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Chapter 1601: Wish Fulfilled.

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All of them were stunningly talented individuals, but Lillian had committed an unforgivable sin by killing the emperor. Therefore, White Crow and Black Crow exchanged a cold glance, each seeing the other's guardedness in their eyes. The two brothers' gaze fell upon Stanley standing by the window, looking out at the research institute.

"Stanley," White Crow asked, "what are you thinking about?" "I'm thinking about that man," Stanley replied softly. "He wants to use their promise for something in return..." Of course it was to get them to agree to Selena marrying him! Black Crow thought this instinctively but looking at Stanley's reaction made him feel unsure.

White Crow furrowed his brow and remained silent.

Osvaldo's sudden request was a threat to Stanley. White Crow even had a feeling that Stanley was more wary and concerned about Osvaldo than he was about Lillian.

Why was he so certain that Lillian would lose against Selena?! White Crow wanted to ask but knowing Stanley's personality, he knew better than anyone else not to pry too much into his thoughts.

He looked at the handsome gentle young man in front of him, feeling more and more that the other party couldn't see through him.

Stanley didn't hesitate for long before he smiled, "If nothing unexpected happens, Selena will be able to leave the capital soon.

Once she returns to the empire, everything will be alright..." In the research institute, Robert walked back into the conference room.

All eyes were focused on him, either hopeful or nervous.

Robert calmly sat down on his chair and looked at Selena and Osvaldo across from him. "The Central City has agreed to Mr.

Anderson's request." Hiss There was a sound of countless gasps on site.

The promise from Riddle Group Empire's two people could be said to be worth more than gold or silver mountains. Search The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Selena turned around happily to look at Osvaldo.

Osvaldo looked at the joy on her face and felt a slight relief in his heart.

He had concerns before about Selena's news being sent back to the Federation for so long - God Love had come, Stanley had come, Lillian had come...

Only her parents hadn't shown any signs of movement whatsoever.

One can imagine how anxious and uneasy this little girl must have been.

Despite Selena's assurance that her parents loved her, Osvaldo still worried that they would hurt Selena. Now that they had agreed to his request, Selena felt relieved. Osvaldo smiled slightly and said, "Since this is the case, let's forgive them, Selena." Selena had never planned on keeping the Sacred Pearl for herself. She couldn't help but smile when she thought about how Lillian would have to tell her father and mother about her existence in order to fulfill Osvaldo's request. She even had to be presented in front of everyone at Riddle Group Empire...

At the time, she couldn't deny that her cousin was indeed a remarkable person! Selena lifted up her chin and scanned the room with a sharp gaze. "Since my fiancé isn't pursuing this matter any further, let's put an end to it here." "But I want you all to remember," she continued sternly, "this is the last anyone will use Sacred Pearl against my countrymen. If it happens again, don't blame me for being ruthless!" Diana breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing these words from Selena.

Looking at Selena's eyes revealed a hint of cruelty as long as she could get hold of Sacred Pearl- people in Central City also relaxed their breaths.

Mr. McCoy stood up and asked Turner if he could return Sacred Pearl back to Central City.

Selena stared at Lindsay and asked one last time, "Miss Hall, are you really determined on getting hold of 'Sacred Pearl?'" Lindsay showed no expression on her face as she nodded firmly, "I am determined." Selena smiled and turned to Oscar. "Since Miss Hall insists, then Uncle, please bring out the Sacred Pearl." The crowd was shaken by Selena's words.

Oscar looked deeply at Selena before turning to give orders to the people behind him. The Sacred Pearl had been kept in a research institute since it was lost in Beijing, under Oscar's personal supervision.

Robert had thought about stealing the Sacred Pearl without anyone noticing, but he knew that the chances of success were zero. They had already sacrificed many lives just to get this one chance of taking it out of Queen Elizabeth's palace - and that was when Selena wasn't around.

The research institute where Selena personally guarded made it impossible for them to even think about getting their hands on the Sacred Pearl. Killing Selena would be their only chance.

Robert looked at Selena with a hint of fear in his eyes while she chatted with Osvaldo as if nothing was happening. She seemed like someone who had been blinded by beauty.

Everyone held their breath as several uniformed members from the tribunal walked in holding the Sacred Pearl. All eyes were fixed on this small white bone figurine, and even breathing became difficult for some.

The mechanics present, including those from Central City, almost left their seats as they stared unblinkingly at this tiny "doll"! "This... this is the 'Sacred Pearl?!'" exclaimed a group of mechanics in disbelief as they gazed upon the small, yet powerful object.

Osvaldo also looked up and fixed his gaze on the bone puppet. He had allowed Diana to take it away with her before, leaving it at the research institute to keep Selena close by his side. However, Selena believed that Osvaldo had possession of the "Sacred Pearl" all along.

His young wife had given him the object as a gift and he hadn't bothered to correct her assumption. With Osvaldo's negligence and Selena's misunderstanding, Diana was able to steal credit for Selena's work and become savior.

