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### **chapter 351**

The time for Mia to go to the courthouse would crash with her piano shopping with Claude. She was stuck in a dilemma, what was she going to do? She said hesitantly. “If it’s tomorrow “Oh, silly me. You have school tomorrow, don’t you? I’ll drop you at your college tomorrow.” Claude wished that he could drop her at school.

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After all, it fitted the good brother image he had been dreaming of since a long time ago.

That caught her off guard. “No need for the trouble, Claude.” “What do you mean trouble? It’s my off day tomorrow. What’s wrong with dropping you off at college? Rest up, Mia. I’ll come on time to pick you up tomorrow.” “Claude!”

Before she could say anything, he had left.

Things were getting out of hand. She had an appointment with Timothy tomorrow morning and she had classes in the afternoon.

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Judging from the way Claude acted, he didn't seem like he would accept a refusal.

What should she do to resolve the problem?

It was the very day Mia would divorce Timothy and cut ties with him. At the

same time, she didn't want Claude to find out about her relationship with Timothy lest he found fault with Timothy.

If Claude got on Timothy's bad books, there was no way Claude could run his

music academy in Bern City!

Things were going to end between Mia and Timothy, so she didn't want to cause another trouble.

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Returning to her bedroom, she racked her brain for a solution. What excuse could she make so that Claude wouldn't drop her off at college? If she turned down his offer, would it upset him? He seemed so excited a while ago. Still, she didn't wish for him to know her relationship with Timothy.

At that moment, her phone rang. It was Felix calling.

Mia cast a glance at it, not answering the phone. She had a vague guess on what he intended to say. But she had nothing else to say to him. She had said

everything she should.

Besides, her hunch was telling her that he didn't like her that much. A

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woman's intuition was However, the incessant calls didn't stop as if Felix wouldn't give up until she picked up his call.

When the ringing finally stopped, he texted her, "Mia, I'm outside your place. If

you don't pick up. the call, I'm going to knock on each door until you respond."

That was it. Her patience had reached its limit.

She called him back. "Felix, I've cleared my feelings up with you. We're not

compatible." "Mia, you finally answered my call! Don't worry about what happened back on campus. I'll make up for it with another confession." "I don't

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need that because I won't accept your feelings," she blurted coldly. "Why not? Mia, if you're beaten down by the fact that you're a divorced woman, don't be. Don't let it get to you because I don't mind it at all. The one I like is you." Mia finally experienced first-hand how it felt like to talk past each other in a conversation. She massaged her forehead. "But I don't feel the same way." "Mia, I know your mind is a mess right now. You don't have to turn me down this quickly. I can give you time to think about it. Good night, my dear." With that, he ended

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the call.

His final words played in her head again as she stared at her phone screen in

disbelief. This was just annoying!

Since when was Felix this corny? Mia didn't realize it at all! Perhaps, it was

because he was not her type.

Moreover, she was a pregnant woman who was going to divorce Timothy, ready to stay low in Nord City to give birth to his child.

Never once had she thought of starting another relationship.

She even questioned herself if she had given him the wrong idea, which caused him to like her in the end.

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After that disgusting conversation ended, she contacted Gina to talk about this issue.

Mia also mentioned the day she ran into Felix at that restaurant, where he was having a blind date.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 352-Gina huffed, “Mia, don’t overthink it. Felix is the problem, not you. I thought he was a nice guy, but to

think that he went on a blind date while pursuing you? Damn, he’s shameless.

He’s gaslighting you.” “Gigi. I rejected him when he hinted at me with the flowers. He backed off at that time. He didn’t bring it up anymore.

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“His confession outside the library was completely out of my expectations.

He

even came to my neighborhood at night! He’s freaking me out.” “Mia,

don’t let

the divorce get to you. You deserve someone better. Just ignore Felix.”

The

conversation with Gina made Mia feel better. The call disconnected, and

the

thought of tomorrow morning’s appointment made her frown.

She had a plan—she would get up very early in the morning and leave the

house. When Claude came to pick her up, she could say that she had

already

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left.

This might do the trick.

The next day, by the time Mia woke up, it was a little late.

She didn't hear the alarm.

Quickly, she got changed and left her room only to see Claude walking into

the house alongside Patricia. They bought a lot of stuff.

“You're up! Aunt Patricia and I went out for grocery shopping. We bought a lot

of your favorites.” Patricia carried the groceries to the kitchen. “Wash up.

It's

time to have breakfast, Mia.” Mia let out an awkward yet decent smile.

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Claude came up to her and flicked her forehead. “You’re up so early today. Aunt Patricia said that you don’t have classes on Monday mornings. I was thinking of letting you sleep in before we go to the mall to buy a piano.”

She

coughed. “I don’t have classes in the morning, but I want to go to the study hall for revision.” “Oh, I can drop you at your college after breakfast.” A helpless smile appeared on her face. It seemed like there was no way out of

this after all.

415 50000 After breakfast, she checked the time. “Claude, let’s go.”

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the matter? Are you in a rush?” “Kinda. Something came up.” Mia figured that she could go to college sanly and then take a cab to the courthouse. It should be fine to make Timothy wait for her a little. The oblivious Claude didn’t suspect a thing as he drove her to college. The situation put Mia on tenterhooks along the journey. She texted Timothy, T be a little late. Please wait for me.” As soon as the message reached him, he called. She didn’t have the guts to answer the call at all, so she rejected it and

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messed I can't pick up calls at the moment." On the other side, Timothy's eyes narrowed at the message. "Who are you with?" She left that message on seen.

Soon, the car stopped outside the campus.

"We're here. Bye, Claude. Be careful on your way home," she said in one breath and scurried away.

Claude watched her back like a loving brother. He then withdrew his gaze and drove the car away.

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Mia, who was hiding in a shade of darkness, made sure he left before walking out of the campus again.

She was going to hail a cab, but the peak hours rendered it difficult. On the verge of crying, she mustered the courage to call Timothy. He picked up the call in a heartbeat.

She preempted him, “Any rooms for negotiation, Mr. Barrett?”  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 353-“What is it,” prompted Timothy in a low voice from the other side of the line.

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Mia let out a wry cough. “I’m still trying to hall a cab at college. I might be late for more than an hour. Could you wait for me, please?” Timothy checked his wristwatch, a smile adorned his lips. But he used an impatient voice nevertheless, “Mia Bowen, how could you be late for our appointment? Are you doing this on purpose?” “It is definitely not on purpose. Not a push-and-pull trick either. I’m serious about the divorce. I swear!” The smile on his face vanished when he heard that. She seriously knew what to say at the bad

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timing.

He coldly said, “You said to meet up at 9:00 am, and you want me to wait for

you in the end? Do you know how busy I am every day, Mia Bowen? Do you

know how much I earn per hour? Can you I pay me?” His counter caught her

off guard. “How much? I can transfer you the money.” “I’m not going to wait.

Be on time.” He hung up the call.

Anxious, Mia called Timothy again but he didn’t pick it up.

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Left with no choice, she texted him, “I got a cab. I’m already on my way there.

Just wait me for a little. I won’t take up much of your time.” Her message made his mood better.

There was no way he would wait for her.

At that moment, Heath came over with a document cautiously. “Mr. Barrett,

your flight will take off in less than an hour. If we don’t leave right now, we

won’t be able to arrive on time.” “Let’s go.” Timothy nodded. His steps were

light and steady as she walked out of the office.

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Judging from the smile on his face, he seemed to be in a good mood.

Heath had a vague guess about the situation.

Ever since Mia got out of the car yesterday. Timothy had been in a bad mood.

Heath actually expected a havoc day. After all, it was the day Timothy was going to divorce with Mia.

Yet. Timothy had been burying himself in work. Who would've known that he

wouldn't go to the courthouse at all?

Heath overheard the phone call that Mia was going to be late.

But Timothy didn't tell her that he himself wouldn't go to the courthouse at all.

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It was as if it were playing games with an innocent sheep.  
On the other hand, Mia headed to the courthouse by cab. When she arrived,  
there was no sight of Timothy at all.  
She went to the car park, but the result was the same—his car wasn't there.  
Where was he?  
Mia pulled her phone out to reach out to him.  
“The number you're calling is unreachable. Please try later...” His phone  
was  
turned off.  
Mia was dumbfounded, wondering if he still remembered it was the day  
they

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would proceed with the divorce.

She had explained her stance over the phone. How could he possibly just leave?

In fact, the person who wished to get rid of her and divorce her was Timothy all along.

He already waited for three years, but he couldn't wait for an hour. Mia couldn't understand him at all She stayed for another half an hour outside the

courthouse like a fool. She couldn't reach him through the phone either.

Angry, she texted him, "Timothy Barrett, what's the meaning of this?"

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want a divorce? Perhaps you have felt guilty recently and fallen for me?

That's

why you don't want the divorce to happen?" She bombarded him with questions. The message alone might be enough to annoy someone as prideful as him.

That way, he would explain the reason for standing her up.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 354-Just as Mia put her phone down, she suddenly received an article link from Gina.

"It Is Officiall Mia Bowen, the Famous Designer, Is Dating the Entrepreneur

School Hunk." Mia's eyes widened at the title. What was that?

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She clicked on the link. There was a picture of Felix kneeling on one knee in the field of flowers and scented candles as she hung her head low as if she were shy.

She could feel her blood pressure rise as soon as she saw that.

Most importantly, the article stretched out a story of how they had known each

other since before and had shared the same feelings. And how she rejected an offer from a big company to join his studio.

It all sounded like a fairy tale.

Mia was utterly disgusted.

She called Gina right away. “Who posted this article on the campus group?”

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It's a bunch of nonsense! I never liked Felix! He wasn't the reason I rejected the offer from that big company." She did that to reject Timothy!

"Mia, I know. That's why I sent it to you. We better resolve this issue before things get out of hand. I'll help ask the Journalism Department who the culprit is." "Okay. I'll straighten things up with Felix." She hung up the call and dialed Felix's number.

He picked it up within seconds. "Mia, is there anything I can help you with?"

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“Felix, where are you now?” “At the studio.” “I’m on my way. I have something to talk to you about.” She then took a cab to the studio. In the car, she observed how quickly the article trended. They were simply outsiders, who knew nothing, sending congratulatory messages. Who did this? Was it Felix? Mia opened a zip file on her phone, her screen filled with lines of codes. She hacked into the campus website to search for the culprit’s IP address. +15 BONOS Mobile phones weren’t as convenient as laptops. It took her more time than usual. Once she arrived at Oak Streets, the analysis was complete. The IP address

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was Oak Streets!

Her eyes turned icy. It was indeed Felix's doing!

He was such a hard nut to crack. Did she not explain herself well? Or was it

because he had hearing problems that he couldn't hear her clearly?

As she entered the studio, confetti exploded from both sides, surprising her.

Her head snapped upward at the confetti flying in the air. Felix was standing

at the end of the line, hugging a huge bouquet of red roses.

At that moment, Mia figured that red roses could forever be on her hate list.

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Her colleagues began squealing.

Felix approached her with a smile. “Someone interrupted my confession yesterday, but I’m sure everything’s going to go smoothly today.

“Mia, I genuinely like you. I hesitated a lot, but I finally realized my feelings in

the end. I don’t want to hide my feelings anymore.” As red roses filled her vision, she took a deep breath. “Felix, I’ve said it clearly yesterday. I don’t like

you.” “Stop denying it, Mia. You’re a divorced woman, but it doesn’t bother me

at all. You don’t have to be beaten up by it. After all, it’s not like I care!”

Mia

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almost lost it and burst into strings of vulgar words.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 355-Having lived for so many years, Mia never knew a person could be this narcissistic!

She inhaled a deep breath and gave Felix a serious look. “I’m never bothered

by the fact that I’m a divorced woman. You’re overthinking, Felix.” Why didn’t

she realize he was a character of extreme self-love?

“Great! I’m happy that you think it that way. Take this. I bought them for you.”

He shoved the bouquet at her, confident that she would accept it.

Mia stared at the flowers, not sure if she should curse at him right now.

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At the moment, the colleagues were at it again. “Say ‘yes‘! Say ‘yes‘!”

With

everything bottled up inside her, her patience had reached its limit.

Although it

might offend him, she might as well be straightforward about it.

Mia accepted the flowers, causing a commotion among her colleagues and earning a triumphant smile from Felix.

He knew that winning Mia’s heart was a piece of cake. After all, she was divorced before.

Next, Mia threw the flowers onto the ground. Silence filled the place.

Felix’s expression went stiff. “Mia, what’s the meaning of this?” He didn’t see

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that coming.

\*I guess actions speak louder than words.” Her expression was devoid of emotions. “Felix, I don’t think we’re compatible and I don’t like you either. This

has nothing to do with my relationship history.

“It’s simply because I don’t like you so I will never accept your feelings.”

This

time, she reckoned she had made herself very clear.

As the boss, Felix felt his ego took a serious hit with this happening in front of

his subordinates.

Again, there was only silence.

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Sensing that something was wrong, her colleagues began asking questions. “Mia, do you really not like him at all? So many big companies reached out to you when you won first place, but you chose this little studio. Wasn’t it because of him?” “Yeah. Mia, we’ve watched how you get along with him. There’s nothing to be embarrassed about. We truly wish you guys the best.” Mia calmly responded, “I chose here because Felix promised me that I didn’t have to come to the office on weekdays and that I could come on the weekends. I have school, so I can’t work full- time.” At this point, she thought

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that she had said enough.

Felix's expression was cold. "Mia, come to my office." She nodded, thinking

that it was a better idea to settle the issue privately. Given his ego, he wouldn't be able to handle the scene in front of so many people.

She figured that she should bring up the article too.

After entering the office, she spoke up. "Sorry, Felix."

"Don't be. I just don't get it. What part of me is not good enough that you don't

like me?" I grew up being in the spotlight most of the time. Not to mention that

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he was also a popular figure on campus. A lot of ladies had a crush on him.

He had always been careful in selecting the right woman to be his girlfriend.

After all, his future wife should be a boon to his life by having a powerful family background.

He dated once throughout his college life. His ex-girlfriend was rich and pretty. Unfortunately, her family forced her to break up with him when she was going to study abroad.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 356-Felix knew that his ex's

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parents frowned upon his family background. It ultimately became a sore spot for him, hence the journey of starting up a studio himself. Once his business finally was on the roll, he thought the other party might regret their decision for underestimating his potential. For now, Mia was the perfect candidate because of her loving brothers. Since she had divorced before, she might not be able to find a good man. Felix was single and capable, so he was confident that she would fall for him. Could it be that Mia was the same as his ex? That they were gold-diggers who looked down upon him?

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Mia was feeling helpless and decided to blurt the truth. “Felix, you’re not the

problem. Feelings can’t be forced.

\*Besides, I’m actually in the process of divorcing my husband, so, to be exact,

I’m still married. We’re incompatible in all ways.” If she didn’t make herself

clear, Felix would definitely misunderstand again.

He didn’t see that downright rejection coming. Then, his course of thought took a different turn- was Mia rejecting his feelings because she wasn’t divorced yet?

If so, it wasn’t the time to give up!

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Like a devoted man, he confessed, “Mia, I can wait. It’s alright.” There were many benefits he could gain from marrying Mia. He had everything calculated.

Thus, it didn’t matter if it would take time. He could take his chances to prove his sincerity for her in front of her brothers.

“You still don’t get what I mean, Felix. You don’t have to wait for me because I don’t like you. Which part of this sentence do you not understand?”

“Besides, I saw you and Mrs. Quilter at that famous restaurant having a meal

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with a young lady.

You gave her the same roses. It was a blind date, wasn't it?" She finally unmasked his true colors.

There was a shift in his expression as he didn't expect her to run into him there.

He quickly explained, "Mia, I thought it was a dinner date with only my mother.

I didn't know she "What about this article?" She took her phone out and opened the article.

"Mia, I just found out about it a moment ago. I don't know who shared it. If

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you're bothered by it, I can explain it to them. Don't worry. I won't let it affect you." Mia wasn't going to let him have it his way. "Until when are you going to keep this show going on? You released the article, didn't you?" Felix went slightly stiff. "I don't know what you're talking about, Mia. How could it be me? It has nothing to do with me." She gestured at his computer. "According to the IP address, that article was released through. your computer. Why don't you

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check out your browser history?” The revelation stunned him. He didn’t expect

her to be able to find out that he was the one.

Hurriedly, he made up an explanation. “Mia, I did that because I like you so

much. I simply want to prove to you that I’m serious about you and that I don’t

mind that you’re divorced. But after hearing what you said, I was planning to

delete it.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 357-“Then delete it, right now.”

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Mia's calm and indifferent tone stupefied Felix. The immediate request caught

him off guard.

Their stare-off lasted for a moment until he turned to reach for his computer to

delete the article.

The article went trending on the campus website. If it was there for another

few days, word about it might even get out of campus ground.

If the public learned about his scandal with Mia, it could boost his business!

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Things were finally working out ever since Mia started working for him.

The

studio performed way better than before.

If they got married and ran the studio together, they might be able to bring the

career to a pinnacle!

While those calculations went on in his head, he deleted the article.

He quickly raised his head, looking at her. “Everything’s deleted. Will this do?”

Look, I know I wasn’t thinking straight in this. I was wrong. Don’t be angry.”

Mia refreshed the campus website page. The article was gone.

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A sigh of relief escaped Mia before her eyes were on him again. “Felix, since things had gotten ugly today, I think it’s best I quit.” “Don’t, Mia! I was wrong about today. You don’t have to quit.” “I don’t want to come here anymore, Felix. Sorry.” Her stance was firm this time. It no longer felt right to work here anymore.

Her tone was calm. “I’ll forego the resignation letter since I’m not an official employee anyway. I think a word with you will do. I’ll figure things out after my

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graduation.

“Mia, I know that you’re angry at me. This position will be always open for you.

You can come to work officially after graduation. You’re always one of us.”

“We’ll see when the time comes. I should get going.” Mia didn’t want to stay

for any minute longer.

Returning to her table, she packed up her stuff and assigned her orders to her

colleagues.

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One of them asked carefully, “Mia, are you quitting?” “Yes. That was the plan from the beginning. I didn’t quit only because I had outstanding orders. Feel free to reach out to me if you have questions.” She then left the studio with her stuff. Stepping out of the studio, she felt the weight lifting off her chest. Mia headed back to her college and went to the study hall. An annoyed Gina rushed up to her.” Felix has crossed the line! How could he spread a rumor?

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Mia, you should hold him accountable for it. Don't let him go this easily!"

"If I

do that, things might get big. We won't be able to bring him down in any way.

Women are always the victims when it comes to scandals.

"He's held high in repute on campus, too. Things won't go as we wish it to be.

This is the best that can be done." Gina stared at Mia in astonishment.

"Mia, I

feel like you've grown up a lot. Those words, I'm truly impressed.\*

Mia chuckled. "Is that a compliment?" This was her second time becoming a

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victim of awful rumors.

At first, there was anger.

However she had talked to Jason a lot and he taught her a lot of things regarding the law, as well as the cases he encountered.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 358-Mia learned a lot from Jason.

She looked up to her brothers, and they each had their own talents.

That was why she looked into the IP address when the article about Felix broke out. She didn't ask for help from Nathan.

Based on her legal knowledge from Jason, Mia chose to forget about this issue after the article was deleted.

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Gina was still angry. “What right does he have to do that? Why must you fall for him? I didn’t know he’s such a narcissist! Anyway, something feels off. Just be careful.” “I know.” With her six brothers supporting her, nothing of this scared her. However, there was something that Mia missed—deleting the article wouldn’t clean the traces. Soon, the rumor reached Kennedy’s ears. The bombshell sent him shaking. “I

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told you guys to revoke the following investment for Felix's studio, didn't I?

“Add this to the list—take down promotions about him and prohibit him from entering the campus!” An insensible man would only bring the college down.

Kennedy had never known Felix to be a man who would live off his spouse, let alone his bad choice.

Felix should've known his place better, not laying his eyes on Timothy's wife!

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Kennedy contacted Timothy right away, wanting to explain the situation. But it was Heath who picked up the call. Still, Kennedy went on with it. “We deleted every record of that article and banned the students from talking about it. We hope Mr. Barrett won’t be mad about it. We disapprove of Felix’s shameful deeds.” Heath acknowledged the issue and initiated an investigation. He was shocked several times at the content of the investigation. Felix seriously didn’t know what he was getting himself into. Previously, he

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had confessed to Mia right in front of Timothy. Now, he spread the rumors himself!

Timothy showed up after meeting an important client. He cast Heath a glance.

“What is it?” “Mr. Shaw called. It’s about Mrs. Barrett. Would you like to know?” Heath felt the need to ask for After all, Timothy actually avoided the

divorce by taking upon a business trip to a neighboring city himself.

Timothy loosened his tie and walked outside while saying, “Tell me. What happened to her in college again?” “Take a look at this first.” Heath handed

over the tablet.

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Although the article was deleted, someone screenshotted it. Heath could feel the temperature drop as Timothy read the content. “Did Felix manage to start up his studio with the resources from that college?” “According to the reports, yes. He enjoys the benefits.” “Talk to Mr. Shaw. You don’t need me to tell you what to do, do you?” Timothy was getting all grumpy. Timothy was never a forgiving man. Felix was a nobody to Timothy, but Felix kept hitting on Mia. A normal man could never put up with it.

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Timothy added, “Find some men to break his legs. Warn him to stay away from my wife!”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 359-Timothy’s icy gaze pierced

through Heath. Someone should teach Felix a lesson so that he wouldn’t bother Mia. Breaking his legs might be a good warning for him.

Timothy cleared his throat, his expression slightly awkward. “What about Mia?” “Mrs. Barrett? What about her are you asking about, sir?” “Is this all you

know? She must’ve seen the article. Did she not take any move?” As far as Timothy could recall, Mia didn’t like Felix.

That question put Heath in a tough spot. “We’re still on a business trip, Mr.

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Barrett. I'm not her stalker. How would I know anything about her?" Timothy's silence prompted him to continue. "Actually, you can ask her yourself." Timothy sneered, "Your bonus for the month is revoked." If he could ask her himself, he wouldn't have asked Heath. In the meantime, Heath was shocked by the sudden announcement. What did he do wrong that he lost his bonus? Timothy scrolled through his phone, completely laid back. He eventually found Mia's Twitter account and he clicked on it.

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She tweeted this morning. “Someone who goes against their word? That’s the worst of all kinds.” His eyes narrowed to a slit momentarily. He had a feeling that it was about him.

When did he go against his word?

Then, he left a comment under that tweet. “Someone who doesn’t respect time? That’s the worst of all kinds.” Right after he commented on Mia’s tweet,

she tweeted a photo. “The sunlight adds magic to the campus today.”

Timothy

relished in the picture she took. The sunset was indeed breathtaking.

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On the other side, Mia noticed his comment. “Someone who doesn’t respect time? That’s the worst of all kinds.” It ticked her off so much. How dare he! She had her reasons. Her tardiness wasn’t intentional. Besides, she had gone to the courthouse as soon as she could! He was the one who was desperate for the divorce, so why couldn’t he wait for an hour? Fury rushed through her veins, reaching her head. In the end, Mia contacted

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him to demand an explanation.

Timothy saw the dialer's name, and a smile appeared. He could sense her boiling anger from that immediate call already.

Calmly, he picked up the cold.

Her livid voice rang in his ear. "Timothy Barrett, what is that?" "It is what it is."

His tone was calm.

"Weren't you the one desperate for a divorce? You've been waiting for this day for eons! And why couldn't you wait for an hour?" That was the part she

couldn't understand.

Timothy's eyelids twitched at that. But his tone remained monotonous. "I

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could've waited. But could you make a flight wait? I was in a rush for a business trip. I didn't have much time to spare." Mia almost choked on her saliva. "You're on a business trip? You're not in Jeinburg?" "Yes. What else?"

"When are you coming back?" He knew exactly why she asked that.

"Not sure. It depends." He glossed it over.

Mia's lips pursed together. "Call me when you're back in the city. We can make another appointment to meet at the courthouse." That put a damper on

his mood more than he expected. He dropped his gaze as he hummed in response.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 360-Mia hung up the call,  
Inwardly  
Insulting Timothy again and again.  
She didn't expect Timothy to have a business trip on the same day, which  
served as the reason he couldn't wait for her.  
Her hand caressed her belly, feeling the slight bump that carried two small  
lives in it.  
Laura underwent the surgery a few days ago when Shelly was testing the  
water, trying to figure out if Mia was pregnant.  
Although Mia managed to sell that off to Shelly, who knew if Shelly  
would do

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something foolish with it? No matter what, Mia wished Shelly could wise up.

Right then, Claude texted her, “Mia, I’m here!” That message elicited a smile

from her. Regardless of Shelly’s schemes, the other alternative to get out of it

was Mia going to Bern City and starting life anew.

“Coming,” she replied to him.

Claude glimpsed at his phone before grinning at Connor. “Mia said she’s coming. I have never picked up my sister from school before. Say, do you think she’d like my present?” Connor’s eyes shifted to the present in the back

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seat, remaining silent.

He felt the urge to remind Claude that Mia was already a grown-up, not a kid.

Connor had tried to talk Claude out of it along their way there but it was all in

vain. Feeling helpless, Connor got out of the car.

Out of sight, out of mind.

To his surprise, he noticed a familiar face—Felix!

Connor narrowed his eyes at the red roses in Felix's hands. Could it be that it

was for Mia?

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Felix's feelings for her were transparent to Connor as Felix kept helping Mia out.

If it hadn't for Felix's heroic act during Mia's kidnap episode, Connor would've

warned him to stay away from her.

Felix, who was pacing back and forth at the gates, sensed a piercing gaze.

His head shot up only to see Connor.

Felix's eyes lit up. If he couldn't win Mia's heart, wouldn't it be the same to

earn favors from her brothers?

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As an afterthought, Felix approached Connor. “Hi, Mr. Lane. Are you here to pick up Mia?” Connor hummed indifferently. “What about you? Are these roses for your girlfriend?” Felix managed a bashful smile. “These are for Mia. I didn’t expect to run into her brother today. I might as well come clean with you. “Actually, I’ve liked her for a long time. I’d like to give her the best things in the world and look after her forever. I hope you would wish us the best.” That made Connor uncomfortable. Everything in him was screaming to punch Felix.

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Right then, Claude's cold voice joined the conversation. "What right do you have to do that? Do you think you can look after her forever?" was A moment ago, he all excited about how to surprise Mia until he heard a man announcing his will to look after her forever. He himself had made many empty promises, but he never walked the talk. Not even once! Claude, the playboy, understood a man's nature very well. Felix saw the handsome man and quickly explained, "You must be Mia's

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brother too. Nice to meet you. You don't know me well, but I'm serious about her. I want to look after her forever." "What do you have to do that? Do you earn over a million dollars a year?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 361-Claude dropped the fatal question, despite it being their first meeting. It completely caught Felix off guard.

He replied awkwardly, "I'm running a studio. Everything's stable for now, but my income isn't as high as that. Still, I have the confidence to accomplish that

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target someday.” As long as Mia’s brothers invested in his business, an income of over a million dollars would be a piece of cake.

re Claude arched his brow, grinning. “Someday? Who are you giving empty

promises, dude? You can approach my sister after you accomplish that target.

You’re unqualified at the moment.

“How dare you confess to her when you don’t even meet the minimum requirement?” That was such a straightforward yet cruel remark.

Mortified, Felix looked at Connor. “I genuinely like Mia. I can sacrifice my life

for her. I did the same when she was kidnapped.

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“Money doesn’t mean everything, but sincerity does. As her brothers, I bet you guys wish she could marry for love instead of money, don’t you?” Claude asked Connor. “This guy saved Mia before?” Connor nodded. “Yes, when she was kidnapped. He’s the owner of the studio Mia worked at.” Claude’s gaze returned to Felix. “So, it was you.” Felix felt fortunate for taking the injury previously. “Yes, that was me. When Mia’s in trouble, I’m willing to do anything at all costs, including my life.” “We do owe you a favor for that.” Connor was wavered.

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However, Claude didn't think the same as he snorted at Felix. "Stop playing tricks with me. You simply bulldozed your way in and were taken down in one strike. They managed to kidnap Mia anyway. Did you have the power to get her out of there?" Another counterattack. Suppressing his displeasure, Felix remained gentle. "That was a sneak attack. I didn't expect them to make a scene in this big city. "I'll learn self-defense in the future to protect Mia's safety. I will never let the

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same thing happen again!” +15 BONOS “There you go again. You should stop your business. Someone who only knows making empty. promises ain’t fit for running a business.” Claude was clearly treating Felix with contempt. He continued while looking his nose down at Felix. “And why do you only know how to make empty promises? Because you don’t have what it takes to turn them into reality. This won’t work. on us.” Felix broke in a cold sweat. His cowardly side fed off the guilt building in him, his eyes couldn’t meet Claude’s, It was as if the latter could see

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through his schemes!

Noticing that Claude had crossed the line with his words, Connor cleared his

throat. “Enough. We can’t deny that Felix had helped us out back there.”

Felix’s eyes glittered in anticipation again. “Although I didn’t help out much,

I’m serious about Mia “It is true that you didn’t help out much, but I still acknowledge your goodwill. At the same time. I think my brother has a point.

“Felix, if you’re serious about Mia, show us your sincerity and stop making

empty promises. It’s easier said than done.” Connor interrupted.

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Felix nodded in response. “I know. I will prove it to you one day.” At that moment, Mia had reached the gates. There standing by the road were those three men.

She didn’t expect to see Felix there too. Her expression changed as she didn’t

know what he was up to again.

Claude waved his hand at her. “Mia, over here!” She came up to them. The sight of the red roses repulsed her.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 362-Felix ran up to Mia before she

could react. “Mia, this is for you. An apology gift. I hope you’ll forgive me.” She

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frowned. “Felix, didn’t I make myself clear? I don’t like you.” It was a mystery

why he wouldn’t back down.

“Mia, I’ve explained the situation to your brothers and they understood my stance. I’ll prove to them that I’m the one who can bring you happiness,”

he

insisted, still holding the bouquet toward her.

Mia stared at her brother in disbelief. Did they really believe in Felix’s words?

Annoyed, Claude stepped forward and snatched the roses away. “Lies. Since

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when did we understand your stance? Mind explaining?” Felix gulped before gazing at Connor. “Didn’t I explain it a while ago?” Feeling uncomfortable, Connor gave him a cold attitude. “Felix, I don’t intervene in my sister’s relationships. It’s her freedom to choose whoever she wants to be with. But she said that she doesn’t like you, loud and clear.” “It’s alright. I can wait. I can work harder.” Felix was anxious. Connor abruptly grasped Felix’s shoulder. “She doesn’t like you. What you’re

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doing is harassment.” Claude tossed the roses onto the ground and stomped them. “Felix, I’m warning you, don’t think of laying eyes on someone out of your league.

“That applies to Mia, so brush off whatever you’re planning and get the hell out of here, She won’t like it.” As a playboy himself, Claude had seen all kinds of tricks.

He could tell that Felix was up to no good at the very first glance. He couldn’t

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entrust Mia to someone like Felix.

At first, the possibility of Mia getting deceived by Felix's cheap tricks worried

Claude. How could he stop it if that event came to pass?

Fortunately, Mia didn't like Felix at all.

Losing against the duo, Felix made himself scarce in the end.

Mia sighed in relief. "What did he tell you guys?" "Nothing, just a bunch of

nonsense. Thank god you're smart enough to see through that bastard's tricks." Claude glossed it over.

"It's a long story." She didn't know where to start from.

"Let's get in the car first. We have all the time to talk," suggested Connor.

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They got into the car and Claude spoke up. “Mia, here’s a piece of advice from me—don’t ever give in to this kind of cheap trick. Got it?” She couldn’t follow him. “Cheap trick?” “That’s right. Men like Felix only know how to talk big, giving you empty promises and granting all your wishes. “Giving you roses or bringing you breakfast every single day is a basic trick. They’ll spoil you and do everything you ask for. Romantic, isn’t it? But do you think that they’re genuine?” She nodded. “That sounds like Felix.” However,

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Felix didn't do that for her before.

Claude continued, "These are cheap tricks. Don't give in to a pestering man.

They don't have anything, so that's the only way they can woo you.

"With their time at costs, it doesn't use up a lot of their money. Watch out for this kind of man.

Don't fall for it." Silence dawned upon her for a moment. "Claude, are you projecting yourself?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 363-Mia had watched Claude in his playboy mode back at the hotel before.

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Claude was at a loss for words. He cleared his throat before answering. “I know how this kind of man acts because this is how I am. As for that Felix or Phoenix guy, I could tell that he’s up to no good right away.” If it had been the past, Mia would’ve rebutted his remarks. But her impression of Felix had changed recently, especially after how he spread false rumors. about them himself. She finally learned what kind of person he truly was. Anyways, he’d never come close to being a good guy. He hid his true colors so well that she’d only found out just recently.

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After going quiet for a second, she blurted, “I recently realized that he’s different from the Felix I knew before.” Connor, who had been silent, finally joined them. “Is he bothering you lately, Mia? If you don’t like him, you can tell him straightforwardly.” “I’ve told him many times, but he seems to be misunderstanding something. That’s why he hadn’t given up yet. Plus, I discovered that he released an article on the campus website about us dating today.” Claude’s face fell. “Let’s head back. That guy mustn’t have

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gone far. I'm going to punch his teeth out of him today!" Connor's mind was blown away by that news too. He suggested, "I'll call Nathan. He's an expert in this field." "It's alright, Connor. I've dealt with it. I learned one or two things from Nathan previously. It's easy to find out the IP address." Connor recalled the time when she hacked into Dominic's company's system. Looking into an IP address was indeed a piece of cake, but Connor was still pissed.

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A stormy expression crossed his face. “When he saved you, I thought finally there’s someone that could be your Mr. Right. “I never knew him to be this shameless. And to think that he’s forcing you with those little tricks? Claude is right. He’s only making empty promises. Don’t give in to a pestering man. They’re useless.” She nodded. “I know. Actually, he’s been acting this way for a while, but I don’t share the same feelings as he

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does. Feelings can't be forced, can they?" "Mia, if someone's pursuing you, do you know how to tell if they're being genuine?" Claude was still worried. It piqued her curiosity. "How?" If casual talks and bringing her breakfast couldn't be taken into consideration, what kind of effort could be considered sincere? He answered seriously, "First of all, he must have a decent background. Forget about him unless he earns at least a million dollars per year. Secondly, he must be good-looking. Lastly, he has to come from a loving family." She

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was dumbfounded. “I don’t think those matter as long as they have feelings for each other, though.” “Mia, oh, Mia. My blood pressure is rising. How could you be so blinded by the idea of love? Do you know how realistic men are when it comes to relationships?” he questioned back, frustrated. HE added, “All men want from their girlfriends is good looks and sex. The others? Not in consideration at all. “But they’re dead serious about their potential spouse like they are during job hunting. The woman. must have the looks, body, financial stability, and a

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powerful family background.

“Men are mercenary. All of them.” Connor coughed. “Who says so? I’m an exception.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 364-Claude retorted, “Hey, you’re

only a tiny tad better than most of them. You’re barely qualified as a man.

“But this kind of person is rare, especially when you add having a high social

status to the list. It’s nearly impossible to find them.” Connor nodded seriously

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and looked at Mia. “Claude is a playboy—uh, no. I mean, a love expert—you should pay heed to his advice. Don’t let those men play with your feelings.”

Mia dreamed of a fairytale—like love in the past. When everyone was questioning if Timothy could survive that, she was willing to marry him and

become a widow for him!

Now that she thought back about it, she wished she could give herself a slap

in the face. It was dangerous to be blinded by the idea of love.

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Claude continued his lecture. “You must never, ever, give up on your future for so-called ‘love.’ Don’t give up on your career for a man either. “And never take pity on a man. The moment you pity a man is the start of your misery.” Recalling what Timothy had done, Mia nodded in agreement. “True.”

If she hadn’t taken pity on the injured Timothy, she wouldn’t have gotten married to him in the heat of the moment.

“Most importantly, Mia, no matter how much you like a man, don’t spend all

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your energy on him. You have your own life. Men are born rebellious anyway.

“The more you ignore him and the better your independent life is, the more attached he is to you.” “I agree with that.” A person should never lose their purpose in life for a man.

Throughout her three years being “Mrs. Barrett“, Timothy was her world. Yet,

she was driven out of the house in the end.

She learned her lesson the hard way.

At that moment, Connor sensed her low spirit and recalled her marriage with

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Timothy.

Wasn't she the epitome of love blind? She quit school for three years to be a full-time housewife.

She fulfilled every criterion of being a love blind.

Connor quickly lightened the mood up. "Mia, don't take Claude too seriously.

Filter out whatever. that's useless." Claude retorted, "What do you mean by

don't take me seriously? I'm giving her tips on how not to get deceived.

There

are many calculating men out there nowadays.

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“We’ve met Felix today. What if she runs into Allx or Calix in the future?”

An

awkward smile adorned Mia’s face. Despite being a playboy himself,

Claude

had a point. If she had known Claude long ago, she wouldn’t have gotten married to Timothy.

Timothy would’ve been able to survive that point of his life without the marriage with her anyway.

Claude rambled about relationship tips along the way, about how to win a man’s heart; how to choose the right man; and how to make a man stay loyal.

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There was so much for her to take in. She never knew that there was so much

to learn when it came to love!

Feeling thirsty, he took a sip of water. “Mia, schools these days teach women

to be independent and hard-working, but not how to date. It is actually an important subject of life.

“Choosing the wrong man is equivalent to buying the wrong house. It’ll only

bring you losses. when you decide to back off from the commitment.” Mia gave him a thumbs-up. “Claude, you should write a book.” They returned

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home and had a meal together. After that, she even made notes for Claude's relationship lessons, a self-reminder that she should never be blinded by love.

The next morning, she woke up from her ringing phone.

She answered the call groggily. "Hello? Who is this?" "Mia, Felix is in trouble!"

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 365-Mia sobered up immediately

once she heard Janice. Feeling suspicious, she asked, "What's wrong with

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Felix?” “He’s hurt, and it seems pretty serious. He’s in the emergency room right now. Mia, I’m alone here. I’m not familiar with this place, and I don’t know anyone here, so I called you. Can you come over now?” “Mrs. Quilter, don’t worry. I’m on my way.” After Mia got changed, she was about to head out. However, Patricia stopped her. “Have some breakfast before you go, Mia. It’s still early now, no?\*” Mia took her breakfast hastily and grabbed a toast to eat on the way. She took a cab to the hospital right away. Once she arrived, she called Janice. “Mrs. Quilter, I’m here now. Are you guys in the emergency room

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now?” “No, we’re at the ward. Come to Room 365.” Mia thought it was strange. Didn’t Janice say Felix’s injuries were severe, and he was still undergoing surgery? Why was he assigned to the ward that quickly? Nonetheless, she went to Room 365. Felix was leaning against the bed frame, and his leg was in a cast. His face was bruised and swollen, looking as if he had been beaten up by someone. Mia’s heart skipped a beat. Could it be Claude or Connor who did this to him? When she mentioned what Felix did yesterday afternoon, Claude said that he

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would teach him a lesson, or break his leg.

She had managed to convince him not to, so she thought everything was fine.

Yet, she didn't expect Felix would really end up being hospitalized with a broken leg.

A pang of guilt surged in her chest. She stepped into his ward, asking.

“Felix,

how did you get injured?” Felix's expression changed drastically once he saw

Mia. He seemed afraid. He struggled to speak. yet only muffled noises escaped his lips due to the bandaged injuries on his mouth.

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Janice flashed a smile at Mia and exclaimed, “Mia, you’re finally here. I was at

a loss earlier when Felix was injured.

“He was literally covered in blood! I thought his injuries were fatal, but fortunately, it’s just a Mia nodded, replying, “I’m glad he’s fine. How did he

suddenly get Injured?” FIS BONOS Nevertheless, she had to grasp the situation. After all, Intentionally harming someone was a criminal offense. Infuriated, Janice cried, “He was attacked! I have no idea who did this to Felix.

He gets along with everyone, and his business is entirely legal. He never goes

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against the law, and he's always eager to help others out.

"I really don't understand why someone would hurt him. Mia, do you know if

he'd offended anyone?"

Mia froze.

"I'm not sure either. But Felix usually gets along with others. Why would someone hurt him?" Felix was clearly fine when she saw him yesterday afternoon. Janice thought it was strange too. Her heart ached when she saw him.

"I've called the police. Let's see what they'll say when they arrive." Mia's expression changed slightly as she asked, "You called the police?" "Yes.

They

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should be here soon.” Looking at Felix, she questioned, “Felix, do you remember who did this to you? The police will probably ask you the same thing later.” Felix cowered, seeming scared.

Janice handed him a notebook and a pen, saying, “Fellx, if it’s inconvenient

for you to speak, you can write it down here.” He took the pen and hesitated.

He wasn’t sure what he should write.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 366-Last night was exceptionally

long for Felix. He felt embarrassed and furious at the same time when Mia’s

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brother exposed him.

He was thinking of how he should coax her. After all, all women needed to be coaxed.

However, he hadn't walked far before he was pushed into a van. He was brought to a dark place.

He had never thought this would happen to him in reality, as he figured such

situations would only occur in movies. Now, he realized how terrifying it was

after experiencing it himself.

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No one came to his rescue despite him calling for help. Despite his pleas, he ended up being severely beaten. He was left clueless and injured. It wasn't until he thought he might die there did the masked person finally told him, "Stay away from his wife in the future. Otherwise, your other limbs won't be intact as well." When Felix regained consciousness, he was found lying on the streets and was eventually taken to the hospital. He could barely rest. Every time he closed his eyes, he felt like he was still trapped in the dark room. He would be so terrified that he was literally

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drenched in cold sweat.

Nevertheless, he had been wondering whose wife it was. He had designed mansions for certain wealthy families and interacted with some of the socialites.

Could it be that he got too close to them without realizing it? But it was very unlikely.

Though a socialite used to have a crush on him, she was already old enough to become his mother. He turned her down instantly, and he hadn't pursued that project further.

A thought suddenly struck him once he saw Mia. Could it be Mia's ex—

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husband?

Felix was enlightened. It would all make sense if it was her ex-husband behind all this. After all, he'd only been pursuing her lately.

However, wasn't Mia already in the process of divorcing her ex-husband?

He

suspected her ex-husband to be involved in illegal activities.

He looked at her, feeling somehow complicated. If it was really her ex-husband who attacked him, he could only give up on her. After all, his priority

was to stay alive.

Mia felt uneasy when he looked at her that way. Did he figure out that her brother was the culprit?

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She speculated that Claude must've threatened Felix, saying, "If you come near to my sister again, I'll break your leg." He was attacked right after Claude warned him. Even an idiot could find out who the real culprit was. Janice felt anxious. She chided, "Felix, what are you waiting for? Go on and write!" "You must've had a brief idea of who beat you up, or you can list down suspects. It's easier for you to explain the situation to the police later to aid them in catching the culprit." Mia glanced at Felix, chiming in, "Yeah, Felix."

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Write it down.” Just then, Janice received a call. She left the ward in a hurry as she said, “Yes. I was the one who called the police.” Soon, only Mia and Felix remained in the room. He wrote a few lines on the paper that said, “Mia, what did I ever do to you? How could you be so ruthless?\*

Immediately, Mia explained, “Felix, I’m so sorry. You know, my brother was just trying to protect me. “They found out about the rumors you spread on the internet, so they got

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angry and decided to teach you a lesson. I really tried to stop them.” A hint of astonishment flickered across his eyes. Was it actually her brother who was

responsible for the attack? Not her ex-husband?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 367-Mia seemed guilty as she looked at Felix. She tried to discern his expression from his bruised and swollen face. However, she eventually gave up because she couldn't tell anything from his face.

Tentativeby, she said. Felix, rest assured. I'll take care of the medical expenses. This is just a misunderstanding, and I hope you won't hold my brother responsible.” If her brother was held accountable for the attack, he

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would be in deep waters. She didn't want him to end up in trouble for her sake.

Moreover, Janice seemed like a difficult person. She was certain that Janice

would definitely go after her brother like a hyena.

In an instant, Felix was plunged into a state of dilemma. Could it be that he misheard them back then? He remembered them warning him to stay away

from a certain person's wife. Did he mishear them?

Perhaps they told him to stay away from this person's sister. The two phrases

were quite similar, and could easily be misheard.

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He was bewildered as well. After all, Mia's ex-husband was about to divorce her. There was no way that he'd beat him up for her sake. Everything would make sense if the culprit was Mia's brother. Just then, Janice entered the ward. Felix immediately flipped the page over, covering what he had just written. He glanced up and saw two police officers making their way in. Mia felt extremely guilty. She wondered whether she should inform Cladde first, or she should contact Jason right away so he could prepare for a lawsuit

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and get Claude out of trouble.

Her heart stalled as the officer began their routine questioning. Silently, she

texted Jason on WhatsApp. “I want to ask you something. How many years

would one be sentenced for intentional assault?

She could at least prepare herself once she grasped the details.

Jason was puzzled by her question. “What’s wrong? Did you get into trouble?”

“Jason, answer me first.” “Well it depends. If you hit someone, it’s fine. But if

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someone hits you, they'll end up with a life Mia felt amused by his response.

Wasn't he too arrogant?

"Really?" she asked tentatively.

"Though I'm a habitual liar, I never lie to you." As a talented lawyer, he was

extremely eloquent. He spoke differently depending on the situation, but he

was still quite normal when it came to Mia, his only sister.

Reluctantly, she believed in him. Now, she could finally feel more at ease with

a lawyer in her family.

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She glanced at Felix absently, unaware of what he wrote on his notepad.. Soon, the police officers got up and stated, “Basically, we’ve grasped the general situation. We’ll update you once there’s any progress in our investigation.” Janice was bewildered. “How long is it going to take? Look at how bad his injuries are! You have to quickly investigate and catch the culprit. I’ll make sure to make him pay a heavy price!” Mia’s heart stalled. She knew Janice wouldn’t just let the culprit off the hook, given how much she cherished Felix.

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Nonetheless, he held Janice and shook his head.  
Throwing her arms around Felix, she cried bitterly, “Felix, I couldn’t even bear to lay a finger on you ever since you were a child. Once I find out who did this to you, I will fight them since I’m already this old!”  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 368-Mia felt very guilty. She went up and held Janice, comforting her. “Mrs. Quilter, don’t be sad. Fortunately, they’re just superficial injuries. He’ll be fine after some rest.” “Have you ever

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seen such severe superficial injuries?” “Mrs. Quilter, I understand how you feel, but there’s no need to get all worked up. You should take care of yourself. Otherwise, who’s going to take care of Felix? He’s definitely going to recover soon with your care.” She could only comfort her this way. Sitting on a stool, Janice took Mia’s hand and sobbed, “Mia, luckily you’re here with me. I would’ve felt so lost.” “Rest assured, Mrs. Quilter. I’ll accompany you to take care of Felix until he recovers and is discharged from the hospital.” Felix shot a cautious look at Mia and realized she wasn’t lying. He began to work on his schemes.

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Initially, he thought he had no chance after Mia's brother warned him yesterday outside the campus.

After all, men knew each other best. He could tell at first glance that her brother was extremely successful. It was only natural that he looked down on

Felix, who came from an ordinary family.

However, little did he expect Mia to take the initiative to take care of him after

he got beaten up. In this case, wouldn't he have a chance to get close to her again?

It didn't matter whether her brother was the culprit. He had to pin it on him so

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he could take advantage of her guilt and get close to her. Felix wrote in his notebook. “Mom, I’m hungry. I’m craving for your chicken soup.” “Got it. I’ll head home and stew it for you right away. But who’s going to take care of you once I leave?” Mia knew what she was implying. In a haste, she blurted, “Mrs. Quilter, please go ahead. I’ll stay here.” “That’s so kind of you, Mia. I’ll feel more at ease with you taking care of Felix. I’ll get going now.” After she watched Janice take her leave, she spun around and looked at

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Felix. “What did you tell the police earlier?” Felix handed his notepad to her

Instead. She glanced at it and realized he indeed didn’t specify anything. Instead, he only provided Information regarding the time and place. He didn’t

mention any suspects.

Once again, he flipped to the first page he had written which said, “Rest assured, Mia. I won’t tell the police anything.

“Your brother misunderstood me, but I don’t feel sorry at all. There’s nothing

wrong with liking someone.” Now that he was given another chance, he

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wouldn't let it slip, Women were usually soft-hearted. If Mia refused to date

him in the future, he would use this as leverage to threaten her.

With a combination of his sweet talk and threats, he was certain that he could

win her over.

Mia was speechless when she saw what he had written. Well, her brother did

beat him up, after all, She had to play along to satisfy Felix. Once he recovered, she would see whether she could settle the matter with money.

The news of Felix reporting the Incident reached Timothy quickly.

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Narrowing his eyes, he quipped, “How’s culprit?” too full of himself. Did he really think he could catch the There was no way that he’d leave any evidence behind once he told his men to get to work. Heath seemed hesitant. He wasn’t sure whether he should report this to Timothy. Nonetheless, he asked, “Go on, is there anything else?” “Mrs. Barrett went to the hospital. It seems like she’s taking care of Felix now.” Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 369-Timothy froze. He couldn’t

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believe his ears. How dare Mia go to the hospital to take care of that cunning bastard?

Adjusting his tie, he snapped. “That’s so kind of her, isn’t it?” Right after he

taught Felix a lesson, she eagerly went to the hospital to take care of him. She

was literally disregarding him.

Could it be that she liked Felix? But didn’t she say the opposite last time?

Indeed, women were skilled at deception.

Palpable tension hung in the hotel room.

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Timothy looked like someone had just punched the living daylights out of him.

Feeling terrified. Heath dared not utter a single word.

He knew Timothy would definitely be furious once he reported this situation to

him. Yet, if he didn't report it and Timothy found out later, he'd surely be fired.

Sometimes, he'd rather face the consequences right away than have to anticipate it.

Heath glanced at his watch, and added in a strained tone, "Mr. Barrett, you have to attend a very important banquet tonight. It's hosted by the music colossus, Clement Sallow.

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“It seems like he intended to pave the way for his daughter. He had called several times to invite you after learning you were in town.” Heath thought Clement seemed intrigued to introduce his daughter to Timothy instead. Timothy remained silent. He took out his phone and contemplated texting Mia.

However, he didn’t know what to say, so he called her instead.

Meanwhile, Mia was peeling fruits for Felix. Her phone rang all of a sudden.

The caller ID was “Scumbag“.

Her face was flushed as she muttered, “I have to answer the call.” In a hurry,

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she left the ward with her phone. She didn't expect Timothy to call her.  
Could  
it be that he had come back from his business trip?  
She cleared her throat before answering. "Anything?" His voice sounded  
cold  
on the other end of the phone. "Well, Mia, I didn't expect you'd be so  
generous. Why haven't I realized that back then?" "What do you mean?"  
Mia  
was scolded for no reason. Nonetheless, she couldn't wrap her mind  
around  
what he meant.

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“What do I mean? Are you trying to play dumb right now? My staff told me you

were taking care of that cunning bastard at the hospital.

“Didn’t you say you didn’t like him? Why are you taking care of him as soon as

he’s injured?” Timothy didn’t even realize his voice was dripping with jealousy.

He felt like he was having some difficulty breathing.

Ma wasn’t entirely pleased when she was criticized out of nowhere. She scoffed. “Why? Do you have a problem with them? I did say I didn’t like him,

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but that doesn't stop me from leading him on. After all, that's what makes me

a man-eater." He felt like his blood pressure skyrocketed after her remark. Just then, someone entered his suite. It was a beautiful woman.

"Mr. Barrett." He spun around and glanced at the woman, narrowing his eyes.

Clearly, Mia also heard the woman's voice from the phone. She couldn't help

but sneer, "Didn't you say you're on a business trip? And you have the audacity to criticize me! Asshole!" She hung up right away.

Recalling the woman's voice, she realized that it didn't sound like Maya. Was

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he interested in another woman again?

It seemed men were all bastards.

On the other end of the phone, Timothy felt extremely unpleasant after being

scolded and hung up on. He glared at the woman at the door, saying, “I didn’t

request any special services.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 370-Timothy’s reaction put that

woman in an awkward situation. “My father told me to come to you. Mr. Barrett. He gave me the room card too, asking me to seduce you. But I can’t

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bring myself to do this, so I'd like to negotiate with you in person." "You don't have no right to negotiate with me," he replied expressionlessly. His eyes stared at his phone screen that displayed the disconnected call. He scowled with irritation. The sheer idea of Mia becoming a playgirl annoyed him so much. He made a mental note to himself to deal with all the backup men she had. Meanwhile, Mia returned to the room after the call, which was still affecting her mood.

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Felix wrote, “Who was that?” There was a hesitant silence. “My ex-husband.”

Her reply stunned him, reminding him of the warning from the men who beat

him up. He broke in a cold sweat.

Still, he kept convincing himself to get it out of his head. That incident should

have nothing to do with Mia’s ex-husband, Felix believed.

Felix didn’t pry further, deciding that it was best he shut up.

Mia felt relieved. If he had asked questions, she wouldn’t have known what to

answer.

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Soon after, Janice came over with a lunchbox. “Felix, you must be starving. I made your favorite! There’s chicken soup too.” The smell of chicken soup made Mia hungry. Dishes filled with the table within no time, including the chicken soup. It was indeed a feast. “Dig in. Mom, you too,” Felix prompted. “Mia, come sit. Join us. You’ve looked after him for the whole afternoon.” Mia was quite hungry. Hunger would drive a pregnant woman like her insane. When she sat beside the table and wanted to fill her plate, Janice suddenly

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added, “Mia, we should eat slowly. Felix is injured, so he’s kinda slow. All of these are his favorite.” Mia’s hand paused midair as she could read between those lines—Janice was asking Mia not to steal food from Felix. She reached for the dishes slowly and looked at Felix. “She’s right. You’re the patient. You should have more.” After giving a nod, Felix gladly drank the chicken soup and began eating at his own pace. However, she couldn’t wait any longer with a growling stomach. She thought of getting herself a bowl of chicken soup to stave the hunger off.

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Yet. Janice stopped her again. “Mia, I specially made it for Felix. We’re not the patients. We might as well save it for him.” Mia’s face slightly paled. Her blood sugar level was low, and dizziness kicked in. Fighting through the dizziness, she reached for the sweet and sour pork only to be stopped again. Janice said, “Mia, the vegetables are fresh today. I bought them from the farmers’ market. They’re very fresh. You should have more of that. Women should eat more vegetables. It’s good for your diet.” At that point, Mia lost her

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smile.

Alone, she finished two plates of rice and a plate of vegetables only to be half

full. Fortunately, it was enough to keep her blood sugar level at bay.

After ministering to Felix, Janice realized that the plate of vegetables was squeaky clean. Her expression turned grim. “What a big appetite you have, Mia. Don’t women usually eat less? You finished your rice, too!” Unable to

hold it in anymore, Mia stood. “Mrs. Quilter, are you still hungry? I can order

something for you.” “How sweet. I’d like to have stir-fried chicken.

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order it from a restaurant.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 371-The mention of stir-fried chicken reminded Mia of the one Patricia made. It was delicious.

Suppressing the discomfort churning in her, she ordered a delivery before looking at Felix. “It’s getting late. I should get going.” “So soon? Didn’t you

order a delivery? We can have it together.” “It’s alright, Mrs. Quilter. I can eat

at home. Besides, I’ve only ordered one serving. It’s not enough for two people.” Mia could barely manage her expression.

Janice didn’t mind it. “I don’t eat much, stay and join me. It’s fine.

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Felix didn't finish the meat. There are still a lot of them.

"It's the swee sweet and sour pork you like and there's some soup left too. You should have some.

Finish the leftovers so that we can make him fresh meals. Patients shouldn't

eat leftovers. How about that?" Mia was smart enough to not buy that at face

value. She almost fainted from hunger there!

Now, Janice was trying to convince Mia to finish Felix's leftover food.

Never in

her life would Mia allow herself to be mistreated.

Not wanting to say more, Mia simply turned and left.

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She rued her decision to come, deciding no more playing the good person next time.

If Claude hadn't beaten Felix up, she wouldn't have nursed him the whole afternoon only to be taken for granted in the end.

Once the mother and son were alone, Felix frowned. "You crossed the line, Mom." "Oh, so you actually know how talk? Why didn't you speak earlier?"

"I'm putting on a show for the police. To be more precise, it was a show for

Mia. If he managed to earn pity from her, it might be easy for him to ask favors of her.

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Janice praised, “Smart idea! That was unbecoming of her to have the chicken soup and sweet and sour pork. What if the portion is not enough for you? “I know you like her, but we should set the rule starting now. Once she becomes one of us, she should put you before anything too. So what if it’s leftover food? Isn’t it a given for women?” Like mother, like son, Felix didn’t see any fault with that. Still, he insisted while frowning. “Don’t do TIU DUNUS  
“To make sure everything goes according to plan, we can set the rules after Mia and I are finally official.” rs weren’t auto.

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Mia's with. Felix deemed it safer to act like a lovesick fool until she fell for him.

"Felix, it's a long journey coming to the hospital from home. It won't be easy

for me to make more food. It takes up a lot of time to make a meal for three.

Why don't you ask Mia to settle the meals? She can bring it over for us."

He

hesitated. "I don't think she'll say yes." "I'll talk to her tomorrow. She'll say yes.

Things would be much easier for me then. If she looks.

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after you, I'll have more time for myself. Don't worry, I know how to deal with women." Felix was at peace of mind. The fact that he was hurt because of Claude gave him more confidence to believe that she would nurse him from now on.

This time, he promised himself to win her heart so that her brothers could invest in his company. Otherwise, he could resort to law by suing Claude. Now, he held leverage over Mia and her brothers!

Closing his eyes, he began making calculations for his plan—moving into Mia's house alongside Janice.

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On the other hand, Mia felt better after having a bowl of noodles at a restaurant.

She figured that she better concoct a plan with Jason if Felix really sued Claude.

If they opted to resolve the issue personally, it was inevitable to pay Felix a huge amount of compensation.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 372-After all, Janice was not an easy woman to deal with.

When Mia arrived home, her eyes were threatening to close due to exhaustion. She looked at Patricia. “I’d like to have stir-fried chicken and

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sweet and sour pork tomorrow.” “Alright. I’ll buy fresh meat tomorrow for that.

You should Invite Claude over for a meal too.” It was only then did Mia realized why there was no news from Claude that day. Maybe guilt was eating

him up after he had beaten Felix up.

She took a shower in her room and flopped on the bed. With how tired Mia was, nothing could stop her from falling asleep. She desperately needed a break.

The next morning, the sound of her phone ringing woke her up.

She answered the call groggily. “Hello?” “Rise and shine, Mia! We have

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grocery shopping to do so we can cook up a hearty meal for Felix. I'm old for this. I'm thinking of leaving it to you. Take this chance to learn his likes and dislikes-" Mia hung up the call right away and checked the time-it was only 5:00 am! Did Janice hit her up this morning for grocery shopping just so she could cook for Felix? How ridiculous! She put her phone on silent mode, signing off from being their maid. Felix's

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matter didn't bother her anymore.

With Jason there to help, Claude wouldn't be in trouble anyway.

Mia laid back on her bed and slept in until she woke up naturally.

Yawning,

she finally felt alive after a good sleep.

She checked her phone only to realize that there were a few missed calls from

Janice. Obviously, Janice was persistent.

However, all Mia wished for was to take a break. After all, she was a pregnant

woman. She didn't have the energy to be at someone's beck and call.

The moment she waltzed out of her room, the nice smell from the kitchen

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wafted her nose. It was mouth–watering.

“Aunt Patricia, you are the best cook ever!” “Where’s Claude? Invite him over,”

suggested Patricia.

Mia reached out to Claude. The line got through very quickly this time, but it

was a woman speaking. “Hello?” Dumbfounded, Mia realized that the voice

sounded different from before. Did Claude get into a new relationship?

Recalling her past mistake, Mia said, “Sorry, I got the wrong number.” The call

was disconnected just like that.

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Considering that Claude had a female companion at the moment, they must've been to the hotel. last night. Therefore, Mia reckoned that it was better she let him be.

Mia made up an excuse, informing Patricia that he was busy with work. Patricia believed it and Mia had the delicious stir-fried chicken and sweet and sour pork all for herself.

As much as her heart was full of contentment, her belly was round. As she thought, nothing beat food when it came to enjoying life!

“Mia, your appetite is growing these days. You look rounder than before. Women should always keep fit or it'll be difficult for them to get a partner.

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“Look at your belly. People who don’t know you might take you as a pregnant woman!” Mia’s expression went stiff for a moment before she broke into a smile. “Well, I’m pregnant with stir-fried chicken, sweet and sour pork and fish soup.” Patricia guffawed at that. Mia took a break after the meal. Suddenly, her phone rang, and this time, it was Felix. Taking a glimpse at her phone, she went to the balcony to answer the call. “Hello, Felix.” “Mia, don’t mind my mother. She’s always like this. She’s always thinking about what’s best for me.” “I understand, but could you ask

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her to stop calling me in the future? I won't ever be her daughter-in-law in, so she doesn't have to teach me how to be a good wife." Her tone was monotonous.

"What do you mean by that? Are you not going to take care of me at the hospital anymore, Mia?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 373-Felix's blatant tone struck as absurd to Mia.

Like mother, like son; both Janice and Felix were shameless.

Since they confronted her with that kind of attitude, Mia figured that there was

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nothing else to talk about between them anymore.

Mia replied bluntly, “Felix, I’m not obliged to take care of you. What I did yesterday was my final act of kindness toward you.” “Mia, if it weren’t for your

brother, I wouldn’t have been hospitalized. I kept quiet about who the offender

was to the police because of you. I sacrificed so much for you. Can’t you be a

little understanding?” Right then, Janice’s squeaky voice piped up. “What? Felix, are you saying that Mia’s brother was the cause of your injury? Why didn’t you tell me?” Then, the phone was thrust into Mia’s hands. “Come to the

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hospital now, Mia Bowen. I have to get to the bottom of this. Otherwise, I'll call the police to have your brother arrested." "Be my guest." Mia hung up the call.

She was still worried, but Jason had given her his word that everything would be fine.

So, everything should be fine, right?

Although Claude was the offender, not her, Jason wouldn't sit still and do nothing about it. They were brothers after all.

The thought eased her mind. In the afternoon, she headed to college for lectures.

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She needed to catch up with her studies so that she could pass the examinations in one attempt.  
Mia's phone rang incessantly, but she ignored it.  
Felix's true colors were finally showing. If he was using the assault incident as leverage now, he might request more from her in the future.  
After some thought, she decided she'd rather he went to the police. Claude wouldn't leave traces that easily, so it was possible that Felix couldn't find any evidence to charge Claude with assault.  
On top of that, one of the family members—Jason—was a lawyer.  
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should be fine.

During her study break, she went to the restroom to check the barrage of missed calls and messages from Janice and Felix.

She ignored them, then an entertainment article popped up in her notification.

Love Intrigue Unfolds: Talented Singer Accused of Dating Wealthy Heir.”

When Mia saw the picture of the talented singer, she recalled the woman hot

on Connor’s heels that night.

That was the same woman!

Mia initially assumed that something was going on between the duo, but it seemed like she was ahead of herself.

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Her finger instinctively clicked the link, revealing the singer looking all sophisticated in a black dress.

However, the reporter only managed to capture the back of the man next to her.

Staring at the familiar back, Mia zoomed into the picture. Judging from the button on the suit, she was confident that the man was Timothy.

Because she had personally chosen and sewn that button for him. There was

no way she would mistake it for something else.

A wry smile tugged at her lips as she looked at the picture. Feelings began stirring up a mess in her.

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Before this, it was the wealthy Ms. Lane. This time, it was a famous singer.

Both women were on his level, making them a good match.

Indeed, Mia had resolved to get over him. However, seeing him with another

woman still stung.

Bitterness crept in. She caressed her belly. “Babies, you’re the only ones I have now. Let’s forget about this ungrateful man.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 374-That bastard actually called

Mia yesterday to mock her for being a playgirl, but he wasn’t in the position to

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do so.

Furious, she sent the picture to Timothy. ‘You’re no saint either. Is this another backup girl of yours?’ But after typing it out, she felt it was too long to assert her dominance.

In the end, she edited her message and imitated his terse style. ‘Wow.’ That was enough to ooze sarcasm.

Mean people usually didn’t say much.

Then, Mia set her phone aside and returned to her seat, back to her studies. Yet, she couldn’t focus at all. She kept stealing glances at her phone as she

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wondered how Timothy would respond to her message.

To her disappointment, he didn't reply.

A while later, her phone screen suddenly lit up to show a notification from WhatsApp.

She checked her phone only after calming herself down. Turned out it wasn't

a reply from Timothy, but a message from Felix.

'Mia, I recorded what you confessed to me in the room that day. About how

your brother was actually the offender.'" Mia recollected her memories.

Indeed,

she actually admitted it.

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Frowning, she contacted Felix. “What do you want?” “Come to the hospital. Let’s talk.” “I don’t think there’s anything to talk about between us.” “If you don’t come, I’ll send the voice recording to the police. You don’t want your brother to be taken to prison for this, do you?” She furrowed her brows. In the end, she gave in and agreed to drop by the hospital. She packed up and took a cab to the hospital. It was obvious what Felix was up to. He was going to leverage the voice recording to achieve. Regardless, she was mentally prepared for it. Worst–

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case scenario, the police would obtain the voice recording anyway. Mia entered the room, where Felix and Janice were present. Mia's expression was cold. "What do you want to talk about?" Janice chastised, "What's with that attitude? If it hadn't been for your brother, would Felix have ended up like this? If Felix hadn't liked you, I would've stopped him from going out with a divorced woman. Mia mocked, "Mrs. Quilter, I've never liked your son. Not even for a brief

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moment. And I've never accepted his feelings. I think you're getting ahead of yourself, seeing me as your future daughter-in-law." Why beat around the bush when things had gotten this ugly? From the way Mia saw it, there was no need for that.

Janice's fingers were trembling with anger. "Since you know your place, why are you still working at my son's place? How shameless of you!" "I don't think that's the right choice of words, Mrs. Quilter. First, Felix was the one who

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offered me to work for him. When I wanted to quit, he was the one asking me to stay. You can ask him to verify that.” Mia shifted her gaze to Felix, not wanting to speak to Janice. But she had underestimated him. “Mia, I thought you had feelings for me when you accepted my offer. Otherwise, why didn’t you go to those huge companies instead? All I have is a small studio.” Now that utterly disgusted Mia. She didn’t expect him to stoop lower than how he had threatened her with a voice recording.

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“Where’s the voice recording? What do you plan to do with it?” She dived into

the main topic right away.f

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 375-Mia didn’t want to waste time

beating around the bush. Not even for a second.

Yet, Felix gave her a loving look. “Mia, you’re avoiding my question.”

Disgusted, she retorted, “I swore that if I have feelings for you, I’ll be struck by

lightning. Do you understand me?” Her blatant vow left him completely stunned.

Never had he imagined being looked down upon like this.

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In his mind, a divorced woman like Mia shouldn't be picky when faced with a career man like him.

Still, he regained his composure very quickly. "Mia, you don't have to be so

harsh. I won't give the voice recording to the police on one condition—be my

girlfriend. Once we become a family, your brothers are my brothers. I won't

hold him accountable for it." This was a setup, an overt setup.

How could Felix talk about family? So casually at that?

The world was indeed a strange place.

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She thought that her adoptive parents had bizarre characters, but Felix and Janice took it to a whole new level.

It finally hit her that good people were hard to come by.

Timothy had warned her that Felix was a calculating man, and so did Claude.

Now, she finally saw it for herself.

Just as she thought, he was trying to threaten her with the assault incident.

Helplessly, she proposed, “Felix, we can compensate you for what had happened. Name a price.” Janice’s eyes lit up at that, but Felix rejected it without a second thought, “I don’t want money. I want you.” A marriage was all

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it would take for him to wrap Mia around his fingers and tap into her brothers’ resources, which was more advantageous than a one-time compensation. Mia found the situation absurd. “Felix, as your mother said, a divorced woman like me doesn’t deserve you.” “The person I like is you, Mia. Your divorce has nothing to do with my feelings.” “Felix, actually there’s something I haven’t told you—I’m pregnant.” She resorted to her last option. Janice piped up. “You’re pregnant? Is it Felix’s?” Mia was speechless at that,

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not understanding how the other party's brains work.  
Her being pregnant with Felix's child? Only when pigs started flying!  
Calmly, Mia replied, "It's my ex-husband's, and they're twins. I'm  
keeping  
them. If you want to be with me, congratulations in advance for becoming  
a  
father-to-be. Can you accept this?" Felix couldn't accept the fact that the  
babies weren't his.  
His jaw tightened as he stole a glimpse of her belly. "As long as I can be  
with  
you, I can accept anything, Mia." As long as he had the money in the  
future,

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he would have his own kids someday.

Meanwhile, Mia didn't expect that answer from him. It was somewhat touching, but it sounded like a lie to her.

For the past few days, Claude had been giving her relationship lessons, imparting ways to distinguish between a man's lies and truthful words.

It wasn't normal for someone to be unfazed by such harsh realities. In fact, Felix accepted it way too fast.

Obviously, he had ulterior motives.

Mia couldn't understand him. "Felix, what exactly about me do you like? I might as well change it." Why would he like an orphan like her?

"I've shown you my sincerity. I don't think any man in this world will be able to

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do this far. I can jump off the building for you too.” Labeling him as unhinged, she blurted, “Felix, I don’t like you. Even if you’re dead, I will never like you.

That’s it.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 376-If this conversation continued

any further, Mia feared her blood pressure might rise through the roof.

“Mia Bowen, are you going to leave like this? What about the voice recording?” She looked over her shoulder at Felix. “Why don’t you let me hear

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it first?” Silence hung in the air for a moment and she knew instantly that it was a lie—he didn’t possess any sort of voice recording. The visit was unnecessary after all. Annoyed, she began wondering why Claude hadn’t been responding to her messages. The issue could only be resolved after she spoke to him. However, Claude appeared to be unreliable at the moment. Mia, who was going to leave the hospital, exited the elevator while dwelling on the repulsive emotions which surfaced after her discussion with Felix and Janice. Right then, Timothy phoned Mia.

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She picked up the call immediately. “Anything?” “About the picture, it’s not what you think.” Everything was unfolding in a way which exceeded her expectations today. Timothy was actually explaining his relationship with another woman to her? Unbelievable.

“Enough. I’m tired of your nonsense. I’m hanging up,” she said coldly. In a sudden burst, Janice’s piercing voice echoed from behind. “Mia Bowen, how could you be this cruel? Felix had jumped off the building for you! You ungrateful bitch!” Mia spun around in response only to be pushed by Janice,

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crashing to the ground.

She instinctively shielded her belly and color drained from her face as she shrieked in pain.

Timothy, still on the phone, asked anxiously, “Mia, what happened? Where are you?” She tried to grab the phone, but it was out of her reach.

Clenching

her teeth, she groaned,” Timothy, I...” Before she could say anything, darkness enveloped her, and she fainted.

On the other end, Timothy had just landed from a flight. His expression turned

icy as he turned to Heath. “Which hospital is Felix at?” “Hope Hospital.”

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helicopter ready Immediately! I'm heading there," Timothy ordered sharply, his expression tense.

He dialed Mia's number again, but no one answered.

Dread shrouded him like a cloak. It was that same emotion again.

The last time he felt this way was when he caught wind of Mia's abduction.

Although she had Connor, Timothy pulled every string he had to look for her.

Now, her desperate cry for him stifled his chest. He almost couldn't breathe.

Recentering himself, he spoke to Heath, "Mia might've been hurt in the

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hospital. Contact the director right now. Tell him to make sure she's safe."

The

bombshell of Mia getting hurt in the hospital surprised Heath so much that he

broke into a cold sweat.

A helicopter was swiftly prepared. Timothy wasted no time to fly to Hope Hospital.

In the meantime, he received a call from the director of the hospital. "Mr. Barrett, your wife has been taken to the emergency room." Timothy's expression darkened. "Make sure she comes out of the room safely. I'll arrange for the medical equipment you need to be sent later." "Don't worry,

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Mr. Barrett. We'll make sure she's safe, but she's not doing well at the moment," Sky Manson reported.

Timothy's jaw clenched. "Did she hurt her head?" "No. She's pregnant." Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 377-Timothy's mind raced as he

processed the news.

"Mia's pregnant? Who's the father then?" Questions flooded his mind. Before he could dwell on it further, Sky's voice resounded through the phone.

"Mr. Barrett, if something bad happens, who will you choose? The mother or

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the baby?” Faced with the unexpected dilemma, Timothy took a deep breath.

All he knew right now was that he was the joke of the universe—he was cheated on.

If Mia was pregnant, what would that make him?

Coldly, he retorted, “Must I state the obvious?” “The baby?” the director asked

for confirmation as heirs were normally important to rich people.

A shadow crossed Timothy’s face. “Save the mother. The baby isn’t important.” He would never care about a kid that wasn’t his.

Reining in his urge to demand the hospital to treat Mia was the greatest benevolence he could possibly offer.

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If someone told him to care about the baby, he didn't know what he might be capable of doing.

Meanwhile, Heath learned a significant piece of information from that conversation—Mia was pregnant!

Heath thought that Timothy should be celebrating over the news.

However, judging from the latter's dark expression, it seemed like the baby wasn't his.

Although Heath had faith in Mia's character, he didn't have the guts to speak up.

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After the call, Timothy was all grumpy. Heath kept his lips sealed. Would he get killed for knowing this secret? Being a secretary nowadays requires nerves of steel. 20 minutes later, the helicopter landed on the roof of the hospital. Timothy alighted and the director welcomed him. Timothy was a big sponsor of the hospital, making him an important guest to the director. Despite his grumpy face. Timothy couldn't hide his concern. "How's she doing?" "Congratulations. Mr. Barrett. Both the mother and the baby are fine." Timothy paused momentarily, for he actually had hoped the baby would be gone because of this accident.

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Wordlessly, he darted to the VIP patient room.

Mia laid in bed, her expression serene.

No matter how livid he was, all he could do was suppress his emotions for now.

He looked over his shoulder at the director. “What happened to her? I heard

something on the phone. Someone must’ve pushed her.” Mia wouldn’t have

screamed so suddenly over the phone for nothing. Something must’ve happened.

He heard a middle-aged woman scolding. She must have something to do with the accident.

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Sky answered, “We checked the surveillance footage. Someone did push Mrs. Barrett. But while we were busy tending to Mrs. Barrett, that woman and her son had left the hospital. They ran away.” Timothy loosened his tie, unable to understand why Mia came to the hospital to take care of that calculating man. She was hurt in the end. A possibility crossed his mind—was Felix the father of the baby? Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 378-Sky continued, “Don’t worry,

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Mr. Barrett. We'll get to the bottom of this. They haven't paid off their medical bills." "Keep it down. No need to speak so loudly, I can hear you loud and clear," Timothy reprimanded in a hushed tone. But it was useless because Mia had regained consciousness. All she could feel was pain all over her body. As she blinked open her eyes, her hand instinctively moved to her belly, fearing for her babies. Their well-being hung in uncertainty, driving her anxious. She raised her head only to see Timothy standing there.

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Her heart skipped a beat. “What are you doing here? Aren’t you on a business trip? Is this a dream?”  
He sneered. “Why? Guilty to see me?” She bit her lip, not uttering a word. Heath, sensing the tension, hurriedly signaled at Sky and the others. It was best to give Timothy and Mia some time alone for certain discussions.  
The room was emptied, leaving the duo alone.  
A weak Mia rested against the headboard, noticing her bandaged knees and disinfected elbow.

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Although her question was still hanging in the air, she dared not ask anything about her babies under Timothy's presence.

“Are you dumb, Mia Bowen? Didn't you announce your plan to be a playgirl?

Picking up as many backup men as you can? Are you happy now that your backup man has rebelled against you?” His snide remark hurt her. “This is an accident. Who would've known that crazy woman would hurt me?” Mia countered.

“What's wrong? Are things not going according to your plan? I thought you

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were taking care of that calculating man. Did you fail to do a good job and ended up getting picked on by your future mother-in-law?” She shot him a look of disbelief. “Who told you that I was here to take care of him? I only came for “Then, why were you here? Wandering around in the hospital to see what kind of illness you fall under?\*

Irked, she shot back, “You’re the one who’s mentally ill! It’s all because Felix is hospitalized. If I hadn’t come, he would’ve filed a police report!” “What did you say?” Timothy arched his eyebrows.

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“Someone beat him up and broke his leg. That’s why he was hospitalized. I came here to resolve the issue with him. Otherwise, why would I be here?” she huffed in one breath. His expression became unreadable. No matter how hard she tried to decipher him, his expression made her skin crawl. “Why are you staring at me like that?” Timothy didn’t expect Mia to confront Felix for that incident, hence the surprise. “Even if he had done that, I don’t think the culprit would be found.” The men he hired were veterans, who had given Felix broken legs only,

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nothing more. The recovery would take time, but they would heal in the end.

A scaredy cat like Felix wouldn't have known who did that to him. Mia snorted. "Who says so? Technology is advanced these days. How could the culprit possibly not leave a trace? If the culprit is arrested, he'll face heavy punishment for the assault." The corner of Timothy's lips showed a faint curve.

"Indeed. The punishment is heavy." "You know very well and yet you talk so much nonsense, huh?" Mia was growing irritated.

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His mood suddenly brightened as he answered, “You don’t have to do that. Felix doesn’t have the evidence.” She scoffed. “How confident. People might

even think you’re the culprit.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 379-As soon as Mia finished, Timothy admitted confidently, “You’re right. I am the culprit.” That threw her

off.

Was she hearing things again?

He arched an eyebrow at her surprised face. “What’s with that surprised look?

You didn’t know that it was me?” He sulked again.

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She hesitantly said, “I thought it was my brother.” “Brother? Since when do you have a brother?” Mia took control of the conversation swiftly by asking.

“Answer me, Timothy Barrett. Why did you beat Felix to a pulp?” Had she known the truth, she wouldn’t have come all the way to the hospital only to be disgusted by Felix and Janice.

Timothy scoffed. “Why not? Can’t I do that?” Mia was at a loss for words. Timothy was the reason she had endured Felix and Janice’s repulsive behavior the past few days.

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She thought that Claude was the offender, but it turned out to be this bastard!

A pillow flew in Timothy's direction. "Are you crazy? Couldn't you have given

me a head-up before doing something like that? I wouldn't have gotten involved then!" She wouldn't have cared about Felix, whether he went to the

police or not.

Why? Because even if the sky fell, Timothy would remain unscathed!

Furious, she demanded, "Leave! I don't want to see you." Timothy easily dodged the pillow as he overlooked her. "Is this your attitude after you learn

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that I was the culprit?” He genuinely believed that she had acted out of concern for him.

She raised an eyebrow. “My attitude changes according to how the other party

acts, and this is what you get. It’s only fair this way, don’t you think?

“Three years ago, I married you when you were involved in a car accident.

No

one knew if you were going to survive it or not. But what did I gain in the end?

Only a fool will make the same mistake twice.” “How would you know if it will

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be a mistake again without making another attempt?” Unable to follow him.

Ma merely stared at him.

“You haven’t answered my question. Who’s your brother?” His expression appeared somewhat uneasy She brushed it off “Just my brother.” Mia didn’t want to divulge her family matters to Timothy, for reasons she couldn’t quite

grasp. Let alone the fact that she had three brothers and three cousin brothers!

After all, she was planning to leave for Nord City to start a new life there. The more information Timothy was privy to, the easier it would be for him to

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track her down.

She should be careful for the sake of her babies.

His eyes narrowed slightly. “What brother?” To his knowledge. Mia was an orphan.

“We have a lot of relatives in the village. They’re my cousin brothers.”

Next, he

eyed her belly and his tone turned stern. “Cut it out. I bet you mean the father

of the baby.

right?

She forgot to breathe upon hearing that.

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Timothy knew?

He knew about the babies?

She was all worried about the babies the moment she regained consciousness, but Timothy's presence turned her into a nervous wreck, causing her to forget all about them.

In fact, wishful thoughts had gotten to her head, deceptively leading her to believe that he would never know.

Now, reality was telling Mia that wishful thoughts couldn't do anything to save her.

Before this, scenes of Timothy finding out the truth had played on her mind

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many times and so she was mentally prepared for it.

+15 BONOS Calming herself down, she reassured herself that he simply found out about the pregnancy, not that he was the father.

As long as she didn't admit that the babies were his, she would be able to protect them.

Or so she believed.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 380-From the start, Timothy had

made it crystal clear that he didn't want kids. If he found out about Mia's pregnancy, he would insist on her getting an abortion.

Mia quickly made up her mind. "Yes! You thought right!" "Wow! Were you so

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eager to divorce me because you got knocked up by another guy? I knew something was off about your sudden change in attitude, bringing up divorce

out of nowhere. So you've not only found someone new, but you're also carrying his child!" Timothy's expression grew unpleasant, and he glared at

Mia.

In a matter of seconds, Mia was drenched in cold sweat, fearing Timothy would see through her lies.

Now that the baby was coming to term, Mia heard they could get a paternity

test while she was still pregnant. She couldn't risk it!

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Mia clenched her hands tightly under the blanket. But she maintained a cool facade. “I only got pregnant after we signed the divorce papers. Legally, I haven’t done anything wrong.” Mia was relieved that Timothy always had a bad impression of her. Otherwise, she wouldn’t be able to come up with an excuse for the child. “But we haven’t finalized the divorce. You’re still my wife!” argued Timothy. “But aren’t you engaged to Maya? What’s the difference? You’re a pot calling

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the kettle black!” Mia met his gaze squarely. “Timothy, we’ve been keeping up the act for Grandma Laura’s sake, and we’ve agreed not to meddle in each other’s personal lives. I haven’t broken our deal.” Right after Mia said that, she felt an overwhelming pressure emanating from Timothy. It was silent yet threatening. But she couldn’t back down. If he sensed anything was amiss, the child would be at risk. Timothy cleared his throat. “But our agreement didn’t include you getting

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pregnant!” “And does it include you being engaged to Maya?” Mia retorted. At that moment, she was filled with courage, like a lioness protecting her cub. Timothy bent down to her eye level with a dark gaze. He hissed, “No man can tolerate being cheated on. Mia, I’ll give you a choice.” As he inched closer, Mia instinctively backed away. But her back was already against the headboard with nowhere to go.

+15 BONOS She widened her eyes as Timothy approached. At this proximity, she could see Timothy’s handsome features, how smooth his skin was, and

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even his pores.

Timothy's skin was much smoother than hers.

They were so close they could feel each other's breath.

Mia pursed her lips. "And what's that?" "Abort the baby!" growled Timothy.

"No!" Mia's refusal was instant and resolute.

At the same time, her heart sank. He wouldn't keep the child, after all.

Timothy's gaze hardened. "Do you think I'm giving you a choice? Since you

don't want to take the easy way out, fine. I'll arrange for a doctor to perform

the abortion." "No!" Mia grabbed his arm and gave him a pleading look.

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“Please!” He grasped her chin firmly. “What makes you think begging would work? Until we’ve finalized the divorce, you’re still my wife. How dare you carry another man’s child? Do you think I run a charity?” Despair washed over Mia. She cried out, “Timothy Barrett, you have no right to take away my child!”

“Well, it’s not my child.” Timothy huffed cruelly.

“Who says it’s not?” shrieked Mia.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 381-Mia lost her cool and yelled at

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Timothy, driven by the need to protect her child.  
She knew how stubborn Timothy was. If he said he'd arrange an abortion, he'd follow through.  
The hospital room fell silent.  
Timothy shot Mia a look of disbelief. "What did you just say?" He forced her chin up to meet his scrutinizing gaze.  
Mia mumbled, "Didn't you hear me?" She felt a pang of regret. But she was out of options. This was a hospital. Timothy could easily arrange for an abortion.  
Timothy leaned down and stared at Mia's belly.

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Mia trembled and instinctively covered her belly, though he swiftly moved her

hand aside. When his gaze landed on her belly, panic gripped her. She and her baby were at Timothy's mercy.

Timothy lowered his head, and Mia couldn't make out what was on his mind.

After a moment, he finally croaked. "That's my child?" "Yes, it's yours."

Mia

admitted. She needed to calm Timothy down before seeking help from her brothers in Nord City. Once she was there. Timothy would never find her again.

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Yet, Timothy sneered. “Mia Bowen, do you take me for a fool? How dare you lie to me to protect this bastard? Where’s your pride?” Mia was stunned. She never thought Timothy would doubt her! She insisted, “Really, this is your child.” Timothy huffed. “You’ve slept with many men. Are you sure this is mine? I never even touched you! “You did, once. Have you forgotten?” Mia recounted. Mia observed Timothy, noting the suspicion in his gaze. She felt truly embarrassed right now.

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Timothy shrugged. “You’re right. But I didn’t do it willingly. Weren’t you the one who drugged me?” The corners of Mia’s mouth twitched. “So you don’t believe me.” “I don’t. You won’t fool me twice!” Timothy withdrew his hand and took a step back. ‘I’ll arrange With that he turned and left the room. Ma’s voice sounded weakly behind him. “Would you keep the child if it were really yours?” Mia watched hopefully as Timothy walked away. If he agreed to keep it, she would suggest taking a paternity test to prove the child’s lineage.

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But Timothy never even spared her a second glance and uttered coldly.

“There’s no ‘its’ in this world.” And with that he was gone.

Mia’s hope shattered in an instant, and she couldn’t stop tears from flowing down her cheeks.

She looked up at the ceiling, forcing herself to choke back tears. She asked him the same question before, why didn’t she take the hint then?

Why did she have to hurt herself? Timothy wasn’t even the man she fell for!

Mia curled weakly on the bed, her body trembling in fear. She touched her belly and whispered to herself, “Don’t worry, my child. Mommy will protect

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you.” At the same time. Timothy stood in the corridor outside the ward.

The

urge to smoke was stronger than ever. He tore his tie off, feeling like an enraged lion.

Heath was shocked to see Timothy’s state. It had been years since he had seen Timothy this furious.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 382-Timothy glanced at the hospital director beside him. “What happens if she gets an abortion?” The director looked confused. Why was Timothy bringing up abortion when Mia

hadn’t been pregnant for lonu?

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But the director didn't dare question it and answered truthfully, "It depends.  
Generally, one should get an abortion as early as possible, and they shouldn't get too many abortions." Timothy scowled. "Schedule her for surgery."  
The director hesitated. "Mr. Darrett, I'm not sure what's going on, but Mrs. Barrett's health is fraulle and an abortion might not be advisable. If she goes through with it, she might not be able to conceive again. She's finally pregnant with

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twins. I suggest she carries them to term.” “Carry them to term?”

Timothy’s

expression darkened and he gritted his teeth.

Heath wished he could shut the director up. Who wants to hear about their wife being pregnant with another man’s child?

Seeing Timothy’s Irritation, the director noticed his mistake and hurriedly attempted to rectify the situation. “Should I arrange surgery with the doctor

right away?” Timothy’s expression soured even more.

Heath quickly shot a look at the director, silently urging him to stop talking.

Suddenly, a nurse burst into the room. “Director, something’s wrong! The

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patient jumped out the window!” Timothy immediately dashed toward the hospital room. He kicked down the door to find the window wide open and the bed empty.

In a furious roar, he demanded, “What are you all waiting for? Go save her! If anything happens, I’ll shut down your damn hospital!” He marched to the window but saw no sign of Mia’s mangled body below. He paused, bewildered. “Didn’t you say she jumped? Where is she?” The nurse stammered. “I- I’m not sure. I heard someone say she jumped.” Soon, the head nurse came to clarity. “She didn’t jump. It was a false alarm. The patient

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exited via the balcony, climbed down a pipe to the first floor, and bolted.”

The

director wiped the sweat from his forehead with relief. “So it was just a scare.”

If Mia had jumped, he’d be in hot water, Timothy sneered and kicked the bed

hard. “Mia Bowen, you sure gave me a massive fucking surprise! Let’s see where you can hide! Find out which neighborhood she lives in!”

Meanwhile,

Mia dashed out of the hospital, fearing Timothy’s people were catching up to

her.

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She refused to sit idly and wait for her inevitable capture. Just then, her phone rang. She glanced at the caller ID and answered immediately, “Connor! Help!” Her voice was trembling and she sounded breathless as if she were still running. Connor had prepared a gift and was about to ask about Mia’s whereabouts. Instead, he dropped everything and floored the gas pedal. “Where are you? I’m on my way. Find a safe place to hide!” Mia ran as far as she could and hid in a park. But she still stood out in her hospital gown. A passerby even jogged over to ask, “Do you need help?” “No, my family’s picking me up.” Mia shook

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her head.

She just wanted Connor here. Besides her brother, no one could help her now.

Her phone rang again. This time, it was Timothy's call.

Mia hung up and silenced her phone, scanning her surroundings fearfully.

She

dreaded Timothy's sudden appearance.

Soon, footsteps approached from outside, accompanied by a man's voice.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 383-Mia instinctively held her breath when she heard the approaching footsteps.

After all, Timothy had just called her. Did he know she was hiding in this park?

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Mia curled up cautiously, her heart racing with fear. What If Timothy found her? With Laura still in the ICU, seeking her help wasn't an option! "Mia?" came a voice. Mia jerked up and exclaimed with relief, "Connor!" Mia nearly broke into tears when she saw Connor. Thankfully, the first person to find her wasn't Timothy! "What's wrong, Mia? Why are you wearing a hospital gown?" Connor almost lost his mind when he saw Mia huddled behind a rock, looking distressed. He

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rushed to her side and asked worriedly. What happened? Who hurt you?”  
Which asshole dared to bully his sister?

Mia grabbed Connor’s hand. “Connor, get me out of here, now!” She  
didn’t

want to explain much and just wanted to leave.

Feeling Mia’s urgency, Connor went along and decided to leave.

Once in the car, Mia nervously scanned their surroundings, checking the  
rearview mirror for signs of pursuit.

After a while, it seemed like no one was following them.

any Mia’s tense shoulders relaxed a little. But she knew this wasn’t over,  
and

Timothy wouldn’t give up easily.

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Connor couldn't help but ask, "Mia, what's wrong? Tell me." Mia leaned back in her seat and took a deep breath. "Connor, Timothy found out about my pregnancy." "What? How did he find out?" Connor was shocked. Mia recounted the incident with Felix and his mother, and how she almost got hurt when Felix's mother pushed her. Coincidentally, she was on the phone with Timothy then, and he found out about her pregnancy after rushing to the hospital.

+15 BONOS Connor's face was red with anger. "Claude was right. Felix is a

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bastard. How dare he hurt you?

Don't worry, Mia. I'll deal with him." "Connor, my children are what matters

now." Mia shook her head.

Connor turned to her in surprise. "Although I don't want Timothy to know about your pregnancy. it's not the end of the world if he does. With Jason around, you won't have a problem getting custody of them." Mia sighed to herself. It wasn't about custody.

Timothy doubted the babies were his and wanted to get rid of them. Mia wanted to confess but was afraid to tell Connor the truth.

If Connor and Timothy got into a fight, Connor would lose.

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Mia quickly changed the subject. “Connor, I want to go back to Nord City.”

She couldn’t stay here.

Connor understood Mia’s sudden decision. She was probably worried Timothy

would take the child. But Connor also thought it was about time for Mia to go

home.

Maya had been taking care of Margaret back in Nord City because she didn’t

want Dominic to revoke her adoption, using Margaret as a bargaining chip.

If Mia went home with them, Margaret wouldn’t be influenced by Maya

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anymore. After all, Maya was nothing in the face of blood–relation. After some thought, Connor agreed. “Okay, I’ll tell Dominic as soon as I get back to arrange your return to Nord City.” He stared at Mia. “Why are you out here alone? You’re pregnant and should take better care of yourself. Where’s Claude? You should have him accompany you when you meet up with Felix.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 384-Mia cleared her throat awkwardly. “I called Claude before heading out this morning, but a woman

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picked up instead. My call caused Claude's break up last time so I didn't want to disturb him again." Connor fell silent. He was secretly fuming, wanting nothing more than to beat the living shit out of Claude. That jerk was always so unreliable!

"One more thing, Connor. I don't want to use my current Identity anymore."

Mia's expression turned serious. "I want to start fresh in Nord City." She didn't want Timothy to track her down. She had to protect her child.

Connor nodded. "Okay, give me some time. You look tired. You should get

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some rest once we get home.” “I don’t want to go home!” Mia’s protest was quick, her unease palpable. “Connor, my mind’s all mess right now, and I want to gather my thoughts at a quiet place. Tell Aunt Patricia that I’ll be busy the next few days and will be staying in the school dorm. I don’t want her worrying.” She couldn’t risk going home. That asshole Timothy would surely find her there. She would be walking right into a trap if she went home. Connor sighed. “I have a place near the hospital. I usually crash there when

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things get hectic. You can stay there.” “Okay.” Mia finally relaxed and soon drifted off to sleep.

Connor parked the car in the apartment garage. Seeing Mia asleep, he couldn't bring himself to wake her.

Noticing the bandages on Mia's hands and feet, Connor knew she must have been in a lot of pain from the fall.

Connor got out of the car alone and pulled out his phone. He called Claude and the latter soon answered, “What's up. Connor?” Connor let out a string of

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curses. “Didn’t you promise to pick Mia up and drop her off at school. every day? Where the fuck were you when Mia got hurt and bullied?” Claude sobered up instantly and scrambled out of bed. “Connor, what happened to Mia? I drank too much last night and only just woke up. What happened to her?” “Claude Lane, it’s one thing to be an unreliable kid. But I entrusted Mia to you, and this is how you answered your phone! Were you sleeping the whole time? Is some woman more important than Mia?” Connor was on the verge of losing it. He finally found his sister and was hellbent on keeping her

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safe.

But Claude overslept at the worst possible moment! Connor wished he could

twist that brat's neck!

Claude felt bad. "Where's Mia? How is she? I'll come over right away."

"She's

in the apartment where I live. Get over here and apologize. If Dominic finds

out, you'll never see Mia again," Connor hissed.

"Don't, Connor. I know I messed up. I'll be right over." Claude apologized quickly.

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After hanging up, Claude hurriedly changed clothes. A woman hugged him from behind. “Honey, are you leaving already?” Claude grabbed the woman’s wrist and said in an icy tone. “Did you answer my phone?” The woman looked guilty. “I don’t remember. I was half asleep.” Claude pushed the woman away.

Remorse was eating at him right now!

If Mia could forgive him this time, he would turn over a new leaf and stop being a partying playboy every day.

Meanwhile, after giving Claude a piece of his mind, Connor carried the

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sleeping Mia upstairs.

Just as he gently set her down, he noticed her phone was ringing with the caller ID showing-‘ Scumbag‘.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 385-Connor carefully took the phone, afraid to wake up the sleeping Mia.

He took the phone outside and wondered who the caller might be.

Connor initially wanted to ignore the call. But the persistent ringing hinted at

urgency. He finally answered, “Hello, who’s this?” On the other end, Timothy

recognized the familiar male voice and his expression soured. “Connor?

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“Timothy.” Connor didn’t expect Timothy to be the caller. But he couldn’t deny

Mia’s accurate labeling!

Tempers flared between the two men.

Connor chuckled. “You’ve got some nerve calling.” Seething. Timothy demanded, “Put Mia on the phone!” That pregnant woman sure could run.

He

had been searching for her the entire day and was even scared that she might

have fallen over. And now, she had her lover answering the call.

He shouldn’t have been worried!

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Connor's tone turned icy. "Who do you think you are? You think Mia will just hop on the phone because you demand it? I'm warning you, Timothy, stay the hell away from her or you'll regret it!" If it weren't for Mia's sake, he would've informed Dominic long ago. "This is Bern City, not Nord City. Stop acting tough, Connor. I'll say it one last time, get Mia on the phone." Timothy's tone was arrogant but confident. The

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Lanes might be a big shot in Nord City, but he held the power in Bern City.

Connor's expression turned unpleasant. "Timothy Barrett, who do you think

you are?" "I am Mia's husband!" Timothy huffed.

Connor was furious and hissed, "Timothy, Mia's pregnant. Your actions will

only hurt her!" It would be better to divorce sooner rather than later and to let

Mia return to Nord City.

Unmoved, Timothy insisted, "This isn't up to you. Even if Mia's pregnant, she's

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still my wife. in your dreams!” Connor flatly refused. “Timothy, although this is Bern City, the Lanes in Nord City aren’t afraid of you! If you dare lay a finger on her, we’ll come for your head!” “Let’s wait and see then! Here in Bern City, there’s not a single person that I, Timothy Barrett, can’t find!” declared Timothy, Connor’s face hardened. “Let me remind you, Mrs. Barrett Senior is still in the ICU, and who knows what might happen. I’m the chief surgeon, and I know her condition best. If you dare touch Mia, well you know the

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consequences!” Timothy grew furious. “Are you threatening me?” “I am! The Lanes are not to be trifled with!” Connor hung up. He didn’t have a shadow of doubt. that the Lanes could protect their own! At this point, they didn’t care if Mia found out who they really were. They had to protect Mia and her children no matter the cost. Timothy’s expression turned ugly, and anger was radiating off him. Finally, he turned to Heath.” Have you found her?” “Not yet, but I have stationed people

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at Mrs. Barrett's school and set up some cameras in her house. We'll find her

once she appears," informed Heath.

