

She Made a Comeback as a Renowned Doctor

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"It's not like that, not at all, Grandpa, you have to believe me, I didn't..." Luna Williams sobbed with her head down.

"Stop crying for now, Grandpa doesn't disbelieve you, tell me everything that happened, and Grandpa will seek justice for you, I won't let her falsely accuse you."

Luna Williams paused, then looked towards Hope Williams and began to defend herself, "Sister, you saw it too, it was Grace who brought Aunt Thompson to the hospital, then why couldn't it have been Grace wanting to catch up with Aunt Thompson?"

"Catching up in your hospital room? Luna Williams, could you make a more far-fetched claim?"

"Fine, if sister doesn't believe me, there's nothing I can do, but you say this medicine was given by me to Aunt Thompson, what evidence do you have? Did you see it with your own eyes? You can't just say it was my doing based on a few words you guys said and the fact that I met her, can you? If that's the case, wouldn't what you're saying also be far-fetched?"

"Wow, Luna Williams, have you no shame? If this medicine wasn't given by you, are you saying Aunt Thompson wanted to harm Hope?" Aria Richardson was fuming with anger.

"Everything is possible, what if sister couldn't stand me and wanted to take the opportunity to collude with a servant to frame me?"

"Does Hope Williams have nothing better to do all day, just like you, always thinking about harming others? Don't project your dirtiness and baseness on others. How despicable can you be?"

Luna Williams took a deep breath, "Regardless, if you want to accuse me, bring out the evidence that this medicine was given by me to her; otherwise, don't even think about pinning your accusations on me."

Luna Williams looked at the others with an exceptionally firm gaze.

She always maintained a facade of being simple and kind-hearted, and Maverick Williams doted on her extremely, naturally taking her side.

Luna Williams glared tightly at Hope Williams, her eyes filled with hate.

Maverick Williams said, "Hope, you'd better explain today's events clearly, otherwise, if you're slandering Luna, I won't let you off the hook."

"Blind and ignorant, it's fatal." Hope Williams said coldly, "The person you sent to control Aunt Thompson's daughter has already been detained by my people."

"Who can be sure that person is mine?"

"A trial will tell."

Luna Williams scoffed as if she was certain that the person wouldn't betray her, standing a bit straighter, "Fine, sister, do whatever you want, it's up to you; but if you can't provide evidence later, you must apologize to me."

Hope Williams raised an eyebrow and slowly walked toward Luna Williams, looking down at her 'guiltless' face with a sardonic laugh.

"Sure."

Standing at the door, Luke and Willow were observing the commotion inside. Luke pursed his little mouth and turned to look at Zoey Sanders, who was anxiously watching the situation.

"Sister Zoey, can I borrow your phone for a moment?"

"Of course, you can." Zoey Sanders immediately lent her phone to Luke, curiously asking, "What do you want to do, Luke?"

"You'll know in a moment, Sister."

Luke made two phone calls one after the other.

"Great-grandpa, Grandma, come to the hospital quickly, someone wants to bully Mommy..."

"Uncle Liam Cloud, someone is bullying my mommy."

"Where?"

"At the hospital."

“Wait, I’m on my way.”

Luke didn’t call Waylon Lewis, because Waylon was on a business trip abroad, and by the time he could get back, everything would have been settled.

Luna Williams was seemingly certain that Hope Williams wouldn’t be able to produce any evidence.

And in this room, except for her best friend and servants, nobody else would believe her.

As for the person she had sent to control Aunt Thompson’s daughter, it was a Family Guard trained by the Williams Family, absolutely tight-lipped.

Having sorted through these thoughts in her mind, Luna Williams was slightly reassured.

“No, I still have evidence, it’s in her phone!” Aunt Thompson suddenly spoke up.

Luna Williams narrowed her eyes.

Hope Williams raised an eyebrow, looking at Aunt Thompson, “What evidence?”

“At that time, she was afraid that I wouldn’t agree, so she recorded a video of me going to see her and threatened me. She said if I didn’t comply, she would find someone else to harm the lady. If the truth came to light, she would send the video to the lady, and the lady would think it was me who drugged her. That’s exactly what she said.”

Luna Williams’s body stiffened, and she glared with wide-open eyes, “When did I ever say that?”

“You did say it! The video is right there in your phone.” Aunt Thompson said this with resolute firmness.

“You’re spouting nonsense. Just how much did my sister bribe you to frame me like this?”

Luna Williams covered her chest and sobbed in a low, aggrieved voice, “I know you don’t like me, sister, but you shouldn’t invent so many ways to frame me, pinning everything on me. What exactly did I do wrong?”

Hope Williams clenched her fists tightly at her sides.

“I may not like you, but I would never use my own child to frame you. You know exactly whether you did it or not. You say I’m slandering you with just my words? Fine, then take out your phone and prove that you’re being framed. Do you dare?”

Luna Williams stared intensely at Hope Williams, like a venomous snake, “Why must you force me into this corner? Haven’t I suffered enough?”

“Don’t change the subject. If I’m slandering you, then hurry up and take out your phone to prove it. If there’s no video as Aunt Thompson said, wouldn’t that prove you were slandered? How advantageous for you!”

Hope Williams’s argument made sense, prompting several people to nod in agreement.

Noah Carter, seeing the two of them at an impasse, stepped forward to speak a word of fairness, “Luna, if you want to prove this servant is lying, you can prove it by showing us your phone.”

Leo Carter also felt the argument was reasonable, and he gently took Luna Williams’s hand, saying softly, “Luna, we all believe in you, so the only way to truly convince Hope Williams is to show us your phone and prove you don’t have that video.”

Luna Williams bit her lip, a look of helplessness in her eyes, “Brother Leo, I...”

Luna Williams was at a loss for words, struggling to find an excuse.

The video was indeed in her phone. Hope Williams’s sudden arrival caught her off-guard, so she hadn’t had a chance to delete it, leading to this crucial oversight.

Damn it!

“My phone...”

“Don’t bother making excuses like it’s broken or out of battery.” Hope Williams crossed her arms, bluntly laying bare her thoughts.

Luna Williams felt both angry and resentful. If it weren’t for all these people around, she truly wanted to muster all her strength to tear her apart!

Luna Williams took a few deep breaths and leaned back weakly, resting against the cushions and clutching her chest as if she were about to draw her last breath.

“Grandfather, I’m not feeling well... I don’t want to argue about who’s right or wrong today. Sister, I want to save you some face, so please don’t push me further. I don’t need your apology anymore, just go...”

“Luna?” Maverick Williams immediately became anxious, “Get the doctor quickly.”

The scorn in Hope Williams’s eyes was unmistakable.

Thinking you can escape like this? No way!

“There’s no need to call; the doctor is here!”

Alitzel Williams’s voice came from the doorway, pushing Elder Lewis and accompanied by several doctors as they entered.

Alitzel Williams wheeled Elder Lewis over to Hope Williams’s side.

Hope Williams’s eyes flickered, “Grandfather, Mom, what are you doing here?”

Alitzel Williams’s face was full of anger, “Luke and Willow called us. The people of the Williams family are utterly detestable.”

Alitzel Williams looked coldly at Luna Williams, “You’re not unwell. I’ve brought the doctor for you. It’s okay, we can wait. Once you are feeling better, we will continue investigating!”

Old Master Lewis waved his hand, and the doctors immediately stepped forward to examine Luna Williams.

Maverick Williams’s brows sank instantly, “What are you trying to do?”

“You’ve tried to harm my daughter-in-law and great-grandson time and time again. Today, you must give the Lewis Family an explanation!”

Old Master Lewis’s voice was filled with rage and authority, instantly impressing a formidable sense of oppression on those present.

The elder of the Lewis Family had come personally, and his stance was uncompromising.

So, trying to muddle through today was impossible!

Chapter 522: Chapter 522: Only Three Months Left

Luna Williams felt a chill in her heart.

“Grandpa, save me! I don’t want their treatment, they are people brought by the Lewis Family, what if they harm me?”

“Everyone is watching, rest assured, no matter how much we hate you, we would absolutely not harm you now!” Alitzel Williams said coldly.

Luna Williams’s eyes trembled in panic.

Hope Williams said, "Your condition seems pretty good right now, you have the strength to open your phone, right?"

"I..."

"There really is a video inside the phone, so that's why you dare not open it, isn't it?"

Hope Williams pressed on aggressively.

Maverick Williams was also anxious, seeing Luna Williams's reluctance to unlock her phone, he more or less knew what was going on.

Noah Carter and Leo Carter also noticed something fishy.

Luna Williams was clearly trying to bluff her way through.

Just as everyone was watching Luna Williams's standoff.

