it undignified to resort to such tactics to threaten people. However, for Mia’s sake, he had thrown aside such reservations. Dominic sneered, “Mia’s association with individuals from the Barrett family is bound to bring her misfortune. Every time she faced trouble in the past, wasn’t it somehow connected to your family?” “If you hold her in such low regard, why entangle yourself with her once again?” Timothy suddenly found himself at a loss for words. Upon careful reflection, everything Dominic said seemed undeniably true!

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Timothy rose slowly, directing his gaze toward the three Lane brothers in front of him.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 239-Dominic yelled at Timothy in a fit of rage, asking. “What’s with that look in your eyes?” Timothy offered no response. Instead, he turned away and hastily exited the main hall, his steps disjointed and awkward.

Watching Timothy’s retreating figure, Connor couldn’t help but notice the peculiarity in Timothy’s reaction Had Connor overlooked a crucial detail?

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In that tense moment, Nathan brought to Dominic's attention. "Dominic, it appears that Maya has lied once again." Pausing for a moment, Connor remarked, "I never expected Maya to boldly fabricate such things to Timothy.

This isn't the first time she's shamelessly lied!" Timothy's earlier response hinted at a consistent pattern of dishonesty from Maya toward the Barrett family.

Now, Connor found himself pondering whether Timothy genuinely harbored feelings for Maya.

Rubbing his temples, Dominic asserted. "I'm aware. I'll resolve Maya's identity

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issue before Mia returns. I won't allow any injustice to befall Mia.”

Nathan

chimed in. “Mia is the designer for this engagement ceremony, and she should be arriving soon. We need to figure out how to explain things to her.”

Connor's mouth twitched as he remarked, “Navigating this situation is indeed

quite complex. Dominic, as the eldest, it falls on you to handle this. You got

this!” Dominic frowned, countering. “I've noticed Mia has a good relationship

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with you. Why don't you take the lead in explaining?" Despite their seasoned experiences in navigating life's challenges, the three brothers found themselves hesitating in the face of this unexpected situation. Exchanging glances, they all wished they could simply fade into a corner. How were they supposed to explain this to Mia? Meanwhile, in the upstairs dressing room, Maya had slipped into a radiant white wedding gown. As she admired herself in the mirror, a smug expression adorned her face. The day she had waited for so long had finally arrived.

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In Maya's mind, getting engaged to Timothy meant she was now the rightful Mrs. Barrett, and there would be no place for Mia in the Barrett family. Standing beside her, Shelly couldn't help but compliment, "Maya, you look stunning today." "Thank you. After all, every girl looks her most beautiful in a wedding gown. Your turn will come in the future." Maya replied. Shelly rolled her eyes and inquired eagerly. "Maya, does Nathan have a girlfriend?" Upon recent investigation, she discovered that Nathan was a rising star in the tech industry. showcasing boundless potential.

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This revelation was a decisive factor in her preference for Nathan, the owner of his own company. over Connor, who was a doctor. Raising an eyebrow, Maya commented, “From what I’ve gathered, he probably doesn’t have a girlfriend. After all, Nathan is a workaholic. He’s usually very busy.” “Maya, as we’re on the verge of becoming family, wouldn’t it be wonderful for us to grow closer? Perhaps you could arrange for me to meet Nathan at some point.” Maya sensed Shelly’s intentions and found them audacious, questioning whether Shelly was truly deserving of someone like

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Nathan.

Despite harboring inner disdain, Maya concealed it and replied with a smile,

“I’ll be happy to arrange an introduction after my engagement.” “Maya, thank

you—or no, I should be regarding you as my sister-in-law now, right?”

With a

subtle satisfaction, Maya smiled and added, “By the way, Shelly, are you aware of the issues surrounding the demolition at Mia’s old neighborhood?”

“Please, don’t even mention it. Because of that incident, I almost incurred my

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mom's wrath. I've been confined to my home and am not allowed to venture outside.

"It took a considerable amount of pleading, but today I finally managed to convince my mom to let me attend your engagement ceremony.

"She's quite superstitious, thinking I should stay indoors for a few days to ward off negative energy, which is also the reason she couldn't make it today."

Maya reassured her, saying, "It's understandable. Your mom is just concerned about your wellMeet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 240-"What? Maya, aren't you

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concerned that Mia might cause trouble at the wedding?” Maya’s smile turned cold. “She wouldn’t dare. The engagement venue today bears her design. If anything goes awry, it’s not just her career on the line; her entire studio will face the consequences.” “I see. By the way. Maya, how about having Mia assist with your wedding gown’s train? Let that bitch witness the contrast between us.” Shelly was now desperate to eliminate Mia. Because of Mia, Shelly’s reputation had suffered a blow. Even though the Barrett family later clarified that the video and photos were manipulated, those

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in the know were aware of her involvement.

It was all because of Mia!

Maya smirked. “Alright, let’s head downstairs. You can manage it on your own

later. Just ensure it doesn’t impact the engagement.” “Maya, don’t worry. I’ll

handle Mia without a hitch. You just sit back and enjoy the show.” Upon hearing this, Maya’s smirk deepened.

Descending the stairs, she was taken aback to discover the main hall empty.

Where were Timothy and her brothers?

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Sharon offered a reassuring smile, saying, “Maya, Tim and your brothers likely stepped out to discuss matters. Let’s not worry about them for now. “We should head directly to the engagement venue at the back.” Maya forced a smile, entertaining the possibility that Sharon might be right. Yet, an intense twitching in her eyelids persisted, and she couldn’t quite pinpoint the cause. Upon Maya’s arrival at the engagement venue, Timothy and her brothers were nowhere to be found, and panic began to set in.

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Sensing Maya's unease, Sharon commented, "Maya, I'll call Tim to find out where they've gone." After Sharon's departure, Maya turned to Felix, inquiring, "Has Ms. Bowen arrived?" Approaching hesitantly, Felix spoke, "I'm sorry, Ms. Lane. She hasn't arrived yet but should be on her way." "On her way? Is this the level of professionalism in your studio, Mr. Quilter? Mia, the designated designer, is conspicuously absent. "How am I supposed to have confidence in your studio's ability to deliver satisfactory results?" "I apologize, Ms. Lane. I'll contact Mia immediately."

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Felix promptly dialed Mia's number, his expression turning uneasy. Eventually, he reluctantly informed, "Ms. Lane, Mia's phone is switched off."

Shelly sneered, "Switched off? Could it be that Mia had no intention of coming

and deliberately turned off her phone to avoid being contacted? She certainly

seems quite cunning." Maya's mood soured even more. As she turned around, her brothers were nowhere to be found.

She quickly grabbed her phone and called Dominic, "Dominic, the engagement is about to begin. Where are you guys?" "We're on our way."

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Dominic ended the call, exchanging glances with Nathan and Connor, stating,

“Let’s go. There’s no avoiding it anyway.” Connor voiced his concerns.

“Dominic, perhaps you should go. I could use a bit more rest. I’m feeling anxious!” What if Mia got upset and ignored him later?

“Don’t be absurd. Whatever comes our way, we face it together as brothers! A

family stays united!” Dominic led Nathan and Connor to the engagement venue, his expression resembling that of a soldier marching into battle.

However, upon arrival, there was no trace of Mia.

Dominic searched around but couldn’t find her. Could it be that she wasn’t showin up?

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Maya smiled and asked, “Dominic, who are you looking for?” Swiftly changing the subject, Connor inquired, “The engagement is about to begin; where’s the groom?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 241-Maya’s expression shifted uncomfortably upon hearing the question.

“Mrs. Barrett went to look for Tim,” she replied. For some inexplicable reason, she had a sinking feeling.

Just then, Sharon returned with a puzzled look. “How odd. I can’t get in touch

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“It’s impossible. Tim was just here a moment ago. How could he suddenly change his mind and leave? There must be something holding him back.”

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Sensing the tension, Sharon tried to diffuse the situation. “I agree. Tim must be caught up with something. He was with me just a while ago.” Upon realizing her earlier comment was insensitive, Shelly swiftly added, “Yes, Timothy seems to be quite busy. There might be an urgent matter causing a delay. Shall we give it a little more time?”

Mustering a smile, Maya addressed Shelly and Sharon. “Alright, everyone, please take your seats. I’ll go touch up my makeup.” Maya devised a reason to excuse herself and briskly directed Blake, “Where’s Timothy? Assign someone to track him down.”

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After all, it's not a large space." "Understood. I'll proceed immediately."

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“But it’s your engagement day today. Regardless of how occupied Timothy may be, he shouldn’t vanish without a trace, especially when he’s unreachable. His behavior is truly unacceptable,” he retorted.

“Dominic, Tim has a demanding job. I can empathize with his situation.” Maya chimed in.

Dominic sighed. “Do as you wish. Since this is your decision, I won’t press further.” He couldn’t comprehend what made Timothy so indispensable to Maya.

Unbeknownst to Maya, Timothy still harbored feelings for Mia.

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Dominic returned to his seat, lowering his voice as he addressed Connor. “Where’s Mia? Why haven’t I seen her?” “I’ll go find out.” Connor had previously met Felix, Mia’s studio boss who was also present at the venue. Standing up, Connor walked over to Felix. “Felix, do you mind if we have a quick chat?” “Not at all. I’d love to.” In reality, Felix was also perplexed. Wasn’t Connor Mia’s brother? Why was he here today, attending Maya’s engagement ceremony and even seated in the family section? Connor glanced around. “Is Mia not attending today?” “She was supposed to

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be here, but there's been no sign of her.
"I've messaged her on WhatsApp and called multiple times, but her phone is now completely turned off," Felix expressed, his displeasure evident. Given the significance of today's engagement ceremony for the studio, Mia's absence as the designer was highly embarrassing for him. Upon hearing this, Connor promptly dialed Mia's number, confirming that her phone was indeed switched off. Something seemed amiss. Why was her phone turned off?

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Connor glanced at Felix and inquired, “Has Mia not responded to any of your messages?” “At first, she did. She mentioned encountering an issue that caused a slight delay but assured me she’d be here as soon as it was resolved. However, it’s been hours, and there’s still no sign of her.” Connor felt a sense of unease. Mia wouldn’t just switch off her phone without reason. Something Frowning, Connor inquired, “Did Mia explain the reason for her delay earlier this morning?”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 242-“She mentioned running into her adoptive parents and said she’d be a bit late.” “Adoptive parents?” Connor couldn’t help but frown. Bob and Mary seemed to have a knack for causing trouble, showing up to bother Mia again. Felix cautiously spoke up. “There’s something I’ve been wanting to ask since a moment ago.” Connor turned his attention to Felix, asking, “What do you want to know?” “I genuinely don’t have any ulterior motives. It’s just that

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seeing all of you at the engagement ceremony caught me by surprise. Are you

somehow related to Ms. Lane? Mia has never mentioned this before.”

When

Mia met Maya, her demeanor was distant, lacking the warmth a person might

expect between relatives.

Connor raised an eyebrow, realizing he had almost forgotten about this matter.

Initially, they thought Mia would be present today, and there seemed to be no

need to conceal their identities.

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However, with Mia absent, the situation had taken an unexpected turn. Clearing his throat, Connor explained, “Well, we’re distant relatives.”

Felix

nodded in response and added, “Considering the significance of Ms. Lane’s

engagement, it’s quite surprising that her family hasn’t made an appearance.”

“Engagement doesn’t carry the same weight as marriage. Societal norms have evolved.” “Yeah, you’re right.” Felix didn’t dwell too much on it, acknowledging his unfamiliarity with aristocratic family dynamics.

However, the revelation about Mia’s connection to the esteemed Lane family

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in Nord City caught him off guard.

No wonder Maya was adamant about having Mia design the wedding venue

right from the start.

It turned out there was this hidden layer of connection!

It became apparent that Mia harbored some undisclosed secrets. Felix would

need to invest more effort to win her affection.

Connor returned to his seat with a troubled expression. “Mia still hasn’t arrived. I asked Felix, and he mentioned that Mia ran into her adoptive parents

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this morning.” Dominic’s expression hardened. “I just tried calling Mia, but her phone is off. What if something happened to her when she ran into her adoptive parents?” The three men, initially feeling uneasy, not only hesitated to contact Mia but also refrained from stepping outside. Little did they anticipate Mia’s absence. Connor fidgeted in his seat, his impatience evident. “We can’t just sit here. Let’s go back and investigate. We shouldn’t set our expectations too high for those scumbags.” Rising from his chair, Dominic declared, “I’ve asked Eva to

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contact the property management and review the surveillance footage to determine exactly what happened with Mia.” In unison, the three men stood

up, prepared to depart.

Maya entered hastily, addressing them. “Dominic, Nathan, Connor, where are

you headed?” Dominic met her gaze, inquiring, “Where’s Timothy?”

Maya’s

expression instantly stiffened. “I just reviewed the surveillance. Once Tim left

the main.

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hall, he simply walked away.” Connor scoffed, “Clearly, he lacks any sense of responsibility.” Maya’s hands clenched, and she demanded, “Connor, I want to know the details of your conversation. Why did Tim leave without a word?”

Since Timothy made an appearance today, it seemed he was committed to his role.

Maya genuinely couldn’t comprehend why Timothy had left so abruptly, and

her attempts to reach him were in vain as he continued to ignore her calls.

In a composed manner, Connor explained, “Our conversation was

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straightforward. I advised him to commit to you in the future and refrain from

any involvement with other women.

“If he chooses otherwise, he won’t get off lightly.” If Timothy harbored any

intentions toward Mia, he would undoubtedly face the consequences.

Maya’s expression softened slightly, and she suggested, “Perhaps Timothy had some urgent With a hint of disappointment, Dominic remarked,

“There’s

no need to wait. I have pressing matters to address. I’ll take my leave.”

Maya’s complexion instantly paled. “Dominic, where are you all going? Is there something more important than my engagement?”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 243-Maya couldn't comprehend why Timothy had left, and now, her brothers were also following suit. They were her family, after all. On a day as significant as her engagement, what could possibly take precedence over her? Despite Timothy's absence, having her brothers present could have salvaged the situation. However, with their departure, wouldn't she inevitably become a subject of ridicule?

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Timothy clearly wants to marry me! Why else would we be having this engagement ceremony today?" Maya suddenly sensed a discrepancy in Connor's words.

"Maya, wasn't Timothy's decision to marry you based on my agreement to perform surgery for Mrs. Barrett Senior?" Maya's expression froze, realizing that Connor was privy to this information.

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Did he really need to reveal to Maya that he agreed to perform surgery on Laura because of Mia?

If he did, Maya would undoubtedly start questioning Mia’s identity.

Given Mia’s absence from the engagement today, the revelation of her identity

had to be postponed. Hence, Connor chose not to proceed with the discussion.

Dominic furrowed his brow as he glanced at his phone, announcing, “We need

to leave.” A message from Eva had come in, and the surveillance

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investigation had provided crucial information. They now knew Mia's whereabouts.

Time was of the essence, and further delay was not an option.

Maya took a step closer and inquired, "Dominic, what exactly is the urgent matter?" "It's related to company affairs," Dominic replied, fabricating an excuse and refraining from divulging the true reason to Maya.

The three Lane brothers exited together, leaving Maya standing alone. A chilly

and uneasy sensation settled in her heart.

That day was meant to be her engagement day, but why were her brothers departing prematurely?

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Recalling the contract Dominic had handed her earlier, Maya couldn't shake off the intense resentment she felt. Having resided in the Lane family for many years, Maya always deemed herself the rightful heiress. The idea of being cast aside was inconceivable to her. Maya was resolute—no matter what it took, she would remain a part of the Lane family. She was committed to being the Lane family heiress for the rest of her life. At that moment, Shelly approached and inquired. “Maya, why did your brothers leave?” Maya quickly regained her composure and explained. “My

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brothers had pressing matters at their company, and being busy individuals, they had to leave.

“Likewise, Tim had work–related issues that required his departure.”

Shelly

found it a bit strange and pressed. “But it’s your engagement day. Why would

they depart on such a momentous occasion? Is work more crucial than commemorating your engagement?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 244-Maya’s expression momentarily tensed, prompting Sharon to step in. “Alright, if Tim has to

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prioritize his career, let him. We can continue with the engagement and make the most of it.” At the mention of proceeding with the engagement, Maya managed to force a smile and apologized, “Mrs. Barrett, I’m truly sorry about this.” “I should be the one apologizing. Tim’s behavior is a bit out of line.” “It’s okay: I understand that he’s caught up with work.” Maya smiled, yet her eyes remained devoid of warmth. Despite her internal frustrations, she couldn’t afford to abandon the engagement ceremony.

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Shelly seized the opportunity to inquire, “Maya, where is Mia? Wasn’t she supposed to be here today too?” Frustrated, Maya turned to Felix, demanding, “Where is Mia? What happened to her?” “Her phone is off, and we’re unable to contact her. I’m not sure if there’s a conflict with her adoptive parents,” Felix responded, expressing growing concern for Mia’s well-being. Shelly sneered, “I suppose Mia may be harboring some guilt and is hesitant to show up. Given the unfolding dynamics of the engagement, she may lack the

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courage to face everyone.” “Who said I wouldn’t dare to come?” At this moment, Mia entered, appearing somewhat disheveled with a minor injury at the corner of her mouth. She had just run into trouble with Bob and Mary outside her neighborhood. A brawl ensued between them on the main road, and to top it off, her phone got stomped and broken—a series of unfortunate events. Ignoring the pain, Mia turned to Felix, asking, “Felix, are there any issues at

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the venue?” “Everything is progressing smoothly without any problems,”

Felix

assured.

Mia then addressed Maya, saying, “Did you hear that? There are no issues.”

Maya wore a displeased expression. “The engagement hasn’t even begun; how would I know if there aren’t any problems?” “Well then, let’s commence.”

Mia declared.

Her words brought an immediate hush to the surroundings.

Noticing Maya’s hostile expression, Mia glanced around and remarked,

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“According to the schedule, the engagement ceremony should have begun by now. Why hasn’t it started yet?” The situation was undeniably peculiar. Not only had the engagement ceremony failed to commence, but Mia also noticed the conspicuous absence of Timothy. Suspicious, Mia inquired, “Where’s the groom?” Struggling to maintain her composure, Maya uttered, “Due to some urgent work, Tim had to leave. but

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the engagement will continue as planned.” Adopting a triumphant demeanor,
Sharon interjected, “Exactly, the engagement will continue. Tim’s absence due to work isn’t a hindrance.
“As long as both families consent, that’s what matters. It epitomizes a well–
matched marriage, a union characterized by equal standing.” Mia remained composed and shifted her gaze to the relatives’ seats. “Oh, and what about the bride’s family? Did none of them show up?” Shelly quickly chimed in. “Maya’s brothers are also quite busy and had some matters to attend to.”
Mia

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raised an eyebrow and quipped, “With no groom and family members in sight, an unsuspecting observer might mistake you and Sharon for the ones getting married.” Maya’s expression immediately soured. How dare Mia make such a statement!

Shelly swiftly interjected. “Maya, don’t let it bother you. Some people are just envious. The less they have, the more they covet.” Mia glanced over with a

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smirk. “Well, look who’s boldly making an appearance already. It seems you not only carry a carefree attitude but also a courageous spirit.” Shell Shelly’s expression grew uneasy. She detested it when people brought up this matter, particularly Mia! Stepping forward, Shelly prepared to deliver a slap to Mia’s face, declaring, “I’ve been wanting to teach you a lesson for a long time!” Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 245-Mia remained unfazed. Did

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Shelly assume she was still the same easy target as before?
Grabbing Shelly's hand, Mia effortlessly executed a shoulder throw, sending her sprawling to the ground.
Wearing a tight skirt, Shelly unexpectedly found herself in a compromising position, inadvertently exposing the color of her underwear for all to see. With a disapproving click of her tongue, Mia commented, "Are you not wearing safety shorts? It seems you've opted for a thong instead. Ms. Barrett certainly

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knows how to have fun.” Shelly let out a scream, threatening. “Mia, I’m going to kill you!” Witnessing the situation escalate, Maya quickly turned to Blake, instructing. “Swiftly clear the area and instruct anyone unrelated to leave immediately. Also, make sure to check their phones.” Given that Maya was engaged to Timothy, Shelly’s behavior could potentially impact Maya’s reputation. Any embarrassment on Shelly’s part would have repercussions on Maya’s social standing. On the sidelines, Felix seemed eager to intervene, but the black-clad

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bodyguards promptly escorted him out, denying him any opportunity to speak.

Felix stood outside, a sense of regret washing over him. He should have greeted Mia earlier.

A colleague from the studio whispered, “Mr. Quilter, Mia was quite fierce just

now, daring to lay hands on Ms. Barrett. Doesn’t she fear the consequences?”

Felix, too, was taken aback earlier and hesitated to intervene.

However, considering that Mia’s brothers had connections with the Lane family, Felix deduced that it might simply be an internal matter among affluent

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families. Thus, he felt no need for concern.

From another perspective, it also indicated that Mia's family background was

even more intricate than he had initially thought.

How else could she muster the audacity to confront Maya and Shelly in such a manner?

At this moment, only a few people remained at the engagement venue.

Mia had initially intended to capture a few photos with her phone, only to recall

that her phone was already broken, forcing her to abandon the idea.

As Shelly got up from the floor, she glared at Mia and loudly demanded,

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“Maya, instruct your bodyguards to apprehend Mia. I must teach her a lesson today!” Maya feigned concern and responded, “Ms. Bowen, considering you initiated the physical altercation, an apology is in order. Otherwise, this matter won’t be as simple as it seems. Ms. Barrett is quite upset now!” Mia turned to Shelly, asserting. “Have you forgotten what I hold in my hands? Do you dare lay a finger on me?” Shelly suddenly regained composure, though her frustration was palpable. “Mia, you’re truly despicable!” “Oh, you’re too kind. After all, I’ve just been learning from the

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best, haven't I?" With a sense of satisfaction, Mia observed Shelly's frustrated

yet controlled expression.

Sharon snorted, "If she won't lay a hand on you, count me in! Do you have any leverage against me?" Shelly's eyes lit up. "Right! If we can strip Mia naked today and take some compromising photos, this bitch won't be able to

threaten me anymore!" Mia observed the approaching bodyguards, and a flicker of wariness crossed her eyes.

She sought an opportunity to escape, well aware that Felix was still outside.

Once she reached the studio area, she could find safety.

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“Stop!” A cold and authoritative voice cut through the tension. Timothy emerged from the sidelines, his strides exuding confidence and power, while his narrow eyes conveyed a profound depth. Mia looked up, meeting Timothy’s gaze. She couldn’t shake the feeling that something was concealed in the depths of his eyes, though she couldn’t quite decipher what it might be. Their eyes met for a moment before she swiftly averted her gaze. Spotting Timothy, Maya was elated and hurried over, linking her arm with his.

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“Tim, I thought you had urgent matters to attend to. Is everything sorted out at work?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 246-Maya was caught off guard by

Timothy’s unexpected return.

His footsteps abruptly halted, and he lowered his gaze, fixing his eyes on Maya. “Let go,” he commanded.

Feeling somewhat embarrassed, Maya released his arm, urging. “Tim, the engagement has already started. We should head over.” Sharon nodded hastily, adding, “Yes, indeed, we’ve already wasted enough time. We can’t afford any more delays.

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“Maya, reach out to your brothers promptly and check if they’ve completed their work. Let’s see if they can join the celebration.” Maya quickly dialed Dominic’s number, but there was no response.

Undeterred, she sent a text to Dominic on WhatsApp, though she harbored doubts about receiving a reply. Yet, it hardly mattered; Timothy had arrived.

Shelly appeared dissatisfied. “Hold on a minute, did Mia just attack me out of the blue? Timothy. you’ve come at the perfect moment. Mia just physically

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assaulted me!” Despite Shelly’s complaint, Mia remained unfazed, offering no explanation.

After a momentary pause, Timothy stepped forward, positioning himself in front of Mia, his polished shoes gleaming brightly.

In a resonant voice, he questioned, “Aren’t you going to explain?” “What’s there to explain? You wouldn’t believe me anyway. Why should I waste my breath?” Mia lifted her gaze to meet Timothy’s, locking eyes with his penetrating stare.” At that moment, she detected a subtle shift in his expression—instead of the usual disdain or superiority, a trace of concern flickered in his eyes.

Was it possible that she had misread him?

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Timothy, standing tall above her, returned her gaze with a complex expression. Having spent an extended period contemplating outside, his mind felt tumultuous.

The revelation that Mia had convinced Connor to perform surgery on Laura had caught him off guard.

Surprisingly, Mia hadn't mentioned it at all.

Contemplating Mia's close bond with Connor, Timothy couldn't shake off a suffocating sensation, as if something vital had slipped through his fingers in

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an instant.

Speaking in a subdued tone, he admitted, “Mia, it seems like I’ve never truly

understood you.” In response, Mia retorted, “Yes, well, the sentiment is mutual. So spare me that look: your understanding falls short regardless.”

At

that moment, Mia detected an unusual demeanor in Timothy.

Standing nearby, Shelly couldn’t resist chiming in. “Mia, Timothy is asking for

an explanation.

Don’t sidestep the question.” Mia openly confessed. “Yes, I was the one who

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struck her.” “Timothy, you heard it. Mia admitted to physically assaulting me!”

Shelly exclaimed.

Undaunted, Mia defiantly lifted her head, locking eyes with Timothy just as

she had moments ago.

Meeting Mia’s eyes, Timothy was suddenly reminded of the familiar look he

had encountered countless times over the past three years.

Yet, each time, he chose to ignore and dismiss anything she said In a cold, resolute tone, Timothy finally demanded, “Apologize!” Mia’s eyes flashed with

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a hint of mockery. Indeed, nothing had changed. Feeling triumphant, Shelly quipped, “Mia, did you catch that? Timothy is demanding an apology from you!” In the next moment, Timothy redirected his gaze toward Shelly. “Shelly: I want you to apologize to her,” he ordered. “By are you mistaken? Why would I apologize to Mia?” Shelly retorted. Timothy’s tone turned icy. “She’s your sister-in-law. Show some respect. Who granted you the right to address her so casually?” This statement undoubtedly sparked a storm at the scene! Mia stared at Timothy in front of her, disbelief etched across her face. Was he unaware that it was his engagement day?

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How could he utter such words in Maya's presence? Was he not concerned about making her cry?

In the ensuing moment, Maya did, indeed, burst into tears, exclaiming. "Tim!"

Sharon interjected firmly. "Tim, if you claim that Mia is Shelly's sister-in-law,

how does Maya fit into the picture?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 247-Upon hearing Sharon's words,

Mia found herself grappling with the same doubts. Wasn't today.

Timothy's

engagement day?

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His remark to Shelly about Mia being her sister-in-law left her bewildered.

Was he losing his senses?

Could he not see how close Maya was to tears?

Adorned in a bridal gown, Maya radiated purity and angelic beauty from head

to toe. Was Timothy oblivious to her appearance?

As Mia's imaginative banter took flight, she noticed Timothy approaching her.

She kept looking up at him, to the extent that her neck began to ache.

The sheer height of Timothy struck her—he was really tall!

Timothy stood before Mia, his slender gaze fixed on hers.

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Mia's expression turned somewhat awkward as she sensed Timothy scrutinizing her strangely.

What was wrong with him?

Why was he staring at her like that?

Relentless in her pursuit of an answer, Sharon continued to press. "Tim, won't

you answer my question?" Timothy furrowed his brow, expressing displeasure

at the interruption. "Why does any other woman matter to me?" "Tim!"

Feeling

uneasy, Maya lifted her wedding veil and approached Timothy. "Tim, today

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marks our engagement day. Have you forgotten?” Timothy’s lips tightened into a cold, straight line.

Mia stood nearby, stealing a glance at Maya. A sudden recollection flashed through her mind, she too had once experienced a similar dismissal from Timothy.

Addressing him, Mia remarked, “Mr. Barrett, your fiancée—Ms. Lane is talking

to you. Can’t you hear her?” Timothy frowned. “She’s not my fiancée!”

“You

don’t have to explain these details to me. I was the one who designed today’s

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engagement venue. I wish the two of you a lifetime of happiness.”

Casually

taking a few steps back, Mia added, “Oh, speaking of which, once Grandma’s

surgery is over at the end of the month, don’t forget to swing by the courthouse. It’s about time.” With that, Mia left the scene without looking back.

She had no intention of lingering any longer.

Observing Mia’s retreating silhouette, Timothy found himself at a loss for words, uncertain of how to convince her to stay.

“Tim, why are you concerned about Mia? Today is your engagement day!” Sharon remarked.

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She was eager for Mia to leave and not disrupt Timothy's engagement. Timothy stood in place for a while before finally turning to look at Maya, his gaze cold and solemn. Maya was initially joyful, but as Timothy's eyes met hers, a stiffness crept into her smile. "Tim, you seem upset. Is something wrong?" "Tim, what gives you the right to be unhappy? Maya waited for you for so long, and she didn't even complain!" With a stern expression, Timothy addressed Maya. "Let me ask you again. Did you persuade Connor to perform surgery on Grandma?"

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Maya's expression froze momentarily, and she appeared a bit flustered. "Yes, it was me. Who else could have done it?" Despite moments of doubt creeping in, Maya swiftly dismissed those thoughts. After all, she was a part of the Lane family. Why else would Connor agree to perform this surgery if not for her sake? Suddenly, Timothy recalled Mia's earlier behavior. She hadn't said a word and even reminded him to finalize their divorce after the surgery. Mia was truly ruthless!

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Timothy straightened his tie and coldly declared, “Our engagement is off.” Maya’s expression abruptly changed. “W–Why?” Sharon added, “Yes, Tim, why call off the engagement?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 248-Timothy’s expression remained cold and unyielding as he fixed his gaze on Maya. “You know what you did, Maya. I’ll let it slide this time for Connor’s sake.” Following those words, Timothy turned on his heel and walked away.

Reluctant to accept the situation, Maya hastened to catch up. “Tim, I don’t understand what you’re talking about. I didn’t play any tricks.

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“I simply asked Connor to perform surgery on Grandma Laura. There’s nothing wrong with that!” Timothy stopped abruptly, his gaze turning icy.

“But

Connor said otherwise,” he retorted.

Maya froze in place, a wave of panic washing over her. What did Timothy imply by Connor saying otherwise?

Did Connor inform Timothy that his decision to proceed with Laura’s surgery

wasn’t influenced by Maya?

This might explain the absence of anyone in the main hall when she descended after changing.

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Was there any conversation between Connor and Timothy during that period?

Maya found herself unable to grasp the situation. If it wasn't because of her,

then why did Connor agree to perform the surgery?

It simply didn't add up!

Sharon rushed over, expressing her concern. "Maya, I'm really sorry. I'll ensure to address Tim's behavior when we return. Rest assured, today's engagement means a lot to me." Forcing a smile, Maya replied, "Mrs. Barrett,

I'll go change my clothes first." Despite her desire to marry Timothy, being

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rejected on the spot left her with a lingering sense of embarrassment. After all,

as the heiress of the Lane family, she held a distinguished background. Nonetheless, Maya felt a wave of relief wash over her.

Dominic had previously mentioned that if she chose to marry Timothy, she would be required to sign a contract to terminate her adoption.

With Timothy calling off their engagement, she pondered whether she could

temporarily postpone signing the agreement.

A shadow of concern passed through Maya's eyes. She was determined to uncover the truth 1/2 Despite everything appearing to go smoothly, an unexpected glitch had emerged.

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Upon reaching the studio area, Mia gave Felix a quick look and said, “Felix, let’s go.” “Mia, are you okay? I was really worried about you just now.” “I’m fine.” Mia replied, forcing a smile. “However, it seems this design order might be in jeopardy. You can consider the losses on my account.” “Mia, you shouldn’t say that. Our studio is like a close-knit family. We tackle challenges together! There’s no way we’ll let you shoulder this burden alone.” After uttering those words, Felix stole a glance back at the unfolding scene and inquired, “But are we leaving now? Won’t the engagement continue?”

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“Whether the engagement proceeds or not is none of our concern. Felix, there’s something I’ve been keeping from you.

“Ms. Lane and I have a personal feud, and she intentionally chose me to design her engagement ceremony,” Mia revealed.

Felix realized his speculation was accurate. Mia must have some familial ties

with the Lane family. Otherwise, how could she have a dispute with Maya and

emerge unscathed?

Felix’s smile deepened, and he gently remarked, “I actually caught on a moment ago, but I didn’t push the matter earlier because it seemed you weren’t keen on discussing it.

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“No worries. If you’re set on leaving, I’ll have everyone pack up and depart.”

“I’m so sorry, Felix.” As Mia joined the team in dismantling the setup, a sense of melancholy hung over her.

After all, it was her fault that the studio faced repercussions!

While managing the supplies, an abrupt pain shot through Mia’s foot, causing her to sway and tumble.

“Mia!” “Be careful!” Two men rushed toward Mia simultaneously....

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 249-Mia braced herself for a potential fall, yet it never occurred.

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Instead, she managed to regain her balance, each of her hands firmly held by someone who prevented her from stumbling. A lingering fear enveloped her. What if she had indeed fallen? What repercussions would it have on the baby growing in her belly? Reflecting on her loss of composure during the confrontation with Bob and Mary, Mia recognized the pitfalls of impulsiveness. She attempted to withdraw her hand, but both men held on firmly. A moment of silence enveloped the air. After exchanging a glance with Felix and Timothy, they eventually released

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Mia's hands. Upon regaining her freedom, she cleared her throat and uttered,

“Thank you.” Felix grinned. “No problem. After all, if you got hurt, it would be

considered a workplace injury. I'm just trying to save money for the studio.”

Mia couldn't help but chuckle. “Well, then I better watch my step and not empty the studio's pockets.” Observing the playful exchange between Mia and

Felix, Timothy pursed his lips and shot Felix a cold look.

Noticing Timothy's reaction, Felix acknowledged him, saying, “Mr. Barrett,

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thanks for your assistance earlier.” Timothy was momentarily taken aback.

For

the first time in his life; he felt the impulse to swear. Thanks, my ass!

All he did was rescue his wife. Did he need an outsider to express gratitude?

Sensing Timothy’s discomfort, Mia swiftly interjected. “Mr. Barrett, I truly appreciate your timely help!” Timothy appeared dissatisfied, commenting,

“Is

that all?” Wasn’t there anything more she wanted to add?

Mia hesitated for a moment before responding, “Thanks a million?”

Timothy,

growing increasingly irritated, inquired, “Mia, are you just going to let the

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engagement proceed like this? Don't you have anything to say?" Wasn't she the one who claimed to have designed the engagement venue? This seemed like quite the performance! Now, she wasn't even willing to put on a facade. Was she in such a hurry for him to engage with someone else? As Mia gazed into Timothy's profound eyes, she felt a blend of comprehension and uncertainty, as if she understood something without fully grasping it.

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Nonetheless, she harbored no intention of unraveling the meaning behind his

eyes.

She lowered her gaze. “There is indeed something I’d like to say.”

Timothy

held his breath, prompting her to continue. “Go on.” “If you’re satisfied with the

design of the engagement venue, please remember to settle the final installment on time. We accept payments through Venmo.” As Mia’s words

hung in the air, a palpable silence settled over the scene.

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Timothy's face turned ashen. It marked the first time he had been so infuriated by a woman, and Mia was the first to achieve that feat. Following her parting words, Mia gathered her belongings and departed. In an attempt to appease Timothy, Felix offered, "Mr. Barrett, I wish you both a joyous engagement. "Get lost!" Timothy was on the verge of exploding at any moment. Felix, wary of offending him, also departed cautiously. Without glancing back, Mia left alongside the other studio staff. Back at the studio, Mia resumed her usual seat, her thoughts lingering on the

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engagement, assuming it must have concluded by now.

Suddenly, Mia sensed a slight soreness in her eyes.

Checking the time, Mia informed Felix, “My phone is broken, and I need to get

a new one. I’ll head out now.” “I can give you a ride. I’m just finishing up as

well.

“Since everyone put in a lot of effort today, let’s skip the dinner gathering and

allow everyone to go home and get some rest. We can reconvene for a meal

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tomorrow.” “It’s okay. Felix. I’ll take a taxi. After all, you’ve been working tirelessly these past few days. You should go home and rest early.” Felix insisted, “I’m not tired, Mia. You still have wounds on your face. Allow me to escort you back. Otherwise, I won’t feel at ease.” At this moment, he felt the need to express his concern.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 250-Eventually, as Mia grappled

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with guilt over the engagement incident, she found it challenging to turn down

Felix's offer.

However, upon stepping outside, Mia was taken aback to find a familiar Volkswagen car.

Dominic?" she exclaimed.

The car screeched to a halt, and Connor emerged, swiftly approaching Mia.

"Mia, are you okay?" "Connor?" Upon spotting Dominic's car, Mia initially

assumed he had arrived, only to discover that it was actually Connor.

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Mia responded somewhat oddly, “Connor, I’m fine.” “Your phone has been off the entire time! We were really worried!” Mia felt a pang of guilt. “My phone accidentally broke, and I’ve been too caught up with work to get it fixed.” Felix added, “Yeah, Mia was occupied at the engagement venue for a while. We just returned to the studio.” Puzzled, Connor inquired, “Mia, did you make it to the engagement ceremony? When did you get there?” “I got there quite late. It

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was over two hours ago. What’s going on, Connor?” Connor glanced at Felix and swiftly changed the subject. “It’s nothing. Mia, I’m here to take you home. Hop in the car.” He refrained from discussing the matter in front of Felix to avoid any slip-ups. Mia turned to Felix and said, “Felix, Connor is here. You don’t have to worry about taking me home. You should rest early.” “Alright, take your time then.” Felix had to pass up this opportunity, but he was confident that numerous

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chances would present themselves in the future, so he wasn't in a rush.

Mia entered the car, sinking back in the seat to find some rest. "Today has been utterly exhausting.

"Mia, what happened to your face?" While driving. Connor managed to free

one hand to send a message in the group chat: "I just picked up Mia from the

studio; we're on our way back." As he set the phone down, the tension that had gripped him began to dissipate.

The Lane brothers had scoured the neighborhood in their quest to find Mia.

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However, surveillance footage revealed a confrontation involving Mia, Bob, and Mary, attracting a gathering of onlookers. After leaving on a bus, Mia's whereabouts became uncertain.

Mia gently touched her cheek. "This morning, as I left home, I unexpectedly encountered my adoptive parents at the neighborhood entrance. "Upon discovering they were ineligible for the relocation compensation, they became enraged and approached me, demanding money.

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“Despite their insistence, I stood firm and refused to yield to their demands.

This led to a heated confrontation outside, but ultimately, I emerged victorious.” Even though Connor had already seen the events unfold in the surveillance footage, hearing Mia discuss it so casually made him uneasy.

“Mia, did you forget that you’re pregnant?” “I know I was wrong. At that moment, I was just too angry and didn’t think things through. But I promised

you last time, didn’t I?” Connor’s car stopped at a red light, and he turned to

face Mia. Speaking with a tone of concern, he said, “I’m not placing blame. I’m

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just really worried about you.” He understood that Mia’s past had molded her

into someone who valued independence, avoided reliance on others, and maintained a strong guard.

Even though Mia seemed to have welcomed the presence of her older brothers, there was a lingering sense that she didn’t fully rely on them.

In times of trouble, she continued to confront challenges on her own, preferring self-reliance over turning to her family for assistance.

Mia playfully stuck out her tongue. “I know. So, Connor, could you help me

pick out a new phone?” Connor drove toward the largest electronics store, planning to purchase the latest smartphone for Mia.

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However, upon entering the store, Mia caught sight of a familiar figure. For a moment, she questioned her perception, wondering if she had mistaken the person.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 251-Unexpectedly, Mia spotted

Timothy in the vicinity.

He stood in front of the counter, clutching a mobile phone that seemed more suited for women.

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Who could he be purchasing the phone for?

Was it possibly intended for Maya?

It made sense, considering Timothy had just gotten engaged to Maya earlier in the day.

Mia quickly averted her gaze, feigning ignorance about Timothy's presence.

Connor, too, caught sight of Timothy and furrowed his brow in disapproval. He

had heard rumors. that Timothy had called off the engagement earlier.

It seemed his suspicions were valid.

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Considering Timothy's lack of affection for Maya, it seemed probable that his agreement to the engagement was influenced by a deal involving Laura's surgery.

Even so, Connor harbored a dislike for Timothy, especially because of Timothy's apparent interest in Mia.

Connor suddenly became a bit wary. "Mia, how do you feel about the newest model of this brand's smartphone?" Mia, who was standing nearby, glanced at the phone. "It's fine." She simply wanted to purchase the phone and exit the

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premises as swiftly as she could.

Connor turned his attention to the nearby staff. “Please get me this model.”

The staff hesitated, stating, “I’ll need to check if we still have stock. This model

sells quickly at our store.”— Standing in place, Mia caught sight of

Timothy’s

gaze from the corner of her eye. She subtly pursed her lips, pretending not to

acknowledge him.

Connor, too, noticed Timothy’s stare. He swiftly positioned himself

between

Mia and Timothy, casually obstructing the line of sight.

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Taking it a step further, he intentionally struck a pose at the counter, strategically blocking Timothy's view behind him. In response to Connor's deliberate interference, Timothy narrowed his eyes slightly, revealing a trace of displeasure. It was evident that there was an unconventional dynamic in Mia's relationship with Connor. This might explain Mia's ability to influence Connor into performing Laura's surgery.

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Perhaps Mia knew about Maya's deception of Timothy all along. Could it be that she purposefully designed the engagement venue to personally witness his humiliation?

The more Timothy pondered the situation, the more disconcerted he became.

The last thing he anticipated was coming across Mia's broken phone, and inexplicably, ending up in this particular store.

Just then, the staff returned to Mia with an update, saying, "Apologies, but we

currently have only one unit of this phone left." Connor, in high spirits, exclaimed, "Perfect! We'll take the last one." However, the staff hesitated

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again, glancing in Timothy's direction. "The remaining phone is currently in that customer's hands, and we're unsure if he intends to purchase it." Observing the phone in Timothy's grasp, Connor stepped forward and said, "Timothy, let's discuss this. We'll take this phone for now. Mia's phone is broken, and she urgently needs a replacement." Timothy glanced toward Mia, his expression tense. After a brief moment, he responded, "But I was here first." Connor couldn't help but snort. Why was Timothy so oblivious?

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Even though Connor explicitly mentioned buying the phone for Mia and performing Laura's surgery as a favor for her. Timothy seemed to disregard even this modest courtesy.

Mia coughed discreetly and pulled Connor aside, remarking. "Let's forget about it; we can pick a different brand. The older model is perfectly fine."

"No, we have to go for the latest model if we're making a purchase," Connor insisted.

It marked the first time he was buying a new phone for Mia, and he was determined to choose the latest and most expensive one. Cheap options didn't interest him at all..

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Upon hearing Connor's firm stance, Mia suddenly felt overwhelmed. All she

wanted was to leave this place as soon as possible.

She gently tugged at Connor's arm and whispered in a playful tone, "I'll cherish anything you Certainly, any gift from Connor would be appreciated by

Mia.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 252-Upon hearing Mia's words,

Connor instantly felt a wave of relief. He couldn't help but appreciate her kindness, sensibility, and adorable nature.

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Connor made a mental note to stay vigilant, ensuring that no man would dare to harbor feelings for Mia, especially someone like Timothy—a mature, divorced individual.

an Connor was determined to eliminate possibility of a romantic connection between Mia and Timothy.

Timothy couldn't help but overhear Mia's sweet and coquettish words to Connor.

When had she ever spoken to him like that?

A peculiar sensation enveloped Timothy—a tightness in his chest, making each

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breath a struggle. He had never experienced such a feeling before. In response, Timothy placed the phone directly on the table and stated, “I don’t want it anymore.” He made a decisive choice not to purchase the phone.

Regret seeped in as Timothy realized he shouldn’t have come to the store in the first place.

In the next instant, Connor swiftly seized the phone and gave Timothy a pat on the shoulder, saying, “Thank you, Timothy!” Timothy scoffed at that. He didn’t need his gratitude!

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As he looked up, he noticed Connor approaching Mia, presenting her with the phone he had just held. Mia accepted the phone, almost as if she could still sense the residual warmth from Timothy's touch. She pursed her lips, maintaining a thoughtful silence. Connor, attuned to her mood, inquired, "Mia, don't you like it?" "I like it. Let's go with this one," Mia responded. After all, she only had minimal requirements for a smartphone.

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Calmly lifting her head, she feigned a casual scan of her surroundings, only to unintentionally meet Timothy's gaze.

His piercing eyes remained fixed on Mia, conveying emotions she struggled to decipher.

+15 BONOS Mia couldn't help but feel puzzled. During the engagement ceremony, there was an unsettling vibe about Timothy that she couldn't quite shake off.

Connor turned to the staff and inquired, "Where can we proceed to check

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out?” “Right this way, please follow me.” While Connor proceeded to make the payment nearby, Mia retrieved her old phone, intending to transfer the SIM card to the new device.

However, an issue arose; the SIM card wouldn't come out.

In the next moment, a pair of slender hands reached over and effortlessly took

her phone. With a few deft moves. Timothy successfully extracted the SIM card.