"Stop the operation and recall our men." Timothy huffed.

Heath was puzzled but complied once he saw Timothy's expression.

What a mess.

Heath had sworn to help solve people's problems as long as they paid him.

He hesitated. "Mr. Barrett, I would like to give my two cents on this." "Go ahead," said Timothy.

"I don't think Mrs. Barrett is that kind of woman. With how advanced technology is now, we could always do a prenatal paternity test to see who the child's father is."

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 386-After Heath finished speaking,  
he observed Timothy cautiously.  
Timothy couldn't help but light a cigarette. He took only one drag before letting  
it burn out. As the smoke escaped his lips, it hid his expression.  
He recalled how Connor defended Mia earlier. Did they still need to do a DNA  
test after that?  
In the end, Timothy stayed silent, enveloped in the oppressive haze of cigarette smoke that seemed thicker than usual that day.  
Mia had a nightmare. She dreamed that despite escaping the hospital, she

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was eventually found by Timothy's men.

They brought her back to the hospital and into the operating room. No matter

how much she pleaded or explained that the babies were his, Timothy never relented.

Finally, she lay numb on the operating table, faced with the horror of losing her children.

"No!" she cried out.

She woke up from the nightmare, her face wet with tears. When she saw the

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unfamiliar apartment room, she breathed a sigh of relief.

She touched her belly, realizing it was just a bad dream. She hadn't been found by Timothy.

Shortly after, someone cautiously knocked on the door. "Mia?" "Claude?"

Mia

recognized Claude's voice outside the door.

The next moment, she saw Claude push the door open and walk in, looking

extremely guilty. "Did you have a nightmare. Mia?" Claude had lingered outside the bedroom door, torn between entering and leaving.

Only after hearing Mia's frightened voice did Claude snap out of it, realizing

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how much harm his unreliability had caused his sister this time. Thinking back on her nightmare, Mia didn't want to dwell on it. She changed the subject. "Where's Connor?" "A patient had an emergency and Connor rushed back to the hospital. Don't worry, Mia. I will definitely stay by your side this time. I promise I won't be swayed by other women again." Mia turned to him. "You don't have to do this, Claude. This has nothing to do with you." She was more concerned about Timothy discovering her pregnancy than Felix and

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his mother.

However, she didn't know if Connor had told Claude about it. She believed

Connor would keep it a secret for her.

Claude's eyes watered. Mia didn't blame him! When he arrived earlier, Connor's scolding had made him ashamed and he couldn't bring himself to

look anywhere else but the ground. He was terrified that Mia would be angry at him.

Yet, Mia never blamed him for it!

Claude wiped the corners of his eyes and his tone and make Felix and his

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mother pay.” turned cold. “Don’t worry, Mia. I will avenge you Mia recalled the harsh beating Felix got from Timothy’s men and pursed her lip. “That can wait. I’ll handle it myself.” It was true that Timothy assaulted Felix. Although the Barretts’ legal team was formidable, Barrett Group’s image would still be affected if news got out. She had to hold the cards in her hand, at least until Connor arranged for her to move out. Claude reluctantly agreed, but his anger remained. He had to find an

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opportunity to deal with Felix. He heard Felix had a studio.  
Mia suddenly spoke up, “Claude, I’m hungry. I want to eat the food from that popular restaurant we went to last time.” “Okay, I’ll call them right away.” Claude nodded.  
After Claude left the room, Mia took out her phone and called Felix.  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 387-The phone rang persistently before the call finally connected, “Hello? Mia?” Mia could hear the caution and disbelief in Felix’s voice.  
She said coldly, “I have the video of your mother assaulting me at the

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hospital,” “Mia. I’m really sorry about what happened. My mom’s getting on in age, and she was just worries about my health. She didn’t mean to act out like that,” Felix’s voice softened with apology.

“If you know it wasn’t intentional, why mother–son duo had no boundarle did

you two run away?” Mia didn’t buy Felix’s excuses. This Felix attempted to

strike a bargain. “Mia, how about this? I won’t pursue the matter of your brother hitting me, and you won’t pursue my mom for pushing you. We’ll call it

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even.” “Who told you it was my brother who hit you?” Mia’s tone remained indifferent. “I just found out it was my ex–husband who hit you, not my brother.” Felix was taken aback. It really was Mia’s ex–husband! Quickly, he tried to reason. “Mia, this is your family’s business, let’s just move on.” Mia laid out her terms. “That was my ex–husband, not my family. But if you want me to drop the charges against your mom, you must tell the police that it was my ex–husband who hit you.” “But back then, my eyes were

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covered when I was dragged away. And the person who hit me was wearing a mask. I have no evidence,” mumbled Felix.

Mia assured him. “You don’t need to worry about evidence. I’ll testify for you.”

Felix was stunned by Mia’s words. He finally realized that Mia wanted to use

him to catch her ex- husband!

The most vicious thing is indeed a woman’s heart! How did he not realize how

ruthless Mia was before?

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But Mia's ex-husband was capable of kidnapping and assault. He was clearly not a good person!

"Mia, it's not that I won't help you..." "Felix, let's be clear. This isn't you helping me, it's a give and take. Think it over tonight. I'll go to the police station tomorrow. If you don't show up then, I'll report your mother for assault."

With that, Mia hung up, unwilling to listen to Felix's excuses. Mia stared at her phone and took a deep breath. She was confident that Felix, being the mama's boy that he was, would agree to her conditions.

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She wasn't sure if this would do anything to Timothy, but she wanted to give it a try.

After eating, Mia felt exhausted and fell asleep right away.

After watching over Mia for a while, Claude returned to the living room and

sent a message in the family group chat: "Mia fell asleep after she ate."

Jason

replied: "I've already booked a plane ticket. I'll handle this matter personally.

We must put that old hag behind bars." Nathan texted: "I hacked into Felix's

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company system and found evidence of his illegal activities and tax evasion.

We can use it later.” Dominic looked pissed. “We need to teach those two a lesson. How dare they try to take advantage of Mia? In their dreams.” Eva wrote: “Maya has been bawling her eyes out in front of Margaret. I’m worried

Margaret won’t accept Mia if she comes home.” Ever since Maya refused to

relinquish her adopted status, she had insisted on staying close to Margaret.

The underlying threat was obvious.

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Liam texted: “I always said Maya wasn’t a good person. Yet all of you insisted on adopting her. Do you see the consequences now?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 388-Dominic finally wrote: “I’ll find a way to get Maya out of Nord City and ensure she never returns.” As long as Maya couldn’t return to Nord City, Mia wouldn’t cross paths with her when she finally returned.

Dominic wanted to part ways with Maya on good terms. But since Maya used

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Margaret as leverage against him, he wouldn't let her go easily.

The next day, when Mia woke up In her apartment, she felt a bit disoriented.

After freshening up, she came out to have breakfast.

Claude sat beside her. "Mia, are you going to school today? Or is there something else you want to do? Just let me know!" laude, I might stay here for

a few days. Could you help me get some clothes from home? I'll have Aunt

Patricia pack them for me. Just be careful not to let anything slip in front of

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her.” “I know. Don’t worry, I won’t say anything. I’ll leave now. Stay here. Just give me a call if you’re craving for anything.” Claude said before leaving. Mia nodded. After Claude left, she immediately headed out. When she got into a taxi, she quickly sent a text to Felix: “I’ll be at the police station in half an hour. Felix immediately called, but Mia had no intention of picking it up. By the time she arrived at the police station, Felix had just rushed over. “Mia, let’s be civil about this.” “I won’t compromise.” Mia turned and walked into the police

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station, and Felix followed behind her.

She smirked, knowing Felix would take the bait.

More than ten minutes later, after everything was settled, Mia and Felix finally

left the police station.

Felix looked at her in disbelief. “You’ve changed, Mia. I don’t even know you

anymore.” Mia’s gaze was cold. “People change.” “Ahem, Mia, your ex-husband is no good. What are your plans after the divorce? How about giving

me a chance? After all, you’re a designer, and I have a studio. If we join

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forces as a couple, our +15 BONOS Mia scoffed. “Not a chance. You’re just a mama’s boy. Run back to your mommy now, little boy.” “Ma, you’re a divorced woman! Do you have any grounds to be so arrogant? Am I not good enough for you” Felix gritted his teeth “Yes, you’re not good enough for me.” “Ma didn’t want to deal with Felix’s shamelessness. If it weren’t for her plan to threaten Timothy, she would have sued Felix’s mother for assault. Just then Mia’s phone rang It was a call from Martha, who was with Laura.

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“Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Baret Senior has woken up.” “Really? Ma’s eyes lit up.

“Yes, she keeps muttering your name. Please visit her when you’re free,” said

Martha.

“TL come over right now.” Mia hung up the phone and hurried to the hospital.

She found herself being excited over this.

Finally, Laura was awake.

Connor had told her that as long as a patient regained consciousness, they would be back in full health in no time.

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Mia didn't think too much about the situation and rushed to the ICU.

Spotting

Martha, she asked, "Where's Grandma Laura?" "Mrs. Barrett Senior is scheduled for an examination. She's finally awake." Martha smiled.

"Yes." Mia finally relaxed. She smiled too. "I knew Grandma Laura would be

okay." Martha nodded and looked up behind her. "You're here, Mr. Barrett."

Mia stiffened instantly. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 389-Mia stood frozen in place. She

never expected Timothy to arrive so soon.

She had rushed here, eager to see Laura before Timothy showed up. She

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planned to slip away quietly afterward.  
She never thought she would still bump into him.  
Mia could hear Timothy approaching behind her. His footsteps were steady yet powerful, and Mia found herself holding her breath. The few seconds were like torture to her. When the footsteps ceased, she felt a chilling gaze on her back, like a knife waiting to cut her down at any second. Timothy loomed behind her, his presence casting a shadow over her. He pursed his lips tightly before asking Martha, “Where’s Grandma Laura?” “She’s been taken in for an examination. But the doctor said she seemed fine,

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so there shouldn't be any issues." Martha reassured. Timothy's expression softened and he continued. "Martha, thank you for taking care of her." "It's my pleasure. When Mrs. Barrett Senior sees both of you here later, or rather, when she sees all three of you together, I bet she'll be very happy." Martha smiled. Mia's smile faltered. She felt the chill emanating from the man beside her, and the temperature seemed to drop around them. She couldn't help but find this situation ironic. Martha's unwitting remark had

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struck a nerve.

Timothy's gaze darkened and he said slowly, "Martha, you can go rest now. I'll stay here." "I'm fine, but I can go tidy up the room where Mrs. Barrett will be staying." Martha was good at reading the room and wouldn't want to disturb the couple's conversation. After Martha left, Mia's breath caught and she tensed up. What would happen to her without Martha around? The corridor suddenly fell quiet.

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Feeling his intense stare, Mia straightened her back but remained silent. After a while. Timothy's voice came from beside her. "Aren't you going to hide?" +15 BONOS Mia trembled but she couldn't avoid him now. If she kept avoiding him like this, she wouldn't be able to protect her child. She pursed her lips and muttered, "Should I have waited for you to make a move instead of hiding?" Timothy averted his gaze, his expression clouded with complexity. "I'm glad we're on the same page. I find it hard to believe the child is fine after

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jumping off from such a high place.” Mia touched her belly. “Yes, we’re quite lucky.” “Have you thought it through? What good will keeping the child bring to you?” Timothy didn’t understand why Mia insisted on keeping the child. Did she know that her body wasn’t suitable to get an abortion? Mia didn’t dare to look into his eyes. “This is my decision.” “What if I insist that you get rid of this child? I’ll find you the best doctor so that you can still have

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children after you recover. But it doesn't matter even if you can't." It made no difference to Timothy if he had a child. After hearing this, the color slowly faded from Mia's cheeks. Just as she thought, Timothy wasn't going to spare the child. Her hand fell from her belly, and she looked up at Timothy. "Timothy Barrett, you should know by now that Grandma Laura has been looking forward to the child in my belly." Timothy narrowed his eyes dangerously. "Are you using

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Grandma Laura to threaten me? She just came back from the brink of death!”

Mia lowered her eyes. “If that’s what you think I’m doing, so be it.” She needed to protect herself and drag this out.

The air suddenly tensed. Timothy’s eyes glowed with threat and warning, but

there was another emotion that Mia couldn’t make out hidden deep within them.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 390-Timothy stared intently at Mia

and finally hissed through gritted teeth, “Very well.” Mia clenched her hands,

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determined not to back down for the sake of her child.

“Mia, you and Connor truly are cut from the same cloth. Both of you keep using Grandma Laura to threaten me,” growled Timothy.

Upon hearing Connor’s name, Mia suddenly felt a pang of anxiety. Did Connor

negotiate with Timothy?

Connor was the only brother who knew about her marriage to Timothy and her

pregnancy.

Mia felt worried. “Please don’t make things difficult for him. This is my decision. He didn’t agree with me keeping the child either.” “He didn’t agree

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with you keeping the child?” Timothy didn’t expect Connor to also oppose keeping the child. Then why was Mia so insistent on keeping it?

He angrily tugged at his tic. “It’s foolish to use a child to tie down a man.”

Mia

looked up at him mockingly. “I know.” “And yet you still do it? You truly are a

dumb romantic!” Timothy sneered.

After learning about Mia’s health, Timothy sent someone to Investigate whether It was suitable for her to have an abortion. He even found the best doctor to perform the abortion for her and help her recover so that she may have children in the future.

Timothy didn’t understand why she was so fixated on Connor.

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Mia flashed him a weird smile. “That’s right. If I weren’t a dumb romantic, why would I have. married you and been at your beck and call for the past three years?’ Timothy, are you so concerned about me and the child because you want to keep me by your side?” Mia waited for Timothy’s cold and mocking retort.

But to her surprise, he remained unusually calm, merely gazing deeply at her and making her uneasy.

Finally, Timothy said coldly. “That’s a possibility.” That caught Mia off guard

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and made her feel unsettled.

Timothy's gaze darkened. Under the bright light, Mia couldn't find any imperfection on his flawless +15 BONOS He continued, "You know Grandma

Laura likes you. I even lied that you were pregnant to deceive her into having

surgery. But I didn't expect you to actually be pregnant. It's a fortunate coincidence. If we don't divorce, we can pretend that nothing happened, and

everything will be the same as before." "Everything will be the same as before?" Mia was dumbfounded. Did that mean Timothy didn't want a divorce?

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She didn't know what was going on inside Timothy's head. Timothy looked uneasy, but he quickly composed himself. "Of course, you can have all the fame and power you want as Mrs. Barrett. We can share the glory together." Mia's eyes widened and her heart skipped a beat. She blurted out. "But the child isn't yours." "I know. But I never have any demands regarding marriage or children. However, you must cut ties with Connor and refrain from

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associating with anyone from the Lane family.” Timothy could tolerate Mia giving birth to the child, but he wouldn’t allow her to have any contact with the child’s father!

Mia’s mind was a mess. She couldn’t possibly cut ties with Connor for the sake of the child.

However, Timothy seemed to have misunderstood her relationship with Connor, thinking that her brother was the father of the child.

“Mia Bowen! That is my bottom line.” Timothy declared, his tone unwavering.

Just as he finished speaking, he received a call from an unknown number.

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“Hello, this is the police department. There is a case of kidnapping and assault that requires your presence at the police station...”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 391-As the call went on, Timothy turned to Mia, his gaze turning dark and broody. Finally, he cleared his throat and replied in a hoarse voice, “Got it,” Mia noticed Timothy’s change in demeanor and a sudden sense of unease washed over her.

Timothy suddenly growled, “So, you’re testifying for Felix and accusing me of kidnapping and assault?” Hearing this. Mia recalled her recent trip to the

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police station with Felix. Her eyes flickered. She thought she needed leverage against Timothy. But she never anticipated Laura waking up at such a crucial moment. Though Mia knew it wasn't right to use Laura as leverage, she couldn't dwell on it now. But she had only brought Laura up as a shield, never intending to actually cause harm to the old woman. She knew Timothy well. He'd surely compromise for Laura's sake. But she didn't expect Timothy to suggest calling off their divorce, and even

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sparing her child. This caught her off guard. Didn't he say he wanted the child gone? What was with the sudden change of mind? Or was this a ploy by Timothy to buy time? While Mia was lost in thought, Timothy approached her with a piercing gaze. "Answer me." He had sent someone to teach Felix a lesson in order to protect Mia from being deceived. Yet she was siding with Felix to sue him! Timothy sneered. He had never felt like this before. He had never gone easy on his enemies. Except for Mia, time and again.

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And now she had betrayed him!  
Mia swallowed nervously. “As long as you don’t harm my child, I can convince  
Felix to drop the charges. And I’ll even avoid testifying.” “Haha, do you think  
you can frame and threaten me? Since I had someone kidnap and beat  
Felix  
up, I’d made sure there were no loose ends. I didn’t lay a finger on him.  
Even  
if those responsible are found, they’ll take the fall for me. Mia Bowen,  
you’re  
too naive.” Mia’s breath caught and she unconsciously stumbled back.

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Timothy's gaze was dark and piercing.

Soon, Mia felt a weight on her shoulders and heard Connor's voice. "Mrs. Barrett Senior's examination is done." When Mia turned around and saw Timothy, she sighed a breath of relief.

But when the two men locked eyes, tension spiked.

Timothy glared at Connor darkly. If it wasn't because Connor was Laura's doctor, he wouldn't have tolerated him.

Connor gazed back at Timothy disdainfully. He never liked Timothy!

Luckily,

Mia would soon be divorcing him. Once Dominic sorted out the paperwork,

they could leave Bern City for good.

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The two men stared at each other before quickly looking away, both finding the other disagreeable.

Mia turned back to Connor. “Where’s Grandma Laura?” “She’s been moved to a regular ward. But she needs plenty of rest. It’s best not to disturb her.” Connor smiled.

“How did the examination go?” asked Mia.

“They went well. As long as she takes care of herself, there shouldn’t be any further issues. She needs to stay in good spirits and avoid any mishaps that could affect her recovery. I’ll be checking on her regularly while she’s still

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recovering.” Connor hummed.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 392-Connor’s last words were aimed at Timothy specifically. If Timothy dared to harm Mia and the child, Connor wouldn’t hesitate to intervene.

Timothy also caught on. Just as he thought, both Connor and Mia were using

Laura as leverage against him.

Timothy stumbled back and left the ICU, his retreating figure tinged with loneliness.

Mia observed Timothy’s departure. She thought he would have clashed with

Connor. Thankfully, nothing happened.

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“Don’t worry, Mia. He won’t lay a finger on you,” Connor assured her. Mia turned to him. “Connor, what did you and Timothy discuss?” “It’s nothing. I just told him to stay away from you,” Connor shrugged it off. “I don’t want you getting into trouble because of me,” Mia expressed her concern.

Connor felt a pang of sadness at Mia’s sensibility. “Mia, this is nothing. All your brothers aren’t useless. Besides, I’m in charge of Mrs. Barrett Senior’s surgery. Would Timothy dare to harm me?” “But you weren’t the one who operated on Grandma Laura,” Mia pointed out.

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Connor swiftly clarified, “I’m overseeing the follow-up since the lead surgeon had to return to Nord City.” “I see.” Mia relaxed. She knew that Timothy wouldn’t do anything too extreme for Laura’s sake. Just then, her phone rang. It was a call from Claude. Mia suddenly remembered that she had sneaked out. But she never thought she would receive news of Laura’s recovery at the police station. She had rushed over immediately, forgetting she had sent Claude away to fetch her clothes. Handing the phone to Connor, Mia whispered, “Connor, I snuck out. Don’t let

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Claude find out.” “He’ll figure it out eventually. Besides, you’ll be returning to Nord City with us soon.” Connor smiled. “Let’s talk about it when the time comes.” Mia knew her brothers loved her and didn’t want to cause trouble. She merely wanted to leave discreetly and swiftly. Once her documents were sorted, Laura’s health would likely have improved. Unable to resist Mia’s pleading gaze, Connor picked up the call, “It’s me, Mia’s

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changing her dressing at the hospital. We'll be back soon. Prepare some food she likes and plenty of snacks." Claude didn't suspect a thing. "Okay, leave it to me." After the call ended, Mia took her phone back. "Thank you, Connor." "You have ten minutes to visit Mrs. Barrett Senior before we leave." Connor knew Mia would be worried about Laura and Patricia. Mia headed to the private ward upstairs. There were guards stationed outside and the place was very quiet.

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She walked over, noticing the man beside the bed.

Mia hesitated, not knowing if she should wait for the others to leave before going in.

But Martha noticed her and hurried to open the door. “Mrs. Barrett, why are

you standing outside? Mrs. Barrett Senior was looking for you.” Mia mustered

up her courage and entered. She approached the bed, where Laura lay with the ventilator. She looked pale but her gaze was fixed on Mia.

Mia held Laura’s hand. “Grandma Laura, I’m glad you’re okay. I’ll make sure

to visit you often.” Laura nodded and placed her hand on Mia’s belly.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 393-Mia's heart was a mess as she fell Laura's sincere gaze.

She said to Laura, "The baby is fine, don't worry." Laura glanced at Timothy.

Mia understood what she wanted to convey and continued, "Timothy has been

good to me. He's always looking out for me. I haven't been to the studio lately.

After all, I'm pregnant and attending classes, so I'm exhausted." Timothy shot

Mia a complicated look but remained silent.

Laura nodded at Mia's assurance.

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Mia continued softly, “Don’t worry, I’ll take good care of myself and the baby. If

you’re still concerned, then hurry up and get better so you can personally oversee me.” Relief briefly softened Laura’s gaze, though her expression turned sour as she teared. Mia took a tissue and wiped away the tears for her.

“Rest well, we’ll come visit you often.” Laura blinked in agreement.

Finally, she

glanced at Timothy again, wanting to hear something from him.

Mia understood Laura’s expression but didn’t look up at Timothy. She didn’t

know what he would say.

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After a while, Timothy hummed softly. “Rest assured, I’ll take care of her.”

Upon hearing Timothy’s promise, Laura finally closed her eyes and drifted off

to sleep. Mia put the blankets over her before leaving the ward with Timothy.

She took a deep breath. “I’ll be leaving now.” “Mia Bowen.” Mia paused, not

turning back. “Is there anything else?” Timothy watched her closely. “You can

always find me if you need any help.” Mia didn’t quite understand what he meant. After all, he was currently her biggest threat.

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She pursed her lips. “Thanks but no thanks. I’ll have Felix drop the charges and won’t cause you any more trouble.” With that, Mia hurried away without sparing Timothy another glance.

+15 BONOS She rushed into the lift and touched her belly. After the conversation with Laura and Timothy’s suggestion to call off the divorce and keep the child, Mia guessed that Timothy would spare the child. She knew that all of this was thanks to Laura. If Laura hadn’t woken up at this

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critical moment, she didn't know what would have happened between her and

Timothy. This was perhaps a stroke of luck.

Mia arrived downstairs and saw Connor waiting for her. "Connor, let's go."

Connor had been on edge this whole time. But upon seeing Mia emerge unscathed, he finally breathed a sigh of relief. "Did Timothy give you any trouble?" "No, he wouldn't dare since Grandma Laura was there." Mia forced a

smile. "Let's go." Connor didn't say anything else and brought Mia out of the

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hospital. In the car, he finally sighed. ‘ Mia, the family knows about your injury, but they don’t know about your pregnancy, only about Felix pushing you. Jason is already on his way to Bern City.’ Thinking about Felix, Mia hummed.

“Connor, I don’t plan to pursue this matter. The one who harmed me was Timothy. But I made a deal with him, and he won’t harm me or the baby.”  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 394-Connor pursed his lips.

“Mia, you don’t have to do this. Even If you go after Felix, Timothy wouldn’t dare to

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lay a finger on you.” “Connor, I’ve already made up my mind. I can’t go back

on my word now.” Mla sighed.

Mia knew her brothers would go all out against Timothy for her sake, but she

didn’t want to drag them into the mess. Plus, she was about to leave. It was better to avoid unnecessary trouble.

Connor frowned. But for Mia’s sake, he decided to let it be for now.

However, giving up on pressing charges against Felix was out of the question.

While they couldn’t sue for Mia’s injury, there were other ways to deal with

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someone.

But Connor chose not to inform Mia of their plans.

The siblings both had secrets of their own and decided to drop the topic.

After getting back to Connor's apartment, Mia immediately called Felix after

going to the bathroom. "Drop the charges with the police. We're not pursuing

this anymore." "Mia, you're giving up on pressing charges so soon? What did

your ex offer you?" Felix asked.

"That's none of your business. Just drop the charges. As for your mother, I won't press charges on her too. We're even now," Mia hissed.

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Felix continued, “Mia, now that the misunderstanding is cleared up, why don’t

you come back to the studio and work? I...” Mia wasn’t in the mood to listen to

Felix’s nonsense, so she hung up. She didn’t pursue Janice’s matter to protect

her child, not because of Felix. In fact, she didn’t want to see those two disgusting individuals ever again.

Before long. Claude brought back a variety of tasty food for Mia.

Seeing how careful he was around her, Mia knew he felt guilty about her injury. She could feel her brothers’ love for her.

So she made up her mind and decided to go back to Nord City to live with

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them.

At night, Jason arrived at the apartment right as he got off the airport.

However, Mia had already fallen asleep when he arrived.

Connor waited for Jason in the living room. He said in a lowered voice, “Don’t

let Mia find out Jason nodded. “I know. I’ve already figured out how to give

Felix what’s coming to him.” Claude’s expression turned unpleasant. “We can’t let those two off the hook. That sly fox was ogling Mia. He must think

that he can have her, Dream on.” After exchanging glances, the three brothers

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agreed to deal with Felix and make sure he didn't get away with it. Mia stayed at Connor's house for two days. After her wounds had almost completely healed, she went back to her classes and prepared for exams. When she stepped out of the study room, a middle-aged woman suddenly rushed over to her." Mia! Mia, I've been looking for you. Why didn't you answer my calls?" Mia's smile faded when she saw Janice. "I'm not obligated to answer your calls." She had long blocked Janice's number. "Mia, I know I was too impulsive at the hospital. I apologize. Please don't hold a grudge against an uneducated old lady like me." Janice pleaded.

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Mia frowned. “Let go. I don’t want to see you, nor do I accept your apology.

I’ve already made myself clear to Felix. Don’t come looking for me again.”

“Mia, wait. Don’t you know? Felix was arrested by the police,” Janice cried.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 395-Mia froze when she heard that

Felix had been arrested. “What do you mean?” “Mia, you’re the only one who

can help me now. Since my son got arrested, none of the studio staff have been showing up for work. Some even demanded their salaries from me.

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Where am I supposed to get the money? My son trusted you the most. He always said you were the most talented. If you return to support my son's company, there's still hope to salvage it," Janice begged.

Mia finally understood why Janice had come to her with such humility.

She

was waiting for her here.

Mia remained indifferent. "Sorry, I've already resigned. I won't go back to work." "Mia, I know you and my son used to be close. I was the one who ruined your relationship. I'm sorry. Now that my son is in trouble, you're the

only one I can turn to. As long as you help my son through this rough patch

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and get him out, I won't stop you two from being together," Janice pleaded again.

Mia was confused. "Are you and your son incapable of understanding human language? I've never liked Felix. He's the one pestering me. I will never be with him. Got it?" Mia prepared to leave, not wanting to waste any more time on Janice.

"Is it because of my son's current situation that you want to dump him? You're

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a divorced woman! Who are you to look down on my son?” Janice grew angry and embarrassed.

Mia’s expression remained cold. “I’d rather be single than be with Felix.”

“Mia

Bowen, drop the act. You came to the hospital to take care of, my son when

he was injured last time. My son is just facing a temporary setback. He’ll soon

be back on his feet. My son has connections with many wealthy and influential

people. You’ll learn to regret it then.” Janice stomped her foot.

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Mia raised an eyebrow. “Really? I’ll be waiting for that day.” “Mia Bowen, no wonder you got divorced! You’re such a materialistic woman! Who can possibly tolerate you? I’m telling you now, no man will want a woman like you even after your divorce. Do you really think you’re a catch? There won’t be another man as foolishly good to you as my son,” Janice shrieked. Before Mia could retort, a hand landed on her shoulder and Claude chimed in, “Sorry, but I’m afraid you’ll be disappointed. I’m her suitor. Even if she’s well

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past her age, she'll still have someone interested in her!" Mia knew Claude was trying to stand up for her, so she remained silent. After all, Janice's words were making her sick.

When Janice saw Claude's handsome face, she choked. "Where did this bitch

boy come from?" Claude answered with a smirk, "From Nord City. I'm rich too.

My net worth puts that mama's boy to shame." "Liar. I think you're just a gigolo. How could a woman like Mia find a wealthy man? She's an orphan!

Her family is very poor," Janice retorted.

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Claude's expression turned cold. He raised his hand to reveal his branded watch and glanced at Mia. "Let's go. I got a new sports car today. Do you like

it?" Mia understood Claude's intention and played along, "Is it a gift for me?"

"Yes, I'll even pluck the stars from the sky for you if you ask me to."

Claude

winked at her.

Mia followed Claude outside the school. Sure enough, there was a sleek sports car parked by the road.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 396-Janice caught sight of the sports car and her jaws dropped in disbelief. Was this man really that

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wealthy?

Still resistant, she persisted, “Mia Bowen, he’s just leading you on. Only my

son will offer you marriage.” Mia chuckled. “Is marriage supposed to be some

sacred blessing? As if I care.” Leaning against the sports car, Claude approached and glanced at Janice. She appeared intimidated. “What do you

want?” “If you dare to bother Mia again, I’ll make sure your son rots in jail

forever,” Claude warned, his voice dripping with menace.

Janice felt threatened. It wasn’t until Claude drove that she realized he was

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most likely involved in her son's arrest.

Unfortunately, the sports car had already driven away.

Janice slumped to the ground. She was suddenly filled with regret. If only she

hadn't crossed Mia.

What was she going to do now that her son was behind bars?

Meanwhile, Mia left the school with Claude.

She was taken aback by Felix's arrest. She texted her former colleagues to inquire about the situation and learned something unexpected.

One of the replies wrote: "I heard Mr. Quilter got arrested for some financial

crimes. Seems like he cooked up some names to cheat money from the

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school and funneled investor funds into his own pockets to buy houses for himself.” Another texted: “Now that Mr. Quilter’s shady dealings are out, he’s been arrested. He might be looking at a few years if he can’t cough up the cash to cover the losses. It’s outrageous. Good thing you left when you did.”

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After reading her colleagues’ gripes, Mia got a rough idea of why Felix got arrested. But she never expected Felix to be this shady behind the scenes. She never noticed it before.

Well, now she realized Felix wasn’t a good person.

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Initially, she didn't press Janice for charges. But Felix was now reaping what he sowed. Indeed, karma had caught up with him. Beside her, Claude hesitated. "Mia, was that old lady Felix's mother?" "Yes. Felix was arrested, and it's not looking good for him." Mia sighed. "Mia, are you worried about him?" Claude asked. Mia raised an eyebrow. "Why would I worry about a lowlife like Felix? He brought this onto himself. " Claude breathed a sigh of relief.

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He cautiously probed, “Mia, don’t overthink it. But I think I heard that old lady mention your divorce. I’m not sure if I misheard.” Mia paused. “So you heard.”

“Maybe I misheard,” Claude reasoned.

“No, Claude, you heard right. I got a divorce.” Mia didn’t bother hiding it anymore. After all, her brothers would find out eventually.

Claude’s expression shifted at this, and he immediately parked the car on the

side of the road. He turned to her. “Mia, are you serious? Who’s the guy?” How dare he demand a divorce? It was a blessing to marry Mia! Yet that bastard didn’t cherish it!

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Mia pursed her lips. “Claude, it doesn’t matter who he is. Anyway, I’m done with him.” “Don’t worry, Mia. I got your back. You used to be on your own, but now you’ve got us. Who’s your ex–husband? How dare he divorce you!” Mia fell silent for a moment. “I’m the one who wanted the divorce.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 397-Claude paused. “Well, that’s also your ex–husband’s fault. You can’t even stand him despite your good

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temperament. It's definitely his fault." Mia was kind, innocent, and adorable.

How could there be a man so blind not to cherish her? Even making Mia file for divorce?

Anyway, it was definitely the other person's fault.

Mia smiled helplessly. "Claude, I was in the wrong too." She shouldn't have

married Timothy on impulse back then.

Claude patted her head. "Mia, you are faultless to me! Divorce is no big deal.

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It's normal these days. I know many talented young men in Nord City. When the time comes, I'll introduce you to some." "Claude, I don't have any plans to get into a relationship anytime soon." Mia sighed. "That's right. Marriage is the grave of love. You should date around. Just switch to another guy when you get bored." Mia gave him a blank stare. Indeed, this was Claude's view on love. She fell silent for a moment. "Claude, please don't tell the family about my divorce." "Mia, we won't mind it at all. We'll just feel sorry for you. If only we

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had found you earlier, you wouldn't have had to suffer. If you're worried about your ex-husband causing trouble, we can talk to him for you. Jason is a lawyer. He can squeeze some money out of your ex-husband and teach him a lesson." "It's not like that. I just don't want you guys to go find him. After all, I'll be leaving soon, and I hope to sever any connection with my ex-husband." Mia shook her head. "If that's what you want. Since you don't want to talk about it, I won't press

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further. But about Dominic...” Claude trailed off.  
Mia knew what Claude meant. “I’ll tell Dominic myself when I get back to Nord City.” And there’s also the child in her belly. Once they reached Nord City, she would be safe and wouldn’t have to hide this from her brothers anymore. Claude nodded. “By the way, Mia, there’s an upcoming music festival at your school, and they’re inviting a team from Nord City to perform.” “I know, it’s a well-known piano performance team. Our school also has students from the

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music department who hope to have the chance to join that piano team.

After

all, it's a rare opportunity." Mia nodded.

TIE BUMUS Claude turned to her. "Mia, do you want to go?" "If I have the

time, I'd like to go and enjoy the musical performance. It should be a sight to

see, or hear in this matter." Mia giggled.

"Mia, what I meant was, do you want to join that piano team? You're quite talented. When you arrive at Nord City, you can pursue a music career."

Claude truly believed in his sister's talent. She was held back when she was

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young. If they didn't lose her back then, she would definitely be an outstanding pianist now.

Mia was surprised. "Claude, I'm too old for that. I just started learning the piano and only know a few songs. I'm not even as good as an elementary school student. How could I have the chance to join that piano team?

Don't

joke around." "Mia, just tell me, do you want to join the team?" Claude asked.

"I do want to. I used to enjoy playing piano when I was younger. But that team

has high requirements.

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I Not everyone can get in.” Mia sighed.  
She knew Claude was looking at her through rose-tinted glasses. But she still  
had self-awareness.  
“Mia, it’s necessary to have dreams. What if it came true?” There was  
more to  
Claude’s words. As long as Mia agreed, he could easily arrange for it.  
He had plenty of time to shape Mia into a talented pianist in the future.  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 398-The next day, Mia headed  
straight to school to review her lessons. But shortly after, her phone rang.  
Hello, is this Mia Bowen? This is the police department. We’ve got some  
questions for you regarding the crimes of Felix Quilter, the owner of Elite

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Studio. Please come over when you're free." After hanging up, Mia pondered over the call. What could the police possibly want from her? She was merely a part-timer at Felix's studio, without any perks like insurance or retirement benefits. Was Felix and Janice trying to frame her? After some thought, Mia called a cab and made her way there. Once she arrived, the police began their interrogation. "What's your connection to Felix Quilter?" "We were classmates, and later I worked part-time at his studio."

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“Part-time? According to Felix and some colleagues, you and Felix were romantically involved. And the studio used your name for financing. Any truth

to that?” the police questioned.

Mia felt speechless. “I had no clue about any of this.” “Mia, if we’ve called you

in, it means we’ve got evidence. Denials won’t get you far,” warned the police.

Mia answered seriously, “I’ve already said that Felix acted without my knowledge, and I plan to report it.

His actions are against the law, right? Besides my salary, I didn’t receive any

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extra benefits. You can verify that.” “However, our investigation shows you recently purchased a house and paid off millions in loans. Given your income, where did you get all that money? Felix confessed that he gave you the money unofficially.” the police pressed on. Mia felt a chill. Felix must have investigated her after their encounter at the bank. No wonder his attitude changed afterward. He probably knew about her mortgage repayment. He must have already been in debt then which explained why he was

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pursuing her out of the blue. So he was in it for the money.  
Claude was right. Felix was not a good man.  
Mia recollected herself calmly. “My brother gave me that money.” “You’re  
an  
orphan. Where did this brother come from?” asked the police.  
Just then, a man’s cold voice came from behind her. “She also has a  
cousin.”  
Mia tensed as she turned to see Timothy. Surprise flickered in her eyes.  
Why  
was he here?  
With Timothy’s arrival, his lawyer stepped forward with documents to  
handle

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the situation.

Mia was led aside, and she whispered, “What are you doing here?”

Timothy’s

gaze dropped. “Felix told the police I kidnapped and assaulted him. He also

told my lawyer that if I didn’t want him pressing charges, I had to get him out.”

Mia gritted her teeth. “That ungrateful bastard.” “Now you see the repercussions of getting involved with a wolf?” Timothy chided.

She lifted her head. “Didn’t you say Felix wouldn’t find any evidence?”

“There

wasn’t any at first. But once you gave your testimony, and the police

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discovered we're married, a case was built," Timothy explained. Mia choked. "I could tell the police it was all a lie." "Forget it, stay silent. I'm afraid you might make things worse for me!" Timothy looked down at her condescendingly. "From now on, my lawyer will handle both these cases. Don't intervene." All of a sudden, a man's cold voice sounded from beside them. "Sorry, but Mia has her own lawyer!"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 399-When Mia heard the familiar voice, she turned around and saw it was Jason. Her eyes lit up in a pleasant surprise and she ran over to him. "I thought you

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left.” A few days ago, Jason had come to North City specifically to stand up for her and teach Felix a lesson. However, since she had made a deal with Felix, the matter was dropped. She had thought Jason had returned to Nord City, given his busy schedule. Jason affectionately patted her head. “I happen to have a case here. But what a coincidence. Since Felix refuses to take the hint, you don’t have to go easy on him now.” Recalling what Timothy had said about Felix and how he had

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used his broken leg to threaten Timothy into helping him, Mia had enough. With how things had turned out, she would confront him head-on. She nodded. “Alright, the hospital’s surveillance footage and my medical records are still available. It’ll be quick if we file a case.” She suddenly felt a piercing gaze behind her. Mia turned around slowly and met Timothy’s eyes. She lowered her eyes and followed Jason to report the case. Watching from the sidelines, Timothy’s gaze fell on the lawyer beside Mia. Who was this man? A lawyer?

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Timothy's mood soured as he walked over to Heath. "Find out who that man is." Heath glanced at the man and immediately replied, "He must be Jason Lane, the top lawyer in Nord City." "He's from the Lane family?" Timothy's brows furrowed at the mention of the Lanes. It was another person from the Lane family. No wonder! Considering Mia's relationship with Connor, it didn't seem strange for someone from the Lane family to intervene. However, Timothy couldn't shake

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off the feeling that something was off.

Mia seemed unusually close to the Lanes.

After Mia had dealt with the matter on her end, she prepared to leave the police station with Jason. She didn't even spare a glance at Timothy as she passed him.

The two brushed past each other.

After leaving the police station, Mia breathed a sigh of relief. Jason hesitated

beside her. "Mia, are you still close to Timothy?" "No, it was just a coincidence. Jason, you know I'm close to Timothy's grandmother. It's why

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Timothy wanted to help me.” “Is that really the case, Mia?” Jason questioned.

Mia felt guilty and glanced at Jason. “Why are you suddenly asking about this,

Jason?” \*Based on the information I’ve gathered, you initially came to the police station with Felix to testify against Timothy for assault. But just now,

you claimed you remembered wrongly. Mia, is there some history between you and Timothy?” Mia was rendered speechless by the question. She hadn’t

expected Jason to already know so much. She couldn’t hide it anymore.

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She pursed her lips. “I thought Felix was being bullied, but later I found out Felix wasn’t a good person. He got what he deserved, so I changed my statement.” Jason knew Mia wasn’t telling the whole truth, but he could tell she didn’t want to talk about it. So, he didn’t press further. However, he couldn’t shake the feeling that there was more than meets the eye between Mia and Timothy. Mia left the police station with Jason and went back to school. She still had classes in the afternoon. Back in school, Mia’s gut feeling was screaming at

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her that something bad might happen.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 400-After her classes, Mia's counselor approached her. "Mia, there's a music festival happening at school

next week, and the school is invested in it. It's a great chance to tie it in with

our previous design. I suggested your design be used for the festival.

Think

you can handle it?" "Of course," Mia replied confidently.

She was looking forward to attending the music festival. Being in charge of the

venue's design meant.

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she would have a prime spot to enjoy the festivities.  
“Here’s the key to the auditorium. Take a look around. Don’t hesitate to bring up any ideas or requests you might have. The school will accommodate your design as much as possible. We want to impress the team coming in and help the seniors get into their team.” “Got it, I’ll give it my all.” Mia nodded. Since she was representing the school, she was determined to create a stellar setup for the music festival.

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“Mia, I’ve heard the head of the visiting team can be a bit demanding. If they

give you a hard time, just roll with it,” the counselor advised.

“Okay, I’ll keep that in mind,” Mia replied.

With the key in hand, Mia headed straight to the auditorium to inspect the space.

However, she hadn’t been inside for long when a group of outsiders arrived.

Judging by their clothes, they were clearly not affiliated with the school.

“Tsk, so this is the auditorium. It’s pretty spacious, but kind of run–down.”

“I

have no idea what the boss was thinking. Why did they suddenly decide to

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have us attend this school's music festival? It's bizarre." Mia overheard their conversation and immediately had an idea of how that team was. She considered slipping away through the nearby emergency exit. But on her way out, she accidentally bumped into a trash can and created a noise. "Who's there?" "Hey, we saw someone over there. Were you eavesdropping on us?" Knowing she couldn't hide, Mia took a deep breath and stepped out from her hiding spot. In an instant, Mia recognized a familiar face in the group—Maya.

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Maya's appearance surprised Mia. Why was she here?

#15 BONUS In fact, Mia hadn't seen Maya in a long time, not even during this

school project. Maya had only made a brief appearance on the first day and

hadn't been seen since.

Later, Mia heard that Maya had returned to Nord City.

A man in a floral shirt frowned at Mia. "Are you a paparazzi trying to sneak a

picture of us?" Mia calmly explained, "I'm not a paparazzi. I'm a student here,

and I'm in charge of designing the setup for the auditorium for the music

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festival.” Maya smirked. “Anthony, she’s not a paparazzi. She won first place in the Fleur International Design Competition last time. Everything should go smoothly with her in charge.

“She’s just a country bumpkin. What’s the big deal with winning an award?

Our music team is one of the best in the world and only performs in top-notch venues. But with this auditorium, it’ll only bring down our standards. The others will think we’re only fit to perform on a college campus.” Maya chided.

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Hearing this, Mia noted that the team was indeed a tough bunch to deal with.

But she also couldn't deny the fact that they were world-class.

Mia forced a kind smile. "Mr. Jenkin, do you have any requests for the setup?"

He asked, "Can you play the piano?" bly never tol Maya sneered. "She's just

an orphan from the countryside. She a piano in her life."

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 401-Mia heard Maya's taunts but

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chose not to respond. Instead, she conceded, “You’re right. I don’t really know how to play the piano.” “Why sugarcoat it? If you don’t have the talent, just own up to it. Mia, is your ego that fragile? Why don’t you just admit that you can’t play the piano?” Maya chided. Before Mia could respond, Anthony, who was nearby, interjected, “It’s absurd to assign the venue design to someone who lacks any musical expertise or piano skills.

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“I’ll be discussing this matter with the college to arrange for a more suitable replacement.” Mia remained silent, unable to ignore the smug expression in Maya’s eyes. Indeed, Maya seemed to be a magnet for trouble, following her wherever she went. Anthony and his group left, their expressions filled with disdain. Maya lingered, boring a triumphant gaze at Mia before remarking. “You seem

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to be having a blast lately. Mia, but sorry to burst your bubble—I'm back now.

Fun times are over for you.” Maya thought about how she had to travel to Nord City to attend to Laura, just to safeguard her standing as the Lane family's young lady.

It was only by doing so that Maya managed to retain her status. Dominic no

longer urged her to sign the adoption termination agreement.

Now, Maya was determined to eliminate Mia, that bitch, so she could marry

Timothy without any hassle.

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With Timothy as her husband-to-be, Maya would soon forget about her role

as the Lane family's young

lady.

With a smirk, Mia shot back, "We'll just have to wait and see!" After all,

Mia

had nothing to lose. She would soon be leaving this place anyway.

With that, Mia walked past Maya without even sparing her a glance.

Maya stomped her foot in frustration before exiting the hall.

Approaching Anthony, she said, "I recall there being a special segment planned for this event, where one student would be invited to perform on

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stage at the end, am I right?” Anthony nodded and replied, “Yes, the college officials have recommended two candidates, and we’ll select one of them to perform on stage.” “But where’s the fun in that if it’s already predetermined? Considering the low standards of this college, we might as well resort to drawing lots. “Any embarrassment would only reflect poorly on the institution.” Maya had already devised a plan. She would make sure that Mia was chosen to perform

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on stage. Observing Mia's awkward and clueless demeanor under the spotlight would be rather entertaining. Maya could then intervene and salvage the situation. It would be the perfect opportunity for Timothy to witness firsthand that Mia, this ordinary woman, paled in comparison to Maya. Returning home, Patricia had laid various dishes for Mia on the table. "Mia, you must have been busy with schoolwork these past few days. Please, indulge a bit more," she urged. After finishing her meal, Mia turned to Claude and expressed, "Claude. I'd like to work on a piano piece. Could you teach

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me?” Mia felt an unexplainable urge to keep up with her peers. Claude readily agreed, noticing Mia’s newfound determination. “Mia, what sparked this sudden burst of diligence?” he inquired. “Claude, the university tasked me with designing and decorating the hall. However, Anthony, the head of the music team, doubted my piano skills and understanding of music. “He believes I’m not qualified for the job. That’s why I’m motivated to work harder,” Mia explained. She was determined to secure credits for this project, knowing it would fulfill her graduation requirements. Claude frowned. “Anthony said

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that about you?” He couldn’t help but curse Anthony inwardly, wondering what his problem was. After all, Claude had purposely organized this music show for Mia. How dare Anthony doubt Mia’s musical abilities! Given her exceptional talent, how could she possibly fail to understand music? Mia nodded. “I would like to lead this eager to give it a try.” Project. It offers a substantial amount of credits, and I’m “Alright, Mia, I’m confident you’ll succeed. Let’s rehearse the piece I taught you earlier,” Claude said with a smile, though a hint of darkness gleamed in his eyes. He was determined to confront Anthony later. What was his issue, anyway?

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 402-Claude couldn't believe Anthony had the audacity to even discuss replacing Mia. Indeed, he had quite the nerve!

After all, this music show was originally intended by Claude as an apology gift for Mia.

How dare Anthony suggest replacing her?

The next day at college, Mia received a call from Felix's defense lawyer, Ainsley Hobb. "Mr. Felix and Mrs. Quilter are proposing a settlement. What

are your thoughts on this?" "What? Felix has the nerve to talk about a

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settlement? Where is his dignity? Besides, even if I don't press charges against him, he'll still go to jail for financial crimes." Ainsley coughed nervously. "My client, Mr. Felix, is hoping for your forgiveness, given your history together.

"If you could consider lending him some money, he wouldn't need to serve jail time. He assures you of repayment once he's released." Mia chuckled.

"I'm not interested in a settlement. If there are any further issues, please contact my lawyer." With that, Mia ended the call. She had no intention of getting involved with Felix. It would only be a waste of her time.

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Shortly after arriving at college. Mia was summoned to Riley's office. "Mia, the college would like to discuss the setup of the hall..." "Ms. Matterson, I still want to give it a try. Despite my limited experience with the piano, I have a genuine passion for music, and I believe I have some understanding of the instrument." After Mia finished speaking, Riley paused. "Mia, you're overthinking this. The college isn't planning to replace you. "However, due to Mr. Jenkin's dissatisfaction, you'll be sent to the Music School for piano lessons. A dedicated teacher will instruct you. Are you open

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to that?” “Absolutely,” Mia replied without hesitation. How could she say no to such an opportunity?

After attending her lectures, Mia made her way to the Music School for her piano lesson.

It was her first time attending a class there, and she observed that her classmates all appeared quite refined.

After the class, Mia was approached by her piano teacher, Drew Kidman. “You must be Mia. Come with me to the classroom next door, I’ll teach you.

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Do you have any basic knowledge of the piano?” “Just a little,” Mia replied.

“Then, would you mind playing your favorite piano piece for me? Drew suggested.

Mia sat down at the piano, flooded with memories of the piece she had learned from Rowan Tilbury, the director of her orphanage when she was a child.

During that time, Mia recalled how Rowan consistently praised her talent, yet

there was always a hint of sorrow in Rowan’s voice.

Mia understood why Rowan was sad—she couldn’t afford to learn the piano back then.

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Fortunately, everything was fine now.

Mia was grateful for Rowan's guidance at the orphanage, especially since her

favorite music piece was the one Rowan had introduced her to.

Taking a deep breath, Mia relied on her memory and began to play the song

Rowan had taught her.

As the piano's melody resonated through the building, Maya, who had arrived

at the college with Anthony with intentions to cause trouble, stood outside in

surprise.

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The college seemed to hold Mia in high regard and was unwilling to replace her.

Anthony, having no other choice, reluctantly agreed to let Mia stay temporarily.

Maya, feeling somewhat puzzled, turned to Anthony. “Could we consider changing the venue or maybe postponing the music show?” It seemed like that could be an effective leverage.

Anthony shook his head. “No, Mr. Lane called last night and insisted on holding the music show here.” Maya found herself perplexed by Claude’s behavior, yet she knew he wasn’t someone to back down easily.

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she would have confronted him directly.

Very well, let Mia stay. She'll embarrass herself at the music show regardless!

Suddenly, Maya heard a familiar melody echoing from the music building nearby.

Her expression darkened. "Who could be playing this piece here?" Could it

possibly be her?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 403-Maya couldn't shake off the

impending wave of panic. Was it truly her returning?

But that seemed impossible.

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Maya vividly recalled taking care of her, ensuring she would never reappear.

Yet, the familiar piano melody revived Maya's deep-seated fear.

Initially, it wasn't Maya who was sought out by the Lane family; it was her old

friend, Mimi.

Consumed by jealousy, Maya resorted to deception to assume Mimi's identity,

ensuring Mimi would never know the truth.

However, Dominic eventually uncovered the switch. Maya could only claim to

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have encountered a girl like Mimi at an orphanage in the past, unable to recall

where that girl had gone.

In reality, that girl was at the same orphanage as Maya.

Maya's scheming resulted in Mimi leaving the orphanage and being adopted,

thus preventing Dominic from meeting his real sister.

Dominic eventually brought Maya back to the Lane family, where she pretended to have no memory of any clues.

Over time, Maya seemed to have forgotten her true identity, believing herself

to be the Lane family's real heiress.

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Now, hearing this familiar melody again, Maya was shocked. The piece was composed by Rowan to comfort the children at the orphanage, known only to them. At the time, none of the other children could play the piano except for Mimi, the true heiress of the Lane. family. Rowan had a special affection for Mimi, often praising her talent and hoping she would be adopted by a wealthy family. Maya had always envied Mimi for being so obedient and favored by Rowan.

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Maya, too, had dreams of being adopted by a wealthy family. However, with every opportunity that arose, Rowan would only recommend Mimi, leaving Maya feeling sidelined.

Driven by jealousy and resentment, Maya eventually assumed Mimi's identity.

Maya later learned that Mimi's adoptive family was not wealthy; they had adopted her because they were unable to have children of their own.

Over the years, Maya found great contentment in her newfound wealth.

At first, she fretted incessantly, haunted by the fear that one day the Lane family would uncover the truth -that she was an imposter—and cast her out.

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As the years went by. Maya's worries began to diminish, thinking that perhaps she would never be exposed during her lifetime. Yet, as the familiar piece resonated once more, evoking her memories of every note, even down to the pauses, Maya was suddenly struck by a startling realization—it was her! Mimi had resurfaced! Frantically. Maya dashed through the academic building, trembling with fear as she searched each room. The mere thought of the real heiress being discovered filled her with dread; it

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would spell her downfall.

Determined to hold onto her status as the Lane family heiress at all costs, Maya pressed on.

Upstairs, in a classroom, Mia halted her playing and admitted, “My memory is

hazy, but I can recall just these few notes.” When Mia was adopted as a child,

she had fallen seriously ill, and much of her recollection of her time at the orphanage was blurred.

Yet, amidst the haze of her memories, this particular piece of music remained

vividly etched in her mind.

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“It seems reminiscent of a children’s song. You performed it quite well, indicating a solid foundation.

“Now, what you need is practice. Select a piece to concentrate on, and should

Anthony attempt to stir up trouble, you can demonstrate your skills with that

particular piece,” Drew advised.

“Alright, thank you, Ms. Kidman,” Mia replied gratefully.

After offering Mia a few instructions, Drew exited the room, leaving her to practice alone.

Apart from mastering this children’s song, Mia’s repertoire was limited to the

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pieces Claude had taught her.

Additionally, Drew had provided her with a selection of pieces for further practice

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 404-Mia chose to practice a new

piece. As a result of her unfamiliarity, she played at a slow pace and fumbled

over the notes.

Outside, Maya searched the building with mounting desperation, checking each floor in a frantic attempt to locate the pianist whose music she had

just

heard moments ago.

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However, it was the end of the class, and many students were engaged in piano practice, making it challenging for Maya to pinpoint the specific pianist

she was searching for.

After scouring the area, Maya decided to resort to adding the senior students

on WhatsApp. She planned to investigate their backgrounds at a later time..

Identifying whether any of them were orphans would be a straightforward task.

Exhausted and panting heavily, Maya couldn't ignore the unfamiliar piano melody resonating from a nearby classroom. Pushing open the door, she

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discovered Mia seated at the piano.

In that instant, Maya froze.

As the door creaked open, Mia turned to find Maya standing in the doorway.

She seemed somewhat disheveled, drenched in sweat with strands of hair clinging to her scalp.

Leaning against the door, Maya paused to catch her breath, a cold smirk playing on her lips.

“Trying to sneak in some practice, huh? With your current abilities, even a year of practice wouldn’t suffice. You might as well give up.” Maya taunted.

Recognizing Mia, Maya deduced that Mia must have been motivated to

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practice the piano after hearing Anthony's comments from the previous day.

However, having just heard Mia's lackluster performance moments ago, Maya

was certain that Mia's skills were no match for her own.

Maya was confident that during the performance, Mia would embarrass herself, allowing Maya to effortlessly overshadow her.

Without lingering any longer, Maya turned and headed toward another classroom, eager to swiftly locate everyone present and identify the pianist from earlier.

Mia remained unfazed by Maya's words, directing her concentration to her practice. She knew there was ample time for improvement.

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Upon completing her search of the academic building, Maya realized she had obtained the contact information of over a hundred people. Taking a breather on the stairs, she quickly dialed Blake, requesting, “Could you please help me conduct background checks on these people?” If Maya were to locate the true heiress of the Lane family, she’d undoubtedly need to devise a plan to prevent her from reconnecting with the Lanes Maya couldn’t be certain that they wouldn’t recognize her based on her appearance. Thus, ensuring the two parties never crossed paths was crucial to avoid

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exposure.

With teeth clenched in determination, Maya was resolved to protect her identity and status at all costs, believing it to be her rightful destiny.

It felt like an injustice. Why were some born into wealth while Maya was born

into poverty?

Despite her humble beginnings, Maya worked tirelessly to carve out her path

in life and was determined not to give it up.

If blame was to be placed, it fell on the unfortunate twist of fate that led the

true heiress of the Lane family to cross paths with her!

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If the real Lane family's heiress was sensible, Maya might consider offering compensation. However, Maya would never permit her to reconnect with the Lane family.

After a long afternoon of practice, Mia returned home feeling somewhat defeated. Despite spending hours on the piano, she felt like she hadn't improved much and couldn't play smoothly.

Feeling frustrated, Mia couldn't understand why she was struggling. Claude noticed her looking discouraged and inquired. "What's the matter? Did

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something happen at college?” He couldn’t shake the thought—did

Anthony

mishandle something?

“Claude, I practiced some pieces at college today, but I felt like I couldn’t get

them right,” Mia expressed.

“What songs did you practice?” Claude asked.

After Mia explained, Claude appeared somewhat resigned. “Mia, these songs

aren’t the right fit for you. It’s not your fault though, everyone has their own

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style that they excel in, and these just aren't suited to yours." "So, what pieces

are a good fit for me?" Mia asked.

"You're better off focusing on the songs I previously taught you. Why don't you

concentrate on practicing those for now?" Claude advised.

Mia nodded in agreement. The songs she knew best were the childhood tunes

she had learned long ago and the ones Claude had been teaching her recently.

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had given her that day, but it seemed her current skills weren't up to par yet.

Suddenly, Claude asked, "Mia, do you still remember your time at the orphanage?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 405-Mia hadn't expected Claude

to bring up her past. She shook her head, admitting. "I don't recall much." "Nothing at all? Yet you seem to remember the piano piece you learned as a child," Claude observed.

"I believe I suffered a serious illness when I was young, and after that, my memories of the orphanage became hazy. I can only recall fragments," Mia

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explained.

She couldn't even remember Rowan's face, just fleeting memories of playing

the piano with her and the image of her gentle, beautiful hands.

Claude was familiar with Mia's story. An investigation was conducted when he

and his brothers first found Mia, and Patricia's account confirmed the same..

After being adopted and leaving the orphanage, Mia fell seriously ill due to

neglect from Bob and Mary. and she nearly died from a high fever.

After miraculously recovering. Mia forgot everything about her time at the

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orphanage.

“Mia, do you remember having any friends at the orphanage when you were young?” Claude asked.

“I don’t remember,” Mia replied, shaking her head.

Perplexed by Claude’s questions, she inquired, “Claude, why are you asking about this? Are you implying that I had friends at the orphanage?” “Never mind, it was just a random question. You seem tired today; you can stop practicing and get some rest. Claude said, dismissing the topic. Claude didn’t disclose the whole truth. Ever since he and his brothers found

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Mia and learned that she had been discovered in a different orphanage, he had started to doubt Maya's story.

Maya was initially found at another orphanage, and at that time, she provided vague clues about Mia's whereabouts, which led to Dominic being unable to find Mia.

Claude couldn't shake the suspicion that Maya might be lying. But with Mia having forgotten everything about the orphanage and her past, their discovery of her was a stroke of luck. Dominic also planned to sever ties

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with Maya.

If Mia ever did recall her past and if it turned out to be linked to Maya, Claude

would certainly not let Maya off the hook.

In the days that followed, Mia dedicated herself to practicing the piano and designing the layout for the hall decorations.

Despite being constantly busy, she managed to slip away to the hospital during lunchtime to visit Laura.

She had made a promise to Laura to visit often, and she couldn't afford to break that promise. Otherwise, Laura might become suspicious.

With a basket of fruits in hand, Mia entered the hospital room to find Laura

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awake. Mia smiled and approached her. “Grandma, you look much better today.” Laura, no longer connected to a ventilator, spoke softly, “You look tired. Have you been busy lately?” “There’s been a lot going on at college recently, but it’ll be over soon. I know how to take care of myself,” Mia reassured her.

“Remember, you’re taking care of two people now, so be sure to prioritize your health,” Laura reminded Mia.

Upon hearing Laura’s advice, Mia nodded obediently. After spending some time chatting with Laura and eating lunch together, Mia left the hospital room.

However, as she reached the elevator outside, a woman emerged from the

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adjacent emergency exit—it was Maya. She sneered, “Mia, you’ve only managed to establish yourself in the Barrett family by deceiving Mrs. Barrett Senior, haven’t you? I didn’t know you were so skilled at sweet–talking her.” Maya continued with her mockery. “Why don’t you consider working for those health supplement companies? You’d definitely be their top salesperson.” Mia remained composed. “Jealousy doesn’t suit you. It’s not a good look.” “Mia, your moment of glory won’t last.

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After all, that old hag won't be around much longer. Let's see who stands by you then. You can't stay in the Barrett family forever," Maya shot back. Mia raised an eyebrow. "Even if you were to strip naked in front of Timothy, he still wouldn't marry you. He even called off your engagement. Don't you think you're being absurd?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 406-Maya's expression soured. "Mia, I'm a wealthy heiress. You can't possibly compare yourself to me."

Mia

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replied nonchalantly, “You’re right, I can’t match your shamelessness.”

With

that, Mia entered the elevator and left.

Frustrated, Maya stomped her foot. She had intended to visit Laura in the hospital, but the security guards intercepted her, preventing her from getting

close.

On the other hand, Mia was able to effortlessly enter the hospital room.

Maya couldn’t help but boil with frustration.

Nonetheless, she found solace in the anticipation of Mia’s upcoming embarrassment at the college’s music show.

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Maya couldn't wait to watch Mia stumble awkwardly through playing the piano on stage.

After leaving the hospital, Mia hailed a taxi and headed back to campus. As Mia was on her way, her phone buzzed with an incoming call from Jason.

"Mia, there have been some significant developments in Felix's case. The fraud charges against him have been substantiated.

"It looks like he'll be facing several years behind bars. As for Janice, who pushed you, she's been sentenced to a year in jail as well." Upon hearing this,

Mia pursed her lips slightly. "I understand. But what about the case where

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Felix had his leg broken?” Mia’s curiosity intensified as she pondered how Timothy had navigated the ordeal.

Jason hesitated for a moment before replying. “There wasn’t enough evidence

for that matter, so it didn’t proceed. Timothy isn’t implicated.” “I see.”

Mia

replied, knowing full well that Timothy wouldn’t face any repercussions.

“Jason, I appreciate your assistance. I’ll treat you to coffee later as a token of

my gratitude. But for now, I need to rest for a while before my afternoon lectures,” Mia said as she stifled a yawn.

“Sure thing. Mia. Take care and don’t overwork yourself,” Jason replied.

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After ending the call, Jason reviewed the investigation results before him, which showed the following headline: “Mia Bowen is married to Timothy Barrett.” This news was difficult for Jason to digest, and he spent the entire morning trying to process it. It suddenly made sense to him why the relationship between Mia and Timothy had always seemed peculiar. It also explained why Timothy had promptly mobilized resources to locate Mia when she was abducted by Bob and Mary.

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Furthermore, it shed light on why Mia had been evasive when he asked about her relationship with Timothy outside the police station last time. Jason straightened his tie before dialing Connor's number. "Are you busy? I need to ask you something. "I'm available at the moment. What is it? If it doesn't concern Mia, can we discuss it after I'm done with work tonight?" Connor replied. "It's about Mia. What's her connection with Timothy? Jason inquired. Upon hearing this, Connor said bluntly. "You've discovered it, haven't you?" It

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made sense. Considering Jason's profession as a lawyer, it was likely that he would have discovered Mia's relationship with Timothy sooner or later.. Jason frowned. "So, you knew about this. Why didn't you tell us?" "I stumbled upon it accidentally, and Mia pleaded with me to keep it confidential. How could I refuse her?" "Connor clarified. Jason let out a weary sigh. "She must have endured some sort of injustice within the Barrett family to have ended up seeking a divorce." "You think I'm

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oblivious to this? Mia is undeniably determined; she has her own plans.

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only recently started fostering a stronger connection with her as her older brothers.

"If we intervene too assertively, it could trigger her rebellious tendencies," Connor replied.

Jason's expression turned stern. "What did Mia receive in the divorce settlement? Money, stocks, properties—what are her assets?" Connor found himself somewhat perplexed. "I can't say for certain, but considering Mia's

financial standing and her character, she likely didn't request much." As an

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exceptional lawyer with a flawless reputation, Jason couldn't bear the thought of Mia going through a divorce and walking away with nothing! He was determined not to let Timothy escape the consequences of divorcing her.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 407-Connor furrowed his brows

upon hearing Jason's words. "You should talk to Mia about this before jumping to any conclusions. What if Mia isn't on board with your plans?" "I'm

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capable of handling this situation myself; Mia doesn't need to concern herself with it.

"After everything she's been through, being alone and mistreated by the Barrett family, I refuse to stand by and do nothing. I can't let her accept that fate," Jason asserted firmly.

If Mia were to walk away from the marriage with nothing, then what was the purpose of Jason being at lawyer?

"What I'm trying to say is, our family is financially secure, and Mia will soon be

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returning to live with us in Nord City. There's no need to create unnecessary complications.

"Besides, Mia has made it clear she wants to distance herself from the Barrett family," Connor reasoned.

"This isn't about getting caught up in anything; it's about advocating for what Mia rightfully deserves.

"Otherwise, Timothy might assume that he can treat Mia however he pleases.

Allow me to handle this matter; I'll discuss it with Mia." Jason insisted.

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As the leading lawyer in Nord City, Jason believed that if Mia were to go through a divorce and end up with nothing, unable to secure what rightfully

belonged to her, then his position was essentially meaningless.

Previously, Mia had no one to depend on, but now she had support.

Why should she endure such mistreatment?

As Mia sat through her afternoon lectures on campus, she was struck by an unsettling feeling, though she couldn't quite pinpoint the cause.

Later on, she forwarded the design drafts to the university officials via email.

Given Anthony's demanding attitude and the added complication of dealing

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with Maya, the task at hand was far from simple. Mia wasn't confident her design plans would be approved; she had a sense that they might be sent back for further revisions. Upon receiving the design drafts, Anthony promptly forwarded them to Claude along with the message: Mr. Lane, what are your thoughts on this design plan?" Claude briefly glanced at the designs and responded sharply: "Why are you showing me this? Are you out of your mind? Who is responsible for this design?" "Mr. Lane, didn't you specifically request the university officials to

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send the design plans to you for your evaluation?” Claude questioned. He added, “I concur with your assessment. I also find this design rather immature and believe it will impede our team’s progress. That’s exactly why I suggested replacing Mia in the first place.” Wait a minute! Claude immediately sat up straight and swiftly dialed Anthony’s number. “Wait, are you saying these design plans are from the university?” “Yeah, they’re from a student named Mia Bowen,” Anthony confirmed. To Claude’s astonishment, it turned out that Mia was the one behind the drafts! He hastily interrupted, clearing his throat. “You know what, upon closer inspection, I realize I might have missed its merits earlier.

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“This design is actually quite impressive, bursting with energy and showing considerable talent!” Anthony was taken aback, puzzled by Claude’s sudden change of heart. He couldn’t comprehend what Claude was talking about. Anthony eventually managed to stutter a few words, “I find it somewhat immature.” Didn’t Claude share the same sentiment just moments ago? Why the sudden shift in opinion? “How can you dismiss it as immature? If you don’t have anything constructive to say, it’s best to remain silent. This design has its own unique character!

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's far from "Besides, Mia is a university student, and while her approach may diverge from the norm, it's being tasteless. "It aligns perfectly with the university's atmosphere. I believe it's quite commendable; let's proceed with it." Claude asserted firmly. Anthony was somewhat surprised. "So, everything's fine as it is? Do we need to make any modifications? "What exactly needs changing? I think it's excellent just the way it is. There's no need for revisions," Claude confirmed.

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After all, Mia had dedicated significant time and effort to practicing the piano

and crafting the designs of the hall.

Wouldn't it be exhausting for Mia if the plans required additional revisions?

Claude couldn't bear the thought of Mia overexerting herself.

Moreover, the music show was initially intended for Mia, so even if she only

provided a basic sketch, Claude would still consider it delightful.

On Anthony's end, he had no choice but to go along with Claude's decision,

yet he couldn't shake the feeling that something wasn't quite right.

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Was it possible that Claude had developed an interest in Mia? It seemed like

the most logical explanation!

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 408-After all, Claude had a reputation as a bit of a playboy.

It now made sense why he suddenly organized a music show at the university

and even endorsed such a juvenile design plan.

However, Claude had never gone to such great lengths for a woman in the past, nor had he ever used his professional endeavors to impress women.

Yet, Mia seemed to be an exception.

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Anthony couldn't shake the feeling that he had been too harsh on Mia.

What if

Mia became Claude's wife in the future?

Later that afternoon, Mia was taken aback to discover that her design draft had been approved without requiring any modifications.

Feeling incredulous, Mia double-checked with Riley several times. Riley's response remained consistent: "Mia, you should have confidence in your abilities.

"After all, you were the first-place winner in the Fleur International Design

Competition. The university has high hopes for you." "I understand. I'll work

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hard,” Mia replied, feeling a bit embarrassed by Riley’s praise.

Mia arrived home in a daze to find Claude already there, looking at her tentatively. “Mia, how did your design review go? Was it approved?” he asked.

Mia, still a bit stunned, replied with excitement, “I passed on the first attempt

without needing any revisions. I had been ready to make some changes, so it

was a pleasant surprise.” Claude gently patted Mia’s head and asked with a smile. “Are you happy? I knew you could do it, Mia.” “Of course, I’m thrilled.

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With no modifications required, I can start decorating the hall immediately.

There should still be enough time.” After quickly finishing her meal, Mia returned to her room to begin arranging the decorations for the hall.

She realized that she needed to start working against the clock tomorrow, or

she wouldn't have enough time.

Observing Mia's dedication and hard work, Claude couldn't help but smile. As

long as Mia was happy.

that was all that mattered.

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The next day, Mia arrived on campus early in the morning to begin decorating the hall.

She was so occupied that by noon, she felt dizzy and almost fainted from hunger. It was only when the little ones in her belly began to protest that she finally decided to order some takeout for herself. After eating, Mia felt a bit relieved.

“Tsk tsk, the setup isn’t very impressive. With this poor standard, how did Anthony even approve your design plan?” Maya asked sarcastically.

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“Come on, Maya, isn’t it obvious? Perhaps Mia used some form of bribery to get Anthony to approve her design,” Shelly chimed in. Maya’s smirk widened. “Shelly, we don’t have evidence. Let’s refrain from making baseless accusations.” Shelly sneered, “What further proof do you need? We’re all aware of the tactics Mia employed to marry into the Barrett family. Everyone knows the kind of woman she is.” Observing Maya and Shelly’s banter, Mia set down her tools firmly. “I was wondering what smelled so foul; turns out it’s just you two. The stench

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reached all the way here. I thought the sewage pipe had burst,” she fired back.

Refusing to back down, Shelly retorted, “Mia, who are you calling foul? Did we

say something wrong just now? You’re the one who used unethical means to

get Anthony to approve such an ugly design, right?” Mia’s expression turned

cold. “Shelly, spreading rumors comes with consequences. Keep that in mind.” “Whatever, I’ll stand by my words. Everyone already knows your true

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colors. I'll make sure every person on this campus hears about your deceitful actions.

“You probably went to a hotel last night to meet with Mr. Jenkins. I have a friend who witnessed it firsthand, so don't bother denying it,” Shelly hurled accusations.

Mia nodded and pulled out her phone, dialing the police directly.

“Hello, is this the police? I've been accused of checking into a hotel with a man, but I believe I was drugged and taken there without my knowledge. I have two witnesses present who can attest to this.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 409-As Mia made the emergency call, she kept her gaze fixed on Maya and Shelly. With a smug expression, Shelly remarked, “What’s the point of calling the police? Do you want to expose your shady dealings with Mr. Jenkin to everyone?” Maya’s expression grew uneasy. She hadn’t expected Mia to actually call the police! Mia smirked. “You both witnessed it, right? You need to provide evidence to the police. Otherwise, how do we expect to apprehend Anthony?” Maya quickly caught on and exclaimed, “Must you involve the police in every minor

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issue? Will this cycle ever end?” I “Why would I refrain from contacting the authorities? Especially since I have no recollection of the events. you’re accusing me of.” “If Shelly indeed has a friend who claims to have witnessed me entering the hotel, then it’s apparent I was drugged and transported there involuntarily.

“Whoever is responsible for this will undoubtedly face consequences.”

Upon hearing this, even Shelly, despite her usual obliviousness, grasped the situation.

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Shelly's claims about her friend witnessing Mia with Anthony at the hotel were false, simply intended to tarnish Mia's reputation. However, with Mia now involving the police, the truth would inevitably surface if the matter were to be investigated. Mia's lips twisted into a cold smirk. "Once Mr. Jenkin arrives, we can confront him directly." Shelly felt her anxiety rising. What should she do now? Maya frowned, realizing the situation was spiraling out of control. How could Shelly, in her foolishness, grant Mia such leverage?

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Should this situation escalate, it could potentially harm Maya's standing with Anthony. In such a scenario, how could Maya expect Anthony to assist her in causing trouble for Mia? Contemplating the situation, Maya shot Shelly a look and advised, "Shelly, you need to provide a clear explanation. Fabricating accusations without evidence won't help." Shelly hesitated; after all, her previous statements were solely aimed at undermining Mia. Lowering her voice, Maya cautioned, "If Mr. Jenkin discovers the falsehood of your claims, you might miss out on the chance to meet those renowned

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pianists. It's better not to let this situation escalate." Shelly comprehended her dilemma and reluctantly turned to Mia. "I just remembered, I only heard about it: I didn't actually see you entering the hotel with Mr. Jenkin." "Then you should convey that to the police," Mia responded indifferently, showing no interest in engaging further with Maya and Shelly. As Mia turned to resume her work on the hall decorations, Maya's voice caught her attention from behind. "Mia, Shelly was simply joking earlier. There's no need to escalate things by involving the police.

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“If they intervene and the paparazzi catch wind of it, it could harm both the university and the Music School.” Even though Maya was hesitant to let Mia gloat, involving the police in this matter was simply not an option. Mia responded with a smirk. “You claim it’s all just a joke, but you’re not the one facing these false accusations. It’s easy for you to brush it off.” “What do you want then?” Maya asked through gritted teeth. Mia glanced at Shelly and commented, “Obviously, the person who spread the

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rumors should be the one to offer an apology.” “I’m not going to apologize.”

Shelly almost immediately refused. She wasn’t about to apologize to Mia. Although she was reluctant, Maya calmly approached Shelly and whispered.

“Shelly, remember, the Music School belongs to Claude.

\*If this situation escalates and my brothers become aware of it, it will certainly

reflect poorly on you. How do you intend to marry into the Lane family under

such circumstances?”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 410-Upon hearing this. Shelly was furious.

She couldn't let Mia jeopardize her chances of marrying into the esteemed Lane family.

Shelly approached Mia and said through gritted teeth, "I'm sorry for what I

said earlier. It was just nonsensical talk. Please don't take it to heart." Mia scrutinized Shelly for a moment before speaking. "You're fully aware that this

is all baseless, yet you speak with such conviction. As a woman, how can you

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be so malicious?” Shelly suppressed her frustration, recognizing the need to control her emotions for the time being. She couldn’t afford to let Mia escalate the situation.

Maya quickly interjected, “Mia, Shelly has apologized. You should call the police and explain that it was all just a misunderstanding.” Mia remained unfazed. “I’ll speak with the police when they arrive. But before that, Shelly, I need your help with something.

\*Please arrange the setup in the hall. Otherwise, your apology won’t come

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across as sincere.” Shelly couldn’t hold back and snapped, “Who do you think

you are, telling me what to do?” Maya quickly stepped in and restrained her.

In the end, Shelly had no choice but to lower her head and ask, “What do you

need me to do?” “It’s simple.” Mia replied. “Just help me move all these string

lights from the first floor to the second floor.

Mia gestured toward a bundle of red and white string lights nearby, her hands

clasped in front of her.

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“Shelly, if you and Maya can manage to carry these lights up there without assistance, I’ll explain everything to the police when they arrive. Does that sound fair?” Judging by how they spread rumors recklessly and then just casually apologizing, it seemed like these offenders never experienced any repercussions for their actions.

Mia wondered why she should accept their apology while still having to deal

with the fallout from their baseless gossip.

Shelly, unaccustomed to manual labor, reluctantly carried the bundle of string

lights upstairs.

With each step, she navigated the steep stairs with a begrudging pace,

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muttering to herself, “It’s so dirty up there, and these stairs are incredibly steep. I even wore my new heels today.” Maya watched idly, offering no assistance. “Shelly, take your time. There’s no need to rush.” +15 BONUS

Mia

grasped Maya and Shelly’s intentions. With a steely expression, she taunted.

“If those lights aren’t relocated before the authorities arrive, I won’t hesitate to

speak the truth.” Shelly’s anxiety surged. “But how am I supposed to get everything moved in time?” Mia turned away. “That’s your concern.

However,

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if it's not done by the time I return, it becomes your problem," Mia didn't have time to negotiate with Maya and Shelly. Shelly stomped her foot impatiently. "What are we going to do? I can't possibly move all these lights by myself. Maya, you need to lend a hand." Maya, mindful of not wanting to disrupt the upcoming music show over the weekend, gritted her teeth and reluctantly responded, "Fine. I'll help you move them." Mia stood nearby, covertly observing Maya and Shelly as they removed their high heels and started relocating the string lights.

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Mia couldn't suppress her laughter as she discreetly pulled out her phone to record the scene. It would be a shame to miss capturing such a hilarious moment.

Observing Maya and Shelly toil away, Mia's mood significantly improved. Once she finished recording the video, Mia resumed decorating the hall. There were still numerous details that needed to be finalized.

An hour later, Mia returned to the area and discovered Maya and Shelly sitting

exhaustedly in their chairs, their makeup smudged on their faces.

As Mia approached, Maya, gasping for breath, inquired, "What did you tell the

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police? Why haven't they shown up yet?" Mia blinked innocently and responded, "Oh, that's because I never actually called the police just now." Maya sighed in exasperation. She couldn't believe she had fallen for Mia's tricks once again!

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 411-After her reveal, Mia couldn't

help but notice that Maya and Shelly's expressions had darkened.

Shelly, barely containing her anger, exclaimed hoarsely, "You mean you didn't

call the police?" Mia responded casually, "Yeah, it was just a bluff to scare you

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guys.” Upon hearing this, Shelly was so enraged that she sprang up from her chair, exclaiming angrily, “Mia, I’ve had enough of your antics! “Do you know how much effort I put into moving all these lights upstairs? And now you’re telling me you didn’t even call the police?” Taking a few steps back, Mia remarked, “You should be thankful I didn’t call them. Would you have managed to move all this stuff in time otherwise? “Considering today’s outcome, does it really matter whether I contacted the

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police or not?” Shelly was taken aback, realizing she had been manipulated by Mia.

Maya was equally furious, but she was too worn out to confront Mia any further.

Clutching her high heels, she stood up and told Shelly. “Let’s go. My back feels like it’s on the verge of giving out.” “Agreed, my feet are blistered. I just

want to go get a massage and unwind.” Shelly sighed.

Maya waved her hand dismissively. “I’m with you. Let’s leave. There’s no point in wasting any more of our time here.” Shelly turned back, shooting a

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fierce glare at Mia. “Don’t think you’ve won, Mia. Your time will come!”  
“Goodbye, feel free to drop by anytime,” Mia retorted sarcastically.  
Just as she said that, Mia observed Maya and Shelly walking away in hurried steps.  
Mia couldn’t help but laugh, especially when she remembered seeing Maya and Shelly utterly exhausted and slouched in their chairs. It was truly satisfying.  
Mia wondered if Maya and Shelly would have the nerve to stir up trouble again.

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With her focus on decorating the hall, Mia had little patience for dealing with

these troublemakers.

She preferred they stayed away, but if they did turn up, Mia would not be accommodating at all!

Shortly after, Mia stumbled upon the VIP guest list for the event in the internal

group chat, where she spotted Timothy's name among the invitees.

Her gaze lingered on his name, surprised to find it on the guest list. Given

Timothy's busy schedule, Mia doubted he could spare time for a college music

show.

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BONUS Meanwhile, at the Barrett Group. Timothy emerged from the meeting room and began delegating tasks to his subordinates. Upon returning to his office, Heath approached him. “Mr. Barrett, you’ve been invited to attend a music show hosted by Halvard University.” Timothy glanced at the invitation, his eyes narrowing slightly. “If I recall correctly, this is the Music School overseen by Claude, the playboy, isn’t it?” Clearing his throat, Heath confirmed, “Yes.” Timothy scrutinized the invitation and inquired,

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“What’s Mia’s involvement in this music show?” He remembered seeing Mia leaving a hotel with Claude before. Heath hesitated before responding, “According to my findings, Ms. Bowen is responsible for decorating the hall this time. Her design proposal was accepted without needing any adjustments.” “Hmph!” Timothy stared at the invitation, his expression darkening. He hadn’t anticipated Claude to be so skilled at charming women. Just then, a staff member from the secretary’s office knocked on the door and

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entered. “Mr. Barrett, there’s someone here to see you.” Timothy looked up, inquiring. “Who is it?” “He goes by the name Jason Lane, and he’s serving as the attorney of Ms. Bowen.” Upon hearing the last part of the sentence. Timothy pursed his lips tightly, and the tension in the office escalated. He spoke sternly, “Bring him in.” Heath felt a sudden tingling sensation on his scalp. Why were things unfolding one after another like this? Before long, Jason entered the office dressed in a dark suit, holding a briefcase. Behind gold-rimmed glasses, his gaze remained composed yet piercing as he met Timothy’s eyes.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 412-Timothy sat back in his chair,

calmly observing Jason standing before him.

After a moment of scrutiny. Jason handed over his business card.

“I’m a lawyer with Beacon Attorneys in Nord City. I’m here to represent Ms.

Bowen in discussing the divorce proceedings between you two.” Timothy glanced at the business card on the table before returning his gaze to Jason.

“What does she want to discuss?” Jason swiftly retrieved a stack of documents and laid them out on the table.

“Here is the the draft of the property settlement agreement for your divorce,

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detailing the division of assets. Mr. Barrett, please take a moment to review it.”

Without glancing at the documents, Timothy remarked, “Wasn’t she previously

set on taking nothing? What led to this change of heart?” Mia had not only changed her stance but had also sent the top lawyer from the Lane family to

negotiate with Timothy!

It seemed like Mia had truly outdone herself this time.

Upon hearing this. Jason realized that Connor had hit the mark. Indeed, Mia

genuinely didn’t want any of Timothy’s assets!

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However, as an experienced lawyer, Jason had dealt with enough divorce cases to understand that assets were the most reliable leverage; he was determined to make Timothy pay a hefty price!

Jason spoke calmly, saying, “These details aren’t important, Mr. Barrett.

But

for the divorce to go smoothly. I recommend reviewing these documents.

If

you have no objections, you can just sign them.” Timothy accepted the documents with a cold expression, neglecting to read its contents. He

signed

the last page and then forcefully set the documents down in front of Jason.

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Narrowing his eyes, Timothy warned. “Please let Mia know that if she changes her mind again in the future, she shouldn’t expect me to be accommodating.”

Glancing at Timothy’s signature. Jason raised an eyebrow. “Are you sure you don’t want to review it?” “There’s nothing in there that’s worth my attention,”

Timothy replied curtly.

Indeed, Timothy was known for his straightforward nature.

Jason nodded and retrieved one of the copies, placing it on Timothy’s desk.

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“As per the agreement, Mr. Barrett, you should start handling the procedures in the next few days.” +15 BONUS Timothy, however, simply gazed at the documents before casually tossing them toward Heath. “You take care of it.”

After Jason finished packing up the documents, he stole another glance at Timothy. “Even though Mia spent three years of her life married to you, at least you’re handling this divorce like a man.” Timothy remained silent.

He didn’t view this comment as a compliment.

After Jason left, Heath reviewed the property settlement agreement and

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suddenly broke out in a cold sweat. “Sir, are you sure you don’t want to look over the agreement?” Was Timothy oblivious to the fact that he was on the brink of bankruptcy?

After completing her tasks on campus, Mia checked the time and decided to head home promptly for dinner.

Today had been exhausting, and she planned to rest early to tackle tomorrow’s workload.

Approaching the university’s entrance, Mia spotted Jason stepping out of a car parked by the roadside.” Mia, over here,” he called.

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“Jason, what brings you here?” Mia asked as she approached with a cheerful step.

Jason handed her a lunch box, saying, “Have some food to keep you going.

There might be traffic on your way back.” “Thanks, Jason.” As Mia settled into

the passenger seat, she noticed a briefcase. “Jason, did you come from work?” “Yeah, I just finished handling a divorce case.” As Jason calmly drove

away, he glanced at Mia in the passenger seat. “Feel free to open it and take

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a look.” Mia’s hand paused, a sudden sense of unease washing over her. She retrieved the documents from the briefcase and saw the title “Property Settlement Agreement.” As she perused the detailed list of assets, her face paled in shock.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 413-After a brief pause, Mia spoke

up, “Jason, are you serious?” “I don’t joke about these things, Jason replied.

Mia couldn’t help but feel uneasy. “So... you probably haven’t gone to see Timothy yet, have you?” “I just did. I came to pick you up right after.”

Jason replied.

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Mia felt a sense of dread wash over her.

If only she had clarified everything with Jason earlier, none of this would have happened.

Turning to Jason, Mia asked, “Jason, why didn’t you inform me about something this important?” “Mia, I should be the one handling these matters

for you. You don’t need to worry about it at all.

“Leaving a marriage with nothing is simply unacceptable. Asking for money

doesn’t make you materialistic.

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“These are all toxic beliefs that men try to instill in women, manipulating them into thinking they shouldn’t value money. But in the end, it’s these men who benefit,” Jason explained.

Upon hearing this, Mia couldn’t help but sigh. “I understand that you’re looking out for me, but my situation with Timothy is more complicated than that of other divorced couples.” “There’s no difference, Mia. Trust me,” Jason reassured her. “I’ll ensure you receive your maximum rights and benefits.” Feeling emotionally drained, Mia murmured, “Jason, these conditions you’ve

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outlined—Timothy transferring all his shares to me, along with millions in cash, numerous properties, and stakes in subsidiary companies—how did you uncover all of this?” Of course, Mia was aware of the Barrett family’s wealth!

Just Timothy’s shares alone held significant value.

How could Mia possibly request the entire stake in the Barrett Group?

Jason replied calmly, “Have you forgotten what I do for a living?” “Jason, it’s

unlikely the Barrett family would agree to these terms.” Mia remarked skeptically.

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Jason replied nonchalantly, “Timothy has already given his consent.”

What?

Mia was stunned. “Timothy agreed? That can’t be possible!” “He even put his

signature on it. If you don’t believe me, see for yourself,” Jason asserted.

Mia swiftly flipped to the final page and confirmed Timothy’s familiar, bold

signature.

Now, Mia was utterly bewildered.

How could Timothy possibly have agreed to it?

Was he not in his right mind?

Observing the traffic lights ahead, Jason commented, “Despite Timothy’s

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shortcomings, he's surprisingly generous regarding your divorce. "He signed the papers without even reviewing them. It seems he has a great deal of trust in you." Mia thought to herself: "Well, it turns out he signed the papers without even a single glance, just as I suspected." Considering Timothy's character, it seemed improbable that he would agree to such stringent conditions! Mia was at a loss for words. "How did the conversation go? Why did he sign the document without even taking a look at it?" It was completely out of character for Timothy.

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Jason raised an eyebrow. “I initially drafted it this way as a negotiating tactic,

not expecting him to agree. However, I never imagined he would sign it without even looking at the content.

“He probably assumed it was the property settlement agreement you had prepared. That’s why I mentioned his apparent trust in you.” Mia was taken

aback. How had she not recognized the extent of Timothy’s trust in her? As she gazed at the property settlement agreement bearing Timothy’s signature, an array of emotions washed over her.

“Mia, there’s no need for you to handle any of this yourself. I’ll take care of

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everything on your behalf,” Jason assured Mia.

“Jason, there’s something I haven’t told you. Before marrying Timothy, I signed a prenuptial agreement.

None of these assets are legally tied to me.” “What?” Jason pulled the car over to the side of the road, his gaze fixed on Mia in disbelief. “Mia, did you

really sign the papers?” “Yes, I did,” she affirmed.

Jason cursed under his breath. “No wonder Timothy signed the agreement so

readily. He must have been expecting me, hasn’t he?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 414-It seemed that Timothy had

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managed to outsmart Jason, the esteemed lawyer from Nord City. Mia reassured Jason, saying, “Jason, this situation isn’t your fault. I never intended to ask for anything anyway. Let’s just accept it for what it is.”

Jason

remained silent, grappling with the sting of defeat.

“Please, Jason, promise me you won’t approach Timothy about the property

settlement. I simply want to sever ties with the Barrett family.” Mia pleaded.

After all, within Mia’s belly lay what she considered to be her most precious

asset: her twins. With that in mind, nothing else seemed to matter.

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As Jason looked into Mia's imploring eyes, a sigh escaped him. At that moment, he finally understood the meaning of Connor's previous comment about being unable to resist Mia's pleas. Now, Jason too found himself incapable of refusal. However, despite agreeing to Mia's request, he couldn't shake off this lingering sense of injustice. After organizing the documents, Mia returned home, putting on a facade as if nothing had happened. After finishing her meal and settling into her bed for the night, Mia finally took a look at the property settlement agreement.

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Summoning her courage, she dialed Timothy's number, yet received no response from the other end.

Unbeknownst to her, Timothy was secluded in a private room at a lavish bar,

surrounded by numerous.

empty liquor bottles.

Upon Caleb's arrival, all he found were the remnants of Timothy's indulgence

strewn across the room.

Caleb's eyelids twitched with concern as he asked, "Tim, what's going on with

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you?” It had been years since Caleb had witnessed Timothy consume alcohol to such an extent.

Taking a seat on the sofa, Caleb couldn't help but comment. “Is the world ending or something?” Timothy removed his tie, his shirt draping loosely over his chest, appearing completely disheveled.

Without a word, he proceeded to consume another bottle of red wine before rambling incoherently.

Alarmed by Timothy's behavior, Caleb hastily grabbed Heath beside him and

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demanded, “What in the world is going on?” “Mr. Barrett is about to go bankrupt,” Heath replied.

Caleb raised his eyebrows in disbelief. “That’s impossible. How could the Barrett family face bankruptcy? Why haven’t I been informed about this?”

“Mr.

Barrett has recently finalized the property settlement agreement for his divorce.” “I see. But that shouldn’t result in bankruptcy.” “Mr. Barrett has also

transferred all his shares to Ms. Bowen.” Upon hearing this, Caleb was shocked. “What? Is he out of his mind?” Recounting the situation, Heath also

acknowledged his surprise at how things had unfolded.

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Upon hearing the full story, Caleb found it even more incredulous. Turning to Timothy, he remarked, “There’s still room for negotiation with a lawyer.

“Plus, Mia signed a prenuptial agreement, so she wouldn’t receive anything in the divorce. Are you seriously going to give up just like that?” This was certainly unlike Timothy’s usual behavior!

Putting down the bottle of red wine, its crimson contents trickling down his throat, Timothy swallowed nervously. His gaze was a mix of emotions as he

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exclaimed. “You don’t understand!” “Yes, I’m baffled too. How could you sign

the divorce settlement agreement without reviewing it’s contents first?

“Are you still the same cautious Timothy we all know? Such a careless mistake shouldn’t have happened to someone like you.” Caleb was truly puzzled.

Timothy reclined casually on the sofa, his legs stretched out as if he might sink into the black cushions.

In a hoarse tone, he replied, “Do you think I have an answer?” Caleb appeared perplexed as he asked, “You signed the document, didn’t you? How

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can you not understand? What were you thinking at that moment?” “I wasn’t thinking at all!” Timothy’s hand tightened around the wine bottle, his gaze darkening slightly. He had never before made such a significant mistake because of a woman. Timothy hadn’t realized the extent of Mia’s influence on him–this was what baffled him the most. Caleb suddenly exclaimed, “Timothy, you’re not developing feelings for Mia, are you?”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 415-Upon hearing this, Timothy was stunned, his dark eyes reflecting disbelief. He instinctively replied, “Of course not!” How could he possibly have feelings for Mia? Caleb said to Timothy sternly. “If you truly had no feelings for Mia, why are you so unguarded around her? It shows that, subconsciously, you trust her a great deal.

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“And on top of that, you two have been in a messy divorce for so long. She’s been involved with other men, and you’ve put up with it until now. Do you think you’re being fair to yourself?” Timothy pursed his lips, a cold expression forming on his face. “I’m doing this for Grandma Laura’s sake.” Caleb remarked, “Indeed, before Grandma Laura had her surgery, everyone thought Mia would try to take advantage of the situation to cling to you. “Now that Grandma Laura’s surgery is over, why haven’t you and Mia proceeded with the divorce?”

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“Furthermore, when Mia’s lawyer came to discuss the property settlement with you, you simply signed without even going through the details of the agreement.

“Are you still insisting that you weren’t acting out of spite when you signed?”

Timothy appeared puzzled. “Out of spite?” “Didn’t you just sign the document

simply because you were frustrated with Mia’s sudden decision to initiate divorce proceedings and her insistence on drafting the property settlement agreement?”

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“Wouldn’t that imply that you still have feelings for her?” Caleb’s analysis left

Timothy silent for a moment. Indeed, after signing the papers this time, he realized an issue. He seemed to be paying more attention to Mia.

But this didn’t make sense to Timothy!

“Tim, now is not the time for you to drown in sorrow and alcohol.”

Timothy

looked up. “Are you suggesting that I find Mia?” “Yes, that’s precisely what

you need to do!” Timothy furrowed his brows, a sense of unease creeping over him as he clutched the wine bottle. “I’m still trying to figure out how to

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deal with my feelings for her.” Caleb was caught off guard.  
I He stared at Timothy in disbelief. “Tim, I suggested you see Mia to discuss the property settlement agreement, but it seems you’re more focused on sorting out your feelings for her. I can’t help you with that.” Caleb can’t seem to believe that Timothy was getting caught up in thoughts about Mia. Despite his financial troubles, Timothy seemed more fixated on his emotions. Timothy’s expression shifted awkwardly as he averted his gaze. “This issue can wait.” “How can it wait? You’re on the verge of bankruptcy! If your

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ancestors knew you were divorcing and handing over the company shares to

Mia, they'd be appalled.

Timothy calmly observed the red wine in his hand. "Mia isn't that type of person. She wouldn't want to claim my assets." "What do you mean she wouldn't want it? Didn't Mia send her lawyer to initiate discussions about the

property settlement with you?" Caleb was utterly perplexed; he couldn't help

but wonder if there was more to the story than meets the eye.

Timothy's expression darkened at the mention of the lawyer. "There are

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problems with the terms drafted by that lawyer. Mia likely isn't aware of it." If

Mia genuinely wanted Timothy's assets, she would have raised the matter earlier.

Beforehand, Timothy had also prepared a property settlement agreement, yet

Mia declined to request any assets and went as far as tearing up the agreement.

Hence, it seemed unlikely that the unreasonable terms in this current agreement could have originated from Mia.

Caleb's lips twitched slightly. "Do you have that much faith in her?" "I'm not

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just trusting her; I'm counting on my grandmother's judgment as well"

Timothy

emphasized.

Caleb was momentarily taken aback. It seemed Timothy was using Laura as

an excuse once again. Only a fool would fall for his deceit.

Caleb couldn't help but ask, "So, who is this lawyer?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 416-"Jason Lane." Timothy said.

"Another individual from the Lane family? You mentioned Mia's close bond

with Connor before, didn't you? Is it possible that the Lanes harbor some

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hidden agenda against your family?” Caleb speculated.  
Timothy took another sip of wine. “It’s not directed at my family, but rather at Mia herself.” “I’m telling you. Tim, if you’ve developed feelings for Mia, and considering you two haven’t finalized the divorce yet, it’ll be quite easy for you to keep her around.  
“After all Mia used to idolize you, sticking to you like a devoted wife. If you just show her a bit of attention, won’t she just return to you?” Caleb expressed.

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Upon hearing these words, Timothy's mind quickly recalled what Mia had said

before: "If you replace your boyfriend quickly enough, you won't have time to feel sad.

"As long as your new boyfriend is up to par, you'll be able to forget your ex."

Timothy pressed his lips together. "She's not as easily persuaded now." Since

Timothy proposed divorce. Mia seemed to have undergone a complete transformation, making it challenging for Timothy to approach her.

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Clicking his tongue. Caleb voiced out, “Are you seriously considering coaxing

Mia? Why won’t you admit that you’ve developed feelings for her?” After all it

was obvious.

Timothy cleared his throat. “I just feel like whether we divorce or not doesn’t

matter much.

“Since Grandma Laura really likes her, and I don’t have many expectations

when it comes to marriage. it’s really not a big deal” Timothy said matter-of-

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factly.

“You’re just being stubborn, aren’t you? If you genuinely feel that way, why did

you initiate the divorce in the first place?” Caleb asked.

Timothy fell silent for a moment. “At the time, I thought that keeping Mia at the

Barrett residence for three years was too much for a young woman like her.

“Staying there would only waste her life. She could have easily started fresh

elsewhere,” Timothy said.

