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Chapter 773 Jade Key

The children were initially silent not because they disliked Yumi, but because they feared exactly what Natalie assured them will not happen.

Emboldened by her mother's promise, Sophia stepped forth and patted her chest. "As I'm not the youngest anymore, Mommy, I will do my best to care for my little sister Yumi. We will include her in our games and share all of our delicious food with her!"

Yumi gazed at Sophia and found her anxiety disappeared instantly despite being initially intimidated that the latter was a little older than herself. Instead, she returned Sophia's toothy smile.

"Thank you, sister."

Xavian and Clayton also gathered around to introduce themselves.

"I'm Clayton, the second oldest out of the four."

"I'm Xavian, and I'm only seven minutes younger than Clayton."

Yumi nodded after each introduction, earnestly trying to match the name with the face.

Franklin's turn came last. With a wary glance at Yumi who was as good-looking as his sister Sophia, he said slowly, "My name is Franklin."

Though she was aware that Franklin treated her differently than the others, Yumi still smiled sweetly at him. "Hello, Franklin. You must be the oldest."

Natalie had Gavin prepare a set of clothes for Yumi.

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As the four children were at that point still sharing one bedroom, Natalie decided that since the boys and the girls would have to have their own separate bedrooms anyway. With that notion in mind, she had Gavin prepare a room and move Sophia's things in next to Yumi's.

After Gavin brought the clothes, Natalie took Yumi into the bathroom.

"Did you give birth to all four of them, Mommy?" Yumi asked curiously as she sat in the bathtub.

"I did," Natalie said with a nod. "They were born at almost the same time. Only Xavian and Clayton lived with me at first. Franklin and Sophia have only come back to me recently."

"How lucky of them," Yumi sighed. "I can't see my mother anymore."

Natalie froze in her act of rinsing the girl's hair. "Yes, you can," said Natalie slowly, careful to shatter her innocence. "Didn't you tell me that she became a star in the heavens? Whenever there are stars in the sky, it's your mother missing you and dropping by to check up on you in secret."

Yumi nodded vigorously. "She does! She winks at me!"

As Natalie was toweling Yumi dry after the shower, she caught sight of an ancient-looking jade in the shape of a key hanging around her neck.

The pattern engraved on this jade was exquisite. At the spot where the handle was sat the sculpture of a phoenix. The inclusion of a tiny ruby in its eye sockets was all it took to bring it to life.

The dragon is the emblem of Chanaea while the phoenix is the emblem of Loang. This is no ordinary jade. The phoenix totem is auspicious to them.

Natalie was stunned at the realization that Yumi hailed from Loang.

Moreover, she could tell that the jade key was not of ordinary quality at first glance. The near-universal custom of entrusting a child with a valuable artifact was definite proof of her noble parenthood.

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Unlike Chanaea, the system of monarchy had not been abolished in Loang. Absolute power still lay in the hands of the king.

A thought flashed in Natalie's mind. Whoever she is, Yumi is definitely of no ordinary birth.

"Mommy," Yumi called, conscious that Natalie had been staring at the jade key around her neck.

Natalie grabbed Yumi's shoulders. "This key looks very valuable, Yumi," she began seriously. "It must be of great significance to you. I would hate to see it lost or damaged. How would you feel about entrusting it to my care? When the time is right, I'll return it to you."

Yumi's little hands clenched around the jade key in response.

After a long time, she stammered, "Can I... can I trust you?"

Natalie's eyes twinkled with determination. "Yes, you can. You have become my child from the moment I signed the papers."

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Yumi regarded Natalie's warmth for a moment before removing the jade key from her neck meekly. "Here you go."

Natalie solemnly accepted the jade key, helped Yumi into a clean pair of skirts, and dried her hair before concluding the ritual by putting on a little blue headband that held her hair neatly of her brow.

The quadruplets were already standing in wait outside the bathroom when Natalie emerged with Yumi.

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Except for Franklin, who remained a little unapproachable, the other three surrounded her enthusiastically. "Are you hungry, Yumi? Let's have dinner together! Our chef makes delicious food!"

Yumi felt Natalie's warm hospitality shining through her children. As a result, the nervousness that had accompanied her from the moment she first arrived began to be gradually replaced by a sense of complacent security. She beamed and accepted their offer to dine gratefully.

As one, The five children thundered down the stairs to the dining table in boisterous anticipation for a hearty dinner.

Natalie, on the other hand, slipped away to the bedroom and carefully placed the jade keys entrusted to her into the safe.

The reason why she wanted to take the jade key away was that, on the one hand, Yumi may damage the precious jade key. More importantly, Natalie was worried that the jade key would bring danger to Yumi. I'm sure there are people out there who are aware of the special meaning that the key might hold. Such a valuable artifact will undoubtedly drive people with ulterior motives to obtain it with every means necessary. In addition, the recent turmoil in Loang makes this coincidence even more unsettling. This complication does not change the commitment I have made to raise Yumi and keep her safe. I will return it to her when she is in need of it.

After a double-check on her safe to placate her sense of foreboding, Natalie went downstairs to join her children for dinner.

Five ravenous children seated around the slightly cramped table made for a lively scene.

Instead of being irritable at the noise, Natalie savored the commotion by watching her own children satiate their curiosity with the newcomer.

To her surprise and pride, Natalie noticed that her own four must have come to a private agreement against asking sensitive questions about Yumi's past. Their efforts seemed to have paid off as Yumi appeared very relaxed, even more so after having a larger dinner than the other four.

Natalie retired to the study at the conclusion of one of the best dinners she had ever been a part of.

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As per their custom, the four children retired to the playroom they shared.

Sophia wanted to review medical books while Clayton was working on learning a new language.

On the other hand, Xavian delved into system management.

Once the three little ones were focused, they took no further notice of their surroundings.

Yumi did not know how to engage with them, so she got up and went into the corridor. and when she looked up, she saw the quiet night outside the window.

In the vastness of the dark sky above, there seemed to be one or two stars emitting a bright and dazzling light.

"I met a very nice person, Mommy, Yumi stood on tiptoe, wanting to see the stars more clearly.

A boy's voice rang out. "What are you sneaking around for?"

Yumi was startled. She turned her head and found Franklin beside her. "Sneaky? That's not very nice, is it? Why would you say that to me?"

"My mother is a very good person, as are my younger siblings." Franklin put one hand in his pocket and warned with his eyebrows raised. "They like you very much. Don't hurt them."

Yumi stood her ground and met Franklin's gaze. "I know," she said stubbornly, "you don't need to remind me."

"I'm glad I made myself clear." Franklin's gaze turned sharper. "I'll be watching you. Don't let me catch your little braid where it's not supposed to be! Otherwise, I will drive you out of this house!"

After speaking, Franklin turned around and left.

Biting her lip, Yumi looked back at the night sky and muttered to herself.

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“Should I tell them that I’m a jinx, Mommy? Daddy doesn’t want me and you are too far away from me. Even Shannon shed a lot of blood to save me!”

“I-I don’t want them to get hurt,” she continued sadly, “I really like this family. Watch over them from the skies, will you?”