The door was kicked open, and right after, a man with a bruised and swollen face was kicked in.

A silver-haired man walked in lazily behind him.

Seeing the man with the beaten face, Luna Williams's face changed drastically.

Maverick Williams, already at his wits' end, saw Liam Cloud, this madman, coming to oppose him again, and said angrily, "Liam Cloud, how has my Williams Family provoked you, that you beat up our Family Guard like this?"

"Grandpa..." Luna Williams shouted, but it was too late to stop what was happening.

She closed her eyes tightly.

"So you do recognize that this is one of the Williams Family's Family Guards," said Liam Cloud with a cold smile on his lips.

He roughly grabbed the man's collar and flung him down in front of Luna Williams's sickbed, tilting his head and said with a cold expression, "You recognize him, don't you?"

Luna Williams had developed a psychological shadow ever since that time when Liam Cloud pulled her off the helicopter and held a gun to her head.

Seeing this devil once again, she felt like she was suffocating.

Maverick Williams looked at this dangerous man and then at his ashen-faced granddaughter, feeling truly perplexed.

This time he came to Emperor Capital with only a few of the most capable Family Guards, of course, he recognized them.

“What exactly do you mean?” Maverick Williams asked, puzzled.

“This person is the one who kidnapped and controlled Manni Bailey.”

Manni Bailey is Aunt Thompson’s daughter!

So now the truth is in front of everyone, Luna Williams dares not take out her phone to prove there’s no video, which means that what Aunt Thompson said is true.

Maverick Williams himself declared that the one who kidnapped and controlled Manni Bailey was a Williams Family Guard, which proves everything.

It was Luna Williams who forced Aunt Thompson to drug Hope Williams and harm the child in her womb!

Hope Williams’s eyes were filled with coldness, “Luna Williams, what else do you have to say?”

Maverick Williams eyes slowly shifted, looking at Luna Williams with some disbelief.

It really was Luna Williams who threatened the servant to give Hope Williams abortion drugs!

“Luna? How could you...”

“No... It’s not like that...” Luna Williams still wanted to explain, looking at Maverick Williams, then at Noah Carter, and also towards Leo Carter, “Grandpa, Uncle Carter, Brother Leo...”

Leo Carter looked at Luna Williams with some disappointment in his eyes.

It was truly her who did all this, and just now she still so firmly stated that she didn’t do it, that it was Hope Williams slandering her!

How could she even say that.

Today, Luna Williams totally changed their perception of her.

Seeing the disappointment in Leo Carter’s eyes, Luna Williams panicked, “Brother Leo...”

Noah Carter sighed, "Since both families have matters to settle, it's not good for us to interfere, so we'll take our leave. Let's go, Leo."

"No, Uncle Carter, Brother Leo, please don't go, don't leave!"

Luna Williams was crying and shouting, hastily getting out of bed to stop Leo Carter, but in her panic, she took a hard fall and could only watch helplessly as they walked away.

"Luna." Maverick Williams quickly moved to help Luna Williams up; after all, she was his most beloved granddaughter, so regardless of what she did, Maverick Williams would still stand by her side.

People are indeed biased like this!

Luna Williams refused Maverick Williams's help, supporting herself with her hands on the ground, head down, her expression unseen by all, as she emitted an eerie laugh.

Hope Williams stood still, her starry eyes slightly downcast, indifferently watching her.

Luna Williams slowly raised her head, her eyes blood-red as she stared at Hope Williams, "Am I not miserable enough? Hope Williams, am I not miserable enough? Why do you have to treat me this way?"

The doctor just said that without a bone marrow transplant, I have only three months left to live. Why can't you let me be? Do you want me to die right now for you to be satisfied?"

Luna Williams's cries grew louder, her wails nearing a point of collapse were especially painful for Maverick Williams to hear.

Maverick Williams clenched his jaw tightly, his facial muscles trembling continuously.

Three months...

Only three months left...

Without bone marrow, Luna Williams would really die, and she had only three months remaining.

As her grandfather, he couldn't accept the reality of an elder burying a younger family member.

"So, this is your reason for harming me? Without my child, I have no reason not to donate bone marrow to you, right?" Hope Williams asked coldly.

“Yes! What’s wrong with wanting to stay alive? What did I do wrong, Hope Williams? Why do you all deprive me of my chance to live?” Luna Williams questioned near a roar.

“Crazy! Shut up!”

Liam Cloud’s face was filled with brutal coldness, his hand now holding a pitch-black handgun aimed right at Luna Williams’s forehead. “What does Hope Williams owe you? Huh? Say one more word, and I’ll send you under right now!”

“Don’t shoot!” Maverick Williams exclaimed in horror.

Hope Williams reached out to grab Liam Cloud’s hand and shook his head, “This is a hospital.”

With so many people packed together, it was clear that a gunshot would cause widespread panic throughout the hospital. If the situation escalated, Liam Cloud would also face severe consequences.

Luna Williams’s eyes rolled back, and she fainted on the spot.

“Luna? Luna?”

Several doctors immediately came forward to examine Luna Williams.

Old Master Lewis asked expressionlessly, “How is she doing?”

The doctor shook his head, “She has genuinely passed out.”

“Hurry up, get her to the emergency room! Luna, Luna? My poor Luna...” Maverick Williams urged anxiously.

Watching Luna Williams like this, Maverick Williams felt suffocating heartache.

Meanwhile, a hidden surveillance camera in a corner of the room was recording everything.

Ted Williams idly swirled his wine glass, cheerfully watching the surveillance feed, observing the near deathly struggle between Hope Williams and Luna Williams.

Sitting next to him was another middle-aged man in black, his face expressionless, his gaze fixed intently on the figure of Hope Williams.

Aaron Ruiz downed the wine in his glass, “What’s the use, you brought me from Y-country to watch this?”

“Uncle Ruiz, isn’t it interesting?”

"This petty fighting can't hurt Hope Williams in the slightest! Interesting my ass!" Aaron Ruiz cursed angrily.

"What can we do? The Lewis Family, Waylon Lewis protects Hope Williams as if she's the apple of his eye, not to mention Liam Cloud, who purposely stays in Emperor Capital just for her," Ted Williams said with a smirk, laughing coldly at Aaron Ruiz.

Aaron Ruiz snorted heavily, "I really don't understand what charm this woman has, making Liam Cloud disregard his entire organization to stay in Emperor Capital just to ensure her safety."

This woman not only caused the death of his daughter Alitzel, but she has also bewitched Liam Cloud to such an extent. No matter what... this woman must not be spared!

Chapter 523: Chapter 523: As Robust as a Grizzly Bear

Before, when this woman stayed around Liam Cloud, he always felt she was a calamity, and now it seems even more so.

Ted Williams looked at Uncle Ruiz with a faint smile curling at the corner of his mouth.

Luna Williams is about to die, Uncle Ruiz won't let Hope Williams go, once they are both dead, he can sit back and reap the benefits.

Brilliant!

"Uncle Ruiz, what do you want to do?"

Uncle Ruiz smirked coldly, "Tell me, are you good at thinking or at taking action?"

"Perhaps I could help you strategize, since I've dealt with Hope Williams before, she really is clever."

Uncle Ruiz chuckled, "Your petty skirmishes are nothing; that's why she turned the tables on you. If we make a move, it must be ruthless."

Uncle Ruiz is different from them; after much killing and fighting, he possesses ruthless means.

Moreover, now Hope is exposed, while he lurks in the dark; if he really makes a move, Hope Williams will utterly be caught off guard.

Ted Williams did not argue with Uncle Ruiz, "Since Uncle Ruiz is confident, that's certainly good."

"Haha, don't think I don't know what you're plotting, inviting me to Emperor Capital, isn't it just because you think Luna Williams will soon die, and after Hope Williams is dealt with by me, you will be the sole heir of the Williams Family, effortlessly winning—what a brilliant plan, Maverick Williams has raised a good grandson indeed."

"Uncle Ruiz makes jokes, I indeed have my own motives, but more so, it's for you."

With those words, Ted Williams attentively poured red wine for Uncle Ruiz.

Uncle Ruiz narrowed his eyes, "Let's hear it."

"As the head of the organization, Liam Cloud has stayed in Emperor Capital for a woman, which also troubles the veterans in your organization. Only if Hope Williams is gone, could Liam potentially return to country Y, right?"

Hearing this, Uncle Ruiz's eyes sunk.

"Alright, Uncle Ruiz, I should go first, staying out long will raise suspicions from the old master."

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Luna Williams is only physically weak and fainted due to severe emotional distress, without any life-threatening danger.

Hearing the doctor say this, Maverick Williams finally breathed a sigh of relief.

Luna Williams was moved back to the ward.

