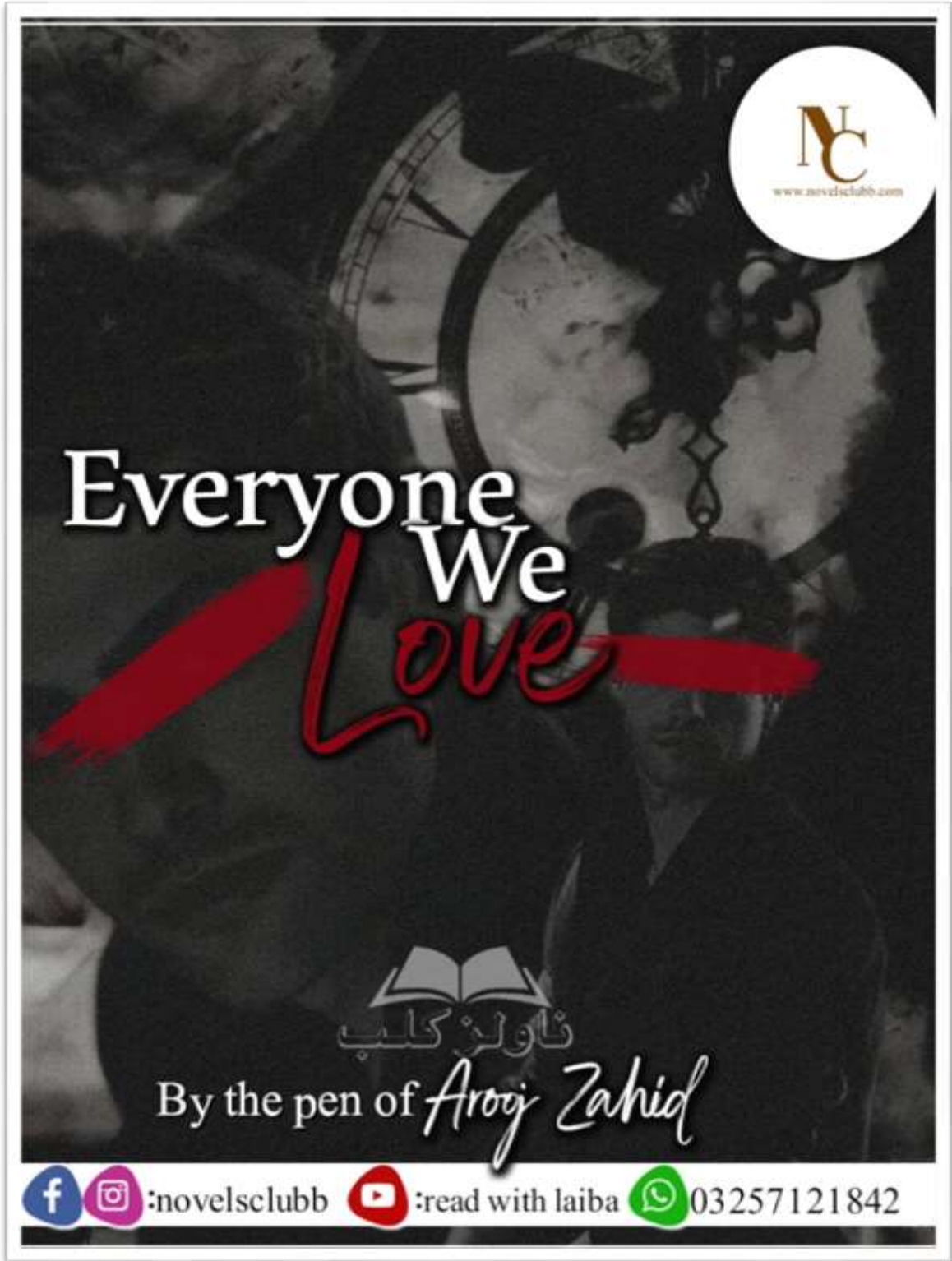


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Chapter 1

“Mom please come back please Mom I cannot live without you. I will never disobey you I will do everything you tell me to do. I will stop playing video games but please come back Mom please I can’t live without you”. Raden was crying hysterically hugging the grave while Liam was standing behind him crying silently.

He wanted to shout like Raden while crying but he had to stay strong in front of him. Their father was standing beside Liam with his head down, unable to say anything.

“Raden for god’s sake please stop for how long will you cry if you keep on crying like that Mom will feel pain,” Liam said while sitting on his knees with Raden.

“And what about the pain she is giving us.”
Raden was still hugging the grave and crying.

“Okay let's go now Raden, please. Stand up.”

Liam said while grabbing Raden's shoulder.

“Leave me Liam I want to stay near her”

“Raden let's go don't be stubborn,” their father said in a little high tone.

Raden looked at liam and stood angrily and left towards their car.

As he walked near the car the guard opened the door and he sat in the car. Behind Liam looked at his father emotionless and he also left towards the car.

“Thanks to you once again for making my kids hate me more” Mr. Conner looked at his wife's grave and left.

The whole car ride towards their villa was silent. Raden kept looking out of the window and Liam was in his world.