Mia found herself momentarily stunned. Upon regaining her composure, she

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noticed the SIM card resting in the palm of Timothy's hand. He extended his hand toward her, silently gesturing for her to take it. Taking a deep breath, Mia uttered, "Thank you." She reached out to retrieve the SIM card, her fingertips lightly brushing against the warmth of Timothy's palm. Mia's breath hitched at the contact. She quickly bent down to insert the SIM card, only to find that the phone still displayed no signal. Timothy's voice beside her chimed in. "Did you put it in upside down?"

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Acknowledging the possibility, Mia reluctantly removed the SIM card again.

However, her thoughts were preoccupied elsewhere.

Why wasn't Timothy leaving?

After completing the payment and returning, Connor spotted Timothy standing

beside Mia, setting off alarms in his mind.

Approaching briskly, he inquired, "What's going on with you two?" Mia was

taken aback, turning around to respond, "Nothing. I'm just swapping out my

SIM card." "Oh, I see," Connor replied, his concern growing that Timothy

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might have unwittingly revealed his identity.

Connor positioned himself between them, creating a divide. He then turned to

Mia. “We’re done shopping. Let’s go.” Connor couldn’t afford to let Mia linger

with Timothy. The looming risk of his true identity being exposed was too significant.

Mia, too, was eager to leave. Hastily, she stuffed the new phone into her bag

without bothering to check if the SIM card was properly inserted.

As they began to walk away. Timothy’s voice called out from behind.

“Wait.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 253-At the sound of Timothy's voice, Mia and Connor instinctively held their breath, a collective sense of guilt

lingering in the air.

They turned around, exchanging cautious looks in Timothy's direction.

As Timothy approached Mia, she nervously stammered, "I-Is there something?" Connor couldn't shake his distrust of Timothy, disliking the way

he scrutinized Mia.

Timothy came to a halt and offered his hand.

Noticing the SIM card in Connor's palm, Mia belatedly recalled her earlier misconception about it being inserted upside down.

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She had intended to rectify it, but Connor approached them just as she was on the verge of doing so. Concerned that he might uncover her connection to

Timothy, Mia hurriedly left with Connor.

In her haste, she neglected to correctly insert the SIM card.

Clearing her throat, Mia uttered, “Thank you.” As she was about to grab it, Connor preemptively took the SIM card from Timothy’s hand. “Mia, why are you so careless? Keep the SIM card safe. I’ll assist you in fixing it when we get back.” Mia nodded, rubbed her nose in embarrassment, and trailed behind Connor as they exited the store.

Timothy stood alone, reflecting on Connor’s words and deducing that these

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two might have begun cohabitating.

He tugged at his tie, experiencing a wave of frustration.

Damn it!

He truly regretted coming here to purchase the phone.

Upon returning home, Mia found herself surrounded by her brothers.

“Mia,

what happened to the corner of your mouth?” “Oh, it’s just a minor accident.”

During their journey home, Connor informed Mia about the near-panic situation her brothers were

Facing her six concerned brothers, Mia apologized, “I’m sorry for causing you

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all to worry. When my phone broke, I should have borrowed a colleague's phone to let you know I'm safe." Observing her remorseful expression, Dominic softened his stance. Despite his initial intention to correct Mia about

her lapse, he chose to let it slide.

Given Mia's apology, forgiveness—seemed to be the only reasonable option.

Dominic maintained a stern expression. "Don't make this a habit." Mia obediently nodded. "Yes, I swear!" Eva grasped Mia's hand, offering reassurance. "Mia, there's no need to make promises. It's okay if you forget

next time.

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“But in case you ever find yourself in danger, always remember you can come

back to your family.

With your many brothers, any one of them can handle a fight for you.” A

warm

smile crept onto Mia’s face. Indeed, having six brothers made her feel as if she were living in a dream.

Lounging on the sofa, Liam chimed in. “As long as you’re okay, that’s all that

matters. By the way.

I’ve already devised a plan to deal with your adoptive parents.” Mia’s eyelids

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twitched, and she cautioned, “Liam, please don’t do anything illegal or unruly, okay?” Dominic reassured her with a pat on the shoulder. “Don’t worry, everything will be fine.” However, Mia felt increasingly uneasy as she listened.

She urgently grabbed Dominic’s arm, saying, “Dominic, I appreciate your desire to stand up for me, but revenge should be pursued the right way.

Let’s

not resort to anything illegal or unethical.” Sensing Mia’s apprehension, Eva

swiftly stepped in. “Don’t worry. Your brothers are well aware of boundaries.

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There are various things challenging for Bob and Mary. ways to mak “After all, isn’t Ted, their son, about to marry his girlfriend Gia?

We could stir up a bit of chaos in their lives.” Mia looked curiously at Eva, asking, “Stir up chaos? How?” Jason explained, “I’ve asked a friend to investigate Ted and Gia. They’re rushing to tie the knot due to Gia’s pregnancy, but it seems the child may not be Ted’s.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 254-Mia let out a gasp, comprehending the unfolding situation.

If Bob and Mary were to discover that Gia wasn’t carrying Ted’s child, the repercussions could be chaotic.

Nonetheless, the notion brought a hint of satisfaction to Mia.

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Mia couldn't suppress a yawn, a clear testament to the day's busyness that had left her fatigued. Simultaneously, she couldn't shake off the lingering ache in her stomach.

Sensing Mia's discomfort, Connor promptly shifted the conversation.

"Let's grab a bite. The important thing is that Mia is back safely." After all, he had already arranged for someone to give Bob and Mary a stern warning, making it unlikely for them to return.

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After dinner, Mia withdrew to her room, feeling genuinely fatigued and in need of rest.

Upon waking the next day, Mia instinctively checked the headlines, anticipating news about Timothy and Maya's engagement.

Considering Maya's penchant for seeking attention, Mia assumed there would

be discreetly shared photos of their engagement circulating.

Despite refreshing the page multiple times, Mia was puzzled to find no news

regarding Timothy and Maya's engagement.

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The absence of information was perplexing. Why wasn't there any coverage?

It seemed illogical.

Mia considered the possibility that Timothy had opted for confidentiality, similar to when she married him.

It appeared that Maya didn't have the privilege of making their relationship public.

Setting aside her thoughts, Mia headed straight to the studio for work.

Upon reaching her desk, Felix approached her. "Mia, we've received the final

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payment for yesterday's engagement ceremony. Let's celebrate with a dinner gathering tonight." Mia's expression tensed as she commented, "Judging by their prompt payment, it seems that the newly engaged couple truly appreciates the wedding setup I designed." Felix suddenly lowered his voice.

"This is just between us. Keep it quiet. But the engagement from yesterday? It didn't go through; it got called off." "Called off? Are you sure?" -Mia found it hard to believe that the engagement had been canceled.

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“Mia, why would I make this up? After we left the venue yesterday, I stayed in touch with the hotel coordinator to plan the setup, and that person spilled the beans—the engagement was indeed canceled.” Mia was genuinely taken aback.

No wonder she spotted Timothy at the mall yesterday.

She had initially assumed that the engagement ceremony had ended prematurely, but the revelation that it was canceled turned out to be a truly unexpected twist.

Hadn't Maya used Laura's surgery as leverage to coerce Timothy into the engagement?

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So, why the sudden cancellation? What about Laura's surgery? Mia's mind suddenly spiraled into chaos, consumed by worry about Laura's well-being.

"Mia, what's the matter?" "It's nothing." Mia murmured, shaking her head.

The abrupt cancellation of yesterday's engagement had left her puzzled. She

couldn't fathom the reasons behind such a sudden turn of events.

Later in the afternoon, Tammy approached and informed, "There's a middle-

aged man outside looking for you. He claims to be a relative from your

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hometown.” However, Mia remained skeptical, given that she had only a handful of relatives from her hometown.

With caution, she walked toward the entrance and found a disheveled middle-aged man.

As Fabian noticed Mia, he eagerly approached, grabbing her hand.

“Honey, please come back.

home with me.” Mia was instantly taken aback. “Let go! Who are you calling

‘honey‘? You must have mistaken me for someone else.” “I haven’t made a

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mistake. You're Mia, right? Your adoptive parents arranged for us to get married. and they even accepted a bribe of ten thousand dollars from me.

So,

as things stand, you are now my wife.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 255-Upon hearing Fabian's words,

Mia couldn't help but find Bob and Mary's actions utterly ridiculous.

In this modern era, the concept of being married off to an older man from the

countryside with a bribe seemed absurd to her.

Did they truly think they could control her with such outdated methods?

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Suddenly, Felix rushed out and forcefully pushed Fabian away. “What are you doing? If you cause any more trouble, I’ll call the police!” Seated on the ground, Fabian insisted, “I offered Mia’s family a ten-thousand-dollar bribe, and consequently, we’re now engaged. That amount constitutes my yearly savings. “Mia, you must come back home with me and bear me a son!” Mia cast a cold gaze at Fabian. “Are you insane? I’ve cut all ties with my adoptive parents. Whatever they choose to do with the money has no bearing on me.” “I don’t

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care. After all, Bob and Mary are still considered your family. Since they've accepted my bribe, you are essentially my wife now!" Felix snorted. "What century are we in? Bribes? Mia never consented to any of this. You better leave, or we'll involve the police." "Feel free to call the police. The bribe has already been paid. If I can't reclaim my wife, then perhaps it's better for me to end it all right here." Seizing a nearby broom, Mia brandished it at Fabian. "Very well, let's face the consequences together today!" she asserted. Frightened, Fabian scrambled away as fast as he could.

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Mia finally set aside the broom she had been wielding. Beside her, Felix looked on with amazement. “Mia, you handled that quite impressively.” “I’ve dealt with these rural folks before.” Mia replied with a stern expression. “I never expected my adoptive parents to resort to such underhanded tactics.” “Mia, don’t worry. Reporting this to the police won’t implicate you; it’s your adoptive parents who are responsible for taking the money.” “I understand, but it does create complications for the studio.” Following Mia’s words, Felix, standing before her, reached out and affectionately patted her head.

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“Mia, there’s no need to be so formal. After all, aren’t we friends? Shouldn’t we be here to support each other?” Feeling a tad uneasy, Mia took a step back to avoid Felix’s touch. Clearing her throat, she stated, ” Felix, I’ll get back to work.” “Sure, go ahead.” Observing Mia’s defiant stance, Felix sighed internally. It seemed that winning her over was truly challenging. However, it didn’t matter; he had an abundance of patience. Sitting at her desk, Mia couldn’t help but recall Fabian, the troublemaker from earlier.

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If Bob and Mary were indeed implicated in accepting a ten-thousand-dollar bribe from Fabian, Mia knew he wouldn't easily back down. She was well aware of how persistent rural suitors could be in their pursuit of a spouse.

As Mia wrapped up her work and left the office building, Fabian hurriedly approached her, reaching out to grab her arm. "Honey, you're done for the day. Come home with me." Mia, already on high alert, swiftly dodged away, casting a wary look at Fabian. "I warn you, stay away from me. I have no

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connection with you. Whoever took your money, go seek them out.” “It was your adoptive parents who accepted my bribe. How can you now deny being my wife? You’re not contemplating backing out, are you? Let me be crystal clear; it’s not happening!” “Mia!” Suddenly, Felix rushed over and stood by her side, offering reassurance, “Don’t be afraid. I’m here.” Without delay, Fabian waved his hand, and several disheveled men emerged from, behind the nearby bushes. They closed in, surrounding Mia.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 256-Observing the unfolding situation, Felix was suddenly gripped by fear. However, amidst the apprehension, he discerned an opportunity to heighten their intimidation. He cautioned, “Stay back. This is a lawful society, monitored by surveillance cameras everywhere. Do you really think you can escape?” “People like you belong in rural areas, secluded in the mountains. Spare yourselves the shame. and never come out-” As he concluded his statement, Felix’s head was violently struck by an assailant. With blood streaming down his injured head, Mia, in a state of panic,

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exclaimed, “Felix, are you okay?” Within a fleeting moment, Felix collapsed to the ground.

In a bid to call for help, Mia tried to retrieve her phone, but her hands and feet

were bound, and she was forcibly taken away.

A shabby van was conveniently parked nearby, and Mia found herself tossed

into the back seat. It dawned on her that these individuals had come prepared.

She realized she had been too careless.

As Fabian got into the car, Mia fixed her gaze on him. “Kidnapping me is

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illegal. My family will locate me soon.” Fabian sneered, “Don’t worry, honey. Once you step into our town, there won’t be a chance for anyone to come to your rescue. In the past, some tried, but they all ended up helpless in the end.” “Fabian, congratulations on marrying such a beautiful and sophisticated wife. University students from the city are truly in a class of their own. “When you have children, they’re bound to be both intelligent and good-looking.” With a triumphant laugh, Fabian declared, “Of course, we’ll be having several children. It just wouldn’t make sense to let my ten-thousand-

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dollar bribe go to waste.” Listening from the back seat, Mia felt a wave of despair. She could only hope that her brothers. would discover her disappearance swiftly and come to her rescue.

She knew she had to remain composed to avoid putting herself in more danger.

After all, she was carrying a child and needed to be cautious for their sake. The van left the city, merging onto the highway. It was evident that they intended to swiftly transport Mia to the village, ensuring they wouldn't be apprehended.

As night descended, Mia hesitated to close her eyes, apprehensive that if she

succumbed to sleep, she might awaken in an unfamiliar location.

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After a while, the van came to a halt on a desolate rural road. The group disembarked to take a break and have a meal. Fabian turned to Mia and said, “Grab something to eat. As long as you cooperate, you’ll be treated well. Don’t worry; while our town may not match the affluence of big cities, it’s not too shabby.” Mia glanced at the bread offered to her and made a straightforward request. “I’d like some milk as well.” “Of course, as long as you’re well-behaved,” he responded. Mia sat upright with the hope that Fabian would free her, yet he remained alert and resistant.

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Resigned to the situation, she decided to eat first—after all, the baby in her womb couldn't afford to go hungry.

Before long, the van resumed its journey.

Jostled by the bumpy ride, Mia soon succumbed to sleep.

When she awoke, it was already the following morning. Glancing around, she

saw nothing but towering mountains, devoid of any signs of modern urbanization.

Mia's heart sank once more. "Have we arrived?" she inquired.

"Not yet. We still have to traverse this massive mountain, then another, and

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we'll reach our destination. We have to stick to these smaller roads to stay off

the radar. It might take a bit longer, but it's safer." Mia clenched her teeth, holding onto the belief that her brothers would eventually come to her rescue.

Suddenly, the roar of engines echoed from above, mirroring the distinct sound

of a helicopter.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 257-Mia's heart soared with newfound hope as the sound of the helicopter reached her ears.

The sudden appearance of the aircraft couldn't be a mere coincidence.

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Mia couldn't help but wonder if it might be her brothers coming to her rescue.

Fabian's vigilance heightened as he sat in the passenger seat. "Could it be the police?" he questioned.

Ronald, behind the wheel, chuckled and brushed off the idea. "Fabian, have

you been watching too many movies? Why would the police show up in a helicopter?

"We've been down this route countless times. What could possibly go wrong?"

"What's the helicopter doing here, then? We've never seen one in this area before." "It could be for tourism, or perhaps the TV station is filming some

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aerial shots.” Fabian found Ronald’s explanation to be somewhat plausible.

After all, the prospect of a helicopter coming to rescue Mia seemed far-fetched, considering their high cost.

Before long, Ronald remarked, “Look, the helicopter is flying away. I told you it

wasn’t here for us. You worry too much.” Upon hearing this, Mia also noticed

that the helicopter’s roar had considerably subsided.

Could it be true that it was merely passing by?

Mia felt anxiety gripping her as the realization sank in. The audacity of these

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men to carry out kidnappings in a bustling city was hard for her to fathom.

What should be her course of action now?

Was she really going to give birth in the mountains?

on after the van abruptly screeched to a halt.

Ronald cursed, “Damn it, why is there a massive tree blocking the road?

How

are we supposed to proceed now?” “What’s our plan? Should we turn back?”

“There’s no way we’re going back. Let’s all pitch in and clear these trees out

of the way.” With that, the men exited the van, leaving Mia alone inside. She

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held her breath and cautiously sat up, stealing glances outside to assess the situation.

However, her heart sank as she observed the rugged mountainous terrain. The thought of traversing it on foot was daunting, and escape seemed nearly impossible.

Suddenly, a group of individuals clad in camouflage attire emerged, swiftly subduing the men attempting to clear the roadblock.

Mia's heart raced as she witnessed the unfolding scene.

Who were these mysterious interveners?

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Abruptly, the van door swung open. Mia turned to find a man in camouflage attire. Though his face was smudged, his eyes were undeniably familiar. Could it be Timothy?

Standing by the van door, Timothy swiftly cut the ropes binding Mia's hands

and feet. As he observed the marks on her wrists and ankles, his gaze turned

noticeably colder.

Suppressing the chill in his eyes, Timothy lifted his head and extended a reassuring hand toward Mia. "It's okay, you can come down." Mia stared at

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him, feeling somewhat dazed. “My legs are numb. I can’t move.” Being pregnant, Mia refrained from making any hasty movements, fearing the potential consequences of a fall while exiting the van.

As Mia voiced her concern, she observed Timothy bending down, ready to lift

her out of the van.

Instinctively, Mia wrapped her arms around Timothy’s neck, lifting her gaze to

observe the camouflage paint on his face. It added a hint of mystery and rugged charm to his expression.

Pursing her lips, Mia inquired, “How did you get here?” She never anticipated

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that Timothy would be the first to arrive and rescue her!

Timothy remained silent, gently setting her down by the roadside. He thoughtfully wiped the nearby stones clean and proposed, “Feel free to sit down here.” Mia complied, settling down as Timothy squatted in front of her.

He retrieved a first aid kit, diligently disinfecting the wounds left by the ropes

on her hands and feet.

As the alcohol made contact with Mia’s wounds, her hands and feet instinctively twitched, displaying a degree of resistance.

+15 BONOS Timothy maintained a firm grip on her ankle. “Stay still.” “It hurts!”

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Mia's voice quivered, causing Timothy's hand to momentarily pause. Glancing up at her, he noticed tears welling up in the corners of her eyes. Adjusting his pace, he reassured her. "It'll be alright. Just endure it for a little while."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 258-Mia was taken aback by Timothy's response.

Instead of offering the comforting words she had anticipated, he simply advised her to bear the pain.

Despite this, Mia recognized that, given the current circumstances, enduring

was the only viable option.

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Contrary to his seemingly stern words, Timothy's actions were remarkably gentle.

Just then, Mia's attention was diverted by desperate screams emanating from the other side.

She tried to look, but several men in camouflage blocked her view. From the sounds, it appeared that her abductors were facing some form of reprimand.

Lowering her gaze, Mia noticed a bandage snugly wrapped around her ankle.

She couldn't help but be captivated by Timothy's profile, emanating both charm and elegance.

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Mia found herself stunned, gazing into Timothy's blue eyes. Awkwardly averting his gaze, Timothy inquired, "Are there any other places that hurt?" Clearing her throat, Mia replied, "No, I'm fine." Shifting her body slightly backward, she stole another glance at the commotion nearby. "Thank you for coming to my rescue this time." Timothy set aside the first aid kit, his gaze weighted with concern. "In the future, perhaps you should choose a more trustworthy man to safeguard your well-being." Mia pursed her lips and

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inquired, “How’s Felix?” With a touch of disdain, Timothy responded, “His condition isn’t life-threatening.” Upon learning that Felix wasn’t seriously injured, Mia felt a deep sense of relief, especially considering he had sustained injuries on her behalf.

In that critical moment, who could have predicted the audacity of these men?

Timothy surveyed the group and posed the question. “What do you suggest we do with them?” Mia lifted her gaze, meeting his eyes. “Is that question meant for me?” Timothy furrowed his brows, revealing a touch of impatience.

“If not you, then who else? We’re in Upon hearing this, a shiver ran down

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Mia's spine, and she swallowed nervously. "Let's call the police." "That's a cowardly move." A wave of unease washed over Mia. "You do realize that murder is against the law, right? I don't want either of us to get into trouble."

Upon hearing the word "us", Timothy couldn't help but smirk. "Come on, I was just kidding. Did you really think I was serious?" Mia clenched her teeth, exasperated by Timothy's frustrating behavior.

It was hard for her to believe that she had felt a twinge of sentimentality toward him just a moment ago!

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In the next moment, Timothy shifted his gaze to his subordinates and inquired.

“What did they say?”

“They’ve admitted to everything. It’s confirmed that the adoptive parents of

Ms. Bowen accepted a ten-thousand-dollar bribe from this man.

“Not only that, but they also provided him with Ms. Bowen’s photo and address, instructing him to abduct her.” Upon hearing this revelation, Mia’s

complexion turned pale. “I won’t let them get away with this.” “The ongoing

challenges with your adoptive parents aren’t new for you. Usually, you

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navigate such situations adeptly when it involves me. What made handling your adoptive parents difficult this time?” Timothy’s intense gaze lingered on

Mia, a flood of relief washing over him as he observed her safe and sound. He couldn’t fathom how Mia ended up being kidnapped and taken to such a remote place.

If Timothy hadn’t acted promptly, Mia might have found herself in genuine danger deep within the mountains, where escaping would have been a formidable challenge.

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Mia comprehended the gravity of the situation. Were it not for Timothy, the repercussions could have been unimaginable.

“I bowing her head, she murmured, never imagined these people would dare to

kidnap me in a bustling city.” “Well, you should always anticipate the unexpected. Perhaps it’s wise to engage your wits when you’re out and about!” Timothy sternly cautioned.

In a sudden realization, Mia lifted her gaze to him. “How did you know I was in trouble?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 259-Mia gazed at Timothy in

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confusion. Her predicament had escalated unexpectedly, and she had assumed her brothers would be the first to learn about it.

Upon hearing the helicopter earlier, she even briefly considered the possibility

that her brothers might have come to her rescue.

However, it turned out to be Timothy.

Timothy narrowed his eyes. “What’s the matter? Are you disappointed to see

me? Who were you expecting?” “I just thought it might be the police descending from the sky. Is there an issue with that?” Swaying her foot,

Mia

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continued in a sarcastic tone, “Given your hectic schedule, I hadn’t anticipated

you taking such a hands–on approach and swiftly stepping into the forefront.

It’s quite unexpected, to be honest.” “Don’t overthink it. I simply wanted to

avoid any rumors about my wife being taken to the mountains for an arranged

marriage. Just think about the impact on my reputation if that information were

to leak.” Mia lowered her gaze, realizing that Timothy’s swift arrival wasn’t

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motivated by concern for her.

Just then, Timothy rose to his feet, clutching his first aid kit. “Given your chattiness, I’ll be on my way.” Witnessing his heartless departure, Mia suddenly felt a pang of anxiety. “Hey, are you really just going to leave like

this?” As Mia observed the helicopter parked nearby, she noticed that everyone was beginning to retreat.

It felt as if nobody cared about her!

Feeling a surge of panic, Mia stood up. “Timothy, you stop right there!

Legally,

I’m still your wife. Are you just going to leave like this? You scoundrel!”

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Timothy stood beside the helicopter, watching as Mia approached. A subtle smile played on his lips when he noticed her catching up. However, he quickly masked his emotions, turning back to regard her with a cold expression. “It’s commendable that you haven’t forgotten you’re still legally my wife.” Always surrounded by different men, Mia made Timothy seem almost inconspicuous by Mia hesitated briefly, summoning her courage. “Regardless, you can’t leave me behind. If you go, please take me with you!”

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Given the pressing circumstances, Mia wasn't concerned about preserving her dignity. The primary objective was to escape from this dreadful place. Timothy's eyes narrowed. "Did you just call me a scoundrel?" Upon learning that Mia was in trouble earlier, Timothy immediately set aside everything, leveraging all his connections to locate her as quickly as possible. Couldn't she have been more appreciative? Inhaling deeply, Mia mustered a forced smile. "Mr. Barrett, you're handsome and kind-hearted. People with your virtues are bound to be rewarded." Timothy playfully pinched

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her cheek. “Can you make that smile a tad more convincing?” A wave of emotions overwhelmed Mia’s thoughts. How audacious of Timothy to pinch

her cheek!

Suppressing his impulses, Timothy withdrew his hand. “If you could offer a

more pleasant remark, I’d be happy to have you accompany me.” Mia was completely caught off guard.

Facing the helicopter, she pondered for a moment before tentatively uttering.

“You’re quite the stud.” “I’m aware of my good looks. Try again.” “Your

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majesty?” “It seems like you don’t want to leave.” Mia hastily responded, “No, Timmy, please!” Timothy shuddered, feeling a chill. “Can you use proper words?” What was the deal with the nickname “Timmy“? Mia tilted her head. “Honey? Dear? Baby? Darling? Sweetheart?” The subordinates nearby struggled to stifle their laughter. Timothy’s expression turned extremely awkward, intentionally maintaining a stern face. “Mia, where did you pick up these words? You’re not taking this seriously at all!” 20 Mia gestured widely. “Alright then, you pick.” In an instant,

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Timothy moved toward her and scooped her up in his arms.
Mia was taken aback. “I–I can walk on my own.” “Your legs are a bit too short.” Mia couldn’t help but think to herself, “Thanks for taking the time to personally ridicule my stature!”
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 260-Did having long legs make such a significant difference?
As Mia settled into the helicopter, her feet dangled outside, slightly elevated. It seemed improbable that she could climb in on her own.
Once inside the helicopter, Mia observed her abductors sprawled on the

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ground, “What will happen to them?” she inquired.

“Someone will come to apprehend them.” Timothy took a seat beside Mia in

the cramped space, their arms closely pressed together. She could feel the warmth radiating from him.

The mountain air was indeed quite chilly..

Mia’s stomach let out a growl; she was starving.

Soon after, the crinkling sound of food packaging reached Mia’s ears. She turned to find Timothy holding a chocolate bar and instinctively swallowed.

Timothy rattled the chocolate in his hand. “Want some?” Mia nodded eagerly.

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“You can’t just stand idly by and watch your wife faint from hunger, can you? It

wouldn’t reflect well on your image if news of that were to circulate.”

Timothy

unwrapped the chocolate and handed it to Mia. He seemed to be catching on

quickly.

Mia accepted the chocolate and took a bite. As a pregnant woman, she couldn’t afford to go.

hungry.

Being the father of her child, it only seemed natural for Timothy to share his

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chocolate..

After eating, Mia's tense demeanor finally eased. They were now out of harm's way.

Shortly afterward, Timothy felt Mia snuggling into his arms. She moved aside

his coat, seeking comfort in his embrace.

Timothy looked down at her, a slight smile gracing his lips. Without hesitation,

he removed his coat and draped it over her.

It appeared she was only this gentle when she was asleep.

Glancing at Mia, Timothy playfully pinched her cheek, noticing that she had

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become a bit rounder than before.

Was her newfound happiness without him the reason? In such a brief period,

she seemed to have put on quite a bit of weight!

Just then, Heath messaged Timothy: “Sir, Connor has been messaging me incessantly, inquiring about our location.” Timothy gave a quick look and replied: “Proceed straight to the hospital.” Despite Mia appearing outwardly

fine, he harbored uncertainty about her actual condition.

something that only a medical examination could confirm.

Thirty minutes later, the helicopter touched down on the hospital’s rooftop.

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Connor had been patiently waiting on the sidelines. Since discovering Mia's disappearance, he and his brothers have tirelessly scoured the city in search of her.

However, being outsiders in Bern City added a layer of complexity to their efforts.

However, Timothy somehow got wind of Mia's predicament and deployed his

own team, significantly expediting the progress of their search.

After the helicopter landed, Timothy gently lifted the slumbering Mia in his

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arms.

Connor hurriedly approached, intending to take Mia, but Timothy walked past

him, descending the stairs while holding her close.

Connor's anger flared instantly. Why was Timothy persistently carrying Mia?

He needed to release her right away!

Had it not been for Timothy's considerable effort in locating Mia this time, Connor would have confronted him right away!

Furious as he was, Connor managed to keep his composure. He promptly messaged the family WhatsApp group: "Mia is at the hospital now. So far,

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there are no apparent injuries.” After delivering the message, Connor quickly caught up with Timothy. “Timothy, why don’t you lay Mia down and let someone examine her? Aren’t you exhausted from holding her for so long?”

Timothy kept a firm expression, stating, “She’s not that heavy.” Connor was bewildered.

Mis was hea Whether Mia was heavy or not wasn’t the issue!

Was there a valid reason for Timothy to carry her?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 261-Connor’s fists clenched tightly

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as he retorted, “Hey, you rascal, put her down! What makes you think you can keep holding onto her for so long?” Timothy turned toward Connor, his expression unyielding. “You keep your hands off her, too.” “Timothy, please don’t compel me to take action, alright?” Connor fumed, advancing toward him. “Release her.” “I won’t. Step aside!” The two men squared off, creating an intense and charged atmosphere. At that instant, Mia regained consciousness. As her eyes opened, she found Timothy and Connor standing before her,

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locked in a face-to-face stance. Sandwiched between the two, she sensed an

undeniable chill in the air.

Mia weakly raised her hand. “Um, can I say something?” Simultaneously, Timothy and Connor both lowered their heads. “You’re awake?” Connor anxiously gazed at her. “Mia, are you alright? Do you feel any discomfort? Please, let me know!” Mia shook her head. “I’m fine.” Realizing she was still in

Timothy’s arms, her cheeks flushed. “Um, you can put me down now.”

Timothy tightened his lips in response. “I’ll escort you to the examination room.” “Wait, Timothy, please set her down. There’s no need for you to carry

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her. Just push the stretcher over,” Connor interjected.

Mia observed the presence of nurses and doctors with a stretcher in the vicinity.

She cast a glance at Timothy. “You don’t have to carry me. It would be awkward with so many people watching.” With a cold expression,

Timothy

eventually set Mia down on the stretcher. He shot a look at Connor standing

beside him, finding him rather irritating.

Resting on the stretcher, Mia gazed at the ceiling lights. She turned her head

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slightly, offering a reassuring wave to Connor. “I’m okay. You don’t need to worry.” Connor let out a helpless sigh and directed his attention to Timothy.

“Where did you find Mia?

What happened to those thugs?” Connor was resolute. Mia’s abductors had to

be held accountable for their actions. How dare they kidnap her!

Maintaining his stoic demeanor, Timothy responded, “They’ve been handed

over to the police.” Connor nodded, casting a disapproving glance at Timothy.

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“Fine, for Mia’s sake, I’ll overlook this recent incident.” Nevertheless, Connor planned to address the situation with Timothy once Mia received clearance from her medical examination.

Having said that, Connor swiftly followed Mia toward the consultation room.

With Mia being pregnant now, he felt the responsibility to keep a close watch on her.

Timothy remained in place, observing Connor’s departure. As he adjusted his tie, a sense of inexplicable annoyance settled within him.

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Mia was guided into the consultation room. She gazed at the bright lights and instinctively placed a hand on her lower abdomen. “Mia.” Just then, Connor, dressed in a white coat, entered and reviewed the examination records. “The baby is doing well. You can relax.” Mia nodded. “I apologize for causing you all to worry.” “It’s on us for mishandling this situation. If we had addressed your adoptive parents sooner, you wouldn’t have had to go through this.” Connor couldn’t help but feel a sense of regret.

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Mia smiled. “It’s not your fault; it’s my own matter, after all.” Her brothers had

already gone above and beyond for her.

“Mia, get some rest. I’ve got things under control.” Mia peered outside the consultation room, inquiring, “Connor, what was the argument between you

and Timothy just now?” She had been in a deep sleep, only to be stirred by the commotion.

Connor seemed somewhat uneasy. “He wouldn’t let go of you. I insisted he

put you down, but he “That’s all?”“Yeah, why was he holding onto you like that

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when you two were alone? If you hadn't awakened just now, and if it weren't for the fact that he located you first this time, I would've intervened earlier.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 262-Recalling the earlier scene,

Connor felt a surge of anger. He had already sensed Timothy's questionable

intentions toward Mia, and this Incident now confirmed it.

It wasn't just an inappropriate interest. It appeared to be a clear motive.

Mia coughed lightly. “Connor, I don't think Timothy meant it that way.”

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do you mean by ‘not meant it that way‘? Mia, let me be clear, stay away from

Timothy in the future. He’s an older man, divorced, and on the verge of remarrying.

“Aside from having some money, he doesn’t possess any other merits.

Don’t

let yourself be swayed by him.” Mia couldn’t help but feel exasperated at

Connor’s advice. “Don’t worry, I won’t fall for him.” Certainly, the

previous

lesson had left its mark. She wouldn’t allow herself to be deceived again.

o be “Good.” Connor sighed in relief.

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He was genuinely worried that Mia might be captivated by Timothy's gallant gestures. After all, most women tended to be susceptible to such displays. The medical examination concluded swiftly, and Mia was transferred to a standard ward.

Before long, a lavish meal was delivered, making Mia's mouth water. Connor looked perplexed. "I didn't place this order." Entering the ward, Timothy glanced at Mia on the bed and casually stated, "I've selected a dish randomly from the menu. Feel free to indulge in whatever you prefer." Mia, with utensils in hand, was caught off guard. She hadn't anticipated that

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Timothy had arranged the meal. Connor's mouth twitched, and he turned to Timothy. Sporting a forced grin, he suggested." Timothy, Mia needs some rest. How about we step outside for a chat?" Standing beside them, Timothy quipped, "I don't think there's much to talk about." After all, he had no interest in engaging in conversation with his romantic rival. Upon hearing Connor's words, Mia grew anxious that Timothy might inadvertently disclose something.

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It Connor were to discover that she had been expelled from the Barrett family and was now carrying Timothy's child, it could result in a significant predicament.

Swiftly, she set down her utensils. "Um, I'd prefer some fruit." Connor turned around and spoke in a gentle tone, "Certainly, what type of fruit would you like? I'll fetch it for you right away." "Any seasonal fruit will do," Mia replied.

Connor nodded, but as his gaze shifted to Timothy, his expression quickly turned serious. "Mia needs her rest, so try not to disturb her for too long."

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Timothy was taken aback by Connor's assertiveness. He felt that Connor had no right to dictate that to him!

After Connor departed, Timothy remarked with a hint of disdain, "Is he the man you've chosen? He appears to be attentive to your needs and genuinely concerned about your well-being." Having regained her composure after a few bites, Mia responded, "I appreciate the compliment. It seems my choice of men has significantly improved." Timothy found himself growing frustrated.

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Muttering to himself, he conceded, “I shouldn’t have interfered.” After all, he had no desire to stick around and witness Mia getting close to someone else.

“By the way.” Mia began, casting an awkward glance at Timothy, “there’s something I’ve been meaning to ask. I heard that your engagement with Maya

was called off. Is that true?” Timothy stood in place, replying nonchalantly,

“Yes, it’s true.” “Now that the engagement is canceled, are there any potential implications for Grandma Laura’s surgery?”

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Upon hearing this, a flicker of confusion crossed Timothy's eyes. Wasn't it Mia

who persuaded Connor to perform Laura's surgery?

Why was she raising this concern now?

Just then, the sound of footsteps resonated from outside the hospital room.

Dominic took the lead, forcefully pushing open the door, only to discover Timothy already inside.

The odds were five to one.

Indeed, the tension between the two factions was unmistakable.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 263-Upon witnessing the unfolding

scene, Mia found herself utterly astonished.

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The last thing she anticipated was her brothers encountering Timothy at the hospital, and the potential consequences seemed ominous. Could this be the onset of a disaster?

Mia was hesitant to reveal her relationship with Timothy to her brothers. Given Dominic's formidable temperament, she knew he would ensure that Timothy faced severe repercussions if he were to discover the truth. This was a scenario she couldn't let unfold. Mia was determined to put a halt to it.

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Dominic fixed a stern gaze on Timothy as he led his brothers into the hospital room, instantly making the space feel even more confined. Upon spotting the Lane brothers, Timothy displayed a touch of confusion. Why were they here? In no time. Connor reappeared with a bowl of fruits. As he observed Dominic and his brothers approaching, a wave of relief washed over him. Yet, upon laying eyes on Timothy, Connor's reception was far from friendly. He questioned, "Why are you still here?" Frowning his brow, Timothy

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countered. “What’s the problem with me being here?” Considering he had just rescued Mia, couldn’t he be allowed to stay for a while? Stepping forward, Liam placed his hand on Timothy’s shoulder. “Timothy, come with me. Allow me to clarify why you can’t stay here.” In the blink of an eye, Timothy found himself ushered out of the hospital room. Liam stood at the doorway, speaking in a hushed tone. “Don’t you see you’ve interrupted our family reunion? Is being a third wheel something you enjoy?” Timothy was taken aback.

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What did Liam imply by “family reunion“? Could it be that Mia and Connor had reached the stage of introducing each other to their respective families? At that moment, Heath hurried over, addressing Timothy, “Mr. Barrett, the culprits behind the kidnapping have been captured. What should be our next move?” Reflecting on the recent events. Timothy responded with a steely expression. “Why are you With Mia being surrounded by a multitude of men, it seemed there was no need for Timothy to intervene. Within the confines of the hospital room, Mia leaned against the bed, offering

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her brothers a reassuring glance. “Dominic, I truly am okay. If you’re skeptical, feel free to ask Connor.” Placing the bowl of fruits beside her, Connor advised,

“Mia, it’s important that you take some time to rest and recuperate. I’ve brought you some fruits. Make sure to eat them.” Initially, Dominic had so much he wanted to say; however, upon witnessing Mia’s safe return, not a single word escaped his lips.

For him, nothing carried greater importance than Mia’s well-being.

Nathan handed a smartphone to Mia, saying, “Take it. Feel free to call us if you need anything.” Offering reassurance, Connor stated, “Don’t worry, with

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me at the hospital, everything will be fine.” After her brothers exited the room,

Mia found herself lying alone, her hand unconsciously resting on her abdomen. Thankfully, everything was fine this time.

The following day, Mia made plans to depart from the hospital, driven by a personal desire for revenge.

Connor remained steadfast by her side. “Mia, why are you in such a rush to

leave? How about considering staying for another day? Keep in mind, you’re

carrying a child now.” “But, Connor, I simply can’t endure this frustration any

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longer.” Throughout the night, Mia was tormented by nightmares, unable to shake off thoughts of what might have transpired if Timothy hadn’t arrived in time.

“Mia, Dominic is taking care of the situation. Trust him. We won’t allow your adoptive parents to escape this time.” Connor reassured.

Before Mia could respond, the hospital room door swung open.

Mary, Ted, and Gia walked in, accompanied by a group of people dressed in country–style clothing.

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Without a moment's hesitation, Ted turned to Mia. "Dad's been detained. Could you quickly head to the police station and assist in getting him and the others released?" Mary appeared uneasy, stating, "Considering that Bob is your adoptive father, how can you simply Mia scoffed, "They have no ties to me whatsoever. I don't consider you as my adoptive parents. In fact, you're the ones in the wrong."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 264-A country woman in the group

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spoke out, “Mia, you’re being extremely ungrateful. Without the Bowen family adopting you, do you think you would have been able to live safely until now?”

Mary sat on the ground, sobbing loudly. “Mia, I went out of my way to arrange a marriage for you. If you don’t agree, that’s your choice. “But why did you involve the police and accuse us of human trafficking? How heartless of you!” “That’s right. In our town, arranging marriages is a common

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tradition, and no one considers it as human trafficking.” Gia’s mother, Pauline, stepped forward, fixing her gaze on Mia. “Mia, my daughter Gia is about to marry Ted.

“If you report him to the police and have him arrested now, how are we supposed to proceed with the wedding ceremony?” Standing alongside Ted,

Gia implored, “Mia, could you consider heading to the police station and advocating for the release of Bob and the others?” Mia’s demeanor remained

stoic as she remarked, “I understand that you also received the bribe from

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Fabian, didn't you? It slipped my mind for a moment.
"Considering that all of you have accepted illicit funds, it appears only fitting for everyone to be held accountable at the police station." Upon hearing this, Gia's expression briefly tensed. She hastily clarified. "It was a legitimate transaction: I didn't accept any tainted money." "Come on, Mia, enough talk," Mary interjected. "Gia is carrying my precious grandchild in her belly. Let's not cause unnecessary stress for the baby." Mia gazed at them with a sly smile.

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“Are you certain that this child is Ted’s?” Pauline shot back instantly, her voice raised, “Who else could it be if not Ted’s? Mia, please stop uttering nonsense.” Mia shifted her gaze to Connor and then pulled out her phone, opening a video clip.

“Gia was clearly entangled in an extramarital relationship, and she intentionally became pregnant to enhance her social standing. As a result, she faced expulsion.

“After experiencing multiple abortions in the past, she was concerned that undergoing another “Hence, she hastily sought a partner to marry and start a

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family with.” Just then, Connor presented a stack of documents. “These serve as evidence of Gia’s past abortions at our hospital,” he stated. After taking the documents, Mary turned to Ted and said. “I seem to have forgotten my reading glasses. Would you mind taking a look at the content for me?” As Ted examined the papers, a pallor swept across his face. “Gia, although you’ve been open about your past relationships, the topic of undergoing an abortion never came up in our discussions.” Pauline and Gia were momentarily plunged into panic, never expecting Mia to effortlessly expose their secrets.

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Gia promptly defended. “All these documents are fabricated!” “Yes, yes! These accusations hold no merit. It’s evident that Gia is carrying Ted’s child.

Are you really going to dispute it?

“Perhaps you’re deliberately denying the truth to evade financial responsibility.” Pauline argued.

Shaking her phone, Mia declared, “Ted, I have substantial evidence here indicating that Gia has been romantically involved with other men in the past.

“It appears your girlfriend has a history of infidelity. Congratulations, I suppose.” Gia and Pauline exchanged uneasy glances, realizing the situation

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was not in their favor. Hastily, they added, “Ted, please take your time to carefully consider this. We’ll be on our way.” Mary’s voice rang out assertively.

“Wait! If you intend to leave, you must first return the monetary support I generously provided for you.” “Why should we do that? This money is meant

for my daughter. There’s no reason to give it back,” Pauline retorted.

“The paternity of the child in Gla’s belly is still uncertain. We insist on a paternity test to confirm that the child is indeed Ted’s before we can disburse

the money to you,” Mary firmly asserted.

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As Mary stepped forward in an attempt to block their exit, a heated exchange unfolded, leading to a physical altercation between her and Pauline. Witnessing the commotion, Mia burst into laughter, finding a sense of poetic justice in the situation.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 265-Mia found herself amused as she witnessed Pauline and Mary engaging in a heated altercation, hurling harsh words and curses at each other. She couldn't contain her laughter, almost reaching the point of tears. "Indeed, they got what they deserved." Mia quietly reflected.

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Turning to Ted, she cautioned, “You better recover that ten thousand dollars

of yours, or your entire family will face repercussions.

“That money is undeniable proof of your involvement in human trafficking.”

Ted was equally taken aback, grappling with the disbelief that Gia’s child wasn’t biologically his.

The entire situation unfolded due to this revelation, compelling him to hastily

consider marriage, a decision he wouldn’t have otherwise rushed into.

Ted forcefully seized Gia and demanded, “Where’s the money? Hand it over!”

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In that tense moment, a person in uniform entered the scene and asked, “Who is Ted Bowen, and where are his family members?” Without hesitation, Mia spoke up. “That’s Ted, but it was Pauline and Gia who were involved in accepting the illicit funds.” Gia’s complexion turned pale as she desperately pleaded, “You can’t arrest me. Do you realize whose child is growing in my belly? It’s the future heir of the CEO of Globex Corporation!” Expressing his

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dismay. Ted exclaimed, “Isn’t his granddaughter about your age? How could you engage in such actions with a significantly older man?” Gia swiftly fired back. “What other option did I have? Did you really think I would settle for a broke guy like you?” “If there hadn’t been an urgent need for someone to step in, I wouldn’t have been with you in the first place. It certainly seemed like ten thousand dollars

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was a substantial amount for you!” Pauline chimed in with disdain.

“Exactly!

Considering your family’s financial circumstances, do you believe you are truly

worthy of Gla?

“Despite her child not being biologically yours, she chose to be with you.

Consider yourself fortunate and express some gratitude!” Ted looked devastated as if a profound blow had struck him. He turned toward the edge,

contemplating the unthinkable. “I don’t want to live anymore. It’s unbearable.”

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Witnessing Ted on the verge of jumping, Mary rushed over, urgently shouting.

“Ted, don’t do it! It’s not worth it for this bitch.” Visibly displeased, Pauline

retorted, “Excuse me, who do you think you’re calling a bitch?” Without restraint, Mary charged toward Gia, launching a torrent of insults and blows.

“Your deceitful woman! How dare you toy with my son’s emotions, you disgraceful...” Gia ended up with a swollen face, and bloodstains appeared underneath her, resembling the aftermath of a miscarriage.

Upon witnessing the scene, Mia quickly intervened. “Gia is pregnant!”
The

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situation descended into chaos.

Connor quickly pulled Mia aside, advising. “Mia, stay back, don’t get involved.”

Taking several steps away, Mia withdrew into the background, mindful of her

own pregnancy.

She hadn’t anticipated the situation escalating to such an extent.

Before long, Gia was rushed to the emergency room, and both Mary and Ted

found themselves. under arrest on charges of human trafficking.

Mary swiftly turned to Mia, imploring. “Mia, we were also deceived by Gia.

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Couldn't you simply ask her to return the money to you? Must you resort to such drastic measures?" With a resolute expression, Mia locked eyes with the police officer and stated, "Officer, I have no connection with them. Please handle the situation as you find necessary." Mia found it impossible to forgive Bob and Mary. Their betrayal was too profound! As Mary and Ted were escorted away, the hospital room finally regained its tranquility.