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Caleb countered immediately, “So why are you stopping Mia from leaving?”

He couldn’t understand why Timothy was still putting on an act.

Setting down the wine bottle he held, Timothy disclosed, “It’s because Mia is

pregnant.” Caleb couldn’t help but spit out the wine in his mouth, staring incredulously at Timothy beside him. “Is the baby yours?” Timothy’s expression grew somber. “Probably not.” “What do you mean by probably not? Hold on, based on what you’ve said earlier, does this mean the child is

Connor’s?

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“Considering all of this, shouldn’t you be expediting your divorce process?

Do

you really want to deal with this mess?

Timothy replied nonchalantly, “I don’t have any specific expectations regarding the child.

“Previously, I lied about Mia being pregnant to deceive Grandma Laura into

having surgery.

“Now that she is gradually recovering, the truth about the fake pregnancy is

bound to come out. It just so happens that Mia is genuinely pregnant this time.

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“Even though the child might not be mine, I can overlook the paternity for the sake of Grandma Laura’s recovery.” Caleb swallowed hard, staring at Timothy incredulously. “Timothy, are you out of your mind?” Signing a clean break divorce agreement was one matter, but being open to raising another man’s child was a whole different ball game. It was clear that Timothy still cared for Mia. If it weren’t for his feelings for her, enduring such a situation would be challenging for any man. Disregarding Caleb’s question, Timothy casually checked his phone and saw

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a missed call from Mia, which he chose not to return.

Squinting slightly, Timothy guessed that Mia's call was probably regarding their divorce agreement from earlier that afternoon.

Caleb leaned over and asked, "Whose call did you miss? Was it Mia?"

"Yeah,

I didn't answer." Looking at his phone, Timothy's voice was deep as he asked

hesitantly, "Do you think I should call her back?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 417-As Timothy stared at the missed call, he could almost guess the reason Mia was calling.

Caleb was unsure of how to reply and simply said, "It's up to you!" With a

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puzzled expression, Timothy asked, “If she asks about the divorce settlement, how should I respond?” Caleb covered his face, sounding somewhat helpless.

“Just say whatever feels right.” At this point, Timothy seemed to be facing a grim situation.

Glancing at his phone, Timothy ultimately decided not to call back, simply setting his phone aside.

Caleb stared at Timothy in surprise. “Aren’t you going to return her call?” Timothy replied with an air of arrogance, “I’m just waiting for her to contact me

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first.” “Are you sure about that?” “Given all that money she has now, she won’t find it easy to sleep tonight. She’s bound to come looking for me,” Timothy said confidently, although he knew deep down that Mia wasn’t materialistic. Observing Timothy’s aloof demeanor, Caleb couldn’t help but sigh. Just moments ago, Caleb assumed Timothy’s feelings for Mia were nothing more than a passing crush. However, judging by Timothy’s current behavior, it appeared that his feelings

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for Mia were much more profound than Caleb had initially thought. The following day. Mia woke up and immediately checked her phone, but there were no missed calls or messages from Timothy. Despite attempting to reach him the previous night, she received no response from Timothy. Assuming he was tied up in a meeting, she refrained from calling again and chose to wait for his return call. However, she ended up drifting off to sleep while waiting, and upon waking up, she found herself still without any response from Timothy. What could Timothy possibly be thinking?

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Surely, Timothy was aware that the divorce agreement had granted Mia all the shares of the Barrett Group, essentially reducing him to a mere figurehead. Nevertheless, it appeared that Timothy wasn't bothered in the least. On the contrary, Mia couldn't shake off her anxiety. After all, these were not assets she could rightfully claim. Moreover, the division of shares was no small matter; if news of this were to spread, it could potentially impact the stock price of the Barrett Group. Additionally, if Laura were to discover this, it might inadvertently expose Mia and Timothy's divorce.

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Nevertheless, Mia was determined to handle this situation discreetly Mia went

straight to campus that morning.

With numerous arrangements to be made in the hall, Mia felt it necessary to

oversee them herself for peace of mind.

To prevent any unexpected issues, Mia needed to stay alert in case Maya, the

devious troublemaker, tried to tamper with anything behind her back.

Due to the university's high regard for this music show, the preparations were

executed with remarkable efficiency.

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As Mia observed the nearly completed setup in the hall, she breathed a sigh of relief.

Most of the decorations had already been arranged, and there was still enough time for her to attend to the remaining minor details.

At noon, Mia made her way to the Music School to practice her piano piece.

I As she approached the entrance of the building, she ran into Maya unexpectedly.

Mia couldn't help but feel frustrated. Why did it seem like she always bumped into Maya wherever she went?

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Maya suddenly spoke up. “Mia, are you here to practice in secret again? I suggest you abandon this dream of yours.

“No matter how diligently you practice, you can’t match the outstanding students of the music team. Why put yourself through the embarrassment?”

Standing beside Maya, a friend of hers—Charlotte Tillman—chimed in, attempting to appease Maya, “Ms. Lane, why bother arguing with someone

like her? She’s just a dropout: how can she compare to us?” Mia raised an eyebrow and glanced at them. “Do you know why Edwin Girod’s grandfather

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lived such a long life?” Maya appeared puzzled. “What does that have to do with our conversation?” Charlotte added, “Yeah, how is Edwin’s grandfather relevant to us?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 418-“Indeed, it has nothing to do with you, and it’s certainly none of your business!” Mia retorted before making her way toward the academic building.

As Maya caught on, she watched Mia’s departing figure with frustration. “Mia,

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you'd better hold on and explain yourself!" Mia glanced back. "Edwin's grandfather lived a long life because he minded his own business! Whether I learn piano or not is none of your concern!" With those words, Mia continued on her way, a faint smirk playing on her lips as she dismissed Maya's earlier derogatory remarks.

Playing the piano was merely a hobby for Mia. She had no intentions of competing or joining the music team for the upcoming show. Her goal was simply to fulfill the unmet desires from her early

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years.

Despite her fading memories of childhood, playing the piano faintly revived fragments of her past.

Mia went directly to an empty classroom on the fourth floor to practice.

With a

deep breath, she began playing the piano piece from memory.

Playing this nursery rhyme always brought her a sense of tranquility.

The room was soon filled with the sound of the piano, its melodies intertwining

with the harmonies of other instruments echoing throughout the building.

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Maya's demeanor swiftly changed upon recognizing the familiar melody of a piano nearby.

Her expression turned uneasy. "Did you hear that?" Charlotte looked puzzled.

"Ms. Lane, what exactly are you referring to? I do detect different musical sounds, but considering classes are still in session..." "No, I mean the piano piece. Did you hear that melody that sounds like a nursery rhyme? Do you know.

who usually plays it?" Maya had previously tasked Blake with investigating all the people she added on WhatsApp.

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However, none of them matched the identity she was seeking, and they all claimed to be unaware of the nursery rhyme's existence.

Nonetheless, Maya unmistakably recognized the familiar piano melody. Despite her frequent visits to this place lately, she hadn't encountered the specific tune again.

Doubt began to creep into Maya's mind, questioning if she had misheard or perhaps even experienced a hallucination.

But now, Maya couldn't believe she was hearing the familiar piano tune once again.

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Maya was certain it wasn't an illusion this time. She retrieved her phone and

recorded the sound of the music at that moment.

Although the piano melody was somewhat obscured amidst the sounds of other instruments, Maya could still distinguish it.

Indeed, that piece of music was something she would never forget in her lifetime.

Charlotte cautiously said to Maya, "I heard you're looking for the person who

played this piece. Maybe you could tell me more about this piano piece?

"I've been around this university forever, so perhaps I'll stumble upon your

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mystery person someday.” Maya smiled. “Yes, I’m searching for a childhood friend. We were incredibly close, but circumstances. forced us apart. “I’ve been on a quest to find her. This piano composition is something we used to play together as children, something known only to the two of us.” “What’s your friend’s name. Ms. Lane?” “She’s a friend I met at the orphanage. Please don’t get the wrong idea; it was during the time I used to volunteer there.” Maya swiftly hid her background; she wasn’t about to disclose to anyone that she, too, had grown up in an orphanage. As Maya gazed at the building before her, a flicker of darkness flashed in her

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eyes.

Now, she was almost certain that the true heiress of the Lane family was inside that building!

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 419-Maya stared at the building

before her, the piano's melody blending with other instruments, stirring a deep-seated fear within her.

After deceiving her way into the Lane family, Maya often had nightmares of

the day she would be exposed—the true heiress found and brought back, while

she was ruthlessly cast out, left to endure extreme poverty once more.

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A shadow cast over Maya's eyes; she vowed never to return to such hardship!

Maya was determined to locate the true heiress before the Lane family did, regardless of the cost.

This was the only way Maya could safeguard her position, ensuring the real

heiress would never have the chance to return and replace her.

After a few minutes, the piano piece concluded.

Maya felt a cold sweat breaking out on her back; during this time, she hadn't

been able to sleep well.

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She knew that if the Lanes discovered the true heiress before she did, it would

mean the end for her.

After completing her piano practice in the classroom, Mia headed straight to

the hall to check on the setup.

Today was the day for the final touch-ups, so she needed to keep a close watch to ensure everything was in order.

As she approached the hall, she noticed several people gathered there, including Riley.

Seeing Mia, Riley smiled and said, “I was just about to give you a call, but Mr.

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Shaw mentioned that you were studying in the study hall and didn't want to disturb you." Mia was a bit taken aback by the attention. "It's not a big deal.

You can always call me if you need anything." "Well, it's nothing major. We

have some important guests coming to visit our venue later, and we need someone to host them.

"Since you're in charge of designing the hall for this event, having you there

on-site would be beneficial. In case the guests have any questions, you'll be

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familiar with the situation.” “Sure, no problem.” As Mia walked in with Riley,

she unexpectedly ran into Kennedy, who had just arrived.

“Mia, have you completed your tasks? Setting up the hall must have been quite exhausting. If you have any specific requests regarding personnel arrangements, feel free to let me know at any time.” Observing Kennedy’s politeness and enthusiasm, Mia couldn’t help but wonder if she was about to

be expelled from the university.

Mia mustered a polite yet awkward smile. “Mr. Shaw, the support from the university this time has been more than sufficient. I don’t have any other

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requests at the moment.” “That’s great. After the guests arrive later, Mia, I’ll need you to put in a good word for us. “This will help ensure they leave with a positive impression of our university, which in turn will allow us to secure more resources for new equipment and facilities.” Mia nodded. “I understand.” After inspecting the setup inside, she noticed a small mistake and instructed the workers to fix it. Before long, Riley hurriedly approached Mia. “Mia, are you finished here?”

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“I’m almost done. Have the guests arrived?” As Mia followed Riley to the entrance, she spotted a group of people walking in. Among them was a man dressed in a suit, looking sophisticated and refined. Wasn’t that Timothy? Mia had been thinking about contacting Timothy, but he hadn’t been responding to her calls. To her surprise, he was now at her university. Could Timothy be avoiding Mia’s calls deliberately? As Timothy was ushered into the hall, Mia’s gaze remained fixed on him. Sensing her stare, Timothy turned his head and spotted Mia standing at the back of the crowd. Almost instantly, everyone’s eyes followed Timothy’s gaze.

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Kennedy quickly called out to Mia, “Why are you just standing there? Come over here quickly.” Mia paused, taken aback. She hadn’t expected Timothy to be one of the distinguished guests visiting that day. If she had known he was coming, she would have found an excuse to leave earlier.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 420-Nonetheless, Mia happened to have important matters to discuss with Timothy. Just as Mia was about to approach him, a woman in front of her hurried over.

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The woman's face was flushed as she asked, "Mr. Shaw, did you call for me?"

Mia was taken aback.

Kennedy also stopped and clarified, "I didn't summon you; I called for Mia."

Nervously clearing her throat, Mia approached, noticing the woman's displeased glare.

Mia understood her implication. After all, who could resist someone as handsome and wealthy as Timothy?

He appeared to be the epitome of every woman's dream man.

Stepping away from the crowd, Mia felt many eyes on her, most of them tinged with a hint of jealousy.

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Mia let out a soft sigh, attributing it all to Timothy's irresistible charm. Quietly, she followed behind Kennedy, hoping to blend in as an inconspicuous follower.

However, Kennedy unexpectedly stepped aside and gestured for her to take the lead, saying, "Mia, why don't you go ahead and show Mr Barrett around the hall and introduce the design setup? After all, you're the most familiar with it." Mia's marriage to Timothy made the funding from the Barrett Group toward

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Harvard University seem unquestionably secure.

Contemplating this, Kennedy's eyes gleamed with excitement. After all, Mia

was also a student at this university. Certainly, Timothy had every reason to invest.

Upon hearing Kennedy's words, Mia hesitated, not wanting to approach Timothy. However, out of consideration for everyone present, she gritted her teeth and walked up to him.

Lowering her gaze, Mia murmured, "Mr. Barrett, is there anything specific you'd like to know?" Noticing Mia's submissive demeanor, Timothy

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understood that it was merely a facade. He knew Mia was adept at concealing

her true intentions.

Timothy's lips curled slightly as he spoke. "Please proceed with the introduction of the setup." Upon hearing this, Mia couldn't shake the suspicion

that Timothy intended to stir up trouble.

Nevertheless, acknowledging Timothy's status as a distinguished guest at the

university, Mia remained composed and proceeded to introduce her design.

With time passing swiftly, Mia found herself on the verge of losing her voice

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from the constant talking.

As Timothy handed her a bottle of water, Mia couldn't help but observe his

fingers, which were long and elegant.

Glancing at the bottle, Mia accepted it and took several gulps, feeling a wave

of relief wash over her.

Turning to Timothy, she asked, "Mr. Barrett, do you have any more questions?"

If not, I'll be going." Clutching the bottle. Timothy fixed his gaze on Mia. "I've

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never been aware of your interest in music before.” He hadn’t expected Mia to integrate musical concepts into the design of the hall. The design appeared somewhat youthful and possessed a vibrant charm. Timothy couldn’t deny Mia’s talent. Mia hesitated briefly before responding. “I used to be more passionate about music when I was younger. but due to financial constraints in my family, I had to let go of that interest.” Indeed. Timothy was well acquainted with Mia’s family circumstances. “And what about now?” he inquired.

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Mia replied calmly. “Well, I’ve found some time to delve into music now. After all, learning is a lifelong journey.” “So, is Claude your mentor?” Timothy’s tone grew cold. Sensing his disapproval, Mia chose not to mention Claude further. Glancing around the room and seeing they were a yesterday, you know.” “Yeah, I noticed,” Timothy replied casually. Mia lowered her voice, “I tried calling you Mia gritted her teeth. “If you noticed, why didn’t you return my call?” “Well, if it’s truly urgent, you’d give me a

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second call,” Timothy remarked sarcastically, his gaze leaving Mia unsettled.

She pursed her lips. “Given that you’re about to transfer all your assets to me, shouldn’t you be at least a bit concerned?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 421–Mia found Timothy’s actions

somewhat perplexing: the divorce agreement explicitly stated that he would be

required to transfer all his shares to her.

Following Jason’s stipulations, Timothy would essentially be walking away

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from their marriage without any assets.

Mia couldn't understand how Timothy could remain so composed in the face of it all!

Timothy reclined in his chair, gazing at Mia. "I'm not feeling rushed at all. Why

are you so anxious?" Mia was taken aback. Had she heard him correctly? She couldn't help but chuckle in exasperation.

"Timothy, if you're not feeling pressured, then I'll simply take this divorce agreement to the Barrett Group's office tomorrow, and I suppose I'll assume

your role as CEO." After saying those words, Mia noticed that Timothy

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showed no signs of anger. Instead, a playful smile appeared on his lips. “Well, that sounds like a plan. The office workload has been overwhelming lately, and I think it’s about time for me to take a break. “If you ever have any questions or need assistance with the company’s affairs in the future, don’t hesitate to reach out to me.” Mia felt utterly bewildered. Advancing abruptly, she grabbed hold of Timothy’s tie, frustration evident in her clenched teeth.” Timothy, are you trying to mess with me?” Timothy sprawled lazily in his chair, his legs casually stretched to one side.

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He looked at Mia with a mischievous glint in his eyes. She was nestled in his arms, and he couldn't help but notice her teary almond-shaped eyes gazing back at him, tinged with a hint of anger. She embodied a curious blend of fierceness and charm, reminiscent of a wild kitten with sharp claws. occasionally lashing out unexpectedly. Timothy's throat moved slightly, his voice deep as he conceded, "Hmm, you're showing more wit this time." He was undoubtedly trying to provoke Mia on

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purpose.

Furious, Mia couldn't help but wonder what Timothy's intentions were. However, as she raised her head to meet his gaze, his eyes darkened, reflecting the intensity of that absurd night from months ago.

At that moment, Mia felt a surge of warmth spread across her cheeks.

She suddenly became aware of her position, draped across his lap, as if she had inadvertently thrown herself onto him when grabbing his tie just now.

Flushed with embarrassment, Mia attempted to pull away, only to find Timothy's hands firmly gripping her waist.

The heat emanating from his palms permeated through the thin fabric of Mia's

clothing, causing her entire body to feel tense.

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Mia struggled to break free, her face flushed crimson, but Timothy maintained his grip.

As they grappled with each other for a while, Mia couldn't help but notice the temperature around them rising noticeably.

Feeling a mix of embarrassment and frustration, she exclaimed, "Timothy, what do you think you're doing? This is a public place!" Despite this, Timothy's grip on Mia's wrist tightened, his gaze dark and intense. "We're still married,

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aren't we? There's nothing wrong with this." "Don't forget, I'm pregnant!"

Mia

retorted.

Was Timothy out of his mind?

As Mia spoke, she couldn't help but notice Timothy's expression darken.

Not only did he refuse to release her, but he also seized the back of her head,

his thin lips parting with a cold tone.

"I don't need you to remind me. I'm aware that the child in your belly is a result

of your intimacy with another man. Well, that's fine. It does save us the trouble

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of using protection now, doesn't it?" Upon hearing the last sentence, Mia's lips

turned pale. What were Timothy's intentions?

In the next instant, Mia found herself enveloped in Timothy's embrace, her legs now straddling his lap.

With her ear pressed against his chest, she could feel the warmth radiating from him, coupled with the strong rhythm of his heartbeat, causing her ears to

turn red.

Mia's entire body rang alarmingly as she struggled to free herself from Timothy's grasp, but his hands held firm, refusing to release her.

Lowering his head, Timothy fixed his gaze on Mia's flushed face. His eyes

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drifted downward, settling on her lips.

Without hesitation, Timothy moved his lips closer, closing the distance between them.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 422-Suddenly, Mia felt something

cold sealing her mouth shut, causing her eyes to widen instantly. She couldn't

believe Timothy was kissing her.

In that instant, her mind went blank, and she felt numb all over.

They had been married for three years, and aside from that one accidental encounter, there had been no physical contact between them.

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They hadn't even held hands, let alone kissed, yet here Timothy was, kissing her forcefully.

What was his intention behind this?

As Mia realized the situation, she tried to push Timothy away, but he effortlessly countered her attempts.

Mia's hands remained pressed against Timothy's chest, where she could feel

the rapid thud of his heartbeat beneath her palms. It seemed to be beating a little faster than usual.

Timothy's breath grew somewhat ragged, seemingly caught up in the intoxicating sensation of her lips.

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Mia felt as though she were in a daze, everything appearing unreal, like a dream.

As her eyes fluttered open, she saw Timothy's face inching closer; she couldn't help but notice his nervous demeanor.

"Stop it! What's going on here?" Maya's voice suddenly emerged from behind,

breaking the tension.

between them.

Upon hearing Maya entering from behind the curtain, Timothy frowned and

stopped his advances abruptly.

Seizing the opportunity, Mia shoved him away and quickly retreated a few

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steps, her eyes wide with disbelief.

A faint pink hue tinged his handsome profile, and the collar of his shirt bore

wrinkles from her grip.

His eyes retained their intense darkness, while a subtle gloss adorned his lips.

Mia found herself momentarily captivated by Timothy's charming appearance.

His low, ragged breath echoed in her ears, teasing her nerves ever so slightly.

She couldn't grasp the fact that Timothy had just forcibly kissed her!

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With tears in her eyes, Maya spoke up, “Tim, what were you two doing just now? Did Mia shamelessly initiate the kiss?” Upon hearing Maya’s accusation,

Mia burst out laughing in disbelief.

+15 BONUS She couldn’t believe that Maya was suggesting she had made the first move!

Mia’s anger surged instantly as she advanced toward Timothy.

With raised eyebrows, Timothy observed her, his lips displaying a hint of amusement as she drew near.

In the next moment, Mia seized the loosened tie around Timothy’s neck and

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pressed herself against his chest, glaring defiantly at Maya.

“Regardless of who initiated it, Timothy and I are legally married. Sharing a kiss behind this stage curtain doesn’t constitute indecency. It’s not illegal, is it?” Mia asserted confidently.

Timothy met Mia’s gaze as she held him tightly in her embrace.

Despite feeling a bit uncomfortable with his tie constricting him, he inclined his

head slightly, seemingly cooperating with Mia’s gesture and affirming her statement.

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Maya was infuriated. “Mia, stop fabricating stories! Timothy would never kiss

you!” Mia turned sharply, her gaze meeting Timothy’s with a playful smile.

“Darling, Ms. Lane seems skeptical. Why don’t you enlighten her?

Perhaps

that will dispel her doubts once and for all!” Mia was determined to make things challenging for Maya; she wanted to see how Timothy would explain

their kiss to her.

Timothy lowered his gaze, a smile hiding in the depths of his eyes. “I don’t

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believe explanations would be very convincing.” “Well, what would you like toBefore Mia could complete her sentence. Timothy suddenly interrupted her with a kiss, causing her eyes to widen in disbelief, appearing puzzled by his unexpected gesture.

To Mia’s astonishment, Timothy kissed her once more, right in front of Maya.

Witnessing the scene unfold, Maya was overwhelmed with anger and jealousy, tears streaming down her face as her lips trembled. “How could you... Tim, how could you do this to me?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 423-Maya’s voice, filled with

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despair and sorrow, echoed in Mia's ears. She, too, couldn't believe what was

unfolding before her.

Eventually, Timothy pulled away and looked at Mia, whose expression reflected disbelief. A soft chuckle escaped him. "I suppose this explanation

was even more convincing," he remarked.

Mia was left speechless, utterly bewildered by the turn of events.

She gazed at Timothy's striking, intense features up close, her frustration evident as she clenched her jaw.

In a swift motion, Mia lifted her hand to strike him, but Timothy quickly caught

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her wrist, his palm radiating warmth against hers. With a firm hold, Timothy drew Mia into his embrace, pinching her chin as he spoke in a deep voice. "Were you about to hit me?" Mia shot back loudly. "And what if I was?" "Well, you could have. Haven't you heard the saying, "A married couple may quarrel, but they still sleep in the same bed'?" Timothy teased, releasing Mia's hand. His narrow eyes locked onto hers, implying some suggestive insinuation.. Mia's hand hung suspended midair, her teeth clenched. "You despicable coward!" How dare he make such a threat!

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Timothy tilted his head slightly, a smirk forming on his lips. He appeared to be

in a rather jovial mood.

At that moment, feeling resentful and disregarded, Maya stepped forward with

tearful eyes, confronting Timothy, “Tim, how could you? Did Mia purposely

seduce you just now?” Maya never would have imagined that Timothy would

initiate a kiss with a woman.

After all, Timothy had always remained aloof, maintaining his distance and

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never allowing any woman to become close to him. However, the seemingly unattainable Timothy was now tenderly holding Mia's face in his hands, gently kissing her with a passion evident in his eyes. Watching this unfold, Maya was consumed by jealousy. Why did Mia deserve Timothy's affection? After all, Maya was a wealthy and influential heiress, renowned for her beauty and opulence. What did Mia, a lowly orphan, possess that Maya didn't? As Mia turned around, she noticed Maya crying pitifully, yet she couldn't muster any sympathy, finding the situation somewhat amusing.

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Witnessing Maya's plight brought back memories of Mia's own past, where

falling in love with a man had once left her shattered.

Ultimately, Mia came to the conclusion that men were not particularly remarkable.

Timothy regarded Maya apathetically, feeling slightly displeased that his kiss

with Mia had been interrupted.

Speaking with a cold demeanor, he questioned, "What brings you here?"

Mia

watched in surprise as she witnessed Maya crying uncontrollably.

Maya appeared taken aback by Timothy's harsh response, a reaction that

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even Mia had not anticipated.

Maya was consumed by anger and rendered speechless. Tears streamed down her face, giving her a somewhat pitiful appearance.

Mia couldn't bear to look at the scene any longer. She turned away and reached for the canvas bag beside her, preparing to leave.

Unable to contain her indignation, Maya forcefully seized Mia's arm, demanding. "Don't go. You better explain clearly what's going on." "Let go!"

Mia exclaimed, refusing to submit to such interrogation. As they struggled, her

canvas bag snagged and fell to the ground, spilling its contents.

Among them, a thick file landed directly at Maya's feet.

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The document's first page bore the title: "Property Settlement Agreement."

As

Mia glanced at the document, she realized she had almost forgotten about it.

She reached down to pick it up, but Maya was faster, snatching the divorce papers before Mia could grab them.

Maya's face lit up with a smug smile as she held the document.

"Mia, despite your convincing acts, it seems you always end up divorced.

Are

you planning to use the same tactics again, trying to seduce Timothy once more?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 424-With Laura's surgery

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completed, Mia's divorce from Timothy was only a matter of time. Seeing Maya's smug expression, Mia's unease grew. She smirked back. "Maya, it seems like you haven't finished reading the document, have you? Let me remind you to take a look at the property settlement section.

"I'm destined to become the wealthiest woman—who needs men anyway?"

Mia

chuckled.

Maya, still skeptical, turned to the relevant section.

She couldn't conceal her shock as she read the first clause, which stated that

all shares owned by Timothy were to be transferred to Mia.

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With a mocking expression, Maya retorted, “Mia, you must be dreaming! How could Tim ever agree to such conditions?” If Timothy were to transfer all the shares of the Barrett Group to Mia, he would end up with no assets. Mia folded her arms and stated firmly, “I’m sorry, but Timothy has already signed the agreement, which means he accepts these divorce terms.” “That can’t be!” Maya exclaimed. She quickly flipped to the last page and, to her astonishment, found Timothy’s

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signature there.

Maya's vision momentarily blurred, and she hurriedly turned to Timothy, clutching the document. "Tim, did you really sign this? Could it be a fake signature? Is Mia trying to deceive you?" Timothy looked down at the document and nodded. "Yes, I signed it," he confirmed.

"Tim, how could you be so naive? Do you understand the implications of this?"

Maya could hardly believe it; the signature on the document was indeed Timothy's!

It seemed he would be left with nothing now!

Did this mean that if Maya were to marry into the Barrett family in the future,

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she would also end up without any assets?

It simply didn't make sense. Everything belonging to the Barretts should rightfully be Maya's. How could Timothy even contemplate giving his assets to

Mia?

Mia's gaze shifted to Timothy. She, too, wanted to ask him the same question

as Maya.

Timothy's sudden flirtatious behavior caught Mia off guard, preventing her from voicing the question she had in mind. To her astonishment, she was forcefully kissed by him.

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+15 BONUS Timothy straightened up and casually replied, “It’s none of your concern.” His dismissive reply left Maya furious, struggling to catch her breath.

Hearing Timothy’s response, Mia was also left speechless. Was Timothy out of his mind?

Looking at the divorce papers in Maya’s hand, Timothy firmly instructed, “Give it back to her.” At first, Mia had no intention of reclaiming the document. However, upon seeing Maya’s furious expression, Mia decided to approach

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her.

With a wry smile, she remarked, “Would you mind returning that to me, Ms.

Lane? This document holds quite some value, you know.” As Mia tried to retrieve it, Maya resisted, saying, “What’s the big deal? The signatures aren’t

finalized yet.” With a raised eyebrow, Mia shot back, “Thanks for the reminder.

I guess I’ll just have to take it back and sign it for the document to be binding.

“Anyway, I can’t wait to become the first female billionaire. Rest assured, I’ll

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invite both of you to my celebratory dinner.” Mia’s intentional words felt like

needles pricking at Maya’s nerves.

Given Maya’s long standing desire to marry into the Barrett family, could Timothy potentially losing his wealth make her reconsider her decision?

Looking at the divorce papers before her, Maya was determined not to let Mia

have her way.

The thought of all the Barrett family’s wealth falling into Mia’s hands was unbearable to her!

Witnessing Maya’s distressed expression, Mia forcefully took the divorce papers from her hands. “Sorry. Ms. Lane, do you mind letting go for a

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second?” In a quick move, Maya snatched the document and promptly tore it

to shreds.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 425-Mia was taken aback as she

looked at the shredded papers, marveling at how swiftly Maya had torn through the thick document.

She seemed to be genuinely furious.

With the papers now reduced to fragments, Maya fixed a piercing glare on Mia. “You won’t be able to sign it now,” she stated firmly.

With Mia unable to sign the divorce document, its validity was unquestionably

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voided.

Mia kept her silence, directing her gaze at Timothy instead. She inquired, “What’s our next step?” Mia understood that she couldn’t intervene directly,

but she also discerned that Maya had indirectly presented a solution. With the

document torn to shreds, its legal validity was now nullified.

Seeing the hint of satisfaction in Mia’s eyes, Timothy’s smile vanished instantly. Speaking calmly, he remarked, “I have another copy.” Mia was completely shocked by this revelation.

Meanwhile, Maya’s cries grew even louder.

Despite nearly losing her temper, Mia chose to respond with a smile upon

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noticing Maya's distressed state.

"That's wonderful, Mr. Barrett. Just remember to bring it to me next time.

I'll

print out another copy sign it for you. Don't forget, alright?" Upon hearing Mia's response, Maya panicked momentarily.

wand "Mia, where is your sense of decency? I've never known anyone to take

everything from their spouse in a divorce. Who do you think you are to leave

Timothy with nothing?" Mia raised an eyebrow, her gaze fixed on Maya.

"That's just how it is. Timothy feels indebted to me, so he has decided to transfer all his assets to my possession.

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“He’s concerned about how I’ll manage on my own after our divorce,”  
Mia  
commented with a touch of irony.  
Observing the jealousy in Maya’s eyes, Mia couldn’t resist teasing, “Oh,  
Maya,  
didn’t you once mention how much you liked Timothy?  
“Well, now that he’s on the verge of becoming a pauper, that shouldn’t  
bother  
you, right?” Maya was caught off guard.  
Who would want to marry someone destitute?  
Indeed, Maya had tirelessly strived to leave behind her orphan status,  
eventually securing her position as the heiress of the Lane family.

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Her long-standing goal was to marry into an esteemed family and achieve the status of a wealthy and influential young lady. Nonetheless, Maya was not about to reveal her true feelings. She swiftly countered, “Certainly, it wouldn’t bother me. But what entitles you to take such a large sum of money?” “Because Timothy is willing. Do you have any say in the matter?” With those words, Mia swiftly walked off the stage. Growing anxious, Maya turned to Timothy, questioning. “Are you honestly

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going to walk away with nothing and transfer all your assets to Mia?”

Maya

still couldn't wrap her head around it!

How could a man act in such a manner? Particularly Timothy, who came from

a wealthy lineage and possessed numerous assets. After all, he didn't exactly

build everything from the ground up with Mia.

Simply providing her with some money would have been enough; there was

no need to give her all his assets!

With a composed demeanor, Timothy glanced asserted firmly.

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Over at Maya. “That is my business, not yours,” he “Tim, please don’t misconstrue my intentions. I’m saying this out of concern for your well-being.

If word spreads that all your shares are going to Mia, it will undoubtedly impact the Barrett Group’s stock price.

“Besides, you could simply offer her some cash and perhaps one of your many properties: given Mia’s background as an orphan, she’ll never be able to

exhaust all that wealth in her lifetime.

“Is there really a necessity to hand over all your assets to her?” Timothy chose

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not to respond to Maya's question. Instead, he turned away and left the stage.

Now, only Maya remained. As she gazed at the torn papers on the ground, her expression turned bitter.

Regardless, Maya was determined not to let Mia have her way.

After regaining her composure, Maya took out her phone and made a call.

"Hello, Mrs. Barrett? I hope I'm not disturbing you. Do you remember my recent trip to Nord City? I picked up some beauty and skincare supplements

especially for you. I'll drop them off for you later."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 426-As Maya ended the call, she

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became more determined than ever to thwart Mia's plans.

With Sharon's assistance, Maya was confident she could stop Mia's schemes.

Meanwhile, Mia had just left the hall. She couldn't help but feel a surge of optimism.

Maya's initial reaction had been priceless; her final act of tearing up the divorce agreement had unexpectedly played into Mia's hands.

At that moment, Kennedy approached Mia. "Mia, how did your discussion with

Mr. Barrett go? Did he have any opinions on the design of the hall?" After a

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brief pause, Mia responded firmly, “He assured me that everything is in order and didn’t raise any objections.” Even though Mia hadn’t had the opportunity to question Timothy earlier, she was certain he wouldn’t be concerned about such trivial matters. It appeared there was no need for any inquiries at all. Moments after she spoke, Mia was startled to hear Timothy’s deep voice behind her, saying, “When have I ever said such a thing?” Surprised, Mia turned to see Timothy emerging. Wasn’t he supposed to clarify matters with Maya?

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The atmosphere suddenly became awkward.

In an attempt to ease the tension, Kennedy interjected. “Mr. Barrett, do you have any thoughts to share?” Timothy approached slowly, his gaze shifting toward Mia, who kept her head bowed. His lips parted slightly as he remarked, “Well, I believe Mia has some thoughts about me.” Upon hearing this, Mia clenched her teeth in frustration. With a forced smile, she responded, “I just assumed Mr. Barrett’s silence meant he had no objections.” “If I hadn’t spoken

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up, couldn't you have asked?" Mia was taken aback. What was Timothy trying to say?

As Mia raised her gaze, she noticed the mischievous sparkle in Timothy's eyes.

She immediately understood that he was teasing her on purpose. She calmly

replied. "Isn't that exactly what I'm doing now?" Timothy surveyed the arrangement of the hall before directing his attention to the center of the stage.

"It looks like there's a problem with the stage decoration. That curtain over

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there seems overly excessive and out of place.” “What’s so excessive about

it? This setup perfectly complements the theme.” Sensing Timothy’s critical

eye, Mia approached the edge of the stage to inspect the drapery. Upon closer examination, it seemed acceptable to her.

Standing nearby, Kennedy found himself in a dilemma. Who would have anticipated discord between this married couple?

Riley, too, caught on quickly and exchanged a knowing glance with Mia. Given Timothy’s status as the university’s main investor, making a slight adjustment to ensure his satisfaction wouldn’t hurt.

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Approaching Mia, Timothy suggested, “Why don’t you open the curtain and see how it looks?” Mia furrowed her brow. “The stage effect is designed to sync with that machine. Once it’s activated, it’s a one–time use, and we’d have to replace it for the next occasion.

“These gadgets aren’t cheap; they cost a hundred grand each.” Timothy raised an eyebrow. “After investing so much, is another hundred thousand really a big deal?” “You invested?” Mia had been aware that all the equipment

and materials in the hall were sponsored by external companies, but she hadn’t realized Timothy was behind it.

Timothy remained composed as he stated, “You’re welcome to open the

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curtain and see the effect. I'll take care of the cost." "Alright, since Timothy is willing to pay, why not give it a try?" Mia pondered. In reality, Mia was only assuming based on past experiences; she hadn't yet observed the stage effects of this particular design. On the other hand, Kennedy was thrilled and quickly arranged for the stage effect to be demonstrated. Soon, the hall was filled with music. As the stage curtain rose, Mia watched her design come to life; she couldn't help but feel a surge of excitement.

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A few minutes later, the opening stage effect came to a close. Mia paused for a moment, contemplating. “You know, the curtain does seem a bit much. Let’s have it removed.” As Mia arranged for the curtain to be removed, she was suddenly overcome with nausea. Rushing to a nearby trash can, she began to throw up.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 427-Mia felt as if she were purging everything from her stomach.

Could it be caused by something she ate for lunch?

As Mia paused, a bottle of mineral water was offered to her. She couldn’t help

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but notice Timothy's long, elegant fingers as he handed it over. Mia didn't hesitate to take the water, quickly opening it and having a few sips, which instantly revitalized her. However, she felt some discomfort and gently touched her lower abdomen, unable to pinpoint the cause but sensing that something was wrong. "What's wrong?" Furrowing his brow, Timothy glanced at Mia's stomach. "What's wrong?" "It's nothing serious, just feeling a bit nauseous from the greasy meal I had earlier." Mia didn't think her nausea was a major concern, as she had been managing her pregnancy quite well, with only occasional morning sickness.

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As she prepared to leave. Timothy held her wrist, his gaze intense. “You should go to the hospital for a check-up,” he said firmly.

Mia looked at him, surprised by his sudden concern, and subtly moved her hand away. “It’s not a big deal; there’s no need to go to the hospital.” But Timothy stepped in front of her, his tone tinged with annoyance. “Don’t you

realize your current condition? What if there’s a problem? Are you able to manage it?” Timothy frowned. It seemed to him that Mia, as a pregnant woman, lacked self-awareness.

Timothy understood the delicate nature of pregnancy, knowing that any lack of

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care could result in serious complications. He was aware of the risks involved in childbirth.

Mia was about to decline, but Kennedy interjected. “You’ve really been pushing yourself these past few days, Mia.

“Since everything here is almost set up, perhaps you should just listen to Mr.

Barrett and go to the hospital. It’ll ease his worry.” Mia couldn’t fathom why

Timothy would be concerned about her.

It appeared that Kennedy’s actions were solely aimed at pleasing Timothy.

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Timothy's demeanor also became slightly uneasy, causing an instant shift in

the atmosphere between them.

Feeling uncomfortable, Mia turned away and responded, "It's fine. I'm just experiencing a slight stomach

ache from lunch." She was reluctant to go to the hospital just because of a mere morning sickness, fearing the embarrassment it might bring.

With that, Mia began to depart, yet after only a few steps, her vision blurred,

and her legs faltered beneath her.

Just as Mia was on the brink of falling. Timothy caught her with his broad arms.

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Straining to open her eyes, Mia glimpsed Timothy's handsome profile, his features distinguished and appealing.

Mia found herself incapable of speaking, overwhelmed by a pervasive weakness that eventually caused her to lose consciousness.

Timothy lifted her tenderly, swiftly leaving the hall.

As he settled Mia into the car, he urgently instructed, "Proceed to the hospital

at once. Notify the ob-gyn to prepare for an immediate examination."

With

that, Timothy bowed his head, gazing at the unconscious Mia in his embrace,

noting her somewhat pale complexion.

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He kicked Rodger's seat and firmly instructed, "Drive faster!" With determination, Rodger sped toward the hospital.

Dr. Dakota Hudson stood by the hospital's entrance, waiting for their arrival.

As Timothy carried Mia out of the car, Sky hastily approached him. "Mr. Barrett, as doctors and all the required equipment are on standby."

Timothy's

expression remained stoic as he inquired, "Where is the operating room?"

"On

the third floor," Kennedy confirmed.

you requested, the He stood by, feeling helpless as he watched Timothy carry

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Mia toward the elevator, beads of sweat forming on his forehead. Kennedy was perplexed by Timothy's actions but hesitated to voice his confusion. Heath quickly approached and caught up with Timothy. "Mr. Barrett, it would be faster to use a gurney. This way, the doctors and nurses can examine Ms. Bowen promptly." Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 428-Upon hearing Heath's suggestion, Timothy's tone sharpened. "Where's the gurney?" Sky promptly directed a nurse to fetch it. Timothy gently laid Mia onto the gurney and then

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turned to Sky. “She’s pregnant: she fainted after vomiting.” he elaborated. Due to his initial haste. Timothy had overlooked the quicker option of utilizing a gurney.

Having regained his composure, he promptly detailed Mia’s symptoms to Dakota.

Sky’s attention was immediately captured after learning about Mia’s pregnancy. “Mr. Barrett, you can trust us to prioritize the safety of both mother and child.” “This is critical. Should anything happen to her, it could lead to serious consequences for your hospital.” Timothy observed as the gurney was

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swiftly wheeled into the operating room for examination. He removed his suit jacket, loosening his tie as sweat dampened his back. Standing outside the operating room, Timothy's gaze shifted to the blinking red light. Unable to suppress his curiosity any longer, he turned to Heath and asked, "Is childbirth truly as risky for women as people claim?" Heath nodded solemnly. "I had a cousin who encountered a blood clot complication during childbirth. It felt like a battle against death during the rescue operation.

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“My cousin’s mother-in-law objected to the cost of the surgery, unwilling to spend such a large amount of money just for her to have a child.” Upon hearing this, Timothy pursed his lips. “Your cousin’s mother-in-law sounds truly reprehensible.” “Yeah, that’s true. That’s why pregnancy is incredibly daunting for women. I never fully understood it until now, but seeing my cousin’s experience has truly highlighted how perilous it can be.” Timothy grew quiet, his thoughts drifting into contemplation.

-hild into the Faced with the risks of childbirth. Timothy started pondering whether bringing Mia’s unborn child world was the right decision. After all, if circumstances didn’t turn out as expected, he could always

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consider the option of adopting a child later on.

Before long, Dakota emerged from the operating room. “Are Mia’s family members present?” she inquired.

Timothy stepped forward. “That would be me.” +15 BLNIUSA “You must be

Mia’s husband, right? Mia has been experiencing extreme tiredness lately due

to the stress she’s been under, which has resulted in poor nutrition and low blood sugar levels.

As her spouse and the father of her twins, it’s imperative that you prioritize caring for Mia’s well-being and take on additional household responsibilities

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during this time.” Timothy found himself at a loss for words. Noticing Timothy’s displeasure, Sky hurried over to alleviate the tension. “Mr. Barrett, Dr. Hudson is the most esteemed doctor here, though she can be somewhat straightforward. However, her heart’s in the right place.” Timothy managed to control his frustration and turned to Dakota. “Will Mia be okay?” “Mia and the babies are currently stable, but if this persists, there could be complications,” Dakota explained. She added, “Mia is also mildly anemic and lacking calcium. Please ensure she

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receives appropriate supplementation.” Timothy clenched his jaw as he contemplated Mia’s tireless efforts in decorating the university hall over the

past few days, a sense of guilt creeping over him.

Shortly after, Mia was brought out, still asleep on the gurney.

Timothy accompanied her to the private hospital room, stealing a glance at Heath by his side.

His voice carried a hint of tension as he instructed, “Please ensure the necessary arrangements are made according to Dr. Hudson’s instructions.”

Heath placed Mia’s canvas bag on the bedside table before leaving the room.

Timothy lingered beside the bed, watching over Mia as she slept.

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Despite her lips retaining a slight paleness, her complexion showed a significant improvement from before.

Suddenly, the sound of a ringing phone emanated from Mia's canvas bag. Timothy glanced in its direction and impulsively reached out to check. The caller ID displayed: "Claudie."

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 429-Upon seeing the caller ID displaying "Claudie". Timothy's brow furrowed in confusion. Who could Claudie possibly be?

He continued to stare at Mia's phone which was ringing persistently.

Unable to resist any longer. Timothy eventually picked up the phone.

Claude's voice greeted him from the other end, "Mia, I'm at the university

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entrance. Have your lectures. finished? I'm waiting for you outside." Upon hearing a male voice. Timothy's demeanor immediately turned cold. "She doesn't need you to wait for her." "Who is this?" As Timothy answered the call,

Claude's expression darkened. "Let's keep this conversation civil. Maybe you

should let Mia go first. Whether you're after money or want to discuss terms,

that's your call." Timothy was taken aback. He had never been in need of money before.

His lips pressed together into a thin line. "That's something I should be saying.

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In the future, perhaps your and your family should stay away from Mia. Otherwise, don't expect me to be forgiving." With that, Timothy hung up the phone.

Claude was left perplexed, trying to make sense of the situation.

Could Mia have been kidnapped again?

Claude panicked as he called Jason, "Jason, it's serious. Mia might be in danger again." "What's the matter? Tell me everything.

Claude nervously recounted his phone conversation, his words slightly stuttering. "Guess who picked up the call? He sounded incredibly arrogant!

But if I remember correctly, isn't Felix still in custody?" Jason paused for a

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moment before speaking, “Do you have a recording of the phone call? If you do, could you please let me listen to the voice? I might be able to identify the person.” Claude quickly forwarded the recording and called Jason again, unable to contain his impatience. “Have you listened to it? Who was the caller?” “If my memory serves me right, it sounded like Timothy,” Jason replied. Claude paused, taken aback at the mention of Timothy’s name. “Timothy Barrett? The son of Bern City’s richest man? Isn’t he the guy Maya, the phony heiress, was talking about marrying?” “Yes, that’s him.” Jason confirmed.

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Claude clenched his teeth in frustration. “You heard what Timothy just said, right? That’s not something a regular guy would say. “He definitely has ulterior motives toward Mia And now he’s even got Mia in his hands.” “I see your point. But if Mia is with Timothy, at least she should be safe. I’ll handle it, so don’t worry,” Jason reassured. “Why shouldn’t I be concerned? Mia is my sister too, you know. Why do I sense there’s something you’re not telling me? Is there a history between Mia

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and Timothy?” Claude, being the rogue he was, had a sharp instinct for such matters.

Timothy’s warning to stay away from Mia only heightened Claude’s suspicion

that there was more to their relationship than met the eye.

Claude was eager for answers, but Jason remained silent, unwilling to disclose anything.

The more Claude dwelled on the situation, the more unsettled he became.

He was aware that Mia had worked as a caretaker for Laura in the Barrett residence, a role that essentially reduced her to that of a maid in such affluent

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households.

But what could possibly blossom between a lowly maid and an heir to a wealthy family?

Regardless of the outcome, Mia would inevitably bear the brunt of it all.

Claude clenched his teeth in anger. If Timothy did harm Mia, he swore he wouldn't let Timothy get away with it!

In the lavish hospital room, Mia slowly regained consciousness.

She blinked against the harsh light from the ceiling, slowly taking in her surroundings.

Instinctively, she reached for her belly, wondering where her babies were.

Could Timothy have instructed the doctors to perform an abortion without her

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consent?

“What are you searching for?” Timothy’s deep voice suddenly echoed.

Looking up, Mia found Timothy by the window and asked anxiously.

“Where

are my babies? Did you do something to them?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 430-Observing Mia’s disbelief.

Timothy became somewhat irritated. Was this how she perceived him?

Raising his gaze, Timothy retorted, “Well, what else do you expect? It’s

not

like the babies are mine. Why would I want to keep them?” Upon hearing

his

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words, Mia felt utterly dumbstruck. Lowering her head, she stared at her belly,

tears streaming down her face.

Were her babies gone?

Observing Mia's tears, Timothy regretted his jest, realizing it had gone too far.

"Please, don't cry-" But before he could finish, Mia suddenly sprang from the

bed and charged toward him. "Timothy, I've had enough of this!" Alarmed by

her sudden movement and concerned she might harm herself, Timothy swiftly

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pushed his laptop aside and moved to catch her.

However, in the next instant, Mia firmly seized his neck.

She flipped over and straddled Timothy, her hands squeezing his neck tightly.

With her babies gone, she was determined to make him pay!

Timothy's throat ached with pain, yet he refrained from forcefully pushing Mia

away. Frowning, he battled through the discomfort, coughing as he managed

to say, "Let go of me!" "I won't! Timothy, you're a murderer!" Mia exclaimed.

ung open.

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Just then, the hospital room door swung Dakota and Genevieve, stepping in

for their rounds, were taken aback by the sight unfolding before them.

Mia was straddling Timothy on the small sofa by the window, their embrace

tight and intimate.

The scenario was undoubtedly ambiguous, leaving room for misinterpretation.

Dakota's brow furrowed. "What's going on here?" Upon hearing Dakota's voice, Mia gradually released her grip. However, her body remained tense, and she found herself pulled into Timothy's arms.

She forcefully pushed Timothy away, not wanting any contact with him.

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Timothy remained composed. “Let’s not make a scene. People are watching.”

Mia was caught off guard.

With a serious expression, Dakota addressed Mia. “How could you behave like this in a hospital, especially considering you’re pregnant, and with twins?”

Mia was stunned, staring at Dakota in disbelief. “Are you saying... my babies

are okay?” “Yes, they’re still here. Mr. Barrett was quite adamant when he brought you in. If we couldn’t ensure the safety of your babies, it would jeopardize the hospital’s reputation.

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“So, rest assured, both you and your twins are safe.” As these words settled in, Mia stared at Timothy in disbelief. She had anticipated Timothy pushing for an abortion, but instead, he had instructed the doctors to prioritize the safety of her babies. Mia realized she had misunderstood Timothy’s intentions. Leaning back in his chair, Timothy looked at her calmly. “So, do you understand now?” Mia belatedly realized and asked, “Why did you intentionally say that then?” “What did I say? Wasn’t it simply a misunderstanding on your part?” Mia was furious, fighting the urge to slap Timothy.

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Blushing, she pulled away from Timothy's embrace. With the knowledge that

her babies were safe, her composure returned.

Dakota cautioned sternly, "Your heightened hormones may trigger sexual urges, but it's crucial to exercise discretion, particularly in a hospital setting."

Mia's cheeks turned crimson, her words stumbling out. "I-It's not what you're

thinking." Timothy deliberately retorted. "But I didn't resist at all." Dakota gave

him a meaningful look. "As a spouse, it's important for you to familiarize yourself with these matters. Allowing your wife to act recklessly can have

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detrimental effects on the babies.” Timothy cleared his throat before asking.

“Where can I find more information about it?” ”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 431-Mia felt her cheeks burn with

embarrassment upon hearing Timothy’s words!

What was Timothy going on about?

However, Dakota remained remarkably composed, seemingly unaffected by

the situation. “We have informative books on this topic available at the hospital. If you’re interested, you can buy one to take home.” Timothy stroked

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stroked his chin thoughtfully. “Is that so? That’s quite considerate.” Mia interjected hastily, turning to Dakota. “Are my babies truly alright?” Even though Dakota reassured her about the twins’ well-being, Mia wanted to verify

once more for her peace of mind.

She was wary that Timothy and Dakota might have conspired to deceive her.

Glancing at Mia, Dakota responded, “If your children weren’t alive, you wouldn’t have the energy to speak so vigorously at the moment. After all, abortion isn’t a minor procedure.” Mia found reassurance in Dakota’s words.

She felt no discomfort in her body, especially in her lower abdomen, and

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detected no scent of blood.

If she had indeed undergone an abortion, it would surely devastate her. Mia finally breathed a sigh of relief, her heart lifting as she woke to find Timothy by her side.

Yet, the memory of Timothy coercing her into an abortion and confining her in the hospital continued to haunt her.

After a routine examination, Dakota turned to Mia and said, “As you progress through the later stages of pregnancy, it’s vital to take good care of yourself.

“You seem to be showing signs of malnourishment, especially considering

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you're carrying twins. Given your husband's financial stability, do you need to overexert yourself every day?" Timothy received another nudge from Dakota, causing him to hastily interject. "This doesn't concern me. It's not like she needs to strain herself so much at home." Mia smirked and glanced in his direction. "Hmm, who was the one cooking, who managed the household chores, who picked out your outfits for the day?" After she finished speaking, both Dakota and Genevieve simultaneously turned their gazes toward Timothy, their expressions filled with disdain.

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Dakota's demeanor toward Mia noticeably softened. "As a pregnant woman, it's crucial to prioritize your own health. If you disregard your well-being, how will you manage to care for the babies growing inside you?" Mia nodded earnestly. "I understand now." After Dakota and Genevieve left. Timothy cautiously voiced his thoughts, "Are you satisfied now that you've lectured me?" – "I wasn't lecturing you. Was anything I said untrue?" "But all of that happened in the past. It's not like you were occupied with chores when you

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fainted this time, right?” Feeling a pang of guilt, Mia redirected the conversation, stating, “Well, didn’t I just mention that it was in the past?”

“Mia, is this how you show gratitude to someone who saved your life? If I hadn’t caught you in time and rushed you to the hospital, do you genuinely think you’d be here now, talking nonsense?” Timothy was so furious that he had wanted to yank at his tie, only to discover it had already loosened while he was waiting for Mia to emerge.

Reflecting on the moment she fainted, Mia acknowledged that it was indeed Timothy who caught her.

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Mia shuddered at the thought of what might have happened if he hadn't acted swiftly when she collapsed. Despite the babies in her belly being Timothy's, she had no intention of revealing this to him at the moment. After taking a deep breath, she cleared her throat and said. "Thanks for your help just now." Timothy arched an eyebrow slightly. "Well, well, it's not often I hear a thank you from you," he remarked. Ignoring Timothy's sarcastic comment, Mia swiftly grabbed her canvas bag

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from the bedside table. preparing to leave the hospital.  
If she didn't make it home that evening. Patricia and her brothers would undoubtedly question her absence.  
Timothy furrowed his brow. "Where are you off to?" Holding her bag tightly,  
Mia answered, "I'm going home, of course." Timothy teased, "Why the hurry to  
leave? Are you concerned I might try to take advantage of you?" I  
Remembering his recent phone call with Claude, Timothy realized that  
Mia  
would soon be meeting the Lanes when she got home. Contemplating this,  
his

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mood darkened.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 432-Mia grabbed the tote bag and

turned, facing Timothy. “I’m totally fine anyways. I was just too tired and my

blood sugar level was low.” His eyes darkened and he stood. “I’ll give you a

ride.” “No, thank you. I can take a cab home. We’re heading in different directions. I’ve troubled you enough. You’ve taken me to the hospital.

How

could I let you drive me home again? It’s fine, really.” The distance she intended to put displeased him. “Are you afraid that someone might

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misunderstand something after seeing you taking my car?” Mia couldn’t understand how he came to that conclusion. “You’re the one misunderstanding here. I simply don’t want to waste your precious time, Mr.

Barrett.” Having said that, she left the room. After barely taking a few steps,

she could hear steady footsteps behind her.

Mia entered the elevator and that bastard followed along. Due to the little space, they stood very close to each other.

The elevator stopped at the next floor and the people filled the space. One of

them was an old man sitting in a wheelchair.

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The elevator was filled to the brim.

The sight of the crowd prompted Mia to retreat, protecting her baby.

However, the lady in front of her drew in the distance too much so that her grandchild could play. The boy was playing with a ball, immersed in his own

world.

Feeling the press on her stomach, Mia frowned. “Could you give me some space? I can’t go backward anymore.” The lady pointed at her nose, barking.

“Miss, this elevator is small to begin with. How can I make space for you?

“If I go forward and hurt my grandson, would you be able to handle the circumstances? He’s still a little kid!” The scolding caught Mia off guard.

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Right then, someone pulled her into an embrace. Timothy turned around to block everything before her.

Thanks to Timothy, Mia took a corner all by herself and it wasn't that cramped anymore.

Blankly, she stared at him as his scent surrounded her. It was a faint yet distinctive scent, mixed with the smell of detergent.

That was her favorite and most familiar scent.

She took care of his outfits and clothes for three years. Even the detergent was handpicked by herself.

At that moment, the boy cried because there wasn't enough space for him to

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play.

Furious, the old lady turned her head to scold Mia, “You youngsters are getting in the way! My grandson can’t play anymore. Don’t you know how to

respect the elderly and care for the children?” Before Mia could respond to that. Timothy riveted the old lady with his intimidating glare.

Her voice drowned out so suddenly, losing its boldness.

Timothy then looked at the crying boy. “Monsters kidnap and eat kids who play in elevators.” The crying boy wailed harder at that, a genuine cry of fear.

At the same time, Mia was completely baffled.

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The old lady didn't back down. "You better explain yourselves! Who are you to scare kids like that?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 433-The elevator reached the first

floor. The passengers exited it and it became spacious.

However, the old lady and the boy blocked the way out of the elevator, not planning to let Mia and Timothy leave.

The old lady didn't stop her rant. "Explain! How could you not respect the elderly and care for the kids a single bit?" Mia, who was still standing in the

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corner, raised her head to glance at Timothy and whispered, “We’re here.”

In

other words, he didn’t need to shield her anymore.

Only then did he straighten his back and take a few steps backward. The atmosphere became stranger for some reason.

She could feel her face burning as well. Slowly, she lifted her head to see his

broad shoulders.

Spinning around, Timothy noticed the old lady blocking the way and frowned.

That was a rare moment for him to encounter such a preposterous incident since he was used to private hospitals.

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Soon, Heath showed up with a group of bodyguards. The formidable figures stood behind the old lady, who didn't stop running her mouth. Feeling the cold air behind her, she turned her head only to see a group of bodyguards.

Their fierce looks zipped her lips at a heartbeat.

In a trembling voice, she said, "What are you trying to do? Are you a gangster? I—I'm telling you! My son is one of the higher-ups in Barrett Group.

If you upset me, he will never let you get away with it!" Mia burst into a chuckle upon hearing that..

What are the odds?

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Mia glanced at the old lady. “How bold. Then, do you know who this young handsome man is? He works at Barrett Group, too.” The old lady straightened her back. “That’s different. My son’s a higher–up. He’s way up “Which department is he under? What is his name?” Timothy inquired. there.” “I think it was the development department. Why? Are you going to seek revenge through him? Save the hassle. He’s going come to pick me up.”

#15 BONUS Then, she saw a middle–aged man coming through the entrance.

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“Son, come here! Someone’s picking on me!” There was a shift on his face when he noticed Timothy. His voice stammered. “M–Mom, what did you do?”

“Son, they ganged up on me in the elevator! They even called over these men in black to beat me up! How could they do this in a civilized society?” Her son’s arrival buoyed her up, Timothy flashed a meaningful smile at the middle–aged man. “Is this your mother?” “I’m so sorry, Mr. Barrett. She’s from the countryside, so she doesn’t know how things work in the city. Please don’t take it to the heart.” The middle–aged man feared.

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The old lady was taken aback by her son's respectful attitude toward Timothy.

"Son, who is he?" Mia cast her gaze at her. "Didn't I tell you that he works at

Barrett Group, too? He's the president." "President? The boss of the company?" Her low educational background was enough for her to understand what the president of a company meant.

She knew that she had caused trouble now.

"Mom, apologize to Mr. Barrett. Hurry!" urged the middle-aged man.

Timothy interrupted. "Save it. Hand in your resignation letter to the Human

Resources Department tomorrow." The middle-aged man's face fell. "Mr.

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Barrett, please give me one more chance! This is a misunderstanding!  
“My family didn’t know who you are. I have to feed my family. I can’t afford to lose this job!”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 434-The dismissal notice did fluster the old lady, but she soon regained her composure. “Son, don’t be a scaredy cat.

“You’re a top scholar with capabilities. You’ll be able to work as a higher-up in another company too.” That earned a cold snort from Timothy. “Don’t insult

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the higher-ups with his ordinary abilities.” He then left with Mia following behind him. She cast a backward glance at the fighting mother and son, feeling light-hearted. Judging from the old lady’s bold tone, she might be used to be the oppressing party all the time. If her son had controlled her temper, she wouldn’t have acted that way, which left Mia with one conclusion—the man usually acted the same as the old lady did.

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Perhaps, there could be a number of subordinates he had picked on. Now that he was dismissed, Mia didn't feel a tinge of pity for him at all. Mia faced forward only to realize that Timothy was waiting for her. "Do you think that my actions were too much?" She didn't know how to respond to that for a moment. He added. "That man is average and a dawdler. He always picks on newcomers and takes credit from them. His performance was at the bottom of the pile for two years consecutively.

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“If it wasn’t for his magnanimous higher–up, he would’ve been fired a long time ago.” Adding Timothy’s comment to her judgment, her guess was right.

How could a parent like that old lady possibly raise a good son?

“I don’t think that it’s too much.” answered Mia.

Timothy strode out of the hospital and there was a luxury car by the road.

He

stood by the door. “Get in.” The way he protected her in the elevator replayed

in her mind, messing with her heart.

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Her lips were pursed into a thin line. What kind of excuse should she make to

turn down the offer?

Then, he asked, “Am I that scary?” Mia looked at him. In fact, that wasn’t the

case.

When she started walking in his direction, his tense jaw loosened a bit.

Suddenly, a car was pulled over.

Jason got out of the car, concerned. “Mia!” She turned her head in response,

not expecting Jason to find her that quickly..

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Stopping in her tracks, she fixated on him. “What are you doing here?” He ran

to her and examined her from head to toe. “Are you alright? Are you hurt?”

She shook her head. “My blood sugar level was low so I fainted on campus.

Mr. Barrett brought me here.” Hearing that. Jason lifted his head to see the nearby Timothy, alerted, Jason couldn’t believe it. Timothy actually brought

her to the hospital?

Meanwhile, Timothy’s jaw tensed upon Jason’s appearance again. The Lanes

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were seriously everywhere!

They stared at each other with hostility.

Jason stepped forward, standing between the duo while eyeing Timothy with

an unfriendly gaze. “Thank you for bringing her to the hospital in time, Mr.

Barrett. I’ll buy you a meal as a token of gratitude.” It made Timothy uncomfortable. “You don’t have to. It’s my duty to take my wife to the hospital.” Jason clenched his teeth. “Mr. Barrett, you’ve signed the divorce papers. You’re no longer husband and wife.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 435-Mia’s eyes widened when she

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heard Jason saying that.

When she was going to say something. Timothy preempted with a brow raised. “But the divorce papers. were torn. Plus, Mia didn’t sign anything. Legally speaking, we’re still husband and wife.” Jason almost lost it.

Staring

right at Timothy, Jason took a few steps forward. “Mind repeating it once more?” It would now take a mild trigger before the two men got out of hand at

any time.

Reading the air, Mia pulled Jason’s arm. “Enough already. What is there to fight over for such a trivial matter?” “Don’t intervene in this, Mia. I’ll make the

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divorce happen.” Jason was legitimately infuriated by Timothy. To Jason, there was nothing Timothy could force Mia into doing. As Jason’s sister, Mia could divorce someone within minutes! Timothy sneered. “Oh really? You can try me.” Shocked, she quickly pulled Jason to the other side. “Cut it out! Let’s go. I’m hungry.” “Don’t fear him, Mia. He’s just threatening you. It’s not like it can’t happen. Every marriage in this world is prone to divorce!” She played along. “I know. The one-month

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cooling-off period is going to be over soon anyway. It's meaningless to talk about this. Let's go." Timothy, who initially assumed that he had the upper hand, lost his smile as soon as he heard her statement. With deep eyes, he watched the duo leave. Then, he kicked the pebbles next to his feet, frustration bubbling in him. Turning his head, he asked Heath, "When's the cooling-off period over?" "About ten days." "What does this mean?" Timothy frowned. "The cooling-off period for a divorce case is normally a month, but people normally proceed with the divorce procedure afterward. There's ample time,

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though. You have about ten days left.” “Not this.” Timothy’s expression was steely. He pursed his lips at the thought of the remaining time. What if we don’t proceed with the divorce procedures after the cooling–off period?” A glint of hope twinkled in Timothy’s eyes. They had to file for divorce again if they didn’t do it in time? Heath continued. “There are other ways to get a divorce. One of them is to take it to the court.” Hearing that, Timothy sternly instructed, “Find a good divorce lawyer.” Things weren’t over yet. On the other side, Mia was sitting next to Jason. Her eyes glanced at him

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briefly. “Jason, how did you find me here?” “Claude called you. He wanted to pick you up from college. But Timothy was the one who answered the call and they fought. Claude called me to ask about your relationship with Timothy. He was concerned.” “Did you tell him?” Mia was gradually accepting the fact that her brothers were privy to her relationship with Timothy. There was no secret in this world, after all. Besides, she was going to Nord City to start a new life soon. So, there was nothing to hide from her brothers.

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Jason focused on the road while saying, “I can’t keep it a secret from him. Claude is a playboy. He probably has an inkling about it.

“I called your college and searched around the nearby hospitals. That was how I found you.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 436-“Sorry for making you worried,

Jason.” “Don’t be silly. It’s fine as long as you’re not hurt. Although I do hate

that Timothy guy, it’s fortunate that he was by your side.

“Mia, you don’t have to take everything upon yourself anymore. You have us,

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your family.” A smile played along Mia’s lips. “I know, but what’s happening recently is a special case. I’d like to finish my credit hours to graduate from college. I’m working hard so that I can live in Nord City with you guys.” Jason wasn’t foreign to her decision as Dominic was busy lately because of this. Jason glanced at her. “Mia, when are you going to tell Dominic and others about your relationship with Timothy?” “After we go to Nord City. I fear Dominic might confront Timothy for me. I’m going to leave anyway, so there’s

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no need to cause another unnecessary trouble. I hope Dominic won't be mad at me for lying." "He won't. When the day comes, I have something to tell you too." After a discussion, the Lane brothers decided to reveal the truth to Mia on the day she returned to Nord City. That Mia was the true Ms. Lane, not Maya. "Okay." Mia merely nodded without asking much. She believed her brothers wouldn't do anything that would hurt her. Nothing at home was out of the ordinary bar one—the concerned expression

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on Claude's face when he came to visit.

When Patricia went to the kitchen, he asked in an undertone. "Mia, are you alright? No one bullied you, right?" "No. I fainted in the cafeteria because of

low blood sugar. He drove me to the hospital." He snorted. "That's his duty."

Something was off about Claude and Mia sensed it. She pulled his arm.

"Claude, I didn't keep you in the dark on purpose." "I'm not blaming you, just

angry. That bastard doesn't deserve you! And yet, how dare he ask for a divorce instead of taking care of you? I can never stomach this, ever!"

Jason

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chimed in. “I stood up for her about this.” The discussion on strategizing a way to confront Timothy between Jason and Claude worried Mia. Quietly, she headed back to her room to reach out to Connor. Because the only person who knew the entirety of the situation was him. Claude and Jason knew of her divorce with Timothy, but not her pregnancy. Unfortunately, no one picked up the call. Perhaps, Connor was in an operation. She texted him what happened today so that he could dissuade Claude and Jason. The next day, she read a headline after waking up.

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“Renowned Singer Aubrey March with New Beau! Secret Restaurant Rendezvous Revealed.” The mention of the renowned singer pushed the pause button on Mia.

Because the last person who was involved in a scandal with Aubrey was Timothy.

Now that she was spotted with a new boyfriend, was Timothy dumped? Mia clicked the headline only to see a picture of a couple’s back. One of them

appeared familiar to her for some reason.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 437-It took a single glance for Mia

to remove Timothy from the list. It wasn’t him.

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She could discern his back very easily and the way the man dressed didn't match Timothy's.

The man appeared more like Connor.

No wonder he didn't pick up the call yesterday. Was he on a date?

She checked her WhatsApp, to which Connor had replied to her. The reply came late. She was already asleep at that time.

"Mia, I bet you're sleeping right now, so I didn't call you back. About Claude

and Jason, leave it to me. Just focus on your well-being and don't get yourself

busy with stuff in college. You need rest Obviously, Connor was concerned

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about her.

The fainting incident pulled her back from taking risks anymore. After the music show was over, she would rest up at home and do nothing other than go to classes.

After all, the babies in her belly were the utmost priority.

Who knew if she'd be that lucky again if she fainted again?

She replied, "Okay, got it." She went down to find that Patricia made her breakfast. Mia ate it and went to college in high spirits.

It was the last day, hence the need to double-check the decorations in the hall.

When Mia arrived at the hall, Riley scurried to her. "Mia, Thank God you're

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fine. We were so shocked when you suddenly fainted yesterday.” “It was because my blood sugar level was low. Sorry for making everyone worried.”

“As long as you’re fine. Mr. Shaw inquired about your well-being several times today. You’re an important figure for this event after all.” Mia flashed a

smile. “It is my duty.” The music show would give more credit to her sociology

records, so she was determined to work hard.

Riley left, and Mia walked to the guests’ seats offstage. When her gaze caught the place she fainted, she recalled that it was Timothy who managed

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to catch her.

If it wasn't for him, things would've been worse.

“Oh, the campus star is discharged from the hospital.” A sarcastic tone interrupted her thoughts.

Mia looked back at the two familiar faces.

+15 BONUS One of them participated in the designing of the venue and stepped forward at that time, assuming Kennedy had called for her. The other

one showed up with Maya before so they could be acquaintances.

In the face of the overflowing hostility, Mia calmly answered, “If you want to be

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famous by fainting, you can do it here.” One of them clicked her tongue.

“We

aren’t as calculating as you are, fainting right in front of Mr. Barrett and making him drive you to the hospital. Everyone knows what you’re plotting.

Stop daydreaming.” The other one continued, “I know, right? Mr. Barrett is the

richest man in Bern City. His fiancée is Ms. Lane. They’re a match made in

heaven.

“As for those women from shabby backgrounds, they should stop dreaming of

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rag-to-riches stories.” Mia chuckled lightly at that, her gaze held indifference. “Your jealous expressions are hideous.” The ladies’ expressions changed.

Mia added, “One of you was trying to get close to Maya while the other tried to approach Timothy, didn’t you? What right do you have to mock me?” She left, not wanting to waste time with them.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 438-Every second was gold to Mia now.

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She went on to practice her piece, wishing to make up for her past regret.

The

song reminded her of the orphanage.

Snippets of memories from the place only came to her when she played piano, Aside from forgetting about the orphanage, she realized that she seemed to have forgotten someone, someone important to her.

The practice session continued for a while as she walked down memory lane

at the same time.

Right then, a woman with short hair showed up, scanning the area with eyes

of scrutiny.

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Mia raised her head and asked, “Hi there, anything I can help you with?”  
“Hi,  
I’m from the Literature Department and writing is my interest. I’d like to write a virtuoso as the female lead, so I’m looking around for inspiration. I “I don’t know anyone from the Music School and I don’t dare to approach any one of them. But your caught my eye a few times. You’re not from the Music School, are you? Are you Mia Bowen?” “That’s me. Come in, have a seat,”

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Mia offered shyly. “What would you like to know? I don’t know much about music, actually.” “The thing is, that day. I happened to pass by the room, where you were playing the piano. It was beautiful. It was a children’s song, but I don’t think it’s a famous one.” “Oh, that one. It was made by the director of an orphanage. It’s natural that you haven’t heard of it before. “Did you come from an orphanage? Me too!” exclaimed the short-haired woman. “No wonder you felt approachable when I first saw you. I’m Dana McQueen. Let’s be friends!” “Pleasant to meet you!” Mia had a good impression of Dana.

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Both of them knew nothing about music, but they didn't look down on each other.

At the same time, Maya was bypassing the area downstairs. It seemed like something was weighing on her mind.

Blake, under her order, had investigated the background of students in every

Music School one by one.

As long as the true Ms. Lane was enrolling in a Music School, Maya would be

able to track her down one day.

It was only a matter of time.

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After practicing piano, Mia left the building alongside Dana in the afternoon.

“I’m heading home for lunch. Let’s meet up next time.” “Sure. Text me when you’re coming for practice again.” Mia nodded and they went separate ways.

Mia went home by cab.

As soon as she arrived home, Claude was there talking over the phone with

Anthony on the couch. Noticing her arrival, Claude said, “Let’s wrap up this for

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now. Bye.” Claude looked at her. “How’s the preparation going, Mia?”

“Good. I

practiced piano this afternoon. I think I’m getting better.” He smiled faintly.

“Oh? Why don’t you play a piece for me.” She did as requested. Although there was a lot of room for improvement before she reached the level of a professional, she was content with her progress.

The next day, Mia went to college first thing in the morning. The music show

held a weight of significance.

Riley handed over the schedule to Mia, in which she was not surprised to see

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that name on the guest list.

“Timothy Barrett” Other than him, there was another familiar name.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 439-Claude’s name was on the guest list! Mia thought that she was seeing things.

However, he never told her about it before. Was it another person with the same name?

Dubious, she contacted him but no one picked up the call.

Strange.

But it should be another person sharing the same name, she believed.

Mia checked the decorations in the hall again. Once she confirmed that everything was in place, she felt the weight on her chest lifted.

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“Mia Bowen, how dare you show yourself here?” She looked back only to see Sharon and Maya entering the hall with linking arms. Maya wore a triumphant expression. Although she couldn’t stop the property settlement agreement from happening. Sharon could. Timothy could never do anything to his biological mother, could he? The sight of Mia enraged Sharon, especially after hearing about the existence of the property settlement agreement from Maya. God knew how much Sharon wished for Mia to vanish in thin air at that instant.

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Sharon lashed out. “Who do you think you are, Mia Bowen? You could’ve just left after the divorce. How dare you set your eyes on Timothy’s shares and properties! Do you have a death wish?” As soon as Mia noticed Sharon’s presence, she had foreseen what was coming ahead of her. Maya, that bitch, didn’t have the brains for tactics. All she knew was to use Sharon to confront Mia. A laid-back Mia retorted, “I think you got your facts wrong, Mrs. Barrett. Your son signed the property settlement agreement first, not me, so the person you

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should be looking for is Timothy, not me.” “Enough of this nonsense! I’m pretty sure you’ve plotted something to deceive him into signing that agreement. I’m telling you, not a chance!” Sharon pointed right at Mia’s nose. Crossing her arms, Mia responded, “Maya tore that document yesterday. Timothy told me that he’d give me another copy. If you want to stop this from happening, you’d better look for him. He’s the one insisting it.” “Mia Bowen, don’t forget what you signed when you first became his wife. You signed a

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divorce agreement. You won't be able to receive a single penny from us. Don't get ahead of yourself!" Sharon fished out that divorce agreement from three years ago, snorting. "If you've forgotten about it, might as well take a close look at it." The document was tossed into Mia's hands. Staring at it, she recalled what had happened back then. At that time, her sole wish was to marry Timothy so that he could regain consciousness. That was why she didn't show a tad hesitation when signing the divorce agreement.

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Now, she simply wished to travel back in time to give herself a slap, to wake the past Mia from being blinded by love. The moment a person took pity on a man meant the start of their misery. Someone like Timothy would never get hurt. A gloating Maya joined the conversation. “By the way, this is a copy. We didn’t bring the original copy along. Don’t think of ruining the evidence.” Holding the document, Mia flashed a meaningful smile. “Not everyone thinks the same way as you do.” An unnatural shift was evident in Maya’s expression. Sharon

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barked, “I think Ms. Lane has a point. That agreement should’ve never existed in the first place. It’s fortunate that she has torn it.” Mia grinned. “It’s useless even if you give me this divorce agreement. As I said, Timothy intends to give me the property, so what can you do with this?” Sharon was riled up. “I’m warning you, Mia Bowen—stop dreaming the impossible! I’ll talk to my son myself. Maya, let’s go!”  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 440-“Okay. Don’t be mad, Mrs.

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Barrett. I believe that the divorce agreement has pulled her senses back.”  
After saying that, Maya intentionally cast a triumphant glance at Mia.  
Maya believed that there had to be someone to teach Mia a lesson, but this was not the end.

When the music show started, something else prepared for Mia.  
Mia clucked her tongue. She thought of discarding the divorce agreement, but  
the idea was immediately brushed off by the possibility of someone  
reading  
the content.

In the end, she kept it in her tote bag.

Honestly. Timothy’s property didn’t interest her at all. She said it that way

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simply because she didn't want to see their gloating expressions. Spinning around, Mia continued her inspection to ensure nothing was wrong with the decorations in the hall. After all, the credits from this event were important to her. Soon, the musicians arrived. She recentered her focus upon Anthony's arrival, fearing that the fussy man would pick on her at this crucial moment. Riley approached him. "Mr. Jenkin, please check if there's anything inappropriate regarding the decorations so we can fix it." Anthony's sharp eyes inspected the area. His sharp tongue was ready to be on the move, but

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words stuck in his throat when he saw Mia.

He suddenly recalled her relationship with Claude and then made sure to control his expression. “It’s great. There’s nothing to fix.” Why would he have

an opinion when the design had received the green light from Claude—the boss- himself?

Mia heaved a sigh of relief at Anthony’s response. It was fortunate that there

was nothing that needed to be fixed.

Otherwise, she couldn’t guarantee a thing when time was of the essence.

The musicians went backstage to prepare for their performance. The guests were slowly filling the hall, and the media, standing by the sides, were in

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position.

Watching the scene herself, Mia suddenly began to feel nervous.

It was her first time organizing such a huge event on campus. Sincerely, she

wished for everything to go smoothly.

Soon after, she noticed Timothy enter the hall. A group of middle-aged men

were surrounding that tall man. He was so good-looking that he kept drawing

others' attention.

Mia reckoned that every lady in the area was eyeing him. No matter where he

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was, he could easily draw attention from others with his inherent presence. He sat and raised his head, meeting her eyes. Her gaze shifted away from him quickly as though she was simply looking around, not staring at him. When she focused her gaze at the entrance, there was Claude and Maya! They walked side by side, seemingly to be in a conversation. Mia was surprised to see that. Did they know each other? At the entrance, Claude spared Maya a cold glance. “Give up already. You’re not gifted in piano.” “Claude.” Maya was reluctant to admit reality. “Don’t call me by my first name. I’ve never admitted you as one of us. After all,

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you're just a fake." Despite his steely tone, she didn't want to admit her defeat, but no words escaped from her lips. She gritted her teeth furiously. Now that she knew the true Ms. Lane was in this college, she was determined to hunt her down before anyone did. The Lanes must never find out who the true Ms. Lane was. Because Maya wanted to hog the spot to herself forever!

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 441-After speaking with Claude, Maya gave Mia a provoking gaze and the latter noticed it. Frowning, Mia couldn't understand the meaning of that.

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Not long after, Claude came up to Mia. “Mia, aren’t your legs tired from all the standing?” “Nope, I’m fine. There’s a chair for me to sit on. Claude, I was surprised to see your name on the guest list a while ago. I thought it was another person with the same name.

“You didn’t tell me that you’re going to attend the music show.” “This is how a surprise works.” He couldn’t bring himself to stand in a corner watching the music show. His brows furrowed at that. “Come sit with me. My seat is better.”

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She hurriedly shook her head. “I’m fine with my spot. If something comes up, I have to go deal with it.” It seemed like Claude had to deal with his helplessness himself. “Fine. When you come to Nord City, I’ll take you to a grander music show.” When that time came, he would announce to everyone that he had such a kind and cute sister. He would organize a music show every single year just for her! Mia nodded meekly in response and watched him head for the guests’ seats until he sat beside Timothy!

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Her heart surged to her throat in a heartbeat. If she had accepted Claude's offer to sit together, that meant sitting with Timothy!

Then, she watched Maya sit next to Timothy with an expression of a winner.

The glint in Mia's eyes lost its sparkle as she quickly withdrew her gaze, focusing her attention on the decorations.

Meanwhile, Timothy cast her a fleeting look, mixed emotions stirred beneath

his eyes. He actually saw Claude approaching Mia. The duo appeared to be

close acquaintances.

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Claude turned sideways, blocking Timothy's view while voicing his opinion implicitly, "Mr. Barrett, I think you should focus on the stage. The music show is commencing soon." In other words, "Stop looking at my sister or I'll dig out your eye." "It's none of your business," Timothy retorted, displeased. 1/2 Maya piped up, "Timothy, Mr. Lane and Mia seem to be close. He actually personally supervised the decorations for the hall." Timothy became all grumpy at that instant.

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Claude was a playboy in Nord City: his girlfriend never stayed the same every three months, Looking at her, he responded, “Yeah. I think Mia is gifted in design and playing piano, at least much better than you.” It was such a humiliation to her. “Claude, what are you joking-” “Don’t call me that. Don’t act like we’re close. I have never acknowledged your identity.” Her face fell at that because her biggest fear was Timothy finding out that she was a mere adopted child. When that came to event, how would she be able to marry him?

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However, Timothy didn't ask a question about it as though he hadn't heard it.

She let out a sigh of relief and didn't want to provoke Claude anymore.

What if

he revealed her true identity?

Then, the music show started.

It was Mia's first time watching this kind of music show. Live performances felt

different from watching them on TV. The beautiful melody could easily captivate one's heart.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 442-Vanta Armstrong, the chief,

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was playing the piano.

Mia watched his performance as her fingers moved along with the rhythm as

though immersed in the music show.

Two hours later, the music show came to an end.

The applause didn't stop, the host came forward. "It's an honor to present such a marvelous music show by talented musicians.

"On a side note, we have a mini interactive corner for today's event that is—

two lucky audiences would be picked randomly to come onstage to perform."

A commotion surged among the crowd.

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Mia appeared rather calm because it was an internal decision to pick the top scholars from the Music School, who were highly likely to join the musicians.

The light shone upon a senior student from the Music School. With grace, she walked up to the stage and played the violin.

Mia acknowledged her skills because she had a good sense of rhythm. Then, it was time for the second audience to be picked.

Maya, who was at the guest's seat, flickered her eyes in a direction. The ray of light skirted around before it landed upon Mia.

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Surprise was evident from her expression.

Did they mistakenly direct the light at her? Was there a miscommunication among the staff?

At that time, Kennedy was equally baffled. However, after considering Timothy's attendance, he simply assumed that it was a surprise from Timothy to his wife.

Just when the host had an idea of how to resolve the issue, Kennedy motioned for the host to proceed.

Hence, the host prompted, "Please come on stage and show us what you got."

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Ladies and gentlemen, please give her a round of applause.” That put her in a tough spot. Although she had been practicing piano, the only pieces she was familiar with were two—the one Claude taught her and that children’s song. Reflexively, she looked in Claude’s direction. To her surprise, he was all excited about it. “You can do it!” Mia was rendered speechless. She was asking for help, not encouragement! How could a beginner like her perform in front of a crowd of talented people? Right then, Maya stood up and acted generously. “Ms. Bowen, if you don’t know how to play an instrument, you can ask for help. I can gladly offer a

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hand.” Maya’s triumphant face gave Mia a hint. It was no wonder she was chosen. Maya intended to embarrass her in public!

Taking a deep breath, Mia rose from her seat. “No, thank you. I do play instruments as a hobby, but I don’t play them that well. I hope the audience doesn’t mind it.” “Don’t take it so seriously. It’s just an interactive corner.

Come on, give her a round of applause, everyone.” The host tried to lighten the mood.

After getting onstage, Mia was still all jittery. She raised her gaze and saw Claude, as well as Timothy.

No one could read Timothy’s mind through those eyes.

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But, for whatever reason it was, she didn't want to give in just like that!

No

matter how bad she was at playing piano, never in her life would she let

Maya

replace her.

Mia seated herself before the piano and rewound the piece taught by

Claude

in her head. Her nerves calmed, and she began to play the piece she was most familiar with.

Maya's expression changed the moment she heard the melody.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 443-Maya stared at Mia in

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disbelief. It was that children's song that Maya could never possibly forget.

Was she hearing things?

How? How could this be?

The color drained from her face as her eyes widened in shock.

Previously, she heard that song by chance and began searching for the pianist from room to room. She also came across Mia playing piano in the classroom.

Maya simply brushed it off, assuming that Mia was just there for a practice session.

In fact, Mia was actually one of the people Maya suspected. Mia was adopted,

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so she should be an orphan.

Maya's fingers were trembling. If Mia was the person she had been looking

for—the true Ms. Lane she had been looking for—what should she do?

Maya's eyes scoured for Timothy. If the Lanes found Mia, would Maya lose

her chance to be Mrs.

Barrett?

No, she would never let that happen!

Maya zeroed in on Mia performing onstage, her eyes mixed with malicious

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emotions as she thought,” You’ve been sent away, so why are you still getting in my way?” While performing, Mia flickered a glance at Claude because she couldn’t shake off the nervousness. Merging both songs with the children’s song as the opening, she played both pieces in one go. She initially thought that it would be difficult for her, but she managed to play it until the end. When her fingers stopped, the hall was dead quiet. Timothy couldn’t help but be astonished as he didn’t expect her to be this

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skillful. He had never heard her playing the piano before. When Timothy was going to clap his hands, Claude stood and applauded first with a proud grin. “As I expected, Mia’s the best.” The corner of Timothy’s lips twitched. A flustered Maya gaped at Mia, mixed feelings churning in her stomach. Maya was afraid that Claude might find out Mia’s true identity. Yet, the clues began replaying in Maya’s head. The way Claude, Connor, and Liam treated Mia; and how Jason’s lawyer team issued a letter for her when she became the victim of awful rumors.

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The clues were connecting each other, leading Maya to one conclusion. Her eyes widened and her branded bag almost slipped out of her hand. Perhaps, the Lanes had found Mia a long time ago and had been keeping Maya in the dark!

That's right. That explained everything!

Otherwise, why would they treat Mia so well? Because of her sheer charms?

That would make a feeble reason.

Fear overshadowed Maya almost instantly. If they had found Mia, what would

that make Maya?

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Since they had found the true Ms. Lane, why didn't they take her back to the family?

The more Maya thought about it, the more it didn't make sense.

At the same time, Mia let out a smile in relief. It was nerve-wracking back there. Fortunately, she didn't bring disgrace to the college's name.

The host stood next to her. "Miss, your performance was marvelous! May I

ask, how long have you learned piano? Are you from the Music School?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 444-Mia shook her head. "No, I'm

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not from the Music School. I just started piano not long ago.” “But you played it so well! Who’s your tutor? Do you mind sharing?” Her eyes darted at Claude as she smiled shyly. “Someone important to me.” Her voice dropped and the audience squealed. Timothy gave Claude a fleeting glimpse, his mood getting worse and worse. He looked at Mia, who was smiling brightly onstage. It was someone important to her? Loosening his tie, Timothy was irked.

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Claude intentionally gave Timothy a look. “Hear that? I am the one who’s important to Mia.” Timothy couldn’t comprehend how men were flocking to her after the divorce.

When Claude made his way toward Mia, Maya couldn’t sit still anymore.

She

followed him, wanting to get to the bottom of it.

The audience seat was empty, but Timothy was still sitting there in low spirits.

Kennedy approached him. “Congratulations, Mrs. Barrett! That was such a wonderful performance from Mrs. Barrett.

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“The professor from the Music School told me that she’s talented enough to change her course to further her studies in the Music School.” Timothy responded with a meaningful gaze, “Get it done then.” Kennedy flashed a dazzling smile. “Okay, I’ll make sure everything’s arranged for Mrs. Barrett.

But she seems to be in a rush to graduate from college.

“If she wants to continue her studies in the Music School, it’s best she doesn’t

put her graduation forward.” “She’s in a rush to graduate?” Timothy was surprised.

“Yes. She took a few gap years. She did hand over her assignments during

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her absence, but she still has to make up for her credit hours for sociology. “She attends lectures every day for her credit hours. She takes whatever subjects that offer more credit hours for sociology. That’s why I’m thinking she’d like to graduate early.” Noticing Timothy’s grim expression, Kennedy added, “I don’t think Mrs. Barrett needs the degree, though. I bet she wants to graduate early to focus on her duty as Mrs. Barrett.” Timothy didn’t utter a single word because Mia would never graduate early simply to carry out her duties as Mrs. Barrett.

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Maybe, she wanted to leave for Nord City after her graduation?  
After all, Mia and Connor were close, and she was pregnant! The Lanes didn't seem to dislike her.

Timothy's lips pursed into a thin line at that thought. He turned his head at Kennedy. "She's not trying to graduate early.

"Please make arrangements for her transfer to the Music School. I'll pay for

her tuition fees. Assign the best professor." "Not a problem, Mr. Barrett."

Timothy withdrew his gaze, and his eyes narrowed at the sight of Mia and Claude walking down the stage together.

Timothy got up and headed in their direction.

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Meanwhile, Mia's eyes arched into crescents at Claude. "I was so nervous back there. I didn't know I'd be picked. Thank goodness I have been practicing this whole time. So glad I didn't embarrass myself." Then, she noticed Maya approaching them.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 445-Something seemed off from

Maya's expression, but Mia couldn't quite put her finger on it Claude followed

Mia's gaze and naturally saw Maya. His face turned to a grumpy one.

"What

are you doing here?" Mia found his unfriendly expression strange because he

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had always been a gentleman to ladies.

It was one of his attributes as a playboy.

Yet, his attitude toward Maya was nasty. That was strange.

Maya forced a smile. It wasn't the time to be bothered by Claude's attitude.

"The piece you played was beautiful But I think the opening is another song.

More like a children's song?" She tested the water.

Before this, Maya had contemplated many things in her head. Could Mia still

remember what happened during their younger days?

If so, she should be able to recall how Maya convinced her to move to the

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other orphanage.

Maya's question struck Mia as weird. Pausing momentarily, Mia answered,

"You're right. I merged it with another piece of my favorite. Anything wrong

about it?" "N-Nothing. It was beautiful, so I wanted to ask." Maya's back was

drenched in a cold sweat.

Everything in Maya was pulling her from meeting Mia's eyes. It was fear, the

fear of Mia remembering the origin of that song and bringing up the orphanage.

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If Claude heard it and questioned further, Mia's true identity would be revealed!

Maya couldn't bring herself to think about what would transpire next. At the same time, Maya's reaction was weird in Mia's view. Mia was certain

that Maya was behind the "surprise" that happened today to embarrass Mia.

Obviously, Maya didn't expect Mia to get away with it without humiliating herself.

When Mia was going to say something, she noticed the incoming Timothy and she froze.

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Why was that bastard coming in their direction? Was he going to mock her for the bad performance?

Timothy's eyes were on Mia as his mind was thinking about her. She appeared foreign to him. He didn't know that she could play piano, let alone

her talent for piano. He pursed his lips. "Mia, come with me. I have something

to tell you." Shocked, she didn't expect that to come from him.

Before she could give a response, Claude pulled her head, alarmed. He barked, "Say it here. It's not like it's anything disgraceful. Is there a need to

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speak to her privately?” That alone sparked tension between the two men.

A

fight could break out at any moment.

Mia quickly said, “I have something to wrap up. Let’s talk after I’m done.”

She

then waved at Claude. “I’ll call once I’m done.” Claude could tell that she was

trying to alleviate the tension in the air. He didn’t wish to make a scene here

either.

There were so many eyes watching on campus. Causing trouble for Mia was

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definitely the last thing on his mind.

After Mia left, Claude glared at Timothy. “I’ve warned you, stay away from Mia

or don’t blame me for not showing mercy!” Timothy rolled up his sleeves.

His

gentle facade failed to mask the dangerous intent in his eyes.” That’s my line.

This will be my last time saying this—Mia’s my wife.

“I hope your family can stay away from her or don’t blame me for not showing

mercy!”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 446-Timothy left right away.

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Claude was infuriated. This was the first for him to encounter that level of arrogance. If it weren't for Mia, he would've dealt with him on his own. Maya's heart skipped a beat when she heard Timothy. Nonetheless, it was crucial to discover Mia's identity and to know whether the Lane family was

aware of her identity.

Dashing after Claude, she groveled, "Mr. Lane, you're seemingly close with

Mia. In fact, she's quite close with Connor as well." Claude halted his steps.

Dropping his gaze, he asked, "What are you implying?" "N-Nothing, I'm just

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curious. Don't you all reside in Nord City? When did you get close to Mia?

How did you guys meet?" It dawned on Claude that Maya began to suspect

something. He recalled the prelude of the piano piece earlier, which was also

the tune Mia learned back at the orphanage when she was young.

Since Maya was from the same orphanage, he wouldn't be surprised if the piece sounded familiar to her. But did she begin to doubt her identity?

Nonetheless, Claude had always thought it was strange for Dominic to bring

Maya back from the orphanage instead of Mia.

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He never managed to locate any evidence, so his chance to probe into this appeared before him now.

Raising his brows, he retorted, “This has nothing to do with you, isn’t it?”

Maya

forced a smile. “Actually, I noticed that Mia was very close with Connor, and

there seemed to be something going in between them. However, it seems like

he’d been dating a singer lately.

“To put it simply, I don’t think Mia’s the right match for Connor. She’s divorced,

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and her status is far below Connor's. I figured I should've talked her out of this

and get her to stop being delusional." Claude sneered, "You're one to talk about status, Maya. Have you forgotten that you were an orphan, and you're

adopted into the Lane family?

"It's not like you have a high status either. Did you have an identity crisis because you're too used to faking one?" Maya's expression changed drastically. She had been leading a smooth life over these years, and she was

gladly convinced that she was the real daughter of the Lane family.

Now that the real daughter of the Lane family had shown up, she couldn't

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tolerate it. It was even more unacceptable for her when she realized Mia, the woman she resented most, was actually the real daughter of the Lane family.

Claude spotted the shift in her expression. She must've suspected something from the piece earlier, resulting in her probing into his relationship with Mia.

Nevertheless, Maya was quick to regain her composure. "You've misunderstood. I'm just asking out of curiosity. Why are you overreacting like

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I've done something to Mia? But does Connor know you're very close with her?" He snorted, "Why should I tell Connor about the woman I'm close with? Plus, isn't Connor dating a singer lately?" Claude tried to confuse Maya. He wanted to investigate how the misunderstanding took place. If it weren't for Mia losing her memory due to her sickness, Maya would've been exposed long ago. As Maya watched Claude leave, she struggled to remain calm. Her mind was

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swirling with the memory of Mia playing the piece earlier. She had never been that flustered. Why did it have to be Mia of all people? Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 447-Fear flooded Maya's mind. Since Mia changed a lot in her adulthood, she looked different from her childhood self. Nonetheless, Maya could still recognize her eyes after some reminiscing. Her eyes still looked the same as they had been since she was a child. Why didn't she notice this earlier? If the realization dawned on her earlier, she'd seize the chance.

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to get rid of Mia! She wouldn't allow her to come in contact with the Lanes.

Maya would be in a tight corner if Mia was the real daughter of the Lane family.

However, she found it strange that no one in the Lane family suspected Mia's

identity. Connor and her other cousins had been in contact with her all this time. She felt suspicious.

Back when she was a child, she heard things regarding Mia's family. She remembered Mia mentioning her huge house and rich parents.

Did Mia never bring this up to the Lanes?

The more Maya pondered on this issue, her anxiety grew. She wouldn't be

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able to sleep well without demanding an explanation from Mia.

A girl came to Maya just then. With a servile expression, Hailee said, “Ms. Lane, thank you for recommending me to join the audition for the musicians.

“I met Mr. Jenkin earlier, and he liked my performance.” Maya flashed a faint

smile at her. “Congrats.” “Oh yeah, Ms. Lane, I have good news for you. I found the person playing the nursery rhyme.” Maya wasn’t surprised. She already knew who it was. She snapped. “You don’t have to state the obvious.

She was literally performing on stage earlier. Didn’t you hear her?” “Ms. Lane,

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you're mistaken. Mia isn't the one you're looking for—it's someone else.” Maya's eyes widened in shock. “What? Is it someone else?” A surge of joy filled her chest. She'd be delighted if it wasn't Mia. Anyone other than Mia she could tolerate.

In a hushed tone, Hailee said, “Ms. Lane, I can bring you to her. The reason

you haven't been able to find her is because she isn't from the Music School.

She's from the Literature Department.

“Her name's Dana McQueen, and she's an orphan. Her studies have been

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supported by scholarships and financial aid.” “Where is she? Bring me to her now.” Utterly bewildered, Maya felt an urgent need to identify who was the real daughter of the Lane family. She saw Dana once she came outside. She was dressed plainly, sporting a pair of black-rimmed glasses. Given her homely appearance, she seemed to have no issues with blending in the crowd. Maya knew Dana wasn’t the real daughter of the Lane family at first glance. She was too ordinary, and she certainly didn’t look like a Lane.

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In fact, Mia looked more convincing as the daughter of the Lane family. Nonetheless, Maya desperately wished that Dana belonged to the Lane family.

Decisively, Maya spun around and looked at Hailee. “Thanks for helping me to find my childhood friend. I need to talk to her in private now. I’ll treat you to a meal next time.” “No worries! It’s my honor to be at your service, Ms. Lane. I’ll excuse myself now.” Dana sneaked a glance at Maya after Hailee left. Based on her expensive clothes and Hailee’s servile attitude, she seemed like

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someone significant.

After all, it was rare for the usual arrogant Hailee to act in this manner.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 448-Confused, Dana asked,

“How

can I help you?” Maya took out her phone and played an audio clip. “Are

you

the one playing this piece in the music room?

“Yeah, I am.” Still feeling quite perplexed, she inquired, “Ms. Lane, you

mentioned that you’re looking for your childhood friend?” “That’s right. I

visited

that orphanage in the past, and a friend from the orphanage helped me out

when I was lost.

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“I haven’t lived in Bern City for years. I toiled my way here to find my childhood friend, but I couldn’t seem to find her given how drastically things have changed.

“The only clue is this piece—she’s the only one who knows how to play it.”

Dana immediately thought of Mia. She taught her this piece, after all.

Though

they came from the same orphanage, Mia was no longer around when Dana

arrived since she was two years younger than Mia.

Nonetheless, Dana had always been fond of Mia. A smile spread across her

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face. “I know where she is.” She was certain that Maya was looking for Mia.

Fate must’ve favored Mia. She thought such stories were only fictional, yet it

was now happening right before her eyes.

Maya interrupted her in haste once she saw her expression. She feigned a hint of sorrow in her tone as she spoke, “I really want to find that friend.