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As they reached their mansion the guards opened the doors and without even uttering a single

word both Liam and Raden left from there and went inside.

As they entered, they saw Caroline was waiting at the door. Raden went inside while rolling his eyes at her.

“Babe, are you okay? I'm so sorry for your loss but one day everyone has to die and....”

“What did you say? Everyone has to die one day huh? Or we can simply kill the ones who come in our way” Raden stopped in his tracks when he heard Caroline talking to his father and said while turning towards them.

“Raden,” Mr. Conner said. “Is this the way you talk to someone? Where are your manners.”

“I’m sorry Dad but before teaching me manners just know that she killed my mother and your wife”

“Mind your language Raden I'm saying this last time before I become harsh to you,” Mr. Conner said raising his voice angrily at Raden

“Raden, stop it lets go inside” Liam tried to stop him but failed

“Why the hell are you stopping me Liam are you happy that this woman killed our mother”

“RADEN SHUT UP” This time Mr. Conner lost his temper and was going to slap Raden but Caroline stopped him.

Raden flinched and Liam came in front of him

“What are you doing, he's your son. How can you raise your hand on your son.”

“aren't you seeing how badly he is misbehaving with you and blaming you for the thing you have not even done”

“Get aside Liam,” Mr. Conner said

Liam moved aside from there but he was still holding his hand

“Next time I see you misbehaving with Caroline I will not take a second to send you to your mother. understood?”

“Dad,” Liam said coming in front of Raden and looking into his father's eyes.

“get... aside... Liam”

Liam again moved aside

“Understood Raden?”

No answer

“I'm speaking something answer me.

UNDERSTOOD?”

“Yes,” Raden said and he stared into his father's eyes and thought how he changed in some hours. He ran towards his room. Caroline was watching everything from behind.



Outside his room in the corridor, Raden saw Jane standing at the door of her room and she looked at Raden and Liam with doe eyes.

Raden looked at her with anger

“It's fine Jane you can go to your room and sleep it's late your mum must be coming any time,” Liam said softly.

Raden gave a side eye to Liam and went into his room and before he could slam the door Liam held the door.

“Are in your senses,” Liam said while closing the door behind him

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“No, I'm not in my senses at all and how can you even expect me to be in my senses? Mom died today and we just came from her funeral and Dad has already started to change his colors. Didn't you

see how he behaved and he even raised his voice at me in front of that woman.”

He was saying in anger and his voice was a little raised. Liam was just listening to him he didn't interrupt. Cause he knew whatever Raden was saying was true after all.

“it's not even 24 hours since Mum passed away and look how everyone is already treating us.” His voice started to crack. “Mom never let anyone raise their voice at me she always pampered me, before no one ever dared to say those harsh words to me and today, today dad used those words.” As he was

saying all this, he felt a lump in his throat. He felt like he hadn't drunk water in ages and he had been thirsty for so long.

“no one's ever going to love me the way mom loved me, there's no one to spoil me, no one to give me their shoulder to cry on. Everything's finished, Liam. Everything is finished.” Tears started to fall from his eyes. He wasn't a crybaby at all none of them were but seeing another person he loved the most died made him lose control of himself.

Without saying anything Liam moved towards Raden and hugged him. The moment Liam hugged

him Raden broke down completely and started crying in heavy sobs. “How will we live without her? Please bring her Liam please I beg you”

“Why are you saying all this huh? Your elder brother is alive. I will pamper you I will give you my shoulder whenever you want to cry I will spoil you, you don't need to be dependent on anyone until I'm here. And I promise you I will always be right by your side. Even if the world will be against you just remember you have your brother to rely on. Don't say such things. And about Dad, let him say whatever he does just don't argue with him.

Don't think about whatever he says listen from one

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ear and let it go from the other but don't argue that's what mom always taught us right?" Liam was saying while patting Raden's back.

"I'm always with you. Just rely on me and tell me everything. Ok?"

"yeah". Raden said while sniffing but tears were still rolling down his eyes and touching his soft cheeks.

"Ok now stop crying you're 16 and you're crying like a baby," Liam said while breaking the hug. "I lost my mother and you're telling me not to

cry” he was now wiping his tears. “And so, what I'm 16 you're 18 too and you were also crying.”

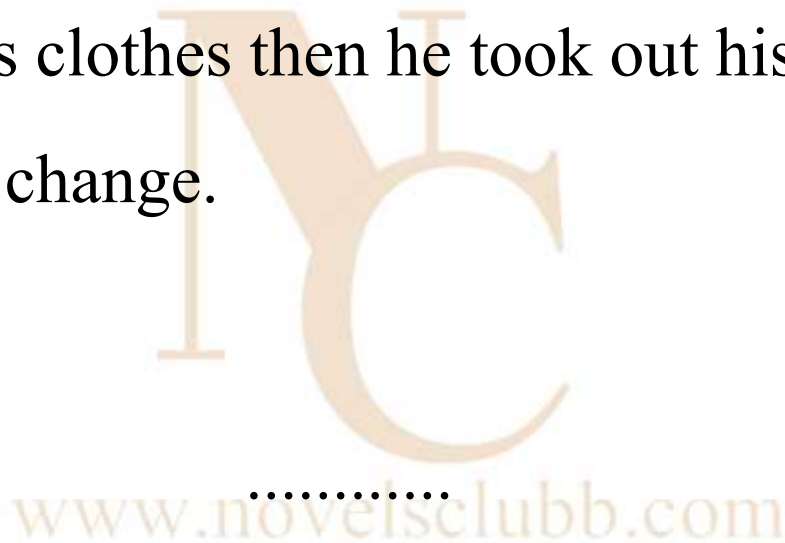
“No, I wasn't” Liam was saying without looking at Raden. “don't lie I saw you crying. You can also rely on me Liam I'm your brother too. You also need a shoulder to cry on sometimes and I'll be that shoulder for you every time.” This time Raden hugged Liam