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Not long after, Connor reentered the room, conveying, “Gia’s child didn’t make it, and she won’t be able to have any more kids in the future.” “I suspected that might be the case, especially given Gia’s track record of past abortions.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 266-Mia tenderly placed a hand on

her abdomen and turned to Connor, Inquiring, “Connor, how’s Felix holding up? He got injured trying to protect me.” “Felix sustained a head injury and a

concussion, but it’s nothing too serious. He’s currently in the hospital.

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“Considering the injuries he endured while trying to rescue you this time, I suppose he just about qualifies as a hero.” “Connor, my relationship with Felix isn’t what you might think. Besides, I’m pregnant, and it seems unlikely any man would accept me in this situation.” Upon hearing this, Connor couldn’t help but frown.

“Mia, please don’t let the presence of a child make you feel inadequate. Your brothers are here to support you, and together, your circumstances are anything but a hindrance.” Connor went as far as belittling Felix’s abilities,

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dismissing them as merely average.

Mia chose not to engage in further debate with Connor on this matter.

Instead,

she purchased some fruits and proceeded to the hospital ward to check on Felix.

To her surprise, she found a middle-aged woman in the room, presumably Felix's mother.

With a pang of guilt, Mia questioned, "Felix, how are you feeling?" "Mia, are

you okay? I was genuinely concerned that something might have happened to

you." Felix expressed.

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A warm smile spread across Felix's face upon seeing Mia, though his head was still wrapped with white bandages.

Beside Felix, Janice swiftly steadied him, cautioning, "Felix, be careful.

The

doctor emphasized that you shouldn't be moving around too much with that

concussion. It could impede your recovery.

"Although Mia seems unharmed, your injuries are quite severe." "Mom, I've

already briefed you on the situation, haven't I? Mia, don't pay too much attention to her. As long as you're okay, I'm at ease." Felix reassured Mia.

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Mia had already discerned that the middle-aged woman was Felix's mother.

She glanced at Janice and offered a sincere apology. "Mrs. Quilter, I'm truly sorry. This time, I've undeniably caused trouble for Felix." "It's good that you acknowledge your mistakes. Felix is usually treated like royalty, and he's never experienced such a serious injury, especially to the head. "If there are any lasting consequences, Felix might end up remaining single," Janice remarked, her tone infused with displeasure.

Mia drew in a deep breath before responding earnestly, "Felix sustained

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injuries because of me. If any lingering effects persist in the future, I am fully committed to taking responsibility for them.” Upon hearing Mia’s words, Janice appeared somewhat satisfied.

“That’s more like it, Ms. Bowen. You have to understand—I’ve been watching over and caring for Felix with utmost dedication.

“If anything were to happen to him, it would be difficult for me to face his deceased father, who entrusted him to my care.” Mia quickly stepped forward

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to comfort Janice. “Mrs. Quilter, I hold no blame toward you. I understand the depth of your concerns for Felix’s well-being.” “Ms. Bowen, you strike me as a sensible and compassionate soul, one who knows how to acknowledge and repay kindness,” Janice said, clasping Mia’s hand. Despite feeling a bit awkward, Mia chose not to pull away, maintaining her seat with a smile that seemed forced. “Ms. Bowen, I’ve heard that you work at Felix’s studio and have even achieved some noteworthy awards. He often speaks highly of you in my presence,” Janice continued.

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Mia offered a somewhat awkward smile. “Yes. While Felix has been generous with his praises, I must admit that I’ve caused him some trouble. Nonetheless, he’s been remarkably patient with me.” “Indeed, I’ve seen Felix consistently demonstrate kindness and generosity toward others. Ms. Bowen, I’m curious to hear your perspective on Felix. How would you describe your opinion of him?” H Mia blinked, considering her words before replying, “Well, I think Felix

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is a nice person.” “I must say, Felix has been remarkable since childhood, garnering quite a bit of attention from the ladies. Back in his school days, he used to receive love letters quite frequently.” Janice added. Felix interjected. “Mom, why are you bringing up those moments?” “Felix, there’s nothing wrong with recalling fond memories. Ms. Bowen, pardon my directness, but are you currently single? Do you have a boyfriend?” Janice asked, getting straight to the point. Mia felt a surge of awkwardness. Was Janice trying to act as a matchmaker between her and Felix?

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 267-Mia offered an awkward smile. “Mrs. Quilter, I’ll go wash some fruits.” She found an excuse to step out

of the hospital room, finally exhaling a sigh of relief. The preceding conversation had left her feeling slightly overwhelmed..

As Mia exited, Felix turned to Janice, questioning. “Mom, why did you bombard Mia with so many questions? She’s a bit sensitive, you know.”

“Felix,

dear, don’t you understand? If I don’t address these matters now and establish some boundaries, how can I be her future mother-in-law?

“You mentioned Mia’s remarkable talents, didn’t you? If I don’t establish my

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stance, she might become overly assertive, especially with you.” Felix sighed, expressing a sense of helplessness. “Mom, you’re overthinking. Mia isn’t that kind of person.” “Felix, I’m looking out for your well-being here. Your recent injury happened because of Mia, and I can’t shake the feeling that she might have feelings for you. “If I don’t take the initiative and play matchmaker, when will you find the opportunity to pursue her? Isn’t it a shame to let your pain go to waste?” Janice couldn’t bear to see Felix hurt, and if Mia failed to appreciate him,

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Janice wouldn't let her off so easily.
Felix leaned against the pillows, saying, "Mom, I know what I'm doing. Please refrain from interfering." "Mia is just an orphan, and you are more than deserving of being with her. It appears she might be playing hard to get, trying to assert control over you." Felix struggled to convey the truth to Janice—Mia had already reunited with her biological family, dispelling any notion of her being an orphan.

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Notably, her biological family happened to be quite affluent. However, Mia had chosen to keep a low profile, refraining from disclosing her background to anyone.

Felix couldn't help but contemplate the possibility that, if he successfully captured Mia's heart, he might find himself married to a woman with both wealth and beauty.

With the influential connections from Mia's affluent family potentially at his

disposal, establishing and expanding his studio in the future would undoubtedly become a seamless endeavor.

+15 BONOS However, these were sentiments Felix couldn't share with

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Janice. After all, she wouldn't grasp the situation, and divulging such information might only create more complications for him.

Shortly after, Mia entered the hospital room with freshly cleaned fruits, expressing her gratitude." Felix, thank you for saving me this time." "It's no big

deal. I'm just curious who would dare to harm someone in a bustling city like

this." Felix mused.

"Well, it's because my adoptive parents accepted bribes from the culprits.

The

good news is that the police have apprehended them, and they will face the consequences," Mia clarified.

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Felix nodded understandingly. “That’s a relief. I’ve been genuinely concerned about your situation.” Seizing the moment, Janice chimed in. “Absolutely! Felix has been extremely worried about you. He could hardly eat or get proper sleep in the hospital.” Mia stole a glance at Felix, a sense of helplessness washing over her. It seemed imperative to find the right moment to explain things to him and prevent any possible misunderstandings. After concluding her visit, Mia returned to her hospital room. However, upon opening the door, she was taken aback to find an unexpected visitor—was that Maya?

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A hint of caution flickered in Mia's eyes as she questioned, "What are you doing here?" "I heard you were nearly kidnapped and taken to the mountains to bear a child. I came to check on you. It's a shame. It appears you're fine.

"Could this be a staged act, purposely setting it up for Tim to come to your rescue?" Maya remarked sarcastically.

Maya had caught wind of Timothy's relentless efforts, mobilizing significant resources to locate Mia.

The more Maya dwelled on it, the more jealousy festered within her. Why did

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Timothy call off their engagement only to treat that wretched Mia with such care?

Mia couldn't help but smirk. "Maya, your perspective is a reflection of the person you are." "Don't act all high and mighty, Mia. I warn you not to entertain any delusions. You and Tim come from different worlds. It's an impossible match," Maya cautioned.

Arching an eyebrow, Mia retorted, "Timothy and I are an impossible match?"

Coming from a mistress, you don't seem to have the qualifications to meddle, do you?

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“Given that your previous engagement was called off, it appears you’re destined to remain in the role of a mistress. As long as I stand firm, there will

be no chance for you to replace me.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 268-Mia’s words struck a nerve,

hitting Maya’s sore spot directly.

Frustrated, Maya raised her hand. “Mia, who do you think you are, labeling me

as a mistress? Just so you know, my brother is also in this hospital. I assure you, you’ll regret making such accusations!

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“I’ve come across countless ill-mannered individuals like yourself. It’s ironic how you and Aunt Patricia share the same despicable traits.” Without hesitation, Mia firmly grasped Maya’s hand and swiftly delivered a resounding slap in return.

Mia’s gaze turned icy as she retorted, “Maya, you can say whatever you want about me, but mind your words. If I catch you insulting Aunt Patricia again, I swear you’ll regret it.” Despite Patricia having a timid personality and her share of flaws, she was the one who raised Mia, and Mia wouldn’t tolerate

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anyone speaking ill of her.

Maya stared at Mia in disbelief. “How dare you hit me?” “I’ll strike you whenever I please.” Mia’s attitude took a fierce turn. She effortlessly reached

for a fruit knife nearby, cautioning. “My temper isn’t great right now, so you

better not provoke me.” “Mia, what do you think you’re doing? I’m the young

lady of the Lane family! If you lay a finger on me, you won’t leave unscathed,”

Maya warned.

Raising an eyebrow, Mia retorted, “So what? There are no surveillance

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cameras in this room. Besides, I am still legally Mrs. Barrett. This is Bern City, not Nord City. What can you do to me here?" Maya was infuriated, trembling with anger. "Mia, you're insane, completely insane! Let me tell you, my brother's company is handling the redevelopment in your old neighborhood. "Whether you believe it or not, with just one call from me, your family's property will be as good as gone." Mia remained composed, saying, "Oh, if it can't be redeveloped, then so be it. It's no big deal. After all, I'm not lacking

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money at the moment.” Maya was taken aback by Mia’s composed demeanor, displaying none of the reactions she had anticipated. Wasn’t Mia, coming from a less affluent background, supposed to be desperate for the redevelopment project? +15 BONOS Casually waving the fruit knife in her hand, Mia’s gaze remained indifferent. “Regardless, I’m already in a tough situation, so I’m not afraid of facing more challenges.” Frightened, Maya quickly fled the room, and soon, the hospital room returned to tranquility.

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Mia couldn't help but chuckle; indeed, things began to align in her favor when

she embraced a bit of eccentricity.

Outside, Maya rushed to Connor's office, her face visibly marked from the encounter. "Connor, I've been bullied!" she declared.

Upon returning from his rounds, Connor observed the slap mark on Maya's

face. "Who dared to hit you?" he inquired with a frown.

Maya, who had always been resilient since childhood, now tearfully implored,

"Connor, you have to help me. That woman had the nerve to hit me. It's evident she holds no respect for our family!" Maintaining his composure,

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Connor replied. “Maya, there’s no need to resort to these excuses to provoke

me. It won’t make a difference.

“Back when we were kids, you exploited our family’s influence for all sorts of

bullying, and you’re well aware of that. Why bring up grievances now that we’re adults?” “Connor, this situation is different. The one who assaulted me

is Timothy’s former wife! Given that we’re in Bern City, how could I have possibly provoked her?” Maya clarified.

Upon hearing this revelation, Connor expressed his surprise. “Timothy’s ex–

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wife hit you? Why?” “She accused me of being a mistress.” “Well, technically, she’s not entirely wrong. I’ve heard that Timothy hasn’t finalized his divorce yet. And here you are, already engaged to him—doesn’t that resemble the actions of a mistress?” Maya hesitated for a moment before reluctantly admitting. “Connor, the engagement was called off because of you!”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 269-Haunted by her canceled engagement, Maya found sleep elusive, her thoughts consumed by anger. Everything had been proceeding smoothly until that fateful day, marked by

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unforeseen events that ultimately led to the cancellation of her engagement.

Raising an eyebrow, Connor questioned, “Because of me?” *According to Timothy, your decision to perform surgery for Grandma Laura wasn’t influenced by me!” Maya exclaimed.

Clearing his throat, Connor nodded and replied, “You’re correct. It’s indeed

not because of you.” Upon hearing this response, Maya stared at him incredulously. “Connor, what are you saying?

“If it’s not because of me, are you implying that you’re doing this surgery because of Timothy?

Haven’t you always disliked Timothy?” “Yes.” “If not because of me, then

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because of whom?” Maya had been investigating diligently, yet she hadn’t unraveled anything, heightening the mystery of the situation.

Remaining composed, Connor stated, “Maya, there are certain matters not worth delving too deeply into.

“But let me remind you, falsehoods can only hold up for a while, not a lifetime.

Ultimately, the dissolution of your engagement is a direct consequence of your deceit!

I “Connor, I admit I lied, but you still haven’t explained why you agreed to perform surgery for Grandma Laura. Who are you doing it for? Maya inquired.

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“Maya, this is not something you need to concern yourself with. You should just go.” Connor replied. ... Maya’s eyes welled up slightly. “Connor, are you and Dominic keeping something from me? Dominic is even pushing me to sign an adoption termination agreement. “We’ve been a family for so many years, why does he suddenly want to push me away?” Connor fell silent for a moment.
+15 BONOS Originally, he had intended to disclose this information to Maya

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after the engagement, but with the unexpected turn of events, it seemed that the revelation had to be postponed for now. Glancing at Maya before him, Connor uttered, “I prefer not to comment.” With that statement. Connor exited the office. Maya stood alone, lost in thought. An unsettling intuition nagged at her, but despite her earnest efforts to investigate, she couldn’t discern the root of the issue..

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Just then, Genevieve approached, offering an ice pack. “Applying this might help.” “Thank you,” Maya expressed, accepting the ice pack and placing it on her face. She wiped away her tears in a disarrayed manner. Genevieve commented, “You’re Dr. Lane’s sister, aren’t you?” Maya assumed an air of vulnerability as she responded, “Yes, Connor and I had an argument. Lately, it feels like he’s become a different person.” “Ms. Lane, I believe it might be related to Dr. Lane being in a relationship,” Genevieve suggested in

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a quiet tone.

“Connor is seeing someone? Why wasn’t I informed?” Maya exclaimed. Speaking in a subdued voice, Genevieve shared, “A woman is staying in the

ward downstairs. She frequently visits Dr. Lane for treatments and check-ups.

“Yesterday, she was even brought back by helicopter, and there’s a rumor circulating that she was kidnapped.” The word “kidnapped” sparked a connection in Maya’s mind. “Is the woman you’re talking about named Mia?”

she asked.

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“It seems like that’s her name.” Maya’s mind momentarily went blank.

After

regaining her composure, she turned to Genevieve and inquired, “Are you saying that Mia often comes to see Connor?” “Yeah, and it’s not just that.

Dr.

Lane takes exceptionally good care of her.

“He’s well-liked at the hospital, and I’ve never seen him show special attention to any woman before, but Mia seems to be an exception,”

Genevieve

elaborated.

Upon hearing this, a realization dawned on Maya.

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Without hesitation, she descended the stairs, determined to uncover the truth

behind the situation.

Silently, Maya approached Mia's ward, finding the door closed.

She peered through the glass, watching the scene unfold inside—Connor stood in front of Mia, engrossed in conversation and even taking the time to

peel the fruit for her.

Witnessing this, Maya felt she no longer needed additional clarification.

It became clear why Mia had suddenly become so arrogant. Even after Maya

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had issued threats regarding the demolition of Mia's old neighborhood,
Mia

appeared unfazed by it.

Finally, Maya grasped the underlying reason for it all.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 270-It seemed like Mia,
having

successfully seduced Linden, had now also become entangled with
Connor!

This explained why Connor had been reluctant to disclose the reason for
agreeing to perform surgery for Laura earlier.

Could it be because of Mia?

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All the perplexing mysteries that eluded Maya before suddenly fell into place.

Mia orchestrated everything! This bitch shamelessly dared to seduce Connor

for her own benefit, displaying no remorse!

Maya was tempted to push the door open and personally expose Mia's true colors. Yet, in the end,

she restrained herself.

If she were to burst in now, Mia might conjure up various excuses.

Maya was determined to devise a comprehensive plan to fully unveil Mia's true character—a single revelation that would settle everything.

Inside the hospital room, Mia suddenly glanced toward the window.

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Connor followed her gaze, asking. “What’s wrong?” “It’s nothing. Maybe my eyes are playing tricks on me.” Mia replied. She had a hunch that someone might be outside. Perhaps it was merely a passerby. Offering her a piece of fruit, Connor remarked, “Mia, Timothy went the extra mile to assist you in this challenging situation. His attitude toward you seems somewhat petuliar.” Upon hearing this, Mia’s expression took on an awkward

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demeanor. “Connor, the only reason Timothy assisted me is due to Grandma

Laura’s influence.

*She always treated me kindly, and if something were to happen to me, she

would undoubtedly hold him accountable for not helping.” “Is that the only

reason?” Connor inquired.

Mia nodded. “Yes, what else could it possibly be?” She found it hard to believe that Timothy still harbored feelings for her. The idea seemed implausible.

It seemed Timothy was more than willing to finalize their divorce and

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completely erase her from his life.

Observing Mia's apparent indifference toward Timothy, Connor felt a sense of

relief. Mia's slower response might be advantageous, making her less vulnerable to deception by men.

Mia asserted. "Connor, I'd like to head home tonight. I don't want to spend

more time in the hospital." "Absolutely, heading home to rest sounds like a good plan. If you ever feel uncomfortable at any moment, feel free to give me

a call." Mia nodded obediently, and shortly afterward, she was granted a

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discharge, eagerly anticipating her release from the confines of the hospital.

Connor stood by her side, escorting her out of the medical facility.

In a nearby corner, Maya observed as Connor escorted Mia to the car. Her gaze turned notably colder as she commented, “Mia, you seem to have a talent for keeping secrets, don’t you?” Blake added. “Ms. Lane, Mia probably

got acquainted with Connor through Linden.” “I’m aware. You don’t need to

remind me. This bitch only knows how to advance by exploiting men. This time. I’ll ensure she faces consequences.” Maya already had a plan unfolding

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in her mind.

Upon entering the car, Mia couldn't help but sneeze. Was she coming down with a cold?

Despite this, she paid little attention to it and proceeded to take the cab back home.

Upon Mia's return, Patricia broke into tears. "Mia, it's my fault for not being vigilant and allowing Bob and Mary to conspire against and mistreat you this time.

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“Their actions have crossed the line! How could they plot to send you into the mountains? Is it even possible for someone to endure in such a harsh environment?” Mia comforted Patricia with a hug. “I’m fine, aren’t I? With my brothers around, nothing will happen to me.” “This time, Bob and Mary must face the consequences, so they won’t keep causing you trouble in the future.”

“I understand.” Mia was somewhat taken aback by Patricia’s assertiveness. After all, Patricia had consistently “Mia, I’ve prepared a hearty soup for you.

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Please indulge in it to regain your strength. I can only imagine how unsettling these past few days must have been for you.” Mia compliantly sipped the soup, her thoughts turning to the baby growing within her. Upon finishing, Dominic and Eva arrived. Dominic stated, “Mia, there’s something we need to discuss with you.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 271-Observing Dominic and Eva’s solemn expressions, Mia couldn’t help but wonder if they were about to delve into the recent kidnapping orchestrated by Bob and Mary. Feeling a bit uneasy, Mja obediently set down the bowl and asked, “Sure,

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what do you want to discuss?” Dominic spoke up. “Eva and I have been thinking about this for a while. Would you consider coming back to Nord City and living with us?” Eva, seated beside Mia, looked at her and Patricia reassuringly. “Don’t worry, if you choose to return with us to Nord City, the entire family will move together. “We’ll make arrangements for James to be transferred to another hospital. Once in Nord City. everyone will be well taken care of.” Upon hearing this, Mia instinctively glanced at Patricia, who appeared indifferent.

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Given that Mia was carrying Timothy's child, she did contemplate returning to

Nord City for childbirth due to safety concerns.

However, Patricia had spent her entire life in Bern City, and asking her to uproot herself completely might not be an easy decision.

Patricia hesitated for a moment and said, "I need some time to think about this." Mia tenderly held Patricia's hand. "Don't let my influence sway your decision. I'll be by your side.

no matter where you are.

"As we agreed before, I'll take care of you and Uncle James in your old age.

That promise remains steadfast.

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Following the tragic incident with James and Patricia's only child, Mia became the last remaining member of their family. Recognizing that Patricia had raised her as her own and sacrificed everything for her, Mia knew Patricia wouldn't stand in her way if she chose to return to Nord City. However, Mia had no intention of leaving Patricia behind. Dominic interjected. "There's no need to rush into a decision. We have ample time to work things out."

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“Mia, after what happened with your adoptive parents, Eva and I feel a sense of guilt for not Mia shook her head, stating firmly. “This isn’t your fault. I’m certain that, after this incident, Bob and Mary won’t dare to cause trouble again.” Dominic nodded, his gaze steely. “You’re right. They won’t be able to bother you in the future.” This time, Mia’s adoptive family was destined to face severe consequences. They would likely spend the rest of their lives behind bars.

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Shortly afterward, the rest of Mia's brothers all arrived at the house. Seeing that she was safe, they finally felt a sense of relief. As Mia yawned, everyone began to disperse. Dominic led his brothers out of the house, his expression stern as he turned to Jason. "We need to handle Mia's relationship with her adoptive parents more effectively this time." "Don't worry, Dominic. I've already dispatched someone to reach out to them. If they want to safeguard their son, Ted, they'll have to

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agree to the adoption termination terms.” Initially, the Lane brothers hadn’t given much thought to Bob and Mary, concentrating solely on building their relationship with Mia.

However, they were taken aback by the audacity of Bob and Mary’s actions.

This time, they were determined to address the issue at its core.

Retreating to her room, Mia lay down to rest, reflecting on the harrowing experience of her kidnapping. It all felt like a dream.

Shutting her eyes, Mia found herself in yet another dream—Timothy descended gracefully from a helicopter, clad in camouflage attire.

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He stood assertively beside a van, extending his hand toward her in silence.

As she glimpsed his outstretched hand, her heart raced.

The following day, Mia awoke, the dream from the night before lingering in her

thoughts. She swiftly splashed her face with cold water, determined not to be

influenced by Timothy's acts of kindness.

After all, Mia and Timothy hailed from entirely different worlds.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 272-Mia needed to keep a tight rein on her emotions, particularly since she intended to keep Timothy's child a

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secret from him.

If he were to uncover the truth, he might insist on her getting an abortion, as

he had previously expressed his unwillingness to have children.

Contemplating this, Mia fully awakened. She gently placed her hand on her

lower abdomen.

Despite the circumstances, Mia remained steadfast in safeguarding her baby

and ensuring a safe delivery.

After freshening up and changing into a new set of clothes, Mia received a call

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from Connor. “Mia, it’s time for your prenatal check–up at the hospital. Make sure to come in when you can.” “Alright, I understand. I have classes today, but I’ll find time to drop by later.” Checking her schedule, Mia realized that her upcoming days were densely packed with classes. With textbooks in hand, she headed off to college. Although only a weekend had passed, it felt like an eternity. Fortunately, everything had settled down without major issues. Mia made her way to the lecture room for her class. Soon after, Riley

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approached, announcing,” Students, there’s a mandatory event this afternoon.

“Vista Properties is establishing a foundation to sponsor inspirational scholarships at Halvard University.

“In the future, students demonstrating academic excellence may qualify for

scholarships offered by Vista Properties. Let’s all put in the effort and strive for

success!” Vista Properties?

Mia couldn’t help but reminisce about the redevelopment of her old neighborhood—a project intricately tied to Vista Properties. Why did it seem

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that this corporation kept showing up in her life?

However, it was Maya's brother who owned the company.

The last time, Maya went to the extent of threatening Mia regarding the redevelopment of her old neighborhood.

Nonetheless, Mia was not one to easily succumb to intimidation.

Riley intercepted Mia's thoughts, saying, "Mia, Vista Properties is assembling

a project team, and given your exceptional abilities, our class is considering

recommending you to join the team alongside a member of the academic affairs committee.

"Students from various universities will also be part of the project. It's an

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opportunity for Harvard University to shine..

“Additionally, you could leverage the position to encourage Vista Properties to

increase investment in our college, providing more equipment and creating additional employment opportunities.” Mia hesitated before responding.

“Ms.

Matterson, can I take some time to think about it?” Though she might have entertained the idea of another company, Mia felt a sense of unease when it

involved Vista Properties.

She preferred to steer clear of any association with Maya.

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Despite Vista Properties's reputation for fairness, Mia couldn't forget Maya's behind-the-scenes manipulation during the last Fleur International Design Competition in which she participated.

Although the outcome had been favorable, Mia didn't want to invest her time in unnecessary complications.

"Mia, this is an exceptional opportunity.

"Considering your previous success as the first-place winner in the Fleur International Design Competition, opting out of this project team might reflect

poorly on Harvard University.

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“Could you please share any concerns or reservations you may have? If there are challenges, the college is prepared to assist in resolving them.” Mia grappled with a sense of exasperation, struggling to find the right words to articulate her reasons.

It wasn't that she feared Maya. But rather, she found the situation simply bothersome.

Taking a deep breath, Mia eventually conceded, “Alright, I agree to be a part

of this project team.” She decided to confront the challenge head-on.

After lunch, Gina, who had no afternoon classes, joined Mia in attending the

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ceremony for the establishment of the scholarship foundation by Vista Properties.

+15 BONOS As Mia and Gina stepped into the venue, Mia immediately smelled a pungent fragrance. She didn't need to guess to know its source.

Aside from Shelly, no one else would embrace such a potent scent.

She turned around, confirming her suspicion as she saw Shelly, accompanied

by Maya.

Gina immediately frowned. "Mia, isn't this the bothersome woman we ran into

at the mall last time?" Mia nodded, realizing that fate had its own plans.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 273-Unexpectedly, Mia found

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herself face-to-face with Maya sooner than she had anticipated. The tension between them was unmistakable. With an air of triumph, Shelly interjected, “Mia, today’s event is organized by Vista Properties. Maya’s family conglomerate. She is in charge and will be delivering a speech later on.” Maya also took on a condescending posture. She had yet to retaliate for the slap Mia gave her during their last encounter. Mia raised an eyebrow and retorted with an icy tone, simply saying, “Okay.” Feeling dissatisfied, Shelly persisted in her threats, “Mia, you must be afraid,

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right? Let me make this clear. With Maya in charge, don't even think about securing any scholarships." Arching an eyebrow, Mia replied, "While I may not attach significant importance to that scholarship, Maya, given your role as the person overseeing this event, aren't you worried about the potential repercussions of orchestrating things covertly?" Maya's lips curled into a chilling smile. "Even if you utter such claims, no one will believe them. "I am the heiress of the Lane family, manipulating situations is child's play for me. There won't be any discernible traces, so what can you possibly do to

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me?” Shelly stifled a laugh with her hand. “Absolutely! But Mia, we’re not that petty. If you’re willing to kneel and apologize, perhaps we can find it in our hearts to forgive you.

“A mere word from Maya, and that scholarship might still be within your grasp.” Mia maintained her composure, choosing to remain silent.

However, Gina couldn’t hold back and retorted, “How could you two engage in such reprehensible actions? Aren’t you concerned about the possibility of being exposed?”

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“If I were to speak up, your predicament wouldn’t be a pleasant one either.”

With a mocking tone, Shelly scoffed, “Go ahead, see if anyone would take your words seriously.. You’re financially poor, after all.” “Well, you can’t be too

sure about that,” Mia retorted with a serious expression.

She dangled her phone, stating, “Just now, I recorded a video capturing everything you said. If this footage were to circulate online, wouldn’t it cause a

bigger uproar than Shelly’s private videos Maya’s expression turned uneasy,

and Shelly tried to snatch the phone away.

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However, Mia was prepared and securely stashed it, saying, “Don’t bother. I’ve already backed up the video. Even if you manage to swipe my phone, it won’t make any difference.” Shelly gritted her teeth in frustration. “Mia, you wouldn’t have the nerve!” “Why don’t I demonstrate my courage to you?” Mia challenged.

Mia promptly retrieved her phone and began accessing her Twitter account.

Standing beside Mia, Maya immediately seized her wrist, wearing a distinctly

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displeased expression. “Mia, please stop.” Mia arched an eyebrow. “What’s the matter? Are you feeling uneasy?” Suppressing her anger, Maya inquired, “What is it that you’re after?” If Mia were to share the video online and Dominic discovered it, her professional standing would be jeopardized. She would no longer be able to participate in the company’s affairs. With the humiliation of being ousted by Dominic already looming, she had no desire to exacerbate the situation.

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Mia twirled her phone around, stating, “My terms are simple. If both of you apologize for the baseless threats you just uttered, I won’t go ahead and share this video.” “Apologize? Mia, are you out of your mind?” Shelly scoffed, showing no inclination whatsoever to offer an apology. She turned to Maya and asserted, “Maya, there’s no need to be intimidated by Mia’s words. “As the young lady of the Lane family, your brother will unquestionably trust you over Mia. We can simply assert that these videos are fabricated.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 274-Maya's eyes betrayed a hint of irritation as she branded Shelly as the constant source of impractical ideas.

Had it not been for the shared last name "Barrett," Maya would likely have dismissed Shelly altogether.

Collecting herself, Maya took a deep breath and addressed Mia, "I was just joking earlier. Did you really think I was serious?"

"My brother strongly disapproves of any form of manipulation or meddling in

work matters. I could never engage in such behavior." Standing beside Maya,

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Shelly felt a twinge of frustration. Why did Maya have to show vulnerability in front of Mia?
Gina sneered, “Ms. Lane, what’s wrong with you? If you’re clueless about how to apologize, let me enlighten you. Apologizing involves uttering the words ‘I’m sorry!’” Maya was approaching her breaking point.
Mia surveyed her surroundings. “With the increasing number of people here, I was contemplating uploading the video to the campus network right before the

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scholarship opening ceremony.

“Imagine unveiling the insider dealings at such a moment—it should add an interesting twist, don’t you think?” Maya finally gathered herself and offered an

apology, “Mia, I misspoke earlier. I shouldn’t have made such a joke. I sincerely apologize.” “Maya, did you seriously apologize?” Shelly couldn’t

fathom Maya conceding so easily.

She retorted coldly, “Mia, I won’t apologize to you. If you want to expose the

video, go ahead. My reputation has already been tarnished by you, and one

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more blemish doesn't intimidate me." Mia's smirk deepened. "Really? In that case, I won't hesitate to upload the video." Feeling a sense of unease, Maya pleaded, "But Mia, I've already apologized to you." Mia's gaze grew cold. "You were both involved. This amounts to collective punishment." Furious, Maya pulled Shelly aside and spoke in a hushed tone, "Shelly, didn't you want me to introduce you to Nathan?" "Well, Nathan has a strong aversion to women displaying inappropriate

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behavior. If he finds out about this, it could jeopardize your chances with him in the future.” “No, please.” Upon hearing that her prospects with Nathan were at risk, Shelly suddenly became anxious. Nathan was the one she had set her eyes on. Maya appeared somewhat uneasy. “Shelly, I’ve expressed everything I can. It’s up to you whether you choose to listen or not.” “But Maya, do we really need to fear Mia? Won’t your brother back you up?” “Shelly, this is my

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personal affair. If I constantly depend on my brother to intervene, won't I end up appearing incompetent? I don't want to leave that impression on him." In the end, Shelly approached Mia reluctantly and said, "I apologize." Gina sneered, "What's with the attitude? Is your apology even sincere?" Despite the strong urge to retaliate, Shelly restrained herself, contemplating her interest in Nathan. She firmly reiterated, "I genuinely apologize! Is that good enough?"

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Mia grabbed Gina's arm, displaying an air of indifference. "Her apology barely meets the mark. I hope there won't be a repeat. Gigi, let's go!" "Hold on." Maya suddenly intercepted their path. "Mia, we've offered our apologies. But you still haven't removed the video." Shelly concurred, "Yes, we'll only feel reassured once you've deleted it." With a subtle smirk, Mia countered, "There's no need for that." Maya's expression shifted, a mix of disbelief and concern. "Mia, are you attempting to backtrack on your promise? I must warn

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you that stirring trouble with the Lane family is not something you can afford.

“In the worst–case scenario, I’ll simply offer an apology to my brother, bringing a swift resolution to the matter.” Mia shook her phone dismissively. “What I’m trying to say is, there’s no need to delete the video. I didn’t even record anything just now.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 275-Upon revealing that, Mia couldn’t help but notice the distinct change in Maya and Shelly’s demeanor, gradually transforming into expressions of anger.

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Unable to contain her frustration, Shelly exclaimed, “Mia, how dare you manipulate us like this?” Mia responded with a smirk. “Indeed, you two were

the unwitting pawns in my game. Is the truth.

too much for you to handle?” Shelly was on the verge of lashing out physically.

With an air of nonchalance, Mia cautioned, “Consider your actions carefully.

There’s a crowd watching. If you choose to resort to physical aggression, have you thought about how you’ll explain it?” “I’ll slap you if I feel like it. I

don’t need to explain myself to anyone.” Nevertheless, Maya stepped in,

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holding Shelly back. “Let’s go. I have important tasks to handle. Our time shouldn’t be wasted on this confrontation.” Mia made a valid point. Considering Shelly’s status as a public figure at this event, an altercation could tarnish the entire affair. Maya found dealing with Mia to be challenging. Being with Connor seemed to have fueled Mia’s arrogance and assertiveness. Well, her triumph won’t be for long. As Maya and Shelly departed, Mia slowly averted her gaze.

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Standing beside her, Gina couldn't contain her laughter. "Oh my god, Mia, I was genuinely cracking up back there. "The expressions on those two troublemakers when you claimed there was no recording were absolutely priceless." Mia's lips curled into a cold smile. "Being rude seems like an easier way to navigate the world." "True," Gina concurred, "But Mia, what about the woman accompanying Shelly? The one who seems to radiate an air of hypocrisy?" "Her name is Maya. She happens to be the

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sister of the proprietor of Vista Properties.” Upon hearing this, Gina was momentarily taken aback. She took a moment to absorb the information before quickly catching on. “You mean the one who was eager to marry your ex- husband?” “That’s her.” Mia lowered her gaze. “However, my relationship with Timothy also came to an abrupt end.” Nevertheless, there lingered an unanswered question in Mia’s mind. Why did Timothy call off his engagement with Maya? Wasn’t he apprehensive that Maya’s brother would object to performing Laura’s surgery due to this?

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Mia had questioned Timothy about it in the hospital, but their conversation was cut short by the sudden arrival of her brothers, leaving her without an answer.

“Mia, although you handled that situation gracefully just now, aren’t you concerned about offending these two women and potentially facing repercussions in the future?”

“I’m genuinely worried about your predicament. Dealing with elite families is no small matter.” Gina expressed her concern.

“Gigi, even if I chose to remain passive, trouble would still find its way to me.”

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“Besides, I have plans to reside in Nord City after my graduation. In the future, I’ll have no ties to the Barrett family.” Mia had arranged to depart from Bern City to Nord City upon completing her credits, making sure it matched the time when her growing belly would be difficult to conceal. Her intention was to give birth in Nord City, a decision made to ensure the secure protection of her child’s existence. Upon sharing her plans, Gina embraced her. “Mia, it’s wonderful that you’ll be back in Nord City with your family. I’ll make sure to visit you there in the

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future.” “Absolutely, you’re welcome anytime.” Mia briefly contemplated disclosing her pregnancy but ultimately decided to keep it to herself. She planned to broach the topic after her child was born.

As she sat with Gina, Mia found herself lost in thought, preoccupied with concerns about Laura’s surgery.

Several hours later, the scholarship foundation establishment ceremony came

to a close.

Maya, acting as the representative, delivered a speech, drawing a crowd of people who showered her with flattery.

+15 BONOS Mia didn’t linger. Instead, she turned around and exited the auditorium alongside Gina.

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After all, she had attended the event solely to meet the participation requirement for her sociology credits.

“Mia, wait!” Shelly quickly caught up, her tone condescending as she remarked, “Why are you leaving so soon? We’re about to head out for a meal

with the university officials. Why don’t you join us?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 276-“Sorry, I’m tied up.” Mia stated.

She wasn’t keen on joining the group for a meal and socializing. After all, she

was now expecting.

“Mia, this is a crucial project for our college. Aren’t you concerned at all?”

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Shelly inquired.

“Well, it’s none of my business,” Mia responded bluntly, displaying an indifferent expression.

Shelly found herself at a loss for words. It seemed as though Mia had undergone a complete transformation. She now held no strings that others could use to pull her in.

Gritting her teeth, Shelly remarked, “Mia, don’t let pride get the best of you.”

“Well, it does amuse me to see the frustration on your faces when you can’t tolerate me, yet you’re powerless to do anything about it. Farewell!” Mia declared with a smirk before casually walking away.

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Upon hearing this, Shelly became furious. She turned to Maya, exclaiming. “That bitch just walked out on us. Dealing with Mia is becoming more challenging. What’s fueling her arrogance? She completely dismissed both of us.” Maya’s expression darkened. She understood the source of Mia’s newfound arrogance—it stemmed from Mia’s romantic involvement with both Connor and Linden. Maya had underestimated Mia’s allure, but she had a plan to handle her. After giving it some thought, Maya promptly dialed a number. “Hello, Mr.

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Skimmer, it's Maya. I've heard about Vista Properties' plans to demolish and

develop a piece of land in Bern City.

"I'm eager to gain some hands-on experience. Would it be possible for me to

visit the branch office and observe the process?" On the other end of the phone, Randy responded promptly. "Certainly, Ms. Lane. Feel free to visit the

company at your convenience to inspect and experience our work culture."

"In

that case, I'll appreciate everyone's hospitality for the next few days."

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ending the call, Maya spoke with determination, “I won’t allow Mia to continue being so arrogant.” With a triumphant expression, Shelly chimed in, “Maya, this is the perfect opportunity to teach Mia a lesson. If the demolition project falls through, she’ll surely come begging on her knees.” Maya displayed a hint of disdain. Did Mia, someone from a lower social class, truly believe she could compete with her? Meanwhile, Mia returned home and was surprised to find her three older

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brothers sitting on the couch, all eyeing her. Mia hesitated for a moment before asking, “Claude, Jason, Liam, what brings you all here?” Liam was the first to speak, “Well, Mia, I’ve got some exciting news. I just won a million dollars in the lottery.” “Are you serious?” Mia was momentarily taken aback, never expecting a stroke of luck like winning the lottery in her own family. She flashed a warm smile and said, “Congratulations, Liam.” Liam downplayed it, saying, “It’s not a big deal. I

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invested that sum in Linden's entertainment company, and conveniently, the company is on the verge of going public. I might as well consider myself a wealthy person now." He rubbed his nose and added, "Meanwhile, Jason has ventured into his own business, and it's raking in a decent amount of money." Claude continued, "Mia, I've also established multiple piano education institutions in Nord City.. The venture has evolved into a franchised business, and as a result, I've achieved financial independence." Upon hearing the news

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of her brothers' newfound wealth, Mia blinked and teased, "Damn, I'm suddenly feeling a bit envious.

"Why does it seem like everyone's striking it rich, and I'm the only one left

out? Nevertheless. I genuinely feel happy for you guys!" Liam affectionately

patted her head, saying, "Mia, going forward, you won't have to worry about

money. Come back to Nord City with us and enjoy a carefree life as a wealthy

young lady." After the kidnapping incident, Liam noticed that Mia had become

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overly cautious in her approach to life.

No longer willing to maintain pretenses, he resolved to be a steadfast pillar of

support for Mia.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 277-After consulting with Jason

and Claude, Liam and his brothers unanimously decided to shed their facade

of poverty.

It was time to establish themselves as Mia's reliable support.

Claude nodded in agreement with Jason, expressing. "Mia, your brothers and

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I are now financially secure. Nathan's company has also secured a listing on the stock market.

“With these positive developments, our family is no longer short of funds.

In

the future, you can purchase whatever you desire without worrying about financial constraints.” Mia was momentarily moved and found herself at a loss

for words. “Then I need to work even harder. In the future, I aspire to become

a renowned designer and not be a burden to you all.” Hearing these heartfelt

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words, Liam's eyes welled up with tears. Initially, they had hoped Mia would rely on them, but her dedication and ambition caught them by surprise. It was deeply touching. How could Mia be so hardworking and endearing? As evening fell, Dominic, Nathan, and Connor returned home, and Mia personally prepared a celebratory meal for her brothers. Lifting her cup, Mia joyfully declared, "Today, I raise a toast to my brothers with a cup of tea instead of wine, wishing everyone a swift and prosperous journey to success. Cheers!" Although Dominic felt a bit irked by his younger brothers taking matters into their own hands.

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witnessing Mia's happiness made him question whether keeping his identity hidden was the right decision. Holding Mia's hand, Eva advised, "Mia, leave the pursuit of wealth to your brothers. Like me, you should embrace the comforts of home and indulge in a bit of shopping for yourself. "There's no need for you to toil so hard. After all, you're the cherished princess of our family." Dominic quickly nodded in agreement. "Exactly, Mia. Once you come back with us to Nord City, you won't need to work so hard

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anymore.” Just then, Liam passed a bank card directly to Mia, saying, “Mia, there’s some money in the account. Use it to pay off your mortgage. I have more than enough funds at the moment.” The rest of the Lane brothers followed suit, presenting her with bank cards one after another. Mia, consider this as a heartfelt gesture from us. Please accept it,” they conveyed. Staring at the six bank cards, Mia found herself at a loss for words. After a moment of contemplation, she graciously accepted them all, saying. “Alright, I won’t hold back then.” Understanding that her brothers were attempting to

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make amends, Mia realized that turning down their gestures could potentially hurt their feelings.

In truth, Mia had overcome the grievances of the past. She had fully embraced the reality of having her brothers in her life.

As Mia prepared for rest after her nightly routine, she took out the six bank cards.

Reflecting on Maya's earlier boast about having brothers, Mia snapped a photo and shared it on her social media with the caption: 'The ultimate goal in

life: Invest a little more effort today, and become a prosperous woman tomorrow'.

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A subtle smirk played on Mia's lips. Now, she too had brothers supporting and pampering her.

Meanwhile, Timothy had just wrapped up a meeting. Upon checking his Instagram, he received a notification about Mia's recent post.

Timothy hesitated for a moment but couldn't resist his curiosity. He clicked on

her profile and scrolled down to the post.

As he read Mia's caption, Timothy's face paled. Since when did Mia's values

become so skewed?

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What caught him off guard was seeing Laura's like and comment on the post

which says. "Well said".

As Timothy observed her comment, his heart grew even more uneasy.

Before long, Laura's call came in. Frustrated, Timothy adjusted his tie and answered the phone.

Hello, Grandma." "Tim, I never expected you to become so romantic all of a

sudden," Laura teased." Timothy furrowed his brows, asking, "What do you

mean?" "I noticed Mia's latest social media post. Those bank cards are from

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you, aren't they? Now that she is expecting, you should really pamper her more.

“While Mia isn't particularly materialistic, every woman appreciates thoughtful surprises from her husband.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 278-Hearing Laura's words, Timothy was so infuriated that he impulsively yanked off his tie.

It seemed that Laura presumed he was the one who had given Mia the bank

cards in the photo!

Feeling a sense of betrayal, Timothy reflected on Mia's seemingly

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unrestrained actions. It seemed like he needed to have a serious conversation

with her.

“Tim, I have faith in you. Keep it up.” Laura teased.

Timothy couldn't find solace in Laura's encouragement. Instead, his heart experienced another pang of frustration.

As Timothy left the study with his phone in hand, he absorbed the familiar surroundings of the villa. Despite everything appearing the same, there was a

noticeable absence.

Returning to the bedroom, Timothy retrieved his phone and messaged Mia:

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“What’s up with your Instagram post?” Mia, feeling content after her evening routine, was about to go to bed when she received the message from Timothy..

After reading his message, she was momentarily stunned. Hadn’t they unfollowed each other on Instagram?

Just then, Mia remembered re-following Timothy on Instagram to reimburse

the hundred thousand dollars that Mary had taken. However, Timothy had never accepted the money.

But what prompted him to message her now with such a cold tone?

Mia responded indifferently: “If you’re unable to understand, why bother

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checking out my post in the first place?” “Who provided you with those six

bank cards?” Mia retorted, “They’re obviously from six different men.”

Upon

reading Mia’s reply, Timothy was suddenly reminded of the men he had encountered in the hospital that day, all of whom appeared to be from the Lane family in Nord City.

Timothy couldn’t shake the feeling that something was amiss. Initially intending to make a voice call to Mia, he mistakenly tapped the video call button instead.

Meanwhile, on the other end, Mia noticed Timothy’s video call invitation. She

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couldn't help but After all, she and Timothy had been married for three years, and he rarely responded to her messages, let alone initiated a video call. However, memories flashed back to the time she was kidnapped in the remote mountains. If Timothy hadn't arrived promptly, the consequences would have been unimaginable.

Taking a deep breath, Mia decided to accept the call, asking, "Hello, what's

the matter?" As Mia's face appeared on the video, Timothy was momentarily

taken aback. He hadn't anticipated her agreeing to the video call.

He observed Mia leaning against the headboard, clad in a camisole

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nightgown, with her slightly damp hair suggesting she had just stepped out of the shower.