"Are you satisfied?" Maverick Williams turned and glared at Hope Williams, his aging eyes filled with sorrow, "Luna only has three months left, if you don't wish to save her, please leave her be."

Maverick Williams walked to a chair and sat down, his eyes filled with tears.

"I can." Hope Williams looked at him coldly, "Leave here, leave Emperor Capital, and don't let me see you again."

Maverick Williams's eyelids trembled, "Didn't you see how Luna looked just now? She's not suitable for moving hospitals and being tossed around anymore."

"That's your problem, not calling the police and letting her go to jail is already my greatest leniency towards her."

“How can you be so merciless? She’s your biological sister!”

“Merciless? Compared to my dear sister here, I’m barely scratching the surface of ruthlessness!” Hope Williams looked at him coldly, her eyes brimming with endless indifference.

Maverick Williams narrowed his eyes, “She just wants to survive.”

“And I just want my child to survive. As long as she stays here, and not dead, she won’t stop targeting my unborn child!”

Hope Williams was firm, offering no room for negotiation.

Maverick Williams became equally unyielding, “Do you own the hospital? Just because you say we must go, we must?”

“Coincidentally, the hospital is owned by our family.” Wyatt Lewis’s leisurely voice came through.

Wyatt Lewis threw a document to Maverick Williams, “Take a look for yourself, Lewis Clan has acquired this hospital, and now officially notify you to leave.”

Hope Williams raised an eyebrow, looking at the recently arrived Wyatt Lewis.

Wyatt Lewis gave Hope Williams a reassuring look.

“Hurry up and get lost, don’t force us to take action,” Wyatt Lewis said bluntly.

Maverick Williams’s face was dark and sour, “You are going too far.”

“Going too far?” Wyatt Lewis retorted coldly, “Indeed, I am bullying you. What can you do about it?”

Maverick Williams took several deep breaths, almost running out of breath in anger, but on others’ territory, he was helpless and had to return to Luna Williams’s hospital room first.

Hope Williams looked at Wyatt Lewis, “What is going on here?”

Wyatt Lewis raised his eyebrows, “These are all instructed by my brother.”

Waylon Lewis!

Hope Williams smiled lightly, “Okay, I understand now.”

Hope Williams turned to Alitzel Williams and Elder Lewis, “Mom, Grandpa, thank you for coming to help me today. You and grandpa head back first; we’ll handle the rest.”

Alitzel Williams nodded, “Okay, then we’ll head back first.”

As she said that, Alitzel Williams glanced at Wyatt Lewis, who seemed more agreeable today, not blaming him anymore, and instructed, “You stay here, make sure you safely escort your sister-in-law home later, heard me?”

Wyatt Lewis nodded twice, “Heard you.”

“And if anyone from the Williams Family pulls any tricks, make sure you protect your sister-in-law well. You’re strong like a bear, it’s okay if you get bumped, but make sure she doesn’t, heard?”

“Pfft...” Aria Richardson couldn’t hold back and burst out laughing.

Hope Williams, “...”

Wyatt Lewis silently glanced at Aria Richardson, his face darkening.

“How do I look like a bear?”

“Alright, alright, it just means I want to see Little Hope safely home, that’s all,” Alitzel Williams didn’t argue with him.

Wyatt Lewis, now accustomed to being reprimanded, didn’t say much more.

Elder Lewis instructed, “Be careful, and call us when you get home.”

“Yes, Grandpa.”

Aria Richardson, with a slightly pitying and playful look, touched her chin, teasing, “The bear descriptor, pfft... it’s quite fitting.”

Wyatt Lewis, looking a bit upset, walked over and grabbed her wrist, “Come here, I need to ask you something.”

Seeing Wyatt Lewis’s serious face, Aria Richardson blinked and was forcibly pulled along by him.

Hope Williams, observing the strange tension between the two, wisely chose not to interject.

Liam Cloud straightened up, “Now that things are sorted, I have some business to attend to, I’ll take my leave.”

Hope Williams nodded with a smile, “Thanks a lot, I’ll treat you to a meal in a few days.”

Zoey Sanders hurriedly came over with Luke and Willow, having kept them away earlier fearing the quarrel might affect the children.

Seeing that things had calmed down, she brought Luke and Willow over.

“Aunt Williams... ah...”

As Zoey Sanders ran towards them and coincidentally collided with Liam Cloud who was just turning to leave, their bodies smashed together.

Liam Cloud remained immovable, coldly looking down at the girl in front of him.

Zoey Sanders staggered a bit, flailing her arms in the air and finally grabbing onto Liam Cloud’s arm to stabilize herself.

Liam Cloud frowned.

Zoey Sanders looked up.

“Thanks soooooo much...”

Liam Cloud, who dislikes physical contact, was already annoyed by the woman suddenly crashing into him, and now she began singing like she was possessed.

As if she’d seen a ghost!

Chapter 524: Chapter 524: The Final Ultimatum

Even Hope Williams, watching Zoey Sanders suddenly start singing, had a look of bafflement on her face.

“Zoey, what’s wrong with you?”

Liam Cloud grimaced disapprovingly and pushed Zoey Sanders away, promptly leaving.

Zoey Sanders’ beautiful amber eyes twinkled as she stared intently at the retreating figure of Liam Cloud, “He he he he... so handsome!”

Hope Williams, “...”

So that’s why this girl suddenly burst into song – because of this!

Hope Williams silently chuckled. Liam Cloud really had both a rascally and handsome air about him. That devil-may-care smile of his was infuriatingly dashing.

"I can't take it anymore; I must get his contact information." Zoey Sanders gripped her phone and chased after Liam Cloud.

"Wait..." Hope Williams attempted to reach out to stop the girl, but she had already dashed off.

Hope Williams pursed her lips helplessly.

Seeing how quick Zoey Sanders was, both Luke and Willow were startled, "Mommy, what's gotten into Sister Zoey?"

Hope Williams tugged at her lip, unable to come up with a reason at the moment.

Willow, "Mommy, when can we go home?"

Hope Williams lifted her wrist to check her watch, surprised at how long they had been delayed here.

"We will head home now."

Hope Williams figured Wyatt Lewis would want to chat with Aria Richardson a bit longer, so she intended to take out her phone to send them a message.

As she reached for her phone, she saw two figures approaching from not far away.

It was Noah Carter and Leo Carter.

The wheels turned in Hope Williams' eyes; clearly, they were heading her way.

Soon, the two of them came to a stop in front of her. Leo Carter looked rather aloof, but Noah Carter appeared as calm and composed as before.

"You're Hope Williams? Can we talk?" Noah Carter's voice was even-tempered as he spoke.

Hope Williams looked at the two men. She didn't have a personal relationship with them. The only connection might be competitive business interests.

Considering that Leo Carter had previously approached her to discuss the purchase of Ansen, Hope Williams figured there was probably nothing else to talk about.

"Talk about what?"

Noah Carter made a gesture inviting her to speak further.

Hope Williams glanced back at Luke and Willow, instructed Mr. Xiao to protect them, and followed Noah Carter to the side.

Turning back to Leo Carter, Noah Carter said, "You might as well go back to see Luna; after all, she's your fiancée."

Leo Carter nodded in agreement and left.

Noah Carter then turned his attention back to Hope Williams, "I believe Leo has discussed the purchase of Ansen with you already, right?"

"Are you here today to persuade me to sell Ansen to you too?"

Noah Carter shook his head, "No, as long as you can keep Ansen going, I have no intention of acquiring it.

Previously, when Ansen was in your grandmother's hands, the poor lady didn't understand how to run a company. So under her management, Ansen was bound to go bankrupt eventually."

Noah Carter sighed and then continued, "I wanted to acquire Ansen also to protect your mother's hard work."

Hope Williams looked at Noah Carter, puzzled. He seemed to know her mother very well.

"What is your relationship with my mother?"

Noah Carter fell silent for a moment, let out a sigh, "Your mother and I were childhood sweethearts, growing up together."

Hope Williams looked at Noah Carter; she remembered Jade Bell mentioning in A-City that Maverick Williams had intended to marry her mother to the Carter Family, but her mother was unwilling.

"Did you love my mother?"

Noah Carter appeared astonished for a moment, "How did you figure that out?"

"There's something different in your eyes when you mention my mother." It was a gaze full of emotion and tenderness.

Noah Carter nodded and chuckled, "You're right, I did love your mother, but..."

He paused for a beat, eyes drooping with a touch of melancholy, and then let out a sigh again.

“But she did not love me, and I did something that she could never forgive me for in her lifetime. So since that incident, I have never seen her again.”

Hope Williams’ eyes grew colder, “What wrong did you do?”