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“go and get changed it's already so late I'll ask the maids to bring food you haven't eaten since morning, I'm also going to change.” He patted

Raden's shoulder and left the room. Raden kept looking at his back figure with swelled eyes.

After he left Raden went towards his wardrobe and forgot what he had come there for and just kept staring at his clothes then he took out his clothes and went to change.



Liam entered his room and shut the door behind him. He stood there for a while and then suddenly he burst into tears. He sat on his knees with his

back facing the door and he cried. He was holding all those tears inside since morning and he just wanted to be alone and cry out his heart. He wanted to scream like Raden and call his mother but he was thankful that at least he got to cry alone. He didn't want to be weak in front of Raden.

“But I'm still a young mom. Why did you leave giving me all those responsibilities? I need you. How will I survive without you? Please come and wake me up and tell me that it was just a dream and hug me while telling me it's fine it was all in my head. Please come and tell me it's a dream like you always do” Tears were continuously running down

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his eyes like someone had opened a tap of water and forgot to turn it off.

He completely broke down. He had no more strength he felt every single part of his body was breaking he felt weak like he never did before. He needed some sleep but he didn't want to sleep at all he just wanted to wake up from this nightmare that was eating him alive. But it wasn't a nightmare. He actually lost his mother. he just sat there for more than an hour and kept on crying. He didn't know when he stood up from there and went to his bed. And when sleep took over his eyes.

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"Oh, sweetheart why aren't you slept?" Caroline asked entering Jane's room.

"I was scared." Jane was hugging her plushie sitting on her bed when she replied.

"Scared of what sweetheart" Caroline was making her lay on her bed.

"Why did you kill their mother"

Chapter 2

"Why did you kill their mother"

Caroline looked at Jane in shock

"What are you saying, Jane?" "I did not kill anyone and why would I kill their mother"

Caroline was stuttering while explaining to Jane

"Then why was Raden saying all that"

"Leave him he's just a little sad over his mother's death" "But that doesn't mean that if he's

going to say that I killed his mother you will believe that I did it. don't think such things okay"

"Uhm," Jane said

"My sweetheart," Caroline said and kissed Jane's forehead. "OK now sleep good girl you have school tomorrow remember"

She stood from there and turned off the lights and left the room

Outside her room, she stood there thinking of what Jane said then left after a while.

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Mr. conner saw Caroline entering his study. He removed his glasses and closed his laptop. "Come have a seat"

Caroline sat in front of him on a chair. "Are you fine?" Caroline said putting her hand on top of Mr. Conners

Mr. Conner smiled "Yeah"

“I’m sorry for Raden's behavior. He has never misbehaved with anyone before but I don't know what has gotten into him"

"No need to be sorry I understand it's fine he's just in shock he'll be okay it'll take some time but you don't worry I'll handle him" Caroline was saying while her hand was still on top of his

" I understand that he's in shock but why was he blaming you for Katherine's death? It was clear that she got into a cardiac arrest and even the doctor told it. He has heard the doctor but still, his behavior is getting on my nerves." Mr. conner was concerned

“He’s just a teenager he doesn’t understand it all now. If anyone else would be at his place I guess

he would do the same, blaming their stepmother. He maybe is saying that because he hasn't accepted me as his stepmother and your second wife.”

“Whether he accepts or not it is the truth that you are my wife and I married you because I loved you” Caroline smiled listening to his words. “I know and remember that I love you too.”

After some conversations, they both also went to sleep.

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“Where are Liam and Raden call them? Don’t they know that it's breakfast time”

Mr. Conner was saying to the maid “Go and call them now and tell them to come fast”

“As you say sir” The maid went to call Raden and Liam.



Liam just came out of the shower wearing fresh clothes and was rubbing a towel in his wet hair when heard the door knock.

“Come.”

The door opened and the maid appeared. “Mr. Conner is calling you and Raden sir” the maid informed Liam as he was standing in front of his dressing mirror.

“Raden is not at the table?” Liam looked at the maid and asked.

“no, after you I'm going to call Raden sir” the maid answered his question.

“Leave I will call him you go and inform Dad that we are coming in a minute”

“Sure sir,” the maid said and left the room closing the door.

Liam put the wet towel on the sofa, brushed his wet hair with his fingers, and left towards Raden's room.

As Liam reached outside Raden's room he knocked at the door. He waited for the answer but none came. He again knocked on the door. And again there was silence. This time without knocking he opened the door only to find Raden sitting on his bed's edge looking down while being lost.