Timothy's eyes lingered on her nightgown, and his gaze deepened. "Don't you

know why I'm looking for you?" Mia retorted, "How am I supposed to know if

you don't tell me?" "Mia, I never thought your values could be so distorted."

Hearing Timothy's remark, Mia couldn't help but feel a bit exasperated. "Well,

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surprise, surprise! Did you just figure that out today? My values have always

been influenced by physical appearances.

“If someone looks good, I assume their values must be in sync. Otherwise, why would I have been.

attracted to you in the first place?” Timothy was taken aback by her candid response.

After a brief pause, he asked, “And what about now?” Mia gazed in disbelief at

Timothy through the phone. Despite the front-facing camera, he still appeared

handsome and charming.

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Mia pursed her lips, her expression somewhat awkward. “What do you mean by “now“?” “Didn’t you just say you liked me?” “Oh, that’s all in the past. After all, there are countless men out there. If one doesn’t work out, I can always find another.” Timothy couldn’t help but feel a twinge in his heart. Mia’s perspectives on love were undeniably twisted—expressing affection one moment and An uncomfortable silence settled between them. Changing the subject. Timothy asked, “Mia, what exactly is your relationship with Connor?”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 279-Mia detected Timothy's familiar interrogative tone, tinged with an air of superiority. His gaze remained

as penetrating as ever.

Running her fingers through her freshly dried hair, Mia teased, "Why don't you

take a guess?" Timothy couldn't help but notice her subtle movements.

Mia's hair cascaded to one side, and the strap of her camisole delicately slid

down, revealing a generous expanse of skin that glowed warmly under the soft lighting.

Such a provocative Timothy was briefly stunned, not anticipating scene.

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He felt a lump in his throat, and his gaze grew intense. Was Mia doing this intentionally?

However, she appeared entirely oblivious to the fact that she was inadvertently exposing herself.

As Timothy lapsed into a sudden silence during the video call, Mia commented, “Is there anything else? If not, I’ll go ahead and hang up.”

“Mia,

you still haven’t answered my question! Don’t assume you can allure me just

by dressing like this. Even if you were to undress in front of me, it wouldn’t

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work!” What was Timothy referring to? Wasn’t she simply wearing a regular nightgown?

Mia lowered her head and suddenly became aware of the fallen strap on her shoulder.

With a slightly larger movement, her breasts could have been exposed. Blushing instantly, she hastily ended the video call.

Mia quickly readjusted the strap of her camisole, then pulled the blanket over

her face, feeling utterly embarrassed.

Did Timothy, that narcissistic guy, truly believe she did it on purpose?

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What a shameless accusation!

Mia wished she could pull Timothy aside and give him a piece of her mind.

Who would intentionally dress this way to seduce him? His audacity was beyond belief!

Regardless, she decided to let it go. In a few months, after finishing her credits and with her belly growing, she planned to head to Nord City to give birth.

Since she was leaving anyway, why should she bother enduring Timothy? +15 BONOS he following day, Mia had initially intended to visit the hospital for

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a prenatal check-up.

However, Connor informed her that he had something to attend to in the morning and suggested she come in the afternoon.

At the moment, the only person she truly trusted was Connor.

Mia wouldn't feel comfortable during her prenatal check-ups if Connor wasn't

present. Hence, she opted to go in the afternoon.

In the morning, Mia visited Laura at the private hospital. Notably, Laura had

left a personal comment on Mia's social media post the day before.

Given Timothy's recent cancellation of his engagement with Maya, Mia felt

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compelled to inquire about the details of Laura's surgery arrangement. Mia was uncertain whether the procedure would proceed as initially scheduled.

Before heading to the private hospital, she bought some flowers and fruits. As she approached Laura's hospital room, Mia heard voices coming from within.

Glancing through the door, she noticed doctors and nurses inside. Could there

be complications with Laura's condition?

In a moment of panic, Mia hurriedly pushed the door open and entered, calling

out, "Grandma Laura." As Mia surveyed the room, her footsteps came to a

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sudden halt. Among the doctors and nurses, there was an unexpected sight—

Connor, dressed in a white coat.

What was he doing here?

Earlier, when Connor mentioned having morning commitments, Mia speculated it might involve a scheduled surgery. However, she never expected to stumble upon him in the private hospital.

Was Connor contemplating a career change?

Connor was caught off guard when he saw Mia. Encountering her here was

certainly not something he had anticipated.

Today, he came to conduct Laura's standard preoperative check-up.

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Due to the intricate nature of Laura's upcoming surgery, it involved a series of various tests and the formulation of a detailed surgical plan. Connor had intentionally scheduled his morning to check on Laura, with plans to return later in However, the unexpected encounter with Mia in Laura's hospital room took him by surprise. Connor's demeanor grew awkward. Was this the day his identity might be exposed? Mia, too, felt a sense of unease. Could this be the day Connor found out about her relationship with Timothy?.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 280-Connor and Mia exchanged uneasy glances, their eyes flickering with a hint of discomfort. Breaking the silence. Laura waved at Mia and exclaimed, “Mia, you’re here! Don’t just stand at the door, come over.” Forcing a smile, Mia reluctantly walked over to Laura. She placed the flowers in the nearby vase and turned to Laura, “How have you been feeling lately?” “I’ve been doing well. But, Mia, you seem a bit more tired than last time,” Laura remarked, holding Mia’s hand

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and scrutinizing her. “Is it due to the demands of your studies and work?”

Mia

cleared her throat before answering. “Not exactly. I’ve actually put on some

weight recently.” She had carefully controlled her diet, fearing that overeating

might expose her growing belly and make it difficult to conceal her pregnancy.

“Mia, what do you mean you’ve gained weight? Honestly, you look thinner to

me.

“Now, remember, you’re not alone. You have a baby growing inside you.

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Please be mindful not to overwork yourself, Laura advised.

Upon hearing this, Mia's heart raced, silently pleading, "Grandma Laura, please don't say anything more!" She knew that running into Connor today was a disaster waiting to happen.

As expected, Laura brought up Mia's pregnancy, putting her in a challenging

position. How could she possibly continue keeping it a secret from Connor?

In response, Mia offered a wry smile, saying, "Laura, my workload isn't too

taxing." "Mia, I don't have an issue with you working, but given your pregnancy, the circumstances have changed. Please take good care of

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yourself. After giving birth, there'll be plenty of time to return to work. "I could even talk to Tim about securing a designer position for you in his company. As the young lady of the Barrett family, no one would dare to mistreat you," Laura teased.

Upon hearing these words, Mia abandoned any resistance.

Even if she wished to salvage the situation, it seemed futile. Laura had completely unveiled the facade Mia had carefully maintained in front of Connor.

+15 BONOS Mia refrained from looking in Connor's direction, a sense of unease settling over her.

Instead, her gaze remained fixed on Laura. "Grandma, I understand the

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situation well. Please don't worry." "Mia, I know you value your pride. I'll have a conversation with Tim, and if you choose to work at the Barrett Group in the future, he'll ensure you're well taken care of. It's settled," Laura declared. Mia responded with a hint of helplessness, saying, "Let's discuss it when the time comes." Unbeknownst to Laura, Mia would no longer be residing in Bern City at that point. Of course, Mia couldn't reveal the truth to Laura at this moment.

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If the Barrett family discovered her pregnancy, Mia wouldn't be able to leave, and protecting the baby inside her would become even more challenging. Connor couldn't restrain himself and spoke up, "Grandma Laura, your checkup for today is done. You should focus on resting in the upcoming days." Laura nodded, and the butler efficiently escorted the medical team out of the room. Mia couldn't help but steal a glance at Connor, and a wave of anxiety swept over her. How was she going to explain everything to him later? Shortly after, Mia received a WhatsApp message from Connor: "Come out. I

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need to talk to you.” A soft sigh escaped Mia as she read the message, acknowledging that she couldn’t evade the impending conversation. Sooner or later, this day was destined to come. After spending a few more moments chatting with Laura, Mia fabricated an excuse, mentioning she wanted to wash some fruit. With a tray of fruits in hand, Mia left the ward. Outside, Connor stood waiting. Without delay, he confronted Mia, wearing a stern expression.” Mia, what exactly is your relationship with Timothy?”f Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 281-Mia sighed and surveyed their

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surroundings. “Connor, come with me. Let’s chat over there.” do we need to go there? Can’t we just talk here?” Connor’s face bore an expression of reluctance.

Mia gently tugged at his white coat. “Connor, please. Come with me. It’s not appropriate to discuss this here. We might disturb Grandma Laura.” Eventually, Connor compromised.

Mia guided Connor to the far end of the corridor. Bowing her head, she spoke nervously, “Connor, let me explain.” “Yeah, I’m listening. Speak up. What’s

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your relationship with Timothy, and whose child is in your belly?” Mia took a deep breath and admitted, “Connor, by now, you’ve probably already guessed. The child in my belly belongs to Timothy.” “What? That jerk had the audacity to sexually harass you? Damn it, I’ll make sure to put an end to him. Just watch me!” Connor was furious upon learning about Timothy’s misconduct. Despite taking all precautions against Timothy, he still managed to exploit the situation! Connor’s eyes flared with anger. He swore to make Timothy pay for

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mistreating Mia and causing her pregnancy.

This was beyond acceptable!

Mia anticipated that it would come to this, and she hastily seized Connor's arm, urging. "Connor, calm down." "I can't calm down. Let go of me, I'm going

to find Timothy!" Connor's eyes blazed with murderous intent. In his mind, he

had already formulated numerous ways to exact revenge on Timothy and obliterate any evidence of the crime!

Frightened, Mia's eyelids twitched. "Connor, please, listen to me first."

"There's no need to explain. I already understand the situation. Mia, why don't

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you stay at home? Once I handle Timothy, I'll bring you back to Nord City.

Trust me, no one can harm us.” “Connor, the situation is not as you imagine.”

Connor cast a reassuring gaze at Mia, saying, “Mia, there’s no need to fear.

In

the past, you were isolated and vulnerable, hesitant to voice your concerns even in the face of mistreatment.

“Now, you have six brothers by your side. Each one of us is more than capable of dealing with Timothy. Moreover, Jason, being a lawyer, holds the

most expertise in handling such matters.

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“Even if Timothy manages to survive, we’ll ensure he faces imprisonment.”

Mia’s eyelids twitched as she absorbed his words, and she swiftly replied, “Connor, I doubt the effectiveness of the law in this situation.” “Timothy’s harassment toward you is undeniable. Despite his status as a divorcee and the president of the Barrett Group, we won’t allow him to escape consequences.” Clearing her throat, Mia responded, “Connor, I haven’t concluded the divorce proceedings with Timothy yet, and technically, our child was conceived during our marriage. Legally speaking, he didn’t harass me.”

Upon hearing Mia’s detailed account, Connor found himself taken aback,

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seemingly struggling to fully comprehend the information.

After a moment, Connor leaned against the wall, feeling a wave of dizziness

washing over him.

Mia rushed to assist him; her voice filled with concern. “Connor, are you okay?” “I–I’m okay, just trying to wrap my head around this. Mia, did you say

you’re going through a divorce with Timothy? So, you’re married, and Timothy

is your husband?” Mia nodded meekly in response.

“Mia, how could you not have shared such an important matter with us? Why

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keep it a secret? If I hadn't accidentally discovered your pregnancy, were you planning to keep it hidden forever?" Mia paused before answering. "I ended up marrying Timothy accidentally, and I didn't want others to be aware of my relationship with him." "Mia, we're your family. You should have confided in us about this."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 282-Only then did Connor wrap his

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head around the situation—the woman who tied the knot with the unconscious

Timothy back then was Mia, his sister!

The sheer thought of it sent a wave of emotions through Connor. He was angry and remorseful.

Maya wished to get married to Timothy but was stopped by Dominic. In the

end, she shrugged off the idea probably because she assumed that Timothy would die.

Then, the Barretts announced that someone was willing to get married to Timothy.

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Connor regretted it now. Things would've been better if they found Mia three years ago.

Mia's guilt pricked her conscience. "I know that I was wrong. We weren't close

in the beginning. so I didn't know how to bring it up. Plus, we were considering

a divorce at that time, thinking that it was best to end things sooner.

On top of that, the Barretts were a prestigious family in Bern City.

Mia didn't want to cause her brothers trouble, hence the decision to keep them in the dark.

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She lifted her head. “I’m sorry. I shouldn’t have kept it from you guys.” A deep sigh escaped Connor’s lips. He patted her head. “Don’t apologize. We should be the ones apologizing. If we had found you sooner, things would’ve been different. You didn’t need to suffer so much either.” What had been done was done. He couldn’t bring himself to blame Mia. No wonder Timothy took action as soon as he caught wind of her kidnap. After a discussion, Connor and Dominic decided to keep a close eye on Timothy, who had feelings for Mia.

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Who would've known that Mia and Timothy had been married for three years?

With a child at that.

Lowering his gaze, Connor looked at her. "Mia, did the Barretts let you go fully

knowing that you're pregnant?" She shook her head. "Actually, they don't know I'm pregnant. Mrs. Barrett Senior would only compromise and go ahead

with the surgery on the condition that I got pregnant. I planned to admit that

I'm pregnant for her sake, but the Barrett family didn't believe me. They

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thought I was lying, so I went along with it.” Now, Connor knew the whole story.

A crease formed between his brows. “How despicable of them! Mia, were you forced to get married to Timothy?” “No. I did it on my own will. Because I liked him.” Hearing that, he put his head in his hands. Everything he heard today was difficult for him to take in. She managed a forced smile. “I’ve decided to get over him. But I have to keep

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the act up until Mrs.

Barrett Senior's surgery is over. She treats me well, that's why." If that's the

"Mia, are you sure you can get over him? case, I suggest you don't keep the

baby." She stroked her belly. "I want to keep the baby, Connor. The baby's the

only family I had before you guys found me. I made up my mind to get over

him back then. I can't simply give up on the baby just because I found my family." It was heart wrenching to hear that, especially what Mia said about the

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baby being her only family.

His heart broke into a million pieces.

He reached out to hug her, his eyes red. “Okay. Keep the baby.” No matter what kind of favor Mia asked for, he felt that he could agree to all of them.

After all, they owed her too much. There was no way they could make up for it

no matter what they did.

Mia settled in Connor’s arms and wiped her tears off discreetly.

It was fortunate that he could understand her decision.

At that moment, a piercing gaze caught on her radar, making her skin crawl.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 283-Mia raised her head to see

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Timothy standing not far from them. His eyes held a dark glint.
Her breathing hitched.
What was Timothy doing here? This was such bad timing.
If Connor saw Timothy, things would go out of control.
The quick-witted Mia yanked Connor's arm over, preventing him from seeing
Timothy in the corridor.
An idea crossed her mind. "Connor, I almost forgot to ask you something.
How is Mrs. Barrett Senior doing? Why are you the one examining her today?"
That question caught him off guard and pricked at his guilty conscience.
"D—

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Didn't I tell you that I have to participate in the surgery because her case is complicated? A surgery such as hers requires an extra set of hands. We can help out immediately in case of emergencies." Mia could vaguely remember him saying that. In that case, it was normal for him to show up there. He let out a wry cough to hide his guilt. "Now that you've brought it up. I just remembered that I have a meeting to attend. It's regarding Mrs. Barrett Senior's surgery." Connor turned and walked away as soon as he finished. Mia's heart rose to her throat. Timothy was still here!

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But when she went over to check the corridor, there was no sign of Timothy's shadow.

Where was he?

A wave of relief willed the tension away. She spoke up. "Connor, will her surgery proceed as scheduled?" "Of course. Why ask?" A slight nervousness tinged his face.

Did Mia spot something amiss?

She contemplated for a moment. "Connor, I heard that the doctor in charge of the surgery is a great doctor in Nord City. And that his sister—Maya—likes

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Timothy. Anyway, a lot of things. happened and I thought the doctor wouldn't agree to perform the surgery himself." He knew what she was implying. +15 BONOS Timothy called off the engagement with Maya because Connor revealed that he agreed to perform the surgery because of Mia. It actually served as a warning for Timothy to stay away from Mia. Yet, Connor didn't expect them to be a married couple. If Connor had known that, he wouldn't have told Timothy the truth. Never! Connor rued that day so much.

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Had he known their relationship sooner, he wouldn't have intervened in the

Barrett family's matters. He would've taken Mia away from Nord City.

"Don't worry, Mia. A famous doctor is in charge of her surgery. I promise," he

glossed it over.

"Will that famous doctor attend the meetings with other doctors?" That question stunned him, rendering him speechless.

He stammered over his words. "Why ask, Mia? Perhaps you want to meet him?" What if Mia wanted to meet the famous doctor? What should he do? Hire an actor?

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She shook her head. “Nope, just asking. It doesn’t matter if I get to meet him.

What matters most is that the surgery is successful.” That famous doctor was

Maya’s brother. If Mia showed herself, he might hate her and things could go

south.

What should she do when that happens?

Mia hoped everything could go smoothly.

Connor was relieved when Mia claimed that she didn’t want to meet him.

That was for the best.

Otherwise, he wouldn’t know how to explain the situation to her.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 284-Mia caught on Connor's expression and something seemed off to her. "Connor, you're acting out of character today." "Am I? It's probably because of work," Connor attempted to brush it off.

"Go ahead. You have a meeting, don't you? I'll keep Mrs. Barrett Senior company," Mia decided not to pry further.

He nodded. "I'll take you to the hospital for a prenatal checkup in the afternoon." Watching her getting close to the Barrett family was the last thing

he asked for, but he was aware of how attached Mia could be.

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Before the Lane brothers began taking care of Mia, Laura looked after her
so

he couldn't force her to leave Laura.

Everything would be settled once he brought her out of Nord City, away
from

the Barretts.

Mia watched Connor take the stairs to the floor beneath. A faint sigh
escaped

her lips.

After washing some fruits, she headed to the patient's room. The door
opened

the moment she approached the door.

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Timothy walked out of the room, standing right in front of her. His tall stature gave more pressure when he closed in on her. Holding her breath and a plate of fruits, Mia met his deep eyes. He lowered his voice. “Mia Bowen, I don’t care about your private life, but this is the hospital Grandma stays at. Have you never thought of the consequences if she catches you guys red- handed?” She gulped down the bitterness and replied softly, “I don’t want to pick a fight with you. Grandma’s surgery is around the corner. Make way please.” He grabbed her wrist, his

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palm warm. He gazed at her. “Do you think that I’m trying to put up a fight with you? Since you’re so desperate to throw yourself at another man, I won’t stop you. But I have a request. Don’t let Grandma know about this before she recovers from the surgery.” She shook her arm, attempting to fling his hand away. “Don’t worry. I won’t let her know. As for you, you’re involved in another engagement and scandal as though you’re trying to tell her the truth. You are

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the one who should be careful.” Timothy was taken aback by her rebuttal. His face darkened at the thought of the reason he got engaged to Maya. “That shouldn’t be coming from you. If it weren’t for you-” “Enough. I don’t want to hear anything about your engagement,” she interrupted. So what if she didn’t show up as the person in charge during the engagement ceremony? Did she have anything to do with the engagement being called off? How could he blame her for that? She stood her ground and addressed him firmly. “Mr. Barrett, I hope Grandma

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is the only topic we talk about in the future. Nothing else. Once her surgery is over, we can proceed with the divorce procedures at the courthouse. Then, we'll go our separate ways." Frustration welled up in him as he looked at her determined expression. Previously, he almost lost himself and punched Connor when he saw them hugging. However, he himself found his emotion strange. Mia was affecting his mood! Whoever she was with shouldn't have bothered him.

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Still, he couldn't shake off the roller coaster of emotions she put him through.

This was unfamiliar to him. It was out of his control.

He released her from his grip, a mix of feelings clouding his eyes. "Mia, I'll say

this one last time- you and Connor are not meant for each other." The fact that

Timothy misunderstood her relationship with her brother amused her.

Tilting

her head, she questioned, "Timothy Barrett, do you have feelings for me?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 285-Mia raised her head, studying

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Timothy. His face reflected in her crystal-clear eyes.

They stood in the corridor, where the windows welcomed the warm summer breeze.

He saw himself in her eyes, his heartbeat picking up its pace.

“Mia Bowen, you’ve become more shameless since we last met a few days ago. Do I look like I have feelings for you?” A quick denial.

Despite his steely expression, his eyes wavered. He even tucked at his necktie to mask his mixed feelings.

“Okay. Then, why do you care so much about my relationship when you don’t

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even like me? Why tell me that those men are bad guys? Don't you think that you're crossing the line as my ex- husband?" "That's because you have a bad judgment of character." She nodded in acknowledgment. "You have a point. If I had good judgment of character, I wouldn't have chosen you." Frustration boiled within him as he gritted his teeth. "Don't you regret this, Mia Bowen." He left after saying that. Bitterness reached the tip of Mia's tongue as she watched him leave. She

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caressed her belly. confident that she wouldn't regret it.
After coordinating her emotions, she held the plate of fruits into the room.
"Grandma." "Mia, did you see Timothy? He came by." She paused. "No."
The
reflex reaction of a lie brought a pang of guilt.
Laura grabbed Mia's hand. "You must've missed him. He went downstairs
for
the meeting about my surgical plan. He should be back later." Her r
expression slightly shifted at that. Timothy went for the meeting?
This was bad! Connor was downstairs too!
Only then did she realize that Timothy left in the same direction as Connor
did. Why didn't she What should she do? Would a fight break out when

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Connor saw Timothy?

Mia was on edge. Anxiety got the best of her. “Grandma, I want to attend the

meeting too.” Mainly because she wanted to observe the situation. If a fight

really broke out, she could at least stop them.

Laura asked, “What for? It’s enough for Timothy to go alone. You know how

boring a meeting can be. You should keep me company.” She managed a forceful smile. Actually, it wasn’t that she wanted to attend the meeting, but

she wished she could stop a fight from happening.

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“Grandma, you don’t know what I’m going through right now,” she sighed inwardly.

What should she do? On what excuse could she attend the meeting?

At that moment, almost every doctor in the hospital gathered in the meeting

room downstairs to finalize the surgical plan.

As the main doctor in charge, Connor took the center seat and highlighted the

things that required more attention in detail.

Timothy joined, sitting in the last row. He was annoyed to see Connor in the

same place, but he reined his emotions in because Connor was the main

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doctor in charge of Laura's surgery.

Needless to say, Connor was aware of Timothy's presence. A cold glint flashed in Connor's eyes.

The sheer sight of Timothy made Connor want to punch him.

How dare this bastard marry Mia in secret! And impregnated her at that!

The thought of her almost becoming a widow irritated Connor to the bones.

The two men didn't wish to see each other.

Nevertheless, the presurgical meeting ended smoothly.

Other doctors admired Connor upon hearing his explanation. "Dr. Lane, we've

learned a lot from this. Don't worry. We'll be careful not to let you down."

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 286-Connor nodded. “I’m not the only person involved in this surgery. I hope you guys can cooperate with me.”

The casual conversation lasted a few moments before the crowd dispersed from the meeting room.

Connor was planning to leave when Timothy’s steely voice resounded from behind.

“Dr. Lane, wait up.” Connor pursed his lips at that. He turned around

begrudgingly and looked at Timothy coldly.” Anything?

Timothy marched a few steps forward. It was a face-to-face confrontation

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where no one intended to back off.

A moment later, Timothy broke the silence. “Dr. Lane, I’m grateful that you’re

willing to perform the surgery for my grandmother. But I hope you can keep a

safe distance from Mia. She’s still my wife.” “She’s your wife? How shameless

of you. The divorce procedure will take place after the surgery, right?”

Timothy

narrowed his eyes. “I didn’t say that before.” “Are you going to go against your

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word, Timothy Barrett?” Connor grabbed Timothy by the collar with a cold expression. “If there isn’t a surgery the day after tomorrow, I would’ve punched you in the face right now!” As a doctor, he should take care of his hands all the time, especially when he has a complicated surgery to perform two days later. Nothing should happen to his hands. That was why he held himself back instead of going berserk when he saw Timothy. This bastard regretted the decision to divorce! Timothy stayed at his place. “Same here. I’ve put up with you for a long time.”

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“Well, well. Let’s have a proper fight after the surgery. The one who loses has to leave!” Mia happened to arrive outside the meeting room at that time, witnessing the dispute going on. She barged into the room. “Stop it right now!” Mia separated the men by standing between them. “Be nice. Just calm down.” Connor primped his clothes. “I’ve said whatever I have to say. Let’s go, Mia.” “Really?” She shot him a dubious look. It seemed like she had come in time. Things didn’t get physical. Wordlessly, Connor held her hand and pulled her out of the meeting room.

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Mia went along with him and cast a backward glance at Timothy, who stayed

riveted at the same spot.

His eyes seemed to be carrying emotions she couldn't read.

A pang of unknown emotions hit her and she quickly withdrew her gaze.

She must be seeing things.

Why would he wear that kind of expression?

Timothy remained standing at the same place while watching them leave, his

eyes fixated upon their holding hands.

His expression was gloomy.

Once they vanished out of his sight, he loosened his necktie and looked at

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Heath. “Say, do you think that Mia has a bad judgment of character? Out of all people, it’s Maya’s brother she likes.” “I think she still cares for you. How about winning her back, Mr. Barrett?” Heath tested the water. Timothy’s hand paused and his expression became unnatural, “What for? Are you crazy?” Timothy, whose pride took a hit, explained with a stiff expression. “I’m worried that Mia’s being scammed. Grandma will get worried too. I’m not acting this way solely because of Mia.” Heath was speechless.

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Timothy had the inclination to say things he didn't mean to women sometimes.

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Mia followed Connor out of the private hospital.

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The mention of the schedule recentered her, her expression solemn.

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For Mia, who was attached to Laura, he would do his best to cure Laura. That way, nothing about the Barrett family would hold Mia back. A grin played on her lips. “Now I’m at peace of mind with your promise.” “Come live in Nord City with us, Mia. Start a new life here with your baby. Stay far away from the Barretts.” “Sure, but now’s not the time.” Connor asked dubiously, “Is something holding you back?” She shook her head. “I want to complete my credit hours at college. Once Mrs. Barrett Senior recovers, I’ll try to persuade Aunt Patricia about it. Maybe after a few months, when my belly’s

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too big, I'll come with you guys." Calculations formed in his head. It was only a

few months. He could wait that long.

After the duo arrived at the hospital, Mia headed for the prenatal checkup right

away.

During the B–ultrasound, the doctor was surprised. “Congratulations! I can hear two heartbeats. You’re having twins.” Mia looked at the monitor in disbelief. “Really?” “Yes.” Grinning happily, she left the room with the report.

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sigh escaped from him. “Are you still going to keep it a secret from Dominic and the others?” “Let’s keep it this way for now. We can talk after I go to Nord City with you guys.” Her puppy eyes were pleading with him. Finally, he bit the bullet by giving in. “Fine. Only until then.” Dominic wasn’t aware of Mia’s pregnancy the whole time. It wouldn’t hurt to wait for a few more months. The same outcome would happen even if Dominic found out about it now.

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Connor could already envision his future, where he was willing to get beaten up by Dominic for Mia. At that moment, a woman rushed over to snatch the report from Mia. “I knew it! You’re pregnant, Mia Bowen! You’re dead meat this time!” Mia watched the mad woman in a mask. She couldn’t place her finger on who the unbidden guest was. “Wilhelmina?” Mia guessed. “That’s right. It’s me.” The woman removed her mask. It was Wilhelmina indeed! This was the first time Mia met Wilhelmina after the demolition.

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time!” Wilhelmina’s words struck Mia as absurd. “What does my pregnancy have to do with you? What are you going to do with my stuff?” “It’s useless to me, but someone else might need it. Shelly is very interested in this. Say, how much will she pay me if I give it to her?” Mia’s vi visage shifted slightly. “This is not Shelly’s baby. It’s useless if you give it to her. Is getting pregnant against the law? So what if you disclose this information to the public?” Wilhelmina

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paused because Mia's words made sense.
Wilhelmina stole a glance at the ultrasound report.
In retrospect, Shelly showed telltale interest the moment Wilhelmina claimed
that there was a possibility Mia was pregnant.
It was as if this was a huge catch!
While Wilhelmina stayed silent, Connor went up to take the report back
from
her. "Hey, if you have a death wish, I won't hold myself back. Is staying
behind
bars for 15 days too short for you?" When the old neighborhood was
demolished, they figured something out to send Wilhelmina to the police

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station for fifteen days.

It should've been a lesson learned, but she had the nerve to be at it again!

Her face fell at that and she swiftly disappeared from view.

Connor was ready for a chase, but she vanished from their sight immediately.

He couldn't catch up with her.

Mia walked up to the door. "Forget it." "What if Wilhelmina tells the Barretts

that you're pregnant?" She took a deep breath. "No one will buy it. Plus, I know a way to take care of this. Don't worry." "Don't worry about the records

in the hospital. I'll change the name on your records. If the Barrett family

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comes over for an investigation, there's nothing they can find." "Sounds like a

plan." She kept the ultrasound report safely.

+15 BONOS She would protect the babies no matter what happened.

There

was a checkup she had to undergo right now too.

Connor couldn't shake off his unease.

While waiting for Mia, who was undergoing a checkup, he contacted someone. "Look for Wilhelmina Jones. Find a way to shut her up." Until

Mia

returns will existence.

her brothers to Nord City, Timothy must remain unaware of the babies'

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Although Timothy didn't fear Connor, things would get out of hand if Timothy requested for child custody. After all, the Barrett family was a powerful family. Most importantly, Connor hoped that Mia could cut ties with Timothy and it had to be now before any other possibilities stand. Running like a mad woman, Wilhelmina was afraid Connor would catch her. Then, she pulled her phone out to call Shelly but it was in vain. Anxiety was driving Wilhelmina to the edge. Why was Shelly not picking up her phone?

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Left with no other choice, Wilhelmina sent a message. ‘I have Mia’s ultrasound report.’ The message was sent and a smirk appeared on her face.

She didn’t know what Shelly would do with the news, but that didn’t matter as

long as Shelly believed it.

Wilhelmina was in dire need of money.

Soon, Shelly hit Wilhelmina up. Wilhelmina’s eyes lit up.

As she reached over to pick up the phone, someone covered her mouth and everything went black before her eyes.

The call was left ringing, unanswered.

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On the other hand, Shelly scolded, “What’s with this Wilhelmina? She texted me, yet she’s not picking up the call. Is she trying to trick me?” She stopped calling Wilhelmina.

Wilhelmina would call back after noticing the missed calls anyway. A dubious Maya spoke up, “Was Wilhelmina telling the truth? Is Mia really pregnant?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 289-The duo were at the beauty salon, so Shelly couldn’t pick up the call.

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Now, it was Wilhelmina's turn not answering the call. Shelly gave it a thought for a moment. "Not sure. Wilhelmina—that fool—lost her reputation and job. Who knows if she's lying for money? Getting money is her top priority now." Maya nodded. "That is another possibility. But she wouldn't have said it without a reason, would she?" "If Mia's pregnant, could it be Timothy's child? Won't this put you at a disadvantage?" Shelly suggested. Maya's brows furrowed as she didn't share the same notion. After all, Mia had been close with Connor these days, making the possibility of

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him being the baby's father stand.

The guess alone cast a pall of foreboding over Maya. Mia must never get acquainted with the Lane brothers!

Something felt off no matter how Maya thought about it. She called her assistant. "Look into Mia's records in the hospital. Check if she's pregnant." If

Mia was really pregnant, no matter who the father was, Maya couldn't let Mia

give birth to that baby.

Shelly spoke, "Ms. Lane, how are things going with the demolition? I can't wait

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to see Mia suffer.” “I’ve got everything covered. Don’t worry. She won’t be able to receive the money.” A cold glint flickered in Maya’s eyes. Being able to do such trivial things was still within her power. If someone was to be blamed, Mia was it. After all, she had the audacity to trick and force Mayal into apologizing to her! Now, it was time for Mia to get into trouble. Mia returned home after the checkup and there was a restless Patricia on the couch. Patricia’s eyes couldn’t leave the phone.

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Mia asked, “What’s wrong, Aunt Patricia?” “Mia, I heard that the compensation for the demolition was transferred yesterday, but we haven’t received anything until today. I asked around and other people have received the money. We’re the only ones who have yet to receive it. Do you think something went wrong?” That was weird. “This shouldn’t be happening. Did you give them the card I told you to give them?” “Mia inquired.

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“I did. I even took a picture just in case. I’ve checked the account number.

It’s

the right one.” *Calm down, Aunt Patricia. I’ll go to Vista Properties tomorrow.

It is a huge company. There shouldn’t be any issue.” Mia comforted Patricia.

Considering how Maya threatened her with this matter, she suspected it had

something to do with Maya.

Regardless, she had to visit Vista Properties to get to the bottom of it.

It was ridiculous that Mia’s family was the only one who didn’t receive the compensation.

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Even if Maya was trying to take control of everything, Mia wouldn't let that happen.

Mia returned to her room and contacted Nathan. "Nathan, I have a question."

"What?" "How can I hack into a company's system if there's something I'm

looking for?" His brow raised slightly. "Which company are you trying to hack

into?" A cough resounded. "I'm not trying to hack into any company's system.

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I'm just curious. I've finished the homework you assigned, so I guess I'm a half-hacker myself. I'm itching to try it on my own." Realizing her talent in information technology was a surprise to her. Before this, when Wilhelmina spread awful rumors about Mia in school, Nathan tracked her down through the IP address. That was how Mia got interested in it and asked him to teach her. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 290-That was the start of Mia's journey in hacking. Since then, she has made tremendous progress in her learning.

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Nathan could see through her feeble excuse easily, and he was confident that

she was trying to hack into a company's system. · He replied calmly.

“Easy.

Do as I taught you. Huge companies normally have programmers to safeguard their systems. Once they notice their system is hacked, they'll begin the counter. You have to look for a safe firewall for your IP address. That way, they won't be able to track you down.

“I have the program you gave me. There shouldn't be any problem.” “That can't guarantee anything. I'll send you a new one. This should work.” Mia fell

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silent for a moment. “Thanks, Nathan.” Not only did Nathan see through her intentions and keep quiet about it, but he also shared with her a new program. “Save it. Hit me up if you’re stuck at something.” “Okay.” Soon after the call ended, he shared a zip file, which she downloaded into a USB drive. The next day, she brought along her laptop to Vista Properties. Randy worked here. She wanted to confront him face-to-face to demand an explanation.

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Mia went to the receptionist. “Hi, I’m looking for Mr. Skimmer, the person in charge of the demolition in an old neighborhood. I’m a resident there. Everyone has received compensation. except for my family. May I know what’s going on?” “Hold on. I’ll relay the message for you.” Mia admired the decorations while waiting. The receptionist claimed, “Mr. Skimmer is in the middle of something. Please wait over there. He’ll resolve your issue once he’s done with his work.” Mia headed over to a

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corner and took a seat. She fished out her laptop and began to hack into the company's system.

She skimmed through the internal system until she spotted a schedule for demolitions.

There was a picture of Randy and she remembered his face.

An hour passed.

Her impatience led her back to the receptionist for a follow-up. "Is Mr. Skimmer available now?" "I don't think so. I'm sorry. Please wait a little longer." Mia returned to her seat and hacked into the company's system, searching for Randy's contact number.

She dialed the number and the line got through in a heartbeat.

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“Hello, who is this?” “Mr. Skimmer, my old neighborhood was demolished for redevelopment, but my family hasn’t received the compensation. May I know what’s going on? Are you available for a talk?” “Oh, it’s you. Sorry, but I’m busy at the moment. I’ll come back to you once I’m done.” Randy hung up. Mia called again but it was left unanswered. Only then did she understand what was going on. Randy was ignoring her on purpose and this had something to do with Maya for sure.

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Since things had come to this point, Mia might as well take it the hard way.

She hacked into the internal system and made a text. ‘Mr. Skimmer, are you done yet?’ Everyone, who had access to the system, could see the text instantly.

They were taken aback. “What’s going on?” Someone reported the news of the company getting hacked to Dominic.

His expression turned gray. “What’s the Technical Department doing? Find out who the hacker is this instant!”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 291-Dominic rounded everyone up from the Technical Department as soon as he found out that someone hacked into the subsidiary's internal system. That hacker was either trying his luck or had a death wish! Dominic read the text in his office, infuriated. He never expected someone to test his patience. after he expanded a subsidiary in Bern City. Who was this daring hacker? With a grim face, he announced, "You have ten minutes to remove the text

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and 30 minutes to track down the hacker! Find out who he is and bring him to the team! Otherwise, you'll be fired!" The technical team turned on their computers and began tracking down the hacker. Dominic loosened his tie and instructed his assistant, "Call that Mr. Skimmer over. Just what is going on? Why is a hacker looking for him?" Randy soon found out that things were getting out of hand. He contacted Maya. "Ms. Lane, what are we going to do now? Someone hacked into the company's internal

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system! Is that family causing trouble on purpose?” “What are you afraid of?

That family doesn't have the power to do so. I'm sure it's not them. Did you

offend someone?” She didn't believe that Mia was involved in this issue.

Maya firmly believed that Mia was unable to hire a great hacker to orchestrate

such a ruckus.

“But Ms. Lane, that woman has been waiting for me at the company. I keep

rejecting her request by saying that I'm busy. Now, the system is hacked!

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What are the odds?” “I’ll go to the subsidiary right now. Calm down, just tell

them that a hacker infiltrated the system because of other issues. My brother’s

technical team is made of capable people. They’ll catch the hacker in no time.

You know what to do.” “I know. Don’t worry. Ms. Lane.” Randy ended the call.

He was wrecked with nervousness as he made his way to the presidential office.

He knocked on the door and entered the office. “Mr. Lane, is there something

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I can help you with?” “Mind telling me what’s going on? Did you not see the

text on the screen of the internal system?

+15 BONOS “I’m innocent, Mr. Lane! We’re a new company. It’s easy to offend someone given our circumstances. It could be an act of resentment by

the previous competitor. They could be trying to intimidate us.” At this point,

Randy would never admit anything. The problem would be resolved once Maya arrived.

Even if the truth was revealed, he wouldn’t be blamed because he was simply

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following Maya's orders.

Dominic glared at Randy, whose words made sense.

Falling victim to a scheme was normal considering that they were a new company in the area.

However, Dominic never expected a hacker to be involved!

His brother, Nathan was a famous hacker.

The other party simply didn't know their place for trying to play such tricks!

Someone from the Technical Department reported, "Mr. Lane, the other party

is tricky. He caught on our counter and retreated immediately. His IP address

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is somewhere hidden, and his MO is smooth. He seems like an experienced hacker. It'll take a long while before we can trace him." "Bring the laptop over."

Dominic decided to join the showdown himself, confident that he could catch that hacker.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 292-Dominic's eyes focused on the monitor as he contacted Nathan. "Nathan, a hacker has infiltrated. our company's system. A daring one. Any ways to track him down?" "Oh? Who is

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bold enough to confront the boss? No hackers in Nord City dared to do so.”

“Cut it out. This is not Nord City. The Technical Department is at their wit’s

end. The hacker seems to have something up his sleeves. Didn’t you say that

there’s a brilliant program? Send it to me. I’m going to catch that hacker today.” With Nathan’s help, Dominic believed that he could track down any

hacker he wanted.

Nathan smiled. “Not a problem. What’s that hacker’s virtual IP address? I can

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make a vague guess of his origin through that.” “Sittle Island.” Nathan choked on his coffee and burst into a cough upon hearing that. “What did you say? Where is it again?” “Sittle Island. What a weird name. Does this place even exist?” “No. It’s a virtual one.” Nathan attempted to connect the dots. What a coincidence. He and his gang actually formulated the IP address themselves. Only a few were able to use it as of today. Last night, he shared the program with Mia and this IP address was found out soon.

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A sense of foreboding cloaked him. Did he just sabotage his own people with

his program?

“Why the silence, Nathan? Send it to me.” Dominic’s patience was running

thin.

Nathan coughed. “Wait. I have nothing to do anyway. I can settle this for you.

There’s something that I have to verify.” Dominic raised his eyebrow.

“You

know this hacker? Are you trying to give him the leeway?” “I can’t say

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anything for sure right now. I have to see it personally first.” “Fine. I’ll ask them

to share the control access with you. Your company built our system for us.

You know what to do next, don’t you?” Dominic asked sternly.

The call disconnected. Dominc’s hunch kept telling him that something was off

about Nathan. Could the hacker be someone Nathan knew?

Nathan received access to the internal system and began his counter against

the hacker.

Slowly, he gained the upper hand in the confrontation.

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However, the hacker's modus operandi gave him a sense of déjà vu. His fingers suddenly stopped. After a moment of contemplation, he reached out to Mia.

Meanwhile, a great hacker was attacking Mia. If she had not used the defense

barriers from Nathan, her laptop would've been intruded instead.

At that moment, her phone started ringing. It was a call from Nathan. he sudden?

Nathan. Anything?

of guilt put her into a momentary trance before she answered the call. "Hey,

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He coughed. “Mia, did you use the program I gave you yesterday?” he dived

into the topic right away.

It would be a waste of time beating around the bush anyway. He asked his friends to see if anyone used the defense barriers but the answers were negative.

Therefore, that left him with only one answer.

His question placed her in silence. “How did you know?” He sighed lightly. His

guess was right.

The guilt plagued her more. “Did I cause you trouble, Nathan?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 293-Yesterday, Mia thought of

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making use of what Nathan shared to let her steam off. To teach Maya and Randy a lesson.

Encountering a better competitor was beyond Mia's expectations..

Now that Nathan was checking on her, there had to be a problem.

"No. It's just that I monitored someone using that program and checked on it. I

was worried about you. Need help?" "I'm good for now, I can handle it."

Nathan's program was good enough for Mia.

Although a better competitor appeared, she had achieved her objective.

He didn't expect that answer. "Okay. Call me if you need help." Nathan couldn't pry further unless he intended to expose himself.

After Mia hung up, she watched the monitor. The competitor stopped the

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chase instead of continuing to track her down.

Regardless, her objective was achieved. Confronting that competitor would be

an overkill. She didn't want to bring Nathan trouble either.

"Mia, what are you doing here?" Maya saw Mia in the waiting area the moment she arrived.

Maya's heels clicked with every step she made. "You shouldn't be here," she

told Mia haughtily.

Mia's eyes shot upward. "I came to retrieve my money. If not here, where else

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should I go?” “Oh, you came to retrieve your money? I wonder who said she didn’t mind the compensation at all and yet here she is, all jumpy to get the money back.” A triumphant smile adorned Maya’s face. As she had expected, Mia cared about the compensation. Maya lowered her voice. “Want the money? Easy. Apologize to me sincerely and I’ll put in good words to the Demolition Department. How about that?” The degrading demand didn’t bother Mia at all. “No. I’m waiting for you guys to

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apologize and wire the money to me.” Maya cracked up. “Mia Bowen, are you crazy? You must be dreaming. If you don’t apologize to me, you won’t receive that money forever. I’ll make that happen.” BONOS Mia managed a smile. “Then I might as well demand an explanation of the company’s internal system. Let’s see how your brother would deal with it once he knows about this.” Maya’s expression showed a slight unnatural change before she barked, “That’s my brother. Who do you think he’ll side with?” Mia sneered in–return.

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“We’ll see.” “You should’ve accepted my offer when I was being nice. You can keep waiting until pigs fly.” There was no time for Maya to waste here. She had to settle Randy’s problem before he ruined the plan. If Dominic found out that she was behind this, she would be over. At the same time, Nathan engaged in a call with Dominic after talking with Mia over the phone.” Dominic, why don’t you ask why the hacker is doing this? That’s the key to resolving the issue.” “I’ve asked. It could be a trick by a

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competitor.” “This means you haven’t gotten the real answer yet. It’s surely not a competitor or whatnot. There’s something else behind this.” Nathan understood Mia very well. The problem didn’t start merely because of a competitor.

Dominic raised an eyebrow. “Nathan, what’s with beating around the bush?

Do you know who the hacker is? Are you trying to protect him?” Nathan gulped down his saliva. “Here’s a piece of advice. Investigate if it has something to do with the demolition of that old neighborhood Mia lived in. See

how she’s already forced to hack into the company’s system? Did Mr.

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Skimmer pick on her?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 294-Dominic asked, “Are you saying that Mia’s the hacker?” “Who else could it be? I’ve checked in on her.

Besides, she’s my mentee. She knows a lot about hacking into a system. It can’t be anyone else.” Dominic’s head was still buzzing with confusion.

It was Mia intruding into his company’s system!

It took him a while to regain his composure. He looked at the monitor.

“She’s

made great improvement! Not bad, not bad. No one in the company can do anything to defeat her. I’m impressed.” He expected nothing less from his sister. She was bright and adorable!

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Dominic, who had been wearing a steely countenance, finally broke into a smile like a brother proud of his sister.

The others in the office watched him with confused expressions as they didn't

know what happened to him.

Why did his expression change over a phone call?

Dominic disconnected the call and looked at the Technical Department.

“What’s the matter? Haven’t tracked down the hacker yet?” Pride swelled in

his voice.

The Head of the Technical Department answered stiffly, “No. He escaped and

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we can't find his IP address. We can't find out who he is for the recruitment either." Dominic clicked his tongue. "Look at yourselves. Your resumes are the top ones and you call yourselves a veteran. But none of you can guys?" even catch the hacker. What's the use of having you Although he was telling them off, his tone seemed to convey that he was trying to show off something. The Head of the Technical Department was perplexed. They failed to locate the hacker and yet Dominic seemed to be in a good mood.