I’m

eager to know how she’s doing now. I will definitely help her out if she’s struggling.” Dana’s envy for Mia intensified. However, Maya grabbed her hand

the next instant. “I know it’s you. You must’ve resented me for not coming

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back to you after so many years. The distance was an issue.  
“Moreover, my brothers didn’t allow me to return to Bern City because I almost  
got lost at the orphanage. Thus, I could only come for you now.  
\*Rest assured, you’re still my best friend. Tell me whatever you need, and I’ll  
help you out. I can even help you to publish your book or adapt the stories you  
wrote.” Looking at Maya, Dana was tempted by her promises. Publishing her  
book? Adapting her stories?  
Did that mean she would rise to fame quickly and become rich?

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A hint of desire flickered in her eyes. As an orphan, people always pitied her.

She had always wanted to prove herself. Once she succeeded, she would no

longer need their sympathy, It was up to her to decide when such a great opportunity was offered to her.

Dana hesitated. She was well aware that it was Mia who taught her the piece,

and it would only be a matter of time for Maya to find out about the truth.

She probed warily. “But another girl played the piece in the hall as well.

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are you certain that it's me instead of her?" Maya's lips twitched into a grin.

Dana had finally got to this question, indicating that her interest was sparked.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 449-Seeing Dana had fallen for

her offer, Maya replied instantly, "In fact, I've been thinking about this on my

way here too. But I haven't had the chance to ask Mia, so I came to you first."

Dana mulled over her response. How should she reply?

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“Are you the one I’m looking for?” Maya continued in a suggestive drawl. She had just retold the entire incident, promising Dana countless benefits. Anyone with a bit of sense in them would know what to do. She was all too familiar with the discrimination and contempt Dana faced as an orphan. Thus, she was certain that Dana wouldn’t hesitate to seize her only opportunity, just like how she did with Dominic. Only then was she able to lead a luxurious life. In the next instant, Dana nodded her head in guilt. “I’m the one you’re looking

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for.” A triumphant smile played on Maya’s lips. Visibly touched, she took Dana’s hand and cried, “Is it really you? You have no idea how delighted I am!

“It’s been years since we last met, and we’ve all changed. If it wasn’t for the piano piece, I wouldn’t have recognized you.” Dana forced a smile. “Yeah, we all look different when we grow up, don’t we?” It was about time for Maya to throw in the question. “Oh yeah, how did Mia know that piece as well?” “I-I

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taught her. We're from the same orphanage, after all. I cherished our bond,  
so

I taught her the piece.

“Really? So, she's from the orphanage too. When was she there? Was she  
at

the orphanage when I was there?” Sweat began to bead Dana's forehead as  
guilt overwhelmed her. In a hurry to come up with a shoddy excuse, she  
blurted, “Maybe. I can't really remember. But Mia doesn't remember  
anything

either.

“She fell sick when she was a child, and she couldn't remember anything  
from

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the orphanage.” “Did she really forget everything?” Maya finally knew why

Connor and the Lane cousins didn’t discover Mia’s identity despite having spent so much time with her. She had lost her memory.

Even God was helping Maya. She could barely contain her glee. So, it turned

out that Mia had forgotten everything that happened at the orphanage.

Dana probed cautiously, “Ms. Lane, if you don’t believe me, you can ask Mia.”

“No need for that. Of course, I trust you. You’re the friend I trusted most when

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I was a kid, after all.” Holding Dana’s hand suddenly reminded Maya of the way she used to hold Mia’s hand. She looked like a doll back then, and she remembered telling her that they were best friends. Indeed, her best friend had given her a glamorous life. A weight had been lifted off Maya’s chest. As long as Mia couldn’t remember what happened at the orphanage, the Lane family wouldn’t know she was the real daughter of their family. She found Connor to be too nice to Mia, though. Was this because they were

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cousins?

This thought plunged her into a state of unease. Why couldn't Mia just disappear forever?

It was already absurd enough for her to marry Timothy three years ago when

he was still in an induced coma. She risked marrying a man who would be dead anytime.

Nevertheless, Maya underestimated Mia's ambition. Why didn't she see through her back then?

Suppressing the doubt arising in her chest, she glanced at Dana. "Give me your contact. We're friends from now on, okay?"

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“If you need anything, don’t hesitate to let my assistant know. He’ll sort it out for you.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 450-“Oh, sure. Thanks.”

“Don’t mention it. You’re my only best friend,” Maya chirped, flashing a warm smile at

Dana. Seeing how tempted she was, Maya had a bold idea. Maybe she could

use Dana to get rid of Mia.

Standing upright, Maya’s nonchalant gaze loomed over Dana. “I’m busy, so I

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have to leave now. We can go for tea and shopping next time. I've got some gifts for you too." "No problem. Go ahead." Dana watched Maya leave after adding her contact. She pinched her arm until it turned red, finally realizing that it wasn't a dream.

It wasn't a fictional story. It actually happened!

Thrill riddled her as she realized she finally seized her opportunity to shine.

The thought of her work being published or adapted sent her reveling in joy.

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Just then, her phone rang. It was Mia.

Dana almost dropped her phone. Did Mia find out? Or did Maya go to her instead?

Though Dana had never done something guilty in her life, she found it impossible to turn down Maya's offers. It was only natural for her to act for her own advantage.

As an unattractive orphan who had no one backing her up, almost everyone sneered at her.

At least Mia looked decent, and she was courted by rich and attractive bachelors. She'd be able to live her life in contentment even if she wasn't

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Maya's best friend.

However, things would be different for Dana. It would be the end for her if she

was no longer Maya's best friend.

A cold glint flickered in Dana's eyes as she glanced at the caller ID. "Mia, I

hope you don't blame me for this. I'll also help you out once I succeed, but just

help me out this one time." She didn't answer the call.

Meanwhile, Mia found it strange. Didn't Dana tell her that she would come to

the concert and that she wanted the conductor's autograph?

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Thanks to Claude's connections, she secured a chance for Dana to take a picture with her idol and receive his autograph. Yet, she didn't pick up her call.

Nevertheless, Mia texted her.

"Dana, I got his autograph for you. If you want to take a picture with him, come

to the hall now." Chancing a glance at Claude, she said, "My friend didn't answer my call. She's probably busy." "It's fine. You can still take the autograph for her." Mia nodded. She figured Dana was probably being held up

by something, so she couldn't make it to the hall. She knew how badly Dana

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wanted a picture and an autograph from her idol.  
She couldn't help but wonder whether Dana was in any trouble.  
Mia heaved a sigh of relief once the events in the hall ended on a good note.  
The efforts all this while were worth it, and she had successfully completed her credits.  
She spun around and glanced at Claude. "Let's go, Claude. The meal's on me today." "Sure." It was a rare sight for him to see Mia this overjoyed. It was a good show indeed. Not only did it give her enough credits, it gave her a

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chance to perform on stage.

It was perfect.

Mia suddenly remembered something. Glancing over at Claude, she inquired,

“Claude, are you close with Maya?”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 451-Mia meant to ask earlier, but

she was interrupted by Maya’s sudden appearance.

Claude’s expression shifted slightly. He was caught off guard by her question.

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“Maya knows how to play the piano as well. She wants to join our orchestra.”

“So she’ll be joining in the future?” Mia asked curiously.

“In her dreams! I won’t let her join. She isn’t talented at all.” Claude’s tone was

laced with disdain. There was no way he’d let Maya join the orchestra.

Given Maya’s influential family background, Mia thought it wouldn’t be difficult

for Maya to join the orchestra if she wanted.

Just as they were about to leave backstage, Kennedy went up to Mia and asked, “Mia, it’s all thanks to you that the event ended splendidly. Why don’t

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you join us for a meal?” Mia didn’t expect this at all. She really didn’t want to entertain them since she only did it for the sake of her credit. Claude took note of her uneasiness. Glancing up at Kennedy, he replied, “Sorry, but we have an appointment later. Maybe next time.” Kennedy was aware of his identity as the general manager of the orchestra. He figured that he thought highly of Mia’s talent as well. Knowing that he couldn’t afford to offend him, he replied servilely with a smile, “Sure, no worries.” Mia heaved a sigh of relief. Fortunately, Claude rejected his offer in her stead.

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As she left with him, she spotted a luxury car parked nearby. It was Timothy's car. She quickly withdrew her gaze after a brief glance. Scrambling into Claude's car, she chanced a glance at the rearview mirror, but she couldn't discern Timothy's expression. Timothy narrowed his eyes as he watched Claude's car leave. There was a complicated look in his eyes. Glancing over at Heath, he asked, "Did you find out why Mia was close to the Lanes?" Heath hesitated. "Not very specific. But it seems like the Lanes began to get close with Mrs. Barrett ever since you proposed a divorce.

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“It does seem strange, but there are no significant findings from our investigation.” “You gotta be kidding me. Keep investigating then!” The way Mia left with Claude lingered in Timothy’s mind. Feeling frustrated, he winded down the window to get some fresh air. Little did he expect Maya to dash over at him.  
\*15 BEARS “Tim, you’re still here.” He winded up the window instantly and kicked the driver’s seat. “Go!” His car zoomed off, leaving Maya stomping her

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foot in chagrin, looking positively sullen. He had been giving her the cold shoulder ever since her scheme to get Laura to undergo surgery had been exposed.

Blake approached her and said, “Ms. Lane, why does it have to be Timothy?

There are so many rich bachelors in Bern City. You can just date any of them.” “No! I’m the daughter of the Lane family from Nord City, of course, it’s

only right for me to marry the richest bachelor. Timothy outshines everyone.”

Lowering his voice, Blake continued, “Ms. Lane, this is for your own good. You

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should be aware that the real daughter of the Lane family has shown up,  
and

It's only a matter of time before they find her.

“I think it's better for you to marry into a wealthy family before you're  
exposed.

You can still lead a luxurious life then.’

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 452-Maya's eyes glinted  
coldly.

“Rest assured. I won't let this happen. I won't let the real daughter of the  
Lane

family return and take my place from me!” She toiled her way to her  
current

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status, and she wouldn't just let anyone take it from her easily. Not only would she cling to the position of the daughter of the Lane family, but she was determined to become Timothy's wife as well. "Ms. Lane, this is too risky." "I got to where I am now because I take risks." Maya was willing to do anything to achieve her goals. Meanwhile, Mia took Claude to a restaurant near her university. Chuckling, she remarked, "The food here is quite nice with a distinctive Bern City flavor. It's a stone's throw from my university, and it's usually thriving." Claude

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parked his car before glancing over at the restaurant. “Do you visit here often?” Shaking her head, Mia replied, “I used to work part-time here. The boss is really nice. I’ve tried some of their specials before, and I can assure you that they’re really nice.” Claude’s heart ached when he found out Mia used to work as a part-timer. If he had found her earlier, he wouldn’t let her

go through so much hardship.

They walked into the first floor of the restaurant and bumped into Kennedy

and a few administrative staff.

Mia was stunned by the coincidence. It turned out that they were having a meal here as well.

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Kennedy greeted her first when he spotted her. “Mia, are you guys having a meal here as well? Since we’ve bumped into each other, why don’t you join us?” She lamented at the fact that fate was really not in her favor. At this point, it wouldn’t look good if she refused his offer again, so she could only accept his invitation.

Claude wasn’t bothered since Mia agreed to their invitation. He followed them to a private room.

There was an empty seat next to Mia after she had taken her seat. Kennedy

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sat on another seat instead, with the empty seat separating him and her. She was slightly astounded as she didn't expect him to actually respect her personal space. However, it didn't take long for her to realize why he did so. The door of the private room opened, and Timothy strode in. Holding his jacket in his arm, he appeared more casual with just a shirt and a vest. Mia should've known. It was compulsory for him to make an appearance at such events since the event 1/2 was sponsored by the Barrett Group.

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IS BONUS The possibility of him attending the dinner slipped her mind because she hadn't seen him earlier. She thought that he might be too busy to show up.

It turned out that she was merely overthinking.

Timothy made his way to the seat beside her and sat down. In an instant, Kennedy beamed at him and said, "Mr. Barrett, you're finally here. Now that

everyone's here, please enjoy the dinner. Great work today. everyone! Especially Mia.

"Despite your identity, you kept a low profile at school and you worked

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diligently. It's our honor to have you as our student." Mia's expression grew

awkward as Kennedy began rambling in a servile manner.

Just then, one of the staff inquired, "What about Mia's identity?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 453-Mia recognized the man—he

must be the director of Music School. Struggling to come up with a response,

she pressed her lips together.

Yet, Timothy replied swiftly, "Nothing much. She's my wife, and I thank you all

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in advance for taking care of her in school.” Mia was dumbfounded. What the

heck did he just say?

Feeling utterly bewildered, she chanced a glance at him. She clearly remembered him warning her not to expose their relationship in public before.

But he just did earlier!

Was he out of his mind?

Everyone in the private room was stunned except for Kennedy and Claude.

A

bright smile spread across Kennedy’s face while Claude glowered at Timothy.

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The director immediately lifted his glass at Mia, saying, “My apologies, Mrs.

Barrett. I apologize for not recognizing you due to my ignorance. Please forgive me. Rest assured, I’ll keep my lips sealed about this.

The others chimed in as well, declaring that they wouldn’t breathe a word of her identity.

Mia flashed a courteous, yet awkward smile at them. She simply didn’t believe

them. Gossip circulated quickly in schools, after all.

She had been keeping a low profile because she yearned to complete her

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credit hours before leaving Bern City. Yet, Timothy just ruined her plans.

How

could she possibly stay under the radar once her identity was exposed?

Did he do it on purpose? However, she couldn't fathom how he could benefit

from purposely exposing her identity.

She shot a scathing glare at him, but he cast a graceful glance at her as he comforted her. "Don't worry, I'll back you up. No one's gonna bully you."

Mia

was speechless. This wasn't even the point!

Looking at how eager Timothy was to serve her drinks as he put on an

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impeccable act of being starstruck lovers, she wondered whether he had been possessed.

Just then, someone from her right extended a hand to stop Timothy.

Claude snatched her glass away and scowled at Timothy. "I'm sorry, but Mia

doesn't drink juice. It's not good for her health. Aren't you aware of that?"

Timothy was momentarily stunned. He set down the bottle promptly and replied, "Sorry darling, but I don't remember you being allergic to juice."

Glancing at the mango juice before her, Mia flashed a faint smile. "I didn't in

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the past, but I am allergic to it now.” She was more wary of her diet since she became pregnant.

Timothy didn’t get mad after he was rebuked. He gestured at the server to come. “Darling, order anything you want.” Claude said nonchalantly to the server, “Mia prefers something light. For example, this dish...” He ordered a

lot of dishes in the end. He really wasn’t holding back.

Being stuck in between the two men rendered Mia into exasperation. Her smile waned when she saw the overwhelming amount of dishes before her. She sensed the underlying rage in Timothy’s tone as he spoke icily, “Mr.

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Lane, it seems like you're desperately trying to please my wife. I know she's amazing, but she's already married. You don't stand a chance." Mia's cheeks grew hot. As expected, he misunderstood her relationship with Claude. Everyone in the private room fixed their gaze on him the moment they heard Timothy. Their eyes glimmered with intense curiosity. So, Claude was trying to steal Timothy's girl. Mia stirred in her seat. Nonetheless, Claude was unfazed. He picked something for her instead. "Mia, try this. It's nice.

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“Mia, this is quite good as well.” As food began to pile up on her empty plate,

she finally started to devour them because her babies were famished.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 454-Mia couldn't care less about

others' opinions. She would just do whatever she desired. She was certain that if she remained unbothered, people would just leave her alone.

And Timothy was the main cause. He should be responsible for the consequences.

“Mia, try this dessert. It's rum-flavored, and it's super nice.” Claude shot a triumphant glance at Timothy.

Timothy chided, “No, she can't eat that.” “Why not?” Claude raised an

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eyebrow.

“There’s alcohol in it.” Mia was pregnant, and she should refrain from consuming alcohol.

Timothy chanced a confused glance at Mia. Was Claude unaware of Mia’s pregnancy?

Mia understood Timothy’s hint that she couldn’t consume alcohol. She glanced over at the dessert and replied, “I’m full. I don’t feel like eating dessert.” Claude was still unaware of her pregnancy, after all. He set aside the

dessert reluctantly, accepting the fact that she was already full.

Timothy narrowed his eyes. He threw his arm on the back of Mia’s chair.

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“Since you’ve eaten, let’s go back.” Mia was flabbergasted. When would he

put an end to his absurd antics?

His arm placement made it look like she was in his embrace. Infuriated, Claude flung his arm away and snapped, “Bastard, you better stay away from

her!” Sensing the palpable tension in the atmosphere, Kennedy chimed in, “Mr. Lane, it’s normal for a couple to return together after dinner. You’re behaving quite inappropriately now, aren’t you?” He was quick to choose sides. Timothy was the richest in Bern City, so he barely gave much heed to

Claude, who came from the Lanes in Nord City.

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Claude snickered, “A couple? They’re already divorced. Quit the act!” Kennedy was shell–shocked. His jaw dropped wide open and an egg could easily fit in his mouth right now.

Not losing any of his composure, Timothy glanced over at Claude. “We have yet to continue the divorce proceedings. Legally speaking, she’s still my wife.”

His captivating eyes were breathtaking under the light, but there was a cold

and possessive glint in them.

Tension hung in the air.

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In haste, Kennedy ushered the remaining guests out of the private room.

He

figured it'd be better for them to leave the scene. The more they knew, the more troublesome it'd become for them.

Yet, little did he expect Mia to be so popular. He still couldn't get over the fact

that one of the Lanes was courting her as well.

The room fell back into silence.

Pointing at Timothy, Claude bellowed, "You're still considered divorced even if

you have yet to complete the divorce proceedings. If you dare to harass Mia, I

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won't spare you and I'll make sure you end up in prison!" It wasn't just a threat. He was determined to make it happen with Jason backing him up. Mia sensed that things were getting out of hand. She tugged Claude's arm. "Forget it. Let's go." "Mia." She heard Timothy's voice above her. There was a palpable sense of menace in his tone. Instinctively, she glanced up and met his eyes. The intensity of his gaze was jarring, and there seemed to be a storm of emotions lurking in his eyes that she couldn't quite discern. "I need to tell you something." Claude glared at him warily. "Talk to me if

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there's anything. Don't you fucking dare threaten her!" After a brief moment of silence, Mia replied with her gaze fixated on Timothy. "You can speak now."

Timothy's lips stiffened. "Grandma kept bringing you up these days. You haven't been able to visit her lately because you're busy." Mia forced a smile.

It was about Laura again. To him, she was nothing more than a tool to make

Laura happy.

She nodded obediently. "Alright, I'm aware of that. Anything else?"

Timothy's

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fingers curled into a fist as his throat bobbed. The words that he contemplated over and over in his mind were about to escape his lips. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 455-Watching Timothy's tentative behavior, it dawned on Mia that he really did have something This was her first seeing him contemplating his words for so long. To her, he was never hesitant. As the rightful heir of the Barrett Group, he was well-known in the business industry for his decisiveness. Her gaze was glued to him, but his gaze was averted elsewhere. He couldn't

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seem to get the words out of his mouth.

Feeling immensely frustrated, he tugged on his tie.

Shit.

After taking a deep breath, he glanced up at Mia and said, “Mia, actually-”

Claude realized something was off. He interrupted hastily, “What are you

on

about? Stop fumbling with your words! Just spit it out, will you?

“But let me warn you, don’t you dare try to pursue Mia again! It’s too late

for

you to fall for her now.

“Better think twice before you speak so you won’t humiliate yourself.

Mia’s no

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longer a lovesick fool now!” Claude knew his way around women. Of course, he wouldn’t miss Timothy’s intention to win back Mia. There was absolutely no way that he was going to let that happen. Thus, he had to make a move before Timothy could say anything. Timothy’s disdainful gaze swept past Claude as he thought, “The Lanes are so annoying.” Claude glared back at him as he thought, “How shameless of Timothy to think that he deserves another chance!” None of them broke their

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gaze, and the rage in their eyes was so palpable that it wouldn't be a surprise

it any of them combusted right on the spot.

Mia replied earnestly, "Mr. Barrett, rest assured. Once I'm done with my work,

I'll visit Grandma Laura. It make sure to keep my promise until the very end!"

Claude nodded. "Exactly. Mia kept her promise, and she even convinced Connor to perform surgery on Mrs. Barrett Senior. When are you going to divorce with her? Don't you dare sneak your way out of this!" Timothy frowned. "This is something between us, and it has nothing to do with you.

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Who do you think you are to order me around?” “Did you just fucking ask who I am?” Bursting into a fit of rage, Claude rolled his sleeves up and scowled at Timothy, “Let me tell you, I’m your- “Enough!” Mia grabbed Claude, who was seething.

It was unreasonable to argue over these things. She thought their squabbles were extremely petulant. Grabbing Claude’s arm, she dragged him out of the private room.

Timothy glared at her as she held Claude’s arm. If looks could kill, Claude

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would be dead by now.

In the end, he plopped down in his chair, feeling exasperated. He snatched a

box of cigarettes left by Kennedy and lit it. Holding the cigarette between his

fingers, he didn't attempt to smoke at all.

Leaning back against the chair, he stayed completely still in solitude. No one

dared to approach him.

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Chapter 455 Watching Timothy's tentative behavior, it dawned on Mia that he really did have something This was her first seeing him contemplating his words for so long. To her, he was never hesitant. As the rightful heir of the Barrett Group, he was well-known in the business industry for his decisiveness. Her gaze was glued to him, but his gaze was averted elsewhere. He couldn't seem to get the words out of his mouth. Feeling immensely frustrated, he tugged on his tie. Shit.

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After taking a deep breath, he glanced up at Mia and said, “Mia, actually-”  
Claude realized something was off. He interrupted hastily, “What are you  
on  
about? Stop fumbling with your words! Just spit it out, will you?  
“But let me warn you, don’t you dare try to pursue Mia again! It’s too late  
for  
you to fall for her now.  
“Better think twice before you speak so you won’t humiliate yourself.  
Mia’s no  
longer a lovesick fool now!” Claude knew his way around women. Of  
course,

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he wouldn't miss Timothy's intention to win back Mia. There was absolutely no way that he was going to let that happen. Thus, he had to make a move before Timothy could say anything. Timothy's disdainful gaze swept past Claude as he thought, "The Lanes are so annoying." Claude glared back at him as he thought, "How shameless of Timothy to think that he deserves another chance!" None of them broke their gaze, and the rage in their eyes was so palpable that it wouldn't be a surprise

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it any of them combusted right on the spot.

Mia replied earnestly, “Mr. Barrett, rest assured. Once I’m done with my work,

I’ll visit Grandma Laura. It make sure to keep my promise until the very end!”

Claude nodded. “Exactly. Mia kept her promise, and she even convinced Connor to perform surgery on Mrs. Barrett Senior. When are you going to divorce with her? Don’t you dare sneak your way out of this!” Timothy frowned. “This is something between us, and it has nothing to do with you. Who do you think you are to order me around?” “Did you just fucking ask who

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I am?” Bursting into a fit of rage, Claude rolled his sleeves up and scowled at

Timothy, “Let me tell you, I’m your- “Enough!” Mia grabbed Claude, who was seething.

It was unreasonable to argue over these things. She thought their squabbles were extremely petulant. Grabbing Claude’s arm, she dragged him out of the private room.

Timothy glared at her as she held Claude’s arm. If looks could kill, Claude would be dead by now.

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In the end, he plopped down in his chair, feeling exasperated. He snatched a box of cigarettes left by Kennedy and lit it. Holding the cigarette between his fingers, he didn't attempt to smoke at all. Leaning back against the chair, he stayed completely still in solitude. No one dared to approach him. Heath remained silent beside him. It was a first for him to witness how upset Timothy looked. He resembled a stray dog who had just lost in a group fight

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With Claude finally driving away, Mia let out a sigh of relief. Glancing toward the nearby restaurant, she couldn't help but think about Timothy's strange behavior just moments ago, which left her puzzled. What exactly did Timothy want to say earlier? After a moment of contemplation, Mia felt her mind swirling with thoughts. Nonetheless, she eventually managed to gather herself, determined not to let Timothy's words shake her. Upon returning home, Mia went straight to bed. Lately, she had been experiencing growing fatigue, especially as her bump started growing day by day.

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She could already feel discomfort when bending or squatting down. Gently touching her abdomen, Mia realized she needed to start making arrangements to depart as soon as possible. The following day, Mia headed to campus for her scheduled classes. After her lectures, Riley approached Mia. “Mia, Mr. Shaw asked to see you in his office. He said he has something to discuss with you.” Mia couldn’t shake off the embarrassment from the previous night’s unfinished dinner. She wondered why Kennedy wanted to see her. Perhaps he wanted to caution her against spreading news of her divorce. It dawned on Mia that Kennedy’s kindness toward her might be due to

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knowing about her relationship with Timothy.

Confused, Mia entered Kennedy's office. As she pushed the door open,

Mia

was greeted by Kennedy's enthusiastic voice, "Mia, you're here! Please, take

a seat.

"I've asked you to come because I have some exciting news. Following your

piano performance yesterday, the professors at our Music School were deeply

impressed.

"They're suggesting that you consider adding another major. What do you

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think?” “Are you proposing that I should add piano as another major?”  
“Yes,  
that’s correct. You won’t need to worry about the logistics. The professors  
will  
handle everything for you.  
“After all, the university is dedicated to nurturing talented students like  
yourself. How do you feel about this opportunity?” Mia was surprised by  
the  
news. While she was genuinely interested in piano, she didn’t think her  
talent  
was substantial enough to merit such special treatment from the college.  
The whole situation felt a bit strange to her.

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For some reason, Mia's thoughts drifted to Timothy. After a moment of consideration, she replied, "Mr. Shaw, I appreciate the offer, but I'm close to finishing the credits for my current major, and I don't plan to add another one at the moment." "Mia, are you sure you don't want to reconsider?" "I've made up my mind." After Mia declined, Kennedy didn't press the matter further. Mia stood up and walked out of the office. However, as soon as she was out of sight, Kennedy promptly dialed Heath's number.

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“Hey, I just wanted to let you know that I suggested to Mia that she consider pursuing a music major, but she declined because she wasn’t interested. Could you please pass this on to Mr. Barrett?” Upon hearing this, Heath’s expression darkened.

Timothy’s early arrival at the office, coupled with his sour demeanor and harsh reprimands during the meeting, had already dampened the spirits of the entire senior management team.

Certainly, Mia’s refusal to enroll in the Music School would only amplify Timothy’s already fiery mood.

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Heath glanced at his phone, then took a deep breath before knocking on Timothy's office door. "Mr. Barrett, can I talk to you for a moment? There's something I need to report," he said cautiously. Without lifting his gaze, Timothy responded in a subdued tone, "It better be important." "It's about Mr. Shaw's call just now. Maybe I should fill you in on it later." "Wait." Timothy suddenly raised his head, meeting Heath's gaze. "What did Mr. Shaw say?" "Well, he said Ms. Bowen decided not to pick up another

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major because she's just not interested," Heath explained.

Upon hearing this, Timothy stopped spinning his pen. He unconsciously pressed his lips together, a hint of displeasure crossing his face. He hadn't anticipated Mia's refusal.

After all, Mia seemed quite engaged during her performance on stage yesterday!

"Why do you think she refused?" Timothy asked, sounding puzzled.

Suddenly, the office door swung open as a woman briskly walked in.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 457-Timothy looked up, his brow

creasing slightly. "What are you doing here?" "Tim, I tried calling you last

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night, but you didn't answer. I told you I had important matters to discuss.

Why

didn't you call me back?" Sharon entered the office, visibly agitated.

Timothy remained composed. "I had some pressing matters to attend to."

Sharon settled onto the sofa, her designer handbag clutched tightly in her

hand. "Tim, I heard you've finalized the divorce and transferred all your shares

to Mia. Is that true?" Timothy realized that Sharon must have learned this information from Maya. He wasn't comfortable with others knowing about his

divorce; it was a blow to his pride.

Maintaining a stoic demeanor, Timothy confirmed, "Yes, that's correct."

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However, Timothy couldn't ignore the fact that he hadn't thoroughly reviewed the property settlement agreement for the divorce and had merely signed it at the time.

"Tim, how could you be so oblivious? Don't you understand the significance of handing over all your shares to Mia?"

"You're essentially giving up your position as the CEO of the Barrett Group, effectively transferring control of the entire company! Don't you have any regard for our family's legacy?" Sharon had planned to have a serious

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conversation with Timothy the previous night, but she was surprised to discover that he never returned home.

She struggled to comprehend how Mia could have misled Timothy to such an

extent, resulting in such a glaring oversight.

The more Sharon pondered the situation, the more exasperated she became.

“Tim, did Mia manipulate the divorce agreement to deceive you?”

Timothy

rubbed his temples. “Mom, please don’t worry about it. I’ll handle this situation

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on my own.” “But how can I just brush off something so important? Tim, trust me, no matter what tactics Mia employs, she won’t succeed in the end.” With those words, Sharon retrieved a document from her bag and placed it in front of Timothy. “From the very beginning, I’ve been cautious of Mia, given our differing backgrounds. Who knows what she might have been plotting? I never imagined this document would be useful someday.” Timothy glanced down and inquired, “What’s this?” “It’s a prenuptial agreement. Given Mia’s humble

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background as a maid, her agreement to marry you for three years naturally

kept me on guard.

“It explicitly states here that Mia willingly waives any rights to the Barrett family’s assets. In case of a divorce, she will depart with nothing, not even a

penny!” Frowning, Timothy took the prenuptial agreement and swiftly skimmed

through its contents. Upon reaching the end, he indeed spotted Mia’s signature.

His mood darkened instantly. “Mom, who instructed you to do this?”

Timothy

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was completely unaware of any of these arrangements. He had always believed that Mia's reasons for marrying him were solely driven by the wealth of the Barrett family.

Now, upon discovering the prenuptial agreement and realizing that Mia wouldn't gain anything, Timothy couldn't understand why Mia would agree to marry him in the first place.

Clutching the document firmly. Timothy felt as though he had been struck across the face. The revelation dawned on him heavily: he had misjudged Mia's intentions all along.

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It turned out she hadn't married him for wealth at all Timothy's emotions were

in turmoil as he rubbed his nose.

Observing Timothy's demeanor, Sharon grew anxious. "Tim, there's no need

to worry. With this document, even if there's a legal dispute in the future, Mia's

claims won't hold up.

"I mean, who would willingly agree to divorce and give up their assets? It seems suspicious right from the start!" Timothy stood in silence, tightly holding

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the prenuptial agreement. “Mom, why didn’t you inform me about this earlier?”

“I—I thought I had mentioned it to you before, didn’t I?”

“I had been prepared to confront Mia for a while. But upon hearing that you

were already aware of the situation without needing more information, I decided not to delve further.” “In the end, it seems that whether I bring it up or

not doesn’t make any difference.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 458-Timothy’s frustration was evident as he tugged at his tie. Looking at the prenuptial agreement laid out

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before him, he felt as though he had just been dealt a harsh blow. Nonetheless, what was even more exasperating was that every time he accused Mia of being materialistic, she never bothered to refute it. With a heavy heart, Timothy closed his eyes, haunted by memories of Mia's attempts to explain herself, knowing deep down he had never fully trusted her words. Timothy had always prided himself on his ability to understand people and their motives, yet with Mia, he found himself faltering. This left him feeling not just unsettled but also weighed down by a sense of

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guilt.

“Tim, what’s bothering you? I had a talk with Mia in the university hall yesterday. She wouldn’t dare to mention that property settlement agreement again.” Releasing his grip, Timothy’s gaze darkened. “What exactly did you say to her?” “Well, I handed Mia the divorce papers for her review, or more precisely, a photocopy of them, just to prevent any chance of her tearing up the original in case she became upset.

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“Perhaps this will help her snap out of her fantasies.” Timothy couldn’t help

but remember the previous day when he saw Mia smiling warmly at Claude.

However, when she glanced at him, there was a sense of detachment in her eyes.

Timothy assumed that Mia had found someone new, hence her distant attitude toward him.

It was only later that Timothy realized Sharon’s involvement, but Mia remained

silent about everything.

In a swift gesture, Timothy crumpled the divorce agreement in his hand,

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causing Sharon to tremble beside him in fear. “Tim, what are you doing?” she

asked nervously.

With a serious expression, Timothy replied, “Mom, please go home for now. I

need to focus on my work.” “Tim, how about I keep this document for you?”

Sharon proposed.

Just as she extended her hand to take it, Timothy swiftly avoided her grasp,

his gaze piercing. “This matter concerns me. I think it’s best if I keep it,” he

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insisted.

“Okay, okay. Just make sure to keep it safe. Oh, and by the way, your grandmother has been recovering well lately.

“You should schedule some time to go to the courthouse with Mia and finalize

the divorce proceedings.” Timothy sat alone in silence, lost in thought as he

stared at the prenuptial agreement in his hands.

1/2 Meanwhile, Mia made her way straight to the hospital to visit Laura.

In the days prior, Mia was so preoccupied with designing the university hall

that she didn't have time to visit Laura in the hospital.

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Having completed the design project and secured her credits, Mia could begin

planning her departure from Bern City.

As she headed toward the exclusive ward of the private hospital, the bodyguard outside didn't intervene when she approached.

Holding a fruit basket, Mia softly knocked on the door before entering.

"Grandma, I've come to see you." "Mia, you shouldn't have brought anything.

Your presence is the most valuable gift," Laura said warmly. Adjusting her reading glasses, she gestured for Mia to join her. "Mia, come over here and take a look. I've been deliberating for days, but I just can't seem to make up

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my mind.” “What is it that you’re trying to decide on?” Seated at the edge of the bed, Mia watched as Laura showcased an assortment of baby cribs and strollers on her tablet.

Her expression grew complex as she glanced at the items, her heart filled with a bittersweet sensation.

While Laura eagerly anticipated the arrival of Mia’s babies, Mia had been secretly planning her departure from Bern City all along.

With a deep breath, she uttered, “Grandma, there’s something I need to tell you.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 459-Seeing Laura’s excitement

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about her babies, Mia felt torn.

If she were to suddenly disappear in the future, Laura would undoubtedly be

devastated and consumed with worry for Mia and her twins.

Hence, why not disclose the “truth” to Laura at this moment?

Mia considered disclosing to Laura that her pregnancy had been a pretense,

fabricated solely to persuade her into undergoing surgery.

Despite the likelihood of Laura being upset, Mia reasoned that revealing the

truth before leaving Bern City could alleviate Laura’s future sadness.

“Mia, what did you want to say?” Laura asked.

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Caught in her tender gaze, Mia's eyes welled up with tears. "Grandma, there's something I need to confess. I've been deceiving you all this time. The truth is, I was never-" "Grandma!" Timothy's firm voice cut off Mia's sentence abruptly. He pushed the door to the ward open and entered, his footsteps drew closer until he stopped beside her. Mia's breath caught as she turned to find Timothy in a pinstripe suit, his white sleeves visible. Mia couldn't help but clench her hands tightly together; she was on the verge

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of confessing the truth to Laura.  
Unfortunately, Timothy's sudden appearance at that moment interrupted Mia's words. It was truly exasperating!  
Considering it was early morning, shouldn't Timothy be occupied with work and meetings at the office?  
Mia found herself somewhat annoyed by Timothy's unexpected appearance at the hospital. Was he here to stir up trouble?  
Laura glanced at Timothy and asked nonchalantly, "So, are you finally willing

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to come and see me?” In a composed tone, Timothy replied, “Grandma, I was here just a couple of days ago.” Laura expressed her disappointment, saying, “Well, considering you came alone, it would have been better if you hadn’t come at all.” However, her demeanor softened as she turned to Mia, offering a warm smile. “Mia, why don’t you pick something you like? “I’ll arrange for it to be purchased and aired out for your future children to use when they’re born.” Seeing Laura’s joyful expression, Mia felt uneasy. However, as she accepted the tablet, her mood turned solemn.

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“Sy the way, Mia, what were you about to tell me just now?” Laura chimed in.

Mia stood there with the tablet in her hands, yet she couldn’t muster the courage to utter the words she had intended to say.

Feeling overwhelmed by Timothy’s persistent gaze beside her, Mia could only

force a smile and reply,” It’s nothing really.

“I’ve been occupied with the design of the university hall lately, and it turned

out to be a great success. I simply wanted to share this good news with you.”

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“That’s great. Mia, now that your busy schedule is behind you, please make sure to prioritize rest.

“I’ve noticed you’ve lost weight recently, and I know pregnancy can be challenging. Please, don’t let me worry about you.” Mia nodded affirmatively.

“I understand. Following this hectic period, I won’t undertake any additional tasks. Instead, I’ll concentrate solely on attending classes and getting ready for my exams.” At the mention of “exams“, Timothy glanced at Mia; it seemed

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like she was getting ready for graduation. Laura nodded in approval.

“That’s wonderful. Once you’ve graduated, make sure to stay home and take good care of yourself. We’ll address everything else after you’ve given birth.”

Mia gazed down at her tablet, unable to muster the courage to meet Laura’s eyes.

As Mia observed the images of the baby crib and stroller on the screen, she couldn’t help but feel overwhelmed.

“Grandma, I’m finding it hard to decide too. Without seeing the actual items,

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it's tough to make a choice.” “I understand. Since Timothy is here today, why don't you both go to the store together to make a selection?” Laura suggested.

Mia quickly lifted her head and declined, saying, “Grandma, I'm certain he's swamped with work and wouldn't have time to join me. I can manage on my own.” However, the next moment, Timothy's voice chimed in beside her. “I actually have some free time later. We can go shopping for a couple of hours.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 460-Upon hearing this, Mia stared at Timothy incredulously. Was Timothy oblivious to her attempts to make things easier for him? After all, he used to detest it when Laura arranged for them to spend time together. Nevertheless, now that Timothy had agreed, Mia felt compelled to go along with it. She could only stand and say, “Grandma, I’ll come see you again next time.”

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“Go ahead, don’t forget to snap some pictures of your selections. If my legs were in better condition, I’d love to accompany you and personally pick out items for the baby.” Timothy chimed in, “Grandma, once you’re feeling better, we’ll have many chances to do that.” Upon hearing Timothy’s words, Mia glanced at him, a trace of doubt flickering in her eyes. Wasn’t Timothy under the impression that the babies in her belly belonged to someone else? Why would he utter such misleading words to Laura? The pair exited the ward together, walking silently side by side.

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Mia couldn't resist breaking the silence. "In the future, it's best if you refrain from mentioning anything about the babies in front of Grandma Laura. If she were to find out, it could deeply upset her." With Mia's departure from Bern City looming, her concern grew over Laura's ability to cope with the situation. Timothy's gaze grew solemn. "If we know Grandma would be upset, then let's refrain from telling her." What did he mean by "refrain from telling her"?

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Staring at Timothy, Mia was momentarily stunned. “But won’t Grandma Laura discover the truth eventually?” “As long as neither of us reveals the truth, the real parentage of the twins in your belly will stay undisclosed. Therefore, they will be considered descendants of the Barrett family.” Upon hearing this, Mia’s mind was flooded with uncertainty. It seemed like Timothy was prepared to accept the twins in Mia’s belly to safeguard Laura’s health. However, Mia believed that prolonging the situation wasn’t the solution.

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Turning to Timothy, she suggested, “Mr. Barrett, with Grandma Laura now on the path to recovery. perhaps it’s time to move forward with the divorce proceedings at the courthouse.” At the mention of divorce, Timothy’s demeanor stiffened as he countered, “No, Grandma hasn’t fully recovered yet.

We should wait.” Mia’s anxiety intensified, and she tightly grasped Timothy’s arm. “But I can’t afford to wait, and neither can the twins growing inside me.”

Timothy glanced down, meeting Mia’s gaze. “So why not proceed with having

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them? Am I not capable of caring for two little ones?” “Timothy, are you out of your mind? The babies aren’t yours, so why would you want to take responsibility for them?” Mia couldn’t help but feel puzzled by Timothy’s behavior.

After all, why would someone as accomplished as him tolerate his wife carrying another man’s child?

Unbeknownst to Timothy, Mia had been deceiving him all along because she

wanted to expedite their divorce proceedings.

Initially, Timothy was understandably furious. However, to Mia’s surprise, he

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was now willing to raise her twins.

As Mia gripped his arm tightly, Timothy's expression became awkward. Nonetheless, he regained his composure and commented, "Well, I don't have

any strong feelings about children.

"If you're willing to stay within the Barrett family and peacefully welcome the

twins into the world, I'll regard them as my own and as future heirs of the Barrett family." Mia was at a loss for what to do next, thrown off by

Timothy's

sudden willingness to take care of the twins and his refusal to finalize the divorce.

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Caressing her protruding belly, she couldn't help but ask, "And what would

happen if the twins turned out to be biologically yours?"

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 461-Mia remembered asking Timothy numerous times before, yet he remained adamant about not keeping

her twins.

This fueled Mia's urgency to leave Bern City and distance herself from him.

Timothy furrowed his brow, appearing somewhat puzzled by Mia's remark.

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Was she hinting at the idea of having children with him someday?  
Timothy reassured her solemnly, “I won’t have any biological children.  
You  
can trust me on that.” After all, the two children Mia carried were enough  
for  
him.  
Mia’s breath caught momentarily. She pressed her lips together, preparing  
to  
ask more questions.  
However, before she could speak, Martha caught up and interrupted, “Mr.  
Barrett, Mrs. Barrett, you’re still here?” Mia quickly released Timothy’s  
arm

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and glanced up at him, unable to ignore his remarkably handsome appearance.

She locked eyes with his deep, unreadable gaze. Then, Timothy softly tapped

her forehead and said, ‘ Let’s go.’” The faint sensation of Timothy’s fingertips

lingered on Mia’s forehead as she quickly looked away, choosing to remain

silent.

With Martha nearby, she couldn’t afford to disclose anything.

Despite Timothy’s outwardly gentle manner, Mia was aware that it was only a

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façade he presented in front of Martha.

Entering the elevator after Mia and Timothy, Martha remarked, “Oh, perfect timing!

“Mrs. Barrett Senior was concerned that you young folks might struggle with

the selection, so she asked me to come along and help. Mr. Barrett, Mrs. Barrett, rest assured, I won’t be a bother.” Inside the elevator, Mia observed

the reflections of Timothy and Martha on the elevator door in front of her.

Amidst the quietude of the elevator, her mind was preoccupied with Timothy’s

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recent words, leaving her emotions in disarray.

Timothy stood in silence, briefly catching sight of Mia in his peripheral vision,

yet unable to perceive her expression.

Despite his outward composure, Timothy was far from calm.

After voicing those words earlier, he found himself questioning his sanity.

Could he truly endure the idea of Mia giving birth to another man's child?

Despite having expressed his thoughts earlier, Timothy couldn't shake his concern about Mia's potential response.

Once characterized by his decisiveness and firmness, Timothy was taken aback to find himself grappling with hesitancy and indecision, unexpectedly

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overwhelmed by his emotions.

After a silent car ride, they eventually arrived at a luxurious mall that specialized in selling high-end maternity and baby products.

As Mia stepped out of the car, she took in the sight before her. Although she

had desired to visit before, the fear of its grandeur and the possibility of encountering familiar faces had always deterred her.

Yet, by some unexpected turn of events, she now found herself here, confidently strolling without reservation.

Upon entering the mall, Timothy and Mia were promptly greeted by the store

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manager, who extended a warm welcome. “Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, welcome! It’s my pleasure to assist you today. “Please feel free to let me know if there’s anything you need. If you’d like a quieter setting, I can arrange a VIP room for you, where we can have all the items you need brought over for your selection!” Mia turned to Timothy and said, “You go ahead to the VIP lounge. I’d like to wander around on my own for a bit.” After finally making the journey, Mia was eager to take the

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opportunity to explore and figure out what she might need. Besides, looking at photos in the VIP room wouldn't give her the same clarity as seeing the actual products. She decided to take a walk nearby with Martha. After all, she was aware of Timothy's aversion to wasting time on such matters. However, after only a few steps, Timothy swiftly caught up. Taken aback, Mia couldn't resist stealing a glance at him, admiring his noble and handsome features. "Martha, please take a break," Timothy instructed.

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“Okay then, I wouldn’t have much time to explore anyway. It’s better to have Mr. Barrett accompany you,” Martha said before departing. Mia paused, her voice softening as she inquired, “Timothy, did you perhaps take the wrong pill today?” Timothy’s imposing presence seemed to loom over her as he stood tall, casting a shadow. 2/3 He lowered his eyes, gazing at Mia with an inscrutable expression. “What’s wrong with a husband accompanying his pregnant wife to shop for maternity and baby supplies?”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 462-But that was exactly the problem!

Feeling anxious, Mia was about to say something when Timothy suddenly wrapped his arm around her shoulder, his large hand firmly gripping her arm,

pulling her almost into an embrace.

As Mia's cheek rested against his chest, she could feel the slight stiffness and

roughness of Timothy's suit jacket.

In a whisper, he said, "Stay still, Martha is watching us." Confused, Mia discreetly glanced out of the corner of her eye and indeed spotted Martha standing nearby, covertly observing them.

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Quickly averting her gaze, Mia asked, “What’s Martha doing?” “It’s likely Grandma’s orders. Your behavior earlier raised her suspicions, so she sent Martha to keep an eye on us. Let’s continue ahead and avoid looking back to

prevent arousing any suspicion.” Mia obediently followed Timothy as they strolled together. “Can we please have fewer people following us? I’m not used to it,” she whispered.

Timothy signaled to Heath beside him, and soon all the people tailing them dispersed.

Mia and Timothy stepped into the elevator together, appearing like any other ordinary couple.

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As soon as the doors closed, Mia let out a sigh of relief and asked, “Martha won’t be able to see us now, right?” “Most likely,” Timothy replied as he continued to place his arm around Mia tightly.

Mia was feeling a bit uncomfortable standing so close to Timothy and tried to

subtly move away. However, Timothy’s arm tightened around her, pulling her

closer into his embrace.

As her forehead collided with his chest, Mia’s vision blurred momentarily, Timothy spoke gently as he held her, “Considering Martha’s capabilities, she

will likely catch up from another elevator.

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“She’s quite adept at monitoring us. If we’re going to act, we might as well give it our all.” Mia’s cheeks turned red as she spoke, “Do we have to keep hugging like this?” “If hugs aren’t your thing, what would you rather do?” Timothy asked, his intense gaze causing Mia to instinctively step back. With a sudden “ding“, the elevator doors slid open. Reacting swiftly, Mla shoved Timothy to the side and swiftly turned away to exit the elevator. The confined space had made every breath feel like a challenge. Yet, as Mla raised her eyes, she spotted Martha ascending the escalator on the opposite side. Timothy’s forecast had caught her off guard.

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“Why the rush?” Timothy’s voice unexpectedly sounded from behind. Mia felt a surge of warmth as he firmly grasped her hand. Guided gently by his touch, Mia couldn’t help but steal a glance at Timothy beside her. Bathed in the ambient light, his remarkable features were impeccable, drawing attention effortlessly wherever he stood. Walking hand in hand, Mia complied as she trailed beside him, their fingers tightly interlocked.

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To observers, they seemed like a loving couple, but his grip on her hand was firm and domineering, denying her any opportunity to break free. At first, Mia was tense and uneasy, but with time, she gradually relaxed. After all, it was merely a charade. What was there to be afraid of? Keeping this in perspective, Mia became noticeably calmer. She couldn't ignore the assortment of children's attire showcased in the nearby baby boutique. Compelled by curiosity, she felt drawn to the display, and Timothy, catching her eye, trailed behind her into the baby clothing store.

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With eagerness, Mia picked out a collection of miniature garments, admiring their gentle texture and charming size. Tara Gilmore, the shop assistant, greeted them warmly. “Can I assist you, sir, madam? How old is your little one?” “They’re not born yet,” Timothy replied, casting a glance at Mia’s abdomen, his tone unexpectedly gentle. Without delay, Tara retrieved another pair of tiny socks and handed them to Timothy. “Sir, in that case, perhaps you’d like to purchase several more pairs

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of these tiny socks.” Timothy took the socks, observing the miniature socks

that were barely larger than his palm.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 463-Timothy cradled the tiny socks

in his palm, a lump forming in his throat as an indescribable emotion surged

within him.

After all, he had never interacted with a newborn before, let alone had any familiarity with their clothing and accessories.

Despite his usual aloofness, Timothy found the material of the tiny socks surprisingly soft and gentle.

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Hastily, he returned the socks to the shelf, his demeanor awkward, as if handling the small socks was akin to facing a daunting creature.

Watching Timothy's actions, a shadow of concern crossed Mia's eyes: perhaps he genuinely harbored a dislike for children!

Nevertheless, Mia remained resolute in her decision to raise the twins independently, sparing Timothy any inconvenience.

Turning to Tara, she asked, "Would you mind assisting me in selecting a few

outfits?" Since they've already entered the store, refraining from making a purchase would appear inappropriate.

After Mia finished speaking, Timothy beside her suddenly interjected, saying,

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“Will a few outfits be enough? I’ll take 20 sets!” Tara was instantly delighted.

“Wonderful, I’ll gather them for you right away.” Given the substantial purchase, the store was sure to achieve impressive sales for the month.

Mia was surprised by Timothy’s extravagant gesture and looked at him with

astonishment. “Is it really necessary to purchase so many?” She believed that

acquiring just a few outfits would suffice, especially with Martha observing

them. After all, Mia needed to return with something to show Laura!

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Timothy remained unfazed. “Do you think I can’t afford 20 outfits?” “But this wasn’t about the clothes,” Mia thought to herself. Without delay, Tara approached eagerly. “Is there anything else you require, sir, madam? I’m here to assist with your selection.” Timothy casually gestured toward the array of baby clothes on display. “We’ll take everything: clothes, shoes, coats, hats, scarves, and all of these socks.” “All of them?” Tara exclaimed, taken aback. Mia quickly pulled at Timothy’s sleeve, but he glanced back at her and

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commented, “We’ll just make use of these items and dispose of them when they’re worn out.” Mia had never heard anyone speak of clothing as disposable before!

With Mia’s hand in his, Timothy guided her out of the store and inquired, “Aren’t we supposed to get a stroller and a crib?” Mia glanced back momentarily, intending to convey to Tara that they didn’t plan to purchase too many items.

However, Mia couldn’t ignore Martha’s presence, discreetly lurking behind a nearby pillar.

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Suddenly, it dawned on her that Timothy was merely putting on a show for Martha.

After pondering for a moment, Mia decided it was best to remain silent.

She trailed behind Timothy as they returned to the store, where Tara enthusiastically presented several crib choices. Without hesitation,

Timothy

intervened, “Please wrap them all up.” Tara was surprised. “Wrap a dozen baby cribs? Sir, may I ask how many children you have?” Timothy

remained

unfazed. “We’ll have a variety of choices if the twins aren’t comfortable in the

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cribs.” Mia was caught off guard, unsure how to respond. She hadn’t expected Timothy’s lavish approach to shopping. Feeling the urge to step in, Mia grabbed Timothy’s arm and pointed to one of the cribs. “Let’s just buy two of these; they appear to be more suitable.” Timothy frowned. “Are you sure? The kids haven’t even slept in them yet. What if they don’t like them?” “Since when do babies have such refined preferences? Not everyone is as particular as you, rejecting even the slightest discomfort!” Mia shot back.

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“And besides, both of these cribs fit perfectly in the master bedroom.”

Timothy

maintained his composure, a faint smirk appearing on his lips. “Let’s go with

her recommendation.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 464-After acquiring the baby cribs,

they made their way to the baby stroller section.

To prevent Timothy from insisting on buying everything, Mia took matters into

her own hands and decided to personally select two baby strollers.

Surrounded by these baby items, Mia truly comprehended the weight of

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impending motherhood.

Glancing at the time, she was surprised to realize that they had finished all their shopping in just an hour.

Thanks to Timothy's efficient shopping style, they were able to swiftly navigate

through their purchases.

However, as they exited the store, an awkward tension lingered between them. After all, it was Mia's first time shopping with Timothy.

Soon, they found themselves outside an exhibition hall, unsure of what it had

on display.

Just then, one of the workers, Michelle Lexington, approached them.

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“Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, given your substantial purchases in our mall, we’d like

to offer you a complimentary parenting course for new parents.

“If you have a moment to spare, feel free to join us inside.” Mia felt a surge of

curiosity. After all, she was also in need of parental guidance.

She followed Michelle into the hall, but Timothy remained unmoved behind

her.

Michelle glanced toward him and said, “Sir, it’s advisable for both parents to

attend the session together.

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“After all, raising a child isn’t solely the mother’s duty. As a husband and father, you should also share the responsibility of nurturing your child.”

Mia’s

eye twitched involuntarily upon hearing Michelle’s words. She could hardly

envision Timothy caring for a child! The notion seemed too surreal for her to

even consider.

Looking at Timothy, Mia said, “It’s fine, you can wait for me outside. If anything comes up, feel free to head out before me.” Much to Mia’s surprise,

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Timothy suddenly approached her, seemingly eager to accompany her for the session.

Mia couldn't resist stealing another glance at Timothy. Something about his demeanor seemed off!

Upon entering the classroom, Mia and Timothy noticed several other young couples already seated, all fully engaged in the lecture.

Mia found a nearby seat and settled in, listening attentively.

As the lesson unfolded, Heidi Thurman, the instructor, demonstrated yoga techniques tailored for pregnant women, some of which required the

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husband's assistance.

As Mia tried to maneuver herself into position, her arm was gently guided. Glancing up, she met Timothy's gaze. "I'll help you," he whispered, his lips

forming a tight line.

Mia nodded in acknowledgment and shifted her attention to follow Heidi's instructions.

During the class, Mia and Timothy demonstrated a remarkably harmonious dynamic. Timothy patiently guided Mia through the exercises, providing feedback on areas where she could improve.

As the trial session came to an end, Mia found herself slightly sweaty but surprisingly invigorated.

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Leaving the venue together, Mia instinctively glanced outside. “Where’s Martha?” “She’s likely already on her way back,” Timothy replied.

“Yeah, considering all the shopping we did today, Martha probably has plenty

to report! Your acting today was quite impressive. Otherwise, Grandma might

have caught on,” Mia remarked.

Glancing at the time, she hesitated briefly before inquiring, “It seems we won’t

make it to the courthouse today. Are you available tomorrow?” Timothy paused in his steps, his gaze meeting Mia’s with a profound intensity as he pondered her question.

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Averting her gaze, Mia replied, “Is there an issue? Let me reassure you that

Maya has torn up the property settlement agreement, and I’ve signed a prenuptial agreement.

“It won’t have any bearing on you. I promise I’m not seeking any of your assets.” In response, Timothy retrieved the crumpled prenuptial agreement from Heath’s hand. “You’re talking about this, right?” he asked./ Mia glanced

at it and confirmed, “Yes, that should be the original.” As she finished speaking, Timothy suddenly tore the document in half.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 465-Mia’s eyes widened in

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disbelief as she watched Timothy rip apart the prenuptial agreement.  
“What  
on earth are you doing?” She couldn’t believe that Timothy had actually  
torn  
up the agreement!  
Clutching the torn documents tightly, Timothy firmly stated, “We don’t  
need  
this anymore,” Mia couldn’t help but detect a familiar tone in Timothy’s  
voice,  
reminiscent of their conversation at the hospital.  
She quickly lowered her head. “Even if this document didn’t exist, I  
wouldn’t

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want a penny from you, Let's just go to the courthouse this week." As Mia was

about to leave, her wrist was suddenly grasped by someone, their palm unusually warm, Her heart raced, and she felt a slight flush as she asked, "What are you doing?" Timothy's voice lowered as he spoke, "Mia, I've realized that I misunderstood you. I wasn't aware of this prenuptial agreement.

I don't see a reason for us to divorce." Mia stood frozen in place, utterly stunned by his words.

Eventually, she lifted her gaze, a hint of resignation showing in her smile.

"Had I heard those words six months ago, or even just a few months back, I

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would have been overjoyed. But now...” “What’s changed?” Timothy asked.

Observing Mia’s smile, Timothy felt a growing sense of unease settling in. Her gaze remained firm as she responded, “Now, I’m convinced that divorce

is the right choice.” “If it’s about the twins, there’s no need for concern. I’ve

promised to care for them as if they were my own, and I intend to honor that

commitment!” Timothy reassured her.

Mia shook her head. “While the children are a factor, they’re not the primary

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concern. Timothy, I married you because I truly liked you back then.  
“Now, I’m looking for a marriage that isn’t just about settling, but one where there’s real harmony between husband and wife.” Timothy met her gaze.  
“If you’re expecting me to fall in love with you, I can’t promise that. However, as Mrs. Baret, you’ll have all the authority and privileges, sharing in everything I possess!” From his perspective, sharing mutual benefits was the cornerstone of maintaining a relationship.

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“But that’s not what I want,” Mia insisted. “I want to marry for love, above all else.” Mia understood that Timothy wasn’t considering a divorce now because of Laura, yet she wasn’t willing to make compromises. Eventually, Timothy became silent. Mia withdrew her hand. “Mr. Barrett, it’s best if we part ways amicably.” Upon hearing her words, Timothy tugged at his tie, feeling a wave of uncertainty unlike any he had experienced before. He desperately wanted to hold onto Mia, yet he realized that despite his efforts, he couldn’t persuade her to stay.

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Dealing with emotions was uncharted territory for Timothy, leaving him too

uncertain to offer any assurances.

Unable to hold back any longer, Timothy finally asked, “So, is this why you’re

in such a hurry to finish your credits? So you can return to Nord City with Connor and the twins?” As Timothy voiced his thoughts, Mia’s expression betrayed unease. How had Timothy become aware of her plans?

Observing her reaction, Timothy recognized that he had struck a chord.

Yet,

despite this, he felt even more powerless.

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“Mia, the Lane family’s situation is far more complex than my family’s. Moving to Nord City might not be the best choice. It’s wiser for you to stay here!”

At least within the Barrett family, Mia had Laura and Timothy to protect her. “This is my decision!” Mia declared. Having already made up her mind to live with her brothers, she found Timothy’s words somewhat perplexing. Despite Mia’s limited knowledge of her brothers’ family situation, Timothy seemed surprisingly well- informed. Had he conducted an investigation?

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Nonetheless, it appeared that Timothy hadn't discovered her relationship with

Connor.

Was this a stroke of luck or a missed opportunity?

Looking up at Timothy, Mia said, "Well, I'll be on my way then." "Wait, please

take these items with you."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 466-Mia turned around and spotted the neatly packed items. They were most likely clothes, as the baby

crib and stroller had probably been sent away earlier.

After a moment's pause, she suggested, "Perhaps we should return these.

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Besides, Martha has already left, and she wouldn't know." In response, Timothy furrowed his brows. "It's not like I can't afford these items. Just take

them. You're leaving anyway, aren't you? Consider them as gifts for the babies." Mia was momentarily caught off guard. Didn't Timothy dislike children?

At that moment, Mia struggled to grasp Timothy's intentions.

She averted her gaze. "There's still quite some time until the babies are due,

and no one around me knows about my pregnancy. I don't want to bring all

this stuff home so early." Timothy's eyes narrowed slightly. Did this mean

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Connor was unaware of her pregnancy?  
Perhaps Mia had some reservations about Connor.  
Considering this, Timothy's demeanor lightened. "In that case, we can simply  
leave them in our home for now. You can retrieve them later when you have  
the time." "We'll see. Besides, if you have children in the future, you can use  
them too." Timothy frowned. "I've already said I won't have any biological  
children." Observing his serious expression, Mia felt even more reluctant to

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tell Timothy the truth about her pregnancy.

Nonetheless, she didn't want her babies to grow up in a home lacking parental love.

After leaving the mall, Mia headed straight to campus to study, mindful of her upcoming exams.

"Mia?" Hearing her name, Mia looked up and saw Dana.

"Dana, what have you been up to these past few days? I haven't heard back

from you at all. Last time, I even got the conductor's autograph for you. If you

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had come, you could have taken a photo with him.” “Mia, I had to deal with some issues at home, so I couldn’t make it.” With a guilty expression, Dana continued, “What have you been busy with lately?” “I’ve been focusing on my exams, trying to graduate as soon as possible. You know I’ve been delayed for 1/2: a few years because I didn’t have enough social credits and electives,” Mia elaborated. “What are your plans after graduation?” “Well, I intend to go to Nord City after

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I graduate.” As Mia mentioned Nord City, a slight smile graced her lips.

After

all, her family resided there.

After chatting for a while, Dana excused herself to go to the restroom and stepped outside.

She discreetly dialed Maya’s number. “Hello, Ms. Lane. I’ve learned about Mia’s plans. She intends to relocate to Nord City after finishing her exams and

graduating.” “Move to Nord City? Are you sure that’s what she said?”

Maya

responded, her grip on the phone tightening.

How dare Mia, that bitch, plan to go to Nord City?

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Could it be that Mia recalled something from her past, or perhaps the Lane family has already discovered Mia's true identity?

But that couldn't be possible; if the Lanes had found the real heiress, they would have announced it by now.

Maya's expression hardened. "Find out why Mia is heading to Nord City, and

do it quickly. We can't afford to waste time." She was determined to uncover

the reason before Mia's relocation to Nord City.

If the situation was truly going downhill, she needed to act decisively and take

preemptive measures!

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After ending the call, Maya drove directly to the hospital to find Connor, intending to extract information from the Lanes.

She made her way to Connor's office and found him there. "Connor, do you have a moment?" she inquired.

"I'm quite busy right now. What are you doing here?" Connor replied, his tone cold.

Taking a deep breath, Maya said, "Connor, I have some good news for you—

I've located the true heiress of the Lane family."

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 467-Upon hearing Maya's words,

Connor's expression grew uneasy. Could it be that Maya was aware of Mia's true identity?

However, it didn't make sense. If Maya truly knew who Mia was, her reaction

wouldn't be like this.

Connor quickly composed himself. "Is that so? Did you recall some clues from

the orphanage that you hadn't remembered before?" Maya's expression appeared somewhat awkward.

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“Yes, it suddenly dawned on me recently. I bumped into her on campus, and because we used to be close friends, I immediately felt a sense of familiarity when I saw her.

“It wasn’t until yesterday that I realized she might be the person you’ve been searching for.” “Why didn’t you inform us yesterday then?” Connor’s gaze held a trace of scrutiny as Maya replied calmly, “There have been numerous false alarms over the years, and I didn’t want to disappoint you again.

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“So, I discreetly arranged for someone to investigate and confirm her identity before telling you this good news.” Observing Maya’s assured demeanor, Connor persisted, “Who is this person you’ve found?” “Her name is Dana McQueen, a student in the Literature Department. We were both raised in the same orphanage. It wasn’t until we talked about our childhood that I recognized her.” Connor acknowledged with a nod. “I’ll conduct a thorough investigation.” “In that case, I’ll reach out to Dominic right away and inform him of this wonderful news.

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“Both he and Nathan should come over as well. It’s a great opportunity for them to connect with their long -lost relative.” Connor’s eyes narrowed slightly, a hint of coldness gleaming. “Sure,” he replied. Observing Connor’s compliance, Maya’s spirits lifted. “By the way, Connor, there was a music event in the university hall yesterday, and I couldn’t help but notice Mia and Claude getting quite friendly. When did she become so close to our family?” Sensing her probing, Connor responded calmly, “I can’t explain it, but I feel a strong bond with Mia whenever I’m

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around her, almost like she's a little sister to me. I believe Claude feels the same way." Upon hearing his explanation, Maya's smile faltered momentarily.

"I get it! But now that I've found your real sister, you don't need a substitute

anymore." Connor's gaze deepened as he replied, "You're right. With the discovery of my biological sister, there's no longer a need for a stand-in."

"Very well, Connor, you carry on. I won't disturb you any further." As Maya

departed, a triumphant grin crossed her face. With Dana assuming Mia's identity, her position as the heiress would be assured.

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Indeed, Dana's vanity knew no bounds. If she could assume her best friend's identity, what else was beyond her reach? However, that wasn't sufficient; Mia needed to be entirely neutralized as a threat! As long as Mia was eliminated, she wouldn't pose a risk to Maya's status. Exiting the building, Maya approached Blake and asked, "Since you've been digging into Mia's background, have you found any useful information?" "I have indeed discovered something: Mia is, in fact, pregnant. These are the

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prenatal check-up records from this hospital, although they're not registered under Mia's name.

“Nonetheless, through my inquiries and investigations during this time frame,

it's been confirmed that Mia attended these appointments.” Maya's expression

tightened. “She's really pregnant? Who's the father?” “I'm not sure about the

baby's paternity. However, Mr. Connor has been involved in hiding Mia's pregnancy and is also accountable for fabricating her false identity.” Upon learning about Mia's pregnancy, Maya couldn't contain her agitation.

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If Maya had been informed earlier, she might have suspected that the child was Connor's. Yet now, she couldn't shake the notion that the child belonged to Timothy!

Given the timing of Mia's pregnancy and her intimate encounter with Timothy, everything seemed to add up perfectly!

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 468-Maya's gaze took on a sinister edge as she spoke, "It seems I've underestimated Mia. She's managed to slip through the cracks!"

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“Everyone thought she pretended to be pregnant to deceive Mrs. Barrett Senior, but who could have guessed Mia was truly pregnant? She’s fooled us all!” It appeared that Mia planned to secretly give birth to Timothy’s child in Nord City and leverage the newborn to solidify her position as Mrs. Barrett. Indeed, that seemed to be her strategy. Now, with the potential revelation that Mia might be the rightful heiress of the Lane family, there seemed to be little standing in her way. Wouldn’t Maya ultimately face a humiliating defeat?

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No, that was out of the question!

A deadly resolve flashed in Maya's eyes as she turned to Blake. "We need to

eliminate Mia and the unborn child in her womb immediately!" Indeed, Mia had

brought this upon herself!

After Maya left, Connor took a brief moment to collect his thoughts before reaching out to Dominic." Dominic, there's something important I need to talk

to you about." Connor proceeded to narrate to Dominic the details of Maya's

inquiries over the phone.

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In a solemn tone, Dominic replied, “It seems Maya might already be onto us, deliberately finding a decoy to throw us off.” “Exactly. It’s as if Maya is intentionally obstructing Mia’s return to our family by arranging for a decoy. “It’s obvious Maya knew Mia’s whereabouts all along but pretended not to, leading us on a fruitless search for Mia.” Connor’s voice turned cold. “Dominic, we can’t afford to let Maya remain any longer.” “Yeah. On another note, all of

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Mia's paperwork has been handled. It's the perfect opportunity for us to visit.

We'll confront the past, expose Maya's deception, and ensure she faces the repercussions she's due." "I agree." After ending the call, Connor's lips twisted

into a smirk. He was determined not to show mercy to anyone who harmed Mia.

In the days that followed, Mia remained on campus, focusing on her studies

for the upcoming exams.

Nonetheless, she couldn't resist occasionally glancing at her phone and

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messaging Timothy. “Mr. Barrett, when will you be available to complete our divorce proceedings?” Yet, her messages appeared to dissipate without a trace, receiving no response whatsoever.

Meanwhile, Timothy remained in his office, staring blankly at Mia’s texts on his phone.

Suddenly, he shifted his gaze to Heath and inquired, “What can I do to prevent the divorce from being finalized?” Heath hesitated for a moment before suggesting, “Perhaps try to coax her?” Coax her?

Timothy furrowed his brow. He had never attempted to persuade a woman in

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this manner before.

Mia had spent the entire day on campus, immersed in her studies.

It wasn't until evening arrived that she finally packed up her belongings and

got ready to head home.

As she approached the university entrance, she spotted a crowd gathered outside.

“Wow, that sports car seems really pricey, and that man is incredibly good—

looking.” “I wonder who the lucky lady is! With a guy that attractive, I'd be

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tempted to pursue him myself!” Mia felt a twinge of curiosity. Was someone perhaps declaring their love outside the study hall? Dana, even more enthusiastic, pulled Mia along, squeezing through the assembly. “I’ve got to see how handsome he truly is!” At first, Mia hesitated to join the crowd, but Dana’s persistence drew her in, eventually landing her in the front row. As Mia laid eyes on the man standing next to the sports car, her jaw dropped in astonishment.

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Timothy was dressed casually, appearing less formal yet still emanating an air of elegance and refinement. He stood effortlessly, his striking and dignified features commanding attention.

As Mia glanced over, he suddenly turned his head and locked eyes with her.

At that moment, her heart seemed to skip a beat.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 469-As Mia locked eyes with Timothy's intense, penetrating gaze, she instinctively looked away, avoiding direct eye contact with him.

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Despite this, a hint of confusion flickered in her expression. What was Timothy doing at her university?

He had always been low-key and had never before made such a public appearance.

As Mia pondered this, the excited exclamations of women nearby echoed around her.

Dana playfully pinched Mia's arm, causing a slight twinge of pain. "Oh my goodness, Mia, look, he's coming this way! I wonder who he's searching for.

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That person must be incredibly lucky!” Although Dana’s words were filled with excitement, a hint of greed flickered in her eyes. Despite having written numerous novels, she had never imagined experiencing such a scenario in real life.

Could it be that she was truly the protagonist of a story, finally meeting her true love?

Was the tale of the prince and Cinderella about to unfold before her eyes? As Timothy approached Mia, Mia’s eyes widened in shock, and she took a few

steps back, feeling the urge to escape.

Meanwhile, Dana stood in place, craning her neck to get a better look at

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Timothy.

At that moment, nearly every girl in that direction watched Timothy with hearts

pounding, hoping that they were the one he sought.

Eventually, Timothy came to a stop in front of Mia. He glanced down in her

direction, but she was obscured by the crowd.

Timothy narrowed his eyes slightly and stated, “I’ve come to pick you up.”

Upon hearing his words, Mia longed to disappear into the crowd. What was up

with Timothy today?

She remained unmoved, not budging an inch.

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As more and more people gathered around, Timothy became increasingly uncomfortable with being the center of attention. He took a step forward and extended his hand.

Just as Mia was about to speak, Dana, standing beside her, eagerly stepped forward, her cheeks flushed. “Um, I–I don’t know you,” she stammered. Mia was startled. Had Dana misunderstood Timothy’s gesture? Or could it be

that Timothy was actually seeking Dana, not her?

Timothy’s brows furrowed as he spoke coldly, “I don’t know you either.

Please

step aside.” Dana’s expression froze, and she glanced back at Mia behind

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her, her face betraying her awkwardness, Suddenly, a nearby woman burst into mocking laughter, and Dana couldn't help but realize her mistake, Infuriated, she stomped her foot and quickly fled the scene, "Danal"

Observing

Dana's retreat, Mia recognized that the situation must have dealt a blow to Dana's self-esteem.

Individuals who have grown up in orphanages, such as Dana, often tend to be

more sensitive, Just then, Timothy stood in front of Mia, his tall and commanding presence looming over her, which felt intimidating.

Looking down at her, he inquired, "Shall we go?" Mia immediately felt the

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collective gaze of the women around her. If this continued, she would surely be the subject of gossip throughout the university by tomorrow, She instinctively lowered the brim of her sun hat and took a deep breath, Spotting a gap in the crowd, she swiftly stepped forward and ran away. Timothy stood, hand outstretched, watching as Mia's figure disappeared into the crowd, leaving him bewildered. His expression soured immediately. Had she just run away? Was he truly that intimidating?

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Timothy pulled his hand away when a beautiful woman suddenly approached him. “Hey handsome, it looks like you’re not in a great mood. How about grabbing a drink together tonight?” Timothy glanced at her, his tone cold. “No, thank you.” With that, he turned and headed back to his car. As he drove, he attempted to call Mia, but there was no answer.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 470-Timothy gazed at the yellow rose in the passenger seat, questioning his sanity for making such a gesture.

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Meanwhile, Mia hailed a cab and swiftly departed from the college. Seated in the vehicle, she glanced back at the campus, her phone ringing incessantly. She held the phone but didn't answer. She, too, was puzzled by Timothy's sudden behavior.

She couldn't help but recall what he had said last time when they were shopping for baby supplies.

Perhaps Timothy was trying to save their marriage, but Mia realized that his motivation was solely because of Laura.

Before long, she received a WhatsApp message from Timothy. "Why did you

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run away?” Mia’s emotions were tangled, and she decided not to reply. Shortly after, another message arrived. “Don’t forget, this is Bern City. Do you think you can escape from me?” Enraged, Mia promptly called back, demanding. “Timothy, what is it that you want?” “Finally, you pick up. Why did you leave like that?” “You show up out of nowhere, causing a scene! If I hadn’t left, could I have continued studying peacefully on campus for tomorrow’s exams? What exactly is your motive for appearing so suddenly like this?” Mia felt a creeping unease. Why was she being interrogated?

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Timothy's voice remained composed. "Well, I was simply trying to appease you." Appease her?

Mia was caught off guard by his comment, taking a moment to compose herself. "I don't appreciate being manipulated. And why would you even try to

persuade me like that?" As she spoke, Mia suddenly grasped Timothy's intentions.

"You don't seriously believe that a small gesture like this would persuade me

to forgive you and call off our divorce, do you?" she sarcastically remarked.

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Timothy paused on the opposite end of the line, carefully considering his response. “I don’t extend this gesture to just anyone,” he stated.

After all, he had always been discerning when it came to appeasing women.

Mia chuckled in exasperation. “Well then, Mr. Barrett, I’m not one to accept

such advances from just anyone either.” “Would you like to find out?” Mia hesitated briefly before asking, “Find out what?” “Find out what it’s like to be

charmed by me,” Timothy’s deep voice resonated over the phone.

Mia couldn’t shake the stifling sensation in her nose, feeling inexplicably overwhelmed with distress.

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For three years, she had yielded to Timothy's demands, bending to his every whim. Yet, now that she had resolved to leave, he shamelessly tried to coax her into staying.

Mia pressed her lips together and declined, "I've already given it a shot. I won't go down that road again." With that, she ended the call. She gazed thoughtfully at the night sky through the car window, lost in contemplation.

Upon her return home, Mia discovered Connor and Jason lounging on the couch.

She had assumed Jason would have returned to Nord City by now, so his

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presence came as a surprise.

As Patricia headed into the kitchen, Jason leaned in and whispered, “Mia, while dealing with your immigration paperwork in Bern City today, I encountered a problem.” “What’s the issue?” Mia inquired.

\*Since your divorce with Timothy hasn’t been finalized, his signature is necessary on these documents,” Jason explained.

“No, Timothy absolutely wouldn’t agree to sign them, and I can’t risk informing

him,” Mia instinctively dismissed the idea.

Given Timothy’s behavior today, it seemed plausible that he would not only

decline to sign the documents but also potentially attempt to interfere.

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“Mia, you really should expedite the divorce proceedings with Timothy. If you’re finding it challenging. I’m more than willing to assist you,” Jason offered.

“Jason, I prefer to handle the divorce proceedings myself. I’ll make sure everything is settled by the end of this week,” Mia asserted confidently. Jason grinned in response. “Okay. Just so you know, Dominic is scheduled to arrive in a few days. It’s perfect timing for him to pick you up and take you back home.” During that time, Dominic and his brothers planned to expose Maya’s true identity, revealing her as a fraudulent impostor, while also unveiling Mia as the rightful heiress of the Lane family.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 471-pon learning of Dominic's impending arrival, Mia couldn't help but feel nervous.

If Dominic were to arrive before Mia finalized her divorce with Timothy, he

would undoubtedly inquire about the reasons, leaving Jason with no means to

conceal the truth.

Given Dominic's volatile temperament, Mia feared that he might stir up trouble

for Timothy upon discovering the situation.

Mia was determined to devise a plan. quickly. She couldn't afford any further

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delays.

The next day, Mia headed to the university study hall as usual, but Dana was nowhere to be seen.

Recalling the incident from the previous afternoon outside the study hall, Mia

decided to send Dana a message. “Dana, are you still planning to come to the

study hall today?” Knowing Dana’s sensitivity and pride, Mia felt it was crucial

to explain things clearly to her, especially considering their shared background

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as orphans.

Unbeknownst to Mia, Dana was currently at a luxurious beauty salon.

Passing

her phone to Maya, she informed, “Mia just sent me a WhatsApp message.”

“Dana, it seems like Mia is underestimating you. How could she humiliate you

like that yesterday?

“Honestly, I believe you outshine her in every aspect. Why would this wealthy,

handsome guy choose her over you?” Maya remarked.

Hearing Maya’s words, Dana couldn’t shake off the memory of the

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embarrassing incident from the day before. It had left her so distressed that she hadn't been able to sleep all night.

As she walked around campus that morning, she couldn't shake the fear of being mocked for her perceived audacity.

Maya pulled out her phone and accessed the campus forum.

"People are already discussing yesterday's confession incident outside the study hall, and some are suggesting that you were being delusional. It's infuriating to read these comments." Dana's complexion paled. "What should I

do now?" "Well, I'm certain this issue can be quickly resolved. The man from

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yesterday is a wealthy tycoon. It's unlikely he would have any real interest in

Mia.

“Their interaction was probably just a result of their previous encounter at the

university hall. Mia flirted with him for wealth, only to end up playing hard to

get.

“Besides, you may have heard about her success in winning the Fleur International Design Competition and securing scholarships from the

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471 +15 BONUS university, which some suggest were acquired through her involvement as a sugar baby.” Upon hearing this, Dana’s jealousy only intensified. Why was Mia so fortunate to captivate such a handsome and wealthy man? She yearned for that opportunity herself! Maya smiled knowingly. “As long as you expose Mia’s true colors, her reputation will be tarnished. After all, wealthy individuals are very concerned about their image and will surely distance themselves from her.” “Wouldn’t that be too much?” Dana hesitated. Mia had been kind to her, and Dana

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already felt guilty for taking Mia's place as the Lane family heiress's childhood companion.

"Dana, if you don't act, how will you protect your reputation at the university once this forum's contents spread?" This statement struck a chord with Dana.

After all, she highly valued her reputation and dreaded the thought of being judged by others.

After some hesitation, Dana eventually accepted the USB drive from Maya,

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nodding reluctantly. “Okay, but what if Mia discovers this?” “Don’t worry, even if she does, she won’t be able to harm you. By then, Mia will have her own issues to deal with. And besides, what’s there to fear? You still have me, don’t you?” Hearing this reassurance, Dana felt somewhat relieved. With the USB drive in hand, Dana was ready to leave when Maya stopped her. “Why don’t you finish your beauty treatment before you go? You can use my beauty card for it. Just let the owner know if you want any specific treatments.”

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“Thank you, Ms. Lane.” Dana’s face brightened with surprise and greed. She had never imagined indulging in such luxurious beauty treatments before. Observing Dana’s hypocritical and vain demeanor, Maya swiftly exited the private room, her smile disappearing in an instant. “Keep a close watch on Dana, ensure she doesn’t stir up any trouble,” she directed. “Ms. Lane, I’ve heard that Mr. Dominic is coming to Bern City. The exact date is unclear, but it should be within the next few days.” “I’m aware. Dominic will

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return for sure. After all, I've announced that we've found the true heiress of the Lane family, so it's only natural for him to come,' 11 Maya replied, her expression tinged with coldness.

Whenever the topic of the real heiress arose, the Lanes would show a noticeable sense of urgency. It was during these moments that Maya realized

she was merely a stand-in.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 472-With the possibility looming

that Mia might be the heiress of the Lane family, Maya's reluctance grew even

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stronger.

Puzzled, Blake spoke up, “Ms. Lane, I can’t help but feel that something isn’t

quite right about this situation.

“In the past, whenever news of finding the real heiress surfaced, there would

be immediate and fervent responses from everyone.

“But this time, their reactions seem oddly subdued, don’t you think? Mr. Connor didn’t even inquire about it!” “Come to think of it, it does seem strange.

II Just as doubts began to arise in Maya’s mind, Connor’s call unexpectedly

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came through.

She couldn't suppress a faint smile. "Connors is on the line. It appears he's

probing for information.

+15 BONUS Chapter 472 "Apart from Dominic, they all seem to be suspicious

of my intentions, especially since I'm the one who discovered the 'heiress'

this time. It's understandable for them to be cautious and skeptical." Maya promptly picked up the call. "Hello, Connor. Why are you calling?" After all,

she was the one who typically initiated communication with him.

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“Maya, Dominic will be arriving in two- days. I’d like to meet this person you’ve

found before his arrival.” “Connor, there’s no need to rush things. I’m concerned that if you visit her alone, it might raise her suspicions.

“Let’s wait until everyone is present, and then we can approach her together.

We wouldn’t want to startle her, would we?” Maya was determined not to let

Connor visit Dana alone, fearing it could jeopardize her cover.

Reluctantly, Connor agreed, “Alright, we’ll go together the day after tomorrow.

Please look after her these next two days.

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II “Rest assured, Connor, I’ll take excellent care of her. After all, she’s my closest friend. I couldn’t be happier that she’s returning to our family.”

After

ending the call, Connor couldn’t help but smirk. “That should put an end to any

suspicious Maya might have,” he remarked.

Jason agreed with a nod. “I’ve had my doubts about Maya from the beginning.

But Dominic was adamant about bringing her back for Grandma’s sake.”

Claude’s expression hardened. “At least now the primary culprit can’t evade

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justice.” Connor nodded in agreement. “Let’s await Dominic’s arrival and have him handle the situation with Maya directly. She certainly can’t remain here.”

Upon Mia’s return to Nord City, it was imperative that they show her extra care.

Meanwhile, in the study hall, Mia suddenly sneezed. Rubbing her nose, she couldn’t help but wonder who might be speaking ill of her.

As Mia stepped out to refill her cup, she noticed her classmates staring at her.

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When she glanced in their direction, they quickly averted their eyes, leaving

Mia feeling perplexed.

Shortly after, she received a call from Gina. “Hey Mia, are you still at the campus?” “Yes, I’m in the study hall.” “Mia, please take a look at what

I’m

sending. It seems like someone is trying to sabotage you.” Mia opened the link Gina had sent and saw the headline on the college’s online forum that

wrote, “Mia, the Genius Girl, Using Men to Succeed!” She clicked on the post

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and found a picture of Timothy standing outside the study hall that evening, his back to the camera, directly in front of her. However, in the photo, Timothy's figure was striking, while she, panicked and concealed behind the crowd, appeared to have a darker complexion and a much older-looking face. This tactic seemed oddly familiar. But this time, who could be behind it? Mia's alleged actions came to light due to an anonymous report letter that was accidentally seen by members of the student council.

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The university swiftly blocked access to the forum, but the news spread rapidly, and deleting posts couldn't contain the situation.

There was also gossip circulating about Mia supposedly obtaining scholarships through insider connections and relying on men to independently

design the university hall.

Coincidentally, it was graduation season.

Despite taking a leave of absence from college, Mia had managed to accumulate enough credits to graduate, sparking discontent among many.

As Mia remembered the university's scholarship announcement scheduled for

the afternoon, she felt a headache coming.

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Approaching the notice board, she confirmed her name was listed.

However,

she soon found herself surrounded by a group of students, all wearing confrontational expressions.

“Mia, you’ve got some explaining to do!”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 473-Mia glanced at the students,

who appeared somewhat agitated, and declared firmly, “Someone is deliberately spreading false rumors to damage my reputation.” “There’s no need to explain. Similar incidents have been exposed before, and it was rumored that you also have that man supporting you to handle such matters.

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“We all need these honorary credits to graduate, and since you have other options, please don’t compete with us,” the students argued.

Suddenly, Dana rushed over. “What are you all doing? This incident has nothing to do with Mia. Someone is just jealous and spreading malicious gossip.

“Mia’s talents are evident to everyone, and she has achieved everything based on her own abilities.” A student snorted, “Heh, what skills and strengths

are we talking about? I believe it’s her knack for seducing men.” “Indeed, please elaborate.” Observing Dana’s supportive stance, Mia couldn’t help but

feel touched.

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Addressing the onlookers, she proposed, “Should we involve the authorities?  
Perhaps we should allow them to conduct a thorough investigation into this situation.” Upon hearing Mia suggest involving the police, Dana’s anxiety surged. Swiftly, she interjected, “Actually, we could approach the college authorities directly to address this issue.” “Exactly, let’s bring it to Mr. Shaw’s attention and let him take charge.” Mia didn’t have any concerns about going to Kennedy; she had no secrets to conceal. On the other hand, Dana couldn’t shake off a sense of unease at the mere

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mention of involving Kennedy.

After all, he possessed the authority to swiftly identify the individual who had

reported the incident.

Nevertheless, since Dana had made the report anonymously through email, it

shouldn't be easy for her identity to be revealed.

Taking this into account, Dana breathed a sigh of relief.

Shortly after, Mia and the rest of the group made their way to Kennedy's office.

After being informed about the incident. on the online forum, Kennedy was

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taken aback.

He found it hard to believe that someone would accuse Mia of exploiting men

for her benefit; it seemed utterly absurd!

Addressing Mia with a reassuring tone, he said, “Mia, don’t worry. I will investigate this issue thoroughly and ensure your innocence is upheld.”

Mia

responded calmly, “Alright. Observing Kennedy’s supportive demeanor toward

Mia, Dana couldn’t help but feel envious.

She deliberately spoke up, saying, “Look, Mia, didn’t I mention before that the

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college authorities would surely offer you support?” However, the nearby students grew discontented. “Mr. Shaw, you’re not showing bias toward Mia just because of her connection to that man, are you? That wouldn’t be fair to the rest of us.” Another student argued, “Yeah, it’s totally unfair!” Kennedy suddenly felt overwhelmed by the accusations. “Well then, what do you propose as a fair resolution?” “We demand fairness. Revoke Mia’s scholarship!” “Yeah, Mia should also postpone her graduation. After taking such a long hiatus from her studies, what entitles her to graduate

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so quickly?” Upon hearing this, Mia felt compelled to speak out, “I’m willing to forfeit the scholarship, but given that I’ve earned enough credits, isn’t it fair and reasonable for me to graduate?” “No, we disagree! Mia is only able to graduate because of her relationship with that wealthy tycoon. “If regular people like us took a break from college for so long, we wouldn’t even have the opportunity to return and continue our studies! Why should you still be eligible for the scholarship?” Dana felt a hint of satisfaction from

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hearing these remarks. Finally, Mia seemed to be facing the consequences of her actions.

After taking a moment to collect herself, Mia responded, “Who said I relied on improper relationships with men?” “Isn’t it a fact? What’s your connection with Mr. Barrett from the Barrett Group?” “Mia, don’t try to pass it off as mere friendship. You, a female college student, and a married billionaire—what sort of friendship could that be?”

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“Isn’t it the classic sugar baby and daddy relationship? Do you honestly think we’re oblivious to it all?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 474-Mia glanced over, her arms crossed firmly across her chest. “I must confess, my connection with Mr. Barrett is more. than just a casual friendship.” “Are you admitting to having an inappropriate relationship with that magnate?” Kennedy couldn’t remain silent any longer. “What inappropriate relationship? What are you all being taught

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here? Mia's relationship with Mr. Barrett is genuine and morally upright!"

The

students retorted, "Mr. Shaw, Mia has already confessed. Your clarification isn't required here. What kind of relationship between a man and a woman could be deemed appropriate?" "Marriage, would that be considered

legitimate?" Suddenly, Timothy's deep, ominous voice resonated as he appeared in the office doorway, his towering figure exuding authority.

Dressed in a refined suit, Timothy's commanding presence stood out prominently among the others in the room.

A brief hush fell over the office as Timothy made his unexpected entrance.

Mia was caught off guard by his arrival.

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Approaching her with a stoic expression, Timothy spoke in a subdued tone,

“Are. you being falsely accused?” Mia pursed her lips. “It’s just a slight misunderstanding.” Just then, Timothy gently placed his hand on Mia’s shoulder, pulling her into a comforting embrace.

Turning toward the nearby students, Timothy asserted firmly, “My wife values

her privacy and prefers to keep a low profile on campus, which unfortunately

has resulted in some unfounded rumors.

“I’m here to clarify matters today. Mia is my wife.” As Timothy revealed this

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revelation, the entire room was left stunned.

The students who had previously interrogated Mia now appeared visibly unsettled. Who could have thought that Mia was actually Mrs. Barrett? Dana, standing nearby, wore a grim expression. She felt her legs weaken beneath her.

Never in her wildest dreams had Dana imagined that Mia could be Mrs. Barrett. Could she even afford to antagonize someone of such high status? Yet, Maya had never given any indication before. Dana couldn't shake the feeling that she had been deceived.

At that moment, Kennedy stepped forward to intervene, stating, "You see, I told you it was just a misunderstanding. None of you believed me. Now,

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quickly apologize to Mia and seek her forgiveness.

Exchanging hesitant glances, the students swiftly apologized, “Mia, we were misled by the forum’s content, which led us to react inappropriately. Please forgive us.” “Yeah, Mia, we had no idea about your identity as Mrs. Barrett.

Your discretion is admirable. We were also misinformed by the forum. It’s all because of that deceitful anonymous reporter.” “Absolutely, Mr. Shaw needs to apprehend the reporter. They’re too cunning, deliberately deceiving us like

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this.” Upon hearing her classmates’ apology, Mia’s demeanor softened. “I accept your apology. However, regarding my identity as Mrs. Barrett, I’d like to keep it private for the time being. I hope you can respect my wish for confidentiality.” “Don’t worry, we won’t disclose it to anyone.” Kennedy swiftly gestured with his hand. Very well, thank you for your understanding, Mia. You may all go now.” Dana attempted to leave discreetly but was intercepted by Timothy at the doorway.

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She turned back, a hint of nervousness evident in her expression. “Mia, I’m having a stomachache all of a sudden. I need to use the restroom.” Mia was perplexed by Timothy’s decision to stop Dana. Bowing his head, Timothy quietly disclosed, “She’s the anonymous reporter.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 475-Mia was taken aback. “That’s impossible! How could Dana have reported her? Upon learning that her actions had been revealed, Dana exclaimed anxiously,

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” Mia, I didn’t report you. I’m innocent. Someone must be trying to frame me!”

Mia glanced at Dana, feeling uncertain. ” Could there have been a misunderstanding?” Dana hastily replied, “It’s surely a misunderstanding.”

Mia

couldn’t bring herself to accept the fact that Dana had anonymously reported

her. There had never been any conflict. between them, and Dana had no motive to do such a thing!

Timothy’s eyes narrowed slightly. “Are you questioning my investigation?” Mia

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was startled. She pressed her lips together and

responded, “Maybe Dana is being framed?” Dana was on the brink of tears.

“Mia, that has to be it. I truly have no reason to report you.” At that moment,

Timothy turned his gaze toward Kennedy. “Present the evidence.”

Kennedy

unlocked his phone and examined it, his expression turning uneasy. “Dana,

I

have screenshots of the report that trace back to your IP address. How do

you

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justify this?” Mia glanced at Kennedy’s phone screen and observed the incriminating evidence.

She turned to Dana, her disbelief evident. “What could possibly motivate you

to do something like this?” Dana swiftly grasped Mia’s hand, pleading, “Mia,

those photos were all manipulated. I swear it wasn’t me.

Please, consider it. I have no motive to engage in such actions.” Mia’s thoughts were in turmoil. She 2/5 +15 BONUS Chapter 475 really didn’t want

to accept that Dana could be the anonymous reporter.

Yet, at the same time, Timothy had no apparent motive to discredit Dana

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either.

Despite harboring some resentment toward him, Mia couldn't deny his capabilities.

So, there remained only one logical explanation.

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Mia held Dana's hand reassuringly. Dana, I trust you wouldn't do something

like this. You must have been framed." "Yes, exactly, Mia. I was framed. Someone must have deliberately set me up!" Mia responded, "Very well, if that's the situation, then I'm determined to uncover the mastermind behind all this.

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“Let’s head to the police station immediately and allow the authorities to investigate the culprit responsible for this mischief.” Mia tried to urge Dana forward, but after a few steps, Dana adamantly refused to budge. Turning to her, Mia inquired, “What’s the matter, Dana?” With a heavy thud, Dana sank to her knees, admitting, “I’m sorry, Mia. It’s all my fault. I allowed my jealousy to consume me, leading me to resort to such desperate measures to undermine you.” Hearing Dana’s confession, Mia took a deep breath. She hadn’t anticipated the truth to unfold in this manner. She looked at Dana, who knelt on the ground before her. “But I never

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wronged you, did I? Was it all because of jealousy that you wanted to ruin me?” “Indeed, I was foolish. Despite both of us coming from orphanages, I couldn’t bear to see you surpass me, especially with your connections to such remarkable men.

“My envy blinded me, leading me down this path. Mia, please find it in your heart to forgive me. You’re my only friend here.

Mia pushed Dana’s hand away. “Now I understand why you have no friends in college. No one wants to be associated with a deceitful person like you.”  
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that, she turned and swiftly exited the office.

Timothy exchanged glances with Kennedy. “You know what needs to be done, right?” Kennedy nodded firmly. “Mr. Barrett, we will ensure that the appropriate disciplinary actions are carried out in line with the university’s policies.” Dana felt overwhelmed by despair, but after wiping away her tears,

she regained her composure and stood up.

She felt a sense of reassurance, especially knowing that Maya had her back.

After all, Maya had promised to assist her.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 476-After leaving the office, Dana

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promptly dialed Maya's number.

"Ms. Lane, there's an issue at the university. My anonymous report was uncovered, and it's been revealed that Mia and Mr. Barrett are married.

Why

wasn't I informed of this sooner?" Hearing Dana's words, Maya realized that

Timothy had personally gone to the campus to publicly reveal his marital relationship with Mia.

She gritted her teeth in frustration. "How could you mess up so badly that you

were caught this quickly?" To make matters worse, Timothy ended up publicly

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revealing his relationship with Mia, which ultimately worked in Mia's favor.

It seemed that Dana was less competent than Shelly.

"Ms. Lane, what am I supposed to do now? The university will surely take disciplinary action against me. You assured me of your assistance and my safety, didn't you?" "Alright, it's not a major issue anyway. Just wait calmly for

further updates, okay?" Maya simply dismissed her.

With that, Maya ended the call. She turned to Blake and asked, "When will Dominic arrive in Bern City?" "He'll be arriving on tomorrow's flight."

"Set up a schedule. I'll handle the pickup.

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11 “Should we also communicate with Dana beforehand to ensure she doesn’t accidentally disclose anything?” Feeling a bit exasperated, Maya remarked, “We don’t need to give her any advance notice. It would just make her suspicious. Besides, considering Dana’s egotistical nature, she will surely take the bait. “It’s similar to the last time I mentioned wanting to find a childhood friend, and Dana immediately volunteered to substitute for Mia.” As long as Dana assumed Mia’s identity, Maya’s position would remain secure.

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After Mia left Kennedy's office, she strolled down a secluded campus pathway, her emotions in turmoil.

While she had entertained suspicions about Shelly or Maya's potential involvement, the idea of Dana's culpability never crossed her mind.

The revelation was deeply painful.

As she continued her walk, two unfamiliar young men suddenly appeared beside her. They didn't fit the typical student profile.

Spotting Mia alone, they approached her and initiated a conversation.

"Hey, you seem to be upset." "Yeah, if you're feeling low, why don't you join

us for a drink and chat about it?" Mia couldn't shake the feeling that something

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wasn't right. Just as she prepared to leave, the two men obstructed her way.

Raising her voice, she insisted, "Let me through! This is a university, and if

you engage in any inappropriate behavior, there will be consequences!"

"Wow, do all college girls have this much attitude?" one of the men quipped,

reaching out to touch Mia.

Suddenly, a commanding voice echoed from the alley. "Take your filthy hands off her!" Mia turned toward the source of the voice and saw a figure

emerging from the darkness, striding into the light.

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Though his face was partially obscured, his piercing, intense eyes were unmistakable.

It was Timothy!

Mia's face lit up in surprise. She called out affectionately, "Sweetheart, I'm

here!

Upon hearing Mia address him as sweetheart," the two men paused, feeling

apprehensive. Certainly, causing a disturbance on university grounds wouldn't

be tolerated.

Exchanging a glance, they swiftly retreated in the opposite direction.

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Taking advantage of the moment, Mia rushed over to Timothy. “I was genuinely frightened just now.” At that moment, Mia’s mind went blank, filled

with regret for venturing alone into such an isolated area.

If something were to happen to her, her unborn babies would undoubtedly have been endangered as well.

Timothy wrapped his arms around Mia, softly patting her back. “It’s okay, I’m

here.” Tears welled up in Mia’s eyes instantly.

She struggled to speak through her emotions. “What made you decide to follow me?”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 477-Mia had almost lost hope, but to her surprise, Timothy arrived just in time to intervene and drive away the two unfamiliar men.

A swirl of emotions engulfed Mia.

With a hint of apprehension, Timothy confessed, “If anything were to happen to you, I wouldn’t know how to face. Grandma.” Upon hearing his words, Mia lowered her gaze, masking her feelings.

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With a forced smile, she responded, “I appreciate your help back there.”

“Well,

I couldn’t just ignore being called ‘ sweetheart‘ like that.” Mia remained silent.

As they exited the secluded grove, Mia spotted a security vehicle parked nearby.

Two men were being escorted inside. forcefully, their attire and features somewhat familiar—they were the same. men who had assaulted her earlier. Yet now, they appeared severely bruised, limping as they moved, their previous arrogance replaced by defeat.

If it weren’t for their clothing, Mia would have almost failed to identify them.