“Raden?” Liam said as he entered Raden's room.

“Raden?” silence

“Raden, are you deaf I'm talking to you I've knocked on your door many times but you didn't even answer me there?”

Liam said while going near Raden. He still was quiet. And Liam knew the reason for him being quiet. “ raden for how long will you stay like this please don't be like this.” Liam sat beside him on the bed

“ I can't Liam” his voice cracked as he spoke for the first time to Liam

“ I can't go down and sit on the table without Mom. I can't sit where a day ago mom sat with us and ate. I can't go down and sit where the murderer of my mother is sitting and dad is acting like nothing happened. I can't do anything.”

Raden still was looking down while saying to Liam. He was feeling his eyes getting blurred.

“I can't do it too raden, but see I am doing it, we have to be strong raden. Mom is not gonna come back now we have to live without her for the rest of

our lives. And for that, not only me but you also have to be strong. We have to tell and show everyone that we are not weak we are strong. We are our mother's soldiers. Remember Mom used to call us her soldier and she used to say that how strong we both are.”

(Flashback)

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“do you both know that you my brave soldiers,” Katherine said hugging both of his sons sitting in the garden of their mansion

Raden laughed. “soldier?”

“yes my soldiers” Katherine replied

“But why soldiers when you can call us your avengers? And in that, I'll be your iron man.

Woahh that would be so cool” Raden said while being excited

“keep quiet your dumb head and listen to Mom”

Liam smacked Raden's head.

Katherine smiled looking at both of her sons. “I called you both my soldier because I believe that you both are actual brave soldiers. No matter what

problem may come you both will face that with
bravery”

“You think that?” Liam asked looking into his
mother's eyes. Katherine blinked in assurance.

“but don't you think that we are too young to
become that brave soldier? Like just look at our
ages. I'm 13 and this dumb head is 11” Raden made
an annoying face at Liam calling him dumb head

“age doesn't matter dear it's the bravery and
your willpower that matters. There are many
people out there who are younger than both of you
but are 10 times stronger. The time automatically

makes you stronger. When you're going through a hard time you settle yourself according to that situation because you know that either the things will not change or the person or the thing you lost will never come back to you. Now if you look at an actual soldier he does his work and his work is to protect and fight. When he goes to a war field and sees all those weapons and is scared then he isn't supposed to be called a soldier because a soldier never steps back, he fights, he isn't scared of those weapons because he has been trained to fight with them." Both Liam and Raden were listening to their mother carefully.

They both were sitting in front of Katherine.

“listen carefully and always keep this thing in your mind. Being strong or powerful does not at all means that you can fight with someone physically or you can beat someone until they lose. Not at all. That is not bravery but this is cowardness and it is the least level of cowardness that when you can not use your words properly or you find yourself losing so you become physical. But being powerful means understanding everyone and everything. To use your brain properly not your hands. Being strong doesn't mean that if you don't like the person in front of you, you either start beating them or you

start using harsh words against them, which hurts them. Making someone hurt is the worst thing ever anyone can do.”

“ I do not want both of my sons to be that strong and powerful but I want you both to be this strong that any person in front of you or your surroundings may feel safe around you and they may know that saying anything low to you wouldn't affect you both at all.”

“And I know very well that these brave soldiers are of good strong and powerful people. They'll fight in the warfield instead of stepping back.”

Katherine finished and kissed both liam and radens forehead.

(Flashback ends)

Raden was thinking of that time when Katherine first time called them her soldiers when his thoughts suddenly broke and he said

“a brave soldier is the one who does not step back from the warfeild instead he fights”

Chapter 3

“a brave soldier is the one who does not step back from the field instead he fights”

“Exactly just like an actual soldier” Liam said

After the death of their mother now it was Liam who had all the responsibilities. Now was the time to show what an actual elder brother is and what an elder brother does for his family. but here he only had to do it for Raden. “I understand Liam but what about her,?”

“Caroline?” Liam asked

“yeah” Raden was looking into liams eyes

“raden we cant blame anyone for Mom's death.

We have no proof that it was her. Becoming Dad's second wife doesn't mean that she killed his first wife. She is our stepmother and I know no one likes their stepmothers but this doesn't mean that we can put such a big blame on her shoulders.

“I don't believe the doctor and I'm sure it was her. Just wait when the truth comes out I'll not let her go like that”. Raden said

“Okay you can do whatever you want and whatever you like”

“Dad is waiting for us downstairs for breakfast go and get changed and hurry. And from now on don’t be like that. I’m not saying you not to cry, but don’t be weak at all. Remember we have to stand for each other.”

Raden smiled at Liam and went towards his bathroom.

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Jane was moving her legs while sitting on the dining when she saw Raden and Liam appear on the staircase and were coming down.

“do you both realize how late you are to the breakfast?”

Mr Conner said as they both reached the table.

“Sorry Dad we were changing,” Liam said while Raden didn’t speak a word and was dragging his chair to sit. Now they both were seated and Mr. Conner ordered the servants to serve them breakfast.

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“for how many days are you both gonna take leave from school?”