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Was the whole department going to be fired?

After showing off his sister to the Technical Department, Dominic turned to face Randy.

His expression turned stoic almost instantly. “Be honest with me, what did you do that caused a hacker to hack into our system? Did you do something to the old neighborhood demolition project?”

Randy felt his skin crawl. He quickly explained, “No, I didn’t! I handled the project as you told me. There was no delay. It shouldn’t be about the

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demolition.” “Oh really? Bring me the documents related to the demolition. I want to see.” Anxiety got the best of Randy, who didn’t know what to do. What should he say when Dominic found out that only one family had yet to receive the compensation? At that moment, Maya entered the office. “Dominic, you shouldn’t be bothered by this trivial matter. Mr. Skimmer and I can take care of it.” “What brings you here?” Dominic questioned her visit without holding himself back. “I heard something happened to the company and I was worried. I came to

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check on the situation.. I'd like to share your burden. We're family, after all."

She sugarcoated the purpose of her visit.

She continued, "Did you catch the hacker? How dare he hack into our system!

He has a death wish. Ask Nathan to track him down. That hacker won't be able to get away with this." Although Mia was holding a laptop in the waiting

area, Maya wouldn't believe that Mia had the ability to hack into the company's system.

Dominic frowned. "Stay out of this. I'll take care of it." He decided to wrap up

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the issue. After all, it was Mia who was clever enough to hack into the system.

On top of that, he thought of spurring her on so that she could become a brilliant hacker in the √future.

He recentered his focus onto Randy. “Did you hear me? Bring me the documents.” Maya bit her lips, her brows furrowed in frustration.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 295-Alarmed that things weren't

going as she hoped it would, Maya spoke, “Dominic, this issue has nothing to

do with that demolition project. I'm positive.” Dominic's eyes slightly,

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narrowed. “How did you know?” Her expression turned awkward. “Because those residents are people from the lower class. How are they able to perform such things? You’re overthinking it.” The mention of social class added grimness to his tone. “The lower class? Have you forgotten where you came from?*

There was a huge shift in her expression. She quickly said, “This is a different matter. Leave this issue to me. I won’t let you down.” He was smart enough to

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grow suspicious about it having something to do with the demolition. After all, Mia wouldn't hack into the company's system without a solid reason.

He had faith in her character.

Right then, someone from the Technical Department shrieked, "Mr. Lane, that

hacker hacked into our system again. He emailed a voice recording this time."

Surprised, Dominic ordered, "Let's hear what it says." Meanwhile, Maya had a

bad feeling about this.

Could it be the conversation she shared with Mia at the waiting area?

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Did Mia hire someone to do all this?
Maya overlooked a possibility—Mia might not have the capability to hack, but she could find someone else to do so!
Someone played the recording, which revealed a conversation between two women. It was Maya and Mia’s conversation earlier.
Maya’s face fell and she jumped to deny it, “Dominic, this is not my voice. It’s phishing!” Dominic frowned at Maya’s haughty attitude toward Mia. He looked at Maya before berating her. “Do you take me for a fool? I’m smart

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enough to tell that you're lying. What do you mean by that? You stopped the compensation procedure? How dare you, Maya Lane!*

Finally, he knew the whole story of the situation. He glared at Randy. "Speak up! If you don't give me an explanation, all of you will be fired!" Dominic's assistant read the room and urged the others to leave the office.

Randy and Maya stood at their places. She gulped. "Dominic, we're just following the procedures. That family hasn't received the compensation

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because some of the documents weren't aligned. We need them to hand over the remaining files." Dominic read the document before throwing it in her face.

He yelled, "What's not aligned? Tell me, what is not aligned?" He asked someone to prepare Mia's documents, so there shouldn't be any problem. Maya was baffled for a moment before leveling with him, "I have beef with her,

Dominic. That's why I'm picking on her. Don't intervene. I'll take care of it."

Beef?

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He chuckled coldly before instructing Randy. “Hand in your resignation letter to the Human Resources Department. If you don’t want to be held accountable for this, better apologize to that resident. Otherwise, a lawyer’s letter will be coming for you.” Randy immediately looked at Maya. “Ms. Lane, I was simply following your orders. You have to explain everything to Mr. Lane! I have nothing to do with this!” At this stage, the only person he could count on was Maya.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 296-Maya kept her head low. There was no way she would defend Randy when she was already in deep waters herself. After all, the only reason Mia confronted her was because he failed to get his job done.

After he was brought out of the office, only then did Maya whimpered, “Dominic, please let me handle this.” As one of the Lanes, she surely had the authority to do so.

“Maya, you have no right to deal with this. Also, why are you targeting this family?” Dominic was bewildered. Why did Maya target Mia?

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With a stoic expression, Maya replied, “Mia got in between Timothy and I. Who did she think she is? I only meant to give her a warning.” In that instant,

Dominic recalled what happened at the Fleur International Design Competition.

Mia won first place, but in the end she turned out to be the last.

When Maya told him it was an accident, he believed her. However, that didn't

seem like the case now.

It wasn't an accident. Maya did that on purpose.

It was about time he let her go.

Dominic sighed, and made his decision immediately.

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“Maya, I mentioned about dissolving your adoption, right? Sign the papers now.” Maya was taken aback. She did not expect him to talk about this now.

She replied reluctantly, “I’m still not engaged to Timothy. Didn’t you say that

you’ll only dissolve the adoption once I marry him? Because by then I’ll have

someone to depend on?” However, Timothy called off their engagement because of Connor. Shouldn’t the Lane family take her up as their responsibility?

Without skipping a beat, Dominic took out a file from his drawer and placed it

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in front of her.

“Sign it.” Maya had reached a point where Dominic found it impossible to let

her stay because she sabotaged Mia.

Maya shot a glance at the documents.

“Dominic, are you that eager to make me leave?” “Maya, that’s the end for us

now. I don’t think you’re fit as a Lane anymore.” If Maya continued staying at

the Lane residence, she would eventually get into more conflicts with Mia.

By

then, how will they explain it to her?

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“At least give me a reason if you want me to leave. Don’t tell me it’s because of that bitch, Mia!” Maya finally recalled the change in Dominic’s attitude once

Mia was brought up in their conversation.

Dominic’s expression darkened in an instant.

“Maya, since when have you become so rude?” “Oh, did I get you there? Connor was deceived by Mia, and now you’re bewitched by her as well, huh?”

Maya began to lose her sanity when Dominic took out the agreement to dissolve her adoption. status. Her only leverage was her position as the only

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daughter of the Lane family.

If she lost her status, where would she stand in Bern City? She couldn't even

marry Timothy by then.

Dominic frowned.

"I have no idea what you're talking about. Mia's not a liar." He knew her well.

Given how innocent and adorable she was, there was no way she was a liar.

On the contrary, he was getting more and more fed up with Maya. She was draining his trust and patience.

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“Mia’s nothing but a liar! She used to dally around with Liam, but now she’s at it again with Connor! She’s a shameless, two–timing bitch!” “Shut up!” Dominic bellowed as he slapped her across the face.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 297-Maya was stunned from the slap. She stared at Dominic in disbelief, her eyes turning red.

“How could you, Dominic? How could you hit me for Mia’s sake?” This was beyond her expectation.

With a grim expression, Dominic glared at Maya.

“Maya, how could you be so harsh despite being the daughter of the Lane

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family? Has all that you learned in etiquette lessons throughout these years been in vain?” Initially, he thought Maya found out about Mia’s identity. Yet, it turned out that she probably misunderstood Mia’s relationship with Liam and Connor. Nonetheless, that didn’t justify her to speak crassly about Mia. Feeling wronged, Maya retorted in a strained voice, “I was just angry. Plus, I wasn’t even wrong. “Shut up! You did something during the Fleur International Design Competition too, didn’t you? From now onward, you’re not allowed to meddle

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with any of the Lane family business. If I find you doing anything suspicious, I'll terminate your credit card." "Dominic, you can't do this to me," she reached out to him.

Maya became extremely on edge when she realized her card was about to be terminated. If she was no longer rich, her status would be meaningless. Dominic wrenched his hand away from her as he snapped, "Maya, you should've known what my limits are. I will not tolerate you constantly sabotaging our work." "Dominic, I'm sorry. Please forgive me this time." As he

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handed the document over to her, he stated, “I’ll give you a week to consider.

If you have any demands, speak up. I will fulfill them as long as they’re reasonable.” A hint of scorn flickered across Maya’s eyes when she looked at

the document. She and left the office.

Her grip on the documents tightened as she stepped into the elevator.

Blake asked, “Ms. Lane, what’s wrong?” spun around “Hmph, the Lanes used

me to take care of that crazy old hag for so many years. Now that I’m useless,

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they're going to get rid of me and kick me out of the family. But I won't let

them have their Maya wiped the tears off her face. She wouldn't leave the Lane family easily.

Mia was a seductress indeed. Now that she had Connor in her hands, even Dominic had started to defend her.

Meanwhile, Mia originally planned to leave the office building. After all, they

had just caused a huge scene. Since someone 'important' like Maya was present at Vista Properties, it would be best for her to avoid causing

Nathan

any trouble.

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Just then, Derek hurried toward her.

“Ms. Bowen, regarding the demolition payment, I’ve realized that the finance department has made a mistake after investigating. The money has been transferred to your account now. I sincerely apologize for overlooking this issue.” Mia knew he was in charge of the demolition program. She searched up his profile in the company’s system, and she saw his picture. Well, it seemed like her method earlier worked. Nonetheless, she pretended to keep her cool as she replied coldly, “Let me make a call and check.” “Sure, no problem.” She turned around and called Patricia.

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“Aunt Patricia, did you receive a text notification saying that a fund has been transferred to your account?” “Let me check. Oh, yes. It was transferred just now. How did you manage that, Mia?” “I came to look for their person—in—charge. After investigating, they realized that the finance department had made a mistake. Everything has been resolved now.” After Mia hung up, she swerved around and glanced at Derek. She felt like he was being too respectful to her..

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 298-Was it because Derek was

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scolded earlier?

As Mia plastered a stoic expression on her face, she said, “Fine. I won’t press

any further on the matter since I have received the payment.” “Thank you so

much. Ms. Bowen. I’m really sorry about that,” Derek blurted.

Shortly after, Maya’s voice resonated across the hall..

“Ha! What a loser, giving in just like that!” Mia lifted her head, and saw Maya

emerging from the elevator, looking extremely proud.

She replied faintly. “At least he learns from his mistakes.” “Mia, don’t you dare

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think you won because of some little tricks you pulled.” “They worked, didn’t they? I achieved my goal after all.” As her gaze‘ fixated on Maya, she continued, “If you carry on with your evil schemes, believe it or not, I’ll expose your video instead. It won’t just be an audio clip next time. You should even thank me for saving you some face.” Maya was infuriated. “It seems like I’ve underestimated your seduction skills, haven’t I? You even managed to pull a hacker to assist you in your crimes.” Mia glanced at her

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with a faint smile as she replied, “I don’t know what you’re talking about. You have to be able to prove that, you know. Can you prove I’m responsible for what happened earlier?” Surely, she wasn’t a fool. Of course she wouldn’t admit that it was her doing. Maya retorted defiantly, “But you just admitted to it earlier!” “Oh, is that so? I was just saying, you know. Did you just admit you’re the one in the audio?” Maya was immediately silenced. There was no way she was going to admit to

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that. However, she just received a scolding from Dominic earlier in his office.

He wasn't easily fooled.

Mia lifted her gaze and continued, "Ms. Lane, if you have nothing to say, I'll

get going. Bye." She turned around swiftly and took her leave without skipping a beat.

Stomping her foot, Maya shrieked, "Just you wait, Mia!" Not long after, Dominic

stepped out of his private elevator. Yet, he found no sign of Mia.

Where did she go?

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Walter said, “Mr. Lane, I checked the CCTV footage, and it appears that Ms. Mia has left.” Dominic heaved a sigh of relief. He was equally worried about her getting mad and his identity being exposed. After all, he wouldn’t dare to see her in person before he finished dealing with Maya. Just then, Oliver, the manager of the legal department, approached him. “Mr. Lane, I think we should call the cops over to deal with the consequences of the hacker attack. Otherwise, our branch company will be put in a tricky

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situation in Bern City.” Dominic narrowed his eyes as he questioned, “Call the cops?” “Yes. That’s the best solution.” Dominic raised a brow as he snapped, “How dare you have the audacity to call the cops when you lot can’t even handle a single hacker? You should all go back and write me a reflection on this. If this happens again, you’re sacked.” Certainly, he wouldn’t call the police. A smirk crept onto his face as he thought of how bright Mia was. It had only been a while since she took up computer science, yet she improved quickly.

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Dominic took a screenshot of the company’s website being hacked and sent it into the “One Big Happy Family” group chat with the caption, “Mia indeed! She single-handedly hacked a company’s system today. Truly amazing! She’ll become a great hacker in the future!” Nathan replied smugly, “That’s for sure, because I taught her. Of course, she has the talent as well. H Eva asked in confusion, “The company’s interface looks quite familiar. Isn’t it from our branch company’s website?”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 299-Eva was dumbfounded.

Why

did Mia hack their branch company?

Nonetheless, Nathan and Dominic, who were obsessed with Mia, were over

the moon.

Connor explained that Nathan was tutoring Mia in computer science, and he

came to a conclusion that she made a significant improvement.

Still Eva was flummoxed.

“Why did Mia hack the branch company’s system for no reason? Did she find

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out about something?” Dominic enlightened them on the incident. Liam cursed, “That bitch Maya! How dare she frame Mia like that? How are you going to handle this, Dominic? How are you going to explain yourself if Mia finds out about this in the future?” Dominic replied, “I can handle this. Give me a week to deal with Maya.” Connor quickly remarked, “You have to hurry up. Mia plans to come back to live with us in Nord City once she has completed her studies.” Even if Dominic found out about Mia’s pregnancy, he

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wouldn't be able to get mad at Connor and her because of what Maya did. Connor thought it was best to keep this a secret from Dominic first. After all,

he wouldn't hesitate to beat him up if he was furious.

They began to discuss Mia's return to Nord City.

Eva chimed in, "I'll have to go back to Nord City for the arrangements then.

Mia deserves the best." They prepared many properties, automobiles and gifts

for Mia to welcome her return.

Meanwhile, Mia suddenly sneezed when she returned home. Was someone talking about her?

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Patricia held her hand in glee as she said. “Mia, the money has really been transferred.” “Great. We’ll get better from now on.” Suddenly, Patricia paused and said, “Mia, remember when Dominic mentioned something about you returning to Nord City? After contemplating this matter for quite some time, I’ve decided to bring James along with you.” “Really?” Mia had been worried that Patricia wouldn’t want to live in an unfamiliar place. If she didn’t feel like leaving, Mia couldn’t possibly stay in Nord City all the time. She couldn’t

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just abandon Patricia once she found her family. After all, it was Patricia who raised her.

“Yeah, of course. But before I leave, I’d like to bid goodbye to my family, since

I won’t be coming back often in the future.” “Sure. However, you can still come

back here during the holidays.” Mia’s – were h upon hearing Patricia’s positive

response. It seemed like she could start planning her leave from Bern City.

The next day, Mia headed to the studio for work. She usually had weekend shifts.

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Shortly after she arrived at her office, Felix showed up.

“Mia, you’re here as well.” “You’re already discharged from the hospital?”

Mia

didn’t expect to bump into Felix here. She thought he would be hospitalized

for a few days.

Felix replied with a smile, “The doctor said I was fine after a medical checkup.

It’s just an external injury, so I just have to rest. I can’t possibly slack off in the

hospital since I have work to tend to in the studio as well.” “Right, make sure

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to get enough rest then. After all, you haven't completely recovered yet.”

“My

mom's been taking care of me these few days. I'll be fine with her around.”

Mia recalled her encounter with Janice that day at his ward. Fortunately, they

had only met once. She really couldn't bear her.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 300-Felix emerged from his office

in the afternoon.

“Mia, let's grab lunch together.” “Sure. It's on me, okay? You were injured last

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time for saving me, and I really don't know how I should thank you." "It's simple. You can just marry me." A hint of awkwardness flickered across Mia's face.

Almost immediately, Felix remarked quickly, "I'm just kidding. Don't take it seriously. Let's go now.

Just then, Janice stepped into the studio.

"Felix, are you done with your work yet? I made some chicken soup for your nourishments." "Mom, why did you come? Didn't I say I'm not going back for

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lunch?” Felix frowned. He came to the studio on purpose because he knew Mia was working today. He wanted to have a lunch date with her.

Little did he expect Janice to come to the studio with the chicken soup. Indeed, she was making things complicated.

“I was worried about you not eating proper meals at the office, Felix.

That’s

why I came with the chicken soup. You can share it with Ms. Bowen since she’s here as well.” Mia flashed an uncomfortable smile as she replied,

“Mrs.

Quilter, have you had lunch yet? If not, why don’t we grab lunch together?” “I

haven’t. In fact, I planned to go back home for lunch after I sent Felix the

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chicken soup. Why don't you guys bring the soup with you while you eat out?

It must be quite uncomfortable for you to have me tagging along.” “That's not

true, Mrs. Quilter. It'll take more time for you to go back as well, so why don't

you just come with us instead?” There was no way that Mia was going to let

her return home and eat.

Feeling helpless, Felix chimed in, “Let's go then. I know a nice restaurant, but

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it's quite far. Since we're free later in the afternoon, why don't we walk there instead?" His meticulously planned date was ruined by Janice. When they were about to get in the car, Felix instinctively opened the door of the front passenger seat. Mia paused briefly before glancing over at Janice. "Mrs. Quilter, please go ahead." "That's so lovely of you, Mia. I have car sickness, but I'll feel better if I'm seated in front." Though Janice tried to explain, she moved swiftly onto the front passenger seat. Mia took the seat at the back. It wasn't like she was trying to fight over the seat with Janice either.

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“Ms. Bowen, I didn’t expect you to work during weekends. It’s really rare for a young lady like your to be this hardworking. Nowadays, most youngsters absolutely hate working overtime. It was tough for Felix to start up his business, and despite him paying them, they’re still unwilling to work overtime.” In a resigned manner, Felix interrupted, “Mom, stop it.”

Though Mia felt extremely awkward, she managed to plaster a polite smile on her face. “Ms. Bowen, the doctor said Felix has to be careful with his head. Since he’s usually very busy. could you help to keep an eye on him after I leave? Don’t

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let him overwork.” “Mrs. Quilter, I’ll make sure he takes care of himself.”
“I’m
relieved to hear that. Ms. Bowen, can I just call you Mia instead? I wanted
to
get close to you.” Mia nodded with a smile. The car came to a halt when
they
arrived at their destination.
Once they got out of the car, Janice took the initiative to link arms with
Mia as
she chirped, “Mia, not only are you pretty, you’re very capable as well. If
you

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happen to be part of our family in the future, your career will definitely flourish with Felix's studio." Mia froze. Just then, she lifted her gaze and met a pair of dark eyes. Her heart raced instantly. It was him.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 301

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 301- Mia did not expect to bump into Timothy here. Sometimes, fate wasn't exactly kind to her.

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Naturally, Felix saw him as well. His eyes lit up once he realized Timothy was

engaged to Maya, the daughter of the Lane family.

Tension hung in the air as they met in front of the restaurant.

Mia quickly averted her gaze.

“Mrs. Quilter, let’s head to our private room.” However, Felix stepped forward

and approached Timothy.

“Mr. Barrett, what a coincidence! Are you dining at this restaurant as well?”

Mia’s heart skipped a beat when she saw him greeting Timothy. When did he

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become friendly with him?

She glanced up at Timothy, who still looked as charming as ever. Meeting her

eyes, he gave her a nonchalant nod and remained silent.

Here Felix was, racking his brain trying to get himself acquainted with Timothy. After all, he was a Barrett, a member of the most prestigious family

in their city. If Felix happened to benefit from any resources Timothy gave him, it would only be a matter of time before his career flourishes.

Felix did seem to like a fool when he stood beside Timothy, who contrasted

him greatly with his sophistication.

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Mia was speechless. This situation was beyond her comprehension, and she was desperate to bury herself to get away from the embarrassment. The last thing she expected was Janice joining their conversation as well. She went toward Timothy, asking Felix, “Felix, is this your friend? Why don’t we have a meal together since you bumped into each other?” Mia’s expression changed slightly at Janice’s invitation. She figured it’d be impossible for Timothy to join them for a meal, given how much of a clean freak he was. Moreover, he preferred to dine alone. Perhaps Felix had also realized that Janice was being quite intrusive. He

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interrupted her in a haste, “Mom, Mr. Barrett must be very busy. He won’t have time to eat with us.” He said exactly what Mia thought. Nonetheless, she had a bad feeling when she met Timothy’s She saw him saying, “Sure.” Mia was flabbergasted. Struggling to grasp the situation, it finally dawned on her that Timothy had accepted Janice’s invitation. What w was wrong with him? Or has the end of the world loomed nearer? Felix was equally taken aback. The last thing he’d expect was Timothy agreeing to dine with them.

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Feeling absolutely irrational, Mia pondered on the possibility of leaving their

company right now.

Janice was waving at her.

“Mia, what are you doing at the entrance? Hurry up and join us!” Mia froze.

She really didn't want to. Janice came over, linking arms with her as she coaxed, “Mia, don't be shy. We're all good, aren't we? It's fine, really.

He's

Felix's friend, and we're just having a meal together because we bumped into

each other. It'll be alright.” As a result, Janice dragged Mia along. She was

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awash in dread.

Felix tried to lift her spirits, exclaiming, “Yeah, Mia, don’t you know Mr. Barrett

as well? You don’t need to feel shy.” Janice glanced over at her quickly, asking, “Mia, you knew Mr. Barrett? How is he related to you?” This was a

tough question for Mia. She questioned herself again, contemplating whether

she should say they were a couple who were about to be divorced.

She glanced up at him, only to hear him reply. “We have an unusual relationship.” Her breath hitched. She took over the conversation hastily as she continued, “Right, it is quite unusual. In fact, we’re relatives.” Janice’s

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eyes gleamed at her response as she chimed in, “Oh, he’s your relative! So he’s your...?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 302-After some thought, Mia answered, “Mr. Barrett’s my cousin—a distant cousin of mine!” She felt him

gazing suggestively at her, but she didn’t spare him a glance. She had no idea

what he was up to.

Felix gladly accepted her explanation. Them being cousins made sense to him, since he was aware that Mia was also related to the Lane family in Nord

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City. After all, it wasn't uncommon for the upper crust to be closely related to each other. Thus, it didn't arouse his suspicion. Instead, he was quite pleased with Mia's background.

If Mia got together with him in the future, he'd be closely acquainted with both the Lane and Barrett families.

Overwhelmed with excitement, he chattered. "Let's stop crowding at the entrance. Mr. Barrett, this way please." Timothy narrowed his eyes before casting Mia a look. Then, he spun around and followed them to the private room.

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Mia went along with heavy steps. She had lost her appetite. After they all took their seats, Felix handed the menu to Timothy quickly, saying, “Mr. Barrett, you can order first.” Timothy took the menu, but he passed it to Mia instead.

“Mia, you go ahead.” His unexpected move almost made Mia choke on her

own spit. Looking at the menu before her. she knew he did that on purpose.

Janice, who sat beside her, urged, “Mia, hurry up! Mr. Barrett’s being polite,

and you don’t want to be rude.” Mia swallowed and took the menu from

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Timothy. She wasn't really paying attention to it, so she merely ordered two dishes.

Just then, Janice grabbed the menu.

"Mia, this isn't it! Mr. Barrett's our VIP guest, we should order something more

extravagant for him. For example, escargots! You don't have to worry about

the bill. Felix can definitely afford it.

Mia felt extremely awkward. She desperately wanted to escape the situation.

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+15 BONOS Janice ordered a lot of food, but most of them were spicy.

Mia

knew Timothy didn't particularly enjoy spicy food, so instinctively she said,

"Mrs. Quilter, can you order something mild? Mr. Barrett doesn't really prefer

spicy food, light food is more to his liking." The room fell into silence.

Only then did Mia realize what she had just said. She'd blurted that out because she realized none of the dishes Janice ordered complied with Timothy's preference.

Both Timothy and Felix looked at her. Her heart stalled before she explained,

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“Mr. Barrett’s my cousin, of course I know his preferences for food.”

Timothy

shot her a suggestive glance, playing along. “How considerate of you, Mia.

I

didn’t know you knew about my food preference that well.” Mia’s smile

stiffened as she replied, “How funny, Timothy. Because I always

remember

my family’s food preference.” That prick. She was well aware that he was being sarcastic.

Without skipping a beat, Janice linked arms with her, commenting. “Mia, I

didn’t expect you to be this attentive. That’s great! Felix’s usually busy,

and he

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doesn't really know his way around relatives. I'll be relieved if you're with him

in the future." An uncomfortable silence enveloped the room. Mia could sense

Timothy glaring at her.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 303-It was tough for Mia to handle

Janice's overwhelming passion in matchmaking her and Felix.

She wasn't divorced yet, and she was pregnant with Timothy's child. It would

be impossible for Janice to accept her, given how much she cherished Felix.

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Nonetheless, she hadn't had the chance to break it to Janice yet, especially when Timothy was with them.

Her heart skipped a beat when Janice tried to set her up with Felix in front of

Timothy, who was about to become her ex-husband. She let out an awkward

laugh.

"Mrs. Quilter, the food's here. Let's eat first." "Mia, why are you shy and embarrassed? It's not like we don't know each other. And what a coincidence

that your cousin's here, and he finally met Felix. There's nothing wrong, is

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there? Why are you being evasive? Isn't it just a matter of time before you and Felix meet both your families?" How Mia wished she could turn invisible right now. What on earth was Janice going on about? She only went out with Felix for a meal to thank him for helping her out. That was it. Janice made it sound like she'd been dating Felix, and they were about to meet each other's parents. Timothy smirked, asking, "Really? Mia, I didn't know you were dating

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someone.” Timothy’s words sent a shiver down Mia’s spine, but Janice was quick to answer, “Mr. Barrett, you have no idea. Last time when Mia was abducted, it was Felix who saved her. He was even hospitalized because he was injured by the criminals. Isn’t it obvious that he has feelings for her?” Felix flashed a smile, interrupting, “Mom, let’s eat first. Stop talking about that. I didn’t really help much last time.” “Felix, why are you so humble? You’re literally her savior! It’s only right for her to return the favor by marrying you.”

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Mia was was dumbfounded. What the hell was she talking about now?
“Saved her life?” Timothy’s deep voice resonated across the table.

Meeting

his scrutinizing gaze, Mia suddenly found herself at a loss for words. An awkward smile spread across her face.

He pressed his lips together before continuing, “Mia, according to my knowledge, I came with at 14 instead?” Mia tried hard to resist her urge to dart

out the door. How was she going to defend herself now?

As expected, Janice gasped, “A helicopter? This This sounds like what happens in movies.” Mia forced a smile, replying. “A helicopter’s more

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efficient.” “It must be expensive then. A single ride will cost an arm and a leg, I bet.” Timothy answered nonchalantly. “Paying 10,000 dollars for a single ride is alright.” “10,000 dollars!” Janice squealed, her voice going up an octave.

The look in her eyes changed slightly when she set eyes on Timothy again. She didn’t expect him to be this wealthy.

Meanwhile, Felix was unfazed. After all, he knew Timothy was the CEO of Barrett Group, and he didn’t seem to be bothered by the fare of a single helicopter ride at all.

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Nonetheless, he was surprised that Timothy went to save Mia personally. She'd never brought this up in front of him. Could it be that she still didn't completely trust him?

Felix was determined to coax her into trusting him completely.

Since Timothy was willing to rescue Mia, it seemed like she was on good terms with her Barrett relatives. If Felix really managed to marry Mia, his status would be elevated.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 304-Immediately, Felix chided,

“Mia, why didn't you tell me Mr. Barrett saved you? I almost missed the chance to express my gratitude properly. Mr. Barrett, this toast is for you.”

Timothy glanced at the glass in Felix's hand and smiled halfheartedly.

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“I don’t drink.” A wave of awkwardness washed over Felix. He quickly replaced his glass with a cup of tea. saying. “Is tea okay for you?” Still, Timothy didn’t accept his invitation. Instead, he looked over at Mia, asking,

“Mia, shouldn’t you also offer me a toast?” Mia took a deep breath. What was

up with him? It was her strategy to mention they were cousins. so their relationship wouldn’t be exposed.

Wasn’t he the one who came up with this rule after they got married? Why was he acting up now?

Janice nudged her arm, chiming in, “Mia, what are you waiting for? Offer Mr.

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Barrett a toast! You should at least do that since he saved you. It's only right when he had spent so much money and effort on your rescue." A glass of wine was shoved into Mia's hands. After a brief moment of hesitation, she muttered, "Mrs. Quilter, I don't drink either." "Just one glass is fine. It's not that heavy as well. If you happen to have too much to drink, Felix can bring you back. Rest assured, he's a gentleman, and he won't do anything to you." Mia grimaced. She didn't mean it that way. In the end, she could only force herself to go up to Timothy with her glass.

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She caught the sarcasm in his eyes when she met his gaze. Just then, Felix stood up and took the glass from her, saying, “Mia, I’ll drink in your stead. After all, you haven’t fully recovered.” Timothy’s eyes darkened as he stared at the glass in Felix’s hand. He snapped, “Did she not mean her sincerity?” Felix was stunned, suddenly being put in a difficult situation. Initially, he planned to leave a good impression on Timothy by drinking on Mia’s behalf. He did not expect Timothy to not give in and insisted on Mia drinking instead.

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+15 BONOS A stifling awkwardness filled the room.

Timothy remained seated, his arm simply dangling beside him. His sleeves were rolled up, revealing his muscled arms. His handsome features were gilded with light, and he looked as perfect as he always did.

His gaze was fixated on Mia, and she could almost make out her own reflection in his eyes. Quickly, she averted her gaze and grabbed the glass from Felix.

“Timothy, thanks for saving me last time. This toast is for you.” She
downed

her glass in an instant. Her eyes shut quickly from being overwhelmed by
the
robust.

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aftertaste of the wine. It was until then did she realize it was vodka. She didn't like it at all.

Mia coughed, glancing over at Timothy with teary eyes. Her eyes glistened with tears, making her seem particularly pitiable in her current state.

Timothy's expression grew stiff. It made him feel like he was bullying her.

Mia set down the glass in her hand. Her vision was swimming, and she stumbled slightly as she reached for the tissue.

Just then, two voices called out to her, and both her hands were grasped.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 305-Mia stood where she was, staring at the two men beside her. Felix was holding onto one of her hands, while Timothy held onto another.

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She frowned, urging. “Um, can you both let go?” Neither of them did. Timothy narrowed his eyes, glaring at Felix as he snapped, “Why are you grabbing her hand?” Felix released her hand in an instant. Hastily, he poured a glass of warm water for her. “Mia, drink some water to ease your throat.” “Thanks.” Before she reached for the glass, she glanced down at Timothy’s hand. Her hand was still in his grip. “Timothy, I can manage on my own now.” She meant for him to let go of her.

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Reluctantly, Timothy released her and glared at Felix. At this point, he was really annoyed at him.

Wasn't Mia close with Connor? Why was she here with Felix to meet his mother?

Meanwhile, Mia felt nauseous after a few sips of warm water. She turned around and dashed toward the washroom.

This was all Janice's fault. She thought the drink beside her was a mild fruit

cocktail. Little did she know it was actually vodka!

She finally felt much better after vomiting all the vodka she drank. Wiping the

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corners of her lips. she exited the washroom. When a gush of cold breeze hit her, her vision swam, and she was struggling to maintain her balance. “Watch out.” Someone grabbed her by the arm, stabilizing her. Mia felt really dizzy. The aftereffect of vodka was way too overwhelming. Her body was limp as she glanced up at Timothy. “Are you satisfied now?” Why did he force her to drink and apologize? Timothy dropped his gaze, staring at Mia, who was still quite intoxicated. Her cheeks were flushed, and her eyes seemed vacant. Well she looked adorable.

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He replied nonchalantly. “I was just testing Felix out for your sake. Who knew he was such a coward? He backed away once I insisted on you drinking.”

Mia gritted her teeth furiously.

“You asshole! I bet you’re probably eager to get me to drink and thank you!”

His gaze loomed over her as he replied, “That isn’t completely wrong either.”

“Timothy, I didn’t expect you to be such a huge prick!” Outraged, she shoved

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him away, only to stumble since her legs had given in. Timothy dragged her into his embrace, his gaze darkening as he scolded, “So what? I was already saving your face by not exposing our relationship in front of them. Isn’t that right, my dear cousin?” The least he’d expected was for her to act this bold, addressing him as her cousin in front of Felix on in fact, he was still her husband. Mia looked up at him, mumbling. “There’s nothing going on between us, okay?”

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Also, didn't you say I wasn't supposed to bring up our relationship in front of others? Are you that forgetful, huh?" Timothy was silenced. He remembered saying that to her. Looking at her round face, he noticed her dimple. He felt like squeezing it. And he did. He extended his hand and squeezed her face. It didn't feel different from what he'd imagined. A smile spread across his face before vanishing in seconds.

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‘A jolt of pain shot through Mia’s face. She turned her face sideways, trying to avoid his hand.

“Let me go! I have to go back now.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 306-“Are you sure?” “Yes.”

Upon

receiving confirmation, Timothy promptly released Mia’s hand, observing her

body swerve diagonally.

Instinctively. Mia clung to Timothy, resolute in maintaining her balance.

Falling

at this moment was not an option!

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“Mia, let go!” Timothy’s exasperation echoed in his tone. Looking up, Mia realized she was tightly holding onto his tie. Timothy’s face had turned red, and he seemed a bit flustered. A flicker of amusement sparkled in Mia’s eyes. She pretended to be intoxicated and resisted letting go, saying, “Oh, goodness, I feel so dizzy. I can’t stand straight. I might just tumble if I release you.” Gasping for breath after escaping a chokehold, Timothy reached out, enveloping Mia in a tight embrace.

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“Mia, are you trying to kill your husband?” he quipped, having just narrowly avoided being choked to death.

Mia found herself in Timothy’s embrace. Her face nestled against his chest.

Only the thin fabric of his shirt separated them, and she could sense the comforting warmth radiating from his body.

The strong, rhythmic thump of his heartbeat echoed in her ears.

Mia stood there, momentarily stunned.

What prompted Timothy to initiate such a tight hug?

Mia struggled to catch her breath, urgently attempting to free herself from

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Timothy's grasp. However, his hands remained firmly secured around her waist.

His voice, low and hoarse, commanded, "Don't move." As the gravity of his

tone sank in, Mia's breath hitched. This situation couldn't persist.

Thinking on her feet, Mia feigned drunkenness and protested, "I want to go

home! You scoundrel, Despite the discomfort in his neck, Timothy patiently

reassured her with a low voice, saying. Hmm, don't move. I'll take you back

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right away.” Initially bracing herself for a heated response, Mia hoped Timothy would release her, allowing her the freedom to head home on her own. To her surprise, not only did his anger fail to manifest, but his tone also took an unexpectedly gentle turn.

Was this the same Timothy she knew?

Just then, Felix’s voice chimed in. “Mia, are you okay?” Caught off guard by

his voice, Mia, who was still pretending to be drunk, faced a dilemma—should

she acknowledge Felix or not?

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Instinctively, Mia tried to turn her head, but Timothy firmly pulled her back into his embrace.

Mia's pupils slightly contracted as she stole a glance at Timothy before her.

What was he trying to convey?

In a protective stance, Timothy cradled the seemingly intoxicated Mia and addressed Felix, "She's had a bit too much to drink. I'll take her home first." "Is

Mia really drunk? I apologize. My mom accidentally mixed up the drinks earlier. She mistook whiskey for apple juice." Felix had just learned that Mia

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had been sipping on whiskey, renowned for its high alcohol content and robust aftertaste.

A hint of hostility flickered in Timothy's eyes. It now made sense why Mia had

become so intoxicated with just a cocktail. Even with a lower alcohol tolerance, the impact should not have been this severe.

Enveloping Mia within his embrace, Timothy walked past Felix and advised,

“In the future, exercise caution and refrain from casually offering drinks.”

Felix

appeared somewhat embarrassed, saying, “I apologize, Mr. Barrett. It was an

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unintentional mistake.

“My mom is aging, and her eyesight isn’t great. She struggles to discern the

packaging of these alcoholic beverages.” Disregarding Felix, Timothy guided

Mia directly to the elevator.

+15 BONOS Mia remained securely held in his arms, immobile and unable to

catch even a glimpse of Felix.

Upon hearing Timothy defend her, a peculiar sensation stirred in Mia’s heart.

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With the elevator doors closing, Felix retraced his steps and went back to the private dining room.

Janice stood up, inquiring, “Felix, where did they go? Where’s Mia?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 307-Frowning. Felix replied, “Mr.

Barrett left with Mia, who seemed to be intoxicated. Mom, why would you purposely mix up her drinks?” “Felix, look at the bigger picture. If you drink on

Mia’s behalf and end up intoxicated, it could create an opportunity for her to

take care of you.

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“Now, imagine this scenario. Mia happens to consume a bit too much herself, and you, in an act of chivalry, escort her home to safeguard her well-being.

“Wouldn’t that potentially spark some emotions between you two? What if, after a few drinks, it blossoms into a relationship? It’s a win-win situation,” she explained.

Janice saw this as a golden opportunity for Felix, believing he might be a bit too naive about the situation.

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After looking at things from Janice's perspective, Felix sighed, saying, "Mom, I've repeatedly told you not to interfere in this. "Mr. Barrett" wasn't pleased with Mia getting drunk, and I'm sure I left a negative impression on him." Felix had initially viewed today's dinner with Timothy as a valuable opportunity to make a positive impression, hoping it could contribute to his future pursuit of Mia. However, all his aspirations were thwarted by Janice's meddling. Sensing the gravity of the situation, Janice spoke urgently, "Felix, what should we do? Perhaps I could have a conversation with Mr. Barrett to clarify the

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situation.

“I’m willing to take full responsibility and assert that the mistake was mine.

Given his wealth and influence, it’s likely he won’t make a fuss with a middle-

aged woman like me.” “It’s hard to say. Let’s wait until Mia wakes up tomorrow, and I’ll explain everything to her. Don’t worry, Mia isn’t the type to

hold grudges. As long as she’s fine with it, there shouldn’t be any major issues.” “That certainly eases my concerns. I’m confident you’ll succeed in

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winning Mia over. After all, you possess such outstanding qualities that any woman would find difficult to resist.” Felix smiled confidently, considering himself adept at charming women. He believed it was only a matter of time before he captured Mia’s heart.

“By the way, Felix, could you tell me more about Mr. Barrett? He appears to be quite wealthy.

+15 BONOS “Mom, Mr. Barrett is the proprietor of a publicly traded company,

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and his family is quite affluent. Why do you ask?” Felix decided to keep Timothy’s identity as the heir of the affluent Barrett family under wraps.

He

wanted to avoid any additional complications from Janice that might inadvertently derail his plans.

Moreover, given Timothy’s high status and position, it seemed likely that he

wouldn’t appreciate his identity being widely publicized.

*Felix, your cousin Nelly has just returned from studying abroad and is currently single. Introducing her to Mr. Barrett could enhance our family’s reputation, don’t you think?” “Mom, let’s talk about this later. Mr. Barrett might

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not be interested,” Felix replied cautiously.

“But Nelly has studied abroad and has experienced different cultures. How can she not be a suitable match?” Janice insisted.

Felix found himself speechless. After all, Timothy had once been engaged to

Maya from the esteemed Lane family in Nord City, and even that engagement

had been called off.

It seemed impossible that someone like Nelly could be deemed a suitable match for Timothy!

Felix retrieved his phone and sent a WhatsApp message to Mia: “Mia, I sincerely apologize. My aging mother made a mistake and served you hard

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liquor instead, causing you to get drunk.” Felix believed it was crucial to explain to Mia beforehand, ensuring that his apology the next day wouldn’t appear insincere.

Simultaneously, Mia’s phone chimed, but she refrained from checking it. She was currently portraying the role of a drunk woman, and checking her phone wouldn’t align with the act.

However, she grappled with the dilemma of whether to answer if it happened to be a call from her family. If Connor was to find her in this state, she would unquestionably find herself in trouble.

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Mia leaned against the backseat of the car, feeling a bit dizzy despite being conscious.

Fortunately, she had successfully purged the whiskey in the restaurant's restroom earlier. Otherwise, she would be far more intoxicated now.

Slumped in the chair, Mia felt somewhat disoriented, her mind in a disarray as

she wondered where Timothy was taking her.

He probably wasn't aware of her current residence.

Despite this, Mia couldn't shake off a sense of unease.

Seated beside Mia, Timothy observed her intoxicated condition. He rubbed his

temples, appearing unsure about how to handle the situation.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 308-After some time, Rodger inquired, “Sir, where are we headed?” Wearing a somewhat sullen expression, Timothy replied, “Don’t ask me, ask her.” Rodger cast a glance at

the dozing Mia in the rearview mirror and replied in a hushed tone, “Sir. Mrs.

Barrett is already asleep.” Timothy turned to observe Mia beside him. True enough, her eyes were closed, and she was in a deep slumber. He sighed and whispered, “Let’s head home.” Rodger steered the car in a different direction. After more than half an hour, the vehicle arrived at the entrance of the marital villa.

Exiting the car, Timothy bent down to lift the sleeping Mia from her seat.

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In reality. Mia wasn't in a deep slumber. Upon hearing the movements, she was on the verge of waking up. However, realizing that Timothy was carrying

her in his arms, she shut her eyes again.

Mia's heart raced as she listened to Timothy's footsteps, yet she had no idea

where he might be taking her.

Was he perhaps bringing her to a hotel?

At that moment, Mia heard Holly's voice. "Sir, it seems that Mrs. Barrett is

drunk. Would you like me to prepare some chicken soup?" *sure." With that

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subdued response, Timothy headed directly upstairs.

Mia realized that she had been brought back to the marital villa. Should she

wake up or continue feigning sleep?

As Mia wrestled with her thoughts, she felt herself being gently placed on the bed.

Gazing down at Mia, Timothy removed his coat, having sweated a bit while carrying her.

He then proceeded straight to the bathroom, where the sound of running water soon echoed.

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As the water flowed in the bathroom, Mia gradually opened her eyes. She found herself in the familiar bedroom of their marital home, a space she had personally decorated.

Her emotions were all over the place. She hadn't anticipated returning to their marital villa like this before finalizing their divorce.

In that instant, Mia's phone rang.

She quickly picked it up and answered in a hushed tone, "Hello, Aunt Patricia." "Mia, why haven't you returned? Where are you?" "I'll be working

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late at the studio, so I won't be home until later. You go ahead and get some rest.

If anything comes up, I'll call my brothers to give me a lift. Don't worry.” Having heard Mia's assurance, Patricia didn't delve further and promptly ended the call.

As Mia put down her phone, she noticed an apology text from Felix. When she tasted the whiskey earlier, she quickly realized that Janice had poured the wrong drink.

Mia couldn't help but feel a mix of emotions. Unsure of what to say, she decided not to respond.

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Staring at the ceiling, Mia was caught in a dilemma once again. Should she wake up or continue pretending to be asleep?

Just then, Holly knocked on the door and entered, asking. “Mrs. Barrett, are you awake? Having a bowl of warm chicken soup might make you feel better.”

Now, there was no need for Mia to contemplate whether to wake up or not. She mustered a smile and responded, “Certainly, thank you.” Leaning against

the headboard, Mia savored the chicken soup from the bowl.

Holly seemed to know Mia’s preferences quite well. After drinking the soup,

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Mia felt much better.

“Mrs. Barrett, I’ve prepared some snacks for you, including pieces of flatbread.

Considering that you may not have eaten much after drinking, feel free to help

yourself if you feel hungry later.” Holly suggested.

Hearing this, Mia couldn’t help but realize that she was indeed feeling hungry.

Despite being at the restaurant, she hadn’t eaten anything. Instead, she had only indulged in a glass of whiskey and ended up getting drunk.

Mia accepted the snacks and began eating. Being pregnant, she couldn’t afford to go hungry.

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Suddenly, the bathroom door swung open, and Timothy emerged in a bathrobe.

As Timothy observed Mia on the bed, relishing her meal, a frown crept onto

his face. His ongoing

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 309-Upon seeing Timothy, Holly

promptly exited the bedroom, considerately closing the door behind her.

Catching sight of Timothy, Mia paused and met his gaze. “Um, I’ll make sure

not to spill any food on the bed while eating.” She was well aware of Timothy’s

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disdain for messiness, particularly when it came to eating in bed -a habit he

wouldn't tolerate.

However, her hunger took precedence, and she couldn't afford to dwell on it

too much at the moment.

When a pregnant woman was hungry, nothing could stand in her way.

Besides, the two little ones. within her belly seemed indifferent to any inconveniences and were already expressing their discontent.

Timothy stood beside the bed, his dark hair still slightly damp.

Some of the shorter strands draped across his forehead, softening his

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expression and imparting an aura of grace and sophistication, reminiscent of a distinguished young gentleman.

