

CHAPTER 2: SIGNING THE CONTRACT

Gianna and her adoptive mother walked into the hospital, she was so nervous as they walked

down the hall and some of the nurses threw glances at her.

“Should I borrow you my legs so you can walk fast?” Her adoptive mother asked angrily,

“Ma, I’m.....” She couldn’t finish her statement cause the woman’s glare shut her up.

“You don’t have to say anything, just go in there and do as I’ve told you okay, I won’t tolerate

any nonsense from you.” The woman scolded, she couldn’t say anything rather she followed the

woman like a sheep heading for the slaughter house.

When they went inside the office, the secretary was already there waiting, “What took you so long?” The woman asked the duo when they entered the office,

“Sorry, I had to put something in order before we start coming.” Carol replied, smiling. The

secretary nodded and gestured for Gianna to follow the doctor,

“The boss said you should run some few more tests to be sure you’re healthy before signing the

contract.” Gianna nodded and followed the doctor not uttering any word for the fear of being

reprimanded by her adoptive mother.

After running the test, she came out and sat down while the doctors facilitate the test results,

“Here it is, she’s healthy and fit.” The doctor replied handing the results to the secretary,

“I’ll confer the result to the boss, then we’ll sign the contract thereafter.” She said to Carol, taking

the result and leaving the office.

“Let’s go home, make sure you don’t utter any word of this to my husband, okay.” She

nodded, Carol don’t need to tell her the consequence of telling the man.

“Yes Ma.” She replied the woman and they turned to leave, Carol turned to the doctor,

” Thank you sir.” The doctor nodded and she dragged Gianna from the room. Nine years ago, Gianna was adopted by the McKenna’s, the couple already had a seven year old daughter but they wanted a son, since the man’s sick, he couldn’t father one, so they opted for adoption.

Tony McKenna was walking around the Washburn Orphanage with his wife, when he saw a

young girl of about eight years, she was sitting alone in one corner of the playground, not paying

any interest in what’s going on around her.

The girl seemed to be sad and very quiet, when he wife went to play with some kids, he walked to

the young girl and squat in front of her.

“The girl was so lost in her world she didn’t notice the man in front of her,

” Hmm hmm” He cleared his throat and seem to jerk they girl from her illusion,

“Young girl, what’s your name?” He asked the girl, “I didn’t steal it, its mine, she stole it from me.” The girl’s tiny voice mumbled, it was evident

from her face, she has been crying a lot.

“I didn’t...”

“I’m not a thief, don’t take me to the cops.” Moved by her pleas, he placed his hands on her

shoulder,

“I know you didn’t steal it, I believe you.”

“You do?” The man nodded,

“You’re to cute to be stealing, I trust you.” He said, she nodded as he wiped the tears in her eyes

and took her with him.

“Director, I want this child.” Tony said to the director, the man looked up and saw Tony with

Gianna, he sighed at the sight of the girl.

“Are you sure?” Tony nodded,

“Honey, who’s she?” Carol came immediately, she didn’t see any child that fell in the category she wanted.

“I want to adopt her.” He answered his wife, smiling at the little girl.

Carol wasn’t happy at all, she and her husband had decided they wanted a five years old boy now

he’s changing plan because of this girl.

“Sir, you’re sure you want to adopt her?” The director asked,

“Why do you ask?” Carol asked, waiting for the man to say something bad the girl, so her

husband would forget about her.

The director cleared his throat,

“This girl ehm, what’s her name again” He massaged his temple, thinking of the girl’s name.

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“Gianna. Well, last week she stole her friend’s piece of jade and she seems like she unwell, she

behaves autistic and all, always keep to herself, cries at night and refuses food.”

Carol was

happy, she strode to her husband,

“Honey, would you want to adopt a thief into our house, I don’t want her to come and corrupt my

little princess.” She tried to talk him out, “I didn’t steal it, I’m not a thief.” Gianna said in a tiny voice,

“Shut up kid!” Carol yelled, feeling irritated at the girl already,

“Well Mr Director, I want to adopt Gianna.” He said firmly,

“Honey?” Carol called but the man was adamant, he wants the girl and no one else.

“Okay, if you say so.” He brought out some files from the drawer and opened it.

Filling the necessary formalities and signing legal documents, Tony took Gianna home as his

daughter even when his wife and daughter refused to accept the girl as their family.

He loved Gianna so much and was willing to give her anything she wanted.

Now nine years has past and Tony still doted on Gianna,he loves her even more than his

daughter and thus make Carol and her daughter unhappy.

They mistreat Gianna whenever Tony isn't around calling her all sort of names but she never for

once told Tony about it.

She wouldn't wanna cause any ruckus or be the reason why the family isn't at peace.

When Tony's business started having crisis, Carol was the one who forced Gianna into the surrogacy contract.

She'd seen the advert,since they were in need of money,she forced Gianna into it telling her she

has to show appreciation to the family for saving her nine years ago.

The young adult couldn't do anything than comply with the condition,she has to show

appreciation to the man now the family's business isn't blooming,so this is the only way she can do that.

The next morning,the secretary called Carol,

"The boss said you can send the girl over,the boss has signed the contract,she's fit for the

process." Carol shrieked with happiness,this is a he only news she need.

Her daughter ran outside to know what's the problem,

"Mom,what the problem? Why did you cry?" She asked sitting beside the woman, She gestured for her daughter to keep quiet,she's on call.The girl nodded, "When is he transferring the advance payment?" Carol asked,the only thing she's after is just the

advance payment that would be given to her,the payment after the contract belongs to Gianna.

"Well,very soon but make sure you send the girl over,the boss's order." The secretary hung

up,this woman's so greedy,

Who in her right sense would force her eighteen year old daughter into something like this?

“Ma, what happened?” The young girl sat beside her mom,
“Camille, they’ve accepted her.” She said joyously,
“Accept who?” The girl asked dumbly, Carol hit her playfully on her thighs while the girl
wincing
“That wretch of course, they’ve accepted her for the surrogacy.” The woman said
whispering, cause she wouldn’t want her husband to hear them talking about this.
“So when are they sending the advanced payment?” The girl asked scratching her
thigh,
“Soon.” The woman replied, making a mental list on how she would spend the
one million
dollars coming her way soon whilst the daughter was also making her own list of
things she
would demand from her mom once the money comes.