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Turning to Timothy beside her, she inquired, “They seem to be in bad shape. Did you have a hand in this?” Standing next to her, Timothy replied coldly, “I merely taught them a lesson. They got what was coming to them.” With her head bowed, Mia couldn’t help but feel a sense of contentment as she observed the two men, looking utterly disheveled. After all, who wouldn’t appreciate someone standing up for them like this? In that instant, Mia’s phone rang. She reached for it and noticed an incoming call from Connor.

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Gripping her phone, Mia stole another glance at Timothy. As Timothy observed the incoming call flashing on her phone screen, he pursed his lips. “Go ahead, take the call.” Stepping aside, Mia answered her phone. “Hello.” “Mia, are you still at campus? I just finished work. I’m on my way to pick you up.” “It’s okay, you don’t have to. I’m already in the car. I’ll head back myself.” “Okay, don’t forget your prenatal check- up at the hospital tomorrow morning. For the next appointment, we can schedule it in Nord City.

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That way, we won't need to be secretive about it." After confirming with Connor, Mia ended the call, her mind lingering on his words.

Indeed, she was going to leave Bern City soon.

As Mia turned around, Timothy firmly instructed, "Get in the car. I'll drive you

home." After a brief pause, Mia nodded in agreement. However, Timothy fixed

her with a penetrating gaze.

As they settled into the car, he couldn't resist asking, "Why did you lie just now? You hadn't left yet, so why did you turn down Connor's offer to pick you

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up?” “Because I need to discuss something with you.” Mia lifted her gaze to meet Timothy’s, her clear, almond-shaped eyes mirroring his silhouette. Timothy’s breath hitched, his voice masking his inner turmoil. “So, have you reached a decision?” “Yes, I have.” Her response made Timothy’s heart race. Considering Mia’s past dishonesty, he felt somewhat reassured, believing he could probably predict her decision. Clearing his throat, Timothy remarked, I trust you’ll make a wise decision.”Mia

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took a deep breath and met his gaze. I've decided to leave here and move to

Nord City." Timothy's fingers quivered slightly as she said that, disbelief flickering in his eyes.

A tense silence hung in the car for a moment.

Timothy's gaze softened, and he pressed his lips together before asking, "How did I fall short compared to Connor?" Mia avoided Timothy's gaze, afraid

he might see through her true intentions.

With a lump in her throat, she responded, "I've decided to have the twins in

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Nord City. I can't let them grow up in an unwelcoming family environment, so

I've chosen to leave Bern City for their well-being." Aware of Timothy's aversion to children, Mia was determined to keep the fact that her twins were

biologically his a secret.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 478-It seemed like Timothy's reluctance to divorce Mia was primarily due to Laura. Mia couldn't shake the

feeling that he didn't genuinely care about her.

Additionally, given Sharon's aversion to Mia, she certainly wouldn't be fond of

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Mia's children either. With such tension. in the family, the babies would likely not experience a happy upbringing. Adjusting his tie, Timothy rolled down the car window, allowing the wind to graze his face. He hadn't anticipated losing in the end. It seemed that Mia had ultimately chosen Connor. Mia couldn't resist stealing a glance at Timothy. Although his profile was obscured by the light and shadow, she could still sense his dissatisfaction. After all, Timothy had always been the one to turn others away.

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170 +15 BONUS Chacher 478 After a moment of silence, Timothy spoke up coldly, “Since you’ve made your decision, you can explain it to Grandma yourself” Mia nodded in acknowledgment. “} understand” Frustrated, Timothy tore off his the “But how do you intend to explain this to Grandma? If she falls ill or becomes upset because of you, I won’t take it lightly: Yona know how much Grandma cares for you Is it fair to put her through such distress? Mia’s eyes were brimmed with tears. “I get it, I’ll find a solution “What’s your

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plan?

Ultimately, it appeared that the easiest solution was to keep Laura in the dark

and maintain the status quo.

However, for some inexplicable reason, Mia appeared to still choose Connor!

After Timothy finished speaking, he maintained a stoic expression.

However, he had discreetly been keeping an eye on Mia's reaction, growing

increasingly irritated.

The journey remained silent, and before long, the car pulled up outside the residential area.

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It was only then that Mia realized they had reached their destination. As she was about to step out of the car, she heard Timothy's voice, "Mia." With her hand on the door handle, she turned to face him. "Is there anything else?" "I hope you won't come to regret this," Timothy remarked. Mia lowered her gaze and tenderly placed a hand on her abdomen. For the sake of her babies, she certainly wouldn't regret her decision. She pursed her lips and asked, "Once I've explained everything to Grandma

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Laura, will you agree to proceed with our divorce?” A sudden wave of irritation swept over Timothy. He asserted firmly, “Certainly. If it weren’t for Grandma’s health, do you think I’d be postponing the divorce proceedings?” “I understand,” Mia replied. Hearing Timothy’s words, a subtle pang of sorrow gripped Mia’s heart. She decisively opened the car door and swiftly exited. Observing her departure, Timothy kicked Rodger’s seat in frustration. “Let’s get moving, why are we still parked here?” As she returned home, Mia found

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Connor, Claude, and Jason all present. Regaining her composure, she greeted them, “It’s good to see you all here today.

“Dominic will arrive the day after tomorrow. By then, we’ll accompany you.

back to Nord City.” Mia nodded and turned to Patricia. ” Don’t worry, we’ll all

leave together when the time comes, and we’ll bring Uncle James along as well.” “I understand. By the way, I’ve informed my mom, Edna, about our current place of residence. She hasn’t been feeling well lately and needs to visit the hospital for a check-up.

“I’ll have her stay with us then. It’s more comfortable than staying in a hotel,”

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Patricia added.

Given Edna's past actions, Mia hoped Patricia wouldn't be too soft-hearted.

However, realizing they probably wouldn't revisit Bern City, Mia didn't dwell on it further.

The next day, Connor accompanied Mia to the hospital for her scheduled prenatal check-up.

Seeing the sonograms of the two little ones in her belly, a faint smile graced

Mia's lips.

As long as her babies could grow up safely, Mia didn't mind being

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misunderstood.

After completing her check-up, Mia went straight to the university study hall to prepare for her exams.

However, upon her arrival, she coincidentally encountered Gina. “Gigi, what are you doing on campus? Don’t you have a mountain of work waiting for you at the office?” “I have something important to tell you. You need to watch out for Dana,” Gina warned.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 479-Mia hesitated briefly. After all, she had already learned the previous night that Dana was the culprit behind everything.

With a touch of sadness in her voice, she admitted, “I’m aware that Dana made the anonymous report.” Gina responded, “Why am I even bringing this up then? It was actually one of our classmates who informed me. “She saw Dana cozying up to a wealthy heiress and recently acquiring more

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designer handbags and cosmetics, which she proudly displayed in her college

dormitory.” “A wealthy heiress?” Mia asked.

Mia’s mind immediately jumped to Maya; she understood that Dana wouldn’t

act without a motive.

Gina retrieved her phone. “I’ve even found some photos for confirmation.

It’s

undoubtedly her, the heiress of the Lane 176 family, the one who’s trying to

steal your husband.” “Indeed, it’s Maya.” Mia instantly recognized Maya in the

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photos.

However, Mia hadn't detected anything suspicious during this period, as Dana had always maintained the facade of being a supportive friend in her presence.

"Gigi, I appreciate you bringing this to my attention." "Mia, you never know

what schemes. these affluent individuals might be hatching. Please, be careful.

"Once your exams are over, I suggest you leave Bern City without delay. I doubt that bitch will be able to cause any trouble for you once you're there."

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Mia smiled warmly and embraced Gina. ” I’m grateful to have you looking out

for me. Once I’m settled in Nord City, you must come and visit.”

Considering

Gina had to return to work, their conversation was brief, and they soon parted

ways.

Shortly after, Kennedy summoned Mia to his office to address the previous day’s incident. However, Dana was conspicuously absent.

Dana’s counselor explained, “I’ve been unable to reach Dana, and I heard she

didn’t return to her dormitory yesterday.

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“Dana has always been somewhat of a loner and detached from reality. She often feels like she’s being singled out. because she’s an orphan. “In reality, everyone is just preoccupied with graduation season and doesn’t have the time to pay attention to her.” Hearing this, Mia realized the full extent of Dana’s social isolation. She couldn’t help but blame herself for harboring an emotional bias toward Dana, given their shared background as orphans. Initially, she had believed Dana’s claims of being marginalized by her

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classmates, but now it seemed that Dana had been deceiving her all along.. Glancing at the clock, Mia commented, Forget it, let's just leave this matter to

the university authorities to handle according to their protocols. I need to return to the study hall and focus on my studies.” With Dana being manipulated as a pawn by Maya, Mia felt no inclination to offer additional sympathy.

Meanwhile, Maya eagerly awaited Dominic's arrival at the airport, knowing

that today held significant importance. for her plans.

If she could successfully manipulate Dana into replacing Mia as the Lane family heiress, it would be a perfect outcome.

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Soon, a group of people emerged from the VIP corridor. Hastily, Dominic and Eva led the way, with Nathan and Liam closely following behind, disguised with a mask and hat. Maya greeted them with a smile. ” Dominic, Nathan, Liam.” Liam chuckled dismissively. “Don’t bother addressing me like that. You’ve never been acknowledged as a part of our family. Now that we’ve found our true sister, it might be time for you to prepare to leave.” Liam’s harsh words caused Maya’s pupils to momentarily contract.

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“I’ve always known my place as a substitute foster daughter. I never once harbored thoughts of replacing the true heiress of the Lane family. “I am thankful for the opportunities you guys have given me, which is why I’ve tirelessly searched for the real heiress all these years. Whenever I’ve had any leads, I’ve promptly informed you.” Liam sneered, “Who’s to say what your true intentions are? Perhaps you’ve arranged for someone to deceive us.” Maya’s gaze flickered briefly. “How can you suggest such a despicable thing? Dominic, you must believe me.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 480-Dominic maintained his composure as he looked at Maya. “Where is this supposed ‘heiress’ you’ve found?” “She’s at my place. I can take you there right away,” Maya responded eagerly.

However, despite her enthusiasm, a shadow seemed to linger in her eyes as she led Dominic and the others out of the airport.

Eventually, they went their separate ways, each departing in their respective vehicles.

Eva glanced worriedly at Dominic. “I can’t shake the feeling that Maya has

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ulterior motives,” she remarked.

“Whatever Maya’s intentions may be, we’ll uncover them once we arrive,” Dominic asserted.

“It’s a shame that Mia has lost most of her childhood memories. If only she

hadn’t, she might be able to remember 176 → +what Maya did in the past, which hindered us from finding her,” Eva lamented.

Dominic furrowed his brow. He deeply regretted bringing Maya back from the

orphanage.

Shortly afterward, they reached Maya’s residence.

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Blake rushed over with urgency. “Ms. Lane, Dana is nowhere to be found.”

Maya’s complexion paled. “How could that happen? Search every corner!” she instructed.

“We’ve looked everywhere, but there’s no sign of her.” Maya took out her phone to call Dana but instead saw a WhatsApp message from her: “Ms. Lane, if you’d like my assistance, could you help me resolve my expulsion from the university? Being kicked out is something I simply cannot afford.”

Frantically, Maya dialed Dana’s number, 276 only to find it ringing continuously with no answer.

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As Dominic and the others exited the car, he spoke up coldly, “Where is she?”

Maya forced a smile. “Dominic, Dana is just struggling to come to terms with

things right now. She mentioned needing some time to herself to calm down.

But don’t worry, I’ll track her down,” she assured him.

Dominic’s patience had worn thin.

He tossed a signed document toward Maya. “Maya, this is a termination agreement. Whether you choose to sign it or not, your citizenship and residency have been transferred to Bern City effective today.” Maya was taken aback, and she swiftly caught up.

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“Dominic, just because you’ve found your biological sister, does that mean you’re going to cast me aside? I played a role in finding her too, you know!”

she protested.

Eva intercepted Maya, her tone resolute. You don’t need to continue searching. We’ll locate her ourselves,” she declared firmly.

Maya watched helplessly as Dominic’s car drove away. She turned to Blake.

“We have to find Dana before they do, or they’ll definitely extract information

about Mia from her!” 11 Maya was determined not to allow Mia to return to the

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Lane family and strip her of everything she had!

Upon returning home in the evening, Mia was greeted by the sight of all six of

her brothers gathered in the living room.

The space, already modest in size, felt especially cramped with everyone present.

Mia's surprise was evident. "Wasn't your flight scheduled for tomorrow?"

Dominic replied warmly, "I managed to wrap up my work ahead of schedule,

so I thought I'd come by early." Their original plan had been to address

Maya's situation earlier in the afternoon.

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However, upon realizing that the impostor Maya had arranged wasn't present,

Dominic couldn't be bothered to continue the charade with Maya.

Eva reached out and took Mia's hand tenderly.

"Mia, we've heard about the graduation ceremony banquet before your exams. As your family, we'll all be there to celebrate with you." Liam rested his

chin on his hand, jesting, "Mia, why didn't you tell us about such an important

event sooner?" Mia's voice carried a hint of emotion as she replied, "I thought

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you all had work commitments, and the flight from Nord City to Bern City is

quite lengthy. I didn't want to inconvenience you with the back- and-forth traveling." Still, who wouldn't want their family to be present for such a significant occasion?

It was akin to yearning for parents to attend a parent-teacher conference during childhood.

Eva gently held Mia's hand. "Mia, this time we've come to personally escort

you back to Nord City, and we have a special gift arranged for you at the banquet." At the event, they planned to reveal Mia's true identity!

Mia was, in fact, the esteemed heiress of the Lane family from Nord City!

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 481-Mia's curiosity was piqued.

“What exactly is this gift? Can you give me a hint?” Liam shook his head.

“Disclosing it now would spoil the surprise. At the very least, before you leave

Bern City, we want to bring this chapter to a perfect conclusion,” he explained.

The brothers exchanged meaningful looks.

Connor, Claude, and Jason's eyes shimmered with mutual understanding.

Dominic had already inquired about Mia's relationship with Timothy when he

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arrived earlier today; it seemed certain matters could no longer be concealed.

Connor had reluctantly told Dominic about Mia's secret marriage to Timothy

for three years but had refrained from revealing her pregnancy.

After all, it was something Mia had entrusted him to keep confidential, and he

felt obligated to uphold his professional ethics as a doctor.

After discussing the matter, they unanimously decided to unveil Mia's status

as the Lane family heiress at the upcoming graduation ceremony banquet.

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Dominic's tone was resolute as he declared, "That's right, Mia. I promise to rectify all the injustices you've suffered over the years." He couldn't help but feel a surge of resentment toward Timothy.

Mia sensed that her brothers' attitudes were somewhat peculiar, but she couldn't, quite pinpoint why.

As the university's graduation ceremony banquet approached, there were discussions about distinguished guests attending as well as plans for a charity auction.

The next day, Eva took Mia shopping for clothes at the mall.

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“Now that your brothers’ businesses are thriving, don’t hesitate to purchase

whatever you like,” Eva encouraged Mia as she handed her a VIP membership card.

“Here, take this. With this card, you won’t need to wait in line or make appointments when shopping at this store in the future.” Accepting the card

gratefully, Mia browsed through the racks and selected a dress. “Eva, this dress would look stunning on you. Why don’t you try it on?” she proposed.

Eva couldn’t resist Mia’s suggestion and headed to the fitting room with the

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dress in hand.

Meanwhile, Mia tried on her chosen dress and examined herself in the mirror.

Though the dress was undeniably attractive, its snug fit accentuated her stomach a bit.

As a pregnant woman, Mia preferred clothing with a looser fit.

“Wow, Mia, is that really you? Can you even afford to shop in this store?”

Shelly and Sharon entered unexpectedly, clearly surprised to see Mia there.

Sharon’s demeanor turned cold. “Mia, this isn’t a place where you belong. Just like how you’re not a suitable match for our family.

“Even if you happen to acquire things through luck, they won’t be yours

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forever, ” she remarked sharply.

Mia folded her arms defiantly. “Who said I can’t afford it?” Upon uttering those

words, she passed the card to the store clerk, Penny Marsh, and instructed, “Please wrap it up.” Observing the card in Mia’s possession, Shelly

couldn’t

contain her surprise.” Isn’t that a VIP membership card, Mia? How did you

manage to acquire it? Did you steal it or something?” Equally taken aback,

Sharon chimed in, It must be stolen.” 11 Chapter 481 Shelly nodded in

accord. “I believe so too. After all, Aunt Sharon, even you couldn’t get your

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hands on this card.” Sharon’s pride suffered a blow. She had once coveted the card herself, but Laura had advised against extravagance, causing Sharon

to miss out on the opportunity.

However, to her surprise, Mia had managed to acquire that card!

Sharon shot Penny an indignant glare. ” She’s nothing but a pauper. How could she possibly own that card? You’d better verify her identity to avoid any

complications,” she insisted.

Even Mia hadn’t realized the significance of the membership card Eva had given her.

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Shelly chuckled and remarked, “Mia, do you honestly think you just stumbled

upon a regular membership card?

“This card requires an annual expenditure exceeding one million 576 dollars,

and it also demands celebrity authentication for approval.

“Anyone in possession of this card is far from ordinary. You may have just landed yourself in trouble!”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 482-At that moment, Chelsea Kent, the store manager, approached Shelly and Sharon. “Ms. Barrett and Mrs. Barrett, is there anything I can assist you with?” Shelly quickly chimed in,

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“Someone seems to have stolen a VIP membership card. Shouldn’t you verify their identity?” Taking the card, Chelsea glanced at Mia. ” May I ask if this card belongs to you?” Mia shook her head. “No, it doesn’t.” Shelly immediately chuckled, “As I said earlier, Mia must have either stolen or found this card somewhere. She doesn’t even know where it came from.” Sharon sneered, “Mia, a chicken will always remain a chicken; it can never transform into a phoenix!” “Who are you calling a chicken?” Suddenly, the fitting room door

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swung open, and Eva emerged.

Instantly recognizing the two women before her—one being Timothy’s mother

and the other his cousin—Eva was outraged by their insults toward Mia.

While Mia’s brothers might tolerate such behavior, Eva certainly couldn’t.

Rolling up her sleeves, Eva pointed accusingly at Sharon.

“You old hag, your skin’s on the verge of sagging to the ground, yet you have

the nerve to insult Mia. Given your advanced age, where have your manners

disappeared to?” Throughout the years, Sharon had never experienced such

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a direct verbal assault. Enraged, she stuttered, “Y–you... who do you think you are? How dare you insult me like this?” “What’s wrong with insulting you?”

Just wait, I might even give you a beating later,” Eva defiantly replied. After all, Eva harbored a fiery temper when it came to defending her family.

2 She had maintained a low profile in Nord City over the years, seldom venturing out in public.

Her visits to Bern City were infrequent, and she had deliberately skipped Maya’s engagement banquet last time due to her dislike for Maya. /

Therefore,  
the Barretts didn’t recognize her at all.

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However, Eva was well acquainted with them, particularly with the knowledge of Mia's secret marriage to Timothy. Aware of the three years Mia had spent enduring injustice from the Barrett family, Eva harbored a lot of pent-up anger.

It appeared that Sharon and Shelly had unwittingly found themselves in her line of fire!

Observing Eva on the brink of losing her temper, Mia promptly intervened.

"Eva, please calm down. In a civilized society, we must uphold the rule of

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law,” she urged.

Certainly, the individual who initiated.

violence was ultimately the real loser.

Eva scoffed with disdain. “Who needs civility when dealing with such individuals? Do they even deserve it?” Sharon was immediately provoked, her

tone dripping with sarcasm. “So Mia, she’s your sister-in-law? No surprise

there, birds of a feather flock together.” Fanning the flames further, Shelly firmly instructed Penny, “Quickly verify this card. We need to let the owner

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know it's been stolen and inform the cops that these two poor folks have been using it unlawfully." Upon hearing this, Eva erupted into laughter. "Oh, come on, it's just a card. Why are you making such a fuss? Have you been living under a rock?" Sharon snorted derisively. "What's the matter? Are you feeling guilty?" Caught in a dilemma, Chelsea found herself torn between the affluent Sharon and the unfamiliar Eva. Ultimately, Chelsea decided to believe Sharon's assertions. She turned to Mia

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and Eva, stating, “I apologize, but I must make a phone call to reach the owner of this card.” Without hesitation, Chelsea retrieved her phone and dialed the number provided on the card. Soon enough, the phone placed on the nearby sofa began to ring loudly.

The atmosphere immediately grew tense.

Shelly exclaimed incredulously, “Is the owner of the card present in this store?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 483-Mia glanced back, her eyes

filled with disbelief as she realized that the phone belonged to Eva.

So, Eva was the cardholder?

However, according to Shelly’s earlier explanation, acquiring such a card

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required an annual expenditure of a million dollars, along with other evidence

of status, making it unlikely to be easily obtained.

Could Eva's family be that affluent?

With a mocking expression, Shelly taunted, "Mia, did you guys steal someone

else's card in the store? Now that you've been caught red-handed, let's see what excuses you come up with." Chelsea glanced at the buzzing phone on the sofa before turning to Penny. "Is the owner of this phone in the fitting room, perhaps?" Just then, Eva walked over, reaching for the phone as she gave it a wave.

Apologies, but this is actually mine," she remarked.

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Shelly's expression morphed into one of disbelief. "That can't be right. Just because the owner isn't here, do you think it's okay to take their belongings?" Since when did Mia have such wealthy connections? Sharon fixed Penny with a stern glare, demanding, "Speak up. Where is the owner of this phone? Bring her out! Someone is attempting to steal her VIP membership card along with her phone." Penny, visibly nervous, stammered,

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Chelsea, this phone belongs to Ms. Delgado. I confirmed their details when they entered the store.” Chelsea’s expression changed abruptly as she rushed over to Eva, holding out the VIP membership card.

“I deeply apologize for the misunderstanding. It was our mistake, and we sincerely regret any inconvenience caused. Please accept our apologies.”

Mia watched in astonishment, struggling to comprehend the situation unfolding before her.

Just then, Eva extended the card back to her. “Mia, please, take it!”

Observing

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the card in Eva's hand, Mia hesitantly replied, "This card seems too valuable. I can't accept it!" "It's a gift for you. Just take it. After all, there are plenty of patronizing individuals out there," Eva replied. Sharon, feeling humiliated, snapped back, "Who do you think you're insulting? Consumed by jealousy, Shelly couldn't resist making a snarky comment as she observed the VIP membership card in Mia's hand. "What's the use of taking the card? You still can't afford anything in this store." Eva shot back, "It's not a problem. This card has an annual spending limit of millions of

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dollars. Mia can use it as she pleases.” Sharon couldn’t resist asking, “Who are you exactly? And why are you being so generous to Mia?” Shelly chimed in, fanning the flames, Yeah, Mia is just a gold–digging imposter. She used every trick in the book to marry into our family. “And when she realized she couldn’t get her hands on any money, she immediately started talking about divorce and running into the arms of another man. Watch out, Mia might try to steal your husband.” Upon hearing these words, Mia’s expression grew uneasy. She hadn’t anticipated Shelly to openly

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reveal her three-year marriage with Timothy. In response, Mia countered sharply, “If I were truly a gold digger, I would have seized control of the Barrett Group by now, and all of you would have been kicked out of the Barrett residence.” Clicking her tongue, Sharon declared, “Oh, Mia, I expected this from you. That’s why I insisted on having you sign a prenuptial agreement. If you and Timothy end up divorcing, you won’t receive a cent!” Mia arched an eyebrow, her tone unwavering, “Well, it seems you’re

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not up to speed. Timothy actually tore up the prenuptial agreement in front of me.” “What? That’s impossible!” Sharon’s complexion paled upon hearing Mia’s revelation. The prenuptial agreement had been their only leverage, against Mia.

Undeterred, Mia continued, “And let’s not forget, before Grandma Laura’s surgery, she had Timothy sign an agreement ensuring that the child I bear will

inherit the Barrett Group.” Shelly’s eyes widened in disbelief as she glanced at

Mia’s belly, realizing she was pregnant.

Chapter 483 Although she was unsure why Mia had kept this information

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concealed, Shelly couldn't shake the feeling that Mia had ulterior motives. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 484-Shelly held her herself back from speaking out, reluctant to reveal Mia's pregnancy to Sharon. If Sharon were to accept Mia due to her child, it could potentially jeopardize Shelly's future within the Barrett family. Sharon was furious, her body trembling with anger. "Mia, your true colors are finally showing. Let me make one thing clear. With your incompatible background, you are entirely undeserving of Tim." "Exactly! The contrast between your worlds is undeniable!" Shelly chimed in.

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Eva stood up in defense of Mia, scoffing, You don't even own a VIP membership card, yet you dare to act like you're wealthy? You're just relying on sheer nerve, aren't you? Mia couldn't care less about your family!" Sharon responded arrogantly, "Oh, || please. My son happens to be the CEO of the Barrett Group!" "So what? You can't even secure a VIP membership card! It seems you're just recently affluent!" Eva turned to Chelsea and asked, According to the regulations, VIP

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members have the authority to request the removal of guests, is that correct?”

Chelsea nodded in confirmation. “Yes, that’s correct.” “Very well then, please

have these two disruptive women escorted out for me! I’d prefer not to have

them lingering around and ruining my shopping experience.” Upon hearing

this, Sharon protested loudly, “How dare you! My son has investments in this

mall. Who do you think you are to evict us? In Bern City, nobody dares to treat

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me this way!” “Well, I’m sorry, but it appears you’ve met your match today.

Without a VIP membership card, it’s time for you to leave!” Eva retorted.

Feeling overwhelmed, Chelsea addressed Sharon, “You’re familiar with our

store’s policies. As a VIP member, Ms. Delgado has the right to request your

departure. Please, Sharon, don’t make this situation any more difficult than it

already is.” A wave of humiliation washed over Sharon as she shot a glare at

Mia. “Look at you, trying to climb the social ladder by cozying up to the

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wealthy.” Eva intervened, interrupting Sharon’s tirade. “Are you not seeing clearly? Mia is my sister!” “How is that possible? Mia has always been an orphan. How could she suddenly have a sister?” Having known Mia’s background for years, Shelly couldn’t comprehend Eva’s statement. Wasn’t Mia just an orphan? “Mia was indeed an orphan before. It was due to the negligence of our family’s nanny at that time that Mia was left to fend for herself for so many years. “Consequently, she had to face disdain from certain individuals of higher

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social standing. It's truly baffling where they find such audacity!" Eva slammed

her VIP membership card on the table, emphasizing her point.

"Let me make this clear today. Mia is the princess of our family. If any of you

dare to bully her in the future, be prepared to face the consequences!"

Sharon

was left utterly dumbfounded, never imagining that Mia, whom they knew as

an orphan, would have such a significant background!

Chelsea eventually summoned her courage and spoke up, "Mrs. Barrett and

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Ms. Barrett, I must request that you leave.

11 “Who cares about your store? My son practically owns this entire mall,”

Sharon snapped back indignantly as she stormed off, her pride deeply wounded.

Shelly trailed behind, her mind reeling with disbelief. “Could Mia’s biological

parents truly be that affluent? I haven’t heard a single word about them stepping forward.” Feeling embarrassed, Sharon vented her frustration,

“Even

if they have wealth, they’re still just upstarts. I’ve heard rumors that some coal

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tycoon families managed to obtain these cards. Perhaps that's where they got it from.

“But no matter how much money they have, can they truly rival the wealth of the Lane family in Nord City?” Indeed, the Barrett family in Bern City and the

Lane family in Nord City were among the most prominent families.

Shelly concurred, “Absolutely. If Maya were to marry Timothy, our family would become unstoppable.” “No, I need to call Tim right away and have those two women thrown out,” Sharon declared firmly.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 485-The more Sharon dwelled on the situation, the angrier she became. As the respected matriarch of the Barrett family, she expected nothing less than utmost respect and deference in Bern City.

Never before had she endured such humiliation!

If Laura hadn't considered the VIP membership card too extravagant and wasteful, Sharon would undoubtedly have had one herself.

Then, she wouldn't have had to endure this humiliation at the hands of Mia today!

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Shelly nodded eagerly and exclaimed, ” Aunt Sharon, you need to make this clear to Timothy this mall is owned by our family. It’s utterly outrageous that a modest store would dare to kick you out.

“They clearly don’t know their place. Timothy should promptly shut down this

175 +15 BONUS Chapter 485 store and expel them along with Mia!”

Shelly

was furious, finding Mia’s arrogant demeanor intolerable.

Sharon shared the sentiment; how dare Mia, a humble servant who was once

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cast out by their family, behave so boldly toward her! She immediately dialed

Timothy's number.

Meanwhile, Timothy had just concluded a meeting and had some spare time,

so he answered, "Hello, Mom." "Tim, I need to vent my frustrations to you!"

Sharon's voice trembled and she sobbed, conveying a feeling of being mistreated.

Timothy responded indifferently, "Who would even dare to confront you in

Bern City?" Undoubtedly, in Bern City, Sharon's reputation preceded her

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wherever she went, always surrounded by people eager to support and flatter

her.

“Besides Mia, who else could have such +15 BONUS Chapter 485 audacity?”

The mention of Mia immediately piqued Timothy’s interest. “Where did you run

into Mia?” “At Centura Mall. Tim, you know you’re a major shareholder of that

mall. You need to call the mall manager and have that store shut down immediately. They shouldn’t be allowed to operate there.” Timothy raised an

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eyebrow. “Why?” “It’s all because of Mia. She had the audacity to have the store staff kick Shelly and I out just because she’s some sort of VIP member.

“As the mother of the CEO of the Barrett Group, I’ve never experienced such humiliation before. Tim, Mia’s arrogance knows no bounds. You must help me rectify this!” Timothy furrowed his brow. “Are you saying she holds a VIP membership at that store? That’s not easy to obtain.” Considering Mia’s current status and position, it was unlikely she could acquire a VIP membership.

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Could it be from Connor?

Sharon exclaimed indignantly, “Exactly!

But Mia has a woman by her side claiming to be her sister, and it’s that woman who provided Mia with the membership card.

“But Mia is supposed to be an orphan, correct? How did such a wealthy and

influential relative suddenly emerge?” “Her sister?” Timothy’s mind was immediately filled with doubts. Had Mia truly discovered her family?

But why hadn’t he been informed?

Mia hadn’t uttered a single word about it!

After a brief pause, Timothy inquired, ” Mom, is there anything else you

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know?” “I... I only have this information. I have a feeling Mia’s sister might be involved in some shady dealings.

“She doesn’t seem like someone who could legitimately possess this card. Perhaps she obtained it through illicit means or is a servant in a wealthy household who took it secretly!” Shelly interjected gently, “But the name and

phone number on the membership card was hers, it was accurate.” After all, it

was always linked to the rightful owner.

If it was stolen or found, the details wouldn’t match the person’s identity.

Sharon shot Shelly a disapproving look before expressing her frustration,

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“Tim, I’ve explained everything. Please, call the mall manager immediately and have Mia removed! I can’t endure this embarrassment any longer.” Timothy was genuinely taken aback by the revelation of Mia finding her family.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 486-To Timothy’s surprise, Mia’s

family was the rightful owner of the VIP membership card.

According to Shelly, Mia’s sister possessed the card, eliminating any possibility of it being lost or stolen.

Indeed, it seemed that Mia’s family was quite wealthy!

No wonder Mia’s confidence had skyrocketed. Discovering her family was

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undoubtedly a joyous occasion. But why would she choose to keep it a secret? If Laura knew, she'd be thrilled too.

“Tim, are you paying attention? I'm instructing you to remove Mia from the mall!” Timothy couldn't help but feel excluded, realizing that he had been kept in the dark about Mia's family.

Rubbing his temples, he replied, “Mom, everyone is familiar with the rules regarding the brand's membership cards.

“When you were clearing out the mall previously, did you ever take into account the lower-tier members?” Sharon was momentarily taken aback.

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“Tim, that isn’t a fair comparison.” “Why should it be any different? The mall, invested in by the Barrett Group, has its own set of rules. If we start disregarding these rules, who will want to visit and shop here in the future?”

“If news of today’s incident spreads, it could significantly jeopardize the mall.

Do you understand the implications?” Timothy explained.

“But we’re talking about Mia here. How can we treat her as if she were just

any other customer?” Sharon shot back.

Timothy’s tone grew serious. “She owns a VIP membership card, and as a

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VIP guest, she is entitled to its privileges!” Sharon’s anger flared up instantly as she exclaimed, “Tim! Mia, this bitch, had the audacity to bully us, and yet you still treat her like a VIP just because of some rules!” “Mom, it seems like you’re seeking retaliation because you were kicked out for not being a VIP member, and now you want me to help you get even. “However, as the CEO of the Barrett Group, I am not authorized to engage in such actions. If I were to compromise our principles first, who would want to

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associate with the Barrett Group in the future?” “But you’re my son. Is it truly so difficult to advocate for your mother?” Timothy responded nonchalantly, “I can assist you in handling this situation, but you’ll need to explain the repercussions to the board yourself.” Upon hearing this, Sharon angrily slammed the phone down. Shelly asked cautiously, “What happened? Did Timothy agree?” “Agree my ass! I think he’s completely under Mia’s spell!” Sharon was furious, yet she hesitated to let Timothy act on her behalf. She dreaded facing the board of

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directors; their inevitable criticism would surely damage her reputation! Stomping her foot in frustration, Sharon declared, “Let’s go.” Shelly had no choice but to comply, secretly longing for a VIP membership card herself. Imagine the luxury of selecting from the newest and most exclusive items! Meanwhile, Timothy stared blankly at his phone. Recalling Sharon’s remarks, Timothy couldn’t resist checking Mia’s Instagram. There, he stumbled upon her recent post. She wrote: “Graduation season calls for fresh wardrobe additions!” She shared a selfie showcasing her new attire, her round face appearing charming under the soft lighting, accentuating the delicate hairs

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framing her cheek.

Timothy gazed at the photo briefly before proceeding to open his direct messages to compose a message.

Meanwhile, at the mall, Mia lounged on the sofa, clutching the VIP membership card. Eva, what's so special about this membership card?" Initially, she had regarded it as just another membership card. However, after

Shelly's revelation, she realized its significance.

Apparently, it had the authority to evict guests, with even Sharon being promptly escorted out of the store!

Eva hesitated, uncertain of what to do next. Should she inform Mia beforehand?

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 487-Mia looked at Eva. Everything felt surreal to her, especially when Eva gave the other party a reality check by flashing her VIP membership card. Eva was so cool. Eva let out a wry cough. “Your brothers’ businesses are on the roll lately. The companies that are supposed to be listed are listed. I previously invested my wedding gift in their startups and I now should receive my returns, shouldn’t

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I?” “Is this how successful their businesses are?” Something felt off to Mia, but

she couldn't quite put her finger on it.

Eva went silent for a moment. When she was going to say something, Mia's

phone rang.

Mia checked her phone and realized that it was a message from Timothy.

‘Done shopping?’ She had a guess—Sharon might've snitched to that bastard.

“Mia, who's texting you?” asked Eva.

“A friend.” Hurriedly, Mia kept her phone.

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The store manager approached her with a warm smile. “This is a bag from our latest collection. It complements the dress really well. Do you like it?”

Eva’s eyes casually observed the bag. “Oh, it’s rare to come across this kind of leather. Why didn’t you bring it out earlier? Were you afraid that I couldn’t afford it?” The manager said apologetically, “No. We have a rule for selling this bag. We have to wait three days before we can sell it.” That strange rule piqued Mia’s interest. “If so, why are you bringing it out right now?”

“We’d like

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to make up for the misunderstanding that occurred, Mrs. Barrett.” “Mrs. Barrett?” Her expression shifted. “Did Timothy tell you to do this?”

Realizing

that she had made a slip of the tongue, the manager covered her mouth out of

fear.

Eva pulled Mia’s hand. “We don’t need this bag, Mia. Tell Timothy Barrett that

we can afford these bags. We don’t need the Barretts!” Eva didn’t seem to be

surprised at all. Besides, she didn’t question anything about Timothy when Shelly misspoke a while ago.

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Baffled, Mia asked, “Eva, have you long known what happened between Timothy and I?” “Seems like I can’t keep it a secret anymore.” Eva motioned for the store manager to leave before sighing. “Silly girl. Why didn’t you tell us sooner? About you and the Barretts? Are you afraid of causing us trouble?” Mia gave a nod. “Yeah, we’re in Bern City. Plus, there’s nothing between us anymore, so I figured there’s no need to tell you guys about it.” “That’s your

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one-sided thought, Mia. I don't think Timothy feels the same way. He even gifted you such an expensive bag!" There was an unnatural shift to Mia's expression as she lowered her voice. "He's worried that his grandmother might find out about our divorce. It'll take a toll on her health." Eva scoffed, "That's why Timothy, that jerk, doesn't want to divorce?" "Yeah," answered Mia, Eva slammed the couch in a fit of fury. "Don't be afraid, Mia. Leave the divorce to Jason. We'll make sure to empty his bank accounts!" "I know how

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to deal with this, Eva.” “Mia, oh, Mia, You’ve suffered a lot because of the Barretts during those three years, haven’t you? I can tell from how haughty your mother-in-law is. But things are different now. You have us, your family.

We’ve got your back. There’s nothing to be afraid of. Dominic and I will go to

their doorstep and demand an explanation. How dare that witch bully you! She’s got a death wish!” That was the last thing Mia wanted.

She pulled Eva’s hand. “Eva, I just want to leave in peace. I don’t want to have anything to do with them anymore.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 488-“You’re being too understanding, Mia. It pains me to see you like this. Don’t worry. At the

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upcoming party this weekend, every one of us is there for you.” Eva gritted her teeth, recalling that a charity auction would be held during the party. Considering that the Barretts were the host, Eva was resolute to teach them a lesson that night. How could she simply turn a blind eye to Mia’s suffering when Dominic couldn’t either? Meanwhile, Mia simply assumed that Eva had given up on a retaliation, hence the sigh of relief. “We’ve bought the clothes we need. Let’s go home.” “Okay.

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Bill, please.” Eva bought many clothes as though they were worth nothing. She seemed used to it.

That strange feeling stirred in Mia again.

Still, Eva’s spending wouldn’t cause a problem because Dominic and the others were raking in big money.

Together, they returned home with fruitful shopping. Patricia kept rambling

about how wasteful they were at the sight of the pile of clothes, but that didn’t

stop her from getting changed into new clothes happily.

Mia washed up and lay in bed. Her phone buzzed. A text read: “Why didn’t

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you take the bag? It suits your dress.” Timothy Barrett, again. She thought of a reply to that: “Because I don’t like it.” As soon as she sent the message, Timothy called her. Although she hesitated for a moment, she answered the call. “Hello? Anything?” “Congratulations on reuniting with your family. Grandma will be happy to hear the news” Silence dawned on her for a second. “I’ll tell her about it soon.” “I heard your family is quite rich. Who are they?” “They’re from Nord City. They’re not that rich, but they doted on me. They’re generous with

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money whenever it comes to me.” “No wonder you didn’t care about money when we divorced.” Sharon’s distorted expression conjured in her head, lifting her spirits. “Yes, because I don’t lack money.” Timothy’s chest tightened when he heard that. Often, he had the feeling that Mia was getting farther and farther away from his reach. She smiled. “Oh, Mrs. Barrett snitched on me, didn’t she?” “Yup, she asked me to drive you guys out of the mall.” “Why didn’t you do as she said?” “I’m a

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businessman. This is the rule of thumb in the business world. You guys own a VIP membership card, so you have the right to have the whole place to yourselves.” Mia didn’t know how to respond to that. “You are a qualified businessman, Timothy Barrett.” Then, she hung up the call. He glanced at his phone. An unexplainable weight stifled his chest. His eyes shifted to the building outside. In the past, he’d returned home after work every day; but now, he didn’t know how long it had been since he last returned to his marital home on time. The place felt so empty after Mia’s departure. Something was missing. Frustrated, Timothy reached out to Caleb. “Found out who Mia’s family is

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already?” “No clue for now. There’s no change to her family background, so I can’t find anything.” Timothy massaged his temples. Connor somehow crossed his mind when he thought about Mia becoming a resident of Nord City.

Connor came from the same city too!

Coldness seeped into Timothy’s tone. “No wonder the Lanes, especially Connor, are close to her. It has something to do with her family.” “Doesn’t that

make them a perfect match?” Caleb blurted.

Dark clouds shrouded Timothy almost instantly. “Shut up.” “Tim, if you genuinely want her back, make her fall for you again before the divorce

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happens. If you fail, just don't sign the divorce papers! You'll lose your wife

unless you become shameless." Timothy paused momentarily.

That idea sounded feasible.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 489-The next morning, Mia kept

having a bad feeling about the day.

Her hunch was telling her that something bad was going to happen.

She took a cab to college. Riley spoke to her. "Mia, could you contact Dana?"

"Dana? We hadn't contacted each other since the day I found out she was the

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one who reported me anonymously. What happened to her?” “The management is investigating her and found that she had violated the rules before. In addition to the terrible effect caused by her anonymous report, we

decided to expel her. We need her to come to sign the papers, but we can't reach her.” Expel Dana?

Mia didn't expect the punishment to be this severe. She initially thought that it

would end with a warning and a merit deduction.

Noticing her hesitation, Riley continued, “Dana had previously violated the

rules. She took and shared pictures of her roommate online. We've found

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irrefutable evidence before coming to this decision.” Only then Mia realized that she had never known Dana’s character that well, which explained why she was betrayed by Dana. Mia nodded. “But I don’t have any news about her for now. I bet she doesn’t dare to come to me either.” “Okay. We’ve reported it to the cops. If you catch wind of her, please inform me about it.” Mia watched Riley leave. Then, she turned around and headed to the Music School. She entered the empty classroom.

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The piano reminded her of when she and Dana played the piano together.

It

felt like a dream.

Someone scoffed. “What’s the matter? Still daydreaming of becoming a pianist? Want to join the musicians that came performing that day?

Someone

of your level can never be one of them.” Hearing that, Mia turned to find

Maya

standing by the door.

Mia responded indiffirectly, “You’re speaking as though you could be one of

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them.” “That’s because I don’t want to. Do you think I, Maya Lane, can’t?”

Maya stared at Mia, trying to find a shadow of that little girl.

However, Mia had changed a lot compared to her younger days. Only her eyes resembled a little to that of the little girl.

Lucky for Maya, she managed to dig up information from Dana. Due to illness,

Mia had forgotten her childhood in the orphanage.

The only thing she remembered was the children’s song taught by the orphanage director.

However, Maya was the only person who knew the meaning behind that song

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and she would never give Mia a hint. Let alone tell the Lanes about it. That way. Mia would never be able to return to the Lanes. Mia mocked, “But if my memories serve me right, someone was rejected by the musicians, though. Does she think that others don’t know about it?” That day. Claude told Mia about how Maya wished to join the musicians but was rejected. Maya’s ego was bruised. She actually intended to buff herself up with empty talks, not expecting Mia to actually know the truth.

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Quickly, Maya veered the topic. “Even if I was rejected, there’s no way you’ll get in. I have been learning piano since I was young. My family hired the best pianists to be my teachers. As someone who has just started learning piano, you should wake up. You don’t have the talent for it.” Mia chuckled. “Right, I have just started learning piano, so what are you so afraid of?” That familiar smile conjured a childhood nightmare in Maya.

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At that time, the orphanage director favored Mia the most and kept praising her for her talent, believing that she would hit it big in the future. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 490-Jealousy had taken root in Maya since then. She kept honing her piano skills just to make up for her childhood regret. Now that Mia was right before her eyes again, she couldn't help the jealousy at all. "What are you doing here? Where's Dana?" Maya switched topics. "That should be my line." Mia let out a meaningful smile. "You told her to

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approach and report me anonymously, didn't you?" An eerie shift shadowed Maya's features. "What are you talking about? I don't get it. Dana's your friend. If she reported you, you should repent." Right then, Mia reached out for Maya's hair, yanking her out of the classroom. Maya yelped. "Mia Bowen, let go of me! You're crazy!" Grabbing Maya's hair, Mia looked her nose down at her. "Look. If a stranger like me suddenly becomes physical with you, shouldn't you realize how annoying you are and

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go repent yourself?” The tearing of the scalps hurt so much, but Maya couldn’t fight back. She barked with gritted teeth, “You’re dead meat, Mia Bowen!” “Oh really? Death is nothing to be afraid of. People die anyway.” “My brothers have come to Bern City, Mia Bowen. If they find out that you’re bullying me, they’ll never let you off the hook that easily!” Mia clicked her tongue. “Too bad there’s no surveillance camera over here. No one can prove that I’m the one

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who yanked your hair.” Fear didn’t strike Mia as she had learned some legal knowledge from Jason. He was worried that she would be picked on, so he taught her a lot of dirty tricks.

Take the present situation as an example—Mia was aware that the area was free from surveillance cameras.

Furious, Maya screamed, “I will never let you get away with this! I will hire the

best lawyer to send you to prison!” “Okay, I’ll be waiting.” Mia shoved Maya

away before wiping her hands with a tissue. “If you don’t watch your language

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next time, believe it or not, I'll tear your hair off." Maya was so enraged that

her expression was contorted. She pointed a finger at Mia. "Hold it right there!" Ignoring Maya, Mia spun and left.

Maya wanted to chase after Mia, but she realized that her hair was a mess. Her scalp hurts just from a light touch In the end, she stopped in her tracks and called Blake. "Bring me a hat. Hurry." Angered by her defeat, Maya kicked

the piano. Actually, she came over to look for Dana because she hoped that Dana could pretend to be the girl from the orphanage.

However, to her dismay, Dana went missing in action.

The most infuriating part of all was that Mia grabbed her hair.

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When Mia reunited with the Lanes, would Maya be able to survive the repercussions?

Maya couldn't let that happen.

Soon, Blake came with a hat. "Ms. Lane, Mr. Shaw claims that Dana has to be

expelled." "Does he no longer pay my family respect? Did you tell him that we

will make donations?" "Yes, but he's firm with his decision." She felt her blood

pressure rising. If Dana was to be expelled, she wouldn't cooperate with Maya.

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Blake added, “But I learned something new from him. There’s a graduation evening party happening on the weekend. The Lane family will attend. I heard that they will build an exhibition hall for the Design School.” “Why didn’t I know about that?” Maya was bewildered.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 491-Trepidation trapped Maya as soon as she heard the news. Something was going on without her knowledge.

She glanced at Blake. “Why did Dominic and the others suddenly want to

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build an exhibition hall for the Design School? It'll cost an arm and a leg, won't it?" "I heard that the proposed investment is one million dollars." "One million dollars? That's a huge sum of money!" Her fingers clutched onto the hat tightly. "Do you know the reason behind this?" "No, not for now. But I think it has something to do with the Fleur International Design Competition. Mr. Dominic's construction company puts a lot of importance on design. They've just established a new subsidiary in Bern City. I bet this is a plan for a

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business expansion. They're looking out for talented designers." Maya gave it a thought. Blake's analysis made sense. It hadn't been long since Dominic's subsidiary company was established in Bern City. Besides, he had also built exhibition halls in universities back in Nord City. Annoyed, she wore the hat only to frown because of the stinging pain from her scalp. "Damn it, Mia Bowen! I'm going to avenge myself tenfold! Find Dana at

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all costs!” If she managed to find Dana, she’d be able to trick Dominic and the others to buy herself some time.

“Don’t worry, Ms. Lane. I’ve asked a staff member from the luxury store to message her that she won a prize. A materialistic person like her won’t be able to turn down the offer. Once she shows herself in the mall, we’ll be able to catch her.” Maya smiled. “Not bad. Dana will definitely show up. Help me contact that store manager. I want that dress from the latest collection and that bag made of rare leather. When can they be delivered? I want to wear

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them to the graduation party.” He paused momentarily. “Someone bought the dress yesterday, but the bag is still there.” “Who bought it?” “A VIP, I heard.”

What a pity.

Maya thought that it would’ve been great if she was a VIP member. She heard

that Eva owned a VIP membership card, but forgot to borrow the card from

her. Well, Eva never liked her anyway.

A dark glint clouded Maya’s eyes as she thought, “I’m the daughter of the Lane family. As a mere outsider, how dare Eva not pay me the respect I

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deserve! Just what is she feeling superior about?” At the end of the day, an upset Maya ordered, “Buy the bag then.” “Ms. Lane, your credit limit is reduced to ten thousand dollars after you fought with Mr. Dominic on the day you returned to the country. That bag costs 60 thousand dollars.” “I have cash.” “The cash you have is spent on Ms. Barrett’s credit card. For your information, she uses it lavishly.” Maya frowned. She didn’t expect herself to lack money. Blake suggested, “How about signing the agreement offered by Mr. Dominic?”

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It offers many properties, shares, and cash.” “If I sign it, I’ll have nothing to do with the Lanes anymore. Only a fool would sign that agreement.” No matter how angry she was, she knew how reality was. “Freeze Shelly’s credit card. That useless trash isn’t helping. She doesn’t deserve to spend my money.” “Alright.” “And find out who bought that dress. Look for an imitation of that bag. Pick something that appears authentic. No one at the graduation evening party can afford to buy branded limited editions. Even if the bag is fake, no

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one will notice.” He went along with it. “You’re right. You’re Ms. Lane. No one will suspect that you use dupes.” She snorted. “Mia should be attending that party. It’s time I pick on her shortcomings. Since Dominic and the others will be there as well, I’ll have him teach her a lesson!” The sheer imagination of the scene gave her an adrenaline rush. (2)  
She couldn’t wait for the weekend to come.  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 492-After leaving the Music School, Mia still couldn’t shake off the nervousness, Grabbing Maya’s hair

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was an act of impulse.

No matter how she thought about it, Mia still concluded that she was too impulsive.

Still, she couldn't deny that it did let her steam off. Every time she met Maya,

the latter always put on a haughty attitude.

After doing some revision at college, she checked the time and headed to the

hospital by cab.

When she stood outside Laura's room, mixed feelings churned in her stomach.

Laura was the reason Timothy didn't want a divorce.

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However, a child was bound to be unhappy if they grew up in a loveless family. Therefore, Mia must leave.

Since Timothy had never expected a child, she was afraid that the child would

experience the same thing she did during those three years; to receive cold treatment and to be disregarded.

Taking a deep breath, she entered the room. “Grandma, I’m here. How are you feeling?” “So far so good. I can wander two laps of the place downstairs

at night. I think I’ll be able to be discharged soon.” Laura did seem better and

Mia was glad to see that.

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During their lunch together, Laura said considerately, “Once you finish your exams, you should rest at home for a while. After the delivery, you can ask Timothy for a position if you want to work. Right now, your health is more important.” “Sorry, Grandma. I actually lied to you.” Mia dropped her gaze.

Silence hung in the air.

Laura let down her hand. “About your pregnancy, isn’t it?” Mia’s eyes darted to Laura.

But all she could do was stay silent. At this point, she couldn’t admit that the

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pregnancy was real.

A while later, Laura sighed. “I was hoping for that to happen with all my heart.

I thought I could see my grandchild soon.” “I’m sorry, Grandma.” Mia felt guilty

for lying to Laura again.

Laura pulled Mia’s hand. “Is there anything else that you want to tell me?”

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BONUS Mia pursed her lips. “I found my family.” “Really? That’s good news! I

was worried about you because you’re alone. I’m so glad to hear that. How

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are your parents? Are they nice to you?” “My biological parents have passed away, but I have three brothers. They’re nice to me.” The moments spent with her brothers gave her the warm affection she had long lost. “Where are they from?” “Nord City.” Laura fell silent at that answer, her hand still holding Mia’s. “So you decided to return to Nord City, is that right?” “Yes.” Mia nodded. “Once I settle down, I’ll make sure to visit you frequently in the

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future.” Laura sighed. “My plan was to make you stay by my side. I see you as my granddaughter. Too bad Timothy isn’t that lucky. I wonder who’ll be that lucky man.” Mia was bewildered to hear that. “You knew?” “You think your acting can deceive me? I thought both of you would get along well since you were pregnant. But since the pregnancy was fake and you’ve found your family, I figure that there’s no way to make you stay.” In the face of Laura’s

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optimism, Mia couldn't fight back her tears anymore. 2 Laura wiped her tears off. "When are you going to sign the divorce papers?" Mia shook her head. Laura continued, "Not you, I'm asking that brat standing by the door." Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 493  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 493-Hearing that, Mia turned to look at the door. Timothy was there! She froze, not expecting him to be here as well. His eyes were deep and she couldn't read his emotions. Slowly, he walked into the room with his coat draping his shoulder. Since he

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was wearing his suit, it seemed like he had just come from work. Laura spared him a glance. “Why aren’t you answering? I asked you a question.” Mia dropped her gaze as she didn’t have the nerve to look at his expression. A weight hung in the air. Still, wasn’t this what they had come to compromise in the end? “Mia, come outside with me for a moment.” Before she could react, he pulled her out of the room by the wrist. She scurried because she couldn’t keep up with his large strides. “Timothy, what is it?” Timothy stopped and turned. “Have you never thought that the truth would be too much for her to take in?”

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What if she had fainted? She has yet to be discharged!” “But didn’t we agree that I’ll be the one to tell her the truth a few days ago? Why are you making it seem like I made a mistake?” She flung his hand away. “Timothy, do you think that lying to her is the best way to go?” He pursed his lips. “I didn’t know you’d tell her this soon without waiting until she is discharged. You’re worried that we won’t divorce and you can’t leave the city, aren’t you?” Mia was so angry

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that she laughed. “Think however you want. I’ve come clean with her.”  
“How  
did you explain about the baby?” he interrogated.  
She paused. “I told her that it was fake.” He snorted. “Mia Bowen, don’t  
you  
feel guilty lying to her about this?” Words failed her. She couldn’t explain  
about her pregnancy at the moment, so she made Laura believe that the  
pregnancy was fake.  
“Are you dumb?” His mockery resounded above her.  
Her eyes glistened with tears as she was furious. The anger wasn’t only  
directed at Timothy; she was angry at herself too.

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How could she be this weak? She simply couldn't control her tears in front of him.

“Timothy Barrett, how could you speak that way to Mia?” Right then, an enraged Laura chided behind them.

Puzzled, Mia turned to look at Laura standing by the door. Not knowing how

much Laura had overheard from the conversation, Mia panicked.

Laura walked toward Mia's side with a cane, her head raised at Timothy.

“Timothy, do you usually treat Mia this way?” His lips pursed into a thin line.

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“How much did you overhear, Grandma?” “Why the question? Isn’t it enough to hear your final bit of the conversation? Just how many more nasty words did you say to her?” Noticing the flaring anger, Mia pulled Laura’s hand. “Calm down, Grandma. Don’t be angry.” “How can I not be? Mia, I thought you’d have a better life with us, not this. I’m so sorry about what you’ve been through.” Mia quickly responded, “Why don’t we return to the room first? We can talk inside.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 494-Laura was so angry she almost couldn't balance herself.

Laura did as Mia suggested, but her body staggered after taking barely two steps.

Timothy quickly helped her. "Be careful, Grandma." "Stop pretending to be

nice." She slapped his hand away. "I didn't know my grandson was such a jerk." Taken aback, Mia didn't expect Laura to be this enraged. Still, she remained silent and helped Laura into the room.

Once Laura seated herself, Mia turned to pour her a glass of warm water. "Here, Grandma." "It's all my fault, Mia. I shouldn't have made you stay with

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us. It's been three years. Since you don't have feelings for each other, there's no point in sustaining the relationship. It'll be a waste of your youth. You found your family. It won't be bad if you divorce and return to them. Go and start a new life." Mia didn't know how to reply to that. Laura was being so nice to her. Laura even agreed to the divorce! Timothy was equally shocked as well. His eyes unconsciously followed Mia's back as he pursed his lips.

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With Laura's support, nothing would hold Mia back anymore, right? Timothy's mood took a nosedive. He thought that Laura would be the last person to agree to the divorce! Laura took the glass of water, her gaze fixed on him. "Timothy, it's a working day today. Go to the courthouse to proceed with the divorce procedures. I heard that there's a one-month cooling-off period nowadays. The sooner you do it, the sooner she'll be free." Stunned, Mia added meekly, "Grandma, we've actually made an appointment for the divorce. But there was your surgery and

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other things happening, so we didn't go." As soon as she said that, she could

feel the intimidating gaze behind her grow intense.

However, she didn't turn around. Now that she had Laura's support, there was

nothing that concerned her anymore.

Laura pulled her hand. "I'm sorry, child. You put it off because you were worried about my surgery, didn't you?" Mia pursed her lips. "The divorce is

nothing compared to your health, Grandma." "I knew you were a good girl.

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Too bad Timothy doesn't have the luck to be your husband. Alright, now that I know everything, you don't have to keep acting in front of me." "I'm sorry, Grandma." Mia couldn't help but feel guilty. "Don't be. It was my fault. Three years is long and precious to a woman. Proceed with the divorce and return to your family." Mixed emotions reflected in Timothy's eyes. Until today, he had not found out who Mia's biological parents were. Mia said gratefully, "I'll visit you often after settling down there. We can have

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video calls too.” “Got it.” Laura patted her hands before shifting her gaze to

Timothy. “Oh, if you’re going to divorce, how are you going to settle the property?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 495-Mia quickly interjected, “I don’t

want anything, Grandma.” “Mia, oh, Mia. People always get as much money

as they can from it when it comes to divorce. How could you not want anything? What do you take us for?” “Grandma, I married Timothy not because of money anyway. Plus, my family is financially stable. I don’t need

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money. You don't have to worry about it." Timothy added, "Grandma, I gave her property, but she didn't want them." Mia nodded honestly. "Yes, he's right." Laura waved her hand. "I'll make the call for this. I'll make another arrangement for the property settlement. I'll contact the lawyer later to bring over an agreement." Mia knew that Laura was a woman of her word. Laura would surely make Mia sign the property settlement agreement. Still, Mia didn't want money from the Barretts. "It won't be done in time. Actually, Timothy and I have agreed to go to the courthouse later. You don't

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have to do that.” “It’s fine. I’ll tell the lawyer to deliver the agreement to the courthouse. You can settle everything there altogether.” Mia didn’t expect Laura to be this adamant.

At this point, Mia knew that Laura would make her accept the properties no matter what.

She nodded. “Okay. It’s getting late. I should get going now.” “Go ahead. There’s still time before the courthouse closes. I’ll urge the legal team to draft the agreement as soon as possible,” Laura urged, still on the topic of their divorce.

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Mia nodded and left the room. When she was outside, she realized that Timothy didn't follow her. She didn't know if she should go ahead first or not.

Timothy, who was still in the room, looked at Laura. "Grandma, are you not angry?" "I am! I didn't know how you actually treated her in private until today.

I regret not asking you guys to divorce." Those hurtful words hit his soft spot.

"Don't you like Mia? Why did you agree to the divorce?" Laura gave him a

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meaningful look. “What’s the matter? What are you trying to imply?” “I mean, I don’t care who my wife is. Since Mia can make you happy, you can make her stay.” \*Timothy, do you think that you’re a hot catch? How can I be this selfish by letting her waste her time with us? She’s still young and she found her family. I heard that they’re financially stable. Even if she’s a divorced woman, she’ll be able to find a man who loves her and build a family with her. Why must she stay with us?” Her reaction was beyond his expectations.

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Frustration bubbled in him when he heard that Mia would find another man

and build a family after the divorce.

At the same time, Laura was sharp enough to tell something was off.

Her eyes narrowed, “Timothy, is it possible that you don’t want to divorce her?” His eyes wavered. “No. I’m just thinking about your wellbeing.”

“Don’t

put it that way. You’re turning me into a sinner. Since you don’t like Mia, divorce then. Stop torturing each other.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 496-Timothy was frustrated.

“Grandma, why must it be a marriage of love? Marriage is just troublesome to

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me.” “Congratulations then, you’ll become single again today. You’re free from

the trouble,” Laura retorted.

He was rendered speechless. He just stood there, failing to find the words to

continue the topic.

Laura spoke again. “You should get going. The courthouse is going to close

soon.” With pursed lips, he finally exited the room.

Laura watched his back and sighed faintly. At the end of the day, she failed to

make Mia stay.

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Martha sneaked into the room. “Mrs. Barrett Senior, why didn’t you persuade Mrs. Barrett? She respects you. As long as you disagree with the divorce, she’ll never divorce Mr. Barrett.” “Do you think I don’t know that? But I can’t force them. Nothing good will come from forcing a couple to be together.” “But I don’t think he’s entirely indifferent toward her. They just need time.” Laura smiled. “That’s why I didn’t go along as he wished. He needs a trigger. If he

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doesn't appreciate her and doesn't win her back, she'll leave him. Humans are

born this way. We'll never know how precious something is until we lose them." Martha gave it a thought, thinking that it made sense. "What if they really divorce?" "They can remarry then. It's not uncommon nowadays."

Laura

looked on the bright side.

She contacted the lawyer to prepare a property settlement agreement as soon

as possible.

There was a need to add fuel to the fire.

Meanwhile, Mia and Timothy left the hospital together.

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Her eyes were fixated outside the window. Her emotions were surprisingly calm at the moment.

The one hour drive was quiet until the car stopped outside the courthouse. Mia raised her head at the building. She felt like it was just yesterday she had arrived here.

Many things had transpired during the past month.

Timothy, standing beside her, spoke up, “Mia, are you sure about this?”

Her

eyes darted at him. He was good-looking no matter from which angle one looked at him. He caught many ladies' attention from the moment he got out

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of the car.

“Why do you ask?” she calmly questioned back.

As soon as she asked that, her phone rang.

It was Connor. She turned to pick up the call. “Hello?” “Mia, I got off work

earlier today. I can pick you up from college.” She quickly said, “You don’t

have to. I’m not at college.” “You’re not at college? Where are you?” “I’m at

the courthouse with Timothy. We’re going to proceed with the divorce procedures.” Connor’s mood brightened. “Okay. I’ll see you there.” The call

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ended and she looked at Timothy. “Let’s go.” Undecipherable feelings stirred in his heart. “Who was that? Connor?” (1 “Yes, he’s going to pick me up later,” she answered truthfully. When she met his eyes, she noticed that his expression was off. What was it that he wanted to say before she answered the call? Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 497-Mia’s eyes landed on Timothy for a while. Her curiosity got the best of her and she asked, “Just now, you “We’re running out of time.” He turned and headed to the lobby before she

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could finish her sentence.

She watched his back before dropping her gaze. The corner of her lips curved

upward, laced with self- mockery.

Just what was she hoping for?

Hoping for Timothy to make her stay? Or hoping for him to regret the divorce?

She should wake up to reality by now. Laura, who was the only hurdle to the

divorce, knew of their situation now and even agreed to the divorce.

There was no reason for him to stop it from happening.

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After inwardly mocking herself, she managed her expression and followed him

to the lobby.

It took about ten minutes to get a divorce certificate..

There were two certificates in her hand—their marriage certificate and the divorce certificate.

To think that this was the fruit she bore after three years, how ironic..

Well, it was all for the better now that everything had come to an end.

She placed the certificates into her bag as she glanced at Timothy. His pace was so fast that she couldn't even see his expression.

She followed behind him. Then, a man in a suit approached her with a

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document. “Ms. Mia Bowen? I’m the lawyer representing Mrs. Barrett Senior. Here’s the drafted property settlement agreement. Please sign it.” She looked at the document for only a mere second. “I don’t want to.” “Ms. Bowen, if you keep this up, I won’t be able to finish my duty.” In the end, left with no choice, Mia signed her name on the agreement and took it. “I’ll hand it to Timothy. You may return now.” The lawyer looked at the grumpy Timothy. Anyone

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could tell that he was in a bad mood. The lawyer +15 BONUS didn't want to anger the man either and so he nodded. "Okay. Thank you." After watching the lawyer go, Mia chased Timothy with the agreement. "Wait up!" He stopped in front of his luxury car. A pretty lady went up to him first, her hands holding her phone. Hey, can I get your number? I think we'll get along." "I've just divorced." His tone was steely. "I know. Congratulations on becoming single again. How about a meal together for your bachelor party?" the pretty lady responded and cast a

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provoking gaze at Mia.

Mia stopped in her tracks, feeling all awkward.

That's right. That was how charming Timothy was.

Handsome and rich, he had the ultimate charm.

At that moment, he looked at Mia before answering calmly. "But I've given all

my properties to my ex- wife. Debt is the only thing I have left. This luxury car

will be sold to pay off my debts." The lady let out an awkward smile at that.

"Sorry for the interruption." Mia watched the lady leave, finding the situation

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hilarious. Women these days were daring.

She met his eyes and waved the agreement in her hand. “I’ve signed my name, but you don’t have to.” “I can pay that much.” He remained resolute.

“It’s not about the money.” As soon as she finished, someone honked at them.

She turned to see Connor’s car by the road.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 498-Mla placed the agreement on

the car and left without a word.

Since they were divorced, there was no need to waste time on this.

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Connor got out of the car and she waved at him with a bright smile, running toward him. “Connor!” “Finally, the divorce. Everything went smoothly, right?” “Everything went well.” She showed him the divorce certificate. “Look! Will it make the procedures easier for Dominic?” “Yes. Thank god that bastard knows when to give up. Hop on, let’s go home. Oh wait, we should dine outside to celebrate the occasion.” He stroked her hair affectionately. Holding the divorce certificate, Connor looked at Timothy, his eyes unfriendly. Timothy leaned against his car door, wearing a grim expression because he

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witnessed how she ran toward another man so quickly. With a beaming smile

at that!

It was like she ran toward the embrace of freedom.

His emotions grew darker as he felt like he had lost something forever.

The only thing he could do was to watch her get into another man's car and

vanish from his sight.

He loosened his tie and undid a few buttons before calling Caleb. "Got time?

Let's have a drink." The divorce certificate next to him was such an eyesore.

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Mia, Connor, and the others headed to a restaurant for a meal. Patricia was puzzled by the occasion. “Why are we suddenly dining out today?” Connor grinned. “Today’s a good day. Besides, we’re going to leave this place soon. We should dine out more often.” “That’s right. Today’s a day worth celebrating.” Jason was feeling pretty good as well. After all, Mia finally divorced Timothy. Soon after, Dominic and Eva arrived at the restaurant. The whole family was present for a meal together. After that, they returned home.

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Mia showered and went to bed, feeling as if a weight had been lifted off her.

Nothing was weighing her down anymore.

She caressed her belly, whispering, “Babies, I’m going to bring you guys home soon.” A few days later, it was the graduation ceremony.

Mia was quite nervous about it. Riley informed her that she was selected as

the ‘Excellent Graduate, so she needed to go onstage to receive the award.

The graduation ceremony would be held at the hall, which was the only space

available on campus to accommodate the guests.

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The same decorations from the music show were used for the occasion with

little fixes made here and there.

Mia let her eyes take in the venue she decorated herself. A sense of achievement bloomed in her.

She came earlier to inspect the decorations, hoping that everything would go

well for the ceremony.

Mia ensured everything was alright before heading to the waiting room upstairs.

Since many entrepreneurs were invited for the charity auction, private waiting

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rooms were prepared for the important guests.

Coincidentally, she ran into Maya and Shelly. They were surprisingly early.

When Mia's eyes landed on the dress, it somehow appeared familiar to her.

Meeting her enemy, Maya gritted her teeth. "What are you looking at?"

Never

seen the limited edition dress of this brand before?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 499-Mia burst into laughter.

Maya's words didn't bother her in the slightest.

Mia headed to the waiting room to make sure the decorations were in place.

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Maya was displeased that she was being ignored. She looked at Shelly next to her. “Shelly, don’t you think I have a point?” There was something awkward about Shelly’s expression. She let out a wry cough. “Ms. Lane, about Mia, there’s a secret I have to tell you.” “What is it?” Shelly hesitated momentarily.

“Can you unfreeze my credit card? I need money lately.” Maya wasn’t happy to hear that. “Shelly, you’re quite the spendthrift. I think you should learn to

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save money or at least how to earn money. You can't keep asking for money from your family when you're already an adult, can you?" Maya was suppressing her emotions. If it was not for Shelly's status, Maya wouldn't have cared about her, let alone give her a credit card to spend freely. It was all in her plan to be one of the Barretts successfully. However, there was nothing Shelly could do to help. The only thing she was best at was splurging money. Now that Maya's credit card spending limit had been reduced by the Lanes,

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she had to tighten her belt.

Not getting the answer she expected, Shelly huffed, “Ms. Lane, don’t be so stingy. You’re my future sister-in-law.” “And that is exactly why I’m doing this.

It’s for your own good. No one borrows money from someone distantly related, do they?” Maya figured that Shelly needed a piece of advice so that

she could grow up.

Shelly was slightly angry to hear that. “What do you mean by that?”

“Shelly,

I’m saying this because I see you as family. Oh, didn’t you say that you have a

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secret about Mia?

What is it?" Shelly paused. "Oh, I forgot." Why would she let the cat out of the

bag when Maya froze her credit card and said such harsh words?

Maya wanted to ask further, but Blake called her, "Ms. Lane, we've tracked

down Dana, but she ran away from the luxury store. I think she's at college."

Maya hung up the call in a good mood and looked at Shelly. "The ceremony is

starting soon. My brothers will be attending. I have to go. Make yourself at home. Remember to stay out of trouble." She then left as soon as she said

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that, fearing that Shelly would demand a hefty sum of money from her. Judging from Shelly's intelligence, Maya reckoned that the secret privy to Shelly wasn't worth hearing.

She might as well take advantage of Dana instead.

A furious Shelly snorted, thinking, "I was going to tell her that Mia bought the

same dress as well, but I guess there's no need for that. Having the same dress isn't anything to be afraid of. What's worth fearing is who is more of a

fashion disaster in it. Now that Mia has found her rich parents, she could be

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richer than the Lanes in the future.” As an afterthought, Shelly figured that her reasoning made some sense. She turned to look for Mia. “Hey. I have something to tell you. It’s a secret about Maya. “I’m not interested. Please make wa way. “Show me some respect, Mia Bowen.” Shelly blocked off the doorway with an awkward expression. “I’ve finally seen Maya’s true colors. I don’t think she should become my sister–in–law. You’re much better than her. Plus, you’ve found your rich family. That makes you on the same level as us.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 500-Mia frowned. “Just what are you trying to imply?” “If you want to continue being Mrs. Barrett, have it your way. I’ll support you but on one condition.” Mia raised a brow. “What is it?” Shelly’s eyes brightened. “Easy. Tell Timothy to unfreeze my credit cards and you have to give me a credit card with a high credit limit.” Shelly’s stupidity and greed shocked Mia. She answered in disbelief, “Just who gave you the

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nerve to come up to me to make this kind of demand? I'm curious." "It's not that easy to become one of us. I was planning to tell Maya about your pregnancy and your biological parents, but I kept it a secret for you." "Aren't you getting along well with her? Why the sudden hostility?" "That's because she's too stingy. She wants to become Mrs. Barrett without paying the price she should!" Now, Mia finally knew why Shelly turned her back on Maya. Mia gave it a thought. "Give me some time to think about it. I'll give you an

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answer after this.” “Give it a serious thought. If I’m on your side, you’re halfway there in becoming Mrs. Barrett.” Shelly walked away like a happy bunny. 1 Mia wore a mocking expression. She would never agree to that condition.

It seemed like Shelly didn’t know that Mia and Timothy were divorced, but that didn’t matter at all.

After the ceremony, and if Mia passed her exams, she would leave Bern City.

When that event came to pass, no one would believe in whatever Shelly said.

Even if they do, no one could pose a threat to Mia anymore because she

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wouldn't be in Bern City.

Her hands stroked her belly before she examined the remaining waiting rooms.

When Mia was in the final waiting room, Eva contacted her. "Mia, why didn't

you wear the new dress !

bought you to college?" "I have some work to do "I have some work to do.

The

dress will make it inconvenient." 12 "That won't do. I'll come to you with your

new dress. With the stylist too. Today's your big day. You have to doll yourself

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up!” “Okay.” Mia couldn’t turn down the offer. After all Eva would bring the dress over anyway.

Terminating the call Mia looked back to find a familiar face at the end of the corridor.

Bewildered, Mia walked up to the person. “Dana, Is that you?” The woman

hiding in the corner slowly walked out, guilt evident in her expression. “Mia.”

Mia didn’t see Dana and couldn’t keep in touch with her the entire time. Dana’s betrayal pushed her to agony for a few days, but time healed her in

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the end. Mia simply concluded that Dana couldn't resist the monetary offer from Maya.

Dana walked up to Mia and begged, "Mia, I was wrong. I'm so sorry. I hope

you can help me talk to the school management. Ask them not to expel me.

Please." That request put Mia in a tough spot. "I don't have the call for that."

"Mia, are you really going to drive me insane?" Mia pursed her lips.

"Dana, I

didn't force you to do anything. But should you be responsible for the wrong

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deeds you've done?" She left after saying that.  
Dana stood there with a stormy expression. "If you say so. Don't blame me for not showing mercy."

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 501-Mia descended the stairs and

happened to see Maya and Blake entering the elevator to go upstairs.

It seemed like they were aware of Dana's presence.

However, the familiar bag hanging on Maya's arm stunned Mia.

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Wasn't that the limited edition bag she saw while shopping in the mall a few

days ago? It was a gift from Timothy, but she didn't accept it.

To her surprise, it was now in Maya's hands.

Did he give it to Maya?

Mia mocked inwardly. "Oh, right. We're divorced. It's understandable for him

to gift her luxury bags." After all to Sharon, Maya and Timothy were the perfect match.

Still it didn't will away the frustration in Mia.

She withdrew her gaze and recentered herself, reminding herself that she had

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a family that loved her; that she was blessed.

She left the area without a second thought. Whoever Timothy got together with had nothing to do with her anymore.

On the other hand, Maya got in Dana's way upstairs. She taunted Dana, "Having fun playing hide-and- seek? You think I will never find you?"

Dana

looked away cowardly before turning to escape, but Blake blocked her way.

There was no way for her to get out of there.

In the end, she pleaded with Maya, "Ms. Lane, I didn't have a choice. The college wants me expelled, but I can't let that happen. I'm an orphan.

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Someone sponsors my studies. It wasn't easy for me to get into college. If I'm expelled, I'll be done for." Without a degree, a future of becoming a waitress or someone of the same echelon would be awaiting a nobody like Dana. Her future would be ruined! Dana initially thought that replacing Mia and becoming Maya's friend could change her life, but it unexpectedly brought her a great deal of trouble! Maya arched her brow. "That was why I gave you a chance. You're the one who didn't appreciate it." "Ms. Lane, please help me talk to the college

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management. I will listen to you. I'll do everything you say. I swear!"

Maya

frowned. She had actually contacted Kennedy, whose stance was firm about

his decision; he wouldn't revoke Dana's expulsion.

Yet Maya needed Dana to replace Mia.

Maya said with composure, "Dana, you've violated the school rules. It's serious. It's a punishment for the deeds you did including the things you did in

the past. You can't blame me. If it was only because of this matter, I could've

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helped you.” A shimmer of hope flashed in Dana’s eyes. “Help me, Ms. Lane. You’re Ms. Lane. What is there that you can’t do?” “That is true. I’ll give you a piece of advice. If you do as I say and meet my family, it doesn’t matter if you study college or not.” Dana’s face fell at that. “You mean you won’t help me?” Her heart sank deep into the pit of her stomach. Maya’s true colors finally came to surface; she was merely using her! No matter how nice Maya sugarcoated her words, Dana had to make sure that she wouldn’t be expelled from college.

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Otherwise, her future would be ruined.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 502-Maya got a tad impatient.

“How many more times do you need me to make myself clear? As long as you

do as I say, you’ll be swimming in cash in the future. College doesn’t mean

anything to rich people like us.

If Dana replaced Mia as Ms. Lane, would she be lacking money? No. That was why college wouldn’t matter anymore.

Needless to say, Maya hoped that Dana would skip college because Maya would be able to wrap her hands around her more easily.

“But college is very important for someone like me.” Dana insisted.

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Dana's disagreement drew out the sharp edge of Maya's tone. "Fine. Since you don't want to cooperate. I might as well tell Mr. Shaw that you're here."

"No! Ms. Lane, please, I'm begging you." A frantic Dana pleaded as she tugged at Maya. Dana's fingers accidentally scratched Maya's luxury bag, leaving a mark on it.

The scratch on her luxury bag riled Maya up. "Do you know how much this

costs? How dare you scratch it! This is my first time using it!" Maya hurriedly

wiped the surface, but the scratch couldn't be wiped off.

Dana flopped onto the ground. She knelt on her knees while clinging onto

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Maya's leg. "I'm terribly sorry! I didn't do it on purpose!"\*  
"That won't make up for your mistake! Even if you work for the rest of your life, you won't be able to pay for it!" Dana was in hot water. "Aren't you rich, Ms. Lane? It's just a bag. It should be nothing to you." Maya saw red upon hearing that.  
That was true. If it was before, she wouldn't have been this angry. However, her credit card limits were reduced so she had to pull in her horns.  
She bought this bag and an imitation dress specially for today's ceremony.

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It broke Maya's heart to see her bank account after she bought the rare leather bag. Now that Dana left a scratch on it, how could Maya not be angry?

Maya slapped Dana across her face. "Dana McQueen, who are you to mock

me? So what if I'm rich? That is none of your business. Do I have to forgive

your mistakes only because I'm rich? Do we owe poor people anything?"

Dana tolerated the pain, begging, "I didn't mean it that way, Ms. Lane." "If so,

what do you mean then? Since you don't want to cooperate with me,

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compensate me for the bag.” “I–I can’t. You know I don’t have the money.”

“You don’t have money? But you’re all greedy for luxuries! Didn’t you go to the

luxury store after receiving the message? How dare you pretend to be my friend when you’re all penniless!” Maya grabbed Dana’s hair, her eyes teeming with mockery. “Someone like you should live like a rat in the gutter

forever! Stop dreaming about miracles. Miracles don’t exist for the likes of you!” Feeling the tearing pain around her scalp, Dana raised her head at Maya. “What about you? You knew that I was pretending, but you didn’t do

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anything. Mia's the one you're looking for, isn't it?" Maya narrowed her eyes.

"You're not that stupid, after all. Since you know what kind of awful deeds you've done, you should be my loyal dog forever." Dana chuckled. "Why do

you need me to fight Mia? She's the friend you're looking for. Ms. Lane, what

are you afraid of?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 503-Dana's haughty expression

led Maya to slap her again. "Who are you to question me?" Dana lifted her

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head at Maya. “What’s the matter? Did I figure it out? Did something happen when you first got to know Mia? I heard that the daughter of the Lane family went missing and was found in an orphanage. That was when you knew Mia, didn’t you? At the same orphanage.” Maya’s expression shifted in an instant.

“How did you—Dana McQueen, you think people would believe your groundless speculations?” “You w want to ask how I know that, don’t you, Ms.

Lane? Simple, I took your picture to the director of the orphanage. She

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remembers you because you look the same as you were when you were young. Ms.

Lane—oh wait—you’re not Ms. Lane. Mia is the true Ms. Lane!” Something in

Dana’s eyes flickered with a hint of madness. 1 Color drained from Maya’s face. “Nonsense! If you spread any strange rumors, I swear I will kill you.

Dana McQueen! You should know that I have the power to make that happen.” Dana giggled. “It’s just a guess, but your reaction is giving more credit to my guess. It’s common in movies. To think that I’m witnessing it in

real life? Wow. Maya, you stole Mia’s identity. Am I right?” “Shut up! Can’t you

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hear me!” Maya gave her bodyguards a look. “Teach this bitch a lesson. Let her know the consequences of not knowing her place.” With a swollen face and a smile, Dana kept staring at Maya. “I know your biggest secret, Maya. You’ll never get away from me now.” “You crazy woman!” Maya was so furious that her body trembled. Once she calmed her nerves, she kicked Dana. “But let me tell you this—you’re messing with the wrong person. Do you know that talking too much might get you killed? No one will

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stand up for an orphan like you when something happens to you, especially when you're going to be expelled. If you die, they'll simply assume that it's a suicide." Horror swallowed Dana. "N-No! You can't do that!" Maya motioned at her bodyguards. "This is my waiting room. Lock her up and inform the management. Do not let anyone enter before everything's done." She then left the floor. She simply wished she could dismember Dana at this moment. Who would've known that Dana would see right through her? Maya was being careless.

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Blake approached Maya. “The ceremony is commencing. Ms. Lane. Do you want us to fake Dana’s death with a suicide?” “Don’t touch her yet. She’s still useful. I just want to scare her, let her know what fear feels like. Maya took a deep breath before asking, “Are Dominic and the others here?” “They arrived a second ago.” Smiling faintly, she held her luxury bag and walked outside, her strides voluming confidence.

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Outside, the hall was swarmed with students. None of the guests arrived yet.

According to Blake, Dominic and the others were already there. But why couldn't Maya see them?

Right then, Shelly came up to her. "Ms. Lane, your brothers are here. What are you doing here, though?" "Where are they?" "At the back of the building.

The makeup room is in the private lounge. I thought you were putting on makeup there. Turns out you're not."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 504-Maya's expression shifted awkwardly. "I had something to deal with a while ago, so I missed Dominic's

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message.” Shelly interlocked their arms briskly. “Let’s go together, Ms. Lane.

You didn’t know how cool it was when your six brothers got out of the car together. I can guarantee that all the ladies there swooned at the sight of them.” Shelly was equally head over heels for them. All of them were so good-looking that she didn’t know who to date.

Smiling proudly, Maya glanced at Shelly and withdrew her arm. “Shelly, I’d like

to speak to my family in private. I’ll introduce you to them later.” The smile on

Shelly’s face vanished. “What do you mean, Ms. Lane? You promised me that

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you were going to introduce me to your brothers here so that I could get married to one of them.” “I did say that, but Timothy is giving me the cold shoulder. I’m kinda exhausted. I have something to talk to my brothers about

this time. It’s untimely for you to be there with us.” “Fine.” Shelly gave in unwillingly. The anger was still flaring in her.

If Maya had introduced her to the Lane brothers, she would’ve told Maya about Mia’s secret.

And yet, Maya rejected her!

There was no need to tell Maya that much anymore. Besides, Mia’s new brother could be handsome too.

A happy Maya spun and left the area. She was trying to teach Shelly a

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lesson—if Shelly didn't put in good words for Maya, Maya wouldn't be Shelly's matchmaker.

If Shelly joined Maya's conversation with her brothers, she would find out that

Maya would be kicked out of the family soon.

Then, she wouldn't be able to keep her head held high in Bern City anymore.

Meanwhile, Mia got changed into the dress Eva bought her in the makeup room. She checked herself in the mirror, recalling the dress Maya was wearing.

The dresses were almost the same!

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Was she seeing things?

Hesitating, she turned to the stylist. Is it possible for someone else to have the

same dress as I do?” “No. This is from a limited edition collection. There’s only

one in Bern City. If that happens, the other one is definitely an imitation or a

fake.” The popularity of the dress surprised Mia.

Mia recalled the dress on Maya. Would Maya ever wear an imitation?

Perhaps

it was just a dress with similar designs.

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In the end, Mia merely brushed it off as she didn't take in the details of Maya's dress.

When she left the fitting room, Dominic and Eva were nowhere to be seen. Where did they go?

Mia lifted her dress while heading toward the waiting room outside, where a

lot of ladies were dolling up.

Even the invited female celebrity was over there.

Mia's appearance drew the attention of a few.

One of them couldn't help marveling at her dress. "Wow! This must be the

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latest limited–edition dress! I heard that there’s only one piece in Bern City!”

“Yeah. I heard that the famous actress wanted it, but she couldn’t buy it.

It’s

gorgeous!” Mia smiled in return, not expecting the dress she wore to be such

a huge deal. Eva appeared calm when they first bought the dress.

Eva’s words rang in Mia’s ears, reminding her that their family was loaded with cash.

The confidence made her straighten her back. “Thank you.” “What is there to

admire? It’s just an Imitation.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 505-Alia saw Maya walking into the makeup room with another woman. Mia recognized the woman. She was the one from the Music School who was close to Mayal Mia's gaze landed on Maya only to realize that Maya's dress wasn't just similar to hers— they were wearing the exact same dress! Didn't they say there was only one piece of the design In Bern City? Mia bought it from the store itself. Could it be that Maya was wearing an imitation?

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At the same time, Maya noticed Mia's dress as well. The cutting fit her curves and the fabric was made of fine material. To think that Mia had purchased the only dress available, Maya could turn into a green-eyed monster at any moment now. However, she doubted it because Mia shouldn't be able to afford it. The moment Maya showed up, all eyes were alternating between their dresses. Someone muttered. "Who's wearing Imitation?" Maya struck first by accusing.

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“Of course it’s Mia! How could I wear imitations?” Still her eyes betrayed her guilt. She didn’t expect someone else to wear this limited–edition dress to such a trivial ceremony on campus! To make it worse, the person wearing that dress was none other than Mia! The woman next to Maya added, “I know, right? Ms. Lane comes from a well–off family. Her status and position speak volumes. How could she wear imitations? Even her limited edition bag is made of rare leather. It comes in a set with the dress.” The minion’s remarks brightened Maya’s mood. She

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looked at Mia intentionally. “That’s right. It comes in a set. We normally buy the set together. Did you buy the imitation simply thinking that it looks pretty?”

It’s alright. You can tell us. No one will make fun of you.” Mia’s mood plummeted. That was the very dress Eva bought for her. How could it be an imitation?

No one was allowed to make fun of Eva’s present like that! Not under Mia’s consent!

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Mia sneered. “I’m wearing an Imitation, you say? You’re the one wearing an imitation, Maya Lane. Even a fool can tell the difference between our dresses.” She came up to Maya, drawing in the distance to amplify the difference.

Vocal arguments paled in comparison to what was seen through the eyes.. Maya became all stiff, her hands clutching the fabric. She didn’t have the guts to leave the place at all.

Her sudden departure would only confirm the conjecture that she was wearing an Imitation.

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She couldn't afford to humiliate herself here! Someone noticed the difference and gushed, "Indeed, Mia's dress looks prettier." "You're right. The fabric is made of better material. The cutting is better too." Maya rebutted, "What is there to look at? It's just an imitation. This dress is meant to be designed this way." Mia let out a meaningful smile. "I have my receipt with me, Maya. To prove that my dress is the real one. If yours is real, you should be able to show us the receipt, shouldn't you?"

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Maya's features contorted in frustration. Where on earth could she get a receipt out of nowhere?

At that moment, her minion barked haughtily, "Of course she can. Don't you

dare fool us by forging a receipt later." Maya was in a tight spot now.

There

was nothing else she could do other than bite the bullet. "That's right. But you

can't buy it simply because you have the money. You have to be a member. I

wonder how an orphan like you can afford it, Mia. Do you have the membership card?" Maya a was stalling for time. As long as Mia couldn't

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show her membership card, the dress on her could be an imitation!

“Mia can buy it because she’s Mrs. Barrett.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 506-Gina walked over, and her gaze on Maya was contemptuous. “When Mia was reported anonymously, Timothy personally went to Mr. Shaw’s office to prove they were husband and

wife. Now, people in school are talking about Mia’s relationship with Timothy.”

Furious, Maya gritted her teeth. She did hear that in passing. Fortunately for

her, the news hadn’t revealed to the public yet—only words circulating within

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the campus.

The woman beside Maya rebutted. “Rich folks are always acting. I bet Mia’s going to be driven out of the house. Timothy’s going to divorce her. There’s nothing to be proud of.” Gina lost it. “You’re being rude and that’s completely rubbish.” “Did I get it wrong? If the Barretts truly cared for Mia, why would they keep their relationship under the radar? Besides, she worked as a part-timer

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when she returned to school Have you seen someone who's married to a rich family still working as a part-timer?" Gina was frustrated as she couldn't refute that statement. "That's because Mia doesn't want their money Maya smiled. "If so, why did she buy the dress with their money?" Mia countered, "Oh, are you admitting that my dress is the authentic one?" Maya's stiffened smile showed a slight twitch. It was a trap and she fell for it! Maya's minion retorted, "What Ms. Lane means is, since Mia has such a

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strong ego, why did she spend money on an imitation? That's different from Mia's claim. I pity you. Gina. You're currying favor with Wia so much and yet you won't be able to come close with the rich people." Mia's visage turned cold as soon as her friend was insulted, and she grabbed a glass of water to splash it at Maya's minion. "Need a glass of water to clean your breath? You smell awful Maya shrieked because she was standing next to her minion. The water splashed her as well "How dare you, Mia Bowen!" Mia smiled faintly.

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“Oops, my bad. I was just trying to wash down the breath in her mouth.”

“You’re doing this on purpose. You’re jealous of my dress, aren’t you?

Because it’s the real one.” Waya was livid.

At that moment, the female celebrity came out of the small compartment.

Maya’s dress caught her attention. “Why is the color fading?” Maya

looked

down at herself. The water smeared the color! Her expression was

screaming

dread.

The celebrity continued dubiously. “This shouldn’t be happening. The

fabric

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used for the dress shouldn't lose its color. It's also waterproof." Hearing that,

Mia sprinkled a few drops of water on her dress. They traced along the dress

before falling onto the floor. The fabric didn't absorb the moisture, let alone

lose its color!

The tension morphed into an air of awkwardness.

The celebrity coughed. "Looks like we know who has the real dress and the

imitation." Maya's face was burning in embarrassment. Gritting her teeth, she

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glared at Mia.

Her expression looked like it was straight out of a horror movie. Never once in

her life had she faced such humiliation before!

Feeling that the people around her were making fun of her, she shouted like a

mad woman, “What are you looking at! Get the hell out of here!” The people

left the area to avoid messing with someone they shouldn’t be.

Now, there were only Maya, Mia, and Gina.

Maya almost removed her nails in fury. “Mia Bowen, where did you get the

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money to buy that dress? How did you steal it?” “Easy. My family bought it for

me.” Mia answered nonchalantly.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 507-Mia looked at Maya calmly.

“It’s precisely because my family bought it for me that I can never allow you to

accuse me of using an imitation.” Maya guffawed. “Your family? Can they afford it?” She wasn’t buying it. According to her investigation, Mia’s adoptive

family was too poor to afford. branded items.

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Mia replied, “Whatever. But I’m surprised that you, Maya Lane, are wearing an imitation. Is that bag fake too?” The word fake triggered Maya so much that she raised her squeaky voice. “How dare you! This bag is real!” Gina chimed in, “But your dress isn’t.” Maya failed to manage her expression. “Stop pretending, Mia Bowen. I know how you got that dress. If it isn’t Timothy, you must’ve asked for it from another man. Let me guess. Is it Connor?” Maya was aware that Mia was close to Connor.

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Mia was stunned but remained composed. “It’s not him, but you’re close.”

It

wasn’t Connor but Eva who had bought the dress for her. Maya was close

to

the right answer.

“I knew it! How could you be so shameless to ask something from him?”

Who

do you think you are? Didn’t you say that it was your family? I’m not

buying

your lies, you gold-digger!” Mia arched a brow. “What are you talking

about,

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Maya? You're getting the wrong idea of our relationship." "Did I say anything wrong? You approach the Lanes so that you can be a real-life Cinderella, don't you?"

Let me break it to you—that's impossible! You'll never marry into their family!"

The situation was funny to Mia. "I can't really follow you. Why can't I do that?"

Maya laughed, and madness flared in her eyes. "Take a guess!" Maya thought

to herself, "Because you're the true Ms. Lane. You and Connor are brother

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and sister. How could you get married and be a family? I will keep this secret from you forever!” Maya’s smile creeped Mia out. A nostalgic scene played in her head.

Maya seemed familiar to Mia for some reason, but according to her memories, she didn’t know Maya when she was young.

Right then, Sharon came up to them, “About what?” Maya smiled sweetly before saying triumphantly. “Mrs. Barrett, Mia’s wearing an expensive dress

today. Considering her background, she shouldn’t be able to afford it, so I

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guess some rich guy bought it for her.” When Sharon noticed the dress on Mia, her expression turned awkward. It was that exact same dress Mia wore on the day Sharon ran into her and was driven out of the store! Sharon’s silence raised Maya’s questions as she asked, “Mrs. Barrett, are you alright?” “Y–Yeah, I heard that there’s a celebrity backstage. My friend loves her, so I came over to ask for a signature.” Maya informed, “She went outside.” “Is that so? Let’s go then. The ceremony is starting soon.” Sharon didn’t want to stay here for another second longer.

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The sheer sight of Mia would remind her of the incident when she was driven

out of the store. It was utterly embarrassing.

“Aren’t you angry, Mrs. Barrett?” Maya wasn’t going to let this slide that easily.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 508-“About what?” “Mia’s dress-”

An impatient Sharon interrupted, “Dress, dress, dress! Ms. Lane, is this how

you always compare yourself to others?” That response was surely not something Maya had expected.

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Mia smiled. “Maya, do you know why your trick isn’t working? Because Mrs.

Barrett was there when I bought the dress.” “What?” Maya’s face fell at the reality check.

In other words, the dress Mia was wearing was real!

Mia glanced at the displeased Sharon. “Am I right, Mrs. Barrett?”

Sharon’s

face went red. “Yes, are you happy now, Mia Bowen?” “Not bad.” Mia gave a

nonchalant nod.

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“You’re able to wear the dress thanks to your family. Do you have to show it off that much? You’re acting like you’re the one loaded with cash.” Mia wasn’t angered at all. “It’s a gift from my family. It’s normal to show it off.”

Words failed Sharon as her anger reached its limit. She regretted coming. Only then did she notice Maya’s dress. “Why are you wearing the same one? It looks weird, though. The real one doesn’t look like this.” At that moment,

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Maya simply wished she could find a place to hide herself. If she had known the Barretts were coming today, she wouldn't have worn an imitation! This was embarrassing!

Mia seized the chance to add damage. "Oh, because she's wearing an imitation." That completely sabotaged Maya. Showing her bad side to the Barretts was the last thing she asked for.

yet Mia kept getting in her way!

Mia was antagonizing Maya in the same way Maya had tried to steal her place.

+15 BONUS Losing her sanity. Maya pounced over Mia aggressively. Everything in her screamed at her to kill Mia.

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Mia had just humiliated her right in front of Sharon!

At that moment, someone showed up like a shadow and protected Mia behind him.

Mia raised her head at the man, whose chin was covered with stubble.

It was Timothy!

Her eyes widened.

He looked down at her. “Are you alright?” Mia shook her head. From the corner of her eyes, she saw Maya falling onto the floor.

The fall cost her a hole in her dress, making her look more disheveled.

Maya broke at the sight of the hole.

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Mia shot her a cold look. “Did I force you to wear an imitation? Since you dare to wear it, you should also have the guts to admit it.” “I know, right? Who was the one who kept accusing Mia of wearing an imitation? Turns out she’s actually the one wearing the imitation.” Gina added fuel to the fire. Maya screamed, “Shut up, bitch! Who are you to talk to me!” Sharon frowned at Maya’s hysteria. “You’re wearing an imitation, Ms Lane? Is your family having difficulties financially?” “Mrs. Barrett, I’m wearing this because it’s a set. The bag is real, but I don’t know how Mia got that dress.

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Her family bought it? How funny! Her family is poor!” Maya tried to salvage her pride.

Sharon cocked a brow. “Her family? I don’t think she’s referring to her adoptive parents, but her biological parents.” As though struck by lightning,

Maya looked at Sharon in disbelief. “Biological parents? What do you mean?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 509-Suddenly. Maya had a bad feeling about this.

Puzzled. Sharon said, “You didn’t know? Mia found her biological family. She

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bought the dress with her family at the mall. Her family even owns a VIP membership card at Vior. They could choose whatever they want from the limited edition collection.” She then turned to Mia to voice her doubt, “Why didn’t you buy the bag together? They’re a set.” Mia paused as Timothy’s gaze was on her. She answered calmly, “I didn’t like it.” His brows furrowed.

Did she not like the bag or the fact that it was a gift from him?

Maya screamed. “No! Impossible! How could you have found your family?

This has to be a false alarm!” If the Lanes had found Mia, they would’ve announced it to everyone.

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It didn't seem like the Lanes had found Mia yet. Otherwise, why would Dominic and the others come when Maya made Dana lie that she was the true Ms. Lane? Mia couldn't follow Maya, so she asked, "Maya, why are you so sure about that?" "I'm sure of it! I'm sure of it!" Maya got up to her feet, her expression turning weird as she fixed a gaze on Mia. "Who bought you the dress at the mall? Who was it?" As long as she knew who it was, she would know the

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truth!

“Why must I tell you that? Why must I answer your question?” Maya’s unhinged reaction put Mia off. Mia didn’t want to reveal it in case Maya caused Eva trouble.

Maya grabbed Mia by the arms, yelling, your family?” You have to tell me!

Who accompanied you to the mall? Who is It hurt Mia.

Mia frowned, thinking, “Is she nuts? Why can’t she accept that I’ve found my

real family?” “Let go of her!” A stern voice Intervened at that moment.

Six handsome men in suits walked into the room.