His bathrobe hung loosely, unveiling a well-defined chest. Mia couldn't help

but observe a droplet of water sliding down from his chest, vanishing into the

depths of his robe.

As Mia glanced at Timothy before her, she found herself inexplicably swallowing her saliva.

Timothy lowered his gaze and spoke in a subdued tone, "It seems like things

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are progressing quite well between you and Felix. You've even had the opportunity to meet each other's parents." Caught off guard by his words, Mia momentarily pursed her lips before responding. "It's not what you think. Last time, Felix got injured because of me, so I invited him to dinner to show my gratitude. "As for his mother, she just happened to drop by to bring Felix some food, and that's how we ended up having a meal together." After all, Mia and Felix were

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not romantically involved, let alone at the stage of introducing each other to their respective parents.

After hearing her explanation, the shadow in Timothy's eyes lifted. It seemed

like there was more to the situation than he initially believed.

Timothy's voice deepened as he inquired, "So, do I deserve a meal too?"

Who

was it that rescued Setting aside the snack in her hand, Mia responded, "Well,

considering your busy schedule, I assumed you wouldn't have time for a

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meal.” “I think it’s best to keep my gratitude private. Nonetheless, I wish you a successful career and a peaceful life,” she expressed, Mia’s words triggered a sense of frustration in Timothy. She had extended the invitation to Felix but seemed hesitant when it came to him. The contrast left him feeling somewhat unappreciated.

Timothy couldn’t shake the feeling that Mia was a trial sent by fate to test him.

Suppressing his displeasure, Timothy suggested, “Have you ever thought

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about switching companies?

“Remaining in a small studio might not be the best for your career. Plus,

Felix

doesn't strike me as a trustworthy person.” To Timothy, both Janice and

Felix

seemed dubious, with Felix standing out as particularly questionable.

His roving eyes and concealed intentions were transparent. Did he really

think

that others couldn't see through his facade?

Timothy could sense that Felix harbored ulterior motives toward Mia. If

she

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were to continue working at his studio, who knew what kind of situations she

might encounter in the future?

Mia hesitated for a moment before answering, “Not now.” Expressing his frustration, Timothy asked, “Is Felix so important to you that you can’t

bear to

leave?” Lowering her gaze, she responded, “Feel free to think whatever you

want.” Unbeknownst to Timothy, Mia would be leaving Bern City and relocating

to Nord City in a few months.

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Perhaps resigning from the studio would be much easier compared to leaving a position in a large company.

“Mia, if it weren’t for Grandma’s sake, I wouldn’t even bother caring about you.” Furious, Timothy stormed toward the walk-in closet, apprehensive about engaging in further conversation with Mia.

Alone on the bed, Mia silently polished off all the snacks on the plate. Wiping the corners of her mouth, she lay on the bed, relishing a sense of satisfaction.

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The effects of the alcohol still lingered, leaving her slightly dizzy and drowsy.

All she desired was to recline and rest for a while.

As Timothy returned, dressed in a new suit, he noticed Mia peacefully asleep

on the bed. Her summer dress had ridden up, revealing her slender legs.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 310-Timothy's gaze lingered on

her legs. If he had been unaware of Mia's recent drinking, he might have assumed she was intentionally trying to seduce him.

Ever since he proposed their divorce, Mia had undergone a significant

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transformation. Each interaction left him frustrated, yet powerless to address

it.

After observing her for a while, Timothy silently exited the bedroom.

He directed Holly outside, “Once she wakes up, prepare some food to help her sober up. Make sure she learns her lesson.” “I understand, sir. You can rest assured. I’ll take good care of Mrs. Barrett.” Hearing the title “Mrs. Barrett,” Timothy fell silent and exited the villa.

Heath stood outside, beads of sweat forming on his forehead. Despite his apprehension, he refrained from entering. All he could do was wait for

Timothy

to emerge.

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When Heath saw Timothy, he was overjoyed. “Sir, the meeting has commenced as scheduled. I’ve notified everyone that it has transitioned to a video conference. The laptop in the car is ready for you.” “Okay.” Timothy crouched to enter the car, promptly opening his laptop to join the ongoing meeting.

Had it not been for Mia today, he wouldn’t have experienced such a significant delay.

Upon waking up, Mia yawned and rose from the bed. She had initially intended to take a short nap, but somehow drifted into a deep, restful slumber.

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Glancing at her phone, Mia realized that it was already evening. Fortunately, she had notified Patricia about her extended work hours. If her brothers had discovered her indulging in whiskey during the daytime, she would undoubtedly have faced some serious consequences.

“Mrs. Barrett, are you awake?” Holly entered the room, holding a refreshing glass of lemon water. “Having some water will make you feel better. What are your dinner preferences? I’d be happy to prepare something for you.”

Taking a sip of the lemon-infused water, Mia instantly felt more alert. “You don’t need

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to go She believed it would be in her best interest to leave as soon as possible.

Considering that she and Timothy were on the verge of finalizing their divorce, remaining here seemed inappropriate.

As Mia rose to leave, Holly hesitated for a moment before requesting.

“Mrs.

Barrett, now that you’re back, could you lend me a hand with something?”

“I’ve been away for quite some time. What could I possibly help you with?”

Holly appeared somewhat distressed as she shared, “I’ve been responsible

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for organizing Mr. Barrett's walk-in closet for a while now, but no matter how I arrange things, I always end up receiving criticism. It seems like Mr. Barrett is never satisfied." Mia sighed, empathizing with Holly's situation. After all, in the initial stages of their relationship, she, too, had to gradually understand Timothy's preferences. Entering the walk-in closet, Mia gazed at the familiar layout. This space was where she had dedicated three years of hard work, and every nook and cranny held a sense of familiarity to her.

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Mia calmly explained, “In the event of bad weather, choose this color for his inner layer and tie. Conversely, when the weather is pleasant, opt for this color for his suit jacket.

“If his mood is low, go for this combination, but if he’s in good spirits, stick with the outfit suitable for good weather.” “Mrs. Barrett, I can easily determine if the weather is good or bad, but how can I discern Mr. Barrett’s mood?” This question momentarily puzzled Mia. She responded candidly. “In that scenario, prepare two sets of outfits and let him choose.

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“Avoid making decisions on his behalf. He’s picky, domineering, and difficult to please. Regardless of your choice, it seems he won’t be satisfied.” “Mia, have you been talking about me like this behind my back?” a voice behind them echoed.

Suddenly, the atmosphere turned eerily quiet. Holly’s face displayed a fearful expression as she stuttered, “Sir?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 311-Mia clicked her tongue in frustration, realizing that today hadn’t unfolded as smoothly as she had hoped.

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Originally intending to work some extra hours at the studio, she unexpectedly

came across Felix and Janice sharing a meal.

The awkwardness continued when she found herself in the same restaurant as Timothy.

To make matters worse, she unwittingly took a sip from a glass of whiskey that had been mistakenly served to her.

Perhaps Mia should consult the almanac before venturing out in the future.

Timothy stood just outside the walk-in closet, his tall and slender figure commanding attention.

His gaze remained fixed on Mia, who had just made disparaging remarks about him.

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As Timothy stood there, a flood—of memories from a distant past washed over him.

In those bygone days, every time he returned home from work, Mia would respectfully stand by his side like a devoted attendant.

Together, they would proceed to the bedroom's walk-in closet, where she had

already laid out the clothes he would change into for the night.

Despite being accustomed to her constant presence, he couldn't shake the feeling that something was amiss during this period. However, he couldn't quite put his finger on it.

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It wasn't until he saw Mia standing in the dressing room that he finally became

aware of what had been missing all along.

In a casual tone, Timothy spoke, "Have you got nothing to say? You were quite eloquent just a moment ago." Clearing her throat, Mia responded, "In truth, I seldom speak negatively about others behind their backs." "Enough with the charade. Did I mishear your words just now?" Maintaining a serious

tone, Mia clarified, "No, Mr. Barrett, you heard correctly. What I meant is that I

typically express my criticisms directly to people rather than gossiping behind

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their backs.” Upon uttering those words, Mia immediately noticed Timothy’s expression darken.

Sensing the atmosphere taking a negative turn, Holly swiftly exited the dressing room, choosing not to entangle herself in their dispute.

As Mia observed Timothy’s somber demeanor, her mood unexpectedly lifted.

After three years of marriage, Mia had become well-acquainted with the art of

making Timothy happy and, of course, knew how to provoke him.

Having endured three years of submission, only to be callously discarded by

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him, why should she now bend over backward to accommodate and please him?

Timothy instinctively caught the sly glint in Mia's eyes, realizing that she was

intentionally attempting to provoke him.

He whispered, "Since when have I become picky and hard to please? Even when your taste used to be questionable, I never made things difficult for you."

"Come on, don't you remember the time you accused me of being colorblind

just because the bedsheet was a shade darker?

"And let's not forget when you insisted on wearing those ill-fitting shoes,

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resulting in painful blisters. I even went to several stores and thoughtfully selected suitable shoes for you.

“Yet, what was your response? You pointed out they didn’t quite align with your status. These are just a few instances. How can you assert you’ve never

made things difficult for me?” Mia poured out all her grievances, laying bare

her emotions.

Despite this, Timothy maintained his silence.

Mia subtly cast a glance, observing the intense shadows in his eyes that unmistakably revealed his anger.

It was precisely the emotion she sought to provoke.

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If Timothy failed to respond with anger, it would indicate that Mia's words had

not achieved the intended impact.

Timothy's tone remained composed as spoke, "Honestly, Holly seems to be

struggling in her role. Perhaps she should consider resigning." Mia's expression turned into a frown as she vouched for Holly's performance, stating, "I've noticed Holly's considerable improvement.

"Mr. Barrett, you tend to be quite critical. Aren't you aware of that aspect of

yourself?" Mia criticised.

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213· Indeed, using Holly as a means to threaten Mia was truly reprehensible.

Undeterred by Mia's criticism, Timothy casually leaned against the wardrobe door, his icy gaze fixed on her.

"Given Holly's current challenges, I'm prepared to step in and address the situation personally. Ultimately, my focus is on results, not the intricacies of the process." Was Timothy hinting at the possibility of Mia becoming his personal stylist?

"I'm an interior designer now. I don't provide my services without compensation," Mia retorted.

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Unfazed, Timothy proposed, “How about a thousand dollars?” “Come on, do you really think I can be swayed by money?” “Three thousand dollars.” Mia quipped, “Mr. Barrett, it seems you have an abundance of funds with nowhere to spend them. But really, how could I possibly become the stylist for my ex-husband?” Timothy’s lips parted slightly, revealing, “Ten thousand dollars.” Mia restrained her initial response and calmly stated, “For each session, the

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fee is ten thousand dollars, and I won't entertain any revisions." Timothy wore a smirk as he remarked, "What happened to your integrity?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 312-"Yes, that's true. However, given my background as a designer, I cannot simply turn down a design offer, can I?" When it came to styling her ex-husband, Mia was open to the idea, albeit with a price attached.

Charging ten thousand dollars per session was indeed a lucrative venture, to say the least.

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Timothy casually handed the phone to Holly, instructing her, “Go ahead and make the necessary arrangements. I’ve got other matters to take care of.” Mia gritted her teeth and insisted, “Payment upfront, please.” Timothy swiftly retrieved his phone, transferring the agreed-upon amount to Mia. As Mia observed the ten thousand dollars reflected in her bank account, she took a deep breath and adopted a professional smile. “Could you share any specific preferences you have for the outfit or details about the occasion you’re preparing for?” Timothy arched an eyebrow,

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impressed by Mia's rapid shift in attitude. He responded casually, "I've got a business gala to attend this weekend." With that, Timothy exited the bedroom.

Mia leaned back, taking a moment to think.

While she knew exactly what Timothy should wear to a business gala, executing the task would be a tough pill for her to swallow.

As Mia looked at the recently deposited ten thousand dollars, a sudden dea struck her..

"Holly, please open the bottom drawer. You'll find a bright red suit inside.

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it with these, and then just leave the outfit right there.” Holly glanced at the vibrant red ensemble skeptically. “Are you sure about this?” Timothy’s wardrobe had typically been dominated by neutral tones like black, white, and gray.

Making the colorful choice seem unconventional.

“You can trust my judgment, Holly. There’s no need to worry. I’m the one planning the outfit, so you can leave it to me,” Mia assured.

She was well aware that the chosen outfit was not something Timothy would typically opt for.

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That was precisely why Mia picked it.

Given Timothy's considerable trust in Mia, she might as well capitalize on it

this time.

Having successfully coordinated the outfit, Mia left the marital villa in high

spirits.

After catching a taxi, she arrived at the entrance of her neighborhood.

Feeling a bit hungry, Mia decided to satisfy her cravings with some tacos from

a nearby street vendor.

As she was about to savor her meal, Connor's voice surprised her from

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behind. “Mia, what are you eating?” Upon hearing Connor’s voice, Mia’s posture briefly tensed.

As she turned around and noticed Connor exiting the car, an uneasy expression graced her face.

“I was feeling a bit hungry, so I decided to grab a late–night snack,” Mia explained.

Certainly, she couldn’t admit to Connor that she hadn’t eaten dinner, as that

would probably result in another scolding.

Approaching her, Connor joined in by ordering some tacos and remarked, “Watching you eat made me hungry too.” Observing Connor’s unperturbed demeanor, Mia felt a sense of relief.

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Seated across from each other, the siblings relished their tacos together. Once they finished, they strolled side by side back to the residential area. Mia was aware that Connor also owned property within the community, so she wasn't surprised to bump into him outside her neighborhood. "Mia, you don't look well today," Connor observed. Mia instinctively touched her face and chuckled, "Oh, do I? Perhaps it's just the strain from my demanding workload lately." "Mia, considering you're pregnant with twins, I think it would be wise for you to consider taking a break

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from work and focusing on your studies.” After a brief pause, Mia responded,

“I understand, Connor. I’ll have a conversation with Felix at the studio later.”

Recently, Mia found herself grappling with work challenges, primarily due to

the attention from +15 BONOS These factors have made it particularly difficult

for Mia to cope.

To mitigate potential misunderstandings, Mia decided it was best to maintain a

low profile.

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Connor tenderly touched her head and asked, “Mia, being a single mother is no easy task. Are you certain you want to keep Timothy’s children?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 313-Upon hearing Connor’s words, Mia lowered her head and replied in a hushed tone, “Connor, I’ve already made up my mind to keep the babies.” To her, the twins growing in her belly were her family, entirely separate from Timothy.

Connor gently patted Mia’s head, reassuring her, “Your brothers and I have successful careers now, and we will certainly be able to support you and the

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twins in the future. You don't need to push yourself so hard." "I understand,"

Mia replied.

Deep down, she had already come to a decision. Once she fulfilled her credit

requirements, she planned to graduate and leave this place.

After reaching home, Mia immediately went to freshen up to get ready for bed.

In the marital villa, Timothy concluded his work in the study and made his way

back to the bedroom.

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Taking a moment to inspect the coordinated outfit, he couldn't help but frown

upon seeing the red suit.

Was this the ensemble Mia had arranged for him?

If he hadn't witnessed it personally, he wouldn't have believed it.

Without delay, Timothy called Mia, and she answered promptly. Unfazed by

the call, Mia calmly inquired, "What's the matter?" Exasperated, Timothy massaged his temples and asked, "Is this really the outfit you chose for me?"

It's incredibly red. Are you color blind or something?" "I believe it suits you

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nicely. You're not obliged to wear it if it's not to your liking." "Mia, I paid ten thousand dollars for your expertise, and this is the result? Seriously?" With Timothy being so frustrated, Mia found it hard to suppress a laugh. However, she composed herself and stated firmly, "As per our agreement, any modifications will not be considered once the payment has been made." "Mia, is this how you treat your clients?" "No, but consider this a lesson. Perhaps it's time to be more cautious when it comes to trusting Having said her piece, Mia

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abruptly ended the call. Unable to contain her laughter, she rolled in bed, thoroughly amused.

Accepting the ten thousand dollars proved to be a worthwhile decision for Mia.

Timothy's audacity was astounding, believing that he could use money as a tool to humiliate her.

It was high time he learned the harsh realities of navigating a treacherous world.

In a moment of frustration, Timothy shot an angry look at his phone and forcefully removed his tie. Mia seemed like a torment sent by the heavens to

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plague him.

How could she audaciously charge him ten thousand dollars for this?

Timothy felt utterly foolish.

The following day, Mia resumed her work. She contemplated how to articulate

her resignation to Felix thoughtfully.

Balancing her responsibilities at the studio and college became increasingly

challenging as her belly continued to grow.

Upon entering the studio, she discovered a vibrant bouquet of roses waiting

on her desk.

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A jealous colleague commented, “Mia, Mr. Quilter himself placed those on your desk. Even though he doesn’t permit us to discuss it, everyone around here is quite envious of you.” Mia’s expression grew uneasy. It was time she

had a conversation with Felix to clarify certain matters.

Mia knocked on Felix’s office door, and he greeted her with a smile. “Mia, you’re here. What can I help you with?” “Felix, I’ve decided to resign.” In response to Mia’s announcement, Felix’s expression darkened.

“Mia, are you upset because of the beverage mishap during yesterday’s lunch? I genuinely apologize for the oversight.

“My mom is not accustomed to dining in upscale establishments and, as a

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result, was unfamiliar with the labels on the bottles. This led to her mistakenly assuming they were all the same.” “Felix, I understand that Mrs. Quilter made a mistake at lunch yesterday. However, my decision to resign is not based on that incident.

“Lately, the academic workload has been piling up, and I’m finding it challenging to keep up.” Felix responded promptly. “If it’s too overwhelming, you don’t have to come to the studio to work. Remember our agreement? You

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can work when you have the time, and I won't pressure you." Mia hesitated for a moment before expressing, "I appreciate that, but it wouldn't be fair to my colleagues.

"I've been feeling quite tired recently and believe it's best if I take a break.

I

can always return to work after graduating in the future."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 314-"Mia, despite that, there's

no

need for you to resign.

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“The working environment here is quite laid-back, and you shouldn’t perceive it as unfair to your colleagues, considering the differences in your circumstances.” Mia looked up in surprise as Felix added, “Mia, given our shared experiences, I believe you can sense my feelings for you. Do you share similar sentiments?” “I’m sorry, Felix, but I’ve always seen you as a friend only,” Mia straightforwardly turned down Felix. A glimmer of disappointment flickered in Felix’s eyes, tinged with a subtle hint of reluctance. After a brief pause, he finally voiced his thoughts, “Mia, what if we find a middle ground? You could transition to working on weekends instead.

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“Your incredible talent has brought numerous orders to our studio, and a sudden resignation would undeniably have a negative impact.

“Please, consider it for the sake of our friendship. Can you perhaps commit to coming in on weekends?” Felix negotiated.

Mia’s gaze softened as she noticed the scar on Felix’s head. “Alright.”

Upon

hearing this, Felix let out a sigh of relief. “Mia, regarding my mom’s mistake

yesterday, please don’t harbor any ill feelings toward her.” Mia reassured him,

“Don’t worry. It’s not an issue.” With those words, she returned to her seat,

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appearing somewhat distracted. The looming prospect of Laura's surgery tomorrow left her feeling a bit nervous.

In the evening, Mia patiently waited for Connor to finish work before broaching the topic of Laura's situation.

Maintaining a calm demeanor, Connor reassured her, "Lately, Mrs. Barrett Senior's health has remained stable.

"Assuming the surgery goes according to plan, there shouldn't be any complications. You can put your mind at ease." A sigh of relief escaped Mia.

That was reassuring news.

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415 BONOS The next morning, Mia prepared early for her visit to the hospital.

Taken aback by her early rising, Patricia inquired, “Why are you up so early?”

“Don’t your Monday lectures typically commence in the afternoon?” Mia hesitated before responding, “Aunt Patricia, Grandma Laura is undergoing surgery today. I need to go and check on her.” “You should go. I hope everything goes smoothly for Mrs. Barrett Senior. She’s a wonderful person.

“I’m confident she’ll be fine.” Mia endured a restless night, clinging to the hope

that Laura’s surgery would unfold without complications.

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In the taxi on the way to the hospital, Mia's stomach began to rumble. It felt as

if her twins were staging another protest.

With no alternative, Mia stopped by a nearby shop to grab some breakfast.

As she entered the hospital, a sports car suddenly raced by at high speed, narrowly avoiding a collision with her.

Startled, Mia swiftly dodged to the side, unintentionally spilling her soy milk on

the ground.

After parking her sports car, Maya emerged, casting an arrogant look at Mia.

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“Mia, I always thought you were fearless, but it seems there are times when you feel afraid too.” Observing Maya stepping out of the car, Mia’s gaze noticeably darkened. She instinctively reached down, comforting the twins nestled within her belly. In the moments that followed, she grabbed the spilled soy milk and hurled it at Maya’s sports car. The soy milk splattered across the car’s interior, creating a messy scene. Maya stood in shock, angrily retorting, “Mia, have you lost your mind? Do you

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realize how expensive my sports car is? It would take you a decade of labor just to afford it.” Without hesitation, Mia raised her hand and seized Maya’s hair, locking eyes with her in a cold, unwavering gaze. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 315-With a cold stare, Mia confronted Maya, “I’ve warned you before not to provoke me. It seems like you haven’t learned your lesson.” Maya had deliberately attempted to hit her with the car just moments ago. If Mia hadn’t evaded in time, the consequences could have been severe.

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Although Maya may not have intended to cause fatal harm, as a pregnant woman, Mia couldn't afford to tolerate the risk of such an accidental injury.

A surge of anger coursed through Mia as she glared at Maya.

Indeed, Maya seemed like a malicious bitch.

Maya initially tried to resist, but Mia had a tight grip on her hair, causing even

the slightest movement to inflict pain on her scalp.

Despite the pain, Maya insisted, "You're uttering nonsense. I didn't hit you just

now. Whatever you did to my car, you know it well. I'll make sure you pay for

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the damage!” “Whether you hit me or not, you’re well aware of the truth. Surveillance cameras are scattered all around, and your lies won’t hold,”

Mia

said confidently.

“You can involve the police. I don’t mind. However, who ends up getting arrested is uncertain,” Mia continued calmly.

With a firm grip on Maya’s hair, Mia delivered a resounding slap to her face. “If

you dare provoke me again next time, I won’t let you off easily!” Having uttered those words, Mia let go of Maya’s hair, nonchalantly patted her hand,

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and commented, “If it weren’t for Grandma Laura’s surgery today, this matter

wouldn’t be settled!

“Consider it my good deed for the day, just gathering merits for Grandma Laura.” With Laura undergoing surgery that day, Mia wanted to avoid any further trouble.

Holding her aching scalp, Maya felt a sense of numbness. She had never endured such humiliation in her life, and she was determined not to let it slide.

Through gritted teeth, Maya retorted, “Mia, do you really believe having Grandma Laura’s support gives you the right to act recklessly? You’re aware

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that Mrs. Barrett doesn't like you, right?" Maya secretly wished for Laura's demise on the operating table, believing it would eliminate any obstacle to her marrying into the Barrett family. With Sharon around, Mia could never measure up to Maya. "I'm not a currency bill. I don't need everyone's approval," Mia asserted. Her eyes exuded a hint of madness, sending shivers down Maya's spine. It seemed as though Mia had transformed into an entirely different person. Maya couldn't help but acknowledge her earlier miscalculation. Mia briskly turned and entered the hospital, determined not to waste any more

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time on Maya.

Shortly after, Maya caught up from behind, but Mia remained indifferent, paying no attention to her presence.

Maya adjusted her hair, keeping in mind the reason for her visit—to see Laura.

At this moment, it was imperative for her to convey a sign of respect.

As for settling the score with Mia, Maya decided to handle it alongside Sharon

when they crossed paths later.

Exiting the elevator, they were met by two imposing bodyguards dressed in black.

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One of the bodyguards intercepted Maya, stating, “Apologies, you’re not allowed to enter.” Observing Mia proceeding ahead without hindrance, Maya expressed her incredulity, “Why is she allowed in then?” Mia, too, was taken aback. She hadn’t anticipated that Maya would face any restrictions. The bodyguard responded curtly, “Today, only members of the Barrett family are allowed inside. All other visitors are restricted. As a Barrett, she has access.” Mia looked back at Maya, a scornful expression on her face. “Like I’ve said, as long as I’m here, you won’t be taking my place. Perhaps

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you should wait patiently outside,” Mia remarked with a disapproving click of her tongue.

Frustrated, Maya stomped her foot and promptly called Shelly to inquire about the situation.

After all, Maya came with good intentions to visit Laura. How could she be denied entry?

Outside the ward, Mia encountered several stationed bodyguards. Sensing the tense atmosphere, she realized the significance of today’s surgery.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 316-Mia gently knocked on the door before stepping into the ward, a warm smile on her face.” Grandma, I’ve come to see you.” “Mia, you’re here bright and early. Have you had breakfast?” “I’ve already eaten. Grandma, how are you feeling today?” Mia noticed that Laura seemed to be in high spirits, indicating that her health was in good condition. Laura smiled, gently holding Mia’s hand.

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“I’m doing well. You don’t need to worry so much. I’m still eagerly looking forward to your baby’s arrival. In my younger years, I confronted numerous challenges. Can a minor issue like this really defeat me?” With Laura discussing her babies, Mia couldn’t help but feel guilty. Despite everyone thinking it was a fabrication, only she knew that she was genuinely pregnant. After a moment of contemplation, Mia took Laura’s hand and gently rested it on her slightly bulging belly. “Grandma, the baby is patiently waiting for you to

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recover.” Laura glanced at Mia’s belly, her eyes slightly welling up.
“That’s
fantastic. When the baby arrives, I’ll have the chance to teach them, just as
I
did with Tim when he was little.” “Okay, we’ll be eagerly looking forward
to it,”
Mia said, subtly conveying to the twins in her belly to anticipate Laura’s
safe
return from the operating room.
At that moment, Laura shifted her gaze toward the door and called out,
“Tim,
hurry over. I have something to share with all of you.” Mia turned to see

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Timothy entering through the doorway. Today, he appeared more casually dressed, forsaking his usual dark suit. He seemed a bit less aloof and more like a refined young gentleman.

Timothy approached the bedside. “Grandma, how about we discuss it after your surgery? There will be plenty of time in the future.” Mia added, “Absolutely, Grandma. There’s no rush. Just relax and take it easy. We’ll be

right outside, keeping you company.” At that instant, Sharon and Shelly stepped into the ward.

1/2 415 BONOS Sharon’s expression darkened upon seeing Mia, but being mindful of Laura’s surgery, she restrained her emotions.

As long as Laura’s operation went smoothly, she wouldn’t have to concern

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herself with Mia any longer.

It seemed like Timothy's current wariness of Mia was driven by his concern for

Laura, who was scheduled for surgery.

Waving her hand, Laura said, "There are certain matters I would like to address now. Otherwise, I fear I won't have the opportunity.

"Tim, in the future, when Mia's child is born, they will be the heir of the Barrett

family." Mia's expression grew uneasy upon hearing this. Why would Laura

make such an arrangement?

Mia wasn't the only one feeling upset. Sharon seemed equally dissatisfied.

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“Mrs. Barrett Senior, deciding on the heir so early seems a bit impulsive, doesn’t it?”

“Given the extensive nature of our family’s business, if the selected heir lacks

the required skills and competence, what alternatives do we have?” Sharon had more to address. If Maya were to marry Timothy in the future and have a

child, would that child be ineligible as heir to the Barrett family?

In such a circumstance, the Lane family might not consent to their marriage.

Besides, Mia’s pregnancy was fabricated, and Laura seemed to be taking it too seriously.

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“I trust that Tim’s child won’t be incompetent, and with Tim overseeing their upbringing into adulthood, how could they possibly turn out to be a failure?”

After expressing her confidence, Laura handed a document to Timothy,

“Here

is the contract I’ve drafted, outlining all the details related to you and Mia’s

child as the future heir of our family. Please go ahead and sign it.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 317-Mia was left in disbelief as

she looked at the document handed by Laura.

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The revelation that her unborn child had been formally announced as the heir of the Barrett family moments ago had left her utterly astounded. Despite the initial shock, Mia attempted to reassure herself with the notion that this designation. was merely a verbal commitment, subject to change in the future contingent upon Laura successfully undergoing the surgery. Yet, to her astonishment, Laura had gone a step further, not only conceptualizing the arrangement but also preparing an official document. She even insisted on an immediate signature from Timothy.. Signing it would mean that the document now carries legal implications.

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However, Mia remained resolute in her refusal to have her twins take on the role of heirs to the Barrett family.

Sharon's eyelids twitched at the sight of the document.

Swiftly taking it from Laura's hands, Sharon's anger intensified as she read

through the clauses. It was so overwhelming that she almost struggled to stand upright.

"Mom, why do you insist on having Tim sign this so prematurely? Don't you

have enough trust in him?" "It's not that I don't trust him, but rather, I don't

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trust other people. I'm well aware of the thoughts circulating among all of you.

“Irrespective of what unfolds between Mia and Tim down the road, Mia’s child

is the designated heir of the Barrett family, and no one can change that.”

Sharon remained hesitant. “But what if it’s a girl?” “Regardless of whether it’s

a boy or a girl, it doesn’t matter!” Laura’s unexpected proposition just before

her surgery caught everyone off guard, particularly Sharon. Helplessly, she gazed at Timothy and pleaded, “Tim, could you go have a conversation with

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Grandma?” Sharon was firm in her stance, discouraging Timothy from signing

the document. The situation seemed to be a trap.

Originally, the plan was for Timothy to finalize his divorce with Mia after Laura’s surgery. However, by signing this document, there was a potential risk.

Mia could resort to cunning tactics to evade the divorce and possibly even contemplate conceiving a child with Timothy, creating a complex and undesirable situation, #15 BONOS Sharon was resolute in having Maya as her daughter-in-law, and she couldn’t allow Mia to impede her plans.

As Timothy took hold of the document, he uttered in a steely tone,

“Grandma,

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I disagree.” Mia felt an immediate sense of relief. It was imperative that the document remained unsigned.

Sharon promptly added, “Exactly, Mom. Signing it now wouldn’t be appropriate.” Laura fixed her gaze on Timothy and sternly inquired, “Why do

you disagree?” “Grandma, I’m ready to put my signature on it, but I prefer to wait until you’ve emerged from the operating room. I won’t sign it before then.”

Mia was taken aback by Timothy’s unexpected response, observing his profile

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with disbelief as she tried to discern his expression. The fact that Timothy had agreed was beyond Mia's comprehension. Sharon's expression shifted to one of unease as she heard the news. "Tim, how could you possibly agree to this?" If he were to give his consent at this moment, what implications would it have for Maya's future? Would her future son not be deemed worthy of inheriting the Barrett Group? Timothy remained indifferent, disregarding Sharon's concerns. He casually placed the document beside Laura, remarking, "If there are so many unresolved issues, perhaps you should personally address them."

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“Depending solely on paperwork might not be the most effective approach.”

The atmosphere grew strained as Laura and Timothy locked eyes, each unwilling to yield.

The escalating tension hung thick in the air.

The two formidable figures of the Barrett family confronted each other, and

those present dared not utter a word.

Mia held Laura’s hand and gently spoke, “Grandma, I believe Tim has a good

point. Let’s wait until T after your surgery to discuss this. We have enough

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time, and there's no need to rush at the "No, it has to be signed immediately.

Otherwise, I won't proceed with the surgery," Laura abruptly expressed her frustration.

Timothy pursed his lips tightly and retorted, "Grandma, perhaps this isn't the

time to be so stubborn." "At my age, can't I be a little wilful? Just sign it.

It's

such a straightforward matter. Are you seriously going to disagree with me on

this?"

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 318-Observing Laura growing agitated, Mia hastened to console her.

Retrieving the document, she handed it over to Timothy, urging him,

“Please,

sign it.” Mia raised her gaze to meet Timothy’s. His eyes were subtly squinted,

holding a profound and mysterious depth.

Locked in a silent exchange, Mia placed the document into his hands, saying,

“For Grandma’s sake, please sign it. If you don’t, she won’t consent to the surgery.” Laura let out a disdainful snort. “Exactly. If you refuse to sign it,

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won't proceed with the surgery. Even if you manage to get me into the operating room, I'll find a way out." Mia stood alone, aware of Sharon's piercing gaze. If looks could kill, she would have been dead by now. Ultimately, Timothy conceded, taking the document and affixing his signature

to it.

Observing Timothy's authoritative signature, Mia handed the document to Laura. "Grandma, Tim has signed it. Is everything resolved now?"

Satisfied,

Laura took the document and placed it in front of Mia, declaring, "Now you

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sign it too.” “Grandma, you only requested Timothy’s signature a moment ago.

I never agreed to sign it,” Mia replied.

Her words left everyone present in disbelief. They didn’t expect Mia to make

such a statement.

Timothy narrowed his eyes, curious about Mia’s intentions.

Having persuaded him to sign the document just moments ago, Mia’s sudden

refusal left Timothy puzzled.

Taken aback, Laura questioned, “Mia, why are you reluctant to sign it?”

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all, Laura had fought so hard for Mia's rights. Why then was Mia being so stubborn?

Mia tenderly clasped Laura's hand and expressed, "Grandma, with Tim having

already signed the document, the paperwork is technically finalized.

"I'd prefer to sign the document with you present after your surgery is completed. Would that be alright?" Laura was momentarily stunned, realizing

that Mia's decision to postpone her signature was Laura's eyes welled up with

tears as she asked, "Why are you being so foolish?" "Well, they say foolish

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folks have their share of luck. The baby and I will eagerly await your return from the operating room.” Mia recognized that everything Laura did was with her best interests in mind, and it seemed like Laura was meticulously preparing her will. Despite this, Mia held onto the hope that Laura would safely recover from the operation. Timothy looked at Mia in surprise, his emotions suddenly becoming complicated. He hadn’t anticipated that Mia’s recent decision was driven by a

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genuine concern for Laura.

Shortly afterward, the medical team arrived on the scene.

Wearing a white coat, Connor entered the room and observed that the entire

Barrett family was gathered. His attention was drawn to Mia. Indeed, he had

anticipated her presence today.

Adhering to the customary protocol, Connor initiated the routine examination

for Laura, and the process proceeded seamlessly:

He instructed, “Escort Mrs. Barrett Senior to the operating room for the surgical procedure.” Mia turned her gaze toward Laura and offered

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reassurance, “Grandma, remember that all of us are eagerly anticipating your return.” Laura sighed softly, choosing not to broach the subject of the document again.

She lay obediently on the hospital bed, surrounded by doctors and nurses, and was gently wheeled out.

Connor shot a cold glance at the Barretts. If it weren’t for Mia, he wouldn’t

have agreed to perform this surgery.

Sharon smiled and addressed Connor, “Dr. Lane, we’re counting on you for

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Mrs. Barrett Senior's surgery later. After all, we're practically becoming one big family. There's no need for formalities." Connor replied curtly, "I'm sorry, but I don't consider myself a part of the Barrett family."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 319-Witnessing Connor confront Sharon, Mia couldn't help but feel a sense of satisfaction. Sharon's expression tightened. She hadn't anticipated Connor being so straightforward, Could it be that Connor harbored lingering resentment because Timothy called off Maya's engagement the last time?

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What might unfold next? Would the Lane family consent to Maya marrying into the Barrett family?

Shooting a cold glance at Timothy, Connor redirected his gaze toward Mia and informed, “The surgery today is expected to be prolonged.

“I recommend that family members wait outside until we finalize suitable arrangements. You can take turns being with Mrs. Barrett Senior.” Mia understood that Connor had spoken those words with her well-being in mind,

advising her to look after herself.

Mia had foreseen the prolonged duration of today’s surgery. Having secured

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permission from her university, she was determined to remain at the hospital for the entire day.

Connor exited the hospital room soon after.

The Barretts also emerged and, likewise, left the elevator, making their way toward the operating room.

Since patients were instructed to utilize the exclusive elevator, this was the route they had to take.

Surprisingly, they came across Maya waiting at the elevator entrance. Upon spotting Maya, Sharon displayed a hint of surprise. “Ms. Lane, I didn’t expect

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to see you at the hospital today.” “Given that Mrs. Barrett Senior is undergoing surgery today, I believed it was important to pay her a visit. “However, upon reaching the elevator, I was informed that no one outside the Barrett family was permitted entry.” Maya mustered a somewhat strained smile. She was unaccustomed to being treated in such a manner. When she arrived earlier with Mia, despite being stopped herself, Mia managed to walk in without The bitter taste of humiliation was hard for Maya to bear. Sharon’s expression stiffened. “I’m sorry, Ms. Lane. I’ll speak to the

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bodyguards. After all, you shouldn't be treated as an outsider." Maya looked at Shelly and expressed her frustration, saying, "I tried calling and texting you, but you didn't respond." Shelly quickly clarified, "On my way here, I had switched my phone to silent mode to avoid disrupting Grandma during her surgery at the hospital. "I'm sorry. If I had been aware sooner, I would have come to pick you up," Shelly explained. After saying this, Shelly exchanged a knowing glance with Sharon. They were aware that Timothy was the one establishing the rules, and neither

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of them had the authority to overrule the security guards and permit entry. To uphold her dignity, Sharon instructed Shelly to ignore Maya's messages.

Nonetheless, they couldn't disclose this information to Maya.

Upon hearing Shelly and Sharon's explanations, Maya felt somewhat relieved.

She needed to restore some dignity, especially in front of Mia.

Looking at Timothy, Maya expressed with feigned concern, "Tim, don't worry.

With Connor in charge of the surgery, everything will go smoothly." Maya had

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to emphasize to Timothy that Connor was the one conducting today's surgery, subtly reminding him of this favor.

Sharon swiftly chimed in, "Absolutely, I trust your brother's medical expertise."

Maya followed suit, wearing a smug smile. She deliberately cast a glance at

Mia, unable to hide her triumphant expression.

Regardless, the Lane family played a pivotal role in making Laura's surgery possible.

Mia maintained her composure, fully aware that Maya was deliberately

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showing off.

However, Mia was willing to overlook these matters as long as Laura's surgery proceeded without complications.

Wearing a cold expression, Timothy glanced at Maya and uttered, "You may

leave." Maya stared at him incredulously. She hadn't expected Timothy's initial words to involve sending 213 Was Timothy unaware that Connor would

be performing today's surgery?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 320-Was Timothy not concerned

about upsetting Maya and the potential impact it could have on Laura's

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surgery?

Sharon quickly intervened, advising. “Tim, Ms. Lane is here specifically for

Grandma. It isn’t appropriate to ask her to leave.” Timothy replied coldly.

“Maybe those whom Grandma dislikes should stay away from her to avoid affecting the outcome of her surgery.” Mia struggled to stifle a laugh, surprised

by Timothy’s straightforwardness.

Hadn’t he noticed how close Maya was to tears after that snide remark?

Maya spoke with a quivering voice, “Tim, how can you treat me this way?

After all, today’s surgery is only possible because of me!” Timothy stared at

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Maya and retorted, “Are you sure Grandma Laura’s surgery is only possible because of you, Maya? Are you so accustomed to fabricating stories that you’ve convinced yourself of your lies?” Upon hearing this, Maya’s expression tensed. Under Timothy’s piercing gaze, a sudden unease settled in. It felt as though Timothy was privy to all her secrets. But that couldn’t be possible, could it? How on earth could Timothy know? Maya instinctively glanced at Mia beside her. Could it be that Mia had mustered the courage to disclose the truth to Timothy?

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Nonetheless, Maya doubted Mia's bravery, suspecting that Mia, entangled with Connor, might have persuaded him to agree to today's surgery. Certainly, no man could endure betrayal, and Mia, eager to rekindle Timothy's affection, wouldn't risk exposing the truth.

Hence, Maya confidently seized Mia's credit without any hesitation. Mia stood in place, aware of the scrutinizing gazes from Maya and Timothy.

She couldn't help but feel perplexed—why were these two observing her in such a peculiar manner?

Maya glanced at Timothy, adopting a strained tone. “Tim, when did I lie? I don't know what you're talking about.” Timothy's face displayed evident

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frustration. Did he have to unveil the truth?

However, Timothy hesitated to bring up the topic of Mia and Connor's relationship. If Sharon were to find out about this, she would undoubtedly create a scene in front of Laura.

Laura had just begun the surgery, and even if it were successful, her body would be in a fragile state. Therefore, Timothy couldn't risk letting Laura become aware of these issues.

Observing Timothy's displeased expression, Sharon promptly ushered Maya aside.

"Ms. Lane, your presence here during Grandma's extensive surgery is truly commendable. However, there's no need for you to stay here. I will update

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you as soon as there is positive news.” If the situation escalated, it could put the prospective alliance between the Barrett and Lane families at risk. Observing Sharon offering her an opportunity to step out, Maya hesitated for a moment before complying. “Sure, but I’ll be waiting downstairs. Please let me know as soon as the surgery is over.” “Ms. Lane, would you like some company downstairs? It can be tedious to wait alone,” Sharon suggested, seeking to appease Maya. After all, waiting anywhere seemed equally mundane. Sharon believed it was

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crucial to mend their relationship before moving forward.

Once Laura's surgery was over, Timothy would no longer have a reason to keep Mia around, and integrating Maya into the family would simply be a matter of time.

Maya felt a sense of satisfaction. This was the kind of attitude the Barrett family should have exhibited from the beginning.

Wearing a triumphant expression, Maya cast a glance at Mia.

Sharon swiftly interjected, "Mia, there's no need for you to linger here either.

The surgery has already commenced, and your presence won't be necessary.

Please; go ahead and leave." Mia rolled her eyes and casually dropped a

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document in front of Maya, unveiling its title="Barrett Group's Heir Agreement."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 321-Mia intentionally dropped the

document in front of Maya, making sure she took notice of it.

Fueled by discontent, Mia was set on complicating matters for everyone.

With Laura undergoing surgery, Mia saw no reason to exercise caution.

Sharon's expression grew uneasy upon seeing the document on the floor.

"Mia, why are you carelessly dropping things everywhere? Pick it up quickly!"

What if Maya happened to see it?

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“Of course.” Mia purposefully took her time retrieving it, ensuring Maya had a clear view of the front page. She couldn’t help but flash a smug grin in Maya’s direction.

Maya’s expression immediately tensed. “Mrs. Barrett, what’s the significance of this document?” Mia smirked and replied, “Do you really need to ask? Can’t you read? Grandma Laura brought out this document specifically for Timothy and I to sign before her surgery.

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“The child I’m carrying is destined to be the heir of the Barrett Group, and any children from other women will have to step aside.” As Mia concluded her statement, she couldn’t help but notice the uneasy expression on Maya’s face.

Maya, who was determined to marry into the Barrett family, would likely be infuriated once she learned about the contents of this document.

Before long, Mia sensed an intense gaze fixed upon her, seemingly emanating from Timothy.

She calmly raised her head, glancing at Timothy before her.

With Laura undergoing surgery, Mia felt no inhibitions at this point.

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Given that Maya and Sharon had provoked her, Mia was resolute in giving them a taste of their own medicine.

Although Mia wasn't particularly interested in the heir document, she had no intention of allowing Sharon and Maya to persist in flaunting their arrogance.

Mia was set on thwarting their plans.

Timothy narrowed his eyes slightly, choosing not to respond.

Sharon hurriedly explained, "Ms. Lane, please don't misunderstand. This document is fake." Mia deliberately opened the page, displaying Timothy's

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signature. “It’s signed. How can it not be real?” Sharon exclaimed, “Mia, this document is contingent upon you having a child. But the child in your belly is a fabrication, simply a lie devised to convince Grandma to agree to the surgery.”

Shelly nodded in agreement and added, “Exactly. Mia, there’s no way you were ever pregnant. This whole document is irrelevant to you.” “Are you seriously considering manipulating Tim into having a child with you?”

Shelly sneered.

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Sharon pointed at Mia and retorted, “Mia, quit daydreaming. Tim will never have a child with you. Signing the document won’t make a difference. Maybe it’s time to let go of this fantasy of yours.” Observing Sharon pointing, Mia forcefully swung the document toward her, remarking, “Mind your manners. It’s impolite to point fingers at people. “I hadn’t intended to sign it initially, but given your insistence, wouldn’t it be disrespectful if I choose not to?” Sharon was momentarily taken aback,

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trembling with anger. “Tim, are you hearing this? This is Mia’s true nature. Don’t let her deceive you.” Maya’s eyes lit up, seizing the opportunity to feign vulnerability. “Ms. Bowen, surely Mrs. Barrett didn’t mean what she said. How could you lay hands on her? She’s your mother-in-law, for goodness’ sake!” Mia replied nonchalantly, “Sorry, but that’s just how I am. I have a temper, and I’m not particularly reasonable.” As Mia spoke, she casually glanced up at Timothy, displaying an air of nonchalance. All eyes turned toward him, anticipating a response.

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Timothy retorted coldly, “This document was given by Grandma, and no one can question her decision. With her surgery already underway, I don’t have time to waste here.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 322-After uttering these words,

Timothy turned and walked toward the operating room.

Mia was somewhat taken aback. Timothy’s silence was unusual, considering

that in the past, he might have sided with Maya and perceived the situation as

Mia’s fault.

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Mia had initially braced herself for a confrontation, but Timothy's unexpected behavior caught her off guard.

The surprise wasn't limited to Mia, even Sharon and Maya were shocked. Mia

had been remarkably arrogant a moment ago, yet Timothy seemed unfazed.