Noah Carter looked at the chilly Hope Williams, his worldly-wise eyes flickering.

Even though Luna Williams was more physically resembling of Maya Williams, the aura around Hope Williams reminded him of Maya Williams’ likeness.

Noah Carter looked at Hope Williams, his eyes gradually filling with a mix of guilt and bitterness.

Hope Williams looked at the middle-aged man with grizzled hair before her, feeling an inexplicable sense of closeness.

A very strange feeling.

“Let’s not talk about that. I came to you today for no other reason but to say that since you’ve taken over Ansen, you must protect it well and not let your mother’s efforts be in vain!”

Hope Williams didn’t need him to say this; she would have done so anyway.

“Yeah, I will.”

Noah Carter nodded, then said no more.

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Luna Williams woke up and, upon hearing Maverick Williams was taking her back to City A, she immediately started crying and throwing a tantrum.

Maverick Williams has recently been at his wits’ end because of Luna Williams’ situation.

He has to find a suitable bone marrow for her, handle the company affairs, and consider who should take over the vast company if Luna Williams really does pass away.

Without Luna Williams, the natural first choice in his heart is Hope Williams.

But now, with his relationship with Hope Williams turning out like this, how to solve it remains a problem.

These issues troubled him; there were no signs of resolution, and now Luna Williams was causing another scene.

Even if Maverick Williams died now, he wouldn't be able to rest in peace.

"I'm not going back. Going back means waiting to die; staying here means the same. I'm not going anywhere."

Luna Williams cried out, "Grandpa, go find Hope Williams, force or bind her if you must, make her save me, make her save me! I don't want to die."

Maverick Williams looked at Luna Williams, who seemed to be going mad, his brow furrowed with worry. He reached out to hold Luna Williams by the shoulders to steady her, his aged face full of distress.

"Stop making a fuss, will you let grandpa take you home, alright?"

Luna Williams looked at Maverick Williams in shock.

What did he mean?

Did he want her to go home to die?

Had he decided to give up on her?

Had he already decided to make Hope Williams the heir to the corporation?

Thinking of this, Luna Williams felt like going crazy.

Born from the same mother, why could Hope Williams live a happy life and even inherit the company?

Why did Luna Williams only have three months to live, to leave this world quietly?

If she just died like that, Hope Williams would undeservedly obtain all the Williams Family's assets.

No, that couldn't happen, not at any cost; she couldn't make it easy for Hope Williams.

Hope Williams didn't want to save her, so she hated her, hated this sister of hers.

So no matter what, she couldn't make it easy for her, no! Absolutely not!

"I won't go, grandpa, let me stay here, please. I'm not feeling well, I'm really too uncomfortable, I can't be transferred, really, grandpa, I beg you, let me stay here."

If she went back, she would only be waiting to die.

“Luna! The Lewis Family has already given us their final ultimatum. If you don’t leave, they’ll throw you out.”

Maverick Williams was also helpless, and his voice grew louder out of anxiety.

Luna Williams kept sobbing, her crying intensified, and she shook her head at Maverick Williams, weeping as she said, “No, no, it’s not true, grandpa, you weren’t like this before, no matter what, you would protect me, but this time it’s different.”

“Is it because you think I’m about to die, put all your hopes for the company’s inheritance on Hope Williams, so now you’re giving up on me, is that it?”

Luna Williams’ red-rimmed eyes looked sorrowfully at Maverick Williams as she roared her questions at him.

Maverick Williams froze, feeling as if he no longer recognized his granddaughter before him.

How could she say such things?!

Luna Williams was heartbroken, not noticing Maverick Williams’ expression at this moment.

She continued her tirade, “Do you also want me to die? That way you’d be rid of a burden, is that it...?”

“Smack!”

In a fit of anger, Maverick Williams fiercely slapped Luna Williams.

“Ah!”

Luna Williams’ face was slapped to one side.

Chapter 525: Chapter 525: Leave Her to Take the Blame

“You... I!” When the slap fell, Maverick Williams instantly regretted it, “Luna...”

Luna Williams’ lips trembled as she covered her face, slowly straightening up, with tears falling heavily, “Grandpa, you actually... hit me!”

“Luna, I...” Maverick Williams was filled with remorse.

Luna Williams had been spoiled by him since she was little, never been hit, never been scolded, not even a harsh word said to her, and today he was so angry that he had struck her.

“Get out... all of you get out! I don’t want to see any of you, I don’t want to see any of you.” Luna Williams screamed and roared through her tears, grabbing anything she could and smashing it to the ground.

She was practically mad.

Maverick Williams watched the scene with both distress and helplessness, fearing that Luna Williams would hurt herself. He hurriedly said, “Alright, alright, I’m going, I’m going. Don’t hurt yourself, just calm down a bit.”

As Maverick Williams opened the door, he saw Leo Carter standing at the entrance, and Ted Williams who had just arrived was also there.

The three men looked at each other wordlessly.

Clearly they had all heard the conversation inside, the mad bellowing of Luna Williams, which was hard for anyone not to hear.

“Leo, Luna is just too heartbroken.”

Maverick Williams did not want Leo Carter to have a bad impression of Luna Williams, so he still spoke out to explain for her.

Leo Carter raised his hand slightly, “Elder Williams, no need to explain.”

Luna Williams, lying in her bed, was stunned to see Leo Carter at the door, “Brother Leo, I...”

Leo Carter glanced at Luna Williams, with the disappointment in his eyes speaking volumes, and he said indifferently, “You should rest.”

After speaking, he did not walk in but turned and left.

Leo Carter had truly liked Luna Williams before, but his pursuit of perfection made it impossible for him to accept such a sorry state from her.

“Brother Leo, don’t go... please don’t go!”

No matter how much Luna Williams called out to keep him, Leo Carter still left.

Luna Williams curled up on her bed, crying bitterly, “Why do you treat me like this? Why are you doing this to me? Why...”

As Maverick Williams was about to go in and comfort Luna Williams, Ted Williams directly stopped him, "Grandpa, let her think about it on her own."

Ted Williams was not surprised to see Luna Williams become like this.

She had lived too comfortably before, and Maverick Williams had spoiled her too much, causing her to feel that the whole world should revolve around her.

Today she dared to cry and shout at Maverick Williams to get out, because she knew he would never truly abandon her.

Only the beloved dare to be so willful!

Maverick Williams' mood at this moment was indescribable.

"Go in and talk to her later. We are about to go back to City A," he told Maverick Williams.

Ted Williams raised an eyebrow slightly, "Why? With her current condition, any further upset might be too much..."

Naturally, Ted Williams did not wish for Luna Williams to just return like this; it would be best for her and Hope Williams to die in Emperor Capital and save him the trouble!

"The Lewis Family has already issued me an ultimatum; she has provoked the Lewis Family, and we are on Lewis Family territory. What can I do?" Maverick Williams' voice was somewhat hoarse with shouting.

"Also, where were you just now? Didn't you know your sister was in trouble and come to help?"

The anger that had been building for days made Maverick Williams lose all patience.

Ted Williams, as always, kept his calm demeanor, hanging his head and appearing as someone who would not fight back or retort, "Grandpa, I was just dealing with some matters, and I had only just finished."

Maverick Williams had no time to inquire what he had been dealing with, so he simply said, "In half an hour, go and have a good talk with her. After half an hour, make sure she stops making a fuss, and is ready to obediently return to City A with me."

Maverick Williams left the difficult task to Ted Williams.

Ted Williams knew he had no right to refuse and nodded in agreement.

Maverick Williams sat down on a nearby bench with a furrowed brow.

Ted Williams lifted his hand and adjusted his gold-rimmed glasses, his narrow eyes filled with schemes.

Just as Ted Williams opened the door.

“Get out!”

A cup smashed toward him head-on.

Ted Williams did not dodge, and the cup shattered upon his forehead, the blood streaming down instantly.

Seeing this scene, Maverick Williams just paused for a moment, saying nothing.

Ted Williams tightened his grip on the doorknob, the hatred in his eyes roiling before he forcefully suppressed it.

“What are you doing here? To laugh at me?”

Luna Williams was so furious that her chest heaved violently, with no sense of guilt for having injured Ted Williams to the point of bleeding.

Ted Williams’ lips were pressed tightly together, his facial expression revealing none of his emotions at the moment.

Ted Williams casually took a couple of tissues, wiping away the blood that was trickling down from his forehead.

He stood there with downcast eyes, seemingly unfazed.

In response, Luna Williams vented all the rage she had endured onto him. She snorted coldly, “Why are you silent when asked? You’re nothing but an obedient dog that my grandfather has raised over the years. Started feeling angry now, have you?”