Mr Conner said as the servants were now serving them breakfast on the table.

“ I guess it will take Raden at least a week to be settled so I will go with him” Liam informed.

“as you both are comfortable, but make sure it won't affect your studies.” Mr Conner said. “don't worry it won't” Liam answered and Mr Conner passed a smile to him.

“come on sweetheart finish your breakfast quickly or else you'll be late for school,” Caroline said while putting cereal in Jane's bowl.

While munching on her cereals Jane was looking at Raden who was sitting right next to her.

The height difference between them was huge. Raden's upper body was visible from the table whereas Jane's half body was visible. So Jane had to look up to look at Raden.

Jane's huge, round, prettiest eyes were on Raden and she was looking at him innocently. She always used to look at anybody that innocently. Even after becoming part of the Giordano family not knowing anyone she looked at everyone that way. In the sweetest way that would make anyone fall for her. She not only looked innocent but she was the prettiest one too.

But Raden wasn't one of them who would fall for her he always hated her and thought she acted that innocent.

While eating breakfast raden noticed Jane's eyes were on him . he looked at her and gave her what are you looking at look. Jane smiled at him instead but Raden just rolled his eyes and continued his breakfast.

Jane got disappointed after all she just wanted to make Raden smile after all that happened but Raden gave no response at all instead he just rolled his eyes.

“sweetheart I guess you are done,” Caroline asked her

“yes Mom I'm done”

“Good, now go and grab your bag” She was about to stand from her seat but the maid came and helped her get off her seat and she put the bag on Jane's shoulder. After that Jane went towards Caroline and Caroline kissed her cheeks Jane also kissed both the cheek of Caroline and said goodbye to Mom and Uncle Conner. When she got interrupted by Mr Conner.

“what did I say, you don’t have to call me uncle, just call me dad like Liam and Raden do”. Jane looked at Liam who passed a gentle smile to Jane and Raden who as usual rolled his eyes at Jane

I hope his eyes fall out next time he rolls them at me. idiot

Jane thought to herself looking at Raden

Her thoughts broke and she said goodbye one last time and left.

“no worries it will take time, but she will adjust soon,” Caroline said to Mr. Conner. They all continued their breakfast.

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“what does he think of himself huh? Stupid, dumb, freak, idiot. Aghhhh” Jane said while walking towards the car. “I hate him so freaking much and now even more. I thought I would pass a smile to him and it would make him feel a little better but that idiot does not at all deserve sympathy.”

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She was angry as Raden always rolled his eyes at her and never talked nicely. “idiot. Idiot. idiot. Raden is an idiot.” she stomped her feet and sat in the car as the guard opened the door for her. She

was looking so cute while being angry that the guard secretly smiled.

she was cute. No matter what she did, getting angry, crying or laughing everything she did eventually turned into cuteness and the person around her always fell for it. But Raden aghh how much she hates him, and the same is the case with Raden. These two have an unbreakable hating bond which is going to increase more with time

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“Raden come to my office after you finish your breakfast” Mr. Conner said while wiping his face with the napkin.

“Okay, I will” Raden answered. Mr conner left after he was done with his breakfast.

“if you both need any help or need anything else just call me I'll be there” Caroline said while sipping her coffee. Liam was about to say something but Raden cut him off

“Thank you very much but we have plenty of servants here we can say them. Furthermore, we are not disabled so we can't do anything on our own.

Our mother taught us everything you don't need to show your sympathy" Raden said while looking into her eyes. Caroline was speechless.

"Thank you so much" Liam said and smiled. She didn't smile this time and asked the servants to clean and left from there without even saying anything.

"Raden that is such rude behaviour I don't expect this from you at all" Liam said the moment Caroline left.

"she deserves it, Liam. Let her listen all of it" Raden said while eating and being unbothered.

“Raden this is completely wrong we cannot do all of this. I am telling you this is wrong. If you don't like her fine I'm not forcing you to like her I don't like her either but at least don't forget your manners.”

“Okay, okay, Liam now please don't start your speech once again in her favour please I won't do it again” Raden got annoyed

“I'm not saying this all in her favour....” raden interrupted Liam

“May I go Dad has already called me into his court I have to be answerable there too”

Liam didn't say anything this time he just went quiet.

“thankyou,” Raden said and left. Liam kept looking at his back figure.

“I can't do anything with this boy I swear what a stubborn species has been born on earth. And that species is also my brother. Wow, I'm blessed truly” Liam scoffed and left.

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The door knocked

“come” Mr. Conner replied while looking out of his window in the yard

Raden entered the room and closed the door behind him.

“Mr. Conner was now sitting and he told Raden to sit too. Raden sat in front of him.

There was a moment of silence between them and Mr. Conner knew that Raden would never break that. Even if they both would keep on sitting here for the whole day without uttering a single word raden would never start the talk. That’s just how he was.

“How are you feeling” Mr. Conner finally broke the silence.

“how are you expecting me to feel? Happy? excited?” raden was always like this he would say whatever was on his mind and this time he did the same.

“not at all. I am expecting you to be sad and I know that you are.” Mr. Conner said.

Raden was silent he didn't reply.