Mia, unwilling to waste any more time with Sharon and Maya, proceeded toward the operating room.

Sharon suggested reluctantly, "Let's go. We should follow them." Just then, a

bodyguard unexpectedly intercepted Sharon and Maya.

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“Apologies, Mrs. Barrett, but Mr. Barrett has instructed that unrelated individuals cannot approach the operating room.” Maya, though infuriated, restrained herself in front of Sharon. She could only ask pitifully, “Mrs. Barrett, what was the deal with the document Mia had just now?” “Ms. Lane,

there’s no need to worry. Mia is not pregnant. So, that document is merely a piece of paper.

“By the time Mrs. Barrett Senior’s surgery is over, it will have exceeded the

waiting period required for Timothy and Mia’s divorce.

“Once their divorce is finalized, they will have no further ties,” Sharon

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reassured.

Upon hearing Sharon's explanation, Maya felt considerably relieved. As long as Mia wasn't expecting, the document held no significance. Sharon continued to comfort Maya and escorted her downstairs to wait. However, Shelly, who was nearby, harbored some skepticism. Just a while ago, Wilhelmina had messaged her with evidence confirming Mia's pregnancy.

Despite this, Shelly found herself unable to contact Wilhelmina afterward.

It

seemed as though Wilhelmina had vanished without a trace.

Could it be that Wilhelmina was evading Maya's phone calls out of guilt?

Could it perhaps stem from dishonesty?

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Nonetheless, Shelly couldn't help but find Mia's words peculiar. It Mia had indeed conceived in secret and signed the document, wouldn't that potentially give her control over the Barrett family in the future? Would Shelly still be able to enjoy her benefits in the long run? Regardless, Shelly was resolute in confirming whether Mia was truly pregnant. Outside the operating room, Mia gazed at the blinking red light, her body tensing up. Despite her confidence in Connor's medical skills, worry lingered in Mia's thoughts. After all undergoing surgery was an affair filled with risks and variables.

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The outcome of the procedure remained unknown, and unforeseen events could potentially transpire.

Mia sat on a chair, fervently praying for Laura's surgery to go smoothly. Shortly after, Timothy joined her, balancing a laptop on his lap, deeply engrossed in his work.

Seated in close proximity, their arms occasionally brushed against each other.

Feeling uncomfortable, Mia shifted away, creating some distance between them.

Noticing her movement, Timothy squinted slightly and questioned, "Is something wrong? Does being close to me make you uncomfortable?"

Upon

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hearing his words, Mia couldn't help but feel annoyed. She turned to him and remarked, "Being in such close proximity, especially as an unmarried man and woman, could easily lead to speculation from others."

"Are you apprehensive about potential rumors, or is there a particular individual you're worried about encountering?" Timothy's mood soured further as he thought about Connor carrying out the surgery. It appeared that Mia was intentionally keeping her distance, likely because of Connor. Out of all the men Mia could have chosen, she had to choose Connor. The Lane family in Nord City proved to be a sizable and intricate clan,

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surpassing even the complexity of the Barrett family. Should Mia tie the knot with Connor eventually, she would undeniably face scrutiny and criticism from the elders of the Lane family. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 323-Mia was puzzled by Timothy's words. She merely wanted to maintain a comfortable distance from him. What was he implying by asking whom she was apprehensive about encountering? It was not as if she had engaged in any dubious behavior. She casually responded, "Exactly, I just didn't want to be seen and misinterpreted by others." Besides, both Sharon and Maya were present at

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the hospital. Shouldn't Timothy be wary of potential misunderstandings with

Maya?

Contemplating this, Mia suddenly questioned, "Oh, by the way, why did you

break off your engagement with Maya?" She had been eager to inquire about

this matter for quite some time, but the suitable moment never seemed to present itself.

With Laura's surgery now underway, marking a countdown in Timothy and

Mia's divorce, Mia unexpectedly found herself growing a bit curious.

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Timothy's eyes narrowed slightly. "What do you think?" Was Mia trying to fish

for information she already knew?

It was evident that Mia had persuaded Connor to perform Laura's surgery, yet

she chose not to disclose any details.

Instead, she allowed Maya to manipulate the situation, using it as a pretext to

coerce Timothy into a fake engagement.

If Connor hadn't divulged the truth to Timothy on the day of the engagement,

Timothy would have remained unaware.

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What was Mia's underlying motive?

Mia's eyes sparkled with a sudden realization. "Did you end your engagement

with Maya because you saw through her deceitful facade?" What was Mia trying to imply?

Timothy hesitated before speaking, "Mia, what on earth is going on inside your

head?" "Well, it's always you who seems to occupy my thoughts, isn't it?"

Mia

replied almost instinctively, 1/3.

+15 BONOS Instantly, she clammed up, choosing not to say anything further.

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Upon hearing her response. Timothy's expression turned somewhat awkward.

“Mia, it's evident now why you have so many admirers. They must have all

been charmed by your sweet talk, haven't they?” Why hadn't Timothy realized

earlier how adept Mia was at flirting?

Mia's face flushed with embarrassment, yet she wasn't willing to be cornered

by Timothy like this.

Boldly, she shot back, “Don't talk nonsense. Sweet-talk? I've only done that

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with one man, and it's you!" Following her statement, Timothy coughed awkwardly. "Mia, what are you going on about?" After all, Timothy had never

allowed Mia to engage in such behavior!

Over the past three years, their 'romantic' connection had stayed purely platonic, except for that one unforeseen incident.

Mia swiftly grasped the implications of her words, and her cheeks turned red.

She clarified. "I was just babbling. You're clearly reading too much into it, and

your mind is fabricating inappropriate ideas." Timothy grew annoyed.

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“Inappropriate ideas? You’re the one with the dirty mind!” “Well, if you think I entertain inappropriate thoughts, feel free to point them out. I’d be happy to explain.” Mia refused to back down, maintaining a defiant gaze on Timothy.

Timothy glanced downward, catching sight of Mia’s innocent, dark eyes His

throat subtly tightened, and he unconsciously licked his lips.

In a husky tone, he uttered, “You were the one who brought up sweet–talking.” “And what if I did? Didn’t I sweet–talk you back then?” Indeed, Mia

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had dedicated each day to understanding Timothy's preferences, anxiously awaited his return from work, and carefully considered when and how to express herself.

She had to meticulously choose her words, ensuring they always aligned with

what he wanted to hear. Wasn't that considered a form of sweet-talking? Heath, standing nearby, unintentionally caught wind of their animated conversation and discreetly took a few steps back.

He preferred not to eavesdrop on anything he shouldn't and potentially become a target for Timothy's wrath later on.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 324-Beneath Timothy's usual

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noble and aloof demeanor, there hid a surprising array of tricks up his sleeve.

Looking at Mia, Timothy's tone turned cold as he uttered, "Mia, you can shut

up now." Any other woman might have blushed and fallen silent upon hearing

those words, but not Mia.

Shamelessly, she argued back, her face visibly agitated.

Indeed, Timothy had never encountered a lady with such a robust and assertive personality like Mia!

Feeling upset, Mia muttered, "You initiated the argument. With a clear conscience, one sees things in a positive and pure light. If your mindset is

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tainted, everything you perceive becomes tainted too!” Timothy was taken aback by her response.

The discussion came to an abrupt halt.

Timothy remained silent as Mia lowered her head, attempting to regain her composure.

It was all Timothy’s fault; his words had provoked an unintended reaction from

Mia.

The atmosphere between them grew increasingly awkward.

Mia gazed up at the ceiling, sensing the uncomfortable silence. She pressed

on, “By the way, you still haven’t answered my question.” Why was Mia

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shamelessly persisting for an answer?

Timothy remained fixated on his laptop, appearing somewhat distracted.

Upon hearing Mia's inquiry, Timothy's throat tightened. "Aren't you aware of

the reason?" "What? Am I supposed to know?" Mia found the situation increasingly perplexing. She stared at Timothy, attempting to decipher the meaning behind his gaze.

In response, Timothy countered, "You seem quite concerned about why I ended my engagement with Maya." Mia's gaze intensified with frustration.

Abruptly, she averted her eyes. "No, it was just a casual "Why are you so interested to know?" Mia exhaled deeply. "I want to understand the reason

so

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I can tease Maya. It's a perfect opportunity. I can't let it pass." Timothy was caught off guard.

Well, it seemed like Timothy had misconstrued Mia's intentions. Feeling somewhat embarrassed, Timothy shifted his attention to the document lying nearby.

"You shouldn't hold onto this document. It's better to keep it confidential to avoid impacting the Barrett Group's stock price. After all, the successor issue is a significant matter." "I anticipated you'd say that, but this document is just a

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piece of paper. We don't have a child, after all." Mia continued calmly, "Besides, our main focus has been ensuring Grandma Laura's surgery proceeds smoothly.

"Regardless of the decisions made during this period, I won't dwell on them,

and I won't take them seriously." Timothy nodded, taking a moment to gather

his thoughts before acknowledging, "You've undergone quite a transformation

during this period." Having witnessed Mia's true character, Timothy found himself reevaluating his preconceived notions about her. She was not the person he had initially perceived her to be.

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Mia responded nonchalantly, “I’ve decided to resign soon, so it doesn’t matter

who you choose to love.” Upon hearing this, Timothy couldn’t help but frown.

“Mia, can’t you take things seriously for once?” “Sure, but this is simply the

way I express myself. If you’re looking for something pleasant to hear, it comes with an additional cost,” Mia quipped.

Timothy smirked. “Alright, how much are we talking about here?” Mia replied

casually, “Not much, let’s say a hundred dollars per word.” She had no intention of prolonging the conversation.

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Timothy's deep voice unexpectedly interjected, "Should I transfer it to your bank or through Venmo?" 2/3 +15 BONOS Mia looked at Timothy in surprise.

She had intended it as a light-hearted jest, but his response left her utterly taken aback.

Was he taking her joke seriously?

Mia seemed to be gradually loosening up, while Timothy, on the other hand,

was revealing a touch of shamelessness.

Timothy reached for his phone, seemingly about to transfer the money to her.

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Mia couldn't help but blurt out, "Are you that eager to be sweet-talked by me?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 325-Immediately realizing her mistake, Mia bit her tongue in regret for her thoughtless words.

Timothy shot a meaningful glance at her and remarked, "Well, it's not entirely

out of the question." Mia's face turned red, and she averted her eyes, murmuring, "Once Grandma successfully recovers from her surgery, perhaps

we can discuss handling the divorce procedures at the courthouse.*

As her words hung in the air, a heavy silence settled between them.

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The ambiguous atmosphere that had abruptly enveloped them just moments ago dissipated in an instant. Timothy regained his composure, leaning back in the cold metal chair. A heavy sensation weighed on his chest, making it difficult to breathe. Timothy's gaze shifted to Mia. He pursed his lips before breaking the silence, "You know, it might not be strictly necessary to pursue a divorce." Mia couldn't believe Timothy's words. She looked at him incredulously, convinced that she must have misheard his

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words.

Though Mia comprehended each word Timothy spoke, when strung together

in a sentence, Mia struggled to grasp the full meaning.

What did Timothy mean by saying it's not strictly necessary to get a divorce?

Did that imply it was optional, or was he suggesting the opposite?

Sensing Mia's gaze, Timothy's expression grew awkward.

"What I'm trying to say is, I don't have any particular criteria for a spouse." he

said bluntly.

"Considering Grandma's fondness for you, your presence could have a

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positive impact on her health. Hence, I'm contemplating the idea that you can continue being Mrs. Barrett." After Timothy's unexpected revelation, Mia felt as if her brain had gone blank for a moment, leaving her in a daze. A profound silence hung in the air. Mia looked at Timothy and moved closer to him. Timothy lowered his eyes, meeting Mia's inquisitive look. He maintained his composure as she drew near, catching a whiff of her subtle

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yet pleasant His eyes held a profound depth, with only the silhouette of Mia

reflecting in his gaze.

Unexpectedly. Timothy's heart raced. Why was Mia getting so close?

Was she perhaps stirred by his words?

Just then, Mia reached out, gently pulling Timothy's head toward hers.

Their

foreheads met in a tender collision, and their breaths intertwined in the shared

space between them.

Timothy's breath caught, and his pupils contracted.

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His body tensed, and his gaze became fixed on Mia before him, lingering on her rosy lips.

Shortly afterward, Mia pulled away, remarking, “It’s odd. You don’t seem feverish at all. Why do you sound so peculiar, like someone rambling with a fever?” Mia had entered into marriage with Timothy, who initially appeared lifeless, partly out of respect for Laura, but also because she genuinely liked him.

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Without that affection, how could Mia have upheld the role of a virtuous wife by Timothy's side for the past three years? Looking at Timothy incredulously, Mia asserted, "Besides, just because you have no criteria for a spouse doesn't imply that I don't have any." Caught off guard, Timothy swiftly retreated, his lips tightly pursed. Yet, Mia's voice persisted in his ears. "Timothy, say something. Why the silence? If you're sick, you should consult a doctor or at least check your temperature!" Timothy swallowed hard several times. Standing up from his

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seat, he walked away from the area.

He felt like Mia had played him for a fool and regretted vocalizing those sentiments.

Despite his slender silhouette, Timothy's strides betrayed a hint of awkwardness.

Observing his departing figure, Mia murmured, "If you're unwell, seek medical

attention!" Timothy's expression grew grim, and he swiftly made his exit.

Alone in the room, Mia leaned back in her chair.

As she gradually calmed down, Mia couldn't shake the memory of her conversation with Timothy and his unexpected declaration about forgoing their

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divorce.

Mia lowered her gaze, unable to fathom what had prompted Timothy to make

such statements.

2/3 +15 BONOS After three years of marriage, it seemed like Timothy had become distant and perhaps even held some disdain for her.

If it weren't for Laura's support, Mia wouldn't have been able to endure it for

such an extended period. The Barrett family would likely have ousted her long

ago.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 326-With Laura finally able to

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undergo surgery, Mia anticipated that Timothy might be relieved at the prospect of their divorce.

However, to her surprise, he expressed a desire to continue their marriage, suggesting they didn't have to part ways.

The unexpected turn of events left Mia bewildered.

While Timothy seemed willing to give their marriage another shot, Mia had

surpassed the stage of settling for uncertainties.

She wasn't willing to wait indefinitely for a change that seemed unlikely to

happen.

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Moreover, with two little ones growing in her belly, Mia found it even more

challenging to envision a future within the Barrett family.

Upon completing her semester's final exams and accumulating sufficient credits, Mia intended to join her brothers in Nord City, giving birth and embarking on a new chapter in her life.

The decision to leave had long been a part of Mia's preparations.

Perhaps Timothy had finally seen through Maya's true colors, reflected on the

situation, and concluded that Mia, despite her perceived naivety, was the most

suitable choice to be his wife.

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This could be the reason Timothy suggested they didn't need to divorce. However, Mia remained skeptical.

As Mia pondered, a waft of perfume reached her senses, leaving no need for speculation about the approaching individual.

Lifting her head, she confirmed her suspicion as Shelly drew nearer, her brows furrowing.

"It's best if you keep your distance. Don't let your perfume infiltrate the operating room and disrupt the surgeons," Mia cautioned.

Shelly disdainfully snorted, "Mia, don't assume I'm unaware of your intentions.

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I know your secret.” Mia frowned. “Fine, you’re aware of my secret. You seem

to know everything. Now, can you please move away? Stay clear of the operating room.

“Aren’t you aware that your perfume could rival that of smoked bacon? Or is

your sense of smell malfunctioning? Can’t you even detect it?” Infuriated, Shelly seized the heir document nearby. “So, this was your endgame, wasn’t

it? Keeping it concealed from everyone.” Mia glanced at the documents. “I have no idea what you’re talking about.” “Hmph, Mia, stop pretending. I must

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admit your diversion tactics are quite effective. You've managed to deceive everyone, including Tim, who wholeheartedly endorsed this without a hint of suspicion," Shelly retorted.

With a look of disdain, Shelly continued, "Unfortunately, Mia, your little schemes won't fool me. Now that I'm aware, your plot won't succeed. I won't

permit you to linger in the Barrett family!" Mia sighed. "Then please be clear.

What exactly have I done? What schemes have I employed? If you don't tell

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me, how will I know?” “Mia, you’re pregnant, aren’t you?” Upon hearing Shelly’s words, Mia’s heart rate surged instantly, her pupils narrowing as she

gazed at Shelly.

Could Shelly have learned about Mia’s pregnancy from Wilhelmina?

However, that didn’t make sense. Connor had assured Mia that the matter with Wilhelmina had been resolved.

Mia trusted Connor, confident that he wouldn’t deceive her.

Swiftly regaining her composure, Mia responded calmly, “Yes, I’m pregnant.

Why else would Grandma Laura appoint my unborn child as the heir of Barrett

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Group?” “Mia, why are you persisting in this charade? Everyone believes you pretended to be pregnant merely to appease Grandma before her surgery. However, I’m the only one who knows that you’re really pregnant. “So, is this a cover for advancing your agenda? Did you intentionally orchestrate the designated heir document from Grandma as well?” Shelly spoke with increasing enthusiasm, firmly convinced that her speculations were accurate. Shelly relished the moment, thinking she had finally caught Mia in a compromising position. Mia cursed silently. Despite Shelly often appearing foolish, Mia hadn’t

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anticipated her occasional moments of insight.

Now, what should Mia do?

What if Shelly did possess evidence from Wilhelmina?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 327-This was a matter Mia needed

to approach with caution.

Shelly's confidence in her accusations left Mia baffled, struggling to comprehend her boldness.

"Haha, Mia, feeling guilty, huh? You're silent because I've hit the mark, haven't I?" Observing Mia's lack of response, Shelly grew ecstatic. She was

convinced she had uncovered a secret only she knew.

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Mia remained composed. “Indeed, you’ve got it right. I am pregnant, intentionally keeping this information from everyone, and secretly orchestrating the heir agreement.” “Haha, Mia, so you finally confess, huh?

I’m going to disclose this to everyone later and expose your true nature,” Shelly declared triumphantly.

Mia raised an eyebrow. “Shelly, you’re truly naive.” Her gaze held a hint of

disdain, leaving Shelly feeling somewhat indignant. “What do you mean? You’re the naive one!” “What do I mean? Can’t you read the document?

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Timothy's signature already on it, this document is ready to take effect at any

moment. It's just a matter of me signing it.

"Once it comes into force, my child will become the heir to the Barrett Group.

In the future, won't I play a substantial role in the decision making of the Barrett family?" Mia glanced slyly at Shelly and smirked, "It appears that the

limit on your future credit card will also be subject to my discretion!"

Shelly's

face was drained of color. "Don't celebrate too soon. Once I expose your true

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intentions, Tim will never allow this document to take effect, and your plans will crumble.” “But as long as Grandma Laura is present and I carry a child inside me, who among you can pose a threat to me?” Mia boasted.” Still think you’re not naive?” Shelly swallowed hard. Throughout this period, her credit card had been restricted. She had to resort to using a supplementary card provided by Maya with a limited credit line. It was undeniably frustrating.

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If Mia continued to be the heiress of the Barrett family, wouldn't Shelly's future

be in jeopardy?

In response, Shelly took a few steps back and fled in fear.

Watching her flee, Mia couldn't resist a smile. It appeared that Shelly wasn't

cut out for handling intimidation!

Despite this, Mia couldn't shake the mystery of how Shelly was so sure about

her pregnancy. If Shelly happened to divulge this information, It could pose a

threat to Mia.

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Gently touching her belly, Mia understood the need to make proactive plans.

Meanwhile, Laura's surgery had been underway for two hours. After sitting for

a while, Mia stood up and made her way to the restroom.

Coincidentally, she encountered Timothy on the way.

Their eyes locked, creating a tense atmosphere.

Mia blurted out, "Excuse me, I need to use the restroom." Timothy stepped aside, and Mia slipped into the restroom.

Her thoughts were chaotic, shifting between Shelly's claims and Timothy's declaration of not pursuing a divorce.

It appeared that the Barretts were indeed troublesome individuals.

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Mia sighed and exited the restroom.

As she returned to the area outside the operating room, Mia spotted Timothy seated in a chair, his laptop set aside. He gazed out of the window, seemingly lost in contemplation.

After a brief pause, Mia decided to approach him.

As Mia followed Timothy's gaze outside, she observed a pair of birds nestled on a tree branch- affectionately tending to each other's feathers and gently pecking at each other's beaks.

Was it becoming a trend for birds to showcase their love like this?

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A quietness settled between Mia and Timothy once more.

Soon, the tranquility was shattered by the sound of Mia's stomach growling.

A blush crept onto her cheeks as she instinctively covered her belly. It wasn't

even that late, so why was she feeling hungry now?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 328-It wasn't just because Mia hadn't eaten much that morning. It was also because Maya nearly crashed into her, causing her breakfast to spill onto the ground.

Seeing Mia's predicament, Timothy turned to Heath, who stood nearby.

"Arrange for lunch to be delivered," he ordered.

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Mia quickly interjected, “Wait a moment.” Beside her, Timothy’s expression hardened. “What’s the issue? Am I not allowed to treat you to a meal?” Mia discreetly cleared her throat. “No, that’s not what I meant. I just lean toward lighter options, preferably something with soup and maybe a few fruits.” A tense silence followed her request. Straightening his collar, Timothy commented, “Mia, it appears you have a talent for making demands. Did I promise to treat you to a meal?” Without hesitation, Mia shot back, “Given that visitors have arrived to see Grandma

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Laura, isn't it your responsibility as her relative to provide a meal for the guests? Or has generosity taken a back seat?" Timothy's frustration grew at

Mia's response.

Was Mia placing the blame on him?

Shortly after, Heath arrived with a delectable and light lunch, accompanied by

a small food trolley for added convenience.

Undeterred, Mia picked up her utensils and began eating without hesitation.

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The two little ones in her belly seemed to be protesting, leaving Mia with no choice but to consume her meal.

Timothy initially had little appetite, but watching Mia relish the food, he couldn't resist indulging a bit more himself.

Looking at Mia, he remarked, "Mia, have you gained weight?" Caught off guard, Mia couldn't help but cough nervously in response.

Mia choked a bit and promptly dismissed him, "That's absurd. I haven't gained

weight. Which part 415 BGNOS Were Timothy's eyes playing tricks on him?

"You even have a double chin now." Timothy pointed out.

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Feeling self-conscious, Mia touched her chin and realized that it did seem a bit rounder. She immediately retorted, “It’s called baby fat. Besides, it’s not like you’re paying for my meats/ Accustomed to Mia’s sharp wit, Timothy responded calmly, “Well, you’ve been dining at the Barrett residence for three years.” “Yeah, but I didn’t gain weight during those three years. The fact that I’ve gained weight in such a short time after moving out—what does that suggest?” Timothy narrowed his eyes. “Are you saying I mistreated you?”

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“Hmm, whether you mistreated me or not, deep down, you know the truth!”

Mia shot back.

Exasperated, Timothy exclaimed, “Despite our lack of emotional communication over the past three years, I’ve never treated you unfairly.

Your

living expenses and pocket money have always been sufficient.” Mia coldly

snorted. “Sure, you’ve never mistreated me in that regard. However, your mom had always implied that I shouldn’t utilize your funds, emphasizing your

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hard work and cautioning me not to be a burden.” “Well, aren’t you typically quite resourceful? You only use money when it’s essential. Are you truly this compliant now?” Mia struggled to find the right words in response, chuckling in frustration. “That’s simply because I was naive back then,” she rebutted. “If it were today, I’d undoubtedly lead a life of affluence, engaging in shopping sprees, régular beauty treatments, acquiring designer handbags, and going on extravagant vacations,” she continued.

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“I certainly wouldn’t end up as a confined woman without much regard!”

Over

time, Mia came to the realization that excessive compromise not only resulted

in personal discontent but also failed to evoke emotional responses from others.

Reflecting on the three years she had spent in compromise, Mia realized how

foolish she had been.

Timothy narrowed his eyes slightly, his gaze profound.

“That’s the way it should be. As Mrs. Barrett, you should assert yourself.

Who

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would dare mistreat you? Even if the sky were to fall, I'd be there to support

you. What is there for you to fear?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 329-Upon hearing Timothy's words, Mia's mouth opened in surprise.

Why was Timothy uttering such nonsense again?

What did it mean when he said he'd support Mia even if the sky fell? Why was

he expressing such sentiments to her?

Mia blinked and said, "Mr. Barrett, if I had been aware of your attitude earlier, I

certainly wouldn't have endured these three years feeling so constrained!"

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“Well, it’s never too late to know now.” Timothy’s gaze was profound, and the

implication behind his words was unmistakable.

As Mia observed his slender and appealing eyes, her heartbeat raced uncontrollably.

Timothy’s facial features resonated perfectly with her aesthetic preferences.

Every glance at him seemed to reinforce his undeniable charm.

Timothy spoke calmly, “There’s no need for an immediate answer. I can give

you the time to think it over.” Mia swiftly regained her composure, cleared her

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throat, and responded, “Mr. Barrett, it doesn’t matter if you have feelings for me now. It’s too late.” Upon hearing this, Timothy’s expression noticeably darkened. He clenched his teeth and inquired, ” Mia, must you speak like this?” Timothy had made his intentions clear and promised so much, yet it seemed like Mia was still reluctant.

A myriad of emotions flickered in Mia’s eyes. “If it had been three years ago, hearing those words would have made me so happy that I couldn’t sleep!” Timothy appeared surprised. “And what about now?” “Well, currently, I’m so infuriated that sleep escapes me.” Timothy was taken aback.

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Mia lifted her head. “Mr. Barrett, my feelings for you have faded. I see no reason to prolong our marriage.

“After Grandma Laura’s surgery, she will undoubtedly make a healthy recovery, and there’s no Mia’s words struck Timothy’s heart with a calm yet

forceful impact, akin to a drummer disrupting the rhythm of his heartbeat.

Timothy gazed intensely at Mia. Her eyes once filled with admiration for him,

no longer held that same adoration.

Timothy couldn’t help but feel an emptiness in his heart upon hearing Mia declare that she no longer harbored feelings for him.

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In the past, hearing such words would have delighted him. But now, it didn't bring the joy he had envisioned. Instead, it felt like something was absent. Before long, the door to the operating room swung open. With a grave expression, Genevieve held out a document. "The patient's heart condition is more complex than anticipated. Emergency treatment is underway, and we require a family member's signature." Mia felt a sudden chill throughout her body upon hearing this. She instinctively glanced at Timothy, whose expression had turned cold, seemingly enveloped in a sense of despair.

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Mia swiftly retrieved the document and passed it to Timothy. “Please sign it as

soon as possible.

We need to trust the doctors.” At this juncture, there was no reversing Grandma Laura’s surgery.

Timothy’s expression grew somber. Eventually, he signed the surgery notification form. In an instant, it seemed as though all the strength had been

drained from his body.

Next to Timothy, Mia reassured. “Grandma will be fine. She promised us.”

Timothy fixed his gaze on the operating room door, lost in silent contemplation. He remained standing, and Mia stood beside him.

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Laura's surgery extended well into the late evening. As Genevieve opened the operating room door, Mia felt her heart leap into her throat. Anxiously, she blurted out, "How did it go?" "The surgery was a success, but we're transferring the patient to the intensive care unit. "Currently, family members are advised to refrain from waiting outside. We are restricting visits during this critical recovery period," Genevieve explained. Relief washed over Mia, and she couldn't help but smile. She eagerly embraced Timothy, as if 213 Looking up at Timothy, she shared the news. "Did

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you hear that? Grandma Laura's surgery went well! We no longer need to worry!"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 330-Timothy's lips formed a subtle

curve, unveiling a faint smile. "That's fantastic!" Mia gazed up at Timothy standing before her. His attractive and slender features resembled a captivating painting illuminated by the lamplight.

For an instant, Mia felt utterly captivated.

Just then, Connor emerged from the operating room, a hint of weariness visible in his expression.

Observing Mia embrace Timothy, Connor spoke sternly, "What are you doing?"

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Let go!” Upon hearing Connor’s voice, Mia suddenly became aware of her actions. The sheer happiness of the moment had prompted her to hug Timothy without a second thought.

Blushing, she let go and turned to face Connor, her eyes gleaming. “I heard

the surgery was a success!” Connor had reassured Mia that Laura’s surgery would be successful, and true to his word, he had kept that promise.

With a smile, Connor affectionately tousled Mia’s hair. “Certainly. I never break my promises to you.” Indeed, Connor held his commitment to Mia in

high regard. Mia smiled sweetly, genuinely grateful to Connor this time.

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Observing Connor's affectionate interaction with Mia, Timothy narrowed his eyes. A surge of jealousy welled up within him. It felt as if someone had taken away what rightfully belonged to him. Sensing Timothy's gaze, Connor, as a man, grasped the implications behind it. Nonetheless, Timothy's prospects were now dim. Connor and his brothers were determined to bring Mia back to Nord City for good. By that time, Timothy would be insignificant. After all, Nord City boasted an abundance of eligible men!

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Turning toward Timothy, Connor commented, “While Mrs. Barrett Senior’s surgery went well, her time in the intensive care unit this week is critical. “If she successfully gets through this period, she should be on the path to recovery.” Timothy’s throat tightened, momentarily at a loss for words, grappling with a medley of emotions. It seemed as if Laura’s surgery had been secured at the expense of Mia, and Timothy couldn’t help but feel a bit aggrieved. Mia spoke up. “I have faith that Grandma Laura will navigate through this week of observation successfully.” Observing Mia, Connor’s gaze softened. “I

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believe so too. It's getting late. We should head back together later." Mia nodded. "Alright." After uttering those words, Mia couldn't shake the feeling

that the atmosphere around her had grown colder.

Behind her. Timothy spoke in a solemn tone, "I'll go check on Grandma's condition." Unable to endure the situation any longer, Timothy turned away

and walked off in frustration. He feared that staying might lead to him losing

control and becoming physically confrontational with Connor.

Observing Timothy's departure, Mia felt a sense of relief, knowing that Laura

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was ultimately safe, Turning to Connor, she inquired, “Connor, has the lead surgeon left? I didn’t see him come out.” Connor’s expression immediately tensed. “Uh, well, the lead surgeon was exhausted, “He has already left through a private pathway. After all, he conducted the operation solo for an extended period.” “That’s understandable.” Connor cautiously inquired, “Why do you want to meet the lead surgeon?” “I simply want to express my gratitude in person. Despite being Maya’s brother, it is thanks to him that Grandma Laura successfully underwent her surgery.” As for any grievances

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between her and Maya, that was a distinct matter.

Connor breathed a sigh of relief. “Oh, I see. I’ll make sure to pass on your thanks to him.” “Okay.” Mia didn’t insist on meeting the lead surgeon, recognizing the awkward dynamic with Maya. She felt comfortable relying on

Connor to pass on her gratitude.

Connor glanced at Mia. “Let’s head home. Considering your current state, It’s

important not to overexert yourself or stay up late.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 331-Mia was momentarily stunned

as she caught sight of Maya.

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Why was Maya still here? After all, Laura's surgery was over. Mia couldn't shake the feeling that Maya's presence at the hospital was merely a facade. Did she truly care about Laura, or was this just another act?

A heavy silence settled over the room.

Connor's heart skipped a beat upon spotting Maya. Why was she here, too?

If Maya approached and said something, it would undoubtedly spiral into a disaster!

Connor was worried about what to do next.

Upon noticing Mia standing alongside Connor, Maya was consumed by a wave of jealousy. How dare Mia seduce Connor!

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Regret washed over Maya as she reflected on allowing Mia to attend her engagement ceremony. Perhaps if she hadn't, Mia wouldn't have had so many chances to get close to Connor.

Given Mia's orphaned background, she would have never come across people of Connor's wealth and status in her daily life.

Maya's expression grew notably grim, and with her teeth clenched, she strode

forward. She was determined to reveal Mia's true intentions today.

Certainly, Maya was going to ensure that Mia understood the disparity in their

social standings!

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As Maya advanced in her high heels, Mia's eyes flickered with wariness. She knew that if a confrontation ensued between her and Maya, Connor would undoubtedly come to her defense. Connor had finally established himself in this hospital. If he offended Maya, he would undoubtedly also offend Maya's brother, the esteemed surgeon in the Lane family. Such a situation would undoubtedly impact Connor's future. Various scenarios raced through Mia's mind. Although she was beginning to

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let loose, she was wary of allowing her personal affairs to jeopardize Connor's career.

In a sudden moment of clarity, Mia reached a decision.

As Maya stood before her, Mia swiftly moved forward and hugged Maya.

“What brings you here? Grandma Laura's surgery has ended, and she's been

transferred to the intensive care unit.

415 BONOS “She's no longer in this area. Come with me. I'll take you to the

ICU so you can see her.” With her words, Mia guided Maya toward the nearby

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elevator.

As Mia embraced her, Maya's eyes widened in disbelief, Standing before Mia,

she was taken aback by Mia's actions, struggling to fully comprehend the situation, Just as the elevator doors opened, Mia, still holding Maya in her embrace, gently nudged her Inside.

It wasn't until the elevator doors were sealed shut that Mia breathed a sigh of

relief, knowing Connor wouldn't be able to catch up with them.

Glancing at Maya nestled in her arms, Mia couldn't help but blink.

Their gazes met briefly before they both pulled away. Mia cleared her throat,

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choosing to remain silent.

Maya shifted uncomfortably, adjusting her attire. “Mia, what was that for?

Why

did you hug me just now?” “I just noticed the elevator opening and didn’t

want

us to miss it,” Mia replied, choosing not to disclose her true motivations to

Maya.

Immediately, Maya let out a disdainful snort. “Mia, it’s clear you’re

feeling

guilty, isn’t it? Don’t think I’m oblivious to your intentions!” “I was

merely

escorting you to visit Laura. Don’t misinterpret my actions,” Mia retorted.

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As the elevator doors parted, Mia swiftly exited. Maya's voice trailed after her. "You're obviously feeling guilty. You deliberately tried to whisk me away, didn't you? Are you worried about what I might say to him?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 332-Mia's back tensed momentarily. Since when did Maya, this dumb bitch, become so astute? Mia

couldn't fathom how Maya had discerned her true motives.

As Mia turned around, she was met with Maya's smug expression. "What do

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you want?” It nearly slipped Mia’s mind—Maya’s brother was also a doctor.

Perhaps Maya had some connection to Connor as well.

Amidst the redevelopment of Mia’s old neighborhood, Maya had been meddling behind the scenes.

Should Maya discover Mia’s relationship with Connor, what repercussions would follow?

With a triumphant expression, Maya retorted, “Mia, perhaps it’s time for you to abandon this fantasy. You’re simply not worthy of Connor. Stop indulging in illusions.” At Maya’s words, Mia raised her eyebrows slightly. There was

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something strangely familiar about Maya's remark. Timothy had previously expressed a similar sentiment about Mia and Connor not being a suitable match. Of course, Mia and Connor weren't compatible—they were siblings! The idea of them being together was absurd. It seemed that both Maya and Timothy had misconstrued Mia's relationship with Connor, assuming they were a couple. If that were indeed the case, handling the situation would be much easier.

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With a sly smile, Mia remarked, “Maya, don’t you think you’re meddling a bit

too much?”.

“Very well, I’ll speak with Connor directly to clarify matters. Then you’ll realize

if I’m truly meddling, ” Maya retorted, ready to step into the elevator.

Sensing the situation escalating, Mia swiftly grabbed Maya and pressed her

against the wall, determined to prevent her from reaching Connor.

Frustrated, Maya demanded, “Let go!” “I won’t!” Pressing Maya’s shoulders,

Mia forcefully pinned her against the wall, rendering her unable to move.

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Their proximity was uncomfortably close.

Mia had just realized she was half a head taller than Maya, and Maya's petite

stature couldn't budge her at all.

Suddenly, a cold voice broke their confrontation. "What's going on here?"

Mia

glanced over to see Timothy and Sharon nearby, though she couldn't shake the sense of ambiguity in their gazes.

Timothy's expression turned grim as he demanded, "Aren't you going to let

go?" Observing the two women closely, with Mia pressing Maya against the

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wall, their positions seemed oddly intimate from a distance.

Was Mia now targeting women as well?

Sharon hurried over and exclaimed, “Mia, what are you doing to Ms. Lane?”

Upon spotting Sharon, Maya swiftly adopted a pitiable expression. “Mrs. Barrett, I have no idea what Ms. Bowen wants from me. She suddenly restrained me and wouldn’t let go. She even hurt my hand!” Mia immediately

let go and responded with a cheerful expression, “I was simply teasing Ms. Lane, that’s all.” Sharon looked up. “Is it appropriate to play such a prank on

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Ms. Lane? Tim, you witnessed it firsthand!” Observing Timothy’s displeased expression, Mia couldn’t shake off her unease. Why was he so concerned about Maya?

It wasn’t as if Mia had caused any significant harm to Maya.

Maya quickly turned to Timothy with a pleading expression. “I can’t believe

Mia harassed me just now. Thankfully, you arrived in time, or I don’t know

what might have occurred.

“After all, I am heterosexual. I’m only interested in men.” Mia was taken aback

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and stared incredulously at Maya. “Please tell me, when did your moral compass go astray?” When exactly did Mia behave inappropriately?
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 333
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 333-Mia never expected that
Maya

would one day accuse her of harassment. She couldn’t fathom Maya’s audacity.

Maya retorted defiantly, “Did I say something wrong? Who was the one embracing me downstairs and pushing me into the elevator just now? And who pinned me against the wall, refusing to let me go?” Mia felt a blow to her sense of dignity.

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Before she could explain, Timothy firmly grasped her arm, his lips forming a tight line. “Mia, follow me.
“Timothy, let go!” Mia glanced back at Maya, who sported a smug expression.
She couldn’t shake the feeling that she had been tricked again!
What was going on with Timothy?
Mia found herself ushered into a corner by Timothy, and just as she was about to speak, he seized her chin. “Mia, it seems you’re growing more daring, aren’t you? How did I miss that before?” Meeting Timothy’s intense gaze, Mia scoffed. “Well, I’ve always warned you against judging me from

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your narrow perspective. I doubt you'd comprehend," she retorted sarcastically.

At her words, Timothy's lips pressed into a thin line. "Grandma would be upset if she knew about your attraction to women." Mia was caught off guard by Timothy's words. After all, she was straight!

Mia chuckled in exasperation. "Alright, now that it's out there, I won't keep pretending. Yes, I'm bisexual. I've come to realize that men aren't all they're cracked up to be.

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“Women are nurturing and understanding, and we connect on a deeper level.

They’re much better than those arrogant men.” Upon hearing Mia’s confession, Timothy’s expression turned grim. He could sense Mia was mocking him for his arrogant behavior.

Just as Timothy was about to respond, Mia’s phone rang. She checked the screen and noticed it was Connor calling.

Brushing aside Timothy’s hand, she said, “Excuse me, I need to go now.” Timothy glanced at Mia’s phone, which showed Connor’s incoming call.

A

slight frown creased “If he can’t accept it, then I’ll simply find someone who

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will,” Mia muttered nonsensically.

With that, she turned and briskly descended the stairs through the nearby emergency exit, deliberately avoiding the elevator to evade any potential encounters with Maya and Sharon.

Observing Mia leave, Timothy’s irritation grew.

He was already unhappy about Mia’s relationship with Connor, and now her

apparent interest in Maya only made him more aggravated.

Was Mia trying to charm every member of the Lane family?

“Tim.” Just then, Maya’s pitiful voice echoed.

She glanced at Timothy but didn’t spot Mia. It seemed as though Mia had fled

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out of a sense of guilt.

Timothy's expression turned cold as he directed his gaze toward Maya, noticing her delicate appearance, which seemed even more petite compared to Mia's.

With these thoughts swirling in his mind, Timothy couldn't help but find Maya's face particularly irritating.

He spoke in a cold voice, "Keep your distance from Mia from now on. Don't get too close to her." Upon hearing this, Maya's expression shifted instantly to

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one of surprise. “Tim, I knew you-*

But before Maya could finish her sentence, Timothy abruptly turned and walked away, leaving Maya standing alone.

Despite Timothy’s sudden departure, Maya’s mood notably improved. She interpreted his actions as a sign of his care for her.

Certainly, Timothy’s insistence that Maya keep her distance from Mia appeared to be motivated by his concern for Maya’s well-being.

Maya’s face lit up with a radiant smile. She was confident that Timothy would

never show any interest in someone like Mia, who had been born an orphan.

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Just then, Sharon approached. “Maya, what did Tim say?” “He told me to stay away from Mia. It’s clear he still cares about me.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 334-Sharon smiled knowingly. “Ms. Lane, as I mentioned earlier, Mrs. Barrett Senior’s surgery has been successfully carried out.

“Tim’s respect for Mrs. Barrett Senior is what led him to endure Mia’s presence for so long. Now that the surgery is finished, it’s only a matter of time before Mia is promptly shown the door.” Maya’s expression turned smug as she remembered something. “But what about Mrs. Barrett Senior’s heir

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agreement?” “No need to worry. Mia isn’t pregnant. That document is merely worthless paper.” After pondering for a moment, Maya felt much more relieved.

Mia descended the stairs to join Connor, and together they headed home.

As Mia sat in the passenger seat, her mind churned with thoughts of Maya’s

accusations earlier. The memory of being labeled a harasser by Maya stirred

a deep sense of disgust within Mia.

She was well aware of Maya’s questionable ethics but hadn’t anticipated them

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sinking to such depths.

Connor drove cautiously, attentively monitoring Mia's expression. He feared

that Mia might have uncovered their true identities during her altercation with

Maya.

After some time, Connor gathered the courage to inquire, "Mia, what did you

and Maya discuss earlier?" Mia's expression shifted slightly, a hint of awkwardness crossing her features. "Honestly, we didn't talk much. I just escorted her upstairs to see Grandma Laura outside the intensive care unit.

"We didn't discuss anything important." Mia couldn't possibly divulge to

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Connor that Maya had accused her of harassment, could she?
Upon hearing Mia's response, Connor finally exhaled a sigh of relief. It seemed that nothing concerning had emerged from Mia and Maya's conversation, easing his worries.
"Connor, do you know Maya?" Mia suddenly asked.
Connor swallowed nervously. "Well, I've encountered her a couple of times at the hospital." Mia nodded in understanding. Given that Maya's brother was a skilled surgeon, it was logical for Considering Connor's employment at the same hospital & made ansatt det paths had crossed on occasion.

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“Why the sudden interest? Connor probed.

“It’s nothing. I was simply curious. Maya seems to think there’s something romantic between us. and Timothy shares the same sentiment. Mis replied with a resigned smile.

Connor felt beads of sweat forming on his forehead “S–So, how did you respond?” !! Mis disclosed their sibling relationship, Maya would undoubtedly

be aware of it by this point.

“I didn’t bother to clarify. If they want to misinterpret things, let them. It doesn’t

really bother A glimmer of sarcasm flickered in Mia’s eyes.

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She had no intention of causing problems for Connor with Maya, and as for

Timothy, Mia simply preferred to avoid the topic entirely.

“Mia, why not just tell Timothy and Maya that I’m your brother?” Connor proposed.

Observing Mia’s reaction, Connor felt a bit disheartened. He hadn’t been aware that Mia had kept their identities hidden all along.

Connor and his brothers had always thought they were good at hiding their true relationship.

Mia smiled faintly. “There isn’t much to discuss anyway. I’ll be departing Bern

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City and relocating to Nord City in a few months. It's best to keep things brief to avoid any unnecessary complications." "Mia, are you concerned about trouble for yourself, or are you worried about implicating us?" Connor suddenly understood Mia's intention behind her words about disclosing limited information. It was clear that Mia was being cautious, trying to avoid any potential trouble. For a moment, Connor's eyes welled up slightly. He never realized that Mia had been the one safeguarding their secret identities all along, concealing it from everyone.

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Meanwhile, Connor and his brothers had mistakenly commended themselves, believing they were skilled at hiding the truth. Mia offered a gentle smile. “Actually, it doesn’t really matter. I just prefer to keep unnecessary people from knowing too much.” 213 *15 BONOS Observing Mia’s understanding smile, Connor swallowed nervously before speaking. “Mia, there’s something I need to tell you.” Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 335-Mia subtly turned her head, observing Connor in the driver’s seat. She couldn’t help but sense a hint of

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unease in his gaze.

Connor's eyes betrayed a mix of guilt and affection, his emotions entangled.

Curious, Mia wondered what Connor was about to disclose.

As she drifted into her thoughts, she suddenly blurted out, "Connor, you've

never had a fling with Maya before, have you?" Abruptly, the car screeched to a halt.

In a shocked tone, Connor replied, "Absolutely not!" Before he could elaborate, the sound of impact resonated from behind the car, cutting their conversation short.

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Mia's complexion paled. "Connor, did our car get hit?" "Yeah, it seems like a minor rear-end collision. Mia, could you step out of the car and wait on the roadside while I handle this?" Connor directed. Feeling anxious, Mia exited the vehicle and spotted a sleek sports car behind them. Suddenly, a woman emerged from the driver's side, emitting an air of sophistication that instantly caught Mia's attention.. Mia couldn't shake the sense of familiarity upon seeing the woman. Finding that the driver wasn't a burly man, Mia's tension eased slightly.

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She stood patiently on the roadside, observing as Connor and the woman conversed. Their striking appearances made them a sight to behold. As Mia gazed at the poised woman, a realization dawned on her. After quickly searching on her phone, Mia confirmed that the woman was indeed Georgia Wiseman -a singer whose music Mia particularly enjoyed. As she wasn't an A-list celebrity, Mia hadn't immediately recognized her. Filled with excitement, Mia deliberated whether she should approach Georgia and request an autograph.