Rage churned in the depths of Ted Williams’ eyes.

He lifted his gaze to meet Luna’s, stepping towards her until he stood silently before her.

Luna could only feel waves of murderous intent emanating from the person in front of her.

She instinctively tried to back away...

“What are you doing? You want to hit me now...”

The next second, Ted Williams suddenly reached out to throttle her neck and violently pressed her down onto the bed.

“Hey, cough cough...”

As Luna’s pupils constricted with fear at the thought of screaming, Ted’s hand swiftly covered her mouth.

“Shh...make a sound, and I’ll strangle you to death,” he threatened.

Luna felt as though she was suffocating, frantically slapping at Ted’s hand, her eyes locked onto his murderous glare.

She had never seen such a look in his eyes before, as if it didn’t belong to him at all.

But such a gaze at this moment, brought her an unprecedented sense of fear.

She could only nod desperately, assuring him that she would not make a sound.

Seeing her abject and pleading face, Ted couldn’t help but smile with satisfaction.

“Even an obedient dog will bite when pushed too far. Don’t test my limits!” he warned.

Luna continued nodding desperately.

Her face was swollen and purplish; she was truly on the verge of suffocation.

Only then did Ted find it satisfactory to let her go.

“You... you actually dared to hit...”

“Shut up!”

A look filled with killing intent made Luna’s words stop dead in her throat.

Ted stood up straight and, picking up a fruit knife nearby, he toyed with it and asked icily, “Does the old man want to take you back to A-city?”

Luna, with her neck stiff and body tense, nodded, “...Yeah.”

“I have a way for you to get Hope Williams’ bone marrow,” he said.

Luna eyed Ted warily, as if the fruit knife in his hand might stab her at any moment, and asked nervously, “What way?”

“Kidnap Hope Williams. As far as I know, Waylon Lewis isn’t in Emperor Capital – now is a good opportunity to act.”

Luna, hearing this, had a shiver through her pupils, “Kidnap Hope Williams? Are you joking? I have no manpower; how can I kidnap her?”

“I know some mercenaries that might be able to help you,” he offered.

Luna was clearly tempted, yet she looked at Ted with suspicion. “Why would you help me?”

This man wanted to kill her just moments ago.

Luna shrank back a little more.

“As you said, you are the sister who grew up with me. If not to help you, should I help Hope Williams?” Ted asked with a smile.

Luna did not question Ted’s statement, and hope rekindled in her eyes.

As Ted watched Luna’s reaction, a cold laugh echoed in the depths of his heart. Of course, he had no intention of helping her. His concern was to avoid any investigation that could trace back to him and Linfolk Crown, so he needed a scapegoat.

The perfect patsy was right in front of him – if Luna returned to A-city, the Lewis family would not suspect her.

And in any investigation, if they found him involved, it would be bad.

Luna looked at Ted and said, “But the Lewis family is forcing us out, and Grandpa has already compromised.”

At this, Luna felt extremely frustrated.

“That’s simple,” he said.

“You have a way...” Luna hadn’t finished her question, when Ted suddenly seized her wrist.

Luna’s face showed panic, “What are you doing?”

“Aren’t you best at self-harming to gain sympathy?”

After he spoke, Ted slashed Luna’s wrist with the knife, causing blood to pour out.

Luna cried out in shock, looking at Ted in disbelief.

He didn't even blink an eye.

"The elderly lady is the softhearted one; let her plead with Hope Williams," Ted suggested with a smile.

Jade Bell was Hope Williams' last shred of familial affection for the Williams family.

Ted curled his lips, and took two photos of the weak and self-harming Luna, then sent them to Jade Bell.

Chapter 526: Chapter 526: Missing You

Sure, here's the translated text:

As expected, it wasn't long before Jade Bell called, and Ted Williams informed her about the situation over here.

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Hope Williams noticed that Wyatt Lewis and Aria Richardson had not returned, and that unpredictable girl Zoey Sanders had also disappeared.

Hope Williams, holding her phone with Luke and Willow by her side, walked out of the hospital while sending them messages.

But before the message was sent, a call from Waylon Lewis came in first.

Hope Williams' lips curved up.

"Mommy, who's calling?" Seeing Hope Williams smile, Luke asked.

"It's from your daddy."

Hope Williams answered the call, and the man's deep, magnetic voice came through, "Is everything taken care of?"

"Yes, it's all settled. Now, I'm getting ready to take Luke and Willow home." Hope Williams pursed her lips, "But how did you know about what happened here while you're on a business trip abroad?"

Waylon Lewis chuckled, "I have my people around you. It's not hard to find out."

Hope Williams turned to glance at Xiao Shi.

As expected, Xiao Shi somewhat guiltily hung his head.

Hope Williams raised an eyebrow, "Alright, I kept it from you because I didn't want to worry you. Now that it's all resolved."

"That actually makes me worry even more," sighed Waylon Lewis.

Hope Williams quickly smoothed things over, "Then I'll make sure to tell you next time. It was a special situation after all. How are things on your end?"

"Just finished a meeting. Are you missing me?"

Hope Williams didn't hide her feelings, replying tenderly, "Yes, still six more days; time truly drags."

Hope Williams let out a sigh.

Hearing Hope Williams speak this way made Waylon Lewis even more eager to fly back home, but with a pile of matters still pending, his mood was gloomy.

He hadn't realized before how tormenting business trips could be; it seems the next time he has to go on a trip, he needs to bring his wife along.

"I'll wrap up things here as quickly as possible and head back."

Hope Williams' lips couldn't help but curl upwards uncontrollably, "Okay, I'll wait for your return."

After hanging up, Hope Williams led Luke and Willow towards the car.

Only to find that Wyatt Lewis and Aria Richardson were over there, along with Alexander Knox.

Why was Alexander Knox here?

Hope Williams thought they must have bumped into Alexander Knox after Wyatt Lewis dragged Aria Richardson out.

Hope Williams slightly raised an eyebrow; the atmosphere among the three of them seemed a bit delicate.

She stopped in her tracks, not going over just yet as she could tell it wasn't the right time to intrude.

She could see that Wyatt Lewis liked Aria Richardson, while Alexander Knox appeared to like her too.

But right now, Hope Williams couldn't tell whom Aria Richardson liked.

Standing at a distance, Hope Williams couldn't hear what they were discussing.

However, Wyatt Lewis had a scowl on his face.

"Mommy, why don't we go over there?"

Willow, puzzled, looked at Hope Williams and asked.

"We'll go over in a little while, now isn't a good time."

No sooner had Hope Williams finished speaking than a call came in from Jade Bell.

Receiving a call from Jade Bell at this moment surprised Hope Williams, but she still answered, "Grandma, what's wrong?"

Jade Bell's voice carried a sobbing tone, frantic and tense, "Hope, what happened between you and Luna again? Luna tried to commit suicide in the hospital; I heard you wanted her to leave the hospital and go back to City A, is it because she and that old rogue Maverick Williams did something bad again?"

Ted Williams hadn't gone into detail with Jade Bell, merely mentioning that there was a conflict and Hope Williams had forced Luna Williams to return to City A.

Once Jade Bell heard this, she knew something was wrong. Unless Luna Williams did something unforgivable, Hope Williams would never act in such a way.

Hope Williams pursed her lips; since Luna Williams went as far as playing the suicide card and bringing the complaint to Jade Bell, she decided to be upfront.

"Luna Williams bribed my maid to slip me abortion drugs, hoping to cause a miscarriage so there would be no reason for me not to donate bone marrow to her," Hope Williams revealed bluntly.

"What?" Jade Bell was shocked, urgently asking, "She... Are you alright? How are you now?"

Hope Williams lightly hummed in affirmation, "I'm fine, it was caught in time."

Jade Bell breathed a sigh of relief, then said, "That's good, that's good. What a mess, really cursed. Hope, Grandmother is apologizing on behalf of Luna, what she did was indeed despicable, but..."

Jade Bell trailed off, hesitant.

Hope Williams could guess what Jade Bell was about to say next.

“But Hope, she only has three months left, she’s very frail, and after this upheaval, I heard she’s back in the emergency room again; she can’t endure being tossed around like this... Hope, could you let her stay at Emperor Capital Hospital?” Jade Bell inquired with a plea in her voice.

As an old woman, she really didn’t want to see her descendants at such loggerheads.

Hope Williams’ brows knit tighter, Luna Williams causing such a scene was obviously to prompt Jade Bell to persuade her.

“If you’re worried, how about this, Grandma? You come over and personally watch her. You can assure she won’t cause any trouble, Hope... she’s not got many days left, Grandmother is really out of options...”