“Anything that can cheer you up and can make you feel lighter, tell me about it I'll do it right now for you.”

“What I will say you will never accept it no matter what so I shouldn't say anything instead,”

Raden said while looking into his father's eyes. Mr conner knew where he was pointing at but he just ignored it.

“ listen raden. I am your father I am not your enemy and I love you so much. and I don't like it when I see my sons go all quiet or cry. I know you have lost your mother and I have lost my wife too”

raden looked into his eyes as he said those last words.

“but seeing you being like this makes me sad too. It will take time, I know it but staying like this won't bring any difference. And not even

misbehaving with someone and blaming them for something they have not even done is completely wrong. This is not what I and your mother have taught you.”

“and saying shut up to your son in front of everyone is correct. Right?”

Mr. Conner was speechless.

“I'm sorry for that raden I didn't mean to do it but your behaviour forced me to do it ..” after a minute of silence mr conner spoke

“It's ok Dad “Mr Conner was about to say when Raden interrupted him. He was saying it was ok to

him but deep inside he was very disappointed in his father. The father who never raised his voice at his kids said shut up to him in front of everyone was something not small for him. But he didn't want to say anything in that matter.

Mr conner stood up from his seat and Raden also stood up seeing him standing. He went near Raden and hugged him. Raden hid his face in his father's chest wrapping his arms around his waist and it only took him some seconds till he started crying. Mr Conner closed his eyes in pain seeing his son breaking down like that. Raden didn't utter

a single word and neither did Mr. Conner say anything he was just patting his back

Chapter 4

All the eyes automatically turned when a 6'4 man entered wearing loose black pants and a half-sleeved black tee shirt with Gucci mac80 sneakers and his one-arm tattoos being visible.

Rolling his suitcase and holding his luggage, wearing his sunglasses he entered the boarding area at the airport and sat in a corner.

He took out his phone and started scrolling randomly while waiting for his car. He was feeling many eyes on him.

“I swear to god he is legit hot” he heard some girls talking near him. And a proud smirk appeared on his lips while his eyes were still on his phone. He was handsome for sure but his fashion sense always used to add more spice to his handsomeness.

“yo brother”

He looked up from his phone only to find Liam coming towards him with 2 guards behind him. He was wearing a navy blue 2 piece suit and a light blue shirt underneath, his sleeves rolled up. With that, he was wearing his Rolex Datejust 36 watch and Mason Sardinelli laced black shoes.

Raden stood up from his chair smiling. Without saying anything Liam pulled Raden into a hug.

“do you know how much I missed you dumb head”. Liam patted radens back.

And a smile was continuously plastered on the radens face.

“I didn’t ask you to come why did you bother?”
raden said breaking the hug.

“ Excuse me! Coming to pick up my
brother from the airport would never bother me
at all. Even if I had a meeting I would’ve canceled
it just to come pick you up.” Liam said

“ ok ok thanks for this” Raden laughed

“ok but leave everything aside and just look at you. You look damn hot. So much preparation just to come pick me up from the airport or is it someone else” Raden smirked at Liam.

Liam nodded his head while looking down and smiled then he looked up at Raden “For your very kind information I am a businessman and I dress up like this every day there is nothing special in it and I came to pick you up directly from the office.”

“oh sorry sorry I forgot that my brother is a CEO. I'm honoured that you came to pick me mr CEO” Raden said while raising his hands in the air.

“and secondly I don't go on dates with anyone that I would dress up for I ain't even in a relationship bro” Liam said in a stern voice.

“ don't worry you will. Who the hell will not want such a handsome, hot and rich man uffff. I'm sure many girls will already have a crush on you. Even the girls at the office would have a crush on

you. Oh liam come on do some mercy on them, it must be so difficult to handle so much handsomeness and hotness of their boss” raden laughed loudly and teased liam

Liam smacked his arm “ do some shame raden I mean seriously”

“ dont ask me to do shame because I have none of it im a shameless man.” raden winked at liam and liam rolled his eyes at raden

"I wonder how will your girl handle this shameless man according to you."

Liam said.

"What do you mean by how will she handle she will be the luckiest for sure to have this shameless man"Raden said proudly.

“ ok now stop will you talk about everything here or you wanna go home? Everyone is already waiting for you at lunch.”

“ohhh please lets go im hella hungry” Raden said making a pout

Liam laughed looking at Raden acting that way.

Liam ordered the guards to pick up radens luggage and they both liam and raden started walking towards the exist the guards were bringing the luggage behind them. The moment they both stepped out a Mercedes benz gls600 maybach was waiting for them.

Raden looked at liam and then back at car and then he smirked raising his one eye brow.

“now what?” liam asked looking at raden

“nothing I was just seeing that you came to pick me this car” raden replied.

“you think I would come up to pick my brother after 5 years in an ordinary car never.”

Raden smirked again and the guards opened the door of the passenger seat for raden.

“where's the driver? Don't tell me you're gonna drive.”

“Ofc. I'm your driver for today so just sit and enjoy.” Liam said and sat inside the car

Liam started the engine and now they were going.