OR Eva book the center spot fully dressed in a branded dress with a luxury

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bay. She truly looked tea wealthy lady. The appearance made AMia smile. They've antved just in time. She was looking for them. Maya released Mia and then scurried toward them, grabbing Dominic's hand. 'Dominic, someone's bullying mel Mia's eyes widened at the intimate interaction. She looked at her brothers in disbelief, She couldn't understand the situation at all. Why was Maya calling Dominic by his first name? Coldly, he withdrew his hand. "I think it's the other way round, though." Maya was stunned. "Why would I bully

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others?” “I clearly saw you grabbing Mia by the arm. What were you trying to do?” Eva didn’t give Maya the room to excuse herself. Maya explained hurriedly, “I wasn’t trying to do anything, Eval” An equally confused Sharon asked, “Is she your sister-in-law?” Eva wore an ambiguous smile. “That’s right. My husband Is Dominic. I don’t show up in public that often. It’s normal for you to not know me.” Sharon’s expression changed drastically. “What is going on here? Maya, aren’t they your family? Why are they Mia’s family? Are

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there two Ms. Lanes?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 510-That was the only way to explain the situation.

Maya’s heart sank to her stomach. She turned back, glancing at Mia before returning her focus to Sharon. What do you mean they’re Mia’s family?\*

“Didn’t you keep asking who bought Mia the dress? It was your sister-in-law!”

Sharon’s words were like cold water pouring over Maya’s head.

Maya’s legs were shaking. “No way. How could this be?” Since when did the

Lanes find Mia? Why didn’t Maya know anything?

She didn’t even know that Eva took Mia shopping!

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Eva walked toward Mia with a smile. “Mrs. Barrett, there’s no two Ms. Lanes.

There’s only one this e entire time.” “Wasn’t it Maya?” Sharon couldn’t get it.

“She’s adopted. She’s not the true Ms. Lane. Everyone in Nord City knows that, but I don’t think the people in Bern City do.” There was too much information for Sharon to take in at the moment. “So, It’s Mia?” She covered

her mouth as soon as she said that. Her eyes on Mia betrayed guilt.

Maya was the adopted child while Mia was the true Ms. Lane!

What in the world!

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Mia noticed Sharon's gaze, but she herself couldn't register the situation just yet.

What was going on here?

Why were her brothers Maya's family?

Her brothers were from the rich Lane family from Nord City and she was the

true Ms. Lane?

The bombshell blew her mind. She looked at Dominic. "What's going on?" He

coughed out of guilt. "Mia, sorry. We lied to you." She couldn't comprehend it.

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“Why? Because of Maya?” IS BONUS Connor shook his head. “No. Why would it be because of Maya? It was because we were repulsive to you. You didn’t like rich people that much, so we were worried about causing a misunderstanding. We decided not to reveal our true identities so that you’ll open up to us first.” Claude added on. “Mia, we’ve always felt guilty for finding you only recently. We were afraid that you would get mad at us for the long search considering how wealthy we are. That was why we didn’t dare to

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reveal ourselves. Sorry for making you suffer.” Jason nodded. “That’s right.

We were afraid that you wouldn’t want us.” “Why would I do that?” Mia found it hilarious.

They were her brothers and her family.

But she didn’t expect them to be this rich. They were that famous Lane family from Nord City!

Her mind was blown away as she realized that she was actually the true Ms.

Lane.

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Liam, who felt equally guilty, explained, “Don’t be angry, Mia. We actually weren’t planning to keep you in the dark this long.” While Mia was speechless, Maya sprang to her feet upon hearing that. “What do you mean by that? So you came to Bern City to look for Mia in the first place, didn’t you? Were you planning to drive me away with money later on so that she could reclaim her place?” Maya finally realized that the Lanes had found Mia a long time ago. Maya was the only person out of the loop!

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Liam responded indifferently. “Yes. Do you have an opinion about it, fake princess?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 511-Mia looked at Maya upon Liam’s words, puzzled.

Mava was the take princess?

The term exasperated Maya so much that she screamed, “So what if I do? I am part of the family and I have the right to voice out my opinion. How could

you keep me in the dark? I’m not a fake princess!” Maya couldn’t accept reality. If only she had found Mia sooner, she would’ve been able to deal with

Mia instead of becoming the passive party.

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Dominic said coldly. “You’re not one of us. You’re aware of this from the day you left the orphanage. You grew greedy, coveting things that aren’t rightfully yours.” “Things that aren’t rightfully mine? I am Ms. Lane too! What part do I lack compared to Mia? I’ve contributed so much to the family for so many years. But you want to drive me away as soon as Mia returns? Not a chance!” Maya was losing it, feeling that the whole world was treating her unfairly. Dominic frowned. “What do you want?” She sneered and turned back,

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pointing at Timothy. “I want to marry into the Barrett family and become Mrs. Barrett.” Timothy’s brows furrowed. “I’d rather be single forever than marry you.” Sharon chimed in. “Maya, look, Timothy doesn’t like you. A forced relationship is bound to be miserable.” Maya glared at Sharon. “How ironic. Before this, haven’t you always been hoping for me to marry Timothy? Now that you discover that I’m an adopted child, you’re repulsive to the idea, huh? I guess rich people are materialistic too.” That pricked Sharon’s guilty

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conscience, but Maya did cross the line with her words. Sharon snorted, “That’s unbecoming of you to say that, Ms Lane. I thought you were raised to be proper. I never knew that you’d be this disrespectful.” “I know, right? Aunt Sharon, I think something’s off about Maya too. She’s an adoptive child, but she claims herself to be Ms. Lane in Bern City. She lied to all of us.” Shelly came to the scene as she found it odd that no one showed up. Who would’ve known she’d overhear such a mind–blowing secret? Maya was

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adopted by the Lanes while Mia was the true Ms. Lane!

This was a melodrama playing in real life!

As both ladies from the Barrett family mocked her, Maya couldn't help but barked back, "You don't have the right to say that to me. Shelly Barrett!

Who

do you think you are? You're broke and you used me for my credit card."

Shelly gulped. "You were trying to curry favor with me because you want to

marry into our family. Now, we know that you're just an adoptive child and a

poor woman who's going to be driven out to the streets.

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We're different." That was Shelly's revenge for Maya who acted all haughty, and for freezing Shelly's credit card. Shelly couldn't accept that coming from a mere adoptive child.

Sharon nodded. "Shelly, you're right. We've always emphasized the compatibility of our family background. Since Maya is an adopted child, she's

not fit to be one of us. Mia is the better candidate." Mia's eyes darted at Sharon, and the corner of her lips twitched.

Never once had Sharon treated her so nicely. This was the first.

Before this. Sharon kept giving her the cold treatment and picking on her.

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To have power was indeed an advantage.  
Sharon expressed guilt. “I didn’t know all of this, Mia. Maya kept driving a wedge between us. That was why I had been treating you badly. But we know the truth now. We’re still a family.”  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 512-It was great news that Mia turned out to be the true Ms. Lane.  
Shelly added, “Yeah, we’re a family, Mia,” For the first time in forever, Mia felt the difference in treatment she received solely because of the change in her family background.

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In fact. Sharon and Shelly's supercilious attitudes at the mall were still vivid in her head.

Mia hung her head low and smiled meaningfully. "Sorry, but we're no longer a family. Timothy and I have divorced." She wasn't as shameless as they were.

Timothy's gaze became piercing right after she said that.

Still she straightened her back, fearless. Her family had her back and she had

nothing to be afraid of.

Sharon became anxious. "Tim, when did that happen? Haven't you been

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putting the procedure off?” “A few days ago. Timothy pursed his lips. Sharon exclaimed, “What a fool! Why did you bring it forward?” Sharon couldn’t regret it more. “Why didn’t you delay it?” Dominic spoke up in a steely tone, “Delaying it a few days wouldn’t have made any difference.” Connor chimed in, “I agree. Mia is our sister. She had gone missing for so many years. We will never let her suffer ever again. This marriage was bound to meet its demise anyways.” Sharon bit her lip out of guilt. “You’re misunderstanding the situation. Mia actually had a nice time with us for the past three years. At least her life was better. My mother is protective of her

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too. No one had the nerve to bully her.” Liam chuckled. “She had a nice time when she was a housewife and didn’t fight back whenever she was bullied?”

That counter shut Sharon up immediately. She didn’t know that Mia was the true Ms. Lane this entire time while Maya was the fake princess who had been lying to her!

“Mia, we actually wanted to tell you the truth today, but it turned out to be this

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way in the end. You must've had it tough because of Maya, haven't you?"

Eva

said sympathetically.

Mia glanced at Eva Her head was a mess right now.

She pursed her lips. "It's all in the past. Let's just put an end to it." Sharon hurriedly said, "Yeah, it's all in the past. Mia, I know that I didn't treat you well,

but don't worry, I will make up for it in ten folds." Contempt settled beneath

Mia's eyes. "Miss Barrell, I want to put an end to the past, but that doesn't mean that I want to continue staying with the Barrett family." Claude clapped

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his hands as he saw eye to eye to that. “Mia is our sister. She’s someone with status, looks, and talent. Men will be lining up for her.” Eva, standing beside Mia, said, “I couldn’t agree more. I’ve actually picked a few young men with potential in Nord City. All I need is a nod from Mia before getting all the procedures arranged.” Mia found it hilarious. She actually didn’t think much about getting into a new relationship. Timothy, who was snowed under by the weight of his mixed feelings, alternated his gaze between Mia and the Lane family.

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Frustration was bubbling up in him.  
He was genuinely happy that she found her real family, but at the same time,  
he felt that she was getting farther from his reach.  
Something crossed his mind at that very second—Mia’s pregnancy.  
Before this, he was suspicious about Mia’s relationship with Connor and suspected that the baby belonged to Connor.  
However, they turned out to be siblings!  
Did that mean the baby belonged to Timothy?  
Timothy gulped at that possibility. Taking a step forward, he looked at Mia. “I  
have something to ask you.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 513-Mia raised her head to meet Timothy's eyes and she realized something. All this time, he had been misunderstanding her relationship with Connor and assumed the baby belonged to Connor. In order to divorce Timothy, Mia didn't deny the notion back then. However, he found out that Connor was her brother now. He knew that those were lies! Questions were filling his head—who was the baby's father?

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A jumble of thoughts filled her head. She didn't want to reveal her pregnancy right now because Timothy was the father. A few days ago, she made Laura believe that the pregnancy was fake so that she could divorce him. Imagine how upset Laura would be after finding out that it was a lie. Mia began racking her brain for an excuse to cover things up. "Go to hell, Mia Bowen!" Maya appeared out of nowhere, charging toward Mia with a sharp knife.

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Due to the proximity, Maya was already right in front of Mia by the time she

screamed.

The knife in hand was flung so swiftly!

Mia protected her belly subconsciously as she couldn't dodge it in time.

Was she going to die?

At that moment, someone shielded her.

Her mind went black.

She reached for his arm, as warm crimson stained her trembling hands.

“Timothy!” Maya retreated with widened eyes, looking at Timothy. “I’m innocent! You came right at it yourself!” Dominic shouted, “What are you

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doing? Grab her before she goes berserk again!” “Stay away from me! I am  
Maya Lane! Don’t you dare lay a finger on me!” She went insane with the  
knife  
in hand and the bodyguards couldn’t get near her.  
Mia wasn’t in the state of mind to bother Maya. She was more concerned  
about Timothy. “Are you alright? Where’s the wound?” A distressed  
Sharon  
ran over. “Tim, are you okay? Gosh, please say that you’re okay.” “I’m  
okay.  
Just a cut on the arm.” He grabbed his arm, blood gushing out of his  
wound

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before dripping onto the floor.

Sharon panicked, “Why are you bleeding so much. Tim? Oh my lord, it must

hurt so much. Let’s get you to the hospital quick!” Mia glimpsed at his arm.

“Mrs. Barrett is right. Get to the hospital first.” “Jeez, why bother her?” As soon

as Sharon said that, she felt seven pairs of eyes on her.

Her expression went stiff. “I mean, Tim has protected Mia. She should be unscathed.” Then, the seven of them moved their gaze away from her.

Sharon heaved a sigh of relief. She didn’t say anything wrong, though.

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protective family.

At that time, Connor separated Mia and Timothy to check on him.

The long cut made him frown.

No matter how reluctant Connor was to feel indebted to Timothy, he couldn't

deny that Timothy had saved Mia.

Connor bandaged the wound with a napkin. "To the hospital this instant.

Get

the wound disinfected and stitch it."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 514-"It's alright. The college hospital will do. I have to attend the ceremony, Timothy stressed.

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Most importantly, Mia would be going onstage today. He didn't want to miss it.

Something in him was telling him that it wouldn't be easy for him to meet Mia

in the future if he left the place right now.

The revelation that she was the true Ms. Lane actually surprised him.

She was getting farther and farther from his reach.

Mia noticed the heavy feelings from his gaze, but she brushed it off by convincing herself that she must be seeing things.

Why would Timothy feel that way for her? She could never imagine it.

She dropped her gaze to the floor. "I think it's better to go to the hospital."

"Tim, she's right. Look, she's concerned about you. You should go to the

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hospital. What am I going to do if something happens to you?” Dominic looked at Timothy, “They’re right. You should go to the hospital, Mr. Barrett. Thank you for saving Mia.” Sensing something was off, Claude quickly said, “We’re indeed grateful to you for saving Mia, but let’s call it even considering how you’ve treated Mia. We’ll let bygones be bygones.” Jason got the hint right away. “Yup. We actually wanted to take Mia with us and deal with the matter

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with your family. After all, you made her suffer for a whole three years! We can never let that slide easily.” The six men’s unfriendly gaze on Timothy worried Sharon so much that she stayed silent. In fact, she was one of the bullies that picked on Mia. If the Lanes wanted to settle the score, things would be complicated. The atmosphere turned grim. Maya, who was pressed onto the floor, laughed. “What about me? I’ve sacrificed so much for the Lane family and yet this is what I receive in return?”

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She shot a menacing look at Mia. “On the other hand, you didn’t do anything at all. What rights do you have to hog all their love? Why?” Mia found that statement odd.

# 15 BONUS Dominic responded, “Mia, I regret bringing Maya back from the orphanage so much. Grandma’s condition deteriorated when we lost you. Her mental health was unstable. That was why I brought Maya back, to comfort

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Grandma. I didn't know it'll bring you harm." "Mia, do you remember what happened in the orphanage? Maya and you came from the same orphanage.

You should know each other," asked Eva, who stood next to Mia.

Mia's eyes widened at Maya. Unfortunately, she couldn't remember a thing about the orphanage.

Did they know each other when they were young?

Maya giggled. "You can't remember? We were best friends. Are you going to

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abandon me now that you're the true Ms. Lane?" Mia took a few steps back, frowning. "I can't remember. If we were friends, why did they only adopt you but not both of us?" Maya's eyes betrayed guilt. "Because you were adopted before they came." Dominic was furious. "If that was the case, why didn't you tell us? At the end of the day, it took us longer to look for Mia!" Maya retorted, "How would I know that she was the person you were looking for?" Eva

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slapped Maya. “Lies! You lied to us for years! You were trying to replace her.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 515-At this point, Mia sort of understood what happened at the orphanage back then. Maya probably knew

Dominic was looking for Mia, but she chose to deceive him and replaced Mia

as the daughter of the Lanes.

Dominic regretted it badly. He glared at Maya. “The Lanes will hold you responsible for this. You’ll end up in prison.” Infuriated, Sharon chimed in. “I’ll

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also hold you responsible for my son's injury!" Little did she expect Maya to attack someone with a knife, almost hurting Timothy in the process. She was convinced that Maya was a lunatic, and she even felt quite relieved that it was Mia who married Timothy instead of Maya. As Maya began to scream frantically, a few shrill cackles escaped her lips occasionally. She seemed to have lost her sanity. Dominic frowned. "Keep an eye on her." "Enough, let's leave. The event's about to start, so let's go." Mia glanced up at Timothy. "It's better for you to go

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to the hospital.” After saying that, she left with the Lanes promptly. Chancing a glance at Timothy, Dominic said, “We’ll bring Mia back to Nord City, and I hope you’ll refrain from showing up before her, Mr. Barrett.” Timothy remained silent, yet his darkened gaze was fixated on Mia. He couldn’t care less about what the Lane family said. She was pregnant with his child, after all. If the child wasn’t his, he couldn’t fathom why Mia tried to keep it a secret from him, to the point that she was willing to let him misunderstand her relationship

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with Connor. It was a fact that the child belonged to him, and even Mia's identity change couldn't alter that.

Timothy felt slightly relieved that he had a child. Otherwise, he had no reason to make her stay.

Meanwhile, Mia left the dressing room with her brothers. Mixed emotions swirled in her chest. She thought she had finally reconnected with her family,

but she didn't expect their prestigious background.

Nor did she foresee her future as the daughter of a rich family. She has swapped positions with Maya entirely, and Maya was now an orphan. Silence hung in the air when they stepped into the elevator.

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“Mia, are you mad?” Dominic asked.

Liam chimed in swiftly. “Mia, it was Dominic’s idea to get us to keep our identities a secret. We didn’t agree to it. Blame him.” Without a trace of hesitation, Claude said, “Exactly. We never wanted to lie to you. Dominic forced us to do so.” Dominic was bewildered. How could they betray him in

the blink of an eye? Weren’t they supposed to back each other up?

Feeling perplexed, Mia glanced over at them. The other five Lane brothers separated themselves from Dominic, leaving him deserted in a corner. He stood still, looking particularly pitiable despite his big frame.

He looked at Mia, saying, “I admit it’s my fault back then. I underestimated the

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evil and greediness in one's heart, and I didn't expect a little girl like Maya to manifest such malice. If I didn't bring her back, she might've already told me about your whereabouts to ensure she'll lead a good life." Mia's eyes reddened. "Dominic, it's not your fault. No one expected Maya to be that malicious as a kid. I can't remember what happened back then, so I have no idea why she lied."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 516-Mia looked at her brothers.

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“However, I’m no longer bothered by them. Let the past stay in the past.

At

least I know I wasn’t abandoned, and my family has never given up on searching for me. This is more than enough.” She wasn’t alone—she had family. Thus, she really didn’t mind.

Dominic’s eyes turned red as he choked, “Mia, you’re too kind and sensible.”

He knew she was the kindest, cutest and most sensible soul on this planet.

Mia smiled. “We have to leave for the graduation dinner. No one’s ever been

to my parent–teacher meetings, but I’m glad my family made it to my

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graduation.” All the Lane brothers teared up. They didn’t deserve her. Seeing how overwhelmed they were, Eva sighed. “Mia, let’s go. The elevator’s here.” They strode out of the elevator, and the Lane brothers immediately attracted all the ladies’ attention. It caused quite a ruckus. Mia had expected her brothers’ arrival would cause a scene. Who doesn’t like eye candy, after all? And it was six eye candies, not just one. She sat down and glanced around the hall she decorated. Realizing that her family was seated behind her, she was overjoyed.

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Just then, Mia spotted Dana in a corner on the second floor. Stunned, she met Dana's eyes, realizing that her face was injured. It seemed like she suffered a beating. Was it Maya who did that to her? "Mia, what are you looking at?" "Nothing." She flashed a quick smile, and glanced up again. There was no sign of Dana. Was she mistaken? Meanwhile, Dana was leering at Mia, who was seated in the VIP area, from a corner upstairs. A hint of resentment glinted in her eyes. She finally found out that Mia was the real daughter of the Lanes, and Maya was just an orphan

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who was adopted.

What Dana couldn't get over was why they couldn't lead much better lives when they had all come from the same orphanage?

Defiance gleamed in her eyes. She used to be abandoned in the orphanage, and she had fantasies about turning out to be the daughter of a rich family.

Perhaps she was swapped by mistake, or she was lost.

She'd Imagined that she would meet her biological parents one day, and she

would retrieve her spot as the daughter of a prestigious family. She would marry a handsome and charming man, living happily ever after with him.

Now, all her fantasies vanished. Maya framed her, causing her to be expelled

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by the school. The actual daughter of the Lane family turned out to be Mia Instead of Maya.

Dana was left with nothing now. She loathed the fact that Mia was the real daughter of the Lanes instead of her. They were both orphans from the same

orphanage, but why did fate favor Mia? She studied and worked diligently, but

she was miles away from her dream life.

If Dana couldn't get what she wanted, then others didn't deserve what they had as well. She spun around and dwindled into the darkness.

Mia, who was seated below the stage, glanced over at the spot she found Dana earlier. A shiver raced up her spine. She couldn't help but sneeze,

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suddenly having a hunch that something bad was about to happen. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 517-“Mia, what’s wrong?” Dominic’s question snapped Mia back to her senses. “Nothing,” she replied with a smile. Gazing at her, Dominic added. “There’s a charity auction later. You can bid whatever you have your eyes on. Money’s not an issue.” Visibly amused, Mia glanced at him and quipped, “Oh, I remember you told me you’re a real estate agent?” Dominic cleared his throat and said, “I only mentioned real estate. You assumed I was an agent.” Her gaze drifted to her other brothers. “Nathan, the

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software programmer?” Nathan said solemnly. “Let me reintroduce myself formally. Nice to meet you, Mia. I own Techsphere.” “Oh my god, it’s your company who developed the famous online game!” Mia’s hands flew to her mouth as she spiraled in absolute shock. Connor took the initiative to defend himself hastily. “Dominic came up with the nonsense of me being a vet. I never admitted that I was one.” Mia narrowed her eyes. “So, you’re that renowned doctor in Nord City? You’re actually the

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one who operated on Grandma Laura, right?” Rubbing his nose guiltily, he mumbled, “Yeah, but I wasn’t deliberately lying to you. I was in a difficult position back then, and I had no idea how I should explain it to you. I was worried that you’ll be mad at me.” Mia glanced over at Claude. “Are you merely a piano teacher? I remember Maya boasting about her brother being a famous pianist, and he owns the orchestra.” Claude broke into a fit of cold sweat. “E–Exactly. But Mia, I didn’t do that on purpose. I swore that I wouldn’t let Maya join the orchestra, and I’ve been persuading you to join us.” Averting

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her gaze to Jason, she questioned, “You own the extremely well known law firm, don’t you? You’re the best lawyer in Nord City, aren’t you?” Jason, who was eloquent and had no issues with expressing himself, was now at a loss for words. He stammered, “Mia, I’m sorry for lying to you all this while.” When Mia was falsely accused, the famous law firm in Nord City defended her case. She thought Jason managed to persuade them to do so, but little did she expect him to own the law firm.

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Lastly, she fixed her gaze at Liam, beaming at him. “The famous actor who worked as an extra?” Only now did she realize he wasn’t Lindon’s stunt double—he was literally him! Clearing his throat, Liam said, “I’m not going to defend myself, but Mia, I’ve never thought of deceiving you. Dominic forced me to do so!” Dominic waved his fists at Liam. How dare he make him bear all the blame? What a bastard! Mia was overwhelmed once she found out about their real identities. She used

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to imagine herself being brought back by a wealthy family so she could spite the Barretts. Well, she certainly didn't expect it'd actually happen. She pinched herself hard. Her eyebrows immediately drew together as she exclaimed. "It's not a dream." Dominic's heart ached. "Of course it isn't, Mia. It's real." Eva placed the paddle in Mia's palm as she urged, "Buy anything you like!" "Yeah!" The other Lane brothers chimed in simultaneously as they shoved their paddles in her hand. "It's not like I need that many of them," Mia quipped.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 518-Eva gave her a warm smile.

“Don’t worry about it, Mia. A paddle represents a bidder. You can bid six lots,

and we’ll pay for it.” “But I-” “Just do it. Your brothers are all guilty as hell right

now. Trust me, if you just picked one, the others would start a brawl For the

sake of our peace, I’d advise you to bid six lots so it’s fair to everyone.”

Mia

was perplexed. She was aware that she had to be fair by buying everyone a separate gift, but she never knew that was the case with spending as well.

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She glanced back at her brothers, and they all nodded in agreement. Dominic was unfazed. “Mia, I’m richer. Don’t go easy on me.” Clearing his throat, Nathan chimed in, “Mia, my company makes plenty of money, you want!” “Mia, me too!” “Listen to me, Mia. You should spend my money instead.” You can splurge all “Enough!” Mia exclaimed. She cast a helpless glance at Eva, finally grasping what she meant. To foster peace between her brothers, she had to bear the responsibility of bidding six lots at the auction.

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Whilst she fulfilled her responsibility, she attracted everyone's attention.

She

felt slightly uneasy as she met the envy in their eyes. She had always been the one sitting in the corner, watching how others draw attention. Little did she

expect to be put in the spotlight for splurging on her brothers' dime.

Kennedy was flabbergasted. He never expected Mia to be seated with the Lanes, let alone be close to them. What stunned him the most was that she bided with their paddles and they showed up to pay the bills instead of her.

He could barely recover from the shock.

Panicking, the host sought assistance from Kennedy. "What should we do

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now? She bidded six lots alone! This isn't scheduled in the event flow!" Kennedy was forced to take over. Looking at Mia, he said, "Mia bidded six lots

today, contributing six equal shares of love and care to those who are in need.

Give her a round of applause!" A clamor of applause erupted in the hall.

An awkward smile spread across Mia's face. Still, she figured that she was being a Good Samaritan since all profit gained from the charity auction would

be donated to those in need.

"Let's welcome Mia on stage to say a few words." Utterly bewildered, Mia stared at the microphone in absolute refusal. With all eyes on her, she was

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plunged into a difficult situation.

Eva encouraged her, “Go on, Mia. Just a few words will do.” nce we should all

Feeling resigned, Mia took the microphone and said, “Actually, this isn’t a big

deal contribute to this. Back then, I was only able to enter college with the assistance of a charity donation. I hope more children in need could receive

the same help.” “Mia, as an orphan and a low-income student, where did you

get the money to bid six lots?” Mia’s gaze traced the direction of the voice and

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realized that it came from one of Maya's lackeys. She wasn't present when Maya's identity was exposed, so she knew nothing about Mia's relationship with the Lane family.

Just then, all her brothers rose simultaneously.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 519-The Lane brothers looked intimidating when they rose in unison.

Layla's expression shifted in an instant. A hint of confusion flickered across

her eyes. Weren't these men Maya's brothers? Nonetheless, she saw no sign

of her and Mia took her seat instead.

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This was strange.

Kennedy immediately sensed that something was wrong. He wanted to mention that Mia was Timothy's wife and she was certainly well off, but he bit

his tongue when he met the Lanes' glare. Zipping his mouth shut, he thought

the Lanes were truly formidable.

"Mia, pass me the mic." Mia glanced at Dominic and did as he said. He took

the microphone and stared at Layla.

"We gave her the money as her family because we thought it'd be nice of her

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to contribute something significant to the society.” “F–Family? Aren’t y’all

Maya’s brothers?” Dominic’s gaze swept past the hall as he said, “Since Mia’s

classmates are here as well, there’s no need to keep this a secret. Actually, Maya was adopted. The biological daughter of the Lane family had been missing for years, and we finally found her recently.” Everyone was shell shocked as they stared at Mia in disbelief. What Dominic said was pretty obvious.

Still planted on the same spot, Mia sighed. It seemed like it was impossible for

her to keep a low profile now.

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Literally every soul in the hall spiraled in shock, including Kennedy who was

on the stage. The microphone in his hand almost dropped as he realized Mia

was the daughter of the Lanes. But she was Timothy's wife as well!

Fate truly favored her.

Mia flashed an awkward, yet courteous smile. Glancing up at Layla, she noticed her expression turned sour. She bet Layla didn't expect Maya to be adopted. Layla had been eager to cause her trouble to please Maya, after all.

Just then, Claude took over the microphone as he fixed his gaze on Layla.

"I

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remember you. You joined the audition for the orchestra, and your performance was remarkable. It seems like your offer letter is on the way. Layla seemed uneasy as she replied hastily, “Y–Yeah. Thanks for the compliment, Mr. Lane.” “Don’t thank me, because your offer letter is officially terminated now!” “Why?” Layla looked like someone had punched the living daylights out of her. She instinctively chanced a glance at Mia as she bit her lip in defiance. “It was a misunderstanding, and I wasn’t aware that Maya was adopted. Isn’t it unfair to terminate my offer letter just because of a

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misunderstanding?” Claude was unfazed. “Are you justifying the fact that you can insult Mia because you weren’t aware that she’s the daughter of the Lane family? The orchestra doesn’t need a two-faced and immoral person like you.” Jason chimed in, “According to the rumors you spread earlier, you’ve harmed Mia’s reputation. If any of these rumors begins to circulate, you will be held legally responsible for that.” In an instant, Layla plopped to the ground in

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shock. She was petrified by the huge trouble she got herself into. She meant to please Maya, but little did she expect Mia to be the actual daughter of the Lanes.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 520-Layla was doomed. Looking at Layla's face which was now drained of any color, Mia didn't have any pity for her. If it weren't for her identity, she would've fallen victim to her accusations.

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Just then, Mia spotted Timothy. He strode in with his bandaged arm, looking slightly pale. She didn't expect him to return from the hospital that soon. It wasn't possible. The hospital was quite a distance from her college, and he couldn't have returned in such a short period of time. The only possibility was that he didn't even visit the hospital—he merely went to the infirmary, Timothy's arrival had people swooning over his looks as well. He took long, wide strides toward the VIP area and sat next to the Lane brothers.

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Kennedy stammered hastily. “L—Let’s continue.” Mia went back to her seat, but she had a constant feeling that someone was watching her. Uneasiness swallowed her as the auction reached its end. Kennedy was giving a speech on the stage. “That’s a wrap of this splendid event! A big thank you to Mr. Barrett from Barrett Group for your support. We’ll be delighted to hear a few words from you on stage.” Baffled, Mia glanced over at Timothy, Wasn’t he hurt? As expected. Heath went on stage and handed the microphone to Timothy instead. His long and slender fingers twined around the microphone as he

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spoke in a low timbre. “I apologize for not being able to go on stage due to my

injury. Regarding today’s event —\*

Mia’s gaze was fixated on his arm. She remembered his injury was quite severe. Why did he return when he should’ve been at the hospital?

“Mia, let’s go. The event has ended, after all” Claude had a hunch that Timothy had something up his sleeve. Now that Mia’s identity was revealed,

he strived to protect Mia by all means.

Mia nodded, and followed her brothers out of the hall. Their cars were parked

outside, and Mia got in the car with Dominic and Eva. The other brothers

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watched them leave in envy.

Liam was indignant. “Why do they get to be in the same car as Mia?”

Looking

visibly jealous, Claude chimed in. “There has to be a rotation. I want to be in

the same car with Mia too.” The others nodded in agreement, all coming to a

consensus that having a rotation was the best arrangement.

Just then, Connor spun around and saw Timothy emerging from the hall.

His

face tell. Five of them confronted Timothy, and Timothy no longer acted arrogant. They were Mia’s family, after all.

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Pursing his lips, he went up to them. “When are you planning to bring her back?” “Very soon. Why do you ask? Are you going to see her off at the airport? Connor snapped, A smirk played on Claude’s lips. “You’re Timothy, aren’t you? Mia’s one of the Lanes now, and you don’t deserve her. Straighten your senses and reflect on whether you’re actually worthy of her.” Jason scowled at Timothy, saying, “You’ve already divorced Mia. I hereby warn you to stay away from her, otherwise my law firm will make sure that you’ll be very

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sorry!” Liam snickered. “If you dare to make a move, I’ll get the whole Internet

to gang up on you! You know how terrifying those netizens can be, and ex-

husband shenanigans are certainly not their cup of tea.” Timothy stood his ground and answered unwaveringly. “To me, she’s the one and only Mrs. Barrett.” She would be his for the rest of his life.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 521-Timothy’s words immediately

sparked fury among the five brothers!

Claude stepped forward, grabbing Timothy’s tie and tugging his arm in the process. “You scoundrel, do you have a death wish? Mia is no longer the

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orphan you could mistreat! She is now the heiress of the Lane family!”

“Exactly. Timothy, just because your family is affluent, you presume ours isn’t? Well, believe me, I’ll use money to beat you at your own game!”

Timothy remained composed, but the tug on his arm caused his wound to reopen, and blood began to seep out.

Heath broke out in cold sweat as he observed the tense situation. “Mr. Claude. Mr. Barrett’s arm is still injured from rescuing Mrs. Barrett.

Please,

let’s not act hastily.” Jason arched an eyebrow. “Who are you referring to as

Mrs. Barrett? Come on! They’re already divorced!” Liam was furious.

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“Timothy, what makes you so certain that Mia can only be Mrs. Barrett?

What

gives you the audacity to make such a statement?” Timothy’s lips

tightened as

he glanced at Connor. “Because I understand her.” Meeting Timothy’s

gaze,

Connor suddenly realized that Timothy was aware of Mia’s pregnancy!

Damn, this was a mistake!

After all, no one else was aware of Mia’s pregnancy yet!

Connor stepped forward, pulling Claude aside and bringing Timothy with him

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Lowering his voice, he cautioned, “If you even think about spreading news of Mia’s pregnancy, you’re finished. Do you honestly believe that having a child with her will make her cut ties with our family?” Timothy was somewhat taken aback. It appeared that only Connor was privy to the news of Mia’s pregnancy. After all, familial bonds were enduring. Timothy couldn’t help but feel somewhat thankful for that unexpected incident in the past that allowed him to keep Mia close.

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Now, the idea of having a child didn't seem as overwhelming as he had initially thought.

Timothy, you better keep your mouth shut. You're aware of Dominic's temper, aren't you? If he were to discover Mia's pregnancy now, do you think the child would stand a chance?" Timothy's gaze narrowed. "Well, it's not as if you can simply get rid of a child from the Barrett family like that." "Oh, really? The Lane family in Nord City is not to be underestimated. Go ahead, try it if you dare!"

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After delivering his warning. Connor finally let go of Timothy and left the scene.

Timothy remained standing. Observing the Lane brothers walking away, he felt slightly disoriented.

Heath quickly moved forward to assist him. “Mr. Barrett, are you okay?”

“I’m

fine.” Timothy composed himself as he watched the Lanes depart: he wasn’t

willing to give up so easily.

Beside him, Heath let out a sigh. Who could have anticipated Mia’s sudden

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ascent to the status of the Lane family's heiress?

The timing of this revelation couldn't have been worse—right after they had finalized their divorce.

If only this information had surfaced before their divorce, perhaps there would

have been a chance for reconciliation.

Facing Mia's six formidable brothers just now, it was clear that dealing with

them wouldn't be a simple task.

Mia settled into the car, catching Dominic and Eva's gazes. "Why are you two

looking at me like that?" Eva grasped her hand, speaking earnestly, "Mia, I

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understand you have a history with Timothy, but that scoundrel didn't treat you well.

"Sure, he's good-looking, but there are plenty of handsome men out there. When you're back in Nord City.

I'll introduce you to someone even more charming." A smile tugged at Mia's

lips. "I haven't really considered getting into another relationship for now."

"Mia, you shouldn't give up on love just because of one man, that's foolish!

Plus, now that you're the heless of the Lane family, nobody would dare to

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cross you.” +15 BONU Alia was beginning to reconcile with her newfound identity. She exchanged glances with Dominic and Eva. “Should we tell Aunt Patricia know about this?” “It’s your call. We’ll support whatever you decide.” Mia averted her gaze. “Let’s hold off on telling Aunt Patricia until we’re back in Nord City. I’m worried she might get overly excited and blurt out the news to her relatives right away. Some of them can be quite opportunistic.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 522-To prevent any complications for Patricia, Mia decided to keep the news to herself for the time being. She pulled out her phone and sent a WhatsApp message to Gina: “Hey Gigi, I have to head out now.

Today has been a whirlwind. Allow me to have some time for myself to process everything, and then we can plan our next outing.” Gina responded promptly: “I understand. Today feels surreal. My bestie turning out to be a wealthy heiress? It’s like I’m living in a movie!” Mia felt reassured by Gina’s response, relieved that she wasn’t upset.

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Mia had left in a haste earlier, inadvertently leaving Gina behind in the hall.

Upon returning home, everyone made arrangements to take Patricia out for a meal.

However, as Mia approached the door, she noticed several snake-skin bags placed outside.

She pushed open the door and stepped Inside, calling out, “Aunt Patricia?”  
“Oh goodness, if it isn’t Mia! You’re blossoming more and more every day.

“Remember when I used to say Mia couldn’t possibly come from an ordinary

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family? Well, it seems I was onto something. Mia is indeed from a wealthy family.

“Patricia, your turn for good fortune is just around the corner,” declared a woman with a voluminous perm. She drew closer and held Mia’s hand firmly.

In no time, an elderly lady hurried over, adding, “I’ve been expressing the same sentiment all along; when have you even mentioned it before?”

“Mia is such a well-behaved child. Despite Patricia’s struggles, she took Mia

in and raised her. This just proves that kindness is always rewarded.” Mia found herself trapped between the two women, unable to move. She hadn’t anticipated Patricia’s family arriving so suddenly.

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It turned out one was Patricia's sister, Karen, and the other was her mother, Edna.

Regardless, neither of these two women were decent people!

When James was seriously ill and desperately needed money, Patricia reached out to her family for assistance, only to be met with ridicule. In the

end she was unable to secure even a penny Because of this experience.

Mia

had always been opposed to Palisia having any contact with her family.

Patricia, with her gentle and timid nature, would only be bullied and taken advantage of by her relatives.

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Nonetheless, given Patricia's plan to accompany Mia to settle in Nord City and potentially retire there indefinitely. Mia eventually relented and allowed Patricia to reconnect with her family.

Mia hadn't expected Edna and Karen to show up so promptly. With a stern look on her face, Mia pushed Edna and Karen away and led Patricia to the balcony. "Come with me for a moment." "How did they manage to come here?" she questioned Patricia.

"I'm not sure." Patricia replied.

"Aunt Patricia, didn't I explicitly instruct you not to inform them beforehand?"

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Can we even allow them to stay in this house?” Patricia hastily clarified. “I honestly didn’t mention anything, I only brought up my plans to reside in Nord.

City in the future.” “Then how did they locate this place? Did you disclose our

address to them?” “No, I didn’t, but I did send Edna something a while back.

However, I didn’t include the specific building number. I have no idea how they managed to find their way here,” Patricia explained, Upon hearing this.

Mia furrowed her brows. It appeared that Edna and Karen had unexpectedly

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arrived. early, which was quite inconvenient.

Observing Patricia's anxious demeanor, Mia's tone softened. "It's okay.

They

came early, so let it be. It's not a big deal" Patricia let out a sigh of relief as

Mia grasped her hand. "But you should assert yourself more around. them.

You're confident now; don't try to please them like you did before." "I

understand." After imparting her advice, Mia escorted Patricia back to the

living room.

As Mia approached, she noticed Karen seated near Eva, admiring the bracelet adorning Eva's wrist. "That bracelet is quite costly, isn't it?"

Karen

commented.

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Mia smiled and interjected, “It’s beautiful, right? I also gifted a similar one to Aunt Patricia, and she enjoys wearing it casually.” Upon hearing this, Karen immediately felt a surge of jealousy, her eyes turning red with envy. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 523-Observing Karen’s envious expression, Mia purposefully turned to Patricia and suggested, “You know, since we’re going out for dinner tonight, why don’t you wear the bracelet? It’s been a while since you Wore II.” Patricia chuckled. “I work at the supermarket

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most of the time, so there's hardly any chance to wear it. Plus, I'd be devastated if it were to get scratched or damaged." "Well, since we're dining out today and you're not on duty, why not wear it now? It's the perfect occasion." Mia suggested. "Yes, go ahead, put it on. Let everyone admire the gift Mia gave you," Eva chimed in. Unable to resist their persistence, Patricia eventually relented and headed to the bedroom to retrieve the bracelet. Mia shared a knowing look with Eva, who had just picked up on her subtle

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signal.

Shortly after, Patricia emerged wearing the diamond bracelet. Karen couldn't

help but gaze at it. enviously. "So, this is Mia's purchase. It's quite lovely and

bears a resemblance to my bracelet," Eva said.

Patricia smiled and glanced over. "Really? That's quite a coincidence. I'm not

accustomed to wearing jewelry most of the time. I Initially declined Mia's offer

to purchase it, but she insisted on buying such an extravagant gift." Mia swiftly

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interjected, “Aunt Patricia, these bracelets aren’t extravagant at all. With my brother’s business flourishing, we’re not lacking in funds. I’ll get you a bracelet ten times pricier in the future.” Edna promptly inquired, “How much did this bracelet cost?” Patricia answered, “It was around ten thousand dollars, I believe.” Karen immediately clicked her tongue twice. “Ten thousand dollars? You can’t find a bracelet with this quality of color and luster at that price unless it’s a counterfeit.” Mia’s smile widened. “Aunt Karen, you have a sharp

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eye. Actually, this bracelet was purchased for 100 thousand dollars. I deliberately downplayed the price to put Aunt Patricia at ease, so she wouldn't feel obligated to decline it." "100 thousand dollars?" Karen and Edna exchanged a startled glance. In the next moment, Patricia hurriedly removed the bracelet. "This bracelet is too precious to wear 12: casually. What if something happens to it?" \*Aunt Patricia, please, just wear it. I've already assured you that money is not a concern." Mia urged.

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Eva chimed in, “Exactly. Mia’s monthly allowance alone exceeds the cost of this bracelet. It’s a small gesture. Come on, let’s go. Everyone is waiting downstairs. It’s time to leave for dinner.” With that Mia and Eva each took one

of Patricia’s arms and escorted her out of the room.

Karen and Edna were still a bit flustered, but seeing Mia and the others departing without summoning them, they couldn’t dwell on it much. They hastily followed, calling out. “Mia!” As Mia stepped into the elevator, Edna and

Karen boldly caught up. Intentionally. Edna tapped her arm. and said, “Mia,

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you were walking so briskly. My old limbs could barely keep up with the pace.”

Karen persisted, “Isn’t that true? Especially considering Edna’s limited mobility; she came to this hospital specifically for medical treatment. But now,

with no other options, she can only depend on her one daughter.” As Edna and Karen lamented, Mia remained unfazed, finding their distress somewhat amusing.

However, Patricia voiced her concern, “Mom, did you remember to take the

medication I sent you last time? It was prescribed by a doctor at one of the

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major hospitals.” “I’ve been taking it, but it only eases the symptoms without addressing the underlying cause. Plus, this medication is quite expensive, isn’t it? If I have to keep using it, how will I manage the cost?” “Mom, if you run out, just inform me. I’ll purchase it for you,” Patricia reassured her. Edna sighed deliberately. “But if you were to relocate abroad to Nord City, it would be quite inconvenient for you to send me anything.” Karen swiftly added, “Exactly, international postage is extremely expensive. It’s barely enough to cover the medication’s cost, making it hardly worthwhile.” Mia suddenly glanced over. “How do you know international postage is

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expensive?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 524-“Mia, your cousin Sean is now

working in express delivery, so he had first-hand knowledge about this industry.” It appeared that Sean was involved in delivery services. Perhaps he

was the one who discovered Patricia’s address.

What an oversight on their part.

It seemed evident that Edna and Karen were trying to solicit money from Patricia in the elevator earlier.

Mia didn’t respond to Karen’s remarks. Unfortunately, Patricia’s sincere nature

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left her oblivious to the hidden agenda behind their words. In the end, Edna and Karen could only remain silent in resignation. Karen stole a glance at the bracelet gracing Patricia's wrist, her eyes betraying a hint of envy. Valued at 100 thousand dollars, Karen couldn't help but Imagine how exquisite it would look on her wrist. As the elevator doors opened, they eventually stepped out. Mia escorted Patricia outside, disregarding Edna and Karen trailing behind. Outside, six cars were parked, and as Mla and Patricia emerged, the five brothers stepped out of their vehicles and approached Patricia. "Hello, Aunt Patricia," they greeted warmly.

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“Wow, you gentlemen are looking quite dashing,” Patricia remarked, her gaze

admiring Mia’s brothers.

finding them increasingly charming.

Karen’s eyes immediately lit up. “Mia, are these your brothers? They’re incredibly handsome.” Patricia proudly stated, “Indeed, not only are they handsome, but they are also all highly promising young men.”

“Considering

Mia’s generous monthly allowance, I bet her brothers are quite successful too.

I wonder if any of them are single.” Mia rolled her eyes in response. “Let’s go,

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I'm starving." "Mia, hop in my car." "No, ride with me!" "This time, it's my turn to drive.

Apart from Dominic, the other five men exchanged competitive glances. Mia intervened quickly, "Aunt Karen, you and Grandma Edna can ride with

us," Mia was adamant about keeping Edna and Karen away from her brothers, An hour later, they reached the restaurant for dinner.

Exiting the vehicle, Edna and Karen were struck by the luxurious ambience of the restaurant.

Expressing their surprise, they remarked. "This restaurant must be quite

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pricey, isn't it?" Mia, linking arms with Patricia, replied calmly. "It's fine. Patricia enjoys the food here." Edna immediately inquired. "How much does a meal cost here? I should bring Sean here next time." Mia responded casually, "It's not too expensive, just a few hundred dollars." "A few hundred dollars? That's barely more than my son's wages." Mia glanced over with a playful smile. "Well then, we'll eagerly await your treat next time." Upon hearing this, Karen's smile faltered. She couldn't afford to treat them, but she didn't want to

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appear inferior in front of Patricia, so she spoke impulsively just now. Karen would be absurd to splurge hundreds of dollars on a meal here! As dinner commenced, everyone sat around the table. Karen and Edna sat on either side of Patricia, engaging in fond conversation and reminiscing about old times. Observing Patricia's rekindled smile, Mia understood her enduring yearning for family, even if her own family might not love her as much or might even scheme against her.

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Nevertheless, if it meant bringing Patricia joy. Mia was prepared to overlook it all.

Out of the blue, Karen inquired, “Mia, are your brothers single?” “I’m not sure.”

Mia replied.

+15 BONUS “Oh, you’re aware of how lovely your cousin Sally has grown up to be since childhood. I think she and your brothers would complement each other well. What do you think?” Upon hearing this, Mia’s expression darkened.

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“I beg to differ.” “But Mia, once we’re family, we’ll be even closer,”

Karen

insisted.

Mia could tell that Karen had an ulterior motive.

Considering Sally’s history of associating with troublemakers since middle school, she appeared to be nothing more than a spoiled brat. How could she

possibly be the right match for Mia’s brothers?

Eva chimed in with a laugh. “It’s clear that she wouldn’t be a suitable match.

Their backgrounds simply don’t align!” Mia couldn’t resist giving Eva a thumbs

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up in agreement!

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 525

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 525-Mia discreetly averted her gaze, feigning ignorance.

Beside her, Karen appeared taken aback by Eva's direct remark.

Struggling to respond, she said, "Why does background matter so much nowadays? Our family showed Mia kindness in the past. Just because she's

found wealthier relatives, does that mean she should forget about us?" "As far

as I know. It was only Patricia who showed kindness to Mia. It's not fair to credit the rest of you.

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“Besides, my brothers-in-law are looking for partners whose backgrounds match theirs, or at least aren’t impoverished!” Eva’s words were sharp and unapologetic.

Feeling humiliated, Karen’s eyes teared up. “Who are you to label us as poor?

Is money all that matters?” Edna intervened abruptly, reproaching. “That’s enough! Show some decorum, will you? They are from wealthy backgrounds,

unlike Sally. Have you no sense of shame?” “Fine. I guess I’m just an unwanted guest here, right? I’ll go.” Frustrated, Karen slammed her hand on

the table and rose to leave. Patricia quickly reached out to restrain her.

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“Karen, please don’t be upset.” “Patricia, Mia’s family is overstepping their bounds. Despite our financial struggles, we were the ones who raised Mia.”

Dominic interjected firmly, “Let’s clarify this. It was Aunt Patricia’s family, not yours. Your family isn’t involved in this.” Eva gestured toward the door. “Feel free to leave if you wish.” “Fine. I’ll leave immediately. Who cares, anyway?”

As Karen made her way toward the door, she hesitated, her eyes flickering back to Patricia.

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Mia grasped Patricia's hand firmly and spoke in a composed tone. "Let's focus on our meal." "But what about Karen?" Patricia replied. "She can simply call Sean to pick her up directly; it's not a big deal." Mia remained resolute, refusing to let Patricia be swayed. She recognized Karen's typical tactics and was unwilling to entertain them. If they didn't establish boundaries now, Mia feared Edna and Karen would only become more audacious and troublesome in the future. Edna gestured dismissively. "Oh, don't mind her, that's just her temper." As

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Karen reached the door, nobody attempted to stop her or convince her to stay.

Faced with the embarrassment of returning, she stormed out of the room In a

fit of frustration, Once the meal concluded, there were no further incidents.

“Mia, I need to use the restroom,” Patricia remarked.

“Aunt Patricia, I’ll come with you,” Mla replied.

Edna also insisted on joining them, and eventually, Eva accompanied them as

well.

From outside the restroom, they could hear heated arguing.

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“I’m sorry: I didn’t mean to.” “Madam, do you have any idea how costly this gown is? You couldn’t afford to reimburse me even if you sold everything.” “It was just a small splash of water.” “This fabric can’t handle any moisture: it leaves permanent marks. It seems you’re not familiar with high- end evening gown materials!” Upon hearing the familiar voice, Mia hesitated to intervene, but Patricia had already recognized the person. As she approached, Patricia found Karen standing before an elegantly dressed woman, Regina Lawson, wearing an apologetic expression.

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Tears welled up in Karen's eyes as she spotted Patricia.

"Please, Patricia, I need your help. I accidentally splashed a bit of water on her dress while washing my hands, and now she's demanding compensation."

Regina's voice grew louder, "Isn't compensation expected when you damage

someone else's property? It seems rather uncivilized not to." Edna promptly

fired back, "Who are you calling uncivilized? My granddaughter is wealthy

now. What gives you the right to accuse us? She could easily afford a bracelet

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worth a hundred thousand dollars.” Turning to Mia with pleading eyes, Karen Implored, “Mia, please help me.” Mia’s patience was wearing thin; It seemed Edna and Karen were simply troublemakers. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 526-Mia spoke nonchalantly, “How do you want me to help?” Regina remarked, “This dress of mine isn’t expensive, Just 5,000 dollars.” “Mia, given your wealth, you surely won’t be short of this amount, right? This woman’s audacity to look. down on us is

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astonishing. What's 5,000 dollars for a dress? The one you're wearing is far more luxurious." Mia was momentarily speechless. "She didn't look down on me; she simply looked down on you." Karen's expression tensed. "But aren't we family?" "I only regard Patricia as my family," Mia replied, her tone cold. Casting a glance at Patricia, Mia suggested, "Why don't you head to the restroom? I'll wait for you outside." "Patricia! You can't simply ignore me. If you don't help me, I'll end up getting

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arrested today. You need to help me cover the compensation.” With tears in her eyes, Edna grabbed Patricia’s hand, pleading. “Patricia, when you weren’t around, it was Karen who looked after me. Can you bear to see her like this?”

Mia couldn’t stand to witness the situation unfolding any longer; she had foreseen this outcome.

Nonetheless, seeing Patricia so joyful was a rare occurrence; Mia was determined to prevent the situation from escalating any further.

Turning to Karen, she offered, “I can help.” “Oh Mia, I knew you would lend a

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hand. After all, this amount of money is insignificant to you, not even a fraction of your monthly allowance. Please, show me some kindness, Mia?” Mia smirked. “Of course, but let’s put it in writing.” “A written agreement?” “Yes, since I’m lending you this money, it’s only fair to have a written agreement.”

Mia reached into her bag and pulled out a piece of paper and a pen; she had been preparing for exams recently, so her bag was well-stocked with these items.

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+15 BONUS Edna's expression soured. "Mia, with all your wealth, can't you just help us without all the formalities?" "I am helping, aren't I? I simply require her to sign a loan agreement. If it were someone else, I wouldn't even bother with the paperwork." Mia calmly responded. She was hesitant to simply give away 5,000 dollars as a favor. Did they truly expect to receive such a handout? Where was the dignity in that? Karen immediately burst into tears and rushed over to clasp Patricia's hand,

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pleading. “Patricia, you have to help me! I can’t afford to pay 5,000 dollars!”

Mia calmly remarked, “But didn’t you mention that Sean earns about a grand a month? Five months” salary should suffice.” As she spoke, she noticed Karen sobbing even louder.

Patricia appeared torn, while Edna wasted no time in adding fuel to the fire,

urging. “Patricia, just help your sister out.” “But... but I don’t have 5,000 dollars either.” “How is that even possible? Mia is so wealthy now; she must

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have been quite generous to you. And with your old house being demolished, you must have received a substantial sum of money,” Edna persisted. Patricia sighed. “I entrusted all my money to Mia for safekeeping. She helps me with investments and such. I’m not very knowledgeable about these things. “The last time I tried to make a payment with my phone, I almost fell victim to a scam. That’s why I’m reluctant to keep so much money with me,” she explained.

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“Patricia, why don’t you ask Mia to return the money? It’s much safer to have it in your own hands.” Karen couldn’t help but roll her eyes, her mind already scheming about how to spend the money once it was in her possession. Mia smirked. “Sure. The money can be withdrawn, but we need to have a written loan agreement.” With a troubled expression, Patricia stuttered, “Um, um, I really need to use the restroom.” Unable to make up her mind, she quickly retreated into the bathroom. Mia waved the pen and paper in her hand. “If you want to avoid ending up in

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jail, then write the loan agreement,” she demanded.

Certainly, Mia had no tolerance for freeloaders who constantly begged for handouts.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 527-Mia understood Edna and Karen’s true Intentions.

Despite seeking loans, they were more interested in receiving handouts than

repaying their debts.

Over the years, they had borrowed substantial amounts from Patricia without

any intention of returning the money.

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Mia vividly remembered their Indifference when James fell seriously ill and needed urgent financial assistance. This memory remained etched in her mind.

Consequently, Mia had no intention of portraying herself as a saint. However, Karen remained adamant about not wanting to draft a loan agreement.

Standing nearby, Regina became increasingly impatient. “Are you going to make the payment or do I need to involve the authorities? I don’t have time to deal with your drama.” Observing Regina reach for her phone to call the authorities, Karen reluctantly took the paper and drafted a loan agreement.

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Mia couldn't help but smirk. "Alright, would you prefer Venmo or Apple Pay?"

"Venmo works." Without hesitation, Mia promptly transferred the 5,000 dollars to Regina.

Glancing at Mia, Regina remarked, "Having financially burdened relatives like

them can be quite a hassle.

Perhaps it's best to distance yourself from them sooner rather than later."

Yet,

what other option did Mia have?

They were Patricia's family, after all.

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Peering into the bathroom, Mia called out, “Aunt Patricia, everything’s sorted out. You can come out now; we’re ready to leave.” Shortly after, Patricia emerged from the restroom, looking somewhat uneasy. Karen’s tears flowed as she cried out, “Patricia, how could you be so heartless? You refused to help me and even demanded a loan agreement. It’s incredibly disrespectful.” Edna echoed Karen’s sentiment, insisting, “Yes, this is simply unfair. She’s your sister, after all.” With a smirk, Mia countered. “Where were both of you when Uncle James was in dire need of funds for his

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medical expenses?

“Aunt Patricia has generously lent you money numerous times over the years,

hasn't she? And what do you do in return? You chose to overlook her when

she required assistance.

“In recent years, you haven't even tried to stay in touch with her, fearing she

might ask for financial help!” The atmosphere turned tense.

Edna attempted to explain, “Back then, we truly had no money.” Karen stumbled over her words, unable to offer a response.

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“Enough with the charades. We’ve let things slide in the past. If you’re thinking of resorting to old tricks.

I’m sorry, but that won’t work this time.” Mia held up the agreement firmly.

“You have one week to settle this.” “Mia, where do you expect me to find that kind of money? Why bother squabbling with your aunt when you’re already so well-off?” “I stand by my principles. You have one week, or I’ll involve the

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authorities. Being classified as a debtor and placed on the blacklist will have repercussions for your children in the future.” With that, Mia grasped Patricia’s hand and guided her away, leaving Karen’s cries behind. Patricia couldn’t help but feel a twinge of guilt. “Mia, are we doing the right thing?” \*Sean’s monthly earnings are sufficient to cover it. However, Aunt Patricia, this is about setting boundaries. They need to understand that they can’t manipulate you anymore.” “I understand, but I blame myself for being so incapable and relying on you for these matters.” Patricia acknowledged.

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Mia smiled reassuringly and replied, “It’s the least I can do.” Without Patricia’s kindness, Mia wouldn’t have had a place to go when Bob and Mary abandoned her, especially considering Patricia’s own financial struggles at the time.

Mia was determined not to let Edna and Karen exploit Patricia’s generosity again.

Glancing at Mia, Eva remarked, “Mia, what you did back there was impressive. That’s exactly how you deal with people like them!” As they left the

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restroom, Mia's brothers playfully teased. "You two took quite a while in there, didn't you?" Exiting the restaurant, Edna and Karen hurried to catch up, afraid of being left behind by Mia.

Before long, they reached home.

Noticing Edna and Karen's hesitation to leave. Mia firmly stated, "I'm not used

to sharing a room. You two can sleep on the floor."

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 528-Edna quickly feigned discomfort, claiming. "My leg is acting up again. It must be my old ailment

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resurfacing.” “Mom, you can sleep in my room.” Patricia offered, unwilling to leave Edna to sleep uncomfortably in the living room. In the end, Mia had no choice but to let Patricia share her room, while Edna and Karen occupied Patricia’s room. As Mia completed her bedtime routine and settled into bed, she couldn’t shake the surreal feeling of the day, as if it were a dream. It was almost unbelievable that she had truly become the legitimate heiress of the Lane family!

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However, Mia decided not to inform Patricia about this just yet, concerned that

Edna and Karen might fake knowledge of the situation.

It seemed wiser to wait until she traveled to Nord City with her brothers before

divulging the news to Patricia.

A gentle smile adorned Mia's lips as a wave of relief swept over her.

Could

this be the dawn of her newfound freedom as a carefree heiress?

In the morning, Mia swiftly finished her breakfast and made her way to campus, keen to avoid any encounters with Edna and Karen at home.

As she approached the entrance of her neighborhood, she noticed Connor

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waiting for her outside.

“How was your sleep last night?” Connor inquired.

“Fine,” Mia responded.

“It might be wise for you to find another place to stay for now. With Edna and

Karen around, I’m concerned about your well-being, especially considering your pregnancy.

“If anything were to happen to you, I wouldn’t know how to face Dominic,”

Connor added earnestly.

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Mia fell silent for a moment. “I understand. I’ll have a conversation with Aunt Patricia about finding another place to stay. Plus, once my exams are finished, I’ll be able to leave.” “Mia, when do you intend to tell Dominic about your pregnancy?” Connor asked. Mia hesitated for a moment before replying. “What do you think?” Connor’s expression grew uneasy. “Maybe it’s best to hold off until we’re back in Nord City to bring it up.”

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You know how Dominic reacted last time when I kept Timothy's relationship with you a secret," Connor suggested.

"Thank you, Connor, for everything you've done for me. I honestly don't think I'd have made it this far without your support," Mia expressed her gratitude.

"Don't worry about it. You're my sister. I've got your back," Connor reassured Mia.

As Mia sat in Connor's car on the way to campus, she suddenly remembered

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something. “By the way.

what are you planning to do about Maya?” “That crazy woman? We’ll just hand her over to the police. The Barretts will also have to take responsibility.

This will be a legal nightmare for Maya.” Mia acknowledged with a nod, yet

she couldn’t shake the overwhelming feeling brought on by the sudden shift in

her newfound identity.

“Mia, please don’t sympathize with Maya. She’s lived a comfortable life as the

Lane family heiress all these years, which was far more than she deserves.

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“Despite this, she remains unsatisfied. She even attempted to conceal your identity and have Dana take your place,” Connor explained further.

“She wanted Dana to replace me?” Mia exclaimed in disbelief.

“That’s correct” Connor affirmed. “Yesterday, during our interrogation of Maya’s secretary, he confessed everything. It turns out the piano piece you performed was taught to you by the orphanage director.

“At that time, you were the only one who knew how to play it. So, Maya used

that piece to track you down, but Dana stole it from you.” “Oh, I recall now. I

did teach Dana how to play that piano piece during that time. I didn’t anticipate

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it would lead to this.” Mia confessed.

Indeed, the frailty of human hearts became apparent when confronted with temptation.

As Mia entered the university, a heavy weight settled in her chest. She struggled to comprehend why Dana would want to replace her.

Sitting in the study hall, Mia couldn't help but notice the numerous glances

directed her way, which left her feeling unsettled.

It appeared that news of yesterday's Incident in the university hall had circulated, and now her identity was widely known.

Mia felt uneasy under the scrutiny.

Suddenly, her phone vibrated with a message: “Come downstairs!” It was

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from Timothy.

Mia headed to the corridor and glimpsed at a car parked below. It seemed Timothy had indeed arrived.

“Either you come down, or I’ll come up.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 529-Mia couldn’t help but frown,

pondering Timothy’s intentions.

Having already drawn considerable attention at the university, Mia was wary

of inviting more scrutiny.

Certainly, given her current position as the Lane family heiress, Timothy wouldn’t risk acting against her.

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Moreover, Mia now had the support of her six brothers.

With these considerations, Mia grabbed her bag and descended the stairs, swiftly slipping into the car to avoid being noticed by others.

Timothy cast a glance at her. “Do all pregnant women dash about like you do?” Mia’s unease became evident. “What’s on your mind? Just say it outright. I’m rather busy, you know.” “Start driving.” As the car began to move,

Mia’s apprehension grew. “Timothy, where are you taking me?” “Don’t worry.

I’m not going to harm you.” \*I’m warning you, if you try anything with me, my

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brothers won't let you get away with it!" Mia had never felt so empowered by her six brothers' support, sensing she held the upper hand. Straightening her posture, she locked eyes with Timothy, her gaze wide and determined. Observing Mia's smug demeanor, Timothy couldn't resist poking her dimple, finding it rather annoying.

"What are you doing?" Mia quickly moved aside. "Where are you dragging me off to? I still have exams to prepare for, you know." "Even with your newfound

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status as the Lane family heiress, are you still worried about a simple exam?”

Timothy remarked sarcastically.

“Hmph! No matter my family background, I am still the same person. My aspirations remain unchanged,” Mia declared.

Timothy regarded Mia earnestly, his eyes clear and steadfast. He couldn't deny that Mia possessed qualities he both admired and lacked.

Appearing somewhat flustered. Timothy averted his gaze. “I'm planning to take you out for a meal,” he stated.

“I'm not interested,” Mia replied firmly, refusing his offer outright.

“What kind of food are you craving, or is there a specific activity you'd like to

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try?” Timothy inquired.

Mia gazed at him incredulously. “Mr. Barrett, are you suddenly showing such

interest because you’re aware I’m the heiress to the Lane family? Do you regret divorcing me and wish to reconcile?” Timothy furrowed his brow.

“Is

that what you assume?” Nevertheless, hadn’t he persistently tried to mend their relationship? After all, it was Mia who insisted on divorcing and leaving

the Barrett family!

Mia scoffed coldly. “Mr. Barrett, are you familiar with the expression?”

“What

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expression?” “An ideal ex-husband should be as good as dead!” As soon as

she finished speaking, Rodger in front slammed on the brakes, barely containing his laughter.

Timothy’s expression immediately grew grim. Lowering the car window to welcome the cool breeze, he spoke firmly. “I’m not going anywhere.”

“Stop the

car, I want to get out!” Mia exclaimed. She had no desire to remain in Timothy’s presence any longer, but Rodger didn’t comply.

rs for Taking out her phone, Mia asserted, “You won’t stop the car? Then I’ll

need to call my brothers backup. I’ll let them know you’re kidnapping and

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extorting a young, attractive woman!” Timothy paused, his gaze shifting downward to Mia. “Grandma is being released from the hospital. She’s eager to see you.

“Grandma Laura?” Mia asked.

“With your identity exposed in the university hall yesterday, do you think my mom and Shelly won’t inform Grandma once they return home?” Timothy elaborated.

Mia finally grasped the situation. “Why didn’t you tell me about visiting Grandma Laura sooner? How can I go see her empty-handed?” “There’s no

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need for that.” Timothy reassured her.

“No, I insist on bringing something. If you won’t allow it, I’ll jump out of the

car!” Their gazes met briefly, and Timothy eventually gave in.

Soon, the car pulled up at a shopping mall.

Mia stepped out of the vehicle and proceeded toward the mall. With a grasp of

Laura’s preferences, she made a beeline for the store.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 530-With her newfound wealth,

Mia decided to indulge a bit.

She selected a few silk scarves that she thought would suit Laura’s

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complexion perfectly.

As Mia approached the checkout counter, someone behind her handed over a card and said, “Put it on mine.” Mia grabbed the card and turned to see Timothy standing there. “What’s this for?” “I’m not the type to let women pay.”

Timothy replied.

“Oh, is that so? I don’t recall you being so considerate back when I was footing the bill for groceries and cooking.

“Now that we’re divorced and I’ve achieved financial stability, you suddenly refuse to let women pay?”

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Seems a bit late for chivalry,” Mia retorted sharply.

The store clerk nodded in agreement. “Absolutely. As women, we should strive for self-reliance and financial independence,” she asserted.

“Exactly. Here, use my card,” Mia replied, handing over her bank card.

Once the transaction was done, she grabbed the box of scarves and walked away without looking back.

Watching her depart, Timothy was overcome by a sense of resignation. He couldn't comprehend Caleb's misguided belief that showering women with

money would win their affection.

As he exited the mall, Timothy scanned the surroundings but couldn't spot Mia

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anywhere. “Where did she go?” he inquired.

Rodger stammered, “S–She hailed a cab.” Timothy adjusted his tie, the stifling

frustration in his heart growing ever since he discovered that Mia was the heiress of the Lane family.

As he entered the car, he said, “Let’s go.” Meanwhile, Mia hummed a tune in

the cab, feeling particularly cheerful.

In the e past, she was merely an orphan, devoid of any power or influence.

While residing with the Barrett family, she consistently felt inferior and struggled to hold her head high.

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satisfaction.

Soon, the cab pulled up outside the Barrett residence.

With her hands casually tucked in her pockets, Mia made her way into the Barrett residence.

Considering Laura had been discharged from the hospital, it seemed her recovery was progressing remarkably well.

Entering the living room with a warm smile, Mia greeted, “Grandma, I’ve come

to see you.” However, Laura was nowhere to be seen in the living room.

Seated on the sofa instead were Dahlia Simone and Dixie Walker, a mother–

and–daughter pair.

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“Well, well, look who’s here. Isn’t it the former maid who was ousted from the Barrett family?” “I know, right? Even after divorcing Timothy, she shamelessly refers to Mrs. Barrett Senior as ‘Grandma.’ It’s disgraceful how she’s using marriage to climb the social ladder like this.” Mia sighed softly as she regarded Dahlia and Dixie: their presence caught her off guard. They were Laura’s distant relatives, their connection so faint that it seemed they were hardly relatives at all. Nonetheless, Dahlia and Dixie shamelessly visited every year, pretending to be wealthy relatives of the Barrett family.

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They were always sarcastic and mocking toward Mia. Mia arched an eyebrow and glanced over. “When it comes to climbing the social ladder, who can match your audacity? You arrive uninvited, yet you’re nothing more than distant relatives.” Dahlia abruptly stood up. “Who are you referring to as distant relatives? The patriarch of Mrs. Barrett Senior and my grandfather originate from the same hometown, carry the same surname, and are linked by a shared lineage!” With an air of haughtiness, Dixie, sporting her

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surgically altered face, remarked, “Isn’t it true? We’re undoubtedly better off than certain individuals who, even after divorce, have the nerve to show up uninvited.” Just then, Kaleb approached with a plate of fruits. Dixie swiftly intervened, “Kaleb, you’ve arrived just in time. Please, escort this woman out! She’s already divorced and still has the audacity to come here and bother us. Who knows what kind of trouble she might stir up!” THE GRA Ignoring Dahlia and Dixie, Kaleb respectfully informed Mia, “Mrs. Barrett Senior is still asleep from her nap.” “That’s fine. I can wait.

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Without a moment's hesitation, Mia settled onto the single sofa across from them, while Kateb swiftly placed the fruits before her. However, Dahlia rudely took the fruit platter and demanded. "Kaleb, these are not the fruits I like. Bring another platter!"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 531-Observing Dahlia and Dixie's behavior, Mia realized that they hadn't changed one bit. Kaleb responded with a stern expression, "These fruits are meant for Mrs. Barrett." "But she's already divorced from Timothy! Why do you still address

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her as ‘Mrs. Barrett‘?

“We’re already being generous by not requesting her to leave. And yet, she still has the audacity to help herself to the fruits?” \*That’s right. These imported fruits are quite expensive. I highly doubt certain individuals could

afford such luxuries now after leaving the Barrett family.” Mia chose not to

confront Dahlia and Dixie. Instead, she asked Kaleb, “Could you please bring

them another plate of fruits?” Kaleb promptly returned with a fresh plate of

fruits, placing it in front of Dahlia and Dixie with a thud.

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With grace, he then served Mia a glass of freshly squeezed juice. “Thank you.” Mia acknowledged, accepting the drink and sipping it. She observed as Dahlia and Dixie took selfies with their juice, meticulously adjusting their angles for the perfect shot. Feeling somewhat amused, Mia remarked, “If you keep squeezing in like that, you might just burst the implants in your fake breasts.” Dixie immediately became defensive, asserting, “What do you mean by fake breasts? Mine are the real deal passed down through genetics!” Dahlia stood confidently, stating, “Absolutely! My daughter’s figure is naturally stunning. Some people

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can only envy and resent her because of their meager physique.” “Yeah, genetically inherited implants!” It seemed that Dahlia’s bust size changed every year, and this time, Dixie’s had too. Despite this, Dahlia and Dixie appeared unwilling to concede.

Turning to Mia, Dixie remarked, “Your outfit looks like it’s from a high-end brand’s latest collection. Where did you find such a convincing knockoff?” “I

got it from the mall. “Haha, how did you manage to find such a convincing knockoff in a regular mall? Did you stumble upon it. in the flea market?”

Mia

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smiled knowingly. “Why don’t you take a guess?” At that moment, the faint sound of a vehicle could be heard from outside the courtyard. Dahlia and Disle exchanged a glance. “Dixle, could that be Tim returning?” “I think so too, especially since Mrs. Barrett Senior has been discharged from the hospital. Tim is likely coming by for a visit, Mom, how do you like my makeup today? Do you think it’s striking enough?” “It looks absolutely stunning! You’ll definitely captivate Tim today. Your future in high society is so close! Some people can only envy you.” Dahlia’s words stunned Mia, but she

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maintained her composure and continued to sip her juice. In the distance, Dixie's coquettish voice could be heard, "Oh, Tim I've missed you so much—Ouch!" Just then, the courtyard echoed with Dixie's anguished cries. Glancing over, Mia caught sight of Dixie sprawled on the grass, her legs flailing awkwardly and pathetically. A subtle smirk played on Mia's lips as she observed Timothy walk in without acknowledging them. "Can't you be a bit more considerate toward Dixie?" "Yeah, Dixie is your

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cousin, for goodness' sake! Why didn't you catch her just now? Look at her

condition!

Dahlia scolded, helping Dixie inside as she limped, her expression filled with

disapproval.

Looking at Dahlia and Dixie, Timothy furrowed his brow. "Who are you two,

anyway?" In response to Timothy's question, Mia burst into laughter.

Could

Timothy not recognize them?

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Dahlia nervously interjected, “I’m your distant aunt, and Dixie is my daughter— your cousin!” Timothy’s expression remained stoic. “I don’t have distant relatives, let alone distant cousins,” he insisted. “Tim, you’re being quite harsh now, pretending not to know us.” Growing increasingly impatient, Timothy instructed Kaleb, “Escort them out.” Kaleb, who had long grown tired of Dahlia and Dixie, promptly intervened, stating, “Please follow me. The

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 532-As the situation took a

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negative turn, Dahlia hastily exclaimed, “Mrs. Barrett Senior, could you please

come out and settle this?

“We heard you were discharged from the hospital, so we brought gifts to visit

you. We never expected to be kicked out!” Frowning, Mia retorted, “Hush, you’ll wake Grandma.” Weren’t they aware that Laura was resting?

“Okay, okay, what’s all this noise about?” At that moment, the elevator doors

opened, and Laura stepped out. Catching sight of Mia, she greeted her with a

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warm smile, “My dear Mia, come here. Let me get a good look at you.”

Just as

Mia stood up, Dixie hurried toward Laura, crying out, “Mrs. Barrett Senior!”

However, Laura deftly moved aside, causing Dixie to miss her and tumble painfully to the floor.

Mia cringed at the sound, almost as if she could feel the pain herself.

Laura gently patted her chest. “My delicate body can’t endure being tackled

like that. Mia, come here, let me have a look at you.” Mia grinned as she approached, assisting Laura in settling onto the sofa. “Grandma, did we

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disturb your sleep?” “It’s alright, I’ve already had a long nap. It’s time to wake up, or else I’ll struggle to sleep tonight,” Laura reassured. Just then, Dahlia stepped forward, offering a gift box. “Mrs. Barrett Senior, I heard you have a fondness for scarves. I specifically visited this store and picked up their latest collection. The colors in this batch are limited edition, only one of each.” “Really? Let me take a look.” Mia cast a glance at the box, noticing it bore a striking resemblance to the packaging from the store where she purchased her scarves.

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Was it merely a coincidence?

As Dahlia revealed the contents of the box, Mia observed three scarves nestled inside.

Turning to Mia, Dahlia proposed, “I noticed you also got some scarves. Why

not show them to Mrs.

Barrett Senior?” Maintaining her composure, Mia opened her box, revealing

scarves that were an exact match in color to the ones Dahlia had selected.

A brief, awkward silence hung in the air.

Suddenly, Dahlia spoke sharply, “Mia, why would you buy counterfeit goods?”

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You know Mrs. Barrett Senior adores scarves.

“Even if you couldn’t afford it, resorting to fake items to deceive her is unacceptable.

“Imagine if she wears it in public, and someone recognizes it as fake—it would

bring shame to the Barrett family!” Laura scrutinized the scarves in the boxes,

swiftly discerning between the authentic and the counterfeit.

Mia’s smile broadened as she interjected. “It’s still uncertain who bought the

counterfeit goods, isn’t it?” “Mia, what are you suggesting? Given your

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circumstances as an orphan without support and with adoptive parents facing financial struggles, how could you possibly afford a silk scarf worth over a thousand dollars?” Rising to her feet, Dixie coldly retorted. “Let’s face it, Mia.

It’s clear you purchased the counterfeit goods. especially considering your recent divorce from Tim.

“How could you suddenly have the money to afford such expensive scarves?”

Mia clicked her tongue disapprovingly before presenting the receipt.

“Here’s

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the receipt from my purchase today. Would you like to double-check?”

“This

can't be!” As Dahlia examined the receipt, she found no evidence of forgery.

Feeling a pang of unease, she shifted her gaze and commented, “Humph, in

this day and age, anything can be falsified.” “Exactly. Considering your background, it's clear you can't afford it. Stop pretending.” Turning to Timothy,

Mia retorted, “But I went shopping with him today. He can vouch for me.”

Upon hearing this, Dahlia and Dixie were left momentarily speechless, their

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expressions frozen in astonishment.

They hadn't expected Timothy to join Mia on her shopping excursion.

Now, caught off guard, they found themselves scrambling to come up with a

plausible explanation.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 533-With a smirk, Mia gazed at

Dahlia and Dixie. "Do you still have anything to say?" Dahlia and Dixie felt a

flush of embarrassment. They had expected Mia to be out shopping with Timothy. If they questioned the authenticity of Mia's purchase, wouldn't they

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also be questioning Timothy's taste?

Enraged, Dixie managed a strained smile as she replied, "Considering Tim was with you, it's unlikely the scarves are fake." Dode had intended to assert

dominance over Mia, but her plan seemed to have backfired!

With a knowing smile, Mia glanced at them. "So, if mine aren't knockoffs, does

that mean yours are?" Dode's expression froze as she struggled to come up with a response.

Undeterred, Mia pressed on. "These scarves are limited edition, with just a single authentic piece available across all the malls in Jeinburg." Seizing the

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opportunity, Dahlia reprimanded Dixie, “I told you to buy the scarves from the mall, but your insisted on having a friend buy them for you! Look what happened—you got scammed, didn’t you?” Dixie quickly caught on and responded tearfully, “Mom, I had no idea my friend would deceive me like that.” Mia couldn’t help but admire Dahlia and Dixie’s acting skills. They had effortless around.

Just then, Laura intervened, saying. “That’s enough!” turned the situation Dahlia quickly turned to Laura with a pleading expression. “Mrs. Barrett Senior, Dixie was misled by her friend. There’s no way she’d knowingly purchase fake goods as gifts for you.

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“Besides, you’ve already seen much of the world. You don’t need such trivial items. Anyway, the scarves are simply a small gesture from us, wouldn’t you agree?” Mia clicked her tongue disapprovingly. “Buying counterfeit goods just to save a few bucks doesn’t exactly scream sincerity.” Mia was well aware of Laura’s contempt for Dahlia and Dixie. Despite Laura’s cold treatment toward them, they shamelessly continued to visit, pretending to be oblivious to her disdain.

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Dealing with such brazen individuals was undeniably frustrating. Dixie swiftly turned to Timothy, her eyes brimming with tears. “Tim, please believe me, I didn’t mean it like that!” Timothy’s demeanor hardened as he responded, “I don’t know you.” Dixie faltered for a moment, her voice catching. “But we were so close when we were younger. How did things change as we grew up? I recall you once said-” Upon hearing this, Mia’s Interest was piqued. Could Timothy have some history with Dixie? However, Laura intervened sternly, cutting off Dahlia and Dixie. “That’s enough. Your grandfather was the one who shamelessly proposed the

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marriage contract, but our family never agreed to it.  
“If you continue spreading such rumors, it will tarnish Timothy’s reputation;  
expect to receive a lawyer’s letter if you continue.” Dahlia remained resolute,  
retorting. “Mrs. Barrett Senior, we haven’t spread any rumors. Now that Tim is  
divorced and single again, I simply thought it would be beneficial for Tim and  
Dixie to reconnect, considering they were childhood friends.  
“After all, it’s better than Tim associating with those women of dubious

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backgrounds. You shouldn't have allowed such individuals to marry into our family in the first place!" Laura fired back sharply, "Remember when Tim was on the verge of death? You all scurried away, afraid I'd track you down and coerce you into marrying into the Barrett family!" Mia couldn't help but vividly recall that tumultuous time when Timothy's accident rocked the Barrett family to its core.

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A heavy silence settled over the living room as Dahlia and Dixie bowed their

heads, unable to muster a response.

After all, who, in their right mind, would risk marrying someone on the brink of

death?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 534-Laura pressed on, During that

time, Mia was the only one who stepped up, showing a moral character that

far surpassed those motivated solely by self-interest.” Dahlia and Dixie were

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rendered speechless by Laura's statement.

A sense of satisfaction welled up within Mia, and a faint smile played on her lips.

However, she couldn't help but notice Timothy's unwavering gaze fixed upon

her from the corner of her eye. Mia swiftly looked away, ignoring Timothy's presence beside her.

She had no desire to discern Timothy's expression, nor did she wish to speculate about it.

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Timothy's voice cut through the tense atmosphere. "Kaleb, escort these two out and ensure they never set foot in the Barrett residence again." "Mrs. Barrett Senior, If we've caused any offense, please don't take it to heart!" "Yeah, Mrs. Barrett Senior, we beg you not to drive us away!" However, Laura didn't even spare a glance for Dahlia and Dixie. Instead, she simply lowered her head and poured herself a cup of tea. In truth, Laura had been tolerating their presence solely out of respect for her patriarch.

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Nonetheless, Dahlia and Dixie's disrespect toward Mia moments ago crossed a line that Laura couldn't overlook. Once Dahlia and Dixie were escorted out, the living room returned to its serene ambiance. "Mia, don't let their words affect you. I've always held you in high regard," Laura reassured Mia. "I understand," Mia replied. She gently grasped Laura's hand, feeling somewhat moved. In the past, Dahlia and Dixie had ridiculed her behind closed doors. Yet, this

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time seemed different.

Perhaps aware of her recent divorce from Timothy, they displayed a newfound

audacity, boldly daring to mock her even in Laura's presence.

However, Mia hadn't anticipated Laura's strong defense!

"Mia, I've heard rumors that you're the true heiress of the Lane family, and

Maya is just an adopted daughter. Is this true?" Laura inquired.

Ma nodded in confirmation, "Yes, that's correct," a while I'm glad you've reunited with your family, I find it difficult to believe that you suddenly emerged

as the hetess of the Lane family.

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Sven? you aresy discovered your family before this revelation? Why didn't they reveal your true identity to you? Why was it kept hidden?" Sensing Laura's concern, Mia felt a warm sensation in her heart.

She explained with a smile, "My brothers were concerned that my newfound

wealth might lead to resentment from others." Mia proceeded to recount the

entire story, elaborating on her brothers' antics of pretending to be poor.

Laura found solace in Mia's explanation. "So, if I understand correctly, your

older brother, Connor, was the doctor who performed my surgery last time, as

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a favor to you.

“Yes, exactly.” “Hmph, it’s outrageous that Maya would fabricate such lies,

claiming that my surgery was due to her efforts.

“She even tried to manipulate Tim into marrying her using that excuse.

What a

shameless woman! Thankfully, Tim saw through her deceit!” Mia cast a glance at Timothy, a hint of amusement in her eyes. “Indeed, Grandma, who

would consent to such terms, right?” “What a heartless bastard!” Laura’s words resonated with conviction.

Timothy was utterly caught off guard.

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Suppressing a smile. Mia nodded solemnly. “You’re absolutely right, Grandma Laura.” After saying those words, Mia couldn’t help but feel Timothy’s intense gaze upon her, tinged with a hint of mischief. Mia straightened her posture. After all, she wasn’t the one who had uttered those words. Laura took hold of her hand and remarked, “Mia, knowing that the Lane family will support you in the future puts my mind at ease. “Anyway, take a look at these photos of some promising young men. They all

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come from excellent files and are quite handsome lo At was pushed.  
What  
could Laura passibly be up to?  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 535-Mia gazed at the  
collection of  
men's photos before her, momentarily stunned by the unfolding situation.  
Was Laura thinking about setting her up on blind dates?  
Timothy's expression immediately soured. "Grandma, what's going on?"  
"I'm  
just trying to find potential matches for Mia!" Timothy pressed his lips  
together,

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a surge of jealousy coursing through him. “Grandma, I’m right here!”

Laura’s

attempt to set up Mia with potential suitors right in front of him—Was she treating him as though he were invisible?

Adding to the complexity, Mia was carrying Timothy’s babies. How could he

allow her to marry someone else?

Laura arched an eyebrow. “Well, don’t just stand there. Come and help me screen these men. Check if any of them have any red flags or sketchy backgrounds.” Timothy was utterly furious. What was Laura trying to imply?

Timothy adjusted his tie, his face assuming a stern expression as he

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remained silent.

Looking at the photos, Mia sighed. “Grandma, to be honest, I haven’t given much thought to relationships lately.” Timothy’s expression brightened upon hearing Mia’s words.

Yet, Laura’s disappointment was evident. “I guess you’re right. Given your move to Nord City, it would make sense to marry someone from there. I overlooked that detail.” Mia couldn’t help but feel exasperated. It seemed Laura didn’t quite comprehend her intentions.

Upon learning about Mia’s plans, Timothy couldn’t hide his frown. He began

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envisioning a scenario where Mia would return to Nord City, possibly never

coming back to Bern City.

What would he do in that situation?

A sense of unease gripped Timothy as he struggled to find a solution to persuade Mia to stay.

Suddenly, Timothy's gaze shifted to Mia's abdomen.

If Laura were aware of Mia's pregnancy with Timothy's child, she would undoubtedly insist that Mia stay in Bern City.

Certainly, resisting Laura's sincere plea would be challenging for Mia.

Feeling Timothy's eyes on her, Mia became uneasy. Quickly, she grabbed a

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pillow to shield her abdomen, silently cursing.

Why was Timothy giving her such a look? Was he attempting to subtly hint at

Laura about her pregnancy.

hoping it would persuade her to stay?

Mia's brow furrowed slightly. She couldn't allow Timothy to have that opportunity. She wasn't sure if she could resist being swayed.

She quickly got up. "Grandma Laura, I need to use the restroom real quick."

"Go ahead. When you come back, dinner will be ready. I've instructed the cooks to prepare your favorite dishes." Taking a deep breath, Mia headed upstairs to the restroom. Despite appreciating Laura's kindness, she longed

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for independence.

Upon exiting the restroom, Mia spotted Timothy waiting outside.

Timothy cast a condescending glance down at her. “Where are you planning

to take my babies?” Mia’s breath caught. Her suspicions were validated.

Timothy had indeed set his sights on her little ones.

She tenderly touched her abdomen, locking eyes with him. “You were quite

clear in the past about not Liking children and not wanting them.” Upon hearing this, Timothy’s eyes turned cold, followed by a brief flicker of vulnerability.

His lips tightened as he affirmed, “I did say that.” “Given your firm stance

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against having children, why are you pretending now?” Mia retorted, her gaze sharp with irony. She recalled questioning Timothy about his views on having children many times, yet he had always remained steadfast. Timothy tightly gripped her wrist. “The twins are mine too. You don’t have the sole authority to decide where they will live; they should stay here.” Timothy was teistent that Atia elve birth to their babies in Bern City. From his expression, Mia could tell he wasn’t kine She dehantly raised her chin and

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replied, “Go ahead and try. Let’s see if my six brothers would agree to that I’m no longer the vulnerable orphan you and your family can push around!”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 536-Timothy’s hand tightened gradually, a chill settling into his stender lips.

“What do you mean by ‘go ahead and try? Just remember, this is Bern City! It’s not your brothers” territory, and they have no authority to take my children away.” The tension in the air thickened between them.

Unexpectedly, Mia erupted into laughter, regarding Timothy with a look of

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amusement. “But I never claimed the twins in my belly were yours.”

Timothy

hesitated for a moment. “What do you mean?” “Precisely what I said.

Can’t

you understand?” Mia tried to distance herself, but Timothy held onto her shoulder, his eyes showing a tinge of bloodshot If they aren’t mine, then who

is their father?” After all, both Connor and Claude were Mia’s brothers, and

the men she had recently been linked with belonged to the Lane family as well.

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Therefore, Mia didn't have any other men in her life. That implied there was

only one potential father for the twins in her belly—Timothy!

Suppressing the turmoil within, Mia maintained a composed exterior as she

locked eyes with him.

“To be honest, I'm not entirely sure. Before the notion of divorce came up, you

were frequently absent from home. There were also rumors circulating about

your involvement with other women.

“So, one night, I went to a bar, got drunk, and ended up hooking up with a

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stranger. That's when I became pregnant." As her words hung in the air, Mia sensed Timothy's gaze intensifying. He furrowed his brow. "You're not telling the truth." Mia lowered her eyelids slightly, adopting a mask of indifference. "If it weren't for that, do you truly believe I would have resorted to leveraging my pregnancy? At that moment, I found myself vulnerable and alone when you decided to cast me out." Sensing Timothy's grip loosened, she continued,

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“It’s more than just that. I also doubted the paternity of the babies. Despite our previous intimacy, I took precautions afterward, convinced that I couldn’t have conceived.

“I was afraid that if you discovered I had been intimate with another man and became pregnant, you would retaliate against me. So, I decided to keep quiet.” Standing before Timothy, Mia seemed somewhat diminutive.  
“Mia, do you genuinely expect me to buy into what you’re saying?”  
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you believe it or not is entirely up to you. After all, I am the heiress of the Lane family now, whether the twins are yours or not doesn't concern me in the least..." "If you were worried about me finding out that the babies aren't mine, then why were you insistent earlier that they belonged to your brother?" Confronted by Timothy's intense gaze, Mia grappled to respond, stating, "It's simply because I had my brother to rely on, even though I was initially unaware of my family's wealth and influence. "I never claimed that the twins were my brother's. That was your assumption

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from the beginning.” Timothy remained unmoved, his once alluring features now darkened with anger, his eyes revealing emotions he hadn’t acknowledged.

After a momentary silence, he eventually released her hand. “Mia, have you ever uttered a truthful word?” “Well, my principles are generally straightforward: I speak appropriately based on the circumstances.” She slowly withdrew her hand and added, “That’s precisely why I chose not to disclose my pregnancy to Grandma. After all, the twins don’t carry the Barrett lineage.

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“If Grandma were to find out, it would only bring her sadness and heartache.”

Mia pursed her lips. “And, just to clarify, I didn’t lie. From the very beginning, I

never acknowledged that the babies belonged to you.” A bitter chuckle escaped Timothy’s lips. He felt utterly foolish.

“Mia.” Laura’s voice suddenly interjected.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 537-Upon hearing Laura’s voice,

Mia’s expression instantly paled.

Had Laura overheard their conversation just now?

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She felt momentarily flustered. The last person she wanted to hurt was Laura.

As Timothy and Mia turned, they noticed Laura waiting.

Mia's expression became somewhat uneasy as she greeted her. "Hello, Grandma." "Why are you both lingering here? Let's go and eat. I noticed you

hadn't returned for a while, and I started to wonder if you'd gotten stuck in the

bathroom, so I came to check." Hearing this, Mia let out a sigh of relief.

"Grandma Laura, we just had a short conversation and lost track

of time a bit." Linking her arms with Laura's, the two of them made their way

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toward the dining room.

Timothy observed Mia's departing figure, his gaze intensifying.

Throughout the meal, Mia deliberately ignored Timothy, who was seated across from her.

Turning to Laura, she remarked, "Grandma, you should rest now. I'll leave first. I'll come visit you again soon." "Alright, be sure to spend more time with

me before you depart for Nord City." Laura responded.

Mia's eyes brimmed with tears as she nodded earnestly.

Upon exiting the Barrett residence, she brushed away her tears. At that moment, a tissue was offered to her, and she recognized Timothy's refined and slender fingers.

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With a fleeting look, she accepted the tissue and blew her nose forcefully. Observing her somewhat brusque actions, Timothy furrowed his brow and inquired, “What’s the name of that bar?” “What?” Mia glanced at him, momentarily puzzled, before grasping the meaning behind his question. She swiftly replied, “Why do you want to know?” “I’ll help you find that guy,”

Timothy responded.

143 “No, thank you. I’ve already decided to raise the twins on my own.”

Mia

replied, her demeanor resolute. It appeared she had no intention of searching

for the twins’ biological father.

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Witnessing her determination, Timothy felt a twinge in his heart. “Are you really okay with the twins never knowing who their father is?” he inquired. Mia turned away, a touch of bitterness evident in her eyes.

“In the end, that man remains oblivious to the babies’ existence. He certainly

wouldn’t want them, and might even pressure me into terminating the pregnancy.

“Knowing this inevitable outcome, how could I bring myself to tell him?”

Mia

had no idea what Timothy would do next after leveraging her twins to coerce

her into staying in Bern City. She certainly wouldn’t risk jeopardizing her

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bables!

The two stood in a standoff at the entrance of the residence, neither budging.

Nonetheless, Timothy could detect an underlying tone in Mia's words. It felt as though she were subtly mocking his initial reluctance to have children

and even pressuring her to consider terminating the pregnancy.

However, that was a reality he couldn't deny.

Furrowing his brow, Timothy spoke up. "I can drive you back. Do you want to

go to campus or head home?" "It's alright. I'll walk on my own," Mia replied

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resolutely.

“It’s not easy to find a cab around here, you know.” Timothy insisted.

Mia nodded. “I’m aware. My brother will come to pick me up.” As she finished

speaking, a sleek black luxury car pulled up next to them.

Claude emerged from the car, looking remarkably handsome. He took off his

black sunglasses and walked over. “Mia, let’s go.” “I’m coming.” At the sight of

Claude, a faint smile appeared on Mia’s lips.

She turned to Timothy beside her and remarked, “If you need to reach me, please send a text instead of 70:

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visiting the campus like you did today. It can be disruptive to other students.”

After saying that, Mia continued walking toward Claude without looking back.

However, she sensed Timothy’s palpable gaze trailing her from behind.

As Mia settled into Claude’s car, she couldn’t help but notice its luxurious appearance.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 538-Claude stood outside, shooting Timothy a launting glance, With a nonchalant air, he said, “From now

on, Mia will have a dedicated chauffeur whenever she goes out.

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“We also have plenty of sports cars walling for her at home. She doesn’t need to ride in any other man’s old–fashioned car.” Claude deliberately threw shade at Timothy’s luxurious car, highlighting the new model he had purchased that day.

Watching as Claude drove off with Mia, Timothy stood alone.

He promptly took out his phone and called Caleb, asking, “Are you available?

Can you come with me to the car dealership?” Half an hour later, the two met

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outside the dealership.

Caleb looked hesitant as he spoke, “Tim, I heard a rumor recently. I’m not sure if it’s true.” Anticipating Caleb’s words. Timothy quickly adopted a stern

expression. “You might want to keep that to yourself.” “Come on, Tim.

Don’t

be so uptight. We’re friends, right? Can’t you satisfy my curiosity a little?

So, is

your ex–wife Mia really the heiress of the Lane family?” “Yes,” Timothy replied

curtly.

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Caleb looked shocked. “Damn! What a dramatic twist! I always thought she was just an orphan. I never imagined she’d become the Lane family heiress after divorcing you!

“Tim, I’m curious, how does that make you feel?” Timothy pursed his lips coldly. “It’s good that she found her family.” “Well, that’s not entirely inaccurate,” Caleb remarked, “but don’t you find the task of winning your wife

back significantly more challenging now?

“It’s gone from easy-peasy to downright daunting. With six brothers backing

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her up, they could easily overpower you.” Timothy gazed at the luxurious cars before him, his tone calm. “Who said I’m trying to win her back?” “Well calling it quits might be a wise move too. There are plenty of fish in the sea, after all. Oh, and Tim. what made you suddenly decide to switch cars?” Timothy remained silent; he didn’t want to explain his actions. Realizing his impulsiveness. Timothy felt a surge of frustration.

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He couldn't believe he was checking out new cars just because of Claude's remarks. It was completely out of character for him!

Ten minutes later, Timothy ended up trading his car for the latest high-end model, feeling even more.

vexed.

Indeed, he felt a sinister sense of rivalry!

Upon reaching campus, Mia realized she needed to concentrate on her academic exams.

After all these were tests she hadn't taken before, and with graduation approaching, this was her final opportunity to make up for them.

Looking at Mia, Claude spoke up. "Mia, there's no need for you to push yourself so hard. Remember, you're the heiress of our family. Dominic has

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even donated a building to the college.

“Do you really think the college authorities would dare to deny you your graduation certificate?” Mia fell silent for a moment. “Claude, I don’t want people to see me as some idle rich girl. I want to stay true to myself.

Watching Mia leave. Claude couldn’t resist messaging their family group chat.

“How can Mia be so diligent, obedient, and sensible? She’s just too adorable!”

Liam snorted and replied, “You lucked out this time. Next time, I should be the

one picking up Mia!” As Mia headed toward the library, she received a WhatsApp message from Gina. “Mia, are you free tomorrow night?” Mia

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replied with a call, saying. “I don’t have anything planned for tomorrow. What’s up?” “Taylor’s organizing a high school reunion in Jeinburg tomorrow. Will you be going?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 539-Mia wasn’t enthusiastic about going to the high school reunion, but when she heard the name “Taylor“. she immediately understood Gina’s motivation for attending. After all, Gina had always harbored a secret admiration for Taylor!

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Mia chuckled playfully as she quipped, “Gigi, are you considering going to the class reunion, or are you more excited about seeing Taylor?” Gina nervously cleared her throat. “Mia, please don’t phrase it that way. I simply thought if Taylor was the one organizing the reunion, it wouldn’t be ideal if only a few people attended. “But I do feel a bit awkward going alone. Would you be willing to accompany

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me?” “Of course, I’d be happy to.” Mia couldn’t possibly turn down Gina’s request.

Given Gina and Taylor’s shared history, along with Gina’s internship at the same company as Taylor’s. their interactions had undeniably grown more frequent.

With any luck, this reunion might just spark something between Taylor and Gina.

“In that case, I’ll go ahead and add you to the WhatsApp group for the class

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reunion.” “Sounds good.” After ending the call, Mia made her way to the study hall.

As she settled into her seat, her attention was drawn to the multiple WhatsApp notifications lighting her phone from the reunion group chat.

Upon opening the chat, she noticed several ongoing conversations among the members.

Gina had even specifically mentioned her. “Welcome, Mia, to the group.”  
Mia

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replied with a waving emoji before placing her phone down to concentrate on her studies.

During a restroom break, she checked her phone again and discovered that someone had mentioned her in the group chat.

“Mia, why aren’t you responding to everyone? Don’t act aloof!” Gina interjected, trying to explain on Mia’s behalf. “Mia is probably studying in the study hall. She’s busy preparing for her exams.” Awake him university for a few years. Fcouldn’t believe it until now. It looks like \*\*\*Save and taking exam e most bene to retum to university as a mature student, don’t you

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someone who dropped out three years ago to resume the shakes just the that \* Aww she used to excel in all her classes? Who would've guessed she

left for a guy!" God but enace in an argument with the two ladies, prompting

Taylor to step in and Just then Mia received a message from Gina. "Mia, those two who were deliberately bad-mouthing you were Ramona Tibet from

the Literary Arts Committee and her little sidekick, Jolene McKnight.