Hope Williams knew Jade Bell was particularly softhearted; no matter what, Luna Williams was her kin, watched over since birth; she couldn’t just ignore her plight.

But Hope Williams couldn’t disregard the child in her belly either.

Having their whole family in Emperor Capital made Hope Williams too anxious.

She feared they would do something outrageous again.

And their inner plans and thoughts could not simply be stopped by having Jade Bell watch over them.

“Grandma, I’m sorry, but no matter what, she must leave. Otherwise, I’ll call the police and report her for the drug incident with my maid. Let her spend her last days in jail.”

Having already sent the Fuller family away, she wouldn’t hesitate to send Luna Williams as well.

Jade Bell was silent for a long time...

Chapter 527: Chapter 527: No Room For

“Little Hope, are you really going to be so heartless?”

Hope Williams took a deep breath. She knew that Jade Bell was a reasonable person, but when faced with family ties, she could still become muddled.

After all, she was an elderly person nearing her eighties. Hope didn't want to speak harshly, so she said gently, "Grandma, it's not that I'm heartless. I have to consider my own safety too, right? When Luna Williams came to Emperor Capital for treatment, she did so with a purpose. As long as she has the strength, she will never give up on my bone marrow."

Jade Bell's continual sobbing on the other end broke Hope's heart, but she remained unyielding.

"It's a sin! Such a sin! What kind of karma has the Williams Family created... Your mother passed away early, Luna is ill with such a disease, and though her life is hanging by a thread, she still plots against her own sister. What kind of karma has the Williams Family created..."

Listening to Jade Bell's crying, Hope couldn't help but feel her eyes redden.

For Jade Bell, it was indeed too cruel. Her daughter had left early, and her granddaughter was close to death. She had been sending off younger ones all her life, which was an undoubtedly massive blow to an old person.

"Little Hope, grandma knows you're right, but I really can't stand by and watch Luna be ignored..."

"...I'm sorry, Grandma, but I really can't agree to this. If Luna Williams continues to stay here, I will have someone throw her out."

Hope took a deep breath and didn't give Jade Bell another chance to plead, "Grandma, please take care of your health, goodbye."

After that, she hung up the phone.

She sighed heavily.

"You are really heartless!" A ghostly voice sounded from behind.

Hope turned around and saw Ted Williams leaning against a stone column, his refined and gentle face wearing a smile that wasn't quite a smile.

Hope narrowed her eyes; she could never see through this man from beginning to end.

His gaze was calm and detached, but when he stared at someone, it could send chills down their spine.

"After all, she's your sister. Can't you accommodate Luna Williams?"

"Yes, I can't."

Hope's voice was cold.

"I don't know if any one of you three is reasonable enough, but as long as you don't want to keep causing trouble, you would think about going back to 'A' city quickly."

Obviously, Luna Williams refused to go back; she was the one who wanted to cause trouble.

Thinking about it, Hope felt that the baby in her womb was pitiful, living every day as if escaping from death.

"Her body is not fit for torment right now, and the old lady has begged you, yet you still refuse to let Luna Williams go. Don't you think the old lady will feel heartbroken?"

"Enough with the nonsense. You have half an hour left, after half an hour, if she's still here, I will personally have someone throw her out."

Having said that, Hope didn't speak further, taking Luke and Willow with her as she left.

After walking a few steps, Hope seemed to think of something, turned her head back to look at Ted Williams, and slightly tugged at the corner of her mouth:

"Ted Williams, I really want to know what role you are actually playing in all of this."

An inscrutable person is the most terrifying.

But Hope had just thought of something—that if Luna Williams truly died, Maverick Williams would be left without an heir.

Then, Maverick would inevitably have to choose between her and Ted Williams.

It's not that Hope was overconfident, but based on her understanding of Maverick, he would rather have her inherit the company than hand it over to someone who wasn't related by blood.

However, if Ted Williams had his sights set on the position of heir, she would be his biggest obstacle.

Waylon Lewis had reminded her on the day he returned from 'A' city to Emperor Capital that the struggle for the Williams Family fortune was inevitably going to be a bloodbath.

And she, holding fifteen percent of the shares, was dragged into this bloodbath and couldn't remain uninvolved.

Therefore, Hope was thinking whether this seemingly cultured and gentle man would contemplate getting rid of future troubles to fight for this position.

It wasn't that Hope wanted to think badly of Ted Williams, but she had seen how Isaiah Lewis, in the fight for the family fortune, was willing to kill even his own nephew.

Human nature is greedy.

Ted Williams just laughed and did not respond.

Hope left.

Aria Richardson seemed to have left with Alexander Knox, leaving Wyatt Lewis leaning against the car, soullessly smoking.

Hope's phone rang just then, with two messages popping up on the screen from Aria.

Aria informed her that Alexander Knox had come to pick her up, so she would not go back with Hope.

So the guy in front of her... had lost to Alexander Knox again...

Hope Williams secretly pressed her lips together.

Seeing Hope Williams come over with Luke and Willow, Wyatt Lewis snuffed out the cigarette he had just lit, his dark face devoid of any smile, "Are you done?"

Hope nodded, "Mhm."

"Shall I take you back?"

"Let's send Luke and Willow back first; I still need to make a trip to Ansen."

Hope originally planned to go to the company in the afternoon but didn't expect to be delayed for so long.

"Mhm." Wyatt nodded, looking absent-minded.

Hope let Luke and Willow get in the car first, then looking at Wyatt, she sighed deeply and said earnestly, "If you like her, I think you should tell her."

Wyatt lifted his gaze, paused, and then retorted, "...Who likes her? With her always bossing around like that, I certainly do not."

"Then what kind of girl do you like? As far as I know, you've dated quite a few girlfriends before, so why have you started being single recently? It's quite strange."

"Strange? Can't I just have higher standards? I haven't found the type I truly like."

Hope was genuinely curious, “So, Young Master Lewis, tell me, what type do you truly like?”

Wyatt pondered for a moment, “The type I truly like is... a beauty whose jade-like radiance and breath speak of hidden orchids, whose freshness is unparalleled, whose side glances are as lustrous as jade and brilliant as spring, as bright as the autumn moon, whose tender emotions and graceful demeanor are as light as a startled swan, a beauty of a once in a millennium.”

“Hehe... You might as well look for a fairy in heaven.” Hope was at a loss for words, barely holding back from rolling her eyes.

“What’s wrong? I’m just a bit demanding, that’s all.”

“Yeah, right.” Hope nodded with a smiling face, “The most stubborn person like you, serves you right that our Aria ran off with Young Master Knox.”

Wyatt frowned, “...”

Regardless of his stubbornness, Hope still kindly reminded him, “If you like her, don’t say these pointless things. From what I see, Aria might not necessarily like Alexander now.”

Wyatt’s eyes lit up several degrees in an instant, “How so?”

She knew Aria Richardson; previously, when Aria was pursuing Alexander Knox, nine out of ten sentences she uttered revolved around Alexander, but now it was different.

She seldom mentioned Alexander Knox, and being together with him didn’t seem to bring her much happiness.

However, when it came to affairs of the heart, Hope found it difficult to say more.

“Think about it yourself, but I’m just reminding you, if you like her, tell her. Keeping it hidden, tiptoeing around, that’s not Young Master Lewis’ style.”

Wyatt clenched his molars.

He did want to, but he never had the chance. Just as he was about to speak, Alexander Knox popped up out of nowhere, robbing him of any opportunity.

Hope watched his brow loosen and then tighten, tightening and then loosening again, uncertain if he understood.

“You think about it yourself.” Hope took out her phone and was about to call Zoey Sanders when she returned dejectedly on her own.

Obviously, she was unsuccessful. Hope felt helpless; today, it seemed like everyone was deflated.

Since Hope had to go to Ansen, she had Wyatt take Luke and Willow home, and since Zoey Sanders had nowhere to go, she followed them back to Hope's place.

Ansen.

These past few days, almost all the employees at Ansen had seen Hope, and they greeted her politely when she arrived.

Hope took the elevator to the eighteenth floor, and as she exited, she happened to run into Elias Patel.

Elias Patel casually flipped back her hair and greeted with a well-mannered, natural warmth on her face, "Madam... Oh no, President Williams."

In which setting and what title to use, Elias Patel realized and immediately changed her address.

Hope gave a slight nod, "How's it going? Can you adapt?"

"I can adapt," Elias Patel nodded and accompanied Hope to her office, giving a work update along the way.

"President Williams, I've arranged a meeting with a medicinal herb vendor to discuss cooperation for tomorrow. Originally, the plan was for me and the head of the marketing department to attend, but considering the current situation of Ansen, if you could be there personally, it would be better, showing more of our sincerity."

Hope set down her bag and nodded in agreement to Elias Patel's words.