"Have you realized how rich your mindset have become." Raden told liam while he was driving.

liam laughed . "yes. it has how can it not be, bro were legit one of the billionares in itlay and you want me to think and wear poorly. Nah I cant do that."

"I never said to think and wear poorly infact I liked your style this time more after all we have to tell everyone that who we are."

"Definitely" liam smirked

Rest of the whole car ride was silent.

They had two cars of security coming with them one on the front and one the back.

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After the ride of an hour and half they reached to their mansion. The moment liam stopped the car the guards came and opened the doors for both of them and they got off.

“Welcome back home dear brother and my dumb head” liam said while opening his arms for raden.

Raden scoffed and went to hug liam. “first decide that you want to call me dear brother or dumb head”

“both cause you are both to me” liam said and laughed

And they both went inside the mansion as they both reached in the hall of the mansion mr conner and caroline both turned ther heads toward raden and liam

Chapter 5

They both went inside the mansion as they reached the hall of the mansion Mr. Conner and Caroline both turned their heads toward Raden and Liam. The moment Mr. Conner saw Raden beside Liam his eyes started to get blurry with tears. Raden went closer to Mr. Conner and Mr. Conner quickly pulled Raden into a hug. He hugged Raden so tightly.

“Dad I am gonna suffocate if you will hug me this tightly” Raden said still hugging his dad. Mr

conner let him go and said “ I am meeting my son after 5 years and I'm not even supposed to hug my son tightly”

Raden smiled hearing his words.

After that, he looked at Caroline and while smiling Caroline opened her arms for Raden and he went to hug her.

Putting his chin on her shoulder he heard Caroline saying “We missed you so much”

Liam was standing a little behind and was smiling widely seeing them. Raden broke the hug and said. “ I missed you all too”

“ok now let's go I have prepared so much for you go and get changed then we will have lunch together after that you can rest” Caroline said patting radens side shoulder

“Sure,” Raden said and left towards his room.

Mr Conner opened his one arm for Liam and he went near him and side-hugged his dad. “ my family is completed again”. Mr Conner said walking towards the sitting area.

“Are you happy?” Liam asked “I'm the happiest” Mr. Conner replied while sitting on the couch.

“Liam my child you also go and get changed you must be tired too,” Caroline said to Liam.

“yeah I was just going I'll be back in some time.”

“Take your time dear” Caroline smiled and liam left.



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Raden entered his room and he smelled his favourite coffee smell which he always used to have in his room. Before his arrival his room was set and his fav coffee mist was sprayed. He sniffed in the smell and it was so refreshing. He looked

around and everything was according to his taste and he was satisfied.

He went towards his wardrobe took a fresh pair of sweatpants and a tee shirt and went to take a shower. After some time he came out of the shower and ruffled his wet hair with his hands and walked in front of the mirror. He took his perfume and applied it all over and looked himself in the mirror and spoke to himself “damn raden you look so hot ahh this beauty of mine is increasing day by day” and smiled proudly.

He turned off the lights, opened the door and went down.

On the other hand, Liam came out of his room wearing long black shorts and his hoodie while he was talking to his manager on the phone. Both Liam and Raden met each other in the corridor out of their rooms and both of their eyes met. Raden looked at Liam from head to toe and smirked at him.

Liam was still talking to his manager he looked at Raden, nodded his head sideways and walked forward smiling.

Raden also smiled and went downstairs behind Liam.

By the time they both reached the table, Liam was done with the phone call. He went and sat on one of the chairs and so did Raden.

“who was it” Mr Conner asked as Liam sat on the chair.

“Mr. Mark” Liam replied

“Is everything alright?” Mr. Conner asked in a serious tone

“Yeah everything is good, he was telling me that we have received a business deal from a

company to do a contract with us. And it's none other but the Armani Enterprise.” Liam said while putting his both arms on the table and joining his hands.

“you have got a business deal with whom? Armani Enterprise. Oh...my... god” Raden said after Liam.

Mr Conner laughed at radens reaction then he said “That’s a huge achievement don’t waste any time and approve of this deal I don’t want us to lose this deal.”

“don’t worry I already have arranged everything I will go tomorrow and confirm this deal” Liam said. “why tomorrow” Mr. Conner questioned

“because today I want to spend some quality time with my brother that’s why,” Liam said looking at Raden

Raden smiled widely looking back at Liam.

“by the way, I see Dad that Liam is becoming very well known in his industry. I mean I was in the States but I saw at many places about our company and even his billboards.”

“of course, he has been doing his work more than his capacity he has given his day and nights to this business. Our company was already famous but Liam's hard work and potential made it to the top and I'm so proud of him.” Mr Conner said and looked at Liam proudly

“whose brother he is after all” Raden said while running his hands through his hair. Everyone laughed at his actions.

“if your self obsession is done then can we please start the lunch because the food is getiing cold” caroline said looking at raden.

“I just state the fact its not self obsession”

“ ok ok handsome man now start eating”

caroline said and raden smirked.

They all started eating the food. While doing lunch raden kept on roaming his eyes around like he was finding someone.

Liam noticed him for some time then he asked raden through his eyes whom are you finding.

Raden looked at him and same with his eyes he told him nothing and continued eating.