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We've never really seen eye to eye with them before." Mia replied casualb,  
Thad a feeling it was them just now." Theard Ramona's family struck it  
rich  
from a demolition project. Now she's always showing off luxury items in  
the  
class group chat.  
"But despite her efforts to catch the attention of the class heartthrob,  
Jeremy  
Kelce, he hardly acknowledges her.  
"Rumor has it he's dating a social media influencer from a wealthy family,  
and  
she might join us:

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tomorrow.” Reading the chatter about her former classmates, Mia recognized

how swiftly time had flown.

Being an orphan, she hadn’t stayed in touch with her old classmates much.

Furthermore, after her secret marriage to Timothy, Mia had chosen to maintain a low profile and limit her interactions with her former peers.

At that moment, she spotted an announcement from the university. “Dana McQueen has been expelled.” Upon seeing the notice, Mia was

momentarily

taken aback.

After all it hadn’t been long since the college’s music show concluded. It was

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during that time that Mia coincidentally encountered Dana at the Music School.

They had developed a strong bond due to their shared background as orphans. It was astonishing how swiftly circumstances could evolve.

F16 BONUS As Mia got ready to depart from campus, Liam, wearing a mask

and cap, arrived to pick her up.

Upon settling into the car, she asked, “Liam, I heard your movie is set to release soon. Aren’t you supposed to be occupied with that?” \*Regardless of

how busy I am, picking you up is always my top priority. And don’t forget, I’m

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the one financing this film. Who would dare to question me?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 540-Mia fell silent for a moment.

Was this the power of wealth?

Recalling Dana’s disciplinary notice. Mia couldn’t resist inquiring. “Liam.

I

stumbled upon Dana’s disciplinary report today. What about Maya? Have there been any updates regarding her?” These days, everyone seemed to be implicitly avoiding any mention of Maya.

Liam responded casually. “The Barretts are pressing charges against Maya for assault. Jason insisted on it, so Maya remains in custody. We’ll have to

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wait for the trial. She won't be released anytime soon." A hint of resentment flickered in Liam's gaze.

It was clear that Maya had been orchestrating trouble from the beginning, purposefully keeping Mia's whereabouts hidden, which resulted in the Lane family taking years to locate Mia.

However, simply locking her up and pressing charges felt too forgiving for Maya's actions.

If they were in Nord City, Liam definitely wouldn't let Maya off the hook so easily.

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“I remember Maya mentioning that she’s made significant contributions to the Lane family over the years. What exactly has she done?” “Well, you shouldn’t take Maya’s words too seriously. She believes looking after Grandma is challenging, but all she does is keep her company. “With numerous maids at her disposal, Maya hardly needs to lift a finger. If it weren’t for Grandma, would Maya have returned to our family to live as a heiress? She’s just a greedy opportunist!” Lowering her gaze, Mia inquired,

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“How is Grandma’s health holding up?” “It’s not great, mainly because past events have taken a toll on her mentally. It’s left her emotionally scarred, and that’s not something surgery can fix.

“Mia, once everything here is resolved, let’s return to Nord City together and visit Grandma.” “Okay.” Mia took a deep breath, stealing a glance at the passing scenery outside.

Her resit exams were scheduled for the following week, and by the end of the month, she would officially graduate.

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It was time to begin working on her thesis. Indeed, everything seemed to be approaching quickly.

Upon arriving home that evening. Mia was surprised to find only Patricia present. “Where is everyone else?” she asked, puzzled.

“Well, Aunt Karen had urgent family matters to attend to. And Grandma Edna mentioned she would be back for the next doctor’s appointment, so they both left in a hurry.

“I didn’t try to convince them to stay.” Patricia explained.

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Mia snorted dismissively. “They’re probably afraid I’ll ask them for money, which is why they left so abruptly!” But perhaps it was for the best that they departed to prevent any potential conflict.

Later that evening, the entire family gathered for dinner. Mia couldn’t resist mentioning her plans to attend her class reunion the following night. Her brothers immediately turned to her, their expressions wary. “We’ll accompany you!” Mia couldn’t help but feel exasperated. “It’s alright. I’ll be

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attending with Gina.” She knew that if all six of her brothers tagged along, they would inevitably steal the spotlight at the reunion. After all, Mia had hopes of setting up Gina and Taylor. Dominic spoke sincerely. “Mia, usually these class reunions revolve around flaunting and comparison. If you attend alone, I’m concerned you might get bullied.” “Don’t worry. I’ll be fine. After all, I’m now the heiress of the Lane family. Who would dare to challenge me?” The next morning, as Mia got ready

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to leave, Eva pulled her aside. “Mia, are you planning to wear that outfit today? What about the clothes and dresses I bought for you last time?”

“Well,

I just grabbed a random outfit this morning. Plus, I won’t be the main focus at

today’s reunion, so why make a big deal out of it?” “No, that won’t do.

Appearance means everything at these reunions. Hurry up and change into something else!” Eva insisted.

With a resigned expression, Mia changed into another outfit before heading

out.

However, she opted for something subtle and understated, without any

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prominent brand logos.

At that moment, a message appeared in the class reunion group chat.

“We’ll

be having dinner at a five- star restaurant tonight, and Jeremy is treating everyone.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 541-Mia, what are you looking at?

Did the class reunion group mention something?” Eva inquired.

“Not really,” Mia replied. “Someone just shared where we’re having dinner

tonigh Seated on the sofa, Claude raised his head. “Mia, where’s the dinner happening?

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“At Rustica Restaurant,” Mia answered.

“That place? The food there is rather ordinary. I happen to have a membership card for that restaurant, gifted by the owner.

“When you’re there, just provide them with my phone number, and they can

put the expenses on my tab,” Claude proposed.

“Mia chuckled. “No worries, someone else is footing the bill tonight.”

After

all, Ramona had mentioned in the group chat that Jeremy was treating everyone.

If Mia were to insist on paying, it would undoubtedly attract attention and might even stir up unnecessary drama.

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Mia certainly didn't want to steal the limelight at today's gathering; it wasn't necessary.

As the evening approached, Mia finished packing her bag and left campus, intending to catch a cab to the restaurant.

As she stepped outside, a car suddenly pulled up beside her.

"Are you Ms. Mia? I'm Antonio Sanchez, your designated driver for tonight.

Allow me to transport you to the restaurant," he offered.

Mia hesitated briefly but ultimately accepted the offer. She bent down and entered the car.

With her phone in hand, she sent a message to Gina. I'm on the way." Gina

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promptly replied, “I had to work late today, I’m just leaving now. I might be a little behind you.” “Don’t worry, I’ll wait for you outside,” Mia reassured her.

An hour later, the car came to a stop by the roadside.

Antonio promptly stepped out of the vehicle to open the door for Mia.

“Ms. Mia, your backpack seems quite heavy. Perhaps you should leave it in

the car. This is the handbag prepared for you by Ms. Delgado.” As Mia watched Antonio retrieve the new handbag from the passenger seat, she immediately recognized it as being from Eva.

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Why were Dominic and Eva so concerned that she might be judged at today's reunion?

Accepting the designer handbag from Antonio, Mia raised her head and surveyed her surroundings. She couldn't help but wonder if her brothers were

nearby, perhaps hiding and watching.

However, considering their hectic schedules, they probably didn't have the time.

Mia recalled overhearing Dominic and Eva discussing work matters yesterday.

They had dropped everything just to come and pick her up.

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Having convinced her brothers to return to Nord City the previous night to tend

to work matters, Mia doubted they would have the time to locate her and accompany her to the class reunion.

With her handbag in tow, Mia made her way toward the restaurant. As she walked, two elegantly dressed women approached her.

One of the women looked at her disdainfully and remarked, “Mia, I never expected you to have become so audacious over these past few years.

“Who was that elderly man driving the luxury car just now? Could he be the one who gave you this designer handbag?” “Isn’t it obvious? They must be in

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a sugar daddy–and–baby relationship. Why else would a wealthy older man just randomly give her a designer handbag? I bet it’s because Mia knows how to provide excellent sexual services!” Upon hearing this, Mia couldn’t help but chuckle, regarding the two women in front of her. “And who might you be?”

“I’m Ramona. Don’t act like you don’t know me,” she retorted.

“Ramona Tilburt? Are you sure you’re the same person in this photo? Your nose looks different, your eyes too, and your chin seems more defined. You’re

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practically unrecognizable compared to before!” Mia commented as she shook her phone.

The photo showed Ramona with her trademark side-swept bangs, but her haughty expression remained unchanged. “Mia, delete that photo immediately,

do you understand? Holding onto someone else’s photo like this violates their right to privacy!” Ramona demanded.

Mia’s tone turned cold. “And what about the things you just said? Legally, that’s considered defamation.

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Do you understand?” Ramona’s demeanor shifted from arrogant to defensive.

“Mia, did I say something inaccurate? Weren’t you an orphan who dropped out of college? How do you justify being driven in a luxury car, wearing designer clothes, and carrying designer handbags?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 542-“Just because i was once an orphan doesn’t mean I still am. I have a family now!” “Hmph, stop with the lies.

Are you seriously trying to convince me that you randomly stumbled upon an

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affluent family, turning you from an orphan into a wealthy heiress overnight?”

Mia nodded. “Why is that so hard to believe?” “Hahaha, Mia, your excuses are getting ridiculous. Have you been indulging in too many soap operas? Such scenarios only play out in TV dramas, not in reality. Snap out of it!” At that moment, a Porsche pulled up nearby, and a sharply dressed man stepped out. He wore gold-rimmed glasses, exuding an aura of urban sophistication.

Ramona’s face lit up when she spotted him. “Jeremy, over here!” Jeremy

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approached them with a warm smile. “Why are you two waiting at the entrance? Aren’t you tired?”

“You could have simply mentioned my name, and they would have escorted

you directly to the private room.” Taking advantage of the moment, Ramona

commented, “Jeremy, did you get a new car? I remember you had a BMW last

time, and now you’re driving a Porsche. Quite the upgrade, huh?” “Oh, it’s nothing. My family helped me out with some money to upgrade my car.

There’s no way I could afford a new one with my income.

“By the way, it’s a pleasant surprise to see Mia here today after all these

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years. You still look as lovely as ever, Mia, not a day older.” Mia smiled gracefully in response. “Thanks for the compliment.” Standing nearby, Ramona couldn’t conceal her jealousy. She hadn’t anticipated Jeremy’s immediate attention toward Mia upon his arrival.

After all, women possessed a keen intuition. Despite the passing years, it appeared Jeremy still harbored feelings for Mia.

Jeremy instructed, “Let’s head inside, everyone. Don’t linger outside.” Mia stayed quiet, joining the group as they made their way toward the restaurant.

As she entered, a sleek, new luxury car pulled up by the roadside.

Timothy lowered the car window and glanced toward the restaurant, a flicker

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of confusion crossing his gaze.

Moments ago, he thought he glimpsed Mia among a group of people.

Seated in the passenger seat, Heath cautiously began, “Mr. Barrett, our reservation today isn’t at this restaurant. It’s the one further ahead.” “Got it,”

Timothy replied, shifting his gaze away and rolling up the car window.

Upon entering the private room, Mia found herself amidst several classmates,

although Gina had yet to arrive.

Ramona swiftly claimed the seat beside Jeremy, eagerly inquiring about his

work.

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Mia quietly seated herself beside them, listening attentively. It was then that

she discovered Jeremy's employment at a financial firm, boasting a substantial income.

As the waiter served tea, Jeremy poured a cup for Mia, commending her, "Mia, I heard you won first place in a design competition. That's truly impressive! Congratulations!" "Thank you, it's just a stroke of luck," she modestly replied.

"Don't underestimate yourself. Luck often reflects skill just as much."

Ramona

couldn't help but interject, "Did Mia truly win an award in a design competition,

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or was it one of those that almost anyone could achieve?” “It’s the Fleur International Design Competition, hosted by the renowned Lane family in Nord

City. It takes place every three years and carries considerable prestige.

“With Mia securing first place, she now holds a golden opportunity to join any

top-tier company in the industry.” @

Upon hearing this, Ramona couldn’t help but feel envious.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 543-Mia flashed a slightly awkward yet polite smile. “Compared to your accomplishments, Jeremy, mine

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seem insignificant.” Ramona couldn’t resist interjecting, “Even if Mia snagged the first prize, what’s the big deal? I heard she ditched college for some guy, so now she probably only has a high school diploma. “What reputable company would hire someone with just a high school education?” Jolene chimed in, “Exactly. These days, having a solid education is crucial for securing job opportunities.” Ramona adopted a seemingly caring tone as she spoke, “Mia, I genuinely feel sorry for you. You had such good grades back then, even securing a spot in a top–tier university.

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“But it’s such a shame that you dropped out for a guy. If only you had a degree from a prestigious university now, along with this award, finding a good job would be a breeze.” “Who said Mia only has a high school diploma?”

Just then, Gina barged through the door and confronted Ramona directly.

“Mia has been diligently preparing for her resit examinations on campus.

Once

she passes her exams and gets her thesis approved, she’ll successfully obtain her graduation certificate.” “That’s impossible! Mia dropped out

years

ago. How can she suddenly decide to return to university like this?” “Just because you can’t achieve something doesn’t mean others can’t. As I

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mentioned, Mia is back in college, preparing for her exams. “Soon, she’ll graduate from Harvard University, a top-tier institution, unlike someone who holds only an associate degree and still has the audacity to belittle others.” Ramona instantly became defensive. “Gina, who are you referring to as an associate degree holder? I’ve been studying abroad for quite some time now. It’s at a prestigious university in Nord City, a place most people can only dream of.” Jolene joined in with a boast, “Exactly! Ramona is currently studying abroad as an international student. Mia can’t even compare

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to that.” Gina smirked. “That must have been quite expensive, huh?” Ramona’s demeanor tensed. “My family is well-off. Are you feeling envious or something?” Mia immediately tugged at Gina’s sleeve, shaking her head subtly. “Let it be, there’s no need to argue about this.” “Mia, I’m just trying to defend you here. Given that you haven’t attended any class reunions in the past few years, you might not be aware of the rumors and gossip circulating about you. “Now is the perfect opportunity to set the record straight.” Visibly agitated,

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Ramona exclaimed, “Mia, I heard you dropped out of college for a guy back then. Our class teacher thought it was such a pity. Are you still with him?” Mia paused before responding, “No, we’re no longer together.” “Doesn’t that mean you’re divorced now? Unfortunately, second marriages can be quite difficult these days. Perhaps I should help you find someone,” Ramona quipped. Mia responded with a wry smile. “That won’t be necessary. We aren’t close enough for that.” Jolene sarcastically chimed in, “Don’t miss out on this

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opportunity. Ramona knows some eligible guys. If you pass this up, you might regret it.” Unable to hold back, Gina interjected, “Mia isn’t concerned about these matters. She’s financially secure and enjoys her life independently.” After all, as the heiress of the Lane family, did Mia need to depend on any man? Ramona burst into laughter, covering her mouth. “Well, I half-expected you to say that Mia is now living the high life with some wealthy older man. “But let’s be real, that’s not a sustainable plan—Ah! Why did you splash water

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on me?” Casually setting down her cup, Mia retorted, “Your breath stinks, so I

figured I’d help you freshen up.” Furious, Ramona rose from her seat.

“Mia, do

you realize this outfit is designer? Can you even afford to compensate for it?”

Gina interjected with a cold snort. “Who told you to spread baseless rumors?

Getting splashed is just what you deserve, isn’t it?” “Where did I spread baseless rumors? Just moments ago, I saw an older man driving a luxury car,

dropping her off, and even handing her a designer bag—the very one she’s

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holding right now. “Besides, everyone knows Mia is an orphan! Where did she

get so much money to buy a designer bag?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 544-Mia glanced over with a steely

gaze. “He’s the family chauffeur.” “Chauffeur? Haha, Mia, are you kidding me?”

Just a moment ago, she was talking about discovering her family and how wealthy they are! I mean, who would buy into that?\*

Ramona found it hard to believe Mia’s claims about her family’s wealth.

Gina retorted without hesitation, “Oh, Ramona, is it too much for you to handle

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that Mia found her biological parents, and they happen to be rich? Whether you can accept it or not, that's the truth!" "Where's the evidence for that?"

Just

because you claim Mia's biological parents are affluent, how can we trust it?"

Ramona demanded.

Mia pulled Gina aside, whispering, "Don't worry about it. Let them believe

what they want." Just then, Taylor stepped in, redirecting the conversation, "I

reckon everyone's feeling hungry. How about we order some food?"

Jeremy

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quickly joined in, adding, “Absolutely, let’s celebrate Mia’s family reunion with some extra dishes today.” While the rest of the classmates offered their congratulations, Ramona remained seated in her chair, sulking. She refused to believe that Mia’s family was wealthy, instead insisting that Mia was merely being supported by wealthy older men! However, with Jeremy present, Ramona restrained herself from being too confrontational, fearing she might offend him and tarnish her refined image. 1  
Handing the menu to Mia, she remarked, “Why don’t you take the lead on

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ordering? Considering your previous financial situation, dining at a place like this might have been out of reach for you, am I right?” Mia looked puzzled.

After all, Claude had mentioned that the food at this restaurant was mediocre

and even provided her with a VIP membership card.

Consequently, Mia didn't find this restaurant particularly impressive.

Jeremy chimed in with a warm smile, “Mia, feel free to choose whatever you

like. Cost is not a concern here. Order whatever appeals to you.” 1/2 Mia cast

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a glance at Gina and suggested, “Why don’t we order together?” Since Mia was already here, she couldn’t just go hungry, especially given her pregnancy and the importance of obtaining proper nourishment.

Taking a glance at the menu, she selected two dishes from the first page. Upon placing the menu down, Ramona, seated beside her, couldn’t resist making a sarcastic comment, “Mia, why did you choose these two dishes?”

Mia appeared puzzled. “What’s the issue with them?” “Well, Mia, it’s understandable that you didn’t know. After all, you’ve never had the chance to

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dine at a restaurant like this before.

“The dishes on the first page of the menu are exclusively available to VIP guests; regular patrons can’t order them. You’re simply embarrassing yourself.” Mia hesitated for a moment. After all, Claude had generously provided her with his VIP membership card, granting her access to order from

the first page of the menu.

Considering Claude had mentioned that only these two dishes were decent, Mia opted for them.

Gina quickly retorted, “What’s the big deal about that?” Jeremy quickly stepped in, his expression growing uneasy. “These are just gimmicks of the restaurant.

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We don't need to take them seriously." Ramona cynically commented, "Jeremy, you're being overly generous, covering for Mia like that.

Someone

here was bragging about their wealth just a moment ago, but it seems their facade didn't quite last, did it?" At that moment, the waiter approached.

Taking

the menu, he politely asked, "Is there anything else you'd like?" Ramona quickly interjected, saying to the waiter, "You're asking the wrong person.

The

one who is treating us is right here!"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 545-Mia was surprised by the waiter's unexpected courtesy toward her, considering Jeremy was the one

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treating them.

Glancing at the waiter, she stated, “I don’t need anything else, thank you.”

With that, the waiter departed the private room without acknowledging Jeremy nearby.

Ramona quickly commented, “What kind of service is that? Such arrogance!

Does he assume Mia is treating us today?” Her remarks were met with laughter from several classmates.

To salvage the situation, Jeremy quickly interjected, “The waiter is just being

polite. I’ve been to this restaurant several times, and I simply wanted

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everyone to order what they preferred.

“However, when it comes to settling the bill, it’s on me.” “Jeremy, you’re just

as charming and handsome as ever, nothing has changed,” Upon hearing Ramona compliment Jeremy and flirt with him on purpose, Mia’s appetite immediately diminished.

She glanced at Gina and Taylor seated beside her; they seemed to be engrossed in conversation.

Silently, Mia poured herself a glass of lemon water.

Even though she was somewhat put off by Ramona and Jeremy’s demeanor

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at the table, her sole purpose for coming was to try to set up Gina with Taylor.

j Before long, the waiter arrived with the dishes.

Soon, the table was filled with food, noticeably more than what they had originally ordered.

Jeremy was the first to notice something was amiss. “I don’t believe we ordered this much,” he remarked.

Glancing at Mia, the waiter announced, “These dishes are compliments from

the restaurant owner, Mr.

Irwin Russ. He hopes you all enjoy your meal and have a wonderful time.”

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the waiter left, Jeremy found himself puzzled.

In reality, he rarely interacted with Irwin, as they operated in entirely different social circles.

Even if Jeremy wanted to impress him, he simply didn't have the means to do so.

Ramona closely observed the dishes on the table and exclaimed, "Jeremy, aren't these dishes from the exclusive VIP menu? How did they end up here?

Only VIP guests can order them!" Everyone had presumed these dishes wouldn't be served following Mia's embarrassing mishap just now.

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Yet, much to their surprise, all of them were brought to the table. Jolene promptly added, “This must be due to Jeremy’s influence, right? Who else here could have that kind of clout?” Ramona nodded with a smile. “Exactly! Jeremy, you sly dog, keeping this all to yourself? I even tried persuading my parents for the membership card to this place, but they wouldn’t budge. “And here you are, concealing your VIP status like it’s no big deal. Suddenly, the entire room was lavishing Jeremy with praise. Jeremy’s expression became slightly uncomfortable. After all, he was just an

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ordinary patron. He couldn't have possibly ordered dishes from the VIP menu.

He struggled to comprehend why there were suddenly so many exclusive dishes on the table. Was it a mistake?

Despite his confusion, Jeremy didn't want to risk embarrassment by denying it.

Suddenly, Mia's phone buzzed. She retrieved it and saw a message from Claude. "How's the food today? I've already spoken to Mr. Russ, so you can

expect top-notch treatment!" Upon reading the message, Mia finally understood why the waiter had treated her so courteously earlier.

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It turned out that Claude had spoken to Irwin.  
Mia responded with an emoji, “Thanks, Claude.” Leaning in, Gina whispered,  
“So it’s because of your brother, right? Why didn’t you mention it? Can’t you see how everyone is flattering Jeremy?” As Mia placed her phone down, she overheard Ramona showering Jeremy with compliments. Everyone seemed to believe that the extra dishes were brought out due to Jeremy’s influence. However, Mia didn’t feel compelled to disclose the truth.

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In a subdued voice, she remarked, “It’s unnecessary. Besides, there won’t be another occasion like this.” “Exactly, there’s no point in staying in touch with these individuals. It’s not worth it,” Gina agreed. Mia flashed a grin at Gina and asked, “Anyway, what are your thoughts on Taylor?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 546-After Mia posed her question, she noticed a faint blush on Gina’s cheeks. Indeed, this was the primary reason Mia had come to the reunion today—solely to accompany Gina.

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Just then, Jeremy raised his glass, declaring, “Everyone, I propose a toast. I appreciate each of you for gracing us with your presence tonight. Here’s to a prosperous future and abundant wealth!” Abstaining from alcohol, Mia decided to pour herself a glass of lemon water instead. Ramona quickly pointed out, “Mia, everyone else is drinking, but you’re sticking with water. What’s the deal? Why aren’t you trying to be sociable?” In a composed manner, Mia explained, “I haven’t been feeling well lately and

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can't consume alcohol I apologize." Given her pregnancy, it was evident that alcohol was off-limits for her. Ramona expressed her disapproval, questioning, "What do you mean by 'you can't drink'? Are you purposely trying to be different and draw attention to yourself?" Interrupting Ramona, Jeremy intervened, asserting, "If she chooses not to drink, that's entirely up to her. After all, this is a class reunion, not a formal business event. How about we let everyone make their own choice?" Frustrated, Ramona could only shoot Mia a resentful look.

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Once Jeremy had finished his drink, he approached Mia. “Hey Mia, let’s swap numbers. Our company has design projects too. Once you graduate from university, you can join our team. The benefits are quite appealing.” “Let’s discuss it after I graduate. I’m still undecided,” Mia responded. After all, she had already made plans to depart for Nord City. Hence, working in Bern City wasn’t on her agenda. As Ramona observed Jeremy asking for Mia’s number, her underlying discontent reached its peak. She intentionally spoke up, asserting, “Mia, we’re all classmates here, so if

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you decide to join the company in the future, we'll ensure you're well looked after.

“However, I've heard that the HR department isn't particularly welcoming to divorced women. But don't worry, I have connections with the HR manager, and I'll put in a good word for you when the time comes.” Gina swiftly interjected, “Well, Mia isn't interested at all. After winning first place in the Fleur International Design Competition, both the Barrett Group and Nord

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City's Vista Properties extended job offers to her." Ramona countered, "Pfft, anyone can boast. If Mia is genuinely that talented, why hasn't she joined a major corporation already? What's the point of returning to university?" "Because Mia wants to complete her exams and earn her degree before entering the workforce." Jeremy raised a concern. "Isn't she putting the cart before the horse? Even with a degree, there's no guarantee she will land a job at those big corporations." Gina spoke confidently, "It's not a problem. The

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company's HR department has assured Mia that she can join them as soon as she graduates." Upon hearing this, a flicker of jealousy crossed Ramona's expression.

Jolene voiced her skepticism, stating, "Words mean little without evidence."

Gina promptly shared screenshots in the group chat, providing proof of her

connections with representatives from both corporations.

She remarked, "There's no need for lies when the evidence speaks for itself!"

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Upon viewing the screenshots, the rest of the classmates couldn't hide their envy. "Mia, your talent is remarkable," one commented. "Indeed, Mia, when you join these prominent corporations in the future, please remember us," another added. With a smile, Jeremy chimed in, "Mia, these corporations are thriving. Congratulations in advance! Let's make plans to meet up more frequently in the future." Furious, Ramona and Jolene remained on the sidelines, unable to savor their meal.

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After finishing their dinner and settling the bill, Mia accompanied Gina to the restroom.

Upon reaching the entrance of the private room, they were met by a middle-aged man dressed in a suit.

The man politely addressed Mia, asking, “Was your meal satisfactory?”

Mia

responded with a hint of skepticism, “It was okay.” Ramona hurriedly exited

the room, her face beaming with excitement. “Mia, do you know this middle-aged man? Is he your new boyfriend?”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 547-The middle-aged man wore a stein expression and remained silent, his gaze respectful as he turned toward

Mia. “Ms. Bowen, do you require any assistance in managing this situation?”

Mia was taken aback to discover that the middle-aged man was, in fact, the restaurant owner, Irwin Russ.

Considering the recent text from Claude, it wouldn't be surprising for Irwin to make an effort to please Claude by approaching them.

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Jeremy was astonished, exclaiming, “He’s the owner of this restaurant?” Equally taken aback, Ramona inquired, “Is it possible that someone is pretending to be the owner?” Jeremy responded firmly, “I know Peter, the manager of this restaurant, and if he says that this man is the owner, there’s no doubt it’s true.” Ramona’s expression grew uneasy. She understood the considerable status that Irwin held.

Given that even her father treated him with deference, she certainly couldn’t afford to upset him. Despite having to suppress her pride, Ramona couldn’t shake off a sense of resentment.

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She cynically remarked, “Impressive, Mia. You’ve successfully climbed the social ladder.

Congratulations. Let’s consider our earlier dispute settled.” Mia met her gaze

with a wry smile and countered, “Who said it’s resolved?” Irwin addressed Mia

in a respectful tone, stating, “Ms. Bowen, I’ll handle this issue personally. There’s not need to involve your family.

“If you could kindly put in a good word for me with your brother later, I would

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greatly appreciate it.” Before Mia could respond, Irwin turned his attention to

Ramona and added, “By the way, your father is affiliated with Equinox, right?

Inform him that the contract he signed earlier is now void..

“Furthermore, in the future, you and your family should refrain from pursuing

any further ventures in this field.” Ramona’s complexion instantly paled.

“I–I

mean, today’s situation was clearly not in my favor. How could you blacklist

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my family's company?" Should Ramona's father learn that his company was blacklisted because of her, he would undoubtedly be furious.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 548-Mia didn't want to listen any further. She turned to Gina and uttered, "I'm heading out. Feel free to continue chatting." She couldn't bear it any longer. Indeed, her brother's words rang true from the previous night; these class reunions were simply gatherings where everyone engaged in boasting and comparisons, devoid of any real significance.

As Mia exited the restroom and waited for the elevator, she noticed tears

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streaming down Ramona's face.

Ramona hurriedly intercepted Mia's path, pleading. "Mia, please, let's not dwell on petty matters. We're all adults here. This time, I'll admit it's my fault! I

apologize!" Witnessing Ramona's distressed state, Mia turned to Gina with a

puzzled expression. "What's going on?" Gina responded curtly, "Ramona just

received a call from her family, informing her about their impending bankruptcy due to her conflict with Mr. Russ.

"Frankly, I believe she brought it upon herself; some individuals simply lack

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restraint.” A nearby classmate interjected, seemingly attempting to appease

Mia. “Absolutely! We all know Mia’s biological parents are affluent, yet someone chose to disregard the truth and spread unfounded gossip.

She has only herself to blame!” Ramona found herself speechless amidst the

mockery.

Turning to Jeremy, Ramona noticed his evasive gaze. Eventually, he spoke up, saying, “Ramona, you owe Mia an apology. When you mess up, you’ve

got to face the music.” With a hint of reluctance, Ramona offered her apology.

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“Mia, I’m sorry.” Appalled, Mia pushed Ramona aside and made her way toward the elevator.

In a desperate attempt, Ramona immediately dropped to her knees, pleading.

“Mia, don’t leave. Please forgive me this time! My family can’t afford to go

bankrupt!” Jolene chimed in urgently, “Mia, Ramona is even kneeling for you.

What more do you want? Are you really going to push her to the edge?”

Mia

scornfully remarked, “Had I lacked power or influence, I’d have been subjected to bullying and baseless accusations, with no one to stand up for

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me.

that now that the situation has reversed, is there suddenly an issue? Can't seem to handle it, but Ma couldn't help but feel repulsed by such a shallow analogy. Back in their school days, Ramona had often teamed up with other

small cliques to ostracize and ridicule. After Mia's words, none of the

classmates dared to speak a word.

Stepping forward, Gina defended Mia, stating, "Tamona's family bankruptcy

has nothing to do with Mia.

She's not responsible for their situation.

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“Ramona, you’re directing your apology to the wrong person. Why not kneel before Mr. Russ instead?” Mia remained silent as she walked away, heading for the elevator.

Gina comforted her, saying, “Try not to dwell on it too much. Ramona brought this upon herself! Her remarks were completely uncalled for, and you demonstrated impressive restraint throughout!

“Choosing not to report her for defamation was already a generous gesture.”

As they reached the restaurant’s entrance, they were met with pouring rain

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outside.

Jeremy quickly caught up, his enthusiasm apparent. “Mia, let me drive you home. It’s not safe to take a taxi in this heavy rain!” Mia declined his offer directly, stating, “It’s fine. ‘My driver will come to pick me up.’” “Heh, it seems

like you’re still pretending, huh? Perhaps that elderly gentleman is here to pick

up Mia. Where did this driver come from, anyway?”

At that moment, Ramona approached, looking disheveled. Glaring coldly at

Mia, she declared, “I don’t believe for a second that you’re some wealthy heiress!

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“I’m convinced Mr. Russ orchestrated that whole charade just to spare you from embarrassment!” Gina tired back, “Ramona, have you lost your mind? It appears you’re just jealous, unable to handle others \* success.” “Hmph, let’s see when that elderly gentleman arrives to pick up Mia! Then her hypocritical facade will be exposed for all to see!”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 549-The corner of Mia’s lips twitched involuntarily; she couldn’t help but wonder if Ramona’s reasoning had been impaired by their earlier altercation.

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As time passed, the rain outside persisted, pouring heavily without any signs of stopping.

However, Antonio hadn't arrived yet. Mia had just begun relying on him for transportation today and hadn't had the chance to obtain his phone number. She couldn't understand why Antonio hadn't appeared.

Without hesitation, Ramona insinuated with a mocking tone. "See, I told you so. Mia likely feels scared about letting that elderly man pick her up. She's probably afraid that we'll expose her/ultry and Frowning, Mia directed her gaze

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at Ramona. “Ramona, haven’t you learned anything?” Initially, Mia had contemplated informing her brother about the situation.

Despite her dislike for Ramona, she had no desire to bring financial hardship

upon her family. However, it appeared that Ramona needed to be taught a lesson.

“With nothing left to lose, why should I hold back? Today, I’ll reveal your true

nature! Who do you think you are, going from an orphan to a wealthy socialite? This isn’t some TV drama!” Ramona retorted defiantly.

She was consumed by madness, refusing to acknowledge Mia’s wealthy and

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influential biological parents.

Indeed, Ramona was convinced that Mia was fabricating the truth, insisting

that Mia must be romantically involved with Irwin and that they had conspired

with Antonio to orchestrate a deceitful scheme.

To Ramona, Mia's transformation from an orphan to a wealthy heiress seemed utterly implausible.

Mia smirked in response, remarking. "Suit yourself." Ramona was truly seeking trouble, Mia was prepared to oblige.

Ramona taunted, "Mia, don't act so smug. Where's your driver? Why not ring

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him up and have him fetch you?” Mia furrowed her brow and replied, “I still

don’t have his phone number.” After all, Antonio had only been recently arranged as her driver, and she wasn’t accustomed to being chauffeured around by someone else.

Ramona scoffed, “Who do you think you’re fooling? Are you seriously suggesting that you don’t have your chauffeur’s contact information?”

“It’s quite late now, and despite this heavy rain, your chauffeur still hasn’t arrived to pick you up. Do you honestly expect anyone to believe your lies?”

Growing more convinced of her theories, Ramona declared triumphantly, “See

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that, everyone? Mia doesn't actually come from a wealthy family! It's all a fabrication!" A classmate chimed in, "But what about earlier? Even your father scolded you over the phone." With clenched teeth, Ramona retorted, "It's evident that the elderly gentleman is Mia's sugar daddy. colluding with Mr. Russ to orchestrate this whole charade!" In a subdued tone, the classmate remarked, "But considering the issues your family's company is facing. is it truly appropriate for you to be so arrogant?" Ramona's expression froze momentarily, a hint of guilt flickering in her eyes. Swiftly regaining her composure, she blustered, "Mia is nothing but a sugar

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baby; what accomplishments could she possibly have?

“All I need to do is have a word with that old man’s wife, and Mia’s charade

will crumble.” t Mia regarded Ramona with a wry smile. “Initially, I was contemplating informing my brother when I returned home. After all, this issue

is between us, and there’s no need to involve our families.

“But since you’re so confident in your stance, by all means, go ahead.”

Gina

chimed in swiftly, “Mia, you’re too forgiving. Why show mercy to someone like

her? Ramona has used her family’s company to mistreat numerous people.

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“Their financial troubles now are simply what they brought upon themselves.”

Furious, Ramona sneered, “Mia, go ahead and boast all you want. Who would

believe your sudden transformation from an orphan to a wealthy heiress?

\*After all, no one else has heard about this before. You can’t simply fabricate

anything you please, can you?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 550-Jolene interjected,

“Exactly!

Mia, why hasn’t your chauffeur arrived yet? Are you concerned that if Ramona

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were to discover who he is, she might inform his wife? That's why you're hesitant to bring him here?" As she spoke, a sleek black luxury car smoothly pulled up outside the restaurant. The car's elegant lines glided through the pouring rain, halting directly in front of the restaurant entrance. Instantly, all eyes turned toward the vehicle. Jeremy couldn't help but exclaim, "Wow, that's impressive! It's the latest Rolls-Royce. Even with money, it's not easy to get your hands on one." Ramona leaned forward, attempting to get a clearer view.

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Mia, too, stared at the sleek black car before her, a hint of confusion evident in her eyes; this vehicle didn't resemble her brother's or Antonio's! Yet, the emblem on the car appeared familiar. She recalled Timothy owning a similar car, although the model seemed different! Suddenly, the passenger door swung open, and a man holding a black umbrella approached the back seat, courteously opening the door. The large black umbrella opened overhead, shielding them from the heavy downpour. A man in a suit leaned forward to step out of the car. His features were handsome yet stern, and his narrow eyes held a sharp gaze.

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Upon his arrival, the sound of the rain around him seemed to diminish, as if fading into the background.

Taking the umbrella from Heath's hand, Timothy ascended the steps, his movements commanding and resolute.

For a moment, nearly all the women present found themselves captivated by him.

Mia stood in place, observing Timothy's unexpected arrival. What was he doing here? In this torrential downpour, had he also come for dinner?

As Mia contemplated this, Timothy suddenly stood before her, his figure looming over her despite standing a few steps above.

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SPARKS He positioned his umbrella over Mia's head, protecting her from the splashing rain.

Instinctively, Mia moved aside. "Are you here for dinner?" Observing her movement, Timothy's brow furrowed. "Follow me With the downpour intensifying, trying to hail a cab seemed impossible.

Nevertheless, Mia instinctively refused, "There's no need to go through all this

trouble." Given Antonio's likely delay on the road, Mia was confident he would

arrive later to pick her up.

Noticing her refusal, Timothy's tone carried a hint of discontent. "Are you

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planning to get drenched on your way back in this heavy rain?” With that, he extended his hand toward Mia, his knuckles defined and attractive, Just then, Jeremy stepped forward, positioning himself beside Mia, “Sir, Mia prefers not to accompany you. I’ll ensure she gets home safely.” Seeing another man intervene, Timothy’s gaze turned sharp. “I suggest you refrain from interfering in this matter!” Where did this man come from? How dare he portray himself as a knight in shining armor!

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Undeterred, Jeremy persisted, “Mia and I are classmates. If she’s not willing to accompany you, then you shouldn’t force her.” t Timothy pursed his lips, arching an eyebrow with a mocking glint in his eyes. While Jeremy was also dressed in a formal suit, he appeared noticeably less impressive in both presence and appearance compared to Timothy. Timothy’s icy gaze sent a shiver down Jeremy’s spine, yet Jeremy couldn’t help but secretly admire. Timothy’s commanding aura. Despite this, Jeremy didn’t want to come across as timid, so he refused to back down.

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Timothy regarded him with a cold stare. “What’s your name?” “I’m Jeremy Kelce, the manager at Truist Financial. Here’s my business card!” Jeremy responded, his tone tinged with a hint of pride and boastfulness. respect in society. Timothy glanced at the business card but chose not to accept it. It seemed Jeremy was projecting an air of arrogance.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 551-Observing Jeremy’s outstretched hand holding the business card, Mia couldn’t help but glance at

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Timothy. “Isn’t it considered polite to accept a business card when it’s offered?” she remarked.

Timothy arched his eyebrows mockingly. “Does he even deserve to hand me

his business card?” Jeremy’s demeanor shifted abruptly. “What do you mean

by that?” As a wealthy heir, Jeremy had never encountered such blatant disregard before.

Nonetheless, a sense of unease crept over him, especially considering the extravagant Rolls–Royce parked nearby—an opulence reserved for the elite.

“Well, the chairman of your company has personally handed me his business

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card. He requested investment in an artificial intelligence project that seemed to be short on funds.” Timothy’s tone remained indifferent as he stood in the rain.

Yet his presence commanded attention, casting a shadow over those around him. Despite his passive stance, he exuded an aura of authority, seemingly towering above everyone else.

Jeremy’s expression grew uneasy upon hearing Timothy’s words. He too was aware of the artificial intelligence project. Indeed, the chairman of

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Truist Financial was currently in discussions with the Barrett Group, hoping to secure investment from the CEO.

Could it be that the man before him was the president of the Barrett Group?

Jeremy awkwardly retracted his hand, a subtle reluctance flickering in his eyes.

If Timothy was truly the president of the Barrett Group, Jeremy understood

that provoking him was certainly not a risk he could afford to take.

Yet, despite the implications, Jeremy remained somewhat skeptical of Timothy's identity..

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Considering Mia's social status, how could she possibly have connections with someone of Timothy's caliber?

Even Jeremy himself lacked the credentials to engage with someone of that

stature. Typically, only the company chairman would be entitled to such interactions.

Jeremy couldn't help but suspect that Timothy might be a high-ranking executive from the Barrett Group.

Observing Jeremy's awkwardness, Mia stole a glance at Timothy before her.

Was he there to flaunt his wealth?

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Timothy remained in front of Mia, holding his umbrella. "Til drop you home," he declared.

With his striking appearance and confident demeanor, Timothy exuded an air of indifference toward the surrounding crowd.

Mia stood in place as the female classmates nearby cast admiring glances. This handsome and affluent man had personally come to escort Mia. How romantic! Witnessing their interaction, Ramona, consumed by jealousy, couldn't resist but interject. "Excuse me, sir. are you acquainted with Mia?" Upon hearing Ramona's voice, Timothy turned

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his gaze toward her. His features were strikingly handsome, and his gaze exuded a sense of calm authority.

Ramona's cheeks flushed instantly as she continued, "Mia is nothing but a fraud. She's actually an orphan, and her family is poor.

"Everything she flaunts now is just a facade, provided by her sugar daddy who

showers her with clothes and bags!" Timothy regarded Ramona with a composed expression before inquiring. "And who might you be?" "I'm Ramona

Tilbert, Mia's classmate. I've known her since childhood, and I can vouch for

the kind of person she is.

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“Back in school, she relied on sugar daddies due to her financial struggles. Her personal life was quite tumultuous, to say the least.” Mia smirked and nodded, “Go on. Is there anything else?” Ramona’s confidence grew as she continued, “There’s plenty more, sir. You might not be aware that Mia was once a top student, but she abruptly dropped out from college for an older, wealthy man.

“Now, I reckon she can’t even bear children. After the old man got tired of her,

he divorced her and tossed her out like trash!” Jolene eagerly joined in,

“Exactly! Mia may appear innocent and kind, but her background is quite complicated.

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“She dropped out of college to chase after an older man for his money. She’s nothing but a gold digger!” +15 BONUS With each word, Timothy’s expression grew darker. Did Mia truly abandon her education for the sake of a rich older man? Suppressing her laughter, Mia nodded. “Yes, you’re correct. I did drop out of school for an older, wealthy man. “Three years into the marriage, I ended up being swept out the door, just another victim of my foolish romantic notions.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 552-Ramona couldn't suppress a chuckle in response. "You see, even Mia herself has acknowledged it!" Indeed, Ramona was determined to expose Mia's true colors! Perhaps she could even leave a lasting impression on this wealthy and handsome man, opening up the possibility for a potential future. Ramona couldn't help but envision countless romantic drama scenarios unfolding. Timothy's expression turned stern as he looked at Mia. "Is this what you've been telling people?" Mia blinked in surprise. "I haven't said anything. They're

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the ones making these claims.” Timothy’s expression turned somber. “Do you see me as that much older?” What did Mia mean by saying she dropped out of college to marry an older man? Timothy couldn’t help but feel a sharp pang in his heart. “Even though there’s a ten-year age gap between us, I make sure to take care of myself. As he looked at Mia’s youthful, almost radiant complexion, Timothy’s throat tightened subtly. Considering their age difference, he couldn’t help but feel a tinge of melancholy.

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As Timothy stood in front of her, Mia noticed his remarkably handsome features. In truth, Timothy appeared remarkably youthful, handsome, and affluent—almost like a prince charming.

In the presence of such a man, age seemed irrelevant.

Ramona, standing nearby, felt puzzled by their conversation.

She couldn't resist interjecting. "Sir, you actually look quite youthful. All I'm

saying is that Mia has a history of being involved with older men for money—"

Before Ramona could finish, Timothy cut her off abruptly. "That's enough."

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Ramona appeared undeterred. “But, sir, what I said is true! Mia was indeed married, and she’s divorced now!” Timothy maintained a stern expression, his gaze piercing. “I don’t need reminders of that,” he asserted. Why did it feel like everyone was constantly mentioning their divorce? Timothy was certainly not oblivious to it. +15 BONUS Upon hearing Ramona’s words, Mia remained unfazed. Instead, she responded with a smile, “Ramona, with your vivid imagination and acting

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talent, it's a shame you're not in the entertainment industry." Before Mia could continue. Timothy glanced at her and interjected, "You're mistaken. She's not even suitable for a supporting role." Mia raised an eyebrow. "Well, I think her acting skills are decent." "Unfortunately, her appearance doesn't quite match," he remarked.

Ramona stood in shock, struggling to maintain her composure. The handsome man she had been fantasizing about just openly called her ugly—a

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blow that hit hard.

For any woman, hearing such words from someone they admired was devastating.

Mia's lips curled slightly. She knew all too well that Timothy's harsh words could cut deep.

Turning his gaze to Mia, Timothy asked, "Shall we leave? Do you really want

to linger around people like them?" Since Mia couldn't spot Antonio and had

no desire to stay with the group any longer, she decided to accept Timothy's

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offer of a ride home.

After all, there was no harm in accepting a free ride from her ex-husband. Turning to Gina, Mia remarked, “Our destinations aren’t on the way. Hey, Taylor, could you drop Gigi off on the way? Thanks.” Taylor nodded earnestly.

“Of course.” Gina’s cheeks flushed slightly, but she remained silent, watching

as Mia and Timothy departed together in the rain.

Ramona stood in place, her envy evident in her bitter words. “Mia truly is something else. She even managed to deceive such a handsome man.”

Jeremy, still recovering from being overshadowed by Timothy, was also feeling sour. “Who is that guy.

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anyway?” The other classmates couldn’t resist joining in, “What exactly is Mia’s relationship with him?” “Yeah, his words just now seemed a bit odd.”

Standing nearby, Taylor adjusted his glasses thoughtfully. “Could it be that the

gentleman is Mia’s exMeet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 553-Gina nodded in response.

“Taylor, you’re quite perceptive. That does sound like the most logical explanation.” Ramona couldn’t help but snort in disbelief. “But that’s absurdi

Mia’s ex–husband is an older man. How could he possibly be so attractive?”

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Jolene also joined in. “Exactly! It Mia’s husband truly is that handsome, wealthy, and charming, why would she ever get a divorce? If it were me, I’d hold onto him tightly no matter what.” Gina couldn’t help but chuckle at Ramona and Jolene’s skepticism, “It seems like some people criticize what they can’t have.

“Besides, Mia is now a wealthy heiress; she doesn’t need to rely on a man. Yet, her ex-husband keeps clinging to her.” Ramona remained defiant. “I refuse to believe it.” “I couldn’t care less about whether you believe it or not.

Ramona, Instead of meddling in others’ affairs.  
perhaps you should focus on saving your family’s falling company from

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bankruptcy.” Ramona’s expression turned haughty. “I’ll find out who Mia’s sugar daddy is. Then we’ll see how much longer she can maintain her arrogance.” Gina remained silent. Goicidentally, Taylor’s car arrived Just In time, and the two of them departed from the restaurant together. Gradually, the rest of the group dispersed one by one. Ramona turned to Jeremy with a hopeful look. “Since you’re still here, why don’t you give me a ride?” Jeremy’s expression darkened; moments ago, he had been searching for details about the CEO of the Barrett Group.

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Despite the scant information available, Jeremy managed to locate photos on

the company's official website.

To his disbelief, the man who had just left was none other than the CEO of the

Barrett Group—Timothy Barrett!

Jeremy nearly dropped his phone in shock upon making the discovery.

Chapter 553 Gina nodded in response. “Taylor, you're quite perceptive.

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in disbelief. “But that’s absurd! Mia’s ex–husband is an older man. How could he possibly be so attractive?” Jolene also joined in, “Exactly! If Mia’s husband truly is that handsome, wealthy, and charming, why would she ever get a divorce? If it were me, I’d hold onto him tightly no matter what.” Gina couldn’t help but chuckle at Ramona and Jolene’s skepticism. “It seems like some people criticize what they can’t have. “Besides, Mia is now a wealthy heiress; she doesn’t need to rely on a man. Yet, her ex–husband keeps clinging to her.” Ramona remained defiant. “I

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refuse to believe it.” “I couldn’t care less about whether you believe it or not.

Ramona, instead of meddling in others’ affairs. perhaps you should focus on

saving your family’s failing company from bankruptcy.” Ramona’s expression

turned haughty. “I’ll find out who Mia’s sugar daddy is. Then we’ll see how

much longer she can maintain her arrogance.” Gina remained silent.

Goicidentally, Taylor’s car arrived just in time, and the two of them departed

from the restaurant together.

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Gradually, the rest of the group dispersed one by one. Ramona turned to Jeremy with a hopeful look. “Since you’re still here, why don’t you give me a ride?” Jeremy’s expression darkened; moments ago, he had been searching for details about the CEO of the Barrett Group. Despite the scant information available, Jeremy managed to locate photos on the company’s official website. To his disbelief, the man who had just left was none other than the CEO of the Barrett Group—Timothy Barrett!

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Jeremy nearly dropped his phone in shock upon making the discovery. It dawned on him that three years ago, Mia had married the CEO of the Barrett Group, not some elderly man as he had presumed! Deliberately, Ramona approached Jeremy. “Jeremy, what’s the matter? You look awful. Are you feeling unwell?” “Just leave me alone!” Jeremy snapped, pushing Ramona away in frustration. Ramona nearly stumbled backward, her frustration evident as she retorted, “Jeremy, what’s gotten into you? Our relationship was fine until Mia showed up. Besides, your family won’t approve of a divorced woman like her.”

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“Ramona, do you know who Mia’s ex–husband is?” “Isn’t he just some wealthy old man?” Ramona replied disdainfully.

Jeremy pulled out his phone and showed Ramona the photo of Timothy.

“Take a good look. The man your just saw is the president of the Barrett Group. He’s Mia’s ex–husband!” Ramona’s complexion paled in shock.

“How

is that possible? How could an orphan like Mia marry someone from the Barrett family?” Jeremy retrieved his phone, his demeanor turning serious,

“Maybe it’s best if we don’t keep in touch.

Let’s cancel the project we discussed earlier. After all, we’re not that familiar

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with each other.” Undeterred by the heavy rain, Jeremy briskly made his way

to the parking lot and drove off.

He couldn’t afford to be entangled in Ramona’s schemes. With Mia’s affiliation

with the Barretts, offending them was simply out of the question.

Ramona stood frozen in disbelief, trying to make sense of it all. How could Mia’s ex-husband be the president of the Barrett Group?

Lost in her thoughts, Ramona stumbled and fell on the steps, wincing in pain.

Turning to Jolene for help, she urged, “Why are you just standing there?

Help

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me up and call a cab to drop me home!” But Jolene remained unmoved, speaking condescendingly, “Ramona, do you still see yourself as a wealthy young lady?

“Your family’s company has gone bankrupt, and now you’ve even offended

the Barrett family. Do you think you still have a place here?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 554-After uttering those words,

Jolene walked away, leaving Ramona standing alone in the pouring rain.

Ramona’s eyes brimmed with jealousy and disbelief as she exclaimed, “I refuse to believe it! I just can’t!” To her, Mia had been nothing but an orphan,

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struggling financially during their school days. How could she have possibly become a wealthy heiress now, with a billionaire ex-husband? Seated in the car, Mia couldn't hold back a sneeze, causing her to rub her nose as she imagined Ramona outside, likely cursing her. Despite the heavy rain outside, the luxurious confines of the car provided a tranquil sanctuary. Timothy offered her a tissue, and without hesitation, she accepted it, using it to wipe her nose. Just at that moment, her phone finally rang. It was Dominic on the line. She promptly answered, "Hello, Dominic, what's

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going on?” “Where are you? It’s pouring outside. I had to call the driver over for an urgent matter today. I didn’t expect Claude to assign him to you. “I just realized you haven’t returned home. Where are you? We’ll come pick you up.” Dominic’s tone was tinged with anxiety. 1 Had he been aware beforehand that Antonio would be assigned to Mia, he wouldn’t have called him over for assistance. To him, even his brothers weren’t considered worthy of utilizing his car. Sitting next to Dominic, Claude intervened on the call, “Mia, I take full responsibility for this confusion.

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“Antonio assumed there was a prior arrangement on your end and didn’t mention anything, leading to this mix-up.” Claude hadn’t anticipated Dominic calling Antonio over for an urgent matter today, and he had also forgotten to inform everyone in the group chat that Antonio was assigned to Mia. Mia finally grasped the reason behind Antonio’s absence. It was simply a misunderstanding. Che reassured them calmly “It’s alright. I’m already on the way home. I’ll be back soon, so there’s no need to worry.” Frowning, Dominic questioned. “Is

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your classmate dropping you home?” A profound silence fell over the vehicle, the voice from the phone ringing clearly through the quiet space. Upon hearing Dominic’s question over the phone, Timothy instinctively glanced at Mia, curious about her response. Raising an eyebrow, Mia replied, “I’m currently in a cab. It’s safe, and the driver is maintaining a steady pace.” “Good to hear. Once you’re outside the neighborhood, give us a call, and we’ll come get you.” “Sure thing. Bye, Dominic.” As she ended the call, Mia couldn’t help but notice Timothy’s gaze fixed upon her.

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Meeting his eyes calmly, she questioned, “Why are you staring at me like that? Do I have something on my face?” Timothy hesitated momentarily but

couldn't help asking. “So, you're taking a cab, huh?” He had thought she would say that her classmate was dropping her off, but he was surprised when she said she was taking a cab instead.

Mia reclined slightly in her seat and responded casually, “Yeah, pretty much.”

“I've never met a woman who lies as effortlessly as you. Or maybe you're just

afraid to tell your brothers the truth, huh?” Mia's anger flared. “I'm doing this

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for your sake. If my brothers found out, do you seriously think you could handle them?" She simply wanted to avoid trouble and prevent any potential conflicts.

Timothy felt a pang of indignation. "How do you know I can't handle them? Are you worried about me getting hurt?" "Don't be so conceited. I'm more concerned about my brothers' safety. Who's worrying about you?"

Timothy was taken aback by her blunt response. Frustrated, he adjusted his tie. "When

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do you plan on leaving?” “After my exams, I suppose,” Mia replied, glancing up at him. “Timothy, why are you so interested?” Timothy’s demeanor shifted awkwardly. “I’m just trying to make conversation.” “Timothy, you’re not attempting to stir up trouble, are you?”  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 555-Mia’s suspicious gaze irritated Timothy.  
He turned to face her. “Is that how you see me?” “Isn’t it the truth, though?”  
“When have I ever acted in such a way?” Mia slammed her hand on the

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leather seat. “Don’t play Innocent! Wasn’t it you who had Mr. Shaw talk to me last time, suggesting that I take an additional course in the Music School to delay my graduation?” Timothy fell silent instantly, acknowledging that he did have that intention last time. But how could he possibly admit to it now? Mia stared at him intently. “Why aren’t you responding? Say something.” Timothy casually crossed his legs, resting his hand on the seat. “I suggested it to Mr. Shaw because! had noticed your talent for playing the piano before. But after you declined, did I ever pressure you?” Mia turned her head away in

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frustration, angered by Timothy's slickness.

The car lapsed into silence again. Timothy stole a glance at Mia, admiring her

fair complexion and the dimple that formed as she pursed her lips.

Lost in thought, Timothy continued to observe her profile, choosing to stay silent.

Mia had been looking out the window, but then she caught Timothy's gaze in

its reflection. It appeared he had been watching her all this time.

Her gaze faltered momentarily: perhaps he was just gazing out the window as

well.

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Mia wasn't so self-absorbed to assume Timothy was secretly observing her. If she didn't know any better, she might have misunderstood Timothy's behavior as displaying some level of interest in her. The two remained in silence. Suddenly, the car jerked to a halt, sending Mia lurching forward. She panicked, instinctively shielding her belly. But instead of colliding with anything, she found herself securely held in someone's arms. She could only hear Timothy's muffled grunt in her ear. It seemed like he had injured himself.

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143 Once the vehicle stabilized, Mia, still shaken, inquired, “What happened?”

Seated in front, Heath explained. “There was an accident up ahead. The car

next to us suddenly changed lanes, forcing Rodger to brake abruptly. Are you

both alright?” Mia shook her head. “I’m fine.” As she spoke, she couldn’t resist

stealing a glance at Timothy in front of her.

His voice was unmistakable just now. If he hadn’t shielded her, she might have been in serious danger.

especially given the safety of the twins in her belly.

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↳↳ Timothy's arms felt like a fortress, securely protecting her in his embrace. He had absorbed all the impact and danger by himself. Meeting her gaze, Timothy asked, "Are you sure you're okay? Is your stomach hurting?" He was aware that Mia was pregnant, so she needed to be especially cautious. Mia shook her head. "Seriously. I'm fine. Could you, um, please let go of me now?" Timothy obliged, though Mia couldn't help but notice a stiffness in his arms as he let go. Nevertheless, he composed himself and sat upright in his seat.

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His hand rested on the opposite side. Mia couldn't tell if he was hurt or not.

She suspected that his arm must have been injured in the collision.

Recalling the sudden braking moments ago, Mia couldn't help but still feel

shaken from the experience..

Observing her pale complexion, Timothy remarked, "Your family should consider arranging a dependable driver for you.

After all, outsourced drivers tend to operate unpredictably and recklessly.

Lowering her gaze, Mia admitted, "I do have a driver, but he didn't come today." Half an hour late, the car came to a halt outside the residential area, the relentless rain obscuring the scenery outside.

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Mia stole a glance out the window, contemplating for a moment before saying,

“I’m here. Thank you for your help earlier.” As she prepared to exit the car.

Timothy swiftly disembarked, accepting the umbrella handed to him by Heath.

He positioned himself outside, ready to shield Mia from the rain.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 556-As Mia opened the car door

and stepped out, she found shelter from the rain under the umbrella

Timothy

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held. 1 Facing him, she suggested, “Let me borrow your umbrella for now. I can handle it from here. You should head back.” It dawned on Mia that she had forgotten to inform her brothers of her arrival. However, Timothy remained unmoved. “I’ll walk you over.” Just then, Dominic’s voice reached them, “Mia!” Mia subtly turned her head and indeed spotted Dominic and Claude. They, too, had noticed Timothy standing beside her. The atmosphere tensed momentarily. Dominic approached swiftly, his expression cold as he confronted Timothy,

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“What are you doing here?” Claude’s demeanor turned hostile. “Timothy, I made it clear last time to stay away from my sister. She’s not someone you can toy with. Didn’t you get the message?” Turning his gaze to Mia, Dominic urged, “Mia, come here.” Emerging from beneath Timothy’s umbrella, Mia approached Dominic. He handed her another umbrella. ” Take this. You and Claude go ahead. I need to have a few words with Timothy.” Sensing the tension escalating, Mia urgently grasped Dominic’s arm. “Dominic!” “Mia,

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listen to me!” Dominic’s voice remained resolute as he advanced to confront

Timothy. “Mr. Barrett, since you appear to be disregarding the warnings

from me and my brothers, I’ll just have to demonstrate what happens when you mess with my sister!” With that, Dominic delivered a punch straight at Timothy, sending his umbrella flying in the process.

Mia noticed that Timothy was completely defenseless. His right arm hung limply at his side, unable to even hold his umbrella.

She realized that his right arm was likely injured from protecting her just moments ago. Disregarding everything else, Mia hurriedly dashed into the pouring rain to intervene. Observing her getting soaked, Timothy swiftly

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retrieved the fallen umbrella and sheltered her. “Are you crazy? Why are you rushing out into the rain?” Mia reached out and gave his right arm a gentle squeeze, causing Timothy to grimace and inhale sharply. Turning to Dominic, she pleaded, “Dominic, his arm is injured. Please don’t hit him anymore.” Seeing Mia defend Timothy, Dominic suppressed his frustration. “Mia, injustice isn’t acceptable. Please go upstairs first!” However, Mia stubbornly refused to budge. Sensing the tension, Claude swiftly interjected, “Dominic, considering Timothy’s injured arm, it wouldn’t be fair to engage in a fight now.”

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“Let’s postpone it for another day. Today, let’s just teach Timothy a small lesson.” Mia pursed her lips and added, “Dominic, Timothy got injured while

trying to protect me just now.” Upon hearing Mia’s explanation, Dominic reluctantly released Timothy, maintaining a cold glare. “Let me make it clear:

Mia will never be involved with the Barrett family. Don’t get any wrong ideas!”

Feeling exasperated, Mia interjected, “Dominic, Timothy was simply giving me

a ride home. It has always been me who likes him.

“In reality, he has no romantic feelings for me at all, so there’s nothing

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inappropriate about his intentions.” Timothy’s expression became intricate upon hearing Mia’s words. He glanced down at her, struggling to hold back his

response. “Actually, I-” “Alright, Timothy, there’s no need to explain further.

Let’s leave it at that for today, okay?” Sensing Timothy’s urge to speak, Claude swiftly interrupted with a jest, pretending to be oblivious to Timothy’s sentiments.

After all the effort it took for their divorce to be finalized, there was no way he

would allow Mia to be entangled with Timothy again.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 557-After being interrupted. Timothy glanced briefly at Claude before reluctantly shifting his gaze toward

Mia.

Mia met his gaze and stated. "I'm home now. You should go back."

Timothy

furrowed his brows, insisting, "I have a few things I'd like to tell you."

Although

his words were cut short by Claude's interruption, Timothy still wanted to clarify what he meant.

Mia suggested. "We can discuss it later. There's no need to hurry at the

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moment.” She then addressed Dominic and Claude. “Let’s head back. It’s pouring outside, and I’m already soaked.” Mia didn’t want to linger any longer, fearing another confrontation might arise. Noticing Mia’s damp clothes from her earlier attempt to intervene, Dominic reluctantly agreed, “Alright. let’s go. Make sure to change into dry clothes as soon as possible. We don’t want you catching a cold.” Timothy could only watch helplessly as Mia walked away, gradually fading from his view.

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Alone in the pouring rain, Timothy felt the cold drops beating against his face,  
his usually charming appearance now disheveled in the downpour.  
In the world of business, Timothy was accustomed to being in control, but with  
Mia, he felt a sense of powerlessness that was unfamiliar to him.  
Heath retrieved the umbrella from the ground and approached Timothy, holding it over him. “Mr. Barrett,  
the rain is getting heavier. We should head back,” he suggested cautiously.  
Nonetheless, Timothy stood in silence, unmoving. His gaze shifted upwards  
toward the nearby residential building, its illuminated windows emitting a

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gentle warmth.

In that moment. Timothy couldn't help but reflect on the emptiness of his own

home. From his initial discomfort to the present moment, he slowly came to

realize, albeit belatedly, the true extent of what he had lost.

As Mia stepped into the elevator with her brothers, she wiped the raindrops off

her forehead.

Standing beside her, Claude asked, "Mia, why did you return with Timothy

today? Weren't you planning to take a cab?" Mia replied, "I didn't mean to

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keep it from you guys, but with such heavy rain, taking a cab didn't seem like a safe choice.

“So. I decided to share a ride back. But please don't worry, this small incident

won't sway me. After all, Timothy and I are already divorced.” She then turned

to Dominic, calmly reassuring him, “Dominic, I understand your concern, but

trust me, I won't change my mind.

“As the heiress of the Lane family, I have the freedom to make my own

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choices. Besides, a good horse doesn't graze on what's behind it."

Dominic

affectionately patted her hair and said, "Alright, go back and take a warm shower quickly. We don't want you catching a cold." Claude added, "We'll stay

out here." With a nod, Mia exited the elevator and entered her home.

Dominic and Claude watched her until she was safely inside before departing.

Dominic's previously gentle expression instantly hardened.

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until Mia finishes her exams and leaves Bern City.” “Dominic, trust me, I’ll take care of this.” “Hand it over to you? That’s even more troubling. If it weren’t for your error in the driver arrangement, how else would Timothy have had the chance to bring Mia back?” Claude immediately lowered his head, not daring to utter a word. How could he have anticipated this outcome? After all, wasn’t Timothy the CEO of the Barrett Group? How did he suddenly have so much free time to drop Mia home?

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It seemed rather suspicious!

Meanwhile, upon returning home, Mia's first priority was to take a shower, change her clothes, and blow-dry her hair.

As a pregnant woman, she couldn't afford to catch a cold.

Upon exiting the bathroom, Mia proceeded to her bedroom and instinctively approached the window.

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could see the entrance gate, but the heavy rain severely limited visibility, making it impossible to discern any activity outside.

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As Mia remembered Timothy enduring Dominic's assault without retaliating, her mood grew increasingly uneasy. She rubbed her face, reminding herself sternly. "Don't be swayed, don't falter!"

Indeed, sympathizing with a man was often the beginning of trouble! Lying back on her bed, Mia retrieved her phone and opened Instagram. She noticed several follow requests, mostly from her former classmates, but she didn't accept them since they weren't particularly close. Messaging Gina, she inquired, "Are you back home?" "Yeah." "You and Taylor

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Someone had even tagged her in a message: “Hey, Mia! Remember me? We used to be roommates. I couldn’t make it to this reunion due to some family matters, but let’s plan another one soon!” “Yeah, who would’ve thought Mia had such a wealthy background? She’s always been so low-key. I bet those who underestimated her are regretting it now. I always knew Mia was special, but some people just didn’t see it.” “I’ve heard that Ramona is on her knees at her family’s doorstep, begging not to be disowned. If I had a daughter who

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She promptly replied to Gina. “I’ve just skimmed through the messages in the group chat. These people were just acquaintances before, but now they’re acting like we’re total besties.” “Well that’s because everyone knows you’re an heiress who married into a wealthy family, so they’re all trying to cozy up to you. But don’t worry, I’ll make sure Taylor doesn’t organize another class reunion. I won’t let them bother you.” Mia now understood what it felt like to be treated differently. It dawned on her why the pursuit of wealth was so prevalent. She couldn’t

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help but notice a surge in the number of people following her on Instagram again.

Frustrated, Mia decided to exit the class group chat, believing that distancing herself would be a preferable course of action.

The following day, Mia went to campus as usual for her self-study session.

This time, Antonio stood by the roadside bright and early, appearing somewhat nervous as he apologized, “Ms. Mia, I’m truly sorry about yesterday. I mistakenly thought I was supposed to pick up Mr. Dominic instead. You know how these things can happen.” “It’s okay, let’s go.”

Recognizing yesterday’s incident as a mere misunderstanding. Mia held no

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blame.

toward Antonio.

After spending the morning on campus, Mia was getting ready to go out for

lunch when Jeremy called her. “Mia, I happen to be at your university today

for a discussion. Are you available for lunch?” As Mia descended the stairs,

her eyes caught sight of a black luxury car parked at the roadside. Was this Timothy’s car?

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 559-Upon spotting Timothy’s car,

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Mia promptly responded to Jeremy over the phone, “Absolutely. I’m currently outside the study hall. Would you mind meeting me here?” “Sure thing, I’ll be right there.” After ending the call, Mia remained standing alone outside the study hall. Though she noticed Timothy’s car, she refrained from approaching it, pretending not to have seen it. Before long, Timothy emerged from the car, his eyes fixed on her. Feeling his gaze, Mia diverted her attention to the sky above.

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“The rain last night was intense, but today’s sky is remarkably clear and blue,”

she mused silently.

“What are you staring at? Is there a UFO up there?” Timothy’s resonant voice

disrupted her thoughts.

Standing on the steps, he watched her, reminiscent of their encounter the previous night.

Unable to ignore him, Mia turned to face Timothy. “There’s a flying cow up

there. Didn’t you see it?” she remarked sarcastically.

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Timothy was taken aback by her retort. His eyes were tinged with red as he

had barely slept throughout the night.

His mind was consumed by Mia's words. She claimed it had consistently been

her unreciprocated love, asserting that he had never held any feelings for her.

Timothy had meant to clear things up the previous night, but Claude had cut

him off.

Timothy's expression turned somewhat awkward as he admitted,

“Actually,

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what you said last night wasn't entirely true." Mia looked at him in surprise, wondering what she had said the night before. "Mia!" Just then, Jeremy's voice interrupted. He briskly walked over, noticing Mia standing face-to-face with another man. Jeremy's eyes momentarily darkened; nonetheless, he quickly flashed a charming smile as he approached. "Mia, I've brought you a little treat. It's the perfect time for a snack." Mia glanced at the snack box in Jeremy's hands. "These are from that famous snack place near the university, right? There's

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usually quite a queue. I've encountered the crowd so frequently that I've given up trying to buy anything." "Well it just so happens that I have a junior colleague who works there part-time, and he brought me a portion. What a coincidence to have such connections, am I right?" Jeremy replied with a polite expression.

As Jeremy finished speaking, he felt a cold gaze fall upon him.

Confidently, he

turned to look at the man standing on the steps, expecting him to back off.

However, as Jeremy realized the man's identity, his expression abruptly changed—it was Timothy.

Jeremy almost lost his balance, stuttering as he spoke, "M—Mr. Barrett?"

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Timothy's narrow gaze intensified as he glanced at the snacks Jeremy had purchased. His thin lips formed a cold line as he remarked, "You seem to be

getting rather close to my wife, don't you think?" Sensing Timothy's hostility.

Jeremy quickly clarified, "Oh, no, you've misunderstood. Mia and I are simply

classmates." "The tone in which you say her name sounds rather affectionate." "No, no, Mia is just naturally friendly. We all casually address

her by her name. There's no deeper significance to it!" Jeremy swiftly clarified,

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his survival instincts prompting his response.

Though he desired to grow closer to Mia, he certainly didn't want to provoke

her ex-husband, Timothy.

Observing the unfolding situation, the corner of Mia's lips twitched. What exactly was Timothy trying to insinuate?

Unable to endure Timothy's expression, she swiftly turned to Jeremy and suggested. "Weren't you planning to treat me to lunch? Let's go. I'm hungry

anyway." Sensing the tension, Jeremy nervously glanced at Timothy. "Mr. Barrett, do you have any plans for the evening?" Mia promptly interjected, remarking, "Considering he's the CEO of the Barrett Group, he's always

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occupied with numerous responsibilities. It's unlikely he has any spare time.”

With that said, she was about to usher Jeremy away.

However, Timothy calmly descended the steps, glancing at Heath beside him.

“Do I have any plans for the evening?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 560-Heath swallowed nervously.

Timothy indeed had plans for the evening. However, given the current situation, Heath knew he couldn't acknowledge it.

He quickly replied. “There aren't any plans tonight.” Timothy nodded solemnly

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and he shifted his gaze to Jeremy, his dark eyes carrying an overwhelming Intensity.

Just as Jeremy was about to reply, Mia swiftly intervened, “Even though Mr.

Barrett is available, it’s unlikely he would join us for street food.

“Given his wealthy background, he tends to dine at Michelin–starred restaurants and has a palate for refined tastes.

Jeremy felt a cold sweat forming on his forehead. He couldn’t help but wonder

why Mia seemed to hold such strong opinions about her ex–husband.

It seemed as though Mia was subtly hinting that she wasn’t keen on dining with Timothy.

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Timothy's gaze narrowed. "Well, I've grown weary of Michelin-starred restaurants. I'd like to experience street food for a change." Jeremy reluctantly nodded. "Since you have the time, let's all go together. There's a decent Cagon diner near campus. I've arranged for a private room with the owner." At the mention of Cagon food, Mia swiftly grew quiet, choosing to withhold any further remarks. Knowing Timothy's refined taste, he might not appreciate the hearty flavors of Cagon cuisine. With that settled, they made their way to the Cagon diner.

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Hidden within an alley and off-limits to vehicles, the diner required a short

walk to reach it.

The cobblestone pathway was somewhat slippery, and the surroundings were

not particularly clean or hygienic, with a constant flow of people.

Mia cast a glance back at Timothy, who trailed behind her. He was clad in a

bespoke suit, meticulously groomed from head to toe.

His custom-made leather shoes gleamed immaculately, with even their soles

appearing cleaner than the nearby walls.

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Walking along the path, he seemed entirely out of place amidst the surroundings.

Indeed, a man of such refinement belonged in Michelin–starred restaurants and places frequented by luxury cars, befitting his status.

As they walked, someone from a nearby shop accidentally splashed water, narrowly missing Timothy.

Despite his quick reflexes, his trousers bore some water stains, accompanied

by an inexplicable odor.

Timothy p and nose.

promptly retrieved a handkerchief from his pocket, wrinkling his nose as he

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covered his mouth Observing his disheveled state, Mia paused and remarked,  
“Mr. Barrett, I’ve mentioned before that this place isn’t suitable for you. You should leave.” Seeing Timothy in such a plight, Mia couldn’t help but feel a sense of satisfaction.  
Jeremy now regretted selecting this eatery. Although it boasted delicious food, it clearly wasn’t appropriate for someone of Timothy’s stature, a wealthy tycoon.

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Upon hearing Mia's remark, Timothy calmly folded away the handkerchief, slipping one hand into his pocket as he stepped forward. Observing Timothy's approach, Mia lifted her head, questioning. "What's the matter?" Timothy walked past her with an air of indifference, leaving behind just three words, "Lead the way." Watching his figure, Mia couldn't help but comment, "You're going the wrong way; it's not in that direction." With that,

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she began walking in the opposite direction, her expression betraying a hint of complexity.

Timothy paused momentarily, masking any discomfort in his demeanor before following after her.

After a brief stroll, they finally reached the Cagon diner.

By the time they arrived, there was already a line forming outside the restaurant. However, Jeremy had made a reservation, so they were able to bypass the queue.

Upon entering, Timothy's shoes made contact with the greasy floor, and he immediately caught a whiff of a pungent odor, causing him to cough

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involuntarily.

Mia couldn't help but notice Timothy's complexion turning red from the coughing fit.

Feeling concerned, she approached him with a tissue, but in the process, she

accidentally slipped on the greasy floor herself.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 561-Mia was taken aback by the

slippery floor and exclaimed in alarm.

"Watch out!" "Mia!" Both Timothy and Jeremy reacted swiftly, extending their

arms to catch her.

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Instinctively. Mia reached out and grabbed onto them. She couldn't help but notice a muffled grunt from Timothy, a clear indication of pain. Looking down, she realized she had inadvertently grabbed Timothy's injured right hand from the night of the accident during the heavy rain. Timothy had shielded her during an abrupt stop in the car, injuring his arm in the process. It seemed his arm hadn't fully healed yet. Mia promptly released Timothy's arm and reached for Jeremy's arm to steady herself; she wanted to avoid any further injury to Timothy's hand.

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However, Timothy perceived this scene differently.

Observing Mia let go of his hand and lean toward another man, Timothy's gaze hardened, and his mood turned sour.

Timothy cast a displeased glance at Jeremy. Why did it consistently seem as

though men were always appearing by Mia's side, displacing one, only for another to take his place?

In the past, there was the studio owner. What was his name again? And now,

there was someone new?

After regaining her balance, Mia let out a relieved sigh and looked up at Jeremy. "Thanks for helping me just now." Jeremy felt somewhat

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embarrassed. “You don’t have to thank me. The floor in this diner can get slippery. Especially with Cagon cuisine, it tends to be a bit oily.” Now, Jeremy was starting to regret his choice of bringing Mia and Timothy here. “You shouldn’t say that. It’s been a long time since I’ve been to this diner. It’s nice to come back and reminisce,” Mia said. +15 BONUS In reality, Mia had a preference for lighter flavors. Nonetheless, her initial intention was simply to gauge Timothy’s reaction. She never anticipated ending up flat on her back.

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She stole a glance back at Timothy. Despite his coughing having subsided, a subtle flush lingered on his complexion, his brows knit in discomfort. It was evident he wasn't accustomed to the pungent air saturated with paprika.

The three of them proceeded to a private room on the second floor, where the environment was slightly better.

Jeremy promptly handed over the menu. "Mia, feel free to order whatever you like." "I'll go with the house specialties, Cagon corn chowder, and some

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vegetable jambalaya, Mia replied..

was mindful of avoiding overly spicy dishes, opting instead for lighter vegetarian options.

Jeremy swiftly handed the menu to Timothy, adopting a conciliatory tone.

“Mr.

Barrett, why don’t you select a few dishes as well?” Timothy glanced at the

dishes Mia had chosen—light options that matched his usual preference for milder flavors. It seemed Mia was still looking out for him.

Considering this, Timothy’s expression softened. He spoke with a hint of pride

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and composure. “It’s alright. What she ordered is suitable.” Jeremy paused, acknowledging. “Well, it seems like Mia has a good understanding of Mr. Barrett’s preferences.” Mia looked puzzled. She clearly had no idea of his preferences. Why was he making assumptions? She had ordered for herself, without taking Timothy’s tastes or preferences into account. However, Timothy’s past preferences did lean toward lighter flavors, coincidentally matching her order. Nevertheless, Mia hadn’t anticipated Timothy to be so brazen. After placing their orders, the room fell into silence.

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Sitting between the two men, Mia remained quiet, sensing Timothy's gaze on

her.

Feeling a bit uneasy, she turned to Jeremy and asked, "So, what brought you

to campus today?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 562-"There's a student entrepreneurship event happening at the university today, so I thought I'd check it out to see if there are any promising projects worth investing in.

After

all, I'm now taking on the role of an investor." "How did your inspection go?"

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The entrepreneurship events at Halvard University have always been quite popular. I remember some alumni projects receiving investments and eventually becoming listed companies, right?” “That’s correct, and interestingly, those projects were ones our company invested in. We’ve always had a good rapport with your university.

“In the past, there was a graduate from the Design School who initiated a business venture, which we subsequently invested in. Unfortunately, he was

later apprehended by the authorities for various violations and economic crimes. It’s a real pity.” Mia suddenly remembered—wasn’t he referring to Felix’s studio?

Contemplating the fate of Felix’s studio, she couldn’t shake off a hint of

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melancholy. Had it not been for his reckless behavior, the company might have flourished even more by now.

She sighed, and Jeremy interjected, “You used to work there, didn’t you? I heard they brought in a big shot, and that was you, right?” “Yeah, don’t even

mention it. I never imagined the studio would end up that way. It’s a shame.”

Just as Mia finished speaking, she heard Timothy’s cold voice beside her, “What’s there to feel sorry for? That man had a flawed character and lacked

competence. He brought this upon himself.” Timothy remembered the studio

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owner who had once taken an interest in Mia. He was truly audacious! Jeremy was perplexed. How did Timothy know about this? Could there be something he wasn't aware of? He'll have to return to the office later to gather

some gossip about the studio.

Jeremy chuckled and swiftly shifted the topic, "You're absolutely right, Mr.

Barrett. The food has arrived, let's dig in first." The Cagon dishes were placed

on the table, emanating their distinct spicy aroma.

Catching the familiar scent, Mia felt her mouth watering suddenly. It had been

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quite some time since she had enjoyed Cagon cuisine.

+15 BONUS She picked up her utensils and took a bite of the gumbo. “It tastes just like I remember, absolutely delicious.” Despite being cautious about her intake, Mia indulged in a few bites of each signature dish, relishing

the flavors and closing her eyes with contentment.

Observing her expression, Timothy instinctively reached for the nearest dish—

the crawfish boil.

As soon as the seafood entered his mouth, the overwhelming taste of paprika

assaulted his taste buds. He grimaced, quickly covering his mouth and

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reaching for the glass of water beside him, taking a gulp.

Coughing ensued.

Even after drinking the water, Timothy struggled to alleviate the spiciness and continued coughing.

Jeremy swiftly opened a chilled bottle of cola and offered it to Timothy.

“Mr.

Barrett, have some of this. It might help more than plain water.” Taking a few

sips, Timothy managed to subdue the spiciness.

He dabbed the corners of his mouth with a tissue. It was evident that he wasn't accustomed to such intense flavors.

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Watching his response, Mia couldn't help but feel a sense of satisfaction. After all, she had intentionally wanted to observe Timothy's reaction to Cagon cuisine. 1 Jeremy remarked, "It looks like Mr. Barrett isn't accustomed to spicy food. Fortunately, we have some milder dishes available. Mia is truly thoughtful." Mia's movements came to a halt. She wasn't being considerate for Timothy's sake. Nonetheless, she couldn't help but notice Timothy's slightly awkward movements as he picked up the food with his right hand.

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It seemed like his arm injury hadn't fully healed, which made it challenging for him.

Observing this, Mia refrained from commenting further.

Feeling discomfort in his right hand, Timothy decided to set down his utensils

and turned to Jeremy, asking. "Were you and Mia classmates in high school?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 563-Upon hearing Timothy's words. Mia looked at him with surprise. "Why are you asking about that?"

Timothy turned to her, explaining. "You once mentioned that I didn't

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understand you well enough. I'm trying to learn more about your past.”  
Mia felt  
utterly bewildered. When had she ever made such comments?  
Perhaps she had in the past, but that was prior to their divorce. Now that  
they  
were no longer married, she couldn't be bothered about such things.  
Jeremy chimed in. “Yes, Mr. Barrett. Mia and I were classmates in high  
school, Mia was renowned for her exceptional academic performance,  
which  
earned her the favor of our teachers, who took special care of her.” Mia  
couldn't help but interject. “That's only because my family wasn't  
well-off. The

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teachers felt a sense of responsibility toward me.” “Mia, you shouldn’t say that. Don’t take Ramona’s comments at the reunion to heart. She’s just envious and superficial “Back in school she couldn’t handle the fact that you were academically successful, beautiful, and favored by the teachers. Her jealousy led her to slander and undermine you during the reunion.” Timothy’s demeanor turned cold. “Was Mia bullied at the reunion?” Jeremy swiftly clarified, “Mr. Barrett, we had a classmate named Ramona Tilbert who envied Mia. resulting in tension between them.

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“Fortunately, Mia now has the support of her family, and Ramona is facing the consequences. Her family’s business is now struggling to meet payroll, and her father faces allegations of financial misconduct.” Mia was surprised by the rapid turn of events. It seemed that Claude hadn’t updated her on this matter.

Timothy’s brow furrowed slightly once more. He was aware that Mia’s family had the situation under control, leaving no need for his intervention. Nonetheless, this left Timothy feeling somewhat frustrated.

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The meal surprisingly remained pleasant, largely thanks to Jeremy's efforts to mediate.

+15 BONUS As Mia dabbed her mouth with a napkin, Jeremy took out his phone and proposed, "Mr. Barrett, Mia, it seems fate has brought us together.

How about we take a selfie?" Mia was taken aback. "A selfie?" She didn't see the need for it.

Jeremy persisted. "Mia, ever since the last reunion, everyone has been eagerly anticipating another get-together, especially to see you.

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“Why don’t we capture this moment? It’ll be a great way to make everyone envious of you and your husband.” “Correction, he’s my ex–husband now.”

After her remark, she noticed a subtle change in Timothy’s expression, though she didn’t believe her statement was out of line.

“Mia, even though you’re divorced, we’re all still friends, right?” Jeremy paused, observing Timothy’s reaction; he didn’t seem offended. Taking a chance, he cautiously inquired, “Mr. Barrett, what do you think?”

Timothy’s lips

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slightly parted. “I don’t mind.” Sensing Jeremy’s gaze, Mia nodded and said, “Since he’s fine with it, I don’t mind either.” “Great! I’ll stand in front, and on the count of three, we’ll say cheese!” Jeremy seized the moment, snapping a selfie of the trio. He positioned himself in front, with Mia and Timothy standing closely behind him. Once the photo was captured, Mia turned to Jeremy and said, “Just be mindful that not everyone is comfortable with their privacy being exposed.”

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“Don’t worry, I won’t casually spread this photo around. It’s just meant for our classmates.” Upon hearing this. Timothy raised an eyebrow and added, “I understand you’re scouting projects at the university. If you require financial assistance in the future, you can reach out to my assistant, Heath, at this number.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 564-With that, Timothy handed over a business card with Heath’s name on it. Jeremy’s face lit up with surprise as he took the card.

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This was no ordinary gesture—It was an olive branch extended by none other

than the CEO of the prestigious Barrett Group.

The opportunity to secure investment from Timothy held the promise of a bright future for Jeremy.

That day's lunch suddenly felt incredibly worthwhile.

Observing Jeremy's appeased expression, Mia couldn't bear to watch any longer. She rose from her seat and exited the private room, making her way to

the restroom.

Contemplating the situation, Mia couldn't deny that having influence and authority could be advantageous.

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Upon her return to the private room, Mia noticed that only Timothy remained, with Jeremy nowhere in sight. She casually inquired. “Where’s Jeremy?” “He had to attend to something and left early.” Timothy responded, fixing his gaze on her intently. “It’s just as well he’s gone. I have something important to talk to you about.” Drawing in a deep breath, Mia asked, “What’s on your mind?” Timothy began, “Yesterday, outside your neighborhood, you brought up how it’s always been you who’s

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had feelings for me, that it was all one-sided, and that I never reciprocated those feelings-“:

Mia’s eyes narrowed at this. She awkwardly cut him off, saying, “Alright, please don’t keep bringing that up.” Timothy’s lips tightened. “That’s not how I

meant it.” “Timothy, do you still think I haven’t endured enough misery for your

sake? I’ll admit, I once held feelings for you, and maybe I was too presumptuous in marrying you, causing you trouble.

“But now that we’re divorced, why do you keep bringing up the past? Don’t I

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deserve some respect?” Her eyes teared up slightly. “We’re all human, with emotions. Can’t you let go of it, considering I once loved you?” With that, Mia left the private room awkwardly. As she stepped out of the restaurant, Timothy hurried to catch up. “Mia, why are you leaving so suddenly? Hearing him, Mia picked up her pace. Seeing her hastening away. Timothy’s heart pounded with worry. He quickly

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moved to her side and took hold of her wrist. “Mia, have you forgotten that you’re pregnant?” Mia finally slowed down and responded in a calm tone, “I know. Let go of me.” Nonetheless, Timothy remained silent. He held her hand and continued walking.

The alley was quite crowded at this hour, with many people coming and going, making it feel somewhat narrow.

Timothy strode forward with a confident and authoritative demeanor, prompting those approaching to instinctively make way, impressed by the

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commanding presence he exuded.

Mia walked behind him with her head down. She tried to pull her hand back,

but Timothy held it firmly, refusing to release her.

His grasp was firm and reassuring as they moved forward together.

Looking down at their joined hands, Mia felt a mixture of emotions.

Was Timothy suddenly showing kindness because he had a change of heart?

Or was he concerned about potential backlash from her brothers now that she

was the heiress of the Lane family?

After a while, they finally reached the end of the narrow alleyway.

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Feeling the cold air and seeing the open road, Mia gradually regained her composure. Instinctively, she tried to withdraw her hand, but Timothy still held on.

She glanced up at him, her eyes reflecting his silhouette.

As their eyes locked, Timothy's throat tightened. "Mia, don't you feel anything?" Mia's eyes flickered in response. How could she miss his shift in demeanor?

Timothy's intense gaze and his reassuring touch—these were moments she had once longed for.

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Yet, at this moment, Mia observed him with an unusually clear perspective.

“Timothy, do you have feelings for me?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 565-Mia stood on the bustling street, watching him intently.

Passersby couldn't help but notice Timothy's striking appearance, causing them to turn their heads.

Under the dim streetlight, Timothy's gaze appeared somewhat uneasy as he

responded, “Mia, are you truly that self-absorbed?” m As soon as the words

left his mouth, Timothy immediately regretted them, pursing his lips.

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Mia nodded. “Well, Mr. Barrett, if you’re not interested in me, please stop being around me or making these kind gestures. It might give me the wrong idea that you’re developing feelings for me.” Timothy’s throat tightened. “I do these things because... because I want to compensate for neglecting you over the past three years.” It seemed that Mia wasn’t the stereotypical gold-digger he had once imagined. Mia’s eyes showed a subtle fatigue, her mouth carrying a hint of bitterness. She replied with a feigned nonchalance, “Compensate? So, what do you

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think I'm lacking right now?" Considering Mia's position as the heiress of the

Lane family, Timothy believed she lacked nothing and was well-provided for.

He pursed his lips, responding, "This is different." But Mia pushed back, saying, "There's nothing different. When the Barrett family turned me away.

Mr. Barrett, there was no trace of guilt from you. It was just your family's condescension and oppression.

"Now, as the heiress of the Lane family, I have everything I could want.

So,

when you suddenly claim it's out of guilt that you want to compensate me,

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who would believe such a story?” Timothy frowned. “Do you think I’m treating you this way because of your status? Is that the impression you have of me?”

“Then what, Mr. Barrett? If you genuinely regret your actions, then act like a

decent ex-husband! Stop pretending as if you don’t exist.” Timothy’s expression turned grim. Mia had previously compared a responsible ex-husband to being essentially nonexistent.

After Mia spoke, she turned and walked away.

Within moments, Antonio’s car pulled up beside her. “Ms. Mia, are you ready

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to leave?” Without a word, Mia bent down and entered the car. She leaned back in her seat, mulling over Timothy’s words. They struck her as utterly absurd.

The notion of him compensating her felt unnecessary. She didn’t need it at all.

Timothy stood alone on the roadside for a while before eventually entering his car.

He pulled out his phone and dialed a number. “Grandma, I need your help with something...” Mia rode back to campus in Antonio’s car.

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Throughout her afternoon study session, she found it difficult to focus, with Timothy's actions weighing heavily on her mind. As Mia prepared to pack up and head home for dinner, she received a call from Jeremy. "Hello, is everything alright?" she answered. "Hey Mia, are you at the campus right now?" "Yes, I'm in the study hall." "Be careful. Ramona is heading to the university to look for you. I made a mistake by mentioning our lunch in the group chat. "Ramona insisted on reaching out to you, but I didn't give her your phone

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number. Despite that, I have a up feeling she might still turn on campus.”

Mia

frowned. “I understand.” After ending the call, Mia slung her backpack over

her shoulder and exited the study hall.

Departing from campus early would likely spare her from crossing paths with

Ramona.

Nonetheless, trouble seemed to have a knack for finding her, regardless of her efforts.

Approaching the university’s main entrance, Mia spotted Ramona standing

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outside. Ramona hurried over with tear–stained eyes, her previous arrogance replaced by a sense of desperation. She cried out pitifully, “Mia, I must confess, it was all my fault at the class reunion! My jealousy drove me to spread false rumors intentionally to hurt you.

“Please find it in your heart to forgive me this time! I promise I won’t repeat

such actions!” Observing Ramona’s remorseful attitude, Mia remained unmoved.

Memories of Ramona’s bullying and intimidating behavior at the restaurant

rushed into Mia’s mind, triggering recollections of their school days.

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Mia responded with a cold chuckle, “And why should I?” Her words pierced the air, catching Ramona off guard. It seemed this turn of events was not what Ramona had anticipated.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 566-Ramona hastily spoke up. “Mia, as classmates, I implore you to forgive me this once! I assure you, I won’t make the same mistakes again.

“My family’s business has collapsed, and my dad has been detained. If things persist like this, we’ll be in serious trouble!” “While you were bullying and

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spreading false rumors to hurt others, did you ever stop to consider the potential consequences of your actions?” Seeing Ramona’s speechless reaction, Mia’s expression hardened. “I’ll say it again, I won’t forgive you.” As

Mia started to walk away, Ramona fell to her knees, pleading. “Mia, please forgive me! I’ll apologize in our class group chat and on social media. I swear

I’ll never do it again!” “Let go of me! Who do you think you are, bullying people

and then expecting forgiveness just because you apologize? Do you think the

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world revolves around you?” Mia would never forget the constant ostracism she endured from Ramona during their school days. With Ramona now spreading rumors at their class reunion, Mia felt no sympathy for her whatsoever. Just then, Antonio approached Mia respectfully and asked, “Ms. Mia, would you like me to take care of this?” Upon seeing Antonio, Ramona realized that he was the middle-aged man she had previously mistaken for Mia’s sugar daddy. Unbeknownst to her, he was actually Mia’s family driver.

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It turned out that Mia's biological parents were indeed wealthy, making Mia the pampered young heiress of a prosperous family!

Frightened, Ramona quickly released her grip, no longer daring to confront Mia.

Mia shook her head at Antonio before turning around and getting into the car.

Glancing at Ramona seated on the floor through the rearview mirror, Mia couldn't help but notice her smug expression.

It appeared that Ramona hadn't changed at all.

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As the vehicle left. Ramona sat alone on the ground, looking utterly disheveled.

Her phone displayed several missed calls, all from her mother, urging her to

apologize quickly and help her father out of trouble.

Just then, a woman in black sportswear approached Ramona and asked, “Did

Mia target you too?” Ramona looked up and asked, “Who are you?” “You don’t need to know who I am. What’s important is that we share a common

enemy—Mia Bowen.” In the car, Mia let out a sneeze, prompting Antonio to

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quickly adjust the air conditioning.

Upon returning home that evening, Mia couldn't resist asking Claude about

the situation with Ramona.

With a smirk, Claude replied, "Ah, are you referring to your classmate who

enjoys bullying others? Mr.

Russ got in touch with me that day, so I went ahead and took care of Ramona

for you.

"After some investigation, I found out about her history of bullying you.

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her family's company out of business was me being lenient." Claude's expression darkened. He wasn't planning to go easy on Ramona. The collapse of her family's business was just the start.

Claude was determined to seek double revenge for the bullying and mistreatment Mia had suffered at the hands of Ramona.

Before Mia could reply, Patricia approached abruptly, remarking, "Ramona

truly is despicable. She used to target Mia, and we even had to meet with her

parents once. Her mother is nothing short of a shrew." Claude's expression shifted uneasily. "Aunt Patricia, they've bullied you too?" "Yeah. Back then, we

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had no choice but to endure silently. But now, with all of you supporting Mia, it's time to give Ramona a good lesson." Mia couldn't help but feel exasperated. All she had done was ask a question; she didn't see Ramona as innocent either.

"Hey Mis The next day. Mia received a phone call from Laura. do you have some free time in the next couple of days?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 567-Mia pondered for a moment

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before responding. “I shouldn’t have anything going on. Grandma Laura, is

there something you need my help with?” “Well after narrowly escaping surgery and enduring a tough recovery. I’ve decided to hold a small celebration. I’d love for you and your brothers to join. Are they available?” Mia

was surprised by Laura’s invitation to her brothers.

The moment felt almost surreal; it was hard to believe!

Mia hesitated before saying, “Um, Grandma Laura, I’ll need to check with my

brothers first. I’ll let you know.” After the call ended, Mia found herself lost in

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thought even as she ate breakfast.

She couldn't help but wonder how to bring up the matter with her brothers.

Around noon. Mia suddenly felt a discomfort in her stomach, as if something

were kicking inside.

Concerned, she headed straight to the hospital to find Connor.

Upon receiving Mia's call Connor anxiously waited for her, wheeling a chair

along.

"Mia, please sit in this wheelchair. How long have you been feeling this pain?

When did it start?" "Connor, it's not that serious. I'm just feeling a bit

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uncomfortable. I don't think I need a wheelchair; that seems a bit much.”

“Pregnancy isn't something to take lightly. Please, sit down first. Let's wait

until you've been examined before jumping to conclusions.

“Fortunately, I have a friend who came to visit me; he's a highly proficient obstetrician.” With that, Mia was wheeled into the emergency room. She couldn't help but notice a young man in a pristine white coat, his features cold

and aloof, exuding an ethereal presence.

She was taken aback; when did obstetricians become this attractive? How had she not noticed before?

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Connor introduced, “Hey Nick, meet my sister Mia. She’s experiencing some stomach pains. Would you mind checking on her?” Mia soon realized that he was the friend Connor had mentioned earlier. She felt herself blush. “Connor, I- I think I’d prefer to be examined by the previous doctor.” “Mia, please don’t be silly. A doctor’s ability is what matters, not their gender.” Mia felt incredibly awkward. While she had no issue with male doctors, the fact that this was her

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brother's close friend made the situation different.  
The next moment, the tall, aloof-looking doctor approached her.  
He carefully seated her in the wheelchair, holding a sharp surgical scalpel  
in  
his other hand. "Don't worry.  
I'm very skilled. You should rethink your decision." Nervously, Mia eyed  
the  
scalpel in his hand before speaking up, "You know what, upon further  
consideration, it's really not an issue. I realize now that I was being  
superficial  
earlier." "Excellent, that's the right mindset." he replied in a languid tone  
as he

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wheeled Mia into the examination room.

“Nicholas, she’s my younger sister. Please, examine her carefully!”

“Hmm, you talk too much.” Throughout the ordeal, Mia’s toes remained tightly clenched. While Connor’s friend was good-looking, he had a stern demeanor.

Following the examination, Nicholas removed his gloves and stated, “The fetuses are healthy.” “Why have I been feeling uncomfortable recently, ther?”

“As the months progress, the babies’ movements will become more frequent.

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Your two little ones in there seem especially mischievous.” Mia let out a sigh

of relief. Her discomfort was simply due to the fetal movements. She had feared it was something more serious.

As her anxiety eased, she discreetly stole a glance at the handsome doctor beside her. It seemed that Connor referred to him as “Nicholas“.

Mia stood up from the examination bed, finding that she didn’t need the wheelchair anymore.

Blushing, she murmured, “Thank you.” Despite this, Nicholas didn’t acknowledge her. Quietly, Mia left the examination room.

Connor was waiting outside, looking worried. “How did it go?” “It’s nothing

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serious, just fetal movements.” Mia also sensed it was a false alarm. Speaking softly, she asked, “Connor, why have you never mentioned this close friend of yours? Is he known for having a temper?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 568-“Speaking ill of others behind their backs isn’t very kind, is it?” Mia’s back tensed as she turned to see Nicholas in the doorway, leaning against the frame with a distant look in his eyes.