Considering the current state of affairs at Ansen, indeed very few herb vendors are willing to cooperate.

"Mhm, at what time, and where?"

Elias Patel immediately answered, "It's arranged for tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock. Considering that you're pregnant and should avoid alcohol, the location wasn't planned to be in a hotel but a teahouse instead. It just so happens that I also investigated President Thompson's preferences, and he's quite fond of tasting tea."

Hope's eyes sparkled momentarily as she smiled lightly at Elias Patel, "You've considered everything thoroughly."

Chapter 528: Chapter 528: Luna Williams Disappeared

Elias Patel just nodded slightly, his gaze neither humble nor arrogant as he looked at Hope Williams, "As I should."

"Since President Thompson enjoys tea tasting, go prepare some more fine tea leaves as a small gift."

"Rest assured, I have already prepared them."

Hope Williams nodded.

"Additionally, here is the layoff list." Elias Patel handed the document to Hope Williams, "Take a look, and if there's no issue, the HR department will proceed according to this list."

Hope Williams took the document and started to look through it, "Did you compile this?"

"Not entirely, it was compiled in cooperation with the HR department. Ansen can't afford to keep so many employees under the current circumstances. Although most of the people on this list are veterans who have worked at Ansen for a long time, according to our investigation, these individuals are of no use to Ansen."

Hope Williams agreed with what Elias Patel was expecting, "Proceed as planned then."

Hope Williams handed the document back to Elias Patel, observing the woman before him, she was indeed someone who handled affairs decisively and efficiently.

In just one day, not only had she familiarized herself with Ansen's operations but also came up with a layoff list, showcasing her work efficiency.

"President Williams, if there's nothing else, I'll go get busy."

"Yes, go ahead."

After Elias Patel left, Hope Williams also started dealing with her own tasks. She was so engrossed that she continued until nearly six o'clock.

Hope Williams rubbed the back of her neck and twisted her head, preparing to go home when she picked up her phone and realized there were many messages.

Hope Williams began to look through them as she walked out.

Among them was a video sent by Nolan, showing Luna Williams unwilling to leave the hospital, then being forcibly ejected by the people Hope Williams had arranged to watch the hospital.

The scene was undoubtedly very embarrassing.

Hope Williams called Nolan; she had instructed him to keep an eye on the hospital during the day.

Nolan answered quickly, "Madam."

Hope Williams entered the elevator, "Have they returned to A-city?"

Nolan replied promptly, "I personally saw them board the plane before I returned. By now, they should have arrived."

Hope Williams finally breathed a sigh of relief, "Mhm, thank you for your hard work."

"Madam, you are too kind."

After ending the call, Hope Williams reached the ground floor where her driver was already waiting at the entrance with the car.

Hope Williams got into the car, took a deep breath, closed her eyes, and took a moment to relax.

There had been too many issues lately, one after the other, truly wearing her out, but thankfully they were all resolved smoothly.

Hope Williams let out a sigh of relief, and just as she was thinking this, her phone rang again. She didn't even want to open her eyes.

She answered the call and put the phone to her ear, and Jade Bell's voice came through, "Little Hope."

"Grandma?" Hope Williams opened her eyes, "What's the matter?"

"Little Hope, I really couldn't stop worrying about you all, so I've come to Emperor Capital."

This 'you all' naturally included Luna Williams.

Hope Williams's eyes narrowed a bit in frustration, "Grandma, where are you now? I'll come pick you up, but Luna and the others have already returned to A-city."

"They've gone back to A-city?" Jade Bell's voice sounded a bit surprised.

"Mhm, if you don't believe it, you can call and ask, but where are you now? I'll come and pick you up."

Since it was already late, and Jade Bell had arrived in Emperor Capital, Hope Williams naturally couldn't just leave her there.

"No need, no need, I can't trouble you. I'll stay at a hotel tonight. It's late, and you're pregnant, so don't come out, be careful not to catch a cold."

"It's okay, I'm still out, just about to head home. I can't rest easy with you being out there alone, please tell me your location."

Hearing Hope Williams' insistence, Jade Bell did not refuse, "I'm still at the airport."

"Okay, I'll come to pick you up. Wait for me, I'll be there soon."

"Don't rush, be careful on the road."

"Okay."

Hope Williams hung up the phone, rubbed her temples, and then instructed the driver, "To the airport."

Fifteen minutes later, Hope Williams arrived at the airport. Jade Bell had only brought along a servant who usually looked after her. Seeing them, Hope Williams immediately asked the driver to drive over.

"Grandma."

Upon seeing Hope Williams, Jade Bell quickly grabbed her hand, anxiously saying, "Little Hope, I just called back home to ask, and they said they haven't returned. I also called the hospital where Luna usually gets treatment, and they haven't gone there either."

Hope Williams furrowed her brows, "How could that be?"

Hope Williams looked at her watch; it was nearly half-past six now. They took the two o'clock flight back.

From Emperor Capital to A-city was only a two or three-hour trip; by all accounts, they should have arrived by now.

"Little Hope, do you think they might have had an accident?" Jade Bell tightened her grip on Hope Williams' hand, looking at her anxiously.

Hope Williams's eyes darkened; she wasn't worried about them having an accident, rather, she was concerned that they might not have returned at all.

As she was thinking this, Maverick Williams's calls came in urgently.

Hope Williams's frown deepened. She answered the call and immediately heard Maverick Williams's roaring voice, "Hope Williams, where did Luna go?"

"Have you lost your mind? Your granddaughter, and you're asking me?"

"Luna is missing! Where did you take her?"

Hope Williams's face grew increasingly serious, "Luna Williams is missing?"

"Stop playing dumb, was it you who kidnapped Luna?" Maverick Williams's voice almost lost its sanity as he questioned Hope Williams.

Hope Williams found it laughable, "Kidnap? Do you think everyone likes playing your kidnapping games?"

"Who else could it be?"

"Why not consider the possibility that she ran away herself? Don't forget, your beloved granddaughter was fixated on my bone marrow and refused to leave to the point of death."

Chapter 529: Chapter 529: Tears Well Up in Eyes

"She ran away by herself?" Maverick Williams immediately turned to Ted Williams, "Right, weren't you supposed to watch her? How did you let her escape?"

Ted Williams immediately lowered his head and said, "She was following right behind me when boarding the plane, but when I turned around, she was gone."

Maverick Williams said angrily, "If anything happens to your sister, I will hold you accountable."

Ted Williams lowered his head, a clear chill flashing in his eyes the moment he did so.

But Maverick Williams did not notice it.

Listening to the voice over the phone, Maverick Williams continued to speak to Hope Williams, "Don't think you're exempt from this, this matter is also inseparably linked to you. If it weren't for your insistence on making Luna leave, she wouldn't have run away. If Luna meets with any misfortune..."

Hope Williams couldn't stand to listen to him anymore and hung up the phone directly.

Jade Bell saw her looking troubled and asked with concern, "Is something wrong with Luna?"

"I don't know, but she should be fine. Maverick Williams and Ted Williams have already gone to look for her. I'll take you home first."

Jade Bell felt uneasy, sensing that something bad was going to happen.

"Hope, could you please send someone to look for Luna?" Jade Bell begged Hope Williams with hopeful eyes.

Hope Williams pursed her lips and nodded in agreement, "Okay."

She too wanted to know where Luna Williams had run off to and hoped to find her quickly.

Not because she feared Luna Williams might come to harm, but because she worried Luna might be plotting something in the shadows, making her unpredictable.

At this moment, Luna Williams, following Ted Williams's instructions, found Linfengmian, who Ted Williams said had mercenaries at his disposal and could help her capture Hope Williams.

"Are you the one Ted Williams was talking about?"

Luna Williams narrowed her eyes; the person sitting in the darkness was indiscernible, with only the contours of their face visible.

Mysterious and unsettling.

Luna Williams swallowed nervously; the room was dark, with only the moonlight streaming through the window providing illumination.

Linfengmian gave a hollow smile, "What do you want to do?"

"I want you to help me capture Hope Williams. Ted Williams said you have mercenaries under your command, name your price, I can pay it."

Linfengmian lifted his hand and gestured a number.

Luna Williams frowned, "What do you mean? You want five million?"

Linfengmian let out a soft chuckle, "Fifty million."

Luna Williams's eyes widened in shock.

“Why don’t you just rob me?”

With fifty million, she could hire many assassins outside.

Linfengmian wasn’t in a hurry, chuckled again, and made a dismissing gesture with his hand, indicating the end of their meeting.

“No! Wait.” Luna Williams took a deep breath, throwing caution to the wind, “Fine, but I don’t have that much right now.”