“ ok boys im going to take a nap as its my nap time ill see you both at dinner” mr conner said stood from his chair smiled and left.

Caroline also left as she had some other work to do.

“ wanna have a cup of coffe?” liam asked raden as now it was only them both. “ why not” raden said wiped his face.

Liam ordered the maids to bring coffe for them in the yard. And they both went in the huge yard of their mansion and sat at the patio area in their yard waiting for the coffe.

They both didn't spoke a word since they came out raden was just looking around. Breaking the silence liam said

“jane doesn't live with us anymore she left long ago.....”



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Breaking the silence liam said “Jane doesn't live with us anymore she left long ago” raden was looking around when he suddenly turned his head

towards liam after hearing him. Raden joined his eyebrows in confusion. “ I know you were finding her at the table but she doesn’t live here anymore.”

Raden spoke suddenly “left but where?” “and I wasn’t looking for her why would I look for her”

“I have no idea but after you left to states for studies she left caroline knows where she left but i have no idea about this at all. And after leaving she never came back and I also never saw caroline taking to her even on the phone. God knows where she went”

Raden was listening to liam then he said.

“uhm”.

The servant bought their coffee out in the yard and placed in on the table and left.

“well leave and lets have coffe”. Raden said sitting on the chair.

They both had a long chatting session after a long time. They talked about many things. Then after some hours both of them left towards their rooms.

Raden entered his room and layed on the bed looking at the ceiling his legs hanging down the bed and he placed his arms under his head.

[raden's pov]

Thank god she left. That freaking pick me, girl. Huh, she used to think she was Lady Diana and I was merely her servant. At least now I won't have to see her every day. Nothing but an attitude girl she was.

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[authors pov]

after the death of Katherine raden always belived that it was caroline who killed Katherine because she didn't liked her and wanted her way clear. Raden was so firm on this thing that he will find any evidence against her in the murder of his mother. but caroline never once became rude to raden or to liam even when raden always used to misbehaves with her. Caroline always treated both raden and liam the same way she treated her own daughter jane. She never did any difference in

them. Caroline always said that raden and liam are her own sons. In the starting years after the death of Katherine mr conner was noticing that raden became really quite and he wasn't that jolly teenager anymore. He thought that after some week raden will be okay. Going to school meeting with his friends will make him come back to his normal state but he was wrong. As for in the case of liam he was mature enough to handle himself and not show any of his emotions out. He himself was effected the same way as raden but the only diference was that he didn't let it be visible. Liam was also noticing that behaviour of radena nd he

tried his level best to make raden better like before. He used to give extra time to raden and talk to him but nothing worked.

When one day liam talked about this matter to me conner and both of them were concerenced for raden as well as caroline. So mr conner decided to appoint raden to a therapist. A month after raden started getting his therapy sessions with one of the best therapist of itlay.

At first he used to be very hesistant over there but slowly he started to open up and mojortiy of the time in his each session used to be spent just him

crying and his therapist listening to his sobs and watch how each of his tear fell from his eyes in the remembrance of his mother.

Some months After getting into therapy mr conner was seeing minor changes in raden. They weren't as big changes which showed the old raden version but they were minor. His complete silenced changed into talking very little and at very specific moments. Mr conner, liam and caroline were very much satisfied with the therapy sessions raden was getting.

“Be proud of you how you have been handling these past few months the silent battles you’ve fought, the moments you had to humble yourself, the times you’ve wiped your own tears. Celebrate your strength. The strength which you lost long ago but now you are slowly getting it back” radens therapist said when raden smiled for the very first time since he started getting therapy.

He still used to cry at his sessions but now he started to know how to get a hold on himself how not to let himself being indulged in his emotions. After his therapy started his blaming towards

caroline also stopped because all the negativity was slowly slowly being washed away from him.

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“These two years that you’ve spent with me taking your therapy sessions I don’t want you to stand back at the start how you were when you came to me. You’ve built a new raden out of the old one and more stronger version of yourself. Ive seen you going from being a complete silent to taking endless things and im so proud of you for that. You have healed yourself, it wasn’t easy but you tried and sused in it.” Radens therapist was

saying and he was listening very care fully. “having to loose someone you loved dearly doesn’t mean that you complety loose yourself too. It is natural we are born in this world for some specifc tasks and once we are done with our duty of performing those tasks theres no point in living. And that’s when people die. And one day everyone has to die we can not hold on to someones lives just because we love them so much. And in that you should never forget the ones who love you. who keep on getting hurt by seeing us crying by breaking down by not speaking anything. Think of the ones who love you. Liam and your father, they love you so

much and they both went through a lot just because of seeing you in that vulnerable state. You're understanding what I'm saying right?" his therapist asked him.

"I am" he politely answered.

"you lost your mother when you were 16 right?" she asked again.

He nodded looking down.

"and now you're 20 soon you're gonna get into a university and just look at the difference in that 16 year old Raden and the current Raden. It's like you're born again"

“ and I want this raden to live upto 100 without having the need to see a therapist again. Have a successful career, find his love life and have kids now that’s your choice how much ever you want to have” she winked at raden

Raden laughed

“ im serious raden” she said and laughed too

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