She hadn’t expected to be caught like that.

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Managing a forced smile, she said, “I—I didn’t mean it that way. What I was

trying to say is that doctors with bad tempers are often more skilled.”

“Mia, you

don’t have to worry, that’s just his personality,” Connor said, patting her shoulder.

“By the way, Mia, why don’t we go out for dinner tonight? It’s not often that

Nick comes all the way to Bern City for a week on business just to visit me. I

think it’s only fair to treat him to a meal.” “Seriously, dude. When you heard

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about your sister, didn't you also make a special trip just to see what she looks like?" Mia blinked in disbelief; she hadn't realized Connor had gone out

of his way to come and see her.

The next moment. Connor proudly exclaimed, "Isn't my sister beautiful and

adorable? Those without sisters can only envy us for a lifetime, hahaha!"

The

corner of Mia's lips twitched. Why did Connor seem so annoying right now?

Didn't he notice the scalpel in Nicholas' hand just now?

Indeed, the atmosphere around them seemed to grow noticeably tense.

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As Nicholas put on his mask, he muttered a disdainful “boring“, before swiftly departing.

Watching Nicholas‘ retreating figure, Mia asked, “Connor, is it appropriate to speak like that?” “It’s fine, we’ve been talking like this since we were kids.”

Nonetheless, Mia quietly resolved not to allow Nicholas to examine her next time, fearing his potential retaliation.

At that moment, she remembered Laura’s earlier phone call. “Hey, Connor,

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didn't Grandma Laura just get discharged from the hospital? She's thinking of hosting a small party to cheer things up and would like to invite you guys." Connor's expression became complicated. "Are you sure Grandma Laura wants to invite all of us? Isn't she worried that your brothers and I will beat Timothy up?" "Ahem, Connor, I'm being serious. Despite any grievances between Timothy and me, Grandma Laura has always been kind to me. Before I leave Bern City, I also hope to reconcile with her." "If Grandma Laura is willing to reschedule the event until after your exams, then Dominic, Nathan, and Jason should all be free to attend. After all, they promised to

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accompany you back.” Mia nodded in agreement. “I’ll discuss it with Grandma Laura.” Indeed, only Connor and Claude resided in Bern City. While Liam was also in town, he was busy with his filming commitments. That evening, Mia left campus promptly and made her way to the restaurant. As she approached the entrance, she spotted Nicholas stepping out of a cab. bably neat He sported a white short-sleeved shirt paired with khaki casual trousers, presenting a remarkably and handsome appearance. While waiting at the entrance, Mia only managed to catch a glimpse of

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Nicholas stepping out of the cab. Connor was noticeably absent. Perplexed, she inquired, “Where’s Connor?” Suddenly, it dawned on Mia why Nicholas had arrived in the cab earlier; she couldn’t help but wonder why Connor hadn’t driven over today. Unfazed, Nicholas ascended the steps and responded casually, “He had a patient who needed immediate attention. He’ll join us later.” “Okay.” Mia was aware of Connor’s demanding schedule as a doctor, often encountering emergencies at the hospital. She suggested, “I’ve dined at this restaurant several times. There’s also a

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night market nearby. We could explore it after our meal.” Their conversation continued as they made their way into the restaurant. As they stepped in, Mia couldn’t help but notice a group of individuals exiting the nearby elevator. At the forefront was a tall, slender man clad in a navy blue suit, his handsome features catching her eye. Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 569-Seeing Timothy unexpectedly,

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Mia couldn't help but feel the world was remarkably small. Their encounter

appeared entirely unforeseen.

Timothy stood out amongst the crowd, his tall stature and confident stride drawing attention.

Upon noticing Mia with another man, Timothy's steps noticeably faltered, his

gaze fixating on her.

Being the CEO. Timothy naturally commanded attention. Whenever he directed his gaze in a specific direction, the rest of the people instinctively followed suit.

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Timothy's lips tightened into a thin line. Frankly, he was quite surprised to find

Mia there.

Nonetheless, what truly caught him off guard was seeing her dining here with

an unfamiliar companion.

Upon catching sight of the man beside Mia, Timothy's gaze darkened, his demeanor souring in an instant.

A palpable awkwardness descended upon the lobby.

Mia hadn't anticipated encountering Timothy here. Without acknowledging

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him, she turned to Nicholas and said. “Let’s go.” Nicholas couldn’t shake the feeling that something was amiss. Nonetheless, considering Mia seemed to recognize the man in the suit, he didn’t press the matter, simply following Mia upstairs.

As they ascended the stairs, Mia’s attention momentarily wandered, causing her to nearly miss a step. Thankfully, Nicholas caught her in time. “Be careful, don’t drift off!” he cautioned.

Blushing, Mia leaned against Nicholas’ chest, quickly regaining her

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composure. “Thank you,” she murmured.

Feeling a tad embarrassed, Mia lowered her head and quickened her pace toward the second floor.

Nicholas smiled faintly as he observed Mia’s retreating figure. Turning his gaze toward the lobby, he was met with Timothy’s sharp and hostile stare.

Nonetheless, Nicholas quickly averted his eyes and followed Mia upstairs. Timothy stood motionless, his eyes locked in Nicholas’ direction.

Without a doubt, he had just witnessed Nicholas embracing Mia moments ago. In that instant, Timothy felt an urge to intervene.

However, he managed to restrain himself. Despite his outward display of composure, a storm of turmoil raged within him.

The temperature in the lobby seemed to steadily decrease.

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Heath gathered his courage and addressed Timothy, “Mr. Barrett?” Despite this. Timothy simply adjusted his tie and proceeded in the direction Mia had gone.

Someone from the group spoke up. “Isn’t our private room supposed to be on the opposite side?” Remaining composed, Heath promptly contacted the restaurant manager to request a change of venue.

As a proficient assistant, Heath recognized the importance of staying vigilant

for any changes in Timothy’s preferences.

Despite the initial reservation, the change had to be made promptly.

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Upon entering the private room, Mia and Nicholas were welcomed by a balcony offering picturesque views of the riverside.

“The weather is perfect today. You both should enjoy your meal on the balcony. The view is quite lovely,” the waiter suggested.

Mia glanced at the balcony, observing a table for two already set up with a white tablecloth, fresh flowers, and a bottle of red wine.

At that moment, Mia realized that the waiter had mistaken them for a couple.

Nonetheless, Nicholas remained silent and made his way to the table set up outside on the balcony.

Mia trailed behind, finding the spot perfect for admiring the nearby night market.

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“That must be the night market you mentioned,” Nicholas observed.

“Yes, it’s quite charming. There are plenty of authentic local delicacies from

Bern City. If you’re interested, we can try some,” Mia proposed enthusiastically, proceeding to introduce the nearby food options and attractions.

Casting a glance over Mia’s shoulder, Nicholas’ eyes landed directly on the

balcony of the adjacent private room.

Standing by the door was Timothy, seemingly gazing out at the scenery, though his expression appeared rather grim.

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Nicholas redirected his gaze to Mia and inquired. “Are you familiar with the man we encountered in the downstairs lobby?” Mia knew exactly whom Nicholas was referring to. Without hesitation, she acknowledged, “Yes, I know him. He’s my ex–husband.” “Ex–husband? You’re pregnant, and he still has the nerve to divorce you? Didn’t your brothers teach him a lesson, perhaps even with a broken leg?” Upon hearing this, Mia nearly choked on her drink. Despite being caught off guard by Nicholas’ straightforwardness, she couldn’t

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deny his understanding of her brothers' personalities.  
As of now, only Connor was aware of her pregnancy.  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 570-If Mia's other brothers were to discover her pregnancy, she feared she wouldn't be able to hold them back. Just as Mia was about to respond, she noticed the reflection on the wine bottle beside her—a man standing at the doorway behind her. Wasn't that Timothy?  
What a coincidence! Was his private room adjacent to theirs? How long had Timothy been standing there behind her?

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Mia hesitated for a moment, exchanging a glance with Nicholas across from her. “Because the babies aren’t his,” she finally explained. Upon hearing this, Nicholas’ eyes betrayed a slight flicker of surprise; he wasn’t entirely convinced by Mia’s explanation. As Mia’s words trailed off, she kept an eye on Timothy’s shadow reflected on the wine bottle. Soon enough, he turned and retreated into the room. Mia breathed a sigh of relief. She was resolute in keeping the twins’ paternity a secret, intending to take them away.

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Halfway through the meal, Connor arrived, fashionably late.

“Connor, I ordered your favorite risotto for you,” Mia informed him.

Connor took his seat, wearing a smug expression. “As always, Mia knows how to spoil me the most.

Having a sister like Mia is truly a blessing. Right, Nick?” Mia fell silent.

Was

Connor once again flaunting his closeness with her? How awkward could this

get?

Nicholas clenched his utensils, resisting the urge to jab Connor.

Glancing at the neighboring balcony, he deliberately remarked, “I remember

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our parents discussing arranged marriages when we were kids. They used to joke that if your family had a daughter, she could be my future wife.” Mia nearly choked on her water at the unexpected comment. Was there ever such a proposal?

Connor quickly grew agitated, on the brink of delivering a sarcastic retort. However, his attention abruptly shifted as he caught sight of a figure on the neighboring balcony—wasn’t that Timothy?

In a sudden realization, Connor nodded decisively and remarked, “That sounds about right, Mia. He could be seen as your fiancé, in a way.” Mia

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found herself utterly bewildered.

Connor deliberately narrowed his eyes and turned to Nicholas, stating,

“But

don’t think for a moment that winning her over is a simple task. My sister is

extraordinary—kind, compliant, and incredibly sensible.

“Most men wouldn’t meet her standards, especially not her contemptible ex—

husband, who was conniving, miserly, and petty.

“He struggled to handle social or domestic situations. Just thinking about him

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makes my blood boil!” Upon hearing Connor’s words, Mia sensed a chill in the air. She glanced toward the wine bottle and spotted Timothy on the balcony.

Reacting swiftly, she poured some water for Connor. “Connor, here, have some water.” Mia hoped he would take the hint and stop talking.

After taking a sip of water, Connor persisted, “It’s our fault for not finding Mia

sooner. Considering Mia’s ex-husband’s poor character, he wouldn’t have been considered suitable to marry into our family if this had happened three

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years ago!” ↑ “Connor, aren’t you hungry? You should eat,” Mia interjected, coughing nervously. She quickly grabbed a spoon and began feeding Connor. Reluctantly, Connor paused, but after a few bites, he spoke deliberately, “Mia, rest assured. Once you’re back in Nord City with us, I’ll introduce you to a husband who’s not just sophisticated and socially competent, but also proficient in managing household affairs. “He’ll be someone you can rely on, obedient to your every instruction.” “Then

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she might as well find a dog!” Suddenly, a low, restrained voice emerged from behind Mia—it was Timothy. She could no longer pretend not to notice. Connor raised an eyebrow and quipped, “You couldn’t even measure up to a dog.” Timothy was taken aback. Sensing the tension, Mia quickly took Connor’s hand. “I’m suddenly feeling a bit chilly out here. Shall we head inside and eat?” If this confrontation continued, it might escalate into a physical altercation. Considering they were in Bern City, challenging someone like Timothy didn’t

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seem like a wise move.

After the trio returned to the private room, Nicholas excused himself, stating, “I

need to use the restroom for a moment.” As he left the private room, he coincidentally encountered Timothy emerging from the restroom.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 571-In the corridor, the two men

crossed paths—one displaying maturity and aloofness, the other exuding a cool and distant demeanor.

Despite the tension, the atmosphere remained remarkably tranquil.

As they passed each other, Timothy couldn’t resist commenting. “You’re not

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the right match for her.” Nicholas responded with a slight smile, “As her ex-husband, you’re interfering too much.” “You stay right there!” Timothy’s cold gaze lingered as he turned back. “Take this as a warning. Your family might not readily accept the babies she’s carrying. Given Mia’s stubborn nature, she’s likely going to keep them.” “Actually, my family would be thrilled to welcome Mia’s babies. Considering my infertility, having children naturally was never an option for me. “Marrying Mia would be like winning the lottery—gaining both a wife and

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children at once. And on top of that, we're expecting twins. My mother would be ecstatic, don't you think?" With that, Nicholas casually walked away toward the restroom, leaving Timothy behind.

The corridor's dim lighting shadowed his face, lending an air of gloominess to his expression. In a fit of frustration, Timothy ended up punching the wall, unable to calm down.

Upon hearing about Mia's supposed fiancé, he nearly lost his composure. Meanwhile, in the private room, Mia looked at Connor with a serious expression. "Connor, what do you mean Dr. Mendes is my fiancé? You're

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intentionally trying to mess with Timothy, aren't you?" She had noticed Timothy nearby, and it was likely that Connor had as well. Otherwise, he wouldn't have intentionally uttered such provocative words.

Putting down his utensils, Connor regarded Mia with a meaningful gaze.

"Mia,

you endured three years of hardship in the Barrett family. What's wrong with

me helping you reclaim your dignity?" "I've broken things off with him; there's

no need for all this drama. I want to part amicably," Mia stated firmly.

"You're too naïve, Mia," Connor remarked. He couldn't help but narrow his

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eyes Despite Mia's desire for a peaceful separation, Timothy's actions suggested otherwise. It was clear that he was experiencing some regret and contemplating a return to their previous relationship. Soon after, Nicholas returned, and the trio exited the private room together. Mia instinctively glanced at the adjacent room; its slightly open door revealed an empty space. It appeared that Timothy and the others had finished their meal and left early. Mia silently withdrew her gaze and exited the restaurant with Connor and Nicholas.

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n the days that followed, Mia focused on her studies while on campus, diligently preparing for her resit exams.

Her life gradually resumed a semblance of normalcy.

As the eve of her exams approached, Mia couldn't help but feel a bit nervous.

In the family group chat, her brothers offered words of encouragement, while

Patricia resorted to superstitions by sending her a lucky charm.

Mia couldn't help but find it amusing. It felt like facing final exams back in

elementary school all again.

Initially, she had been only slightly nervous, but now it was escalating to

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genuine anxiety.

Il over As she lay down early to rest, her phone chimed with a message. Glancing at it, the text read, “Are you asleep?” Mia’s hand hesitated over the

screen. Why would Timothy message her at this hour?

She paused for a moment, considering whether not replying might give the impression that she was overly affected.

However, she reminded herself that she had moved on; there was no reason

to feel embarrassed.

In response, she simply replied with a “?” “Come downstairs,” Timothy ordered, his text was commanding.

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Mia promptly set aside her phone, drew back the curtains, and gazed toward the entrance of the residential complex. The weather was delightful; she couldn't help but notice a black luxury car parked outside the gate, looking somewhat familiar. Could it really be Timothy? What was he doing here? Mia swiftly replied, "You should head back; I want to sleep!" With that, she firmly closed the curtains. Who did Timothy think he was, dictating orders like that?

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Lying in bed, Mia tossed and turned, her thoughts consumed by Timothy's unexpected late-night visit.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 572-Why did Timothy want to disturb Mia's mental state at such a critical moment?

Shortly afterward, Mia thought she heard the doorbell ring.

She snapped awake, unable to shake the thought that Timothy might have arrived.

Nonetheless, Mia pondered it carefully, convincing herself that she must have

misheard. After all, there was no reason for Timothy to come up and find her.

Despite this, the knocking persisted.

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Mia quickly opened her bedroom door, only to find Patricia heading toward the entrance. “Who’s knocking at this late hour?” “Aunt Patricia-” Mia wanted to intervene, but it appeared to be too late. As the door opened, Mia noticed Timothy standing outside. He wore casual gray attire, a far cry from the serious and austere look he had in a suit during the day. This time, he emanated a more laid-back vibe. Mia wore a slightly awkward but polite expression, taken aback by Timothy’s unexpected arrival.

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Patricia's eyes widened in disbelief at the sight of Timothy. "Mia, why why is he here?" Standing by the entrance, Timothy politely stated, "Grandma requested me to bring her some gifts." "Ah, I see. Well, please come in." Having met Timothy before, Patricia recognized him as Mia's ex-husband. However, she hadn't expected him to show up here after their divorce. Sensing Patricia's discomfort, Mia intervened, "You should go to bed first. He's just here to drop something off and will leave soon." "Alright, then, please fetch Mr. Barrett a glass of water." Upon seeing Timothy, Patricia also felt somewhat bewildered. Nonetheless, she obediently retreated to her room. Now, only the two of them were left in the living room.

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Observing Timothy holding a paper bag, Mia's voice turned cold as she said.

"You can just place the items on the coffee table." Following Mia's words, Timothy calmly took a seat on the sofa. He briefly scanned the cozy living area, noting its modest size with just two bedrooms.

Furrowing his brows, Timothy commented, "I can't believe your brothers let

you live in such a small place.

Mia's mood instantly soured, and she replied bluntly, "Mr. Barrett, you're already here. Spare me your bullshit." Raising his head, Timothy countered,

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“Must you use that language?” “To be honest, you were the one who started it! My brothers have offered me lavish cars and mansions. but I prefer staying here. “Even with my newfound wealth, I hold onto a non-materialistic outlook. I remain the same frugal, optimistic, and self-sufficient woman who values truth, kindness, and beauty!” Timothy’s lips twitched; it appeared that Mia was subtly mocking him. He set the paper bag on the table. “Grandma wanted me to give this to you.”

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“Alright, thanks. You can leave now; the door is right there.” Mia accepted the

gift, her expression composed.

Timothy gazed at her. “Aren’t you going to open it?” Bending down, Mia unwrapped the package, revealing a box of pastries adorned with the words,

“Wishing you great success“.

Mia was surprised. “Did Grandma Laura make these herself?” She remembered Laura preparing a similar treat for Timothy’s birthday, but Laura

hadn’t been in the kitchen since then because of her advanced age.

“Yes, she was aware you have an exam tomorrow, so she arranged for the

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ingredients to be prepared early this morning.

“However, due to her age, she encountered some challenges and had a few unsuccessful attempts.

Despite the late hour, she insisted that I deliver it to you.” Mia’s eyes glistened

with tears as she opened the box and took a bite. “It’s delicious. I’ll give my

best in +15 BONUS the exam tomorrow.

Timothy observed her intently, his expression suggesting he had something to

say but was holding back.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 573-After finishing her dessert,

Mia took a sip of water.

She couldn't help but notice Timothy staring at her, his silence adding to the

intensity of the moment.

His narrow, elongated eyes bore into her, his handsome features sharply defined in the light.

Mia felt increasingly uneasy under his intense stare. She lowered her gaze and curtly said, "It's getting late, Mr. Barrett. Please leave." With that, she dismissed him without so much as a glance.

Given their divorced status, Mia felt no obligation to extend any courtesy

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toward him.

Timothy eventually rose from the sofa, his figure illuminated by the light, casting a long shadow in the room.

In the already confined space, his towering stature seemed to make it even more cramped, obscuring the light around Mia.

His imposing figure loomed above her, and his expression was complex.

Mia's breath caught in her throat. She had never seen Timothy wear such an

expression before.

especially not directed at her.

Taking a deep breath, she walked toward the entrance and swung the door open without a word, inviting him to leave.

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Casting a glance in her direction, Timothy proceeded to walk toward her. Mia had initially planned to step aside and allow him to pass, but he positioned himself squarely in her path. The narrow entrance barely allowed

space for two people.

She glanced up at him, somewhat puzzled by his demeanor.

Just as Mia was about to yield, Timothy finally spoke up, “Please, take your

exams seriously.” “Huh?” Mia hadn’t anticipated such words from him after the

prolonged silence. She muttered in response, “I don’t need you to remind me.

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I'll work hard regardless." She watched as Timothy turned and walked away, closing the door behind him.

+15 BONUS As Mia returned to the sofa, she felt a mixture of emotions upon noticing the pastry in her pocket.

"Mia, has Mr. Barrett left?" Patricia asked as she peeked out from the door.

Mia nodded. "Yes, he's gone." "What did he want? I was taken aback when I

saw him at the door just now. He wasn't causing trouble.

was he?" "No, he stopped by to deliver some pastries that Grandma Laura

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had made.” Mia retrieved the pastries from her pocket and handed one to Patricia. Despite her complicated relationship with Timothy, Laura had always shown kindness to her.

Before Mia found her family, Laura had been one of the kindest people to her, aside from Patricia.

“Mia, isn’t Mrs. Barrett Senior’s banquet planned for next weekend?” Patricia inquired.

“Yes, that’s correct.” Mia had discussed with Laura the possibility of

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postponing the banquet until after Mia's exams, particularly if Laura intended

to invite all of Mia's brothers to the celebration.

Laura had no objections and decided to schedule it for the weekend following

Mia's exams.

"Mia, Grandma Laura has indeed been very kind to you, but now that you've

reunited with your family and your living situation has improved, you should

have more confidence.

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“The Barretts wouldn’t dare to mistreat you like they did before. Are you still considering returning?” “Aunt Patricia, why do you ask?” Mia was caught off guard by Patricia’s suggestion that she might want to return to her position as the young lady of the Barrett family. Unfortunately, that role didn’t live up to its reputation.

“Mia, I remember you initially married into the Barrett family because you had

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feelings for Mr. Barrett. You were quite headstrong; how could you just forget about it?

“Back then, I supported your decision to divorce because I was worried you were being mistreated by the Barretts. But now, who would dare to treat you badly?” Mia couldn’t help but feel exasperated. “Aunt Patricia, we’re already divorced.” “But Mrs. Barrett Senior still seems to have a soft spot for you, and your family’s circumstances have improved.

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“If you still have feelings for Mr. Barrett, you might want to contemplate it.

Besides, Mr. Barrett seemed less distant toward you during his recent visit.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 574-“Aunt Patricia, please stop.”

Mia interrupted Patricia abruptly. “I’ve already made up my mind to return to

Nord City and live with my brothers, and I’m not considering remarriage.”

“Very well I respect your decision. But you should understand that women and

men are different.

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“Generally, second marriages don’t turn out as well as the first ones. Besides, Mr. Barrett comes from a respectable background; I’m only concerned for your well-being.” Having said her piece. Patricia withdrew to her room for some rest. Despite this, Mia understood where Patricia was coming from. In Patricia’s generation, there was a prevailing traditional belief that divorced women might encounter difficulties in finding suitable remarriages.

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Instead, they were considered to be better off returning to assume the role of the young mistress in a prestigious household, such as the Barrett family. However, Patricia remained unaware that Mia's brothers were part of the Lane family, a prominent household in Nord City. She also remained oblivious to the fact that Mia was pregnant with Timothy's children. As Mia tenderly touched her belly, her gaze became resolute. She knew that Timothy's affection for her was not genuine. After all, his

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endurance throughout their three -year marriage had been solely for Laura's sake.

His sudden change in demeanor was probably driven by a guilty conscience, seeking to make amends.

Mia knew deep down that Timothy had never genuinely cared for her, not even once.

Mia's eyes brimmed with bitterness. Three years prior, she had been naively in love, but she had long grown weary of the hardships that came with it; there

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was no turning back for her now.

If she ever decided to marry again, it would be with a man she genuinely cared for.

The following day, when Mia woke up, she was taken aback to see Claude, Connor, and Liam, the actor, all present.

She expressed her surprise, “Liam, aren’t you supposed to be occupied with

filming? How did you +15 BONUS manage to make time to come here?”

Liam

smiled. “I took an overnight flight to accompany you for your exam.

Afterward,

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I'll return to resume filming. I still have some time." After breakfast, Mia got into her brothers' car and headed straight to campus. Before Mia stepped out of the car, Connor anxiously called out to her, "Have you checked your admission ticket and pens? Do you have everything you need?" Claude also leaned out, adding, "Mia, we'll be outside waiting for you, equipped with everything necessary for your exam. If you encounter any issues, don't hesitate to give us a call right away." "Okay, I understand. It's only a retake, not the college entrance exam. Why are you guys so stressed

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out?” As Mia walked into the campus with her backpack, she couldn’t help but

feel an extra spring in her step.

Knowing her family was waiting for her outside seemed to lift her spirits considerably.

Not far away, a car lurked in the shadows.

Timothy observed as Mia entered the university before turning his gaze away.

“Let’s go.” he instructed.

As the car began to move, Timothy cast a glance at Heath in the passenger seat. “Any findings from the investigation?” Heath replied promptly. “His name

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is Nicholas Mendes, a well-known obstetrician in Nord City.”

“Obstetrician?”

Timothy mused, remembering the encounter with the man earlier. Could he be

the doctor whom the Lane family had arranged for Mia?

The selection of a male doctor left Timothy feeling utterly infuriated.

A hint of dissatisfaction flashed across his expression: couldn't the Lane family

have arranged for a female obstetrician instead?

The thought of another man being around Mia, let alone picturing her marrying

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and starting a family with someone else, ignited an indescribable rage within

Timothy.

“Mr. Barrett, I’ve also uncovered something else,” Heath said nervously.

Timothy massaged his temples. “Go ahead,” he replied wearily.

“We’ve learned that Mrs. Barrett’s visa application procedures have been completed, and her flight to Nord City is scheduled for next week.” “Are you

sure it’s next week?” Timothy tightened his grip on the documents. Next week

coincided with the private banquet Laura was organizing. Was Mia intending

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to attend the banquet before leaving for Nord City?

At that moment. Timothy felt a stifling sensation In his chest, making it difficult

for him to breathe.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 575-After the exam concluded, Mia exited the classroom feeling utterly exhausted.

She had been fully immersed throughout the day, and now she felt completely drained.

The discomfort of sitting for long hours, especially with her pregnancy, had

been challenging to endure.

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Fortunately, her pregnancy wasn't too far along, so she managed to persevere through it.

"Mia," Connor and Claude called out as they approached her.

Connor promptly supported her arm, asking, "Are you alright? If you're feeling

unwell, you need to let me know immediately." "I'm alright, just a bit fatigued

and hungry," Mia replied.

She understood Connor's concern for her pregnancy. Nonetheless, the babies

inside seemed to recognize the importance of her examination, maintaining

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good behavior and not being overly restless.

Claude breathed a sigh of relief. “Now that your exams are over, let’s grab a

bite to eat. How about we go out for a nice dinner tonight?” “Sounds good,”

Mia agreed.

Walking out of campus with her brothers, Mia spotted Nicholas’ car. She greeted him politely. “Hi Nick.” 擎 She knew that Connor had asked Nicholas

to wait for her during the exam because he was concerned about the babies growing inside her belly.

Despite Nicholas’ typically stoic demeanor, his expression visibly softened

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upon hearing Mia calling him Nick” affectionately.

The four of them then got into the car and left the university.

Nearby, someone captured this moment and sent the photo to his higher-ups.

Meanwhile, thy wast a break after a meeting when Heath approached him with a phone. “Mr.

Barrett, there’s news from the university.” Timothy glanced at the crystal-clear

photo on his phone. It showed Mia, surrounded by her brothers, getting into

the car with a radiant smile on her face.

In the presence of her family, Mia’s smile appeared even more endearing.

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However, as Timothy observed the man in the driver's seat, his eyes narrowed slightly. Wasn't that the obstetrician?

With a grim expression, Timothy placed the phone down.

Mia's family seemed to have considered every detail, going as far as arranging for the obstetrician to wait outside. What else was there for Timothy

to concern himself with?

Although Mia had already booked a flight to Nord City for next week, she didn't bring it up when Timothy visited her yesterday.

Suddenly, Timothy found himself unable to concentrate on his work.

He rose from his desk and exited his office, pacing anxiously. Unable to resist,

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he eventually called Caleb. “Hey, are you free right now? How about grabbing a drink together?” Caleb was surprised by the sudden call. “This is unexpected; you’re inviting me for a drink out of the blue. Last time, it was because of Mia, wasn’t it? Is it the same reason this time?” “Don’t be ridiculous. Are you joining me or not?” “Sure thing. Send me the address. Since you’re the one extending the invitation, I’ve got to make an appearance, don’t I?” Upon Caleb’s arrival at their usual meeting spot, he observed Timothy casually discarding his suit jacket, his shirt hanging loosely on him.

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He appeared completely disheveled, exuding an air of melancholy. “Listen, Tim, you don’t just pull me out for a drink without reason. Come on, spill it. What’s on your mind?” Timothy emptied his glass of red wine, fixing his bloodshot eyes on Caleb “Mia is leaving next week.” “Next week? But isn’t Grandma Laura’s banquet this weekend? Are you telling me she’ll leave right after attending it?” Observing Timothy’s despondent state, Caleb pressed on.

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“So, what’s your point here? I recall advising you to try winning her back before, but despite that, you ended up divorced. I thought you had moved on!”

“I thought I could move on too, but I don’t want her to leave!” Timothy’s gaze

solidified with determination. Now more than ever, he was resolute in his feelings. He was unwilling to let Mia slip away!

Taking a seat beside Timothy. Caleb spoke sincerely. “Let’s be honest. If you

had pushed a bit harder. splurged a bit more, and been more romantic before

Mia found her family, you might have had a chance at winning her back.

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“As the wealthiest man in Bern City and a genuine heartthrob, who could resist your allure? But you let the opportunity slip away!”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 576-Timothy pursed his lips.

“What

are you suggesting?” “Now that Mia is the heiress of the prestigious Lane family in Nord City, with six supportive brothers, she has everything she needs. What could you possibly offer her to persuade her to come back to you?” Furrowing his brow. Timothy responded, “Even if Mia didn’t have her

newfound family, she’s not someone who can be won over by riches.”

Indeed,

Timothy seemed to have misunderstood her all along.

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“I understand, but now she’s the Lane family heiress. If you want to win her

back, there’s only one way.

Timothy’s gaze sharpened with a hint of desperation.

Caleb hesitated before answering. “With your sincerity.” “Sincerity?”

Timothy

reclined on the couch, projecting a nonchalant yet menacing aura. “Do you think people like us are capable of such sentiments?” “If you don’t genuinely

love Mia and open your heart to her, I doubt you’ll be able to keep her.

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won't even pass her brothers' scrutiny." Timothy felt somewhat disheartened and frustrated. "Isn't love such a vague and elusive thing?" "Yeah, that's why I was so surprised when you fell for Mia. At first, I thought you were just unaccustomed to her leaving, but now it seems like you're really developing feelings for her." Caleb couldn't believe it. "But Mia isn't considered exceptionally beautiful, and her physique is rather average." "She's pregnant too." "Yes, she's pregnant too, so... wait, what, she's pregnant?" ting? With

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Caleb nearly choked on his wine. “She’s expecting? With your child?”  
“I’m not sure.” Timothy took another sip of wine, the memory of Mia revealing to her blind date that the babies weren’t his still haunting his thoughts, leaving a bitter aftertaste.  
Why did she doubt the twins’ paternity?  
+15 BONUS At that moment, Timothy found himself unexpectedly wishing for the babies to be his. It would give him a reason to keep Mia close, a Caleb appeared perplexed as he stated, “Considering that Mia is pregnant and

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there's uncertainty surrounding whether the babies are yours, it's likely that they aren't." Timothy's expression hardened. "Why do you say that?" "Well in if the babies truly belonged to you, how could Mia, who had nothing to her name before finding her family, resist staying as the young mistress in the Barrett family? "Most women in her situation would know what choice to make. Yet, she's kept it from you. What does that mean? It means she feels guilty!" Timothy's gaze drifted upward to the ceiling, his tone pleading. "Could you please stop

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talking now?” “Look, let me simplify things. If Mia didn’t feel guilty, why would she agree so readily to your divorce proposal, leaving with nothing, without asking for a single penny?” “Please, let’s stop analyzing.” Timothy felt like his heart was being stabbed again, and he was overwhelmed with misery. Caleb couldn’t shake the feeling that something was wrong. “I mean, you’re aware that the babies might not be yours, yet you still want to that much?”  
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with Mia? Are you out of your mind? Do you crave fatherhood “Anyway, I don’t have any specific expectations for the babies. Regardless of who their father is, as long as they’re brought up in the Barrett family, they’ll be considered part of the Barrett lineage.” Timothy asserted. Caleb’s mouth quivered slightly, “How did I not see it before? It’s almost as if you enjoy being cheated on. Immediately following his words, Timothy lashed out, kicking him. “Get lost!”

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Caleb's tone turned stern. "Mr. Barrett, please answer my question carefully.

Have you fallen in love with Mia?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 577-Upon hearing this, Timothy's

gaze drifted downward to the glass of red wine in his hand, its rich hue and inviting aroma momentarily captivating him.

"I honestly don't know," he replied, his deep voice resonating with uncertainty.

"Well, it sounds like you might be falling for her," Caleb suggested.

He couldn't resist the urge to light a cigarette: the situation was undeniably complex. Mia's pregnancy added another layer of complication, especially

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considering the uncertainty surrounding the paternity of the babies. Whoever claimed Timothy was cold-hearted? Men of his caliber often kept their emotions guarded, but when they did fall in love, it was with a depth and sincerity that knew no bounds. “Pass me one.” Timothy requested, reaching for a cigarette. Once it was lit, he leaned back, releasing puffs of smoke into the air. His eyes, deep and intricate, betrayed a sense of turmoil. It was a novel sensation for him, experiencing such a complex mix of emotions. He had never anticipated falling for a woman, much less someone like Mia! If only he had anticipated this turn of events, he would have acted differently

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on their wedding day.

Curious, Caleb interjected. “I’m struggling to understand, what is it about Mia

that has captured your heart?” 1 Timothy’s response was laden with gravity.

“It’s hard to articulate what sets her apart, but who else can stir such feelings

within me?” “Well, it seems you’re in quite a predicament.” Caleb lamented.

Timothy had unmistakably fallen hard!

If Mia were still the orphan she once was, things would be far simpler.

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However, now she's the daughter of the affluent Lane family in Nord City.

One

wrong move from Timothy and her six formidable brothers would step in without hesitation, showing no mercy.

Finally, Timothy broke the silence, "How can I convey my true feelings to her?" With a sigh of frustration, Caleb extinguished his cigarette.

After completing her exams, Mia felt a wave of relief wash over her. All that

remained now was to prepare for her graduation thesis.

Her spirits soared knowing that exams were finally behind her and she was on

track to receive her diploma.

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Three years ago, after marrying Timothy, she had been pressured by Sharon to abandon her studies and become a full-time housewife. Mia had always regretted not being able to continue her education. Now, she could finally put that regret behind her. Gina had arranged to go shopping with Mia, and they agreed to meet at the mall. “Mia, congratulations on passing your exams today!” “But the results aren’t out yet.” exam... “I have faith in your abilities. You’ll pass the retake exam without

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any trouble.” Mia smiled. “Let’s go, it’s time for some shopping.” She had to attend Laura’s banquet at the Barrett residence this weekend. Unfortunately, Eva was occupied in Nord City and couldn’t make it over. Despite this, she had been incessantly urging Mia to visit the Vior store to try on their latest dresses. She had taken the extra step of arranging for the brand to reserve some outfits specifically for Mia. If Mia chose not to go, Eva would undoubtedly bombard her with endless calls. Linking arms with Mia, Gina exclaimed. “I’m excited to accompany you.

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Finally, I get to join my bestie in shopping at luxury stores. I'm definitely going to post about it on social media later!" After all they often joked about their desire for either best friend to strike it rich one day, so they could ride on the other's coattails.

Now, it seemed like that wish had finally come true.

The two of them arrived at the Vior store, chatting and laughing as they went.

Mia glanced at Gina and said, "You're welcome to try on any clothes or dresses you like. After all, I have +15 BONUS Eva's membership card."

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Indeed, the card carried significant prestige..

“Alright, I won’t restrain myself then. Even if I can’t afford to purchase them, I

can still indulge in trying them on,” Gina murmured, her voice softening.

Despite her financial limitations, Gina’s demeanor remained upbeat,

showing

no hint of envy.

However, their conversation was interrupted by a sharp voice. “Wow, has Vior

lowered its standards so much? It seems like any random person can just

stroll in now.” Mia turned to find Dahlia and Dixie, the mother and

daughter

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duo she had encountered at the Barrett residence previously.  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 578-Dahlia entered the store with an air of superiority, shooting a glance at the shop assistant, Irinna Burriss. “Your store really needs to implement stricter customer screening, particularly with individuals like them who obviously cannot afford to make purchases. Letting them in would only degrade the standards of Vior.” Dixie chimed in. “Exactly! What if they damage the clothes? They could never afford to pay for

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them.” Mia couldn’t suppress a chuckle at their hypocrisy.

\*Considering your reputation for purchasing counterfeit goods and passing them off as authentic. perhaps it’s best for you two to refrain from patronizing

this store as well. We wouldn’t want others to mistakenly assume that everything here is fake,” Mia shot back.

Mia couldn’t help but reference the previous occasion when Dahlia and Dixie

bought scarves for Laura.

only to later discover they were counterfeit.

Dahlia and Dixie’s demeanor grew awkward, and Dixie retorted, “I–I was misled by a friend. How was I supposed to know they would sell me

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counterfeit goods?” “Yes, my daughter is overly trusting of her friends. Besides, families like ours can afford luxury items. Unlike a certain orphan who is penniless and was abandoned by their family. How could they even afford to shop here?” \$ on a membership Dixie continued with a hint of pride. “Mia, do you even know that this store operates on a system? Only members have access to shop here.” Before Mia could respond, Gina, standing beside her, couldn’t contain

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herself any longer. “Who are you to talk about memberships? You both seem to have a fondness for buying knockoffs, so your memberships are probably fake too, aren’t they?” “I’m quite certain that you both carry counterfeit cards, never with the intention of making a purchase, only to later buy knockoff items.” Gina’s words struck a nerve, evident from Dahlia and Dixie’s guilty expressions. However, they quickly fired back, “Whose fake card are we talking about here? Since you don’t have one yourself, you’re not qualified to

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be here.” Dahlia glanced at the familiar store attendant. “Irinna, it’s a relief you’re here. Please ensure they don’t come in and disrupt our shopping experience.” Given Irinna’s history of good rapport with Dahlia and Dixie, she

immediately trusted their words.

She turned to Mia with a trace of hostility and stated, “I’m sorry, but without a

membership, you can’t shop here. Would you like to apply for one?” “Stop kidding around. How could they possibly afford a membership? They’re broke!” In response, Mia calmly retrieved a gold–embossed membership card

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from her bag. “Who said I don’t have a membership card?” Upon seeing Mia’s membership card, Irinna’s demeanor shifted suddenly, her tone becoming more respectful. “Madam, would you like me to summon the manager to assist you?” Typically, members with cards of such caliber receive personalized attention from the store manager.

Dahlia appeared perplexed. “You should verify her card. What if it’s a counterfeit?” Dixie deliberately raised her voice, “Exactly! This card looks nothing like ours. I’ve never seen a Vior membership card like this before. “Mia, if you’re going to fabricate something, at least choose a more convincing design. It’s evident at first glance that it’s a fake.” Mia glanced over

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with a smirk. “It’s understandable if you haven’t encountered this caliber of membership card before; after all, your status isn’t quite up to par!” It seemed

that certain individuals were quite eager to be called out.

At that moment, the store manager, Gianna Tomlin, hurried over and respectfully stood beside Mia.

“Ms. Bowen, my apologies for my delayed arrival. Given your status as a valued VIP customer, would you like me to clear the area for you?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 579-Gianna’s delayed revelation

left Dahlia and Dixie in disbelief.

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Dixie's voice grew louder. "What? Are you saying that Mia is a VIP member?"

That's utterly absurd! She's an orphan, for heaven's sake, and she was even

kicked out of the Barrett family. How could she possibly have a VIP membership card? It must be fake, right?" Mia turned to Gianna for confirmation, "Is my membership card fake?" Gianna responded promptly. "No, it's genuine." Dixie persisted, "I'm sure of it! Mia must have stolen the

card from the Barrett family." "Dixie, you're onto something. This card must

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belong to them.” Upon hearing this. Mia decided not to waste any more time

arguing with Dahlia and Dixie.

She turned to Gianna and ordered, “Please, escort them out. I don’t want them in this store any longer.

They’re disrupting my shopping experience and damaging Vior’s reputation!”

Gianna nodded in understanding. “Certainly, I’ll take care of it.” Having said

that, Gianna approached Dahlia and Dixie, her tone firm and devoid of pleasantries. “This establishment prioritizes our VIP customers. Would you

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mind stepping aside?” “Her card was stolen; she’s nothing but a thief. I’ll inform the Barretts right away, and Mia will be exposed for who she truly is.”

Gianna’s face twisted into an expression of mockery. “This VIP membership card doesn’t belong to the Barrett family. It seems like you’ve misunderstood the situation.

“What? It’s not from the Barrett family? How is that possible?” Gina sneered in response. “This card was provided by Mia’s own family!” “That’s ridiculous.

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Mia is just an orphan, and her adoptive parents are extremely poor. How could they possibly afford to give her this card?” “Exactly, it’s definitely not from her family. Who knows where it actually came from.” Mia couldn’t help but click her tongue. “It seems like Mrs. Barrett and Shelly haven’t disclosed everything yet.” Gina Interjected on her behalf, “You’re oblivious, aren’t you?” Mia is no longer an orphan. She’s now an heiress, having been lost for years due to her heartless nanny.

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“Thankfully, she’s been reunited with her family and is now their beloved treasure, with everything she could ever desire at her disposal, What’s a mere membership card compared to that?” Dixie was stunned. “This can’t be true. How is that even possible?” However, Gianna wasted no time and promptly summoned security to have Dahlia and Dixie escorted out of the store. As they were being chased out, Dahlia and Dixie exchanged a look, both grappling with disbelief over what they had just heard—they couldn’t bring themselves to accept that Mia had transformed into the long-lost heiress of a

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wealthy family.

Dixie's jealousy flared as she thought about Mia's VIP membership card.

"Mom, do you really believe what Mia just said?" she asked.

"I have my doubts. If Mia were indeed the missing heiress of an affluent family, why would the Barretts have kicked her out? This card could be a gift

from her sugar daddy, and they might be fabricating this narrative to cover up

the truth." "Mom, I'm thinking the same thing. Isn't Mrs. Barrett Senior hosting

a banquet this weekend? We could use the opportunity to pay a visit and have

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her expose Mia's true intentions." Dahlia and Dixie exchanged a meaningful glance before nodding in unison. Nevertheless, observing Vior shutting its doors solely to attend to Mia, they couldn't suppress the jealousy bubbling inside them. Inside the store, upon Mia disclosing Dahlia and Dixie's identities to Gina, she couldn't help but burst out in laughter. "They were caught red-handed purchasing counterfeit goods and were even expelled by Mrs. Barrett Senior, yet they have the audacity to behave so

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arrogantly,” Mia said before continuing. “After all, to them, I’m merely a powerless orphan.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 580-Gina let out a sigh. “Mia, seeing Dahlia and Dixie just now, I can only imagine the challenges you’ve

faced living with the Barrett family these past three y years.

\*Despite their prestigious status, it might have been wiser not to marry into

their family. When you attend the Barrett family’s banquet this time, you need

to assert yourself.” Mia couldn’t help but chuckle. She hadn’t anticipated Sharon and Shelly keeping quiet about everything.

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but she wasn't bothered either.

“By the way, Mia, since the last college event, Maya was taken away, wasn't

she? What's her situation now? And how are your brothers dealing with it?”

“Maya's deliberate knife attack resulted in Timothy's injury, which led to the

Barretts pressing charges.

Considering the circumstances in Bern City, my brothers have decided to keep Maya here and prohibit her from returning to Nord City.” “That's probably

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for the best. It's wise to prevent Maya, that little troublemaker, from returning to the Lane family and causing more trouble for you in the future," Gina said in agreement.

Given the care and support her brothers had shown her, Mia realized that Maya was unlikely to pose any threat to her.

Due to her amnesia, Mia couldn't recall how Maya had deceived her and manipulated her brothers. leading to their separation for many years.

However, Mia wasn't troubled by her inability to remember the past; she had

finally found her family now.

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Inside the store, Mia couldn't help but try on the clothes Eva had selected for her. She also had Irinna assist Gina in choosing some outfits to try on. Excitedly, Gina pulled Mia aside. "Indeed, luxury clothing is on another level! The quality of the material and the way they fit is simply unmatched." At the checkout counter, Mia instructed Irinna to pack all the clothes Gina had tried on. Gina was taken aback. "Mia, what's going on? You haven't even tried these

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on yet!” “They’re for you,” Mia replied.

Passing the shopping bag to Gina, she added, “During my years as an orphan, you became my family. I appreciate your consistent presence in my life these past three years.

“Despite my hesitance to disclose everything, your steadfast care and support have never wavered. You are family to me as well.” Tears welled up in Gina’s eyes as she accepted the designer bag. “Are you trying to bribe me? Well, now that I’ve got connections with someone influential, you’d better remember

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to invite me to all the fancy gatherings.” Mia hugged Gina tightly. “I promise I will.” Once Mia went to Nord City, she knew she wouldn’t have many opportunities to return to Bern City in the future. Shortly after, Mia and Gina decided to dine out, choosing a high-end restaurant that typically required a membership card for entry. They happily walked in with their newly acquired purchases. Linking arms with Mia, Gina exclaimed, “Mia, is this the legendary restaurant where only the rich and famous dine? I never imagined I’d have the chance to

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eat here one day.” “I’ve never been here either. Today’s my first time. Dominic mentioned he’s already reserved a private lounge, so it seems we won’t need a membership card.” “Mia, I can’t help but envy you for having such an amazing brother. And you have six of them! Is that even fair?” Gina remarked wistfully. As Mia and Gina entered the elevator, Mia’s smile momentarily faded as she noticed a strikingly attractive couple entering through the main entrance.

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Gina exclaimed in surprise, “Isn’t that man Timothy?” However, Mia’s attention was not on Timothy; instead, it was captured by the woman beside him. It was her!

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 581-Mia recognized the woman as soon as she saw her face.

Once, Mia came across pictures of that woman on Timothy’s laptop. She had headed to Timothy’s study to type a document on his desktop because her college suddenly requested something. She noticed an individual file, which contained pictures of that woman.

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She asked him who she was, but he got angry and prohibited her from entering his study.

After that, she did try asking around and prying from Shelly for more information but to no avail.

That woman could be the person Timothy liked. That was Mia's guess. However, she put it at the back of her mind after Maya showed up. No matter

who that woman was, it was not something she should ask.

Who would've known that she would meet that woman in person, standing next to Timothy no less?

The woman's eyes on him were smitten with love and ecstasy.

Mia knew that gaze all too well.

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While she wondered who the woman was, the elevator door closed. During the three years she spent by Timothy's side, she had never seen that woman in person. Let alone hear anything about her from him. "Mia, I'm kinda hungry. Let's go grab something." Gina suggested intentionally, attempting to pull Mia back from her reverie. The duo headed to a restaurant where they had made a reservation for a private lounge. The position of the private lounge was great as they could enjoy the scenery out there. After the meal, Mia went to the toilet.

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The moment she stepped out of the compartment, she ran into that woman. The graceful air around her was enough to indicate that she came from a wealthy family.

While washing her hands, Mia heard the woman talking over the phone.

“Help

me pick a pretty silk scarf.

+15 BONUS I heard that Mrs. Barrett Senior likes it. I’ll take a look at it when

I’m home. I need it this weekend.” Based on that conversation alone, Mia could easily guess that the woman was going to join the party this weekend.

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Taking a deep breath, Mia told herself not to overthink. She and Timothy had divorced anyway. His relationship with other women had nothing to do with her.

Mia returned to the private lounge before leaving the restaurant with Gina. When she entered the car, she could see Timothy and that woman coming out

together from the corner of her eye.

They were getting along pretty well.

Mia even watched as that woman linked arms with him, to which he happily

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allowed.

Hurriedly, Mia withdrew her gaze and looked at the vehicle in front of her car.

She began mocking herself inwardly.

Gina linked her arm with Mia's. "We have to move on, Mia. Let bygones be

bygones. Besides, you're young, rich, and pretty! You have everything.

Men

are nothing," Gina comforted her.

Mia smiled. "You're right." She stroked her belly as she thought about how

she was going to leave for Nord City after Laura's party anyway.

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Time flew by and it was already the weekend.  
Her brothers flew back to Bern City on Friday night.  
Eva tugged Mia's hands. "Mia, I've been busy decorating your room these days. I also prepared many surprises for you! I hope you'll be able to adapt to the place well." "Thanks, Eva!" Mia and Patricia had packed up their stuff because they wouldn't return to Bern City that often once they left.  
Dominic informed Patricia, "We've made arrangements at a hospital in Nord City. Someone will send your husband there. Nothing will happen to him during the transmission, I promise."  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 582-Patricia nodded, her eyes

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welling up with tears. “Thank you.” “That’s our line. Thank you for being willing

to come to Nord City with us so that Mia won’t be that lonely.

Dominic felt grateful.

Looking at her six brothers, Mia couldn’t hide the blissful smile beaming across her face.

The next morning, Eva took Mia out after breakfast.

“Mia, I’ve made an appointment with a makeup artist and a hairdresser from

Vior. You’re going to be the belle of the ball tonight.” Mia said helplessly.

“Eva,

I’m only going to congratulate Mrs. Barrett Senior on her recovery, not

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participating in a beauty pageant.” “You can’t say that. After all, you’re joining the party as Ms. Lane. Make them regret disrespecting you in the past.” Dominis nodded. “Eva’s right.” Mia followed her family to the top floor of the mall. Claude and Liam came along as well. As soon as they left the elevator, there was a strong smell of perfume and she covered her nose subconsciously. When she looked up, there stood Shelly and her minion. Just as she had expected. Ever since Mia was revealed to be the true Ms. Lane on campus that day, Shelly and Sharon never showed up in front of Mia

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anymore. It was as though they had vanished into thin air. Mia didn't think about them anyway, but she didn't expect to run into Shelly here. The atmosphere turned awkward instantly. Shelly looked surprised to see Mia. Her guilty conscience was ringing in her head too. But that didn't stop her heart from racing the moment she saw the two gorgeous-looking men beside Mia. Previously, Shelly dreamt of marrying anyone among the Lane brothers since all of them were handsome. However, it was later revealed that Maya was a fake Ms. Lane. Mia was the real Ms. Lane instead. A long time had passed since that reveal, yet Shelly still couldn't accept reality. After all, Shelly had always looked down on Mia. Now that Mia had become rich and was living a more luxurious life than her, she couldn't accept the difference.

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Eva spoke up first. “Oh my, isn’t this Ms. Barrett? Are you here for your makeover too?” Shelly lit up as she answered proudly, “Y–Yeah! Timothy made an appointment here specially for our family.” “Specially? What are the odds? We made an appointment with the makeup artist and the hairdresser here as well. Who says that they’re here for your special service?” Claude glared at her. “How dare he try to steal the stylists from us!” Liam snorted coldly. “I know the employees here. We booked an appointment first. If he wants to cut in line, he must seek our permission first.” Despite their steely expression, Shelly was captivated by their looks. She tried to put in good words with Mia. “It’s not a big deal. We can do it together. Mia, you can go first. I’m not in a rush.” The way Shelly acted reminded Mia of the time Shelly treated Maya. It was

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exactly the same. Mia arched her brow. “Ms. Barrett, we’re not that close. Please address me properly.” How dare Shelly call her by her first name.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 583-Mia just straight-up humiliated Shelly.

Completely caught off-guard by that, Shelly watched them enter Vior. Claude

and Liam were walking by Mia’s side.

Shelly’s minion exclaimed, “It must be nice to have such handsome and protective brothers. I’m satisfied with just one, but to think that she has six?

I’m jealous.” “Shut up!” Shelly stomped her foot out of anger as she didn’t

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expect a head-on humiliation from Mia.

As the daughter of the Barrett family, Shelly couldn't understand where Mia

found the courage after reuniting with her rich family.

Had it not been for her interest in the Lane brothers, Shelly wouldn't have bothered to talk to Mia at all.

Her ego took a hit, and her frustration certainly didn't go away. She followed

them into the Vior store.

Meanwhile, the owner of the place had been waiting for Mia's family.

"This

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way please, Ms. Mia.” Mia didn’t allow Eva to follow her into the fitting room.

Mia’s belly was bulging, which she didn’t want Eva to notice.

The plan was to tell the others about her pregnancy after returning to Nord City.

The host of the party tonight was the Barrett family, so she reckoned that it was better to keep her pregnancy a secret for now.

Mia chose a gown that could cover her growing belly. With the high waistline

and puffy hemline, it wouldn’t accentuate her belly.

It was perfect since she wanted to conceal her pregnancy from others’ for now.

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She looked at herself in the mirror. “I’ll take this.” When Mia was going to walk out of the fitting room in that dress, Shelly stepped out of the abutting compartment.

Shelly’s expression was indifferent, with no intention to greet Mia out of courtesy at all.

Shelly stood in front of Mia instead. “Mia, you don’t know why Timothy, that workaholic, would make an appointment here, do you?” +15 BONUS Mia recalled the day she went to the restaurant, where she ran into a woman and Timothy.

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Could it be because of that woman whose pictures appeared on Timothy's laptop?

"Mia, do you still remember the time you asked me about the woman on Timothy's laptop?" Mia had a vague guess of her intention.

Still, she wondered why Shelly didn't tell her back then.

Calmly, she asked, "Did I ask that? I can't remember." "You're pretending. You're obviously bothered by the truth." Shelly showed a triumphant expression.

The gown Mia was wearing was a limited edition tailored piece. She was also

wearing a necklace from Vior's personal collection.

Shelly's jealousy went through the roof because not even she herself could

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enjoy such a privilege.

Yet, Mia had it better than her!

Mia chuckled, contempt evident in her eyes. “Who are you to judge my feelings? Timothy and I have divorced. Besides, I have everything right now.

Why would I be bothered by something that’s none of my business?” She then

lifted her dress to leave with her head held high.

Shelly huffed behind her, “Mia Bowen, she’s Luna Maynard, the woman Timothy cares about the most. That’s why he made a special appointment here. It’s for her. He’ll introduce her officially to the rest of the family at the

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party tonight.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 584-Mia halted in her tracks, turning her head to face the store employee. “Bring me the most expensive jewelry you have.” The employee grinned. “Sure. Here’s our latest limited edition collection. Take a look at them. We only have a set of them in Bern City.

“Alright.” Mia cast Shelly a backward glance. “I don’t think you’re wearing any decent jewelry. Would you like me to ask them to lend you a set of jewelry?”

Such a degrading attitude angered Shelly. “I am Shelly Barrett, Mia Bowen,

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Who needs you to lend me pieces of jewelry? I have everything I want!”

“Oh

really? I remember that your cards were frozen, though. You’re just leeching

off your family. Your living allowance is only this much. Can you afford these

pieces of jewelry?” Mia hit a sore spot.

The past three years were enough for her to tell what kind of person Shelly was and what Shelly cared about the most.

As Mia had expected, Shelly’s features distorted in fury as soon as she said that.

It was a refreshing sight to behold.

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Putting on a haughty expression, Mia left the fitting room.

Shelly had never suffered such humiliation before.

She had always been the person to poke fun at Mia for being penniless, but their positions switched this time.

It was infuriating to Shelly.

Mia's words rang in Shelly's head and she had an idea. She reached out to Timothy, but no one picked up the call.

She texted, 'Timothy, Luna likes Vior's latest jewelry collection better.

There's

only a set of it in Bern City, but the employee here says that they're not for sale.' She clicked the send button, letting off some steam.

As long as she couldn't own something. Mia could never own it either.

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On the other hand, Mia was in a good mood when she left the fitting room. Claude was the first one to stand. “Mia, you’re gorgeous in this dress. You look like a princess.” Liam clapped his hands. “Mia’s pretty and she’s our princess. She looks good in everything.” Eva was grinning ear-to-ear.

“That’s right. Mia looks good in everything. But Mia, why didn’t you choose that champagne dress? Your back is pretty. You can put everyone in a trance in that gown.” The smile on Mia’s face stiffened because that champagne dress

was tight-fitting. It would reveal her bulging belly.

“I gained a few pounds lately while prepping for exams. My waist grew thicker.

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I would look fat in that dress, so I chose this.” She made up an excuse. Claude cocked a brow. “Wear anything you like. No one will have the nerve to say that.” Liam nodded. “Yeah. You’re not fat at all. You’re too skinny.” Mia couldn’t fathom the way they thought at all. She simply assumed that they let their mouth run without thinking. After choosing a gown, Mia headed for a skin glow-up before proceeding with makeup and hairstyling.

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While she was waiting for the jewelry, the owner came up to her all nervous.

“I’m so sorry, but someone has just bought the latest jewelry collection.”  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 585-Mia was slightly surprised to hear the news, but it didn’t really bother her as it was actually a show she had put up for Shelly.

However, Eva was more upset than her. Eva looked at the owner, “That’s fast.

You said that it was still available a moment ago, though.” “Who bought it?”

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Claude inquired coldly.

The owner hesitated for a second. “It’s Mr. Barrett. I’m terribly sorry about this.” This was Bern City. The store owner wouldn’t push her luck by going

against Timothy when he personally made an order.

Mia smirked when she heard that he was the buyer. Guessing who he bought

it for was an absolute no-brainer Luna was indeed someone special to him.

Eva didn’t like how things were escalating. “Are the Barretts doing this on purpose? It’s just a jewelry collection. Do they think that we don’t have

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anything more expensive? Thank god I brought along my personal collection.

Mia, wear all of it for the party later!” Claude whistled, envious. “Eva’s collection is indeed ten times more expensive than branded jewelry.” Liam nodded. “Yup. I better remember this. How dare he try to humble us! I will not

let this happen.” Mia spoke up, “Forget it. I don’t care about this anyway. I’m

not losing anything anyway. Eva’s collection.

is more precious.” for you to wear t “Silly you. I brought them along just the

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party. It's a different matter. You can take a look at the jewelry they have here and buy whatever you want. You can wear them on usual days." Claude showed his black card right away. "She's right. Mia, buy whatever you like. Do not hesitate." Liam fished out his credit card as well. "He's right. Do not think twice." They tickled her funny bones. When she was an orphan, she saw this kind of scene shown in telenovelas. Never in her wildest dream had she imagined herself to live a fairy tale. +15 BONUS She grabbed their cards to take a picture and shared it on her

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social media with the caption, “My brothers told me to use their cards.”

Gina

was the first to like and comment. ‘Another day to feel envious of someone

else’s life. I wonder how nice it would be to have a brother.’” Her classmates

left comments too. ‘Your family is so nice to you, Mia. I’m jealous!’”

Timothy

saw her post not long after she shared it. It stirred mixed feelings in him.

He gave her his card in the past, but she had never used it once. Ever.

Heath came up to him. “Mr. Barrett, I’ve ordered Vior’s latest jewelry collection. Where should it be delivered to?” “To the Barrett residence,”

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Timothy answered without a second thought.  
Mia would be heading to the same venue. Even if Shelly hadn't texted him, he would know that Mia having a makeover in Vior anyway.  
Then, Heath reported, "Mr. Barrett, Ms. Maynard is here." Timothy looked away from his laptop, his lips pursing. "Let her in." was Luna was dolled up poshly. She breezed into the office with grace. Her eyes showed a tinge of obsession the moment they laid on Timothy. "Tim."  
Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 586-Timothy lifted his head.  
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are you doing here?” “Tim, I’m trying to choose a silk scarf for Mrs. Barrett Senior, but I don’t know her preference. Could you help me out? I hope she’d like my present.” The scarfs reminded him of the time Mia prepared a scarf of the same brand when she returned to the Barrett residence. She also exposed a distant relative for purchasing imitation on the same day. Now, she has learned how to show her fangs. Her temper was that of a wild kitten. Luna caught him not paying attention to her. She was baffled. “Tim?” He

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recentered his thoughts. “Grandma has enough scarves. You can give her something else.” “Why don’t you come shopping with me?” “I’m busy.”

He

then buried himself in work again.

She got out of his hair and left the office meekly. Time was of the essence.

She had to prepare another gift immediately because she had to gain

Laura’s

favor.

Mia left the hairdresser, her fingers caressing her new jewelry around her wrist.

It was more luxurious than the one Vior offered her.

“Mia, let’s take a picture together,” Liam suggested.

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After taking a picture together, he claimed, “I’m gonna share it on my Twitter, “let everyone know how pretty my sister is.” “No!” She pressed his hand. “I–I don’t want to reveal myself to the public for now. It’ll deprive me of freedom. I don’t want that to happen.” Liam looked serious. “Mia, do you want to be a celebrity? If I take you under my wing, you’ll be a rising global star in no time.” Claude chimed in, “Get in line, Liam. I told her to focus on piano so that she

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could be a great pianist. It's easier than acting." This then sparked a debate between the brothers over her future career. None of them would back down!

Eva whispered to her, "Don't care about them, Mia. Just do whatever you want. These jobs are tiring. Besides, you have the privilege to enjoy life without working." Mia chuckled as she watched her brothers debating. She was worried that they might get physical in the car.

They were heading to the Barrett residence. The other Lane brothers were on their way too.

All of them gathered outside the Barrett residence, The road was teeming with

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luxury cars. In other words, the quests today weren't ordinary people. "Mia, it's Dominic and the others." Mia glanced through the window to see Dominic and the others there. Mia's car slowly drove into the yard. The familiar place somehow made her feel a little nervous. It was definitely the same old place she knew, but it felt different this time. Considering how many luxury cars there were, seeing a few luxury cars being driven into Barrett residence was not an unordinary sight. However, the Lanes drew all eyes on them as soon as they got out of the car because of their handsome looks.

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This s was Bern City after all. Some of them didn't know the Lane brothers from Nord City.

Dominic got out of the car and stood in front of the Stretch Lincoln Limousine as the others followed suit.

Everyone looked at them, wondering who else was still in the car.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 587-The black Stretch Lincoln Limousine pulled over in the yard with six handsome men standing in a line next to it.

Clad in tuxedos and white gloves, they appeared like vampires in movies.

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The guests began gushing in an undertone.

“Who are these handsome men?” “I recognize that guy. He’s the famous actor, Liam Lane. There’s another guy that looks familiar to me. Are they the

Lane family from Nord City?” “Who hasn’t gotten out of the car? To have these six gorgeous men waiting, that person must not be any ordinary person.” “I’m afraid the Lane family from Nord City had come. I heard that

Timothy would marry one of them after the divorce. I guess the rumor is right.”

Someone congratulated Sharon, “Congratulations, Mrs. Barrett! Isn’t the marriage between both your families just around the corner?” Mrs. Barrett,

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haven't you been frowning upon your daughter-in-law for her poor family background all along? It's time to get a rich daughter-in-law!" Those remarks

put Sharon in an awkward spot.

In actuality, she had been stomaching everything herself and walking on thin

ice in front of Laura.

Who would've known that Mia was actually the true Ms. Lane while Maya turned out to be the fake one? Timothy stood riveted at his spot, his dark eyes

fixated on the Stretch Lincoln Limousine.

The car door opened before a pair of diamond heels landed on the ground.

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 587

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 587-The black Stretch Lincoln Limousine pulled over in the yard with six handsome men standing in a line next to it.

Clad in tuxedos and white gloves, they appeared like vampires in movies. The guests began gushing in an undertone.

“Who are these handsome men?” “I recognize that guy. He’s the famous actor, Liam Lane. There’s another guy that looks familiar to me. Are they the

Lane family from Nord City?” “Who hasn’t gotten out of the car? To have these six gorgeous men waiting, that person must not be any ordinary

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person.” “I’m afraid the Lane family from Nord City had come. I heard that

Timothy would marry one of them after the divorce. I guess the rumor is right.”

Someone congratulated Sharon, “Congratulations, Mrs. Barrett! Isn’t the marriage between both your families just around the corner?” Mrs. Barrett, haven’t you been frowning upon your daughter-in-law for her poor family background all along? It’s time to get a rich daughter-in-law!” Those remarks

put Sharon in an awkward spot.

In actuality, she had been stomaching everything herself and walking on thin

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ice in front of Laura.

Who would've known that Mia was actually the true Ms. Lane while Maya turned out to be the fake one? Timothy stood riveted at his spot, his dark eyes

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 589-Mia’s respect for Eva increased twofold after witnessing her slapping the rich lady.

She never knew the gentle Eva had such a feisty side to her.

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Nina was flabbergasted. “Are you talking about Mia Bowen?” “Yup.” Another person voiced her doubt, “You mean the Lanes from Nord City? Which family is it? Is it that wealthy family?” “No way. Isn’t Maya Lane the one? But I don’t think I saw her here. If she’s here, she could’ve told us about Nord City since she lives there.” Dominic looked at the person speaking, revealing, “Maya was adopted by our family. She’s not the true Ms. Lane. Everyone in Nord City

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knows about this. It's not a secret." That was why Maya was adamant about getting married and settling down in Bern City, where no one knew her origin.

Connor smiled meaningfully at Timothy. "Ms. Barrett, since you've invited our family, don't you think you should introduce us to others?" Only then did Nina

comprehend the situation. Still, she couldn't fathom how Mia became the true

Ms.

Lane so suddenly.

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Timothy glanced at Mia, who was standing nearby in her white gown. The fact that she was surrounded by those six men made her look like a princess. To realize that Mia could be so dazzling was new to Timothy. He began, “Let us welcome our important guests, the Lanes from the Nord City, to the party. Mr. Dominic. thank you for preparing a gift for my grandmother.” Next, he shifted his attention to Sharon, who could only bite the bullet by saying, “Right. This is Mr. Dominic Lane, the head of the Lane family from Nord City. This is his wife,

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Ms. Eva.” After learning that Mia was the true Ms. Lane, Sharon hadn’t gone outdoors. The sheer thought of Mia attending today’s party caused too much anxiety for her to get a good night’s sleep last night. Sharon was fully aware of how badly she had treated Mia in the past, looking down upon Mia for not having any power or influence. Now, karma was here to collect its debt. Maya was the fake princess and Mia was the real one Claude added on. “You’re not finished yet. The most important person here is our precious

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sister—we lost her for many years because of an ill–hearted nanny and it was

only recently that we found her.

All eyes were on Mia. Neither of them could believe what they had just heard.

This was something could only see in telenovelas.

But they were witnessing it in real life at the moment!

Mia felt those surprised gazes on her. A part of them came from the Barretts‘

relatives, who bullied her often in the past.

Needless to say, their expressions were amusing.

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Liam stood next to Mia. “Mia is our sister. She has received care during her stay with the Barrett family, so we’ll make sure to return the favor in the future.” Awkwardness surged in the air. Sharon couldn’t manage her expression any minute longer as she couldn’t quite get the meaning behind those words. Were the Lanes planning an act of revenge for Mia? Nina, who couldn’t put up with this anymore, looked at Sharon. “Sharon, are you just going to watch me get bullied?”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 590-Sharon was like a cat on hot

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bricks, unable to comprehend Nina's antics which were basically adding fuel

to the fire!

Timothy glanced at Nina. "Since you're feeling under the weather, you should

return and get some rest." She was driven out of the place before she could say anything.

The others watched the entirety of the situation, but they zipped their lips, especially the rich ladies who bullied Mia before.

They either held their head low or hid in a corner, not wanting to meet Mia's

eyes.

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The status of the Lane family was tantamount to the Barretts. Most of the guests ran subsidiary companies in Nord City. The moment they offended the Lanes would be the moment they kissed goodbye to their dream of building a business in Nord City. Dominic looked at Sharon. “It seems like the Barretts are still reasonable in character.” Sharon forced a smile. “You’re flattering. Welcome to the Barrett residence. Here, come this way.” Looking at how Sharon was all respectful,

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Mia figured that only one's status and power could make Sharon sit up and take notice of them.

Eva linked arms with Mia. "Come on, Mia. Let's go." "Okay."

Confidently, Mia

walked into the parlor with her brothers.

There, Laura sat on the couch gracefully in a cocktail dress. She was in high

spirits. "Mia, you're here. Come, let me take a look at you. You're gorgeous

today." "Grandma, you look good today too." Mia took a seat next to Laura.

"Allow me to introduce them to you. This is Dominic and Eva, my eldest

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brother and his wife. Here's Nathan, Connor, the doctor who was in charge of

your surgery. Claude..

One by one, she introduced her family to Laura.

Laura nodded in acknowledgment at the six handsome men. "It's no wonder

you're a beauty, Mia. Turns out the good-looking gene runs in the family.

They're gorgeous!" Dominic spoke up, "Mrs. Barrett Senior, thank you for taking care of Mia for the past few years. And thank you for paying the medical bills for Mia's uncle." She waved her hand. "That's nothing. We owe

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her too much. I'm glad that she has found her family. I can finally have peace of mind now.

Laura's words and natural interaction with Mia were enough to tell Connor that

she treated Mia well He offered, "Mrs. Barrett Senior, I'll come over to check

on you a few months later. If you feel under the weather, you can reach out to

me at any time." "Thank you. You're the reason that I'm able to be here.

Otherwise, I wouldn't have known how long! could last. This is all thanks to

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Mia too.” Mia held Laura’s arm. “Nonsense, Grandma. I should be thanking you instead. My uncle wouldn’t have been able to last the past three years without you.” Smiling and giggling, they had a fun time. Dominic could now understand why Mia treated Laura so well despite the Barrett family’s spiteful treatment. Right then, Timothy came over only to see Mia sitting next to Laura. Mixed feelings surged in him. The Lanes simultaneously looked at the incoming person. Their eyes read the same emotion that said. ” This man is such an eyesore!”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 591-Mia sensed a shift in the atmosphere and raised her head only to realize Timothy's presence.

The smile on her face faded as she remembered the time she ran into him dining in a restaurant with a woman.

Her gaze on him didn't last long.

The six handsome men on the couch were glaring at Timothy all at the same time.

Timothy approached Laura. "Grandma, almost all the guests are here." "Is that

so? Mia, you and your family can head outside and grab something to eat. I'll

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be there in a short while.” Mia stood up and cued her brothers, “Let’s go.”

The

six men rose to their feet, casting an intimidating glance at Timothy.

Timothy stood there all alone, under their scrutiny and faces of judgment.

Kaleb couldn’t help but wipe the beads of sweat off his forehead. If a glare

could kill someone, Timothy would’ve been dead for

god-knew-how-many–

times.

The Lanes obviously held a bad impression of Timothy.

The parlor soon became quiet.

Laura looked at Timothy, asking indifferently, “I’ve hosted a party for you.

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What are you going to do now?" He frowned. "I never expected her brothers to come along." He thought that Mia would come alone. Laura held a cup of tea and explained, "I told her to invite her brothers." "Why?" "Because they're her family. If you want to earn her forgiveness, you should deal with her family first." 1 She put her teacup down. "But I don't think they like you." His lips pressed firmly. That was an unnecessary reminder. "Say, Tim. If you really want to win her heart back, you should offer a sincere

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apology before pursuing her again. Once she returns to Nord City, a place so far away, I'm afraid her family will arrange blind dates for her. When that happens, you're out of the game." Creases formed between his brows. "That's what I'm worried about. Her brothers might get in the way." "That's normal. After all, no one could ever forgive the fact that their sister suffered in a marriage for three years before consigning to divorce. You're the one to blame for not appreciating her." Guilt was suffocating him.

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Laura returned to the topic. “Enough of this useless talk. What did you prepare for today?” “A set of jewelry. It’s her favorite brand.” “That won’t be enough.

The necklace she’s wearing right now is very expensive. It completely outranks the limited edition jewelry you prepared.” Laura’s eyes darted to Kaleb. She ordered, “Kaleb, bring me the box I prepared.” Timothy’s expression shifted the moment he saw what was inside the box. “I can’t take that, Grandma.

This was your wedding gift.” “Do you think it’s a present from me to you? I’m

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asking you to give it to Mia. Expensive and meaningful presents are important to show our sincerity. Getting yourself a wife is expensive.” Timothy stared at the accessory. “This is different. Mia is not a materialistic woman. She won’t want it.” “It’s no wonder you’re single, Tim. Mia is Ms. Lane now. What is there that she doesn’t have? Listen to me. Take it. If you don’t want me to suffer a loss, make sure you win her back to be my granddaughter-in-law again. I won’t be losing anything once we become a family.” (5)

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Finally accepting her heartfelt advice, he took the box. “Don’t worry, Grandma.

I’ll make sure to make that happen.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 592-“I’m glad to hear that. Go ahead.” Laura wore a relieved smile at the fact that Timothy had finally wised

up.

Holding the box of jewelry, he informed, “Grandma, Luna’s here.” “What for?”

Her expression dulled upon hearing the information.

“She heard that you finished your surgery and wanted to see you.” “I don’t need that. I’m not dead yet.” She rose from her seat.

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Her reaction was within his expectations. He walked toward Kaleb and told him, “Help me switch the jewelry. Tell Luna to not show up at the party at the moment.” Kaled took the box of jewelry. “Yes, sir.” Intending to switch the jewelry, Kaleb headed to where the presents were placed. Coincidentally, he ran into Shelly, who was leading Luna into the house. He said, “Ms. Maynard, Mr. Barrett told me to inform you not to show up at the

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party at the moment.” A grimace distorted Luna’s lips. “Why? Is it because Mrs. Barrett Senior doesn’t want to see me?” Kaled left without offering an answer as he had done what he was told to do. Shelly hurriedly comforted her, “Don’t take it to heart, Luna. Grandma is always like this. If she really doesn’t like you, she would have driven you out of the house.” Luna managed a smile. “I prepared a gift for her, though.” “She’ll know that. Oh, these are the accessories Timothy bought for you. Did

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you know about it?” The box left by Kaled appeared familiar to Shelly. Wasn't that the latest limited edition collection from Vior? She snitched to him on purpose and he really did purchase it! Who else would it be for if it wasn't Luna? Luna's eyes lit up as she stared at the box. She reached out to open it. Meanwhile, Mia and her brothers made their way to the party in the yard. She headed to the food section self. Pregnant women shouldn't be starving, so she had to eat. Coincidentally, Dahlia and Dixie were there as well. It was a classic enemies' encounter, but a rather awkward one at that.

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Dahlia and Dixie's visage distorted into a mask of rage before they made themselves scarce in the end, fearing the thought of Mia settling the score with them.

Mia simply shrugged at the hilarious event because she didn't intend to seek

revenge anyway.

"Happy with the scene you're causing at the party, Mia Bowen?" The perfume

pervading the air gave Mia a hint of who the incoming person was.

Mia glanced over her shoulder at Shelly before making a snide remark,

"Jealousy is written all over your face. But that wouldn't give you six

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handsome brothers.” Shelly gritted her teeth. “Don’t get ahead of yourself, Mia Bowen. Why didn’t you purchase that limited edition jewelry?” Mia’s smile dropped a little. “Because it looked ordinary. Eva prepared me another set of jewelry. It’s more expensive and meaningful.” Shelly’s shrewd eyes caught notice of the necklace hanging around Mia’s neck. Its opulence turned Shelly sour. “So what? Timothy gave that set of jewelry to Luna anyway. That means she’s the most important person to him, not you!”.

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Mia scoffed in return. “Jerks are always better off with bitches. Whoever he gives that jewelry doesn’t bother me.” 1 She spun around and happened to see Timothy there

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 593-The moment Mia saw Timothy, she took a sip of milk calmly. To be caught red-handed speaking ill of someone didn’t prick her guilty conscience.

She inwardly sighed. “Fate can be ill-fated sometimes.” Putting down the cup, she noticed him coming up to her from the corner of her eye.

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Shelly gloated as she spoke to Timothy, “Timothy, you heard that, didn’t you?

I didn’t slander her.” Mia rolled her eyes and kept quiet, not intending to offer an explanation.

He stood right in front of Mia. “Actually, that set of jewelry-” “Excuse me, you’re blocking my way,” she cut him off savagely.

She didn’t give him the chance to finish as she walked away.

She wasn’t in the mood to listen to his explanations. Whoever he gave the jewelry to had nothing to do with her Timothy watched her back and frowned.

The insensible Shelly approached him. “Timothy, look how haughty she is

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now. She's just jealous that you bought Vior jewelry for Luna." His glare shot daggers at her. "Who told you that it's for Luna?" "Is it not? Otherwise, who could it be for?" She shrunk her neck at Timothy's furious expression. However, Timothy was indeed treating Luna well, at least more so than Maya. That was why Shelly jumped to the conclusion that the jewelry was for Luna. Yet, her guess turned out to be wrong! The agitated Timothy glared at Shelly. "Stop getting ahead of yourself again."

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“So who is it for? Grandma?” “Stop asking questions you shouldn’t ask.”

He

didn’t want to waste his time with her at all, so he left.

Standing right there alone, she stomped her feet out of frustration.

1/2 Like any other member of the family, she didn’t have the nerve to infuriate

Timothy, The question was still hanging in the air. Who was that jewelry for?

Could it be Mia?

In addition to Mia’s current social status and pregnancy, if she got married to

Timothy again, would there be a place for Shelly within the family?

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The sheer thought of the aftermath made her grimace. After all, she had been looking down on Mia. Now that Shelly's the one getting bullied. She felt as though she'd never surpass Mia, but Shelly couldn't admit her defeat.

"Shelly, what were you guys talking about?" Luna was on the second floor the entire time because Timothy personally told Kaleb to prohibit her from showing up at the party.

She followed the orders so that Timothy wouldn't hate her.

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“Luna, Timothy said that the jewelry isn’t for you. I must’ve misunderstood something.” Luna’s jaw tightened at that. Her fingers fumbled with the necklace on her neck and her smile was a forceful one. “It’s alright. I can take it off. Did he say who it was for?” “I think Timothy was trying to explain something to Mia, so it has something to do with her, I guess,” Shelly speculated. Luna clenched her fist. “I thought they were divorced.” “That’s why I found it strange too. But I heard the maids saying that Grandma hosted this party on

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purpose for Timothy and Mia. I think she's trying to get them together again.”

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Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 594-Luna's gaze dropped to the ground, and her voice grew weak. “If they get together again, Mrs. Barrett Senior would be happy. It'll be good news for your family too.” “What are you talking about, Luna? That's not how it'll work. If they get together again, there won't be a place for us in the family. Mia is Ms. Lane right now. No one would

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dare to mess with her. Besides, she's pregnant with Timothy's child."

"What?"

Luna's face fell.

Shelly hushed her voice deliberately. "I'm the only person in the family that

knows this. Mia's doing a good job keeping everyone in the dark."

"There's no

reason for her to keep everyone in the dark, though." "Previously, I thought

that she would use the child to threaten him. Then, I don't think he's the father. Now, I don't know whether it is his child anymore. Either way, if they

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get together again, I'll be dead meat." Luna's eyes darted to the middle of the party venue, where the people were dressed in branded clothes and enjoying their time with a wine glass in each hand. Admiration tinged her eyes, finally knowing how it felt to be at a party hosted for the rich. She muttered, "Is there really no way to stop them from getting together again?" Soon, Kaleb came up to them. "Ms. Maynard, Mr. Barrett asked you

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not to show up at the party. If you disobey his rule, you'll have to leave Barrett residence for the time being." She gulped down the bitterness at the tip of her tongue. Nevertheless, she decided to ask, "Is Mrs. Barrett Senior free right now? I'd like to meet her." "She's preparing to show up at the party. She's not free at the moment." Left with no choice, Luna looked at Shelly. "Enjoy the party. You can tell me stories later." "O-Okay." Shelly was flabbergasted. Once Luna entered the house, Shelly questioned Kaleb, "What's going on between Luna and Timothy? Why does she want to meet Grandma? I don't

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remember her having anything to do with us, though.” “I don’t know either,” he answered politely.

415 BONUS She gave up trying to pry for information and strode toward the center point of the party.

Not only must she stop Mia from standing out at the party, but she also had to leave a pleasant impression on the Lane brothers.

On the other hand, Luna returned to the waiting room on the second floor. It

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wasn't where the Barretts stayed. It was merely a waiting room for the guests.

At that moment, a maid entered and spoke ominously. "Would you like revenge against Mia?" Luna looked back, alarmed. "Who are you?" The woman lifted her head, revealing her cold expression. "The name's Dana McQueen." Back at the party, Mia suddenly felt cold and sneezed.

Connor quickly came over. "What's wrong? Feeling cold?" "Nothing. It's not

that cold outside." She brushed her arms, wondering why she suddenly sneezed.

Perhaps her body was still getting used to the wind.

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“You mustn’t catch a cold now.” He draped his coat over her shoulders out of concern. “Tell me if you feel unwell.” She nodded obediently before raising her head just in time to see Laura show up. Laura’s appearance drew all the attention.

Timothy stood next to her, handsome and tall. Standing there alone was enough to attract attention from others.

Mia couldn’t deny the fact that the bastard indeed looked dashing.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 595-Mia heard a lady squealing

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next to her. “Oh my god, Mom! He’s hot!” “He is. You were reluctant to come when I asked you to, though. You must surely regret not dolling up, don’t you?” “I’ll do that now.” Nancy whipped a tiny mirror out of her bag and applied some lipstick on her lips.

Liam snorted. “Do you really think he’s hot?” Nancy and Bethany were taken aback. They spun around, wondering who had the gall to speak about Timothy like that. It was then they realized six attractive men were standing before them. Stunned, Bethany chanced a glance at Nancy and remained silent.

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An excited squeak escaped Nancy's lips. "A—Are you Linden Lane?"  
"Yeah, I am." "Oh my god!! I can't believe my eyes—my favorite celebrity is standing right before me! Mom, can you pinch me so I know this isn't a dream? Why didn't you tell me earlier?" Slightly frustrated, Bethany chided, "Nancy, stop it. Weren't you praising Mr. Barrett for his looks earlier?" "But Linden is on another level!" Nancy squealed. Staring at him with starstruck eyes, she asked, "Mr. Lane, can I take a photo with you?" "Sure, but later."  
"Alright!"

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Exhilarated, Nancy took her phone out to spill the news to her friend. She still couldn't digest the fact that she met her favorite actor at today's banquet! Bethany sighed. She intended to make Nancy show up at the banquet to get her connected with Timothy, since he was now divorced. Who knew they might have hit it off? Everything seemed painfully familiar to Mia. Back when she was still married to Timothy, socialites would taunt her during banquets, saying that Timothy was too good for her. Not like she was bothered about it now.

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Glancing around at the guests, Laura said, “I had a close call to death because of my sickness. Thus, I organized this banquet to celebrate that I still have more years to live on, and secondly, to express my gratitude for the person who +15 BONUS ensured my successful surgery. She’s kind and earnest, though she might have more bad days than good ones in our family, she was still forgiving enough to persuade her family to perform surgery on me.” Mia’s eyes turned red. As Laura spoke, she sauntered toward her and held her hand. “Mia used to be the lady of the Barrett family. Now that she has

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become the daughter of the Lane family in Nord City, I'm sincerely happy for her. She'll always remain as one of our most important guests. Thus, I hope everyone will take care of her for the sake of our family." 11 A round of applause erupted among the crowd. Someone couldn't help but jeer, Mrs. Barrett Senior, since you're so fond of her, why don't you make her remarry?

"Yeah, isn't that a pleasure for both families? They both share the same status, and it's splendid to have the most prominent families in Bern City and Nord City to merge as one!" Mia didn't expect those people, who used to

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mock her, to actually propose for her to remarry Timothy. In fact, Sharon was quite intrigued as well. Pride swelled in her chest once she imagined herself boasting about having the daughter of the Lanes as her daughter-in-law. The tension dripping off the Lane brothers caused the jeers to cease to a palpable silence. Dominic began politely, yet indifferently, “We appreciate Mrs. Barrett Senior’s hospitality toward Mia. I hate to say it, but we’re not particularly fond of forging familial ties with the Barrett family.” Nathan added grimly, “If we had found Mia three years earlier, we wouldn’t have let her

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marry so soon either.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 596-Connor nodded, chiming in,

“Exactly. We love Mia dearly, and she deserves to spend the rest of her life in

bliss with the Lane family.” A middle-aged woman pried. “Is Mia never going

to marry again?” Eva replied calmly, “She can if she wants to, but we’re planning to have the groom marry into our family.” Her statement rendered

everyone speechless. The Barrett family was the most prominent family in

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Bern City, and it wasn't likely for Timothy to marry into the bride's family.

Even

Sharon's intrigue was dampened despite her fascination with the idea of

Mia

remarrying Timothy earlier.

Mia stood her ground. She was well aware that those meddlesome ladies

were anticipating her reaction when they deliberately brought up the topic

of

her remarrying Timothy. They knew she was the daughter of the Lane

family.

Fortunately, her family sided with her. They rebuked them swiftly, and Eva

stood up for her. She wasn't surprised when she spotted the tension on

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Sharon's face, knowing how much Sharon cared for her daughter-in-law's status. The only thing that stopped her from disagreeing with the remarry was

her status as a Lane.

Well, this was refreshing for Mia. She didn't see why it was compulsory for

women to marry. Why did she have to remarry her ex-husband? Who set these rules?

Laura didn't seem astounded. She shot a suggestive glance at Timothy, who

stood at the back. "Tim, what are you waiting for? Didn't you prepare a gift for

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Mia? Hurry up and show her.” Mia was startled. She didn’t expect Timothy to prepare a gift for her. Soon, Kaleb appeared with a gift box, and Sharon’s expression changed drastically. “This? Are you sure you’ve got the right one?” Shelly gasped, “This can’t be!” Mia’s curiosity for the box grew when she saw how flabbergasted they both looked. What was in it? With the box in his hand, Timothy strode toward her. “Mia, I haven’t been doing my best in the past three years—” “Mr. Barrett, I don’t think you have to apologize. Both of you are no longer a legal couple, after all. It’s quite

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inappropriate to bring up the past now when everyone's clearly enjoying themselves, don't you think so?" Connor quipped. Dominic added coldly, "Timothy, are you trying to coerce Mia into forgiving you with a public apology?" Flustered, Sharon rambled, "Of course not! Tim, since they don't need it, hurry up and put it away." Anxiety stewed in her stomach as her gaze remained fixated on the box. This was a piece of jewelry she had coveted for years. How could he just give it to Mia? Was he out of his mind? Mia took a deep breath, and glanced up at Timothy. "Dominic's right. Let's

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leave our past behind us. We're here today to celebrate Grandma Laura's recovery, not this." .

Timothy dropped his gaze, picking up the calmness in her eyes. He could no

longer see the infatuated look in her eyes. The spark she used to have in them vanished entirely. He grimaced, suddenly painfully aware of the ache in

his heart. He swallowed. "In that case, take this," he said, opening the box.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 597-Everyone's attention was captured by the sandalwood box when Timothy opened it. Intrigued, Mia looked at it, and she was surprised once she saw what was inside the box.

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It was a diamond tiara. It was antique, yet the stunning array of diamonds still glimmered under the light, portraying an ethereal glow which rendered the nearby guests breathless. Sharon almost toppled over when Timothy opened the box. She yearned for the tiara, longing for the day she would finally own it once Laura passed. Someone next to her steadied her and asked, “Is this the diamond tiara? I heard it belonged to a queen from the Victorian era, and the Barrett family bid it at an auction to add it to their collection.” As speechless as Sharon

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was, she was still seething. She was well aware of the tiara's history, and she knew what was in it once she laid eyes on the box. Her blood boiled when she realized Timothy was going to give this to Mia. This was hers! How could he give it to someone else? Mia was equally dumbfounded. This wasn't just any jewelry—this was antique, treasured jewelry. Overcome by jealousy, Shelly blurted, “Look at how flippant Timothy is,

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Grandma! How could he just give our family heirloom away to a stranger?”

Laura replied indifferently, “I gave him the tiara. He has the right to give it to

anyone he likes.” Shelly was infuriated. “Grandma, you’re so biased! We ladies clearly fancy exquisite jewelry like this, yet you gave it to Timothy.” She

had nothing despite being a Barrett. Her father passed away, and she had no

one to rely on in the family.

Laura’s gaze swept past her. “Did I treat you badly over the years?” Shelly was fuming, but Harriette warned her. “Enough. Stop the nonsense.” She

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deterred Shelly. preventing her from spluttering more nonsense in front of the numerous guests. She was well aware that Laura played a significant role in ensuring their comfort and well-being.

Their lavish lifestyle would come to an end if they offended Timothy.

Also, Mia

was no longer an orphan. They couldn't afford to upset her either. She was the daughter of the Lane family.

Mia too didn't expect to receive a gift of this value. It exceeded her expectations. Glancing up at Timothy.

she said, "This is too much. I can't accept it!" Sharon was relieved. Her

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uneasiness faded once she realized Mia didn't want the tiara. Timothy wasn't taken aback by Mia's response, since he knew that she was no longer her docile self.

+10 BUNUH It turned out that Laura was right, after all. If he could understand his feelings sooner and coaxed her before her brothers found her, things wouldn't be as strenuous as they were now.

Palpable tension hung in the air after Mia refused to accept the gift. Striding up to Mia, Eva linked arms with her and said, "Mia, you did the right

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thing. We can't accept a gift of such priceless value, but we appreciate your effort, Mr. Barrett. You can still be friends after you've separated, can't you?"

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 598-Sharon replied in a haste. "Exactly! Kaleb, put the box away now. Be careful with this precious heirloom."

A weight had been lifted off her chest upon Mia's refusal. Otherwise, she doubted that she could rest well tonight.

This was their family heirloom. How could Timothy act so flippantly by giving it away to someone like Mia?

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Laura let out a subtle sigh, and immediately proceeded with easing the atmosphere. “Alright, everyone.

Let’s dig in!” The guests played along, giving no heed to the awkwardness lingering in the air. The tiara still remained the center of conversation for certain guests. Their tone was laced with envy and desire as they spoke, expressing how fortunate Timothy’s future bride would be.

One of them showered Sharon with flattery. “You’ll inherit the tiara eventually,

and some lucky girl in the future will get it as well!” Sharon’s spirits were lifted.

“My daughter-in-law has to be from a prominent family as well! She doesn’t

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deserve my son if she's a peasant." She chanced a glance at Mia again. She might be the daughter of the Lane family, but there were plenty of girls coveting Timothy as well. Sharon suddenly detested the idea of letting Timothy remarry Mia. Judging by how arrogant the Lanes were, she could already picture Mia having full control over her in the future. She wouldn't let that happen. Another guest chimed in instantly, "Then isn't Ms. Lane the right match?" Sharon's expression shifted as she faltered. "Well, she sort of is, but she has

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to abide by the Barrett family rules once she marries into our family.” A hint of scorn flickered across Mia’s features. She was aware that Sharon’s implications were directed at her, but the last thing she’d want right now was to remarry Timothy.

Standing next to her. Eval a smile at Sharon. “Mrs. Barrett, we appreciate your hospitality toward Mia in the past three years as well. Our gratitude for you is beyond words!” Sharon’s expression stiffened as she stammered, “I-I might

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have been quite strict with Mia back then. but I did it for her sake.” Another guest, Tabitha, chimed in servilely, “Exactly. It’s not easy being the daughter-in-law of a prominent family.” Just then, all the Lane brothers strode up to Mia, fixating their gaze at Sharon and the other socialites. Tabitha immediately rephrased her words amidst the rising tension. “But Mia’s already brilliant to begin with. She didn’t accept the gift earlier—that says a lot about her excellent mannerisms.” “Yeah! Ms. Lane, the jewelry

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you're wearing is extremely lavish as well." Sharon's gaze drifted toward Mia's necklace, but she couldn't tell what was so special about it. Another socialite approached Mia, saying. "I've noticed it for some time. Ms. Lane, are you wearing the piece of jewelry worn by Queen Elizabeth herself before?" Astonished, Mia threaded her fingers through her necklace. She knew it wasn't cheap, but she didn't expect its staggering value. A pang of jealousy surged in Sharon's chest. She'd participated in several similar auctions, yet it was a daunting task to bid Queen Elizabeth's jewelry since they were highly coveted.

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Little did Sharon expect Mia to obtain it with a breeze, easily surpassing the value of the jewelry she wore.

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 599-Mia's fingers grazed past the

jewelry on her wrist. It didn't seem like it was a set with her necklace.

Doris' eyes were glued to her wrist as she exclaimed, "Is this Lumiere by Van

Boucheron? The bracelet he designed for his crush? It's truly one of a kind!"

Feeling perplexed, Mia looked at her wrist. She was no jewelry designer, but

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she had heard of Van Boucheron. He was renowned in the world of jewelry design, after all. The Lumiere was among the top ten of his best designs, so monumental that it inspired one of Vior's jewelry designs. The other socialites inhaled sharply. Envy bubbled in Sharon's eyes as she realized how much the Lanes pampered Mia. Eva replied calmly. "Yes, it's Lumiere. I don't have a lot of hobbies, but collecting jewelry is one of them. I longed to have a sister, and now that I finally have one, I can doll her up with my collection." Doris chuckled and said,

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“Ms. Delgado is a renowned jewelry collector in Nord City, but she keeps a really low profile. If it wasn’t for the Lumiere, I wouldn’t have realized that you’re actually Ms. Delgado, Mrs. Lane.” “I’ve heard of Ms. Delgado as well.

Most famous jewelry are in her collection, so people actually have to go to her to borrow her collection if they want to organize an exhibition.” Eva replied modestly. “Jewelry collection is just a personal hobby, but I’m glad that Mia

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gets to wear them now, giving them a chance to make an appearance again.’

“Mr. Lane, you’re blessed to have such a wife.” “Mia’s equally fortunate as

well. She used to be the lady of the Barrett family before she returned as the

daughter of the Lanes. Whatever her position may be, she’s exceptional indeed!” As the socialites lavished praise on Mia, the tension lingering in the

air faded. The Lane brothers looked visibly pleased, especially Dominic. The

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menacing look on his face flipped into satisfaction once the socialites began complimenting Mia.

Mia was filled with a sense of novelty as she saw how the socialites worked

their way around words. They belittled her back then, yet they kept fawning

over her mannerisms and appearance today.

Sharon felt frustrated. She also wore jewelry from her precious collection, yet

they were incomparable to Mia's jewelry. Being overshadowed by Mia, whom

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she office bullied and looked down on, was a tough pill for her to swallow.

With

Mia's six brothers standing next to her, it simply wasn't possible for

Sharon to

express her chagrin.

Sharon would drown in dread if the topic on Mia's jewelry dragged on.

Thus,

she took the initiative to avert the topic. "Oh yeah, when are you planning

to

return to Nord City. Ms. Bowen?" Mia replied calmly, "Soon. I'll go back

once

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I've settled my college issues." Another socialite chimed in. "As the daughter of the Lane family who was found after being missing for so long, aren't you all going to hold a grand banquet to celebrate Ms. Bowen's return?" Dominic shot a glance at her and said indifferently. "That's right." Connor added, "The banquet will be held at Andrews, the most mysterious and extravagant hotel in Nord City. Our friends and family, also not missing out some of our significant

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guests from the upper crust, will be invited. By then, we'll officially introduce Mia as the daughter of the Lane family.”

Meet My Brothers by Red Thirteen chapter 600-“Andrews? The elusive yet powerful hotel which is capable of satisfying all of its reserved guests’ needs?”

Eva nodded. “Exactly. Only that place is worthy of Mia’s first public appearance.” Shelly quipped, “What’s so great about the hotel?” One of the socialites chuckled. “It’s not just any hotel, and not everyone can book a reservation at it. I remembered that I had to wait two years to get my

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reservation when I called them last time.” Shelly retorted indignantly.  
“Then  
how did Mia book her reservation at Andrews? Did she cut the queue?  
Aunt  
Sharon wanted to spend her vacation there, but she failed to secure a  
reservation though.” “Shut up, Shelly!” Sharon’s face felt hot. She  
attempted  
to book a reservation at Andrews to experience the exquisite service  
herself,  
only to be rejected. She never revealed the humiliating incident to the  
public,

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yet she was once again mortified when she learned that Mia's banquet would

be held at Andrews.

Amused, Liam chanced a glance at Sharon. Disdain flashed across his eyes as he quipped. "There's always a way to get in line—provided that you're qualified enough to do so." The realization finally dawned on Shelly, rendering

her speechless.

Eva chimed in magnanimously. "You are all invited to the banquet as well if

you're free by then. Mia has been staying with Barretts for the past three

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years, after all. I'm sure she's on good terms with you all, so of course we'd like you to attend such a significant event." The socialites nodded. "O—Of course we're coming." Not everyone deserved a chance to visit Andrews. Glancing over at Sharon, Eva continued, "Mrs. Barrett, I hope you'll kindly grace us with your presence as well. Guests will be accommodated at the hotel. Didn't you miss the reservation before? Now's your chance to experience it." Sharon looked like someone had just punched the living daylights out of her. She forced a smile and replied, "It depends. I might not be free by then." "My schedule is definitely open," Shelly added instantly,

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earning a glare from Sharon.

Sharon thought Shelly lacked dignity. Couldn't she tell that Eva was clearly

mocking their family? Why was she so eager to be humiliated?

Sharon's interest in Andrews dissipated quickly. Infuriated, she was determined to not let Mia remarry Timothy. The last thing she wanted was to

let Mia take complete charge of the household, subsequently causing her to lose all her authority.

The others began discussing the upcoming banquet that was going to be held

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at Andrews, which was located in Nord City. The upper crust had heard of it, but their attempts to book a reservation there were usually in vain, let alone hosting a huge banquet at Andrews. Only prominent figures deserved such opportunities despite the rare occasions of Andrews catering to such banquets. Almost all the socialites swooned over Mia and Eva. Sharon was seething, because no one bothered with her except Tabitha and Shelly.

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