Luna Williams rummaged through her pockets, pulling out a card and her mobile phone, “I can only give you thirty million for now, the rest after you finish the job.”

Linfengmian smiled, “Okay.”

Luna Williams, seeing him agree, immediately breathed a sigh of relief, “You must capture Hope Williams. I need her bone marrow, as soon as possible.”

“Don’t worry, we will give you a satisfactory result.”

Luna Williams left, feeling satisfied. She needed to find a hospital now; her body couldn’t take it anymore as her vision blurred and she felt so fatigued she was about to collapse.

Linfengmian pulled out his phone to call Ted Williams, “What do you mean by sending her to me?”

“A ready-made scapegoat, why not make use of it? Plus, it lets you make a tidy sum, isn’t that good?”

“Ted Williams, you really know how to scheme, you just want to clear your own name.”

“Mutual benefit, it’s best if both of them stay in Emperor Capital forever.”

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Hope Williams brought Jade Bell home. Hope Williams herself had not had dinner, and Jade Bell had not either, so Hope Williams instructed the housemaid to whip up a few dishes for them to make do.

Upon hearing the commotion downstairs, Luke and Willow knew that Hope Williams had returned; both kids immediately ran down from upstairs.

“Mommy.”

“Mommy.”

Jade Bell's eyes lit up upon seeing the two little ones, "Hope, are these Luke and Willow?"

Hope Williams's eyes were smiling as she brought Luke and Willow to Jade Bell, "Yes, Great Grandmother, this is Luke and Willow. Luke, Willow, say 'Great Grandmother Tah.'

"Great Grandmother Tah." Luke and Willow looked up at Jade Bell with their clear, large eyes, and upon hearing their childlike voices, Jade Bell's heart nearly melted.

"Oh, oh." Watching the two little ones, Jade Bell teared up, unable to resist embracing them in her arms.

"Great Grandmother Tah, why are you crying? Is it because you don't like Luke and Willow?" Willow thoughtfully wiped away Jade Bell's tears with her chubby little hands.

Jade Bell took a deep breath, her mouth curving into a smile, "No, Great Grandmother Tah is both moved and happy."

Luke immediately said, "Great Grandmother Tah should smile when happy."

"Alright, alright. I came in a hurry today and didn't bring you any gifts, I'll make sure to make it up to you next time."

Hope Williams pursed her lips and said, "Grandma, you don't have to act like a stranger, please come sit down."

"Alright." Jade Bell couldn't take her eyes off the two adorable children, clearly showing her affection for Luke and Willow.

"By the way, Luke, Willow, where is Sister Zoey?"

"Sister Zoey said she had something to do... um... she said a brother is chasing her, she has to run... yeah, that's it."

Willow blinked and said.

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Hope Williams's eyes flickered, a brother chasing after her?

It was very likely that this girl didn't tell Joseph Sanders she had come to Emperor Capital, and then Joseph Sanders chased her here.

Zoey Sanders, being unfamiliar with Emperor Capital, would most likely come to her, so Joseph Sanders's first thought was this place.

“Alright then, have you had dinner yet?”

“Yep, we ate, we ate. Willow had two bowls of rice today and didn’t pick at her food.”

“Really? That’s great, Willow.”

Willow’s little face was full of happiness.

“Not true, Willow still didn’t want to eat carrots and greens today.” Luke unceremoniously pierced Willow’s little white lie.

“No, no.” Willow waved her little hands, hastily explaining, “Brother is selling out Willow again, Willow won’t be close with brother next time.”

Willow put her hands on her hips and huffed twice towards Luke.

“Nutrition needs to be balanced. Doesn’t Willow understand?”

“I don’t want to. Only by eating meat can one grow taller.”

Hope Williams couldn’t help but laugh, “Willow, who taught you that you can only grow tall by eating meat?”

“Grandma did.”

Hope Williams reached out to pinch Willow’s increasingly chubby little face; no wonder she had gained so much weight. Recently, she had left Luke and Willow at the old house, and Alitzel Williams must have spoiled them rotten.

Willow liked meat and didn’t like vegetables and fruits. At home, Hope Williams would control her diet to ensure nutritional balance, but Alitzel Williams was happy to spoil them, giving them whatever they wanted.

“Willow, have you forgotten what Mommy taught you? You can’t just eat meat; you need to eat vegetables too for a balanced diet. Brother is right.”

Willow touched her round belly and pouted, “Alright then, Willow will listen to Mommy.”

“Good baby.”

Jade Bell sat on the sofa, looking at this harmonious scene with an unstoppable smile, temporarily forgetting her worries.

“Madam, dinner is ready,” a servant came over to remind.

“Okay, let’s go eat dinner, Grandma.”

Hope Williams rarely delayed dinner this late; she was already so hungry she could feel her stomach on her back.

“Okay.”

Hope Williams, “You two sit here and watch TV for a while; Mommy is going to have dinner first.”

“Mhm, go ahead Mommy.”

Hope Williams took Jade Bell to the dining room.

Jade Bell said meaningfully, “Little Hope, seeing you all happy and joyful puts Grandma at ease. Once we find Luna, Grandma will take her back. Life and death are destined; she can’t continue to interfere with your family’s life anymore.”

Speaking about Luna Williams, Jade Bell’s face was filled with sadness again.

“Also, Little Hope, on behalf of Luna, I apologize to you for what she’s done.”

Hope Williams’s eyes flickered, “You don’t need to apologize for her; what she did is hard to forgive.”

Jade Bell sighed, her eyes welling up with sorrow and helplessness.

“Let’s eat first.” Hope Williams served a piece of sauce-glazed rib to Jade Bell, “Try this, it tastes really good.”

Seeing that Hope Williams didn’t want to talk about Luna Williams, Jade Bell didn’t pursue the topic further.

After dinner, Hope Williams arranged a room for Jade Bell, who initially refused, fearing it would be too much of a disturbance for Hope Williams but eventually had to agree because she couldn’t convince her otherwise.

After arranging things for Jade Bell, Hope Williams brought the two unknowingly tired kids back to the room to sleep.

By the time she was done, it was already nine o’clock.

Hope Williams held her lower back, feeling the soreness there, probably due to the recent exhaustion.

Hope Williams returned to her room where her mobile phone kept ringing incessantly.

Picking up the phone, Hope Williams realized that Waylon Lewis had called her numerous times.

Hope Williams quickly made a video call back, and he answered immediately, the handsome visage of the man appearing on the screen.

Waylon Lewis was standing in front of a window, holding the phone with a slight frown between his brows.

Hope Williams immediately flashed a smile, "I was just with Luke and Willow, and my phone was in the room, sorry about that."

Seeing her, Waylon's worried heart finally settled.

If it hadn't been for the report from the bodyguards at home that Hope Williams had arrived, he would have worried that this little woman had met with some trouble.

Seeing that Waylon Lewis didn't speak, Hope Williams tentatively asked in a soft voice, "Waylon, are you angry?"

"No, just worried about you."

Hope Williams sighed with relief, tilting her head from side to side; her delicate and pretty face full of smiles, "See, I'm fine."

"Hm."

"You were in such a hurry to find me; is there something you want to tell me?"

Looking at Hope Williams's smiling face, Waylon's expression softened a lot, "I just wanted to see you."

"Now that you've seen me, how do you feel?"

"I miss you even more."

Hope Williams, seeing Waylon Lewis's serious expression, couldn't help but smile, "Is that so? That's really difficult to handle."

"You seem rather happy about it?"

"No, where am I happy?" Hope Williams pursed her lips, "You're not here, and I'm not even used to sleeping alone anymore; I'm probably going to have insomnia tonight."

Waylon Lewis's eyebrows twitched slightly, a trace of an unusual look flashing in his eyes.

“What’s the matter?”

“Nothing, go to sleep, I’m hanging up now.”

“Alright.”

Hope Williams hung up the phone, took her sleepwear to the bathroom for a hot bath, and by the time she came out, it was already half past nine. She lay in bed but felt not a bit sleepy.

Maybe it’s because there’s been too much going on recently, messing with her mind, or maybe it’s because Waylon Lewis isn’t here, leaving her without a sense of security. Tossing and turning until nearly eleven o’clock, she still felt no urge to sleep.

Hope Williams, with her eyes closed, yawned several times, forcing herself to sleep.

Just then, the door to the room was quietly pushed open...

The floor was covered with a soft rug, making no sound when stepped on.

But Hope Williams, who hadn’t fallen asleep, still heard the faint sounds of movement.

The room was dark with no lights on, and the curtains were drawn shut, not allowing even a sliver of light, but she could feel something approaching.

Hope Williams’s pupils shrank, and her breathing became a bit heavier.