+15 BONOS Shortly after, Connor exchanged contact details with Georgia, and she drove off in her sports car.

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Connor pulled over to the side of the road and reassured Mia, saying, “Mia, you can hop back in the car. It was just a minor rear–end collision, nothing major. The insurance company will handle everything.” As Mia settled back into her seat, her excitement bubbled over. “Connor, did you swap contact details with that woman?” “Yeah, I got her WhatsApp so we can easily stay in touch. Even though she rear–ended us, it was my fault for stopping suddenly in the middle of the road,” Connor clarified. “Connor, did you find her attractive?” Mia inquired.

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Connor arched an eyebrow, taking a moment before turning to Mia. “She’s okay, but in my opinion, you’re the most beautiful.” Truly, no other woman could match Mia’s kindness, intelligence, and beauty! It seemed as though Connor excessively doted on Mia. Mia pressed her lips together and confessed, “Connor, I was really tempted to ask her for an autograph just now, but I couldn’t muster the courage to approach her.” “An autograph? Is she a celebrity?” Connor inquired. “Yeah, sort of. She’s a fairly renowned singer, but she prefers to stay out of the spotlight. Still, I never imagined she’d be even more stunning in person

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than in photos. I truly admire her,” Mia elaborated.

Connor hadn’t anticipated that the woman earlier was a celebrity. It was indeed surprising.

Observing Mia’s admiring glance made Connor slightly uneasy. It felt as if she

was being captivated by Georgia.

Not long after they got home, Connor parked the car and cleared his throat before addressing Mia.

“Mia, I’d like to discuss something with you,” he said.

“What is it?” Mia inquired.

“Please, don’t mention to Dominic that I drove you home and that we were rear-ended on the way. You know how volatile Dominic’s temper can be,”

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Connor explained.

Mia blinked in surprise. “Is Dominic’s temper really that explosive? I haven’t

seen it to that extent.” Mia simply thought Dominic could be a bit impulsive at times.

Feeling exasperated, Connor playfully tousled Mia’s hair. “Dominic is only gentle with you. Nathan and I received plenty of scoldings from him when we were younger,” “Well, that’s probably because you guys weren’t very obedient.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 336-As Mia stepped out of the car, she glanced at Connor and reassured him. “Don’t worry, I won’t mention anything to Dominic.” Entering the house together, Mia was greeted by a delightful aroma, indicating that Patricia had prepared something delicious.

In the living room, Mia spotted a handsome young man sitting on the couch.

Her eyes widened in surprise. “Claude?” Claude stood up from the couch with

a smile and went over to Mia, affectionately ruffling her hair.

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“Mia, why are you back so late today? Did you have a busy day at college?”

Mia hesitated before replying, “No, Grandma Laura had surgery today, so I had to stay at the hospital until the operation was finished.” Claude shot a glance at Connor. Aware of Mia’s previous role as a caregiver in the Barrett

household, Claude had always been opposed to Connor’s involvement in surgeries for the Barrett family.

However, given that it was Mia’s personal request, Claude refrained from saying much. After all, Mia was known for her kindness.

With a charming smile, Claude suggested, “Shall we grab a bite to eat first?”

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Emerging from the kitchen, Patricia chimed in. “That sounds like a plan. Since everyone’s here, let’s wash up and enjoy our meal. “By the way, Mia, since Claude is visiting and the weekend is approaching, why don’t you join him for a stroll around Bern City?” Mia nodded in agreement. “Sure. Claude, are you here in Bern City for leisure or business?” Since Mia’s brothers typically had hectic work schedules, they only managed to visit her in Bern City during their vacations or business trips. Claude replied casually, “I’m here for business, but I thought it was a good

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opportunity to take a break too.” Nonetheless, the main purpose of his visit was to see Mia.

Amid Mia’s sudden discovery earlier, Claude’s schedule was filled with work

commitments, leaving him with little time to travel to Bern City.

Having finally arranged his work schedule, Claude naturally desired to spend

time with Mia in Bern City.

Mia had fairly good relationships with her six brothers, although she didn’t interact much with Claude and Jason.

Jason, being a lawyer, had assisted Mia previously when she faced false accusations.

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However, with Claude, Mia sensed a lack of connection between them. Despite not knowing much about Claude, Mia couldn't deny his striking appearance. If Claude ever decided to pursue a career in the limelight, there

was no doubt he would become a sensation.

The next day, Mia prepared to go to the studio.

The previous evening, she had sent a text to Felix, requesting time off.

Mia had to serve as a tour guide for Claude over the next couple of days and

also had to visit Laura at the hospital, leaving her with little spare time.

Mia had no intention of reporting to the studio for duty this weekend.

Upon her arrival, Mia promptly switched on her computer and efficiently

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handled her remaining tasks, ensuring a seamless handover. With her reduced availability in the future, she decided not to take on many new projects.

“Mia, you’re here! Weren’t you supposed to be on leave this weekend?”

Felix exclaimed, his eyes lighting up upon seeing Mia.

Mia responded nonchalantly, “I just came to drop off some documents.”

Just as Felix was about to speak, the door to the adjacent guest room swung open,

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and Janice emerged. “Felix, have you finished your work? Oh, hi, Mia! What brings you here?” Mia’s expression shifted slightly, feeling a hint of awkwardness. “I came to take care of some work, but it looks like you two have plans. You can go ahead first.” Mia couldn’t help but notice Janice’s elegant attire, suggesting she was getting ready to go somewhere. Felix quickly clarified, “It’s nothing major. My mom rarely visits, so I thought I’d take her out for a bit of sightseeing and fun over the weekend.” Janice’s gaze was pensive as she approached, linking her arm with Mia’s. “Mia, there’s something 2/3 WIS QUIS, 20 bakat ask “Alle replied.

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Coding both dance lied to your cousin currently single?”
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 337-Ala was still slightly perplexed
to hear that. “My cousin?” She didn’t have a cousin.
Before the situation registered in Mia, Janice asked, “Don’t be a stranger, Mia.
Tell me, is your cousin single? Is he married? Handsome and rich, he’s a hot
catch!” Frowning, Felix interrupted, “Mom, what are you talking about?
How
could Mr. Barrett be single?” Timothy was the heir of the richest family in Bern

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City! Even if marriage wasn't in his plan, there was no way he could be single.

And even if he was single, he was out of their league, Felix's plan was to win

Mia's heart and then boost his career to further heights by leveraging Mia's

relationship with Timothy, Mia still couldn't wrap her head around the situation

after hearing Janice's question, Did Janice take a liking to Timothy and have

plans to introduce someone to him?

Janice quickly said, "It won't hurt to ask. Besides, is your cousin sister that

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bad? She studied abroad! She's pretty and highly educated, which makes her a decent candidate. Can't I ask around for her sake?" Mia's guess hit right at the bulls-eye—Janice was attempting to play matchmaker. Janice gazed at Mia, "Mia, I'm just asking for my niece. If he's taken or doesn't want a blind date, then forget it." The corner of Mia's lips twitched. She coughed before answering. "I think he's single." Timothy and Mia were going to proceed with the divorce procedures at the courthouse next Monday. If they

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divorced, he could be considered single.

Excited, Janice grinned from ear to ear. “Really? What’s his type? You heard

Felix. His cousin sister is a good candidate and has high standards. She also

studied abroad.

“Your cousin is running a company, isn’t he? This relationship could be a boon

to his career.” At her wit’s ends, Mia was slightly baffled on how to answer the

bombarded questions.

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“Are you reluctant to introduce someone to him? He might like her, though.

Then, we’ll be able to be in-laws.” “Mrs. Quilter, it’s not that I don’t want to.

He’s a distant relative of mine.” Introducing someone to Furthermore, considering Timothy’s status, he would have rich ladies lining up to be his partner.

Not to mention how much Sharon liked Maya. That alone left others with only

wishful thinking. Getting married to a scion wasn’t that easy.

“Mia, you don’t have to do anything. Give me his WhatsApp. Or give it to Felix,

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too. He can share the contact with his cousin sister.” Felix hurriedly cut Janice off. “Enough, Mom. We’re getting late. Let’s hurry.” Only then she was willing to leave the office. Outside the office, she whispered to Felix, “Why did you stop me?” “Mom, if my cousin hangs out with Mia’s cousin, that’ll make Mia and I a family. What if those rich people are bothered by this idea?” Janice expressed disapproval. “Mia ain’t that rich. The woman you’re meeting today is rich. She’s your cousin’s classmate. You gotta show her your best.

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“If Mia doesn’t work, you at least have another option. It won’t hurt to try out both at the same time. Given your handsome looks, you should at least look for a rich and pretty partner.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 338-Felix looked at his reflection on the elevator wall, wearing a proud face.

There wasn’t much progress with Mia because it would take long for her to open up to him.

Indeed, he should make more plans for himself.

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Mia left the studio after arranging the documents. She pulled out her phone to contact Claude, wanting to tell him that her work was over. However, no one picked up the phone. What was going on? Was he still busy? Last night, they promised to meet up after she clocked off work. Figuring that he was in the middle of work, she brushed off the intention to call him again. She texted him instead, “Claude, I’m off work now.” Within seconds, a call from Claude came. Mia answered the call without a second thought. “Claude, I-” “Who are you?”

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Why did you call in?” It was a female voice, an interrogative and cold tone.

Stunned momentarily, Mia glanced at the number. “Sorry, I must’ve called the

wrong number.” Did Claude make a mistake with the digits when he gave her

his number last night? That couldn’t be.

Surprisingly, the woman on the other line sounded aggressive. “Stop playing

dumb! What’s your relationship with Claude? How did you know him?”

That

reaction took Mia by surprise. It was Claude’s number!

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But who was this woman? Was it his girlfriend? If so, Mia should straighten things up to prevent misunderstandings. Mia hurriedly explained, “It’s not what you think it is.” “What do you mean by that? I checked your WhatsApp chat history with him. You had his number since a few months ago. That was when he had business trips in Bern City. “You didn’t keep in touch for a period, but he kept wiring you money. Girl, you have a bright future Mia’s brows creased. “Mind your language, please. Do

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you have to be this rude? You didn't even hear me out. How could you jump to conclusions by accusing me of being a prostitute?" That woman barked, "What do you do for a living then? Women always swarm around Claude because of his status and looks. I've seen and taken care of cases of your kind many times.

"I'm warning you, stop daydreaming. He's not someone you can make him stay." The call disconnected just like that.

Mia was totally dumbfounded. Was that Claude's girlfriend? Based on that woman's description, he seemed to be a playboy.

Mia didn't know what to do about this because she didn't have the right to intervene in his personal relationships.

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However, there seemed to be a big misunderstanding over the conversation.

Mia and Claude exchanged contact numbers, but they didn't talk. He did wire her money before and after the Fleur International Design Competition, but that was his form of incentive to spur her on.

It wasn't as that woman said it was.

After contemplation, Mia messaged Claude, "Claude. Your girlfriend seems to

have misunderstood something about us. Please clear things up with her."

However, the other party had blocked her number!

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 339-Realizing that her number was blocked, Mia was so stunned that she couldn't speak.

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Would anyone believe this? That her cousin's girlfriend actually blocked her

number?

Claude must have been in the middle of something. That was why he wasn't

aware of Mia's messages and the misunderstanding occurred.

After considering the whole situation, Mia decided to put it at the back of her

mind until he was available.

Even if Mia attempted to explain her stance to the woman, the woman wouldn't buy it anyway.

Since she had taken leave before coming out of the studio and Claude was

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busy, what should she do?

“How about visiting Grandma at the hospital?” she thought.

Then, she hailed a cab to go to the hospital.

Laura was still in the ICU, and no visitors were allowed at the moment.

Therefore, all Mia could do was ask the medical staff about Laura’s condition.

The nurse recounted, “Status showed something abnormal about her blood pressure during the dawn, but we managed to stabilize her. Her condition is

stable right now.” Mia’s heart surged to her throat at the mention of the critical

condition Laura was in. Fortunately, Laura’s life was no longer in danger.

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Mia couldn't check on Laura herself, so she prayed for Laura. On her way out of the hospital, Mia ran into Timothy and some doctors at the elevator. A discussion seemed to be going on. Timothy raised his head only to be surprised to see her. Calmly, he spoke to the doctors, "Please inform me if anything happens." "Don't worry, Mr. Barrett. There's a team specially assigned to look after Mrs. Barrett Senior. All medical staff are on shift until her life is out of danger." Timothy nodded in response

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and the doctors dispersed.

Needless to say, Mia had overheard what the doctor said. With the 24/7 surveillance, there shouldn't be any issue.

Timothy pursed his lips, "Grandma's fine now. Don't worry." He sounded a

little stiff.

She nodded. "Glad to hear that." "You're not working? It's the weekends."

He

recalled that she had to work on weekends.

In fact, someone as talented as Mia wouldn't have needed to work overtime in

his company on the weekends.

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However, she'd rather stay in that small studio. The thought of the owner of the studio perturbed Timothy.

She paused for a second. "I've made up my mind. Studies come before anything. I can earn a living by accepting orders occasionally, so I don't have

to go to work." A crease formed between his brows. "Earn a living? You need

money?" "Yes. We always need money to sustain ourselves. After all, we have to pay bills and cover our expenses." His gaze focused on her for a moment. Then, he fished out his wallet and pulled out a black card." Take it."

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Mia gave the black card a glimpse, but she didn't take it. "No, thank you. I don't need it." "Previously, you didn't want those assets. But you need money now. If words get out, it'll tarnish my reputation." She couldn't understand Timothy's train of thought. "How do my living circumstances have something to do with your reputation?" Was Timothy plotting a scheme? There was an awkward shift in his expression. "You're my wife." "We're going to divorce soon." "It doesn't matter if you're my ex-wife. People might see me as someone stingy toward his ex- wife. Just take it." Mia retreated one step

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backward. “No. Give up.” If she accepted his money, what would that make her? Wouldn’t that make her a gold–digger? Right then, Mia’s phone rang. She cast a glance at the dialer’s name. It was Claude! Quickly, she answered the call. “Hey, you finally called.” 2/3 “Are you Claude’s family?” She paused. “Yes, I am.” Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 340-“We’re the cops. There’s an issue at Vania Hotel. Could you come over?” Mia could tell that something

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happened to Claude, He rarely traveled to Bern City, making him a foreigner

here!

Worried, she hung up the call and ran out of the hospital. She bypassed Timothy, who watched her leave.

He didn't expect her to leave so suddenly without sparing him a word! His lips

pursed into a thin line as he stared at her back. Mixed feelings swarmed in him.

Just what had happened that made her this anxious?

It couldn't be Connor, who actually rushed over to examine Laura a while ago.

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He was now having his break time.

That left the question hanging in the air—who was the person that called Mia?

A distressed Mia took a cab to Vania Hotel.

There was a group of people standing outside a presidential suite, seemingly guarding the entrance.

She thought they would stop her, but to her surprise, they let her enter the room.

Questions began popping in her head.

She headed to the bedroom, where she saw two officers.

There, sitting on the couch, was a gorgeous lady and Claude cladding in a

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robe. Their expressions were grim.

Mia walked up to them, her eyes on Claude. “What happened?” Did the couple fight because of that misunderstanding?

He sighed. “Nothing big. The cops simply need someone from our family for

verification because I’m from Nord City.” As soon as he finished, the gorgeous

lady spoke up, “What do you mean by nothing big? You better explain yourself, Claude Lane. Did you come to Bern City for a business trip or an affair? I thought it was a hot chick. I didn’t expect her to be so lame—”

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“Shut up!” His visage turned frosty as he stared at her. “You can tell me off, but not Mia.” He was a playboy, but no one could talk trash about her sister.

He frowned. “And take that back. Which part of Mia is lame? She’s kind, mature, and pretty.” The sudden praise caught Mia off guard. How could he

blurt something like that so overtly when his girlfriend looked like a celebrity?

“Are you finally admitting, Claude Lane? Didn’t you say you like me? We’ve

only started hanging out less than a month, but you already have a new

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lover!” Things were getting out of control. Mia quickly cleared up the misunderstanding. “Miss, you’re misunderstanding. He’s my brother. It’s not like what you think it is.” That lady roared, “Stop giving me that bullshit! I’m not buying it! I did the same to be his girlfriend back then. If you’re planning to do the same to drive a wedge between us, not a chance!” Silence dawned upon Mia and the two officers. Claude said, “Enough. I’ve reached my limit. Let’s break up. You can leave.”

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With reddened eyes, the woman wore a pitiful face. “Claude, you can’t break up with me! Don’t you know how much I like you?” Of course, Mia didn’t want to be the cause of their breakup. That would make her a sinner! She approached him. “Claude, it’s because I messaged you this morning and she’s taking our relationship the wrong way.” He scrolled through his WhatsApp to check the chat history, but Mia’s name wasn’t on the list! Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 341-Realizing that Claude was scouring her name, Mia explained. “It’s not there.” This was so awkward for

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her.

“Why not? I pinned your chat, though.” He clearly remembered that he had

pinned their chat, but it vanished.

She let out a wry cough. “My number’s blocked.” “Who blocked your number?”

Learning that Mia’s number was blocked, he turned behind fiercely.” Was it

you? I let you use my phone and yet you blocked Mia’s number?” That lady

sobbed, “I asked you to pin our chat, but you just wouldn’t. And now you’ve

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pinned another woman's chat. How could you? I'm your girlfriend!"

"Know your

place. How can you compare yourself with her?" Claude was livid, but he reined himself in because Mia was around.

His angry expression gave way to a gentle one before he turned to face Mia.

"Mia, this is a misunderstanding. I didn't block your number. Don't be angry."

"I'm not." Mia shifted her gaze onto the crying lady. Mixed feelings churned in

her as she didn't know what to say.

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Playboy yo The way he suggested a breakup did sound like that of a
playboy.

At that moment, an officer stood up. “Enough. Miss, please sign your
name

here. You may resolve the personal issue yourself.” Mia signed her name
on

the document. “Sorry for the trouble.” Silence filled the room,
accompanied by
the woman’s crying.

Annoyed, he looked at Mia. “Mia, let’s go.” “Are you sure?” “Yeah. Just
leave

her alone. Give me a second. I should get changed.” He went to the other

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bedroom.

Mia felt slightly awkward standing in the middle of the room as she waited.

She spoke to the lady on the couch, “Hey there-” Before Mia could finish, the

lady shot glares at her and rushed into the bedroom.

Words failed Mia. She spun and stayed where she was. It would be unbecoming of her to enter the bedroom when Claude was changing clothes

inside.

Soon enough, she could hear his voice. “What are you doing here? Are you

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crazy? Why are you stripping?” Worried that Mia would be appalled by the scene, he closed the door.

That woman seized the chance to hug him from the back. “Claude, I know you still have feelings for me. Didn’t you say that I have a hot body last night?”

With a deadpan face, he grabbed her chin. “Yes. But you shouldn’t have talked ill about my sister. You’re nothing but a toy to me. You think I don’t know what you’ve been doing out there with my name?”

“If you want to get away unscathed, leave this instant! Otherwise, the next

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guest to visit your doorstep will be a lawyer.” Claude himself admitted that he was a playboy. This woman actually did everything in her power to drive a wedge between him and his ex, only to become his girlfriend. He turned a blind eye to it because she wasn’t the only toy he had. He had always been generous and forgiving to his girlfriend, but there was a limit to it. No way he could condone his girlfriend getting mad at Mia, let alone blocking Mia’s number. That woman shrunk her neck in the face of those frosty eyes. He was legitimately livid.

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Disgusted, he removed her arms. “Pack up your stuff and get your ass back to

Nord City!

“If I catch you staying here without my permission or causing Mia trouble, don’t blame me for not showing mercy. I can have you canceled with a lift of a finger.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 342-Horror finally registered in the woman’s system, hence her slow response. “Okay, I’ll leave. Don’t get angry.

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Let's give each other some time. I'll be waiting. We can talk after you come back to Nord City." Claude's eyes were steely. To him, there was nothing to talk about between them anymore.

As long as she hadn't crossed the line, he wouldn't have been bothered by her antics and little tricks. However, now that Mia was involved, he couldn't let it slide.

He hummed in response. The solution for now was to send this crazy woman

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back to Nord City so that she wouldn't cause him trouble in Bern City, as well

as to save Mia from trouble.

His response brightened the woman up. She packed up her luggage happily.

As long as they didn't break up, there were ways to wrap him around her fingers once he returned to Nord City.

Claude, who got changed, left the bedroom.

The way Mia faced her back in the bedroom appeared cute to him and he chuckled. "Sit. Why are you standing there?" She spun around, still finding the

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situation awkward. “Since everything’s resolved, should I go now? Why don’t the two of you sit down and talk?” After all, this was between him and his girlfriend. Mia shouldn’t get in their way. “No. If someone has to leave, it’s her, not you.” As soon as he said that, the woman stormed out of the place with her luggage. Now that they were alone, Mia asked, “Claude, did I get you into trouble? Did you explain it to her?”. “She’s not someone important. This kind of woman-” He stopped halfway

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through his speech to speak gently. “Mia, she’s my girlfriend, nothing more than that. She won’t be your sister-in-law.” The corner of Mia’s lips twitched.

It is official now—Claude was a playboy!

Sensing that he was losing respect from her, he elucidated, “Mia, dating and

marriage are two different matters. See what happened a while ago? I think we’re not the right match.” Reality finally sank in her, that there was a playboy

among her six brothers.

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In the face of his gorgeous eyes, she couldn't help but sigh. Claude did look like the popular guy among women. A spasm of guilt hit him as he rubbed his nose, embarrassed. "Let's go to the tourist attraction. I heard that it's a popular place to watch the sunset." Mia nodded. It was his relationship issue after all. She couldn't meddle in it, could she? It was fortunate that they were a family. And soon, they left Vania Hotel together and hopped into his car. A black luxury car was parked by the roadside. Timothy witnessed them take

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the same car and he frowned. “Look into that man. Find out who is he.” A while ago, curiosity and worries simply got the best of him. He was curious

what made Mia anxious and was worried about her safety.

It was a reasonable concern after considering how her adoptive parents actually kidnapped her to the mountains.

Yet, he turned out to be the clown! It was an unnecessary worry.

Heath called the hotel management to look into the matter, which put him in a

tight position to tell Timothy the truth or not.

“Spill it.” Timothy loosened his tie.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 343-As if a thunderstorm clouded over him, Timothy was very irritated. Heath decided to just bite the bullet and went for it. “According to the hotel manager, that man stays in a presidential suite. “The cops were involved because his girlfriend caught him having an affair with another woman.” “Who’s the other woman?” Timothy questioned. A sheen of cold sweat covered Heath’s forehead. Timothy was asking the obvious. This was a fatal question!

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Left with no choice, Heath mustered the courage to answer. “It’s Mrs. Barrett.”

He could sense the shift in the atmosphere as soon as he revealed that. It took Timothy a while before he instructed, “Let’s go.” Heath was confused

by the vague order.

Go? Where to?

Mia and Claude spent the whole afternoon visiting the tourist attractions nearby.

It had been years since she last went outside to have fun, let alone visit the local tourist attractions. Due to her financial circumstances, she had to work

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part-time jobs round the clock to earn a living.
It was getting late and they decided to call it a day.
Mia, who got into the car, took a glimpse at the rearview mirror.
Claude took the wheel. “What’s wrong, Mia?” “Nothing.” “It’s getting late. Let’s grab something to eat first. I came across a famous restaurant online. We can try it out.” It was the right timing, she was a little hungry too.
They drove to the famous restaurant. As they entered the restaurant, she happened to notice a familiar face—was that Felix?
Felix was sitting next to Janice. And sitting opposite them was a gorgeous lady.

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He even poured a glass of water for the lady like a gentleman. The bouquet of

roses on that empty chair added invisible pink bubbles to the air.

It seemed like a blind date.

Withdrawing her gaze, Mia followed Claude to a private lounge upstairs.

After returning home, Claude proffered Mia a black card. “Take it. Don’t mind

the amount and buy whatever you want in the future.” Mia chuckled lightly.

“Looks like your business is on a roll, huh? I heard that the vocational academy is going to be listed. Are there many intakes for piano lessons?”

He

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looked at her. “You want to learn piano?” She shook her head. “No, just asking. I’m over the age for that.” At that moment, Patricia walked out of her room. “She had a knack for piano when she was young. “Our neighbor downstairs bought an electronic keyboard, and she picked the pieces very quickly just by looking at the music scores. “According to the neighbor, Mia was gifted at playing piano. Unfortunately, we were too poor to afford a piano and send her to piano lessons.” Her eyes were

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slightly red. “If Mia had grown up with you guys, she would’ve grown up like a princess. She wouldn’t have needed to go through the mill.” Claude’s mood turned sour at that.

Indeed. If that evil nanny hadn’t lost the young Mia, Mia wouldn’t have been wandering out there and suffering.

Solemnly, he said, “Anyone can start learning piano at any time. I came here

to run a music academy in the city anyway. You can come and learn piano,

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Mia.” “Can I really start learning it from now?” He nodded. “The earliest time to start something is now.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 344-A bright smile adorned Mia’s face. “Great! I would like to try!” After all, she didn’t have to worry about money anymore now.

Besides, not being able to learn piano when she was young due to lack of money had always been a bitter regret. She would like to take the chance to make up for it.

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Patricia turned into a happy bunny at the news. “You should definitely go for it, Mia. Claude is a piano teacher. He can teach you.” Claude was still hiding the fact that he was a pianist. Later on, he would have to call upon his team to establish a piano academy in Bern City. He had the responsibility to make his lie into a reality no matter what it took. Mia and Claude shared a short conversation regarding the piano lessons. When she returned from a toilet break, he was not in the living room. She scrutinized the balcony, which was also empty. “Where is he?” “He left

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because something urgent came up. This is the card he left for you.” The sight of the black card churned mixed feelings in her. Ever since her brothers’ career was booming, they kept giving her money. She held the black card. “Aunt Patricia, should I accept this? You taught me to live with pride even though we were poor.” “Silly girl. This is the money your brother gave you. They’re your family. I’ve asked, and Claude said that this is nothing to them. It’s your pocket money, so take it.

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“You guys are a family, who’ll go through thick and thin together in the future.”

She grinned. “You’re my family too.” “Mia, Dominic told me that it’ll take too

long for you to settle the house installment alone. They can settle the payment

for you first.

“Eva isn’t bothered by it either. You should give it a thought. You can pay him

back anyway. It’s not a big deal.” “I’ll think about it.” “I’m glad to see how your

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family treats you well, Mia. Family members should help out one “Since you have a family to depend on, why don’t you enjoy the privilege? Don’t be too rigid, Wind down a little. Not anyone can have such a caring brother, let alone six of them. What’s holding you back?” Mia returned to her bedroom and Patricia’s words kept ringing in her ears. As Patricia had said, was Mia being too rigid in front of her brothers?
Her gaze fell upon the black card and she stroked her belly.

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She took her phone out to call Dominic, who answered the call instantly.

“Mia,

what’s up?” “Are you busy?” “Nope. Fire away.” He placed his laptop down

and strode to a quiet corner.

She recounted what Patricia had told her. “Dominic, do you think that I’m being too rigid in front of you guys?” A soft sigh escaped him. “I know we found you very late, Mia. It takes time to bond between siblings. We’re willing

to wait for you to accept us.” Silence sat still over the line for a moment. “I would like to take the privilege then. Please lend me some money. I’d like to

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settle the house installment in one go.” A smirk played on his lips. “Happy to be of service.” The next day, Mia headed straight to the bank for an appointment to settle the house installment.

Right when she received a number, she bumped into Felix.

“Mia, what are you doing here early in the morning?” He sounded astonished.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 345-Mia actually didn't expect to run into Felix at the bank.

She let it register in her for a moment. “I have business here. What about you?” He coughed. “Same.” He didn't reveal his purpose and he appeared

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awkward for some reason.

A while later, an officer came up to them. “Miss, mister, are you here for a loan application?” “Yes,” replied Felix awkwardly.

The officer returned an indifferent look. “Please wait over there. Miss, how

may I help you?” Her arm reached out, handing over the number. “I called this

morning.” The officer’s expression lit up with a pristine smile. “Ms. Bowen,

please come with me. Our manager has been waiting for you.” Such enthusiasm from the other party was out of her expectations. She cast an awkward glance at Felix before following the officer to the VIP room.

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Meanwhile, Felix was surprised to learn that she was a VIP customer of the back. Only depositors of over a million dollars could enjoy such privilege. He wanted to buy a house in Jeinburg, but all of his fortune was invested in the studio.

That was why he came to the bank for a loan. He wondered how much he could borrow.

Soon after, that same officer approached indifferently. “Give me the documents.” Felix sat down and handed him an envelope in an attempt to earn some brownie points. “Please take it as a token of appreciation.” The

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officer pushed the envelope back to him. “Mr. Quilter, honestly, it’s difficult for you to get another loan right now. Why don’t you look for another bank?” Felix’s face fell. “What? I thought things were going well the last time we talked.” “Mr. Quilter, you haven’t settled the loan for your studio. If you want to borrow so much money from a personal loan, the chances of getting an approval is low.” His mood was toppled upside down, but he couldn’t vent it out at the officer. He peeked a glance at the VIP room. “Do you know that rich and young lady?” asked the officer.

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1/2 415 BONOS Felix's eyes lit up at his chance. He coughed before answering, "I do. We graduated from the same school and she's working at my studio right now." "Impressive! How could you have someone as rich as her working for you? Dude, stop thinking of getting a loan. Why don't you ask her if she'd like to invest?" Felix gulped down his saliva. "What is she doing here, though?" "To settle her house installment in advance. The figure goes up to millions! The money was transferred to her account last night, and she's

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here to sign the documents.

“I expect nothing less from the rich. They can pay up millions in cash so readily.” A daring idea played on Felix’s mind after he heard that.

Last night, during the blind date, the lady was turned off when she learned that he didn’t own a house in Jeinburg. That was why he wanted to borrow a

loan to buy a house.

Yet, so coincidentally, he bumped into Mia, who paid off millions of dollars to

settle her mortgage.

How great it was if he could use that money to buy himself a house!

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Felix asked, “How long do I have to make a prior appointment to be eligible for a deduction?” “It depends. About two weeks.” Felix started to structure out his plan. If he could win Mia’s heart, she might not refuse his request if he wanted to borrow money from her. After all, it was meant for their future! It could be their newlywed house in the future! The more he thought about it, the more plausible he thought it was. An hour later, Mia finally settled the procedures and exited the VIP room.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 346-“You’re done, Mia?” Mia snapped her head up only to see Felix walking up to her, her expression stiff.

Yes, What about you? Got the loan?” He sighed, “Nope. The procedures are

kinda troublesome. This kind of thing takes time, it can’t be done in a short

matter of time. Let’s go. Where are you going? I can give you a ride?

“I want to go to the study hall at my college. It’s not the same way as the studio, though. I’m fine going alone.” “What a coincidence! I need to drop by

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the college too. We can go together.” Nothing about the coincidence sounded odd to her. After all, Felix was able to establish his studio by receiving help from college. He sometimes visited for promotional activities and whatnot. Felix drove the car while asking, “Mia, why did you go to the bank? You even went to the VIP room.”

11 “Nothing. It was only for inquiry. I didn’t notice that it was a VIP room.” She hid the fact that she went there to repay her mortgage in advance.

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Dominic wired the money to her account last night. He did it so quickly that it

caught her off guard.

She didn't say much and so Felix didn't pry further. Regardless, the conjecture

that she was loaded in cash was hardened into a fact.

Once the car reached the college, she got out of the car. He watched her back, not wanting to let this chance slip through his fingers.

Based on Felix's speculations, Mia received that huge amount of money from

her brothers. In fact, to be able to pay millions of dollars so readily at this age

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required a powerful family background.

The lady he had a blind date with yesterday was a capable woman, but she came from a humble family.

Although Mia didn't receive a higher education, they shared the same alma mater! Adding her family background, she actually made up a decent candidate herself.

As an afterthought, Felix decided to focus on his pursuit of Mia.

It was the afternoon when Mia exited the study hall. The area was flocked with people.

Judging from the flowers and candles decorating the ground, a confession seemed to be going on.

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“Mia.” The crowd made way for her to see Felix standing in the middle of the field of petals and candles.

A sense of foreboding dawned on her. Was he going to confess to her? The sheer thought of it made her skin crawl.

Felix took a few steps forward, closing in on her. “Mia, I’ve always thought

you’re special from the first time I saw you in school, but I didn’t know what

this feeling in me was.

“Until the day you showed up in the Fleur International Design Competition, I

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finally knew what it was. It was love.

“After that, I shamelessly scouted you to my studio. I was so excited that I couldn’t sleep that day you accepted the offer.” At that point, Mia didn’t have

the mood to listen any longer. She spoke up, “Felix, listen to me first.”

“No,

hear me out, Mia. It wasn’t easy to muster the courage to say this in front of

so many people.

Please let me finish or I won’t be able to do it.

“Once you started coming to work, being able to see your side profile alone

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was enough to brighten my days. I know you're a nice person and that you're careful when it comes to relationships.

"Still, I'd still like to tell you that I can give you the sense of security you want.

I'll love and protect you forever. Please give me a chance." He knelt on the ground on one knee with the bouquet of flowers in his arms.

Pink balloons flew into the sky. It was so romantic.

The ladies watching began squealing. "Gosh, he's so romantic! Accept him!"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 347-Squeals and cheers surged

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among her Juniors, putting Mia in a tight spot. They took the atmosphere to its

full swing without even knowing the context.

In contrast with her frowning expression, Felix's eyes held overflowing anticipation. "Mia, what's holding you back?" What she witnessed back at that

famous restaurant crossed her mind. "Felix, don't you have a girlfriend?"

He

should at least spill the fact that he got to know someone from a blind date and that the female companion had met his parent.

"I don't, Mia. You must've misunderstood something," he quickly denied.

At that moment, a group of people appeared by the stairs near the office.

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Standing at the stairs, Timothy happened to see Mia outside the building with

a man kneeling before her.

Judging from the back, that man seemed to be the owner of the studio, Felix.

Kennedy smiled at that. “It’s not uncommon for this kind of event to happen on

campus. Youth, oh, youth.” Timothy’s eyes slightly narrowed. “It is uncommon.

But he’s confessing to my wife. What’s going on?” As soon as Timothy’s voice

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dropped, Kennedy's expression went stiff. The latter rubbed his eyes to take a closer look. The woman in question was indeed Mia! If his memories served him right, when Mia was rumored to be sponsored by a sugar daddy, Timothy tossed a marriage certificate onto his table in the office to prove their relationship. However, the Barretts later requested for the issue to be buried down the radar. Therefore, no one was aware that Timothy's wife attended this college as of today.

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Pulling out a napkin, Kennedy wiped the sweat on his forehead off. “I—I’ll call the security guards over to clear up the mess immediately.” At the same time, Kennedy which bastard it was that would dare confess to Mia. The bastard should’ve known his place better! Meanwhile, the crowd grew as people flocked. Mia was at a loss, not knowing what to do. 1/2 415 BONOS Things were escalating out of her expectations, catching her off guard. She thought she had made herself clear to Felix previously.

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Unable to turn a blind eye to this, Mia watched Felix seriously, “Felix, I was married once.” Her revelation stumped Felix. “Mia, you’re using this excuse twice to reject me.” “I’m not joking, Felix, I was married. It’s the truth.” Felix observed her expression, sensing that it was neither an excuse nor a lie. Was it really true? His hesitance prompted her to add on. “I stopped coming to school for three

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years because I got married. I returned to school only after I was divorced.” “I see.” Traces of awkwardness were evident from his face. The fact that she had such a history blew his mind. He thought she was joking this entire time! Still, the thought of Mia’s rich brothers—who could pay millions of dollars so easily—wavered Felix. So what if she had divorced? At least, she was filthy rich! After weighing the pros and cons, he announced aloud, “Mia, I don’t care if

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you're divorced. That ain't gonna shake up my feelings and my will to be with you!

“Also, I'd like to thank your ex-husband for letting you go. You're too good of a person for me to let you go.” His reply stunned her as she didn't foresee that from him at all.

Based on what she overheard from Janice, Felix shouldn't be able to accept a divorced woman as his partner.

“Say ‘yes!’ Say ‘yes!’” The watching people were at it again.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 348-“Why the hesitance? He’s not bothered by you being a divorced woman.” “I know, right? He’s such a romanticist. Accept him! Stop standing there, spacing out. You don’t want to miss this good guy!” Felix showed a triumphant face upon hearing that. He had many experiences in pursuing women. His failure rate? Close to nil. It wasn’t that challenging to make Mia fall for him. He now knew why she had been avoiding his pursuit. The fact that she was a divorced woman kept breaking her confidence.

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That was why she couldn't accept his feelings!

The course of reasoning lent him more confidence, that it would be his win this time round.

As long as they tied the knot, Mia's brothers would support and invest in his

studio. Once he achieved success, he could divorce her and marry someone

else.

Meanwhile, Mia was in distress. If Mia rejected him in public, it would be an

embarrassment for him.

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Still, she felt the need to clear things up with him lest the misunderstanding deepened.

She inhaled a deep breath. “Felix, you’re a good guy. But I don’t think we’re a compatible match-” Before she finished, some security guards showed up to disperse the crowd.

One of them aimed a fire extinguisher at the candles. It turned into a mess within seconds.

Felix’s visage turned grim at that, and he questioned them, “What are you guys doing? Can’t you see what we’re up to? Read the room.” His campus

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popularity had fanned his ego. Now that the security guards ruined the scene, it gave his pride a huge hit, and so he took it out on them. A security guard responded calmly, “We’re just following the rules. Dangerous activities are prohibited within the campus grounds.” Felix told them off. “What rules? Is it because I drop by without giving you anything? I’ll make up for it at a later date. Don’t get in my way.” Ignoring him, the security guards discarded those candles into a trash bin.

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+15 BONOS He huffed, “Are you deaf? Are you ready to lose your job? I can gladly grant your wish by talking to Mr. Shaw.” “It’s his orders that we’re following,” the security guard replied. He paused. “No way.” “What no way? It is my orders.” Right then, Kennedy presented himself. Most of the students had dispersed. Mia lifted her head in Kennedy’s direction. There were also a few men in suits besides Kennedy. One of them stood out the most. His good looks alone drew all attention. It

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was Timothy.

He glowered in annoyance. “Mr. Shaw, it looks like safety awareness is not high amongst the students here.” Kennedy quickly explained, “This kind of dangerous activity is prohibited within the campus. I swear! Felix knows it very well and has pushed his luck.

“Felix, you’re a high-achievement graduate here. How could you lead such a bad example?” Kennedy shifted his target to Felix, the chosen scapegoat for

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this trouble.

The consequences would be too much for the college to handle otherwise.

It was hard for Felix to look at Timothy. “I can explain. I’ve gone out of my way

for this to confess to Mia. I don’t usually do this. I hope you can understand,

Mr. Barrett. She’s your cousin, isn’t she?” An ambiguous smile hung across

Timothy’s lips. “My cousin? Who said so?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 350-Instead of getting angry,

Timothy was happy to hear that Mia didn’t like Felix.

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However, he couldn't understand why she weighed him and Felix on the same parallel. Unlike that bastard, Timothy would never set her up! A faint smile spread across his lips. "Guess your judgment of character is still not that bad. Felix's character is a failure. He falls short in a lot of areas compared to his high ambitions. "Not to mention his desire for fame and glory, as well as his calculating side." "Timothy Barrett, is it fun to degrade others?" Although Mia didn't like Felix, he was a diligent man.

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He wasn't as bad as Timothy described.
"I'm laying out the facts." "And I deem your judgment too feeble. Step up your
games." She turned her head to the window, ending the conversation.
The sight of the back of her head annoyed him.
More frustration bubbled up in him when he recalled she left that hotel
with a
man. Timothy didn't know where they went thereafter.
Mia was always with different men, gorgeous-looking men at that.
She checked the time. "Drop me off at that street." "You live here?" He
cast
her a glance.

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“I can take the subway home. It’s convenient.” “Which neighborhood do you live in? I can send you home.” “No need the trouble. You’ll have to take a different direction.” The downright rejection took a hit on his pride as he kicked the driver’s seat. “Did you hear her? Stop the car. Let her down.” Quickly, the driver pulled over by the road. Mia got out of the car immediately, but she stood beside the car door hesitantly before looking at Timothy. His eyes shone in anticipation. “What?” If she decided to accept the ride right

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now, he didn't mind giving her a second chance.

"See you at the courthouse at 9 am tomorrow," she reminded him seriously.

Words failed him.

Before he reacted, the car door was slammed shut. His face was gloomy as he loosened his tie, not even knowing the reason behind his anger.

By the time Mia arrived home, Patricia had prepared a feast for dinner.

With every single bite taken, Claude couldn't stop exclaiming how delicious

the food was. His compliments made Patricia's day as she couldn't stop the

grin on her face.

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Only then did Mia realize how much of a flirt he was. In addition to his good

looks, his slick tongue could win any woman's heart like a breeze!

After the meal, the siblings sat on the couch. She said in an undertone, "Claude, I finally know why you're so popular with women. You have a way

with words." "Can't help it. I'm born with it." "Teach me." He stroked her head.

"You don't need to learn it. Anything you say can make others happy. You don't have to think of ways to butter others up.

"All you have to do is to be you. If someone bullies you, don't forget about

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your six brothers who got your back.” Knowing that someone had her back gave her that familiar sense of security again. It felt different to have someone to rely on.

A smile beamed on her face. “Got it. By the way, when will your music academy start operation? I’d like to take some lessons on the weekends. I don’t want to go to work on weekends.” “It still needs some time. Even if the renovation is done, we still have to remove the formaldehyde.

“How about we buy a piano so we can have lessons at home? I can teach you

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the basics first. Then, you'll be able to catch up once you start learning at the academy." "I'm up for it!" "Get some rest. I should get going now. We can survey for a good piano tomorrow together." 243 She paused at that. Tomorrow was the day Mia and Timothy would go to the courthouse for a divorce!

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 349-Mia was alarmed by Timothy's response. Just what was that bastard scheming? Was he planning to reveal their relationship one day before they divorced? The divorce would happen tomorrow! It left her on tenterhooks.

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Kennedy chided. “What cousin? Shut up, Felix!” He couldn’t believe his ears when Felix blurted that. Mia was Timothy’s wife! How could Felix dare to hit on the wife of the richest man in the city? She was way out of his league! Mia’s cheeks heated at the mention of that word. Back when Wilhelmina spread awful rumors about Mia, Timothy personally resolved the issue by taking their marriage certificate to Kennedy’s office. Thus, Kennedy was aware that they were a married couple.

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Timothy's unfriendly gaze priced through Felix. "How could someone like you confess to her? I object!" Felix's face paled. "Hear me out, Mr. Barrett!"

Now that Timothy was acting as her cousin, Mia wished she could bury herself in a hole.

Timothy ignored Felix and took a step forward, looking at her. "What are you standing there for, cousin sister? Come on, let's go." Under those watchful gazes, she forced herself to move and leave the place with him. Felix wanted to follow but was stopped by the security guards.

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Kennedy frowned. “Felix, you were a bright man. Why are you suddenly acting this way? Mia’s out of your league.” Felix was too prideful to admit his defeat.

“Why can’t I when she’s a woman and I’m a man? I have the freedom to make a choice. You don’t have the right to intervene in this.” After getting together with Mia and having her brothers invest in his studio, he would no longer need to butter up the people in college.

The fact that Mia was a divorced woman gave him more reason to be

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confident. This kind of woman was an easy target.

To add on, he hadn't gotten married before, making him more valuable than

Mia, Mia was smart enough to know that rejecting him was a foolish decision.

With a frosty expression, Felix turned and left. He didn't want to waste any

second longer with Kennedy.

Snorting at Felix's arrogant attitude, Kennedy turned to his secretary, "Pull back all the investment we made in him.

"No use keeping this man under our wing. He's bound to be a jumble of

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trouble. The sooner we cut ties with him, the better it is.” Getting on Timothy’s bad books and losing the investment from the Barrett family would be a huge casualty to the college.

Kennedy intended to offer some advice to Felix, who seemed oblivious to Mia’s relationship with Timothy. But Felix’s attitude made him think twice.

Shortsighted people were bound to meet their end sooner or later anyway. Mia and Timothy left the campus together.

Settling in the back seat, she glanced at the man beside her. “What were you

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doing over here?” “Why ask? Is it because I ruined your happy occasion back

there?” Timothy’s sharp tongue was at it again.

She rested in her seat. “It wasn’t really a happy occasion. Thank god you showed up there. Otherwise, I wouldn’t have known how to get out of that situation.” “Why not? It’s so romantic to have someone kneel on one knee to

confess to you,” he teased, sour about what had happened.

As soon as he finished, he realized how sour his tone sounded and decided to

have a shut-eye and stay quiet.

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She calmly answered, “That depends. I don’t feel the same for Felix. It’s like

how I got married to you with my one–sided feelings and you gave me the cold shoulder for three whole years after waking up.

“Nothing’s romantic about having someone you don’t like liking you.”

There

was a tremendous 2/3 The driver and Heath hushed their breath.

Maybe, Mia was the only person on the planet who dared to talk back at Timothy.

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