The "Sacred Pearl" remained locked away at the research institute until now. As Osvaldo stared at it, he couldn't help but feel a sense of anger rise within him when he noticed how similar its face was to that of young Selena's.

It had been a long time since she last saw it herself. She felt conflicted about creating such a successful weapon - one that was too powerful for any mechanic to handle.

The "Sacred Pearl" was undoubtedly an achievement in mechanical engineering but its power bordered on godly proportions - something no mere mortal should possess.

But for an emperor, it would indulge people's desires without limit and inflate their ambitions... which is not entirely a good thing.

Imagine if someone with a cruel heart like Diana were to control the method of opening the "Sacred Pearl," what consequences would it bring? That's why Selena sealed them away after witnessing the power of the "Sacred Pearl" with her own eyes.

If Lillian hadn't stolen it out in order to kill Osvaldo, there might never have been a chance for the "Sacred Pearl" to see the light of day again in Selena's hands.

Selena looked at the "Sacred Pearl," her expression somewhat complex.

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Chapter 1602 Request

Chapter 1602 Request Compared to Selena and Osvaldo, who were looking at the "Sacred Pearl" with complexity and coldness respectively, everyone else on the scene couldn't help but glue their eyes onto it. Especially Diana. She had possessed the "Sacred Pearl" for so long but hated it because she could never find a way to activate it. But now, Lindsay had taught her how to do just that. With the "Sacred Pearl" in her possession, she could immediately kill Selena and all those who had wronged her! And after completing this task, Robert would take her back to Central City where she would be a senior mechanic! It was a one-way ticket to success! Diana's gaze towards the "Sacred Pearl" was filled with sinister excitement.

Lindsay's eyes fell on the "Sacred Pearl," and there was something new in their dark depths.

Robert reminded her, "Miss Hall, you can go retrieve the 'Sacred Pearl' now." Lindsay glanced at Robert. Once she took this step forward, there would be no turning back.

Robert remained stoic as ever.

Lindsay stood up and said firmly: "Hand over the 'Sacred Pearl' to me." Seeing its owner stand up for it made all of the mechanics present even more excited about what they were witnessing.

Oscar turned to look at Selena. She nodded and looked at Lindsay, asking, "What is Miss Hall planning to do after receiving the Sacred Pearl?" Lindsay met Selena's gaze impartially and said, "Before this, some mechanics from H country wanted to give a lecture.

However, they were unable to do so because of those arrogant researchers." "As an apology, I am willing to share some of the structural designs of the Sacred Pearl with them on the spot." With a loud noise- The mechanics present heard this sentence and their eyes became extremely excited in an instant.

Selena smiled and said, "Please go ahead Miss Hall." Lindsay stepped forward in canvas shoes and walked towards the table. She looked at the delicate little bone puppet on it before reaching out her hand.

The people from the court saw Selena nodding her head and no longer had any objections.

She carefully opened the glass safe box and took out Sacred Pearl. [search the website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

At that moment when Lindsay's snow-white hand touched Sacred Pearl, those mechanics present breathed heavily with excitement.

Holding onto Sacred Pearl in her hand while looking up at Selena with calmness written all over her face; Lindsay's temperament was destined for her not having any unnecessary emotions such as awkwardness or embarrassment.

"Miss Turner," she said quietly while looking straight into Selena's eyes. "Before sharing my theory with everyone here today may I request something from you?" Selena responded calmly saying: "Please tell what it is." Lindsay continued staring into Selena's eyes before speaking again: "If I make a very serious mistake that could be fatal would you let die? But can you please...not expel from 717?" Robert's face suddenly tightened, causing confusion among the others present. Although they had heard about yesterday's events, witnessing the respectful attitude of Sacred Pearl's owner towards Selena still shook them to their core. It wasn't until now that they realized there were two super geniuses from Lab 717 sitting in this meeting room. And Miss Turner from H country had truly suppressed Sacred Pearl's owner within 717.

Selena looked at the girl across from her, her slender fingers lightly tapping on the table. Just as Lindsay was about to finish speaking, she said, "As compensation, I will hand over all of my research theories from these years to 717 and even... I can contribute my brain to Lab 717 for free." She paused before continuing, "I can offer my mind as a contribution."

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Chapter 1603: Promise

Chapter 1603: Promise With a loud gasp, the entire room was shocked after Lindsay's statement. Everyone stared at the young girl in the green dress and black hair with horror in their eyes.

While it is true that there are brain transplant surgeries in medicine, they can only be performed on dead bodies and even then, success is not guaranteed. The owner of

"Sacred Pearl" still looked so young, why would she have such an absurd idea? Robert's face turned pale as he glared coldly at Lindsay. However, she ignored his angry gaze and kept her eyes fixed on Selena.

Selena didn't say anything but her gaze became colder for a moment.

Lindsay lowered her eyelashes and said softly: "I know that what I'm doing may upset you or seem unfair to you. It may even seem like I'm trying to take advantage of your kindness but this is all I have to offer... I want freedom." She wanted freedom but didn't want to lose her home. She could only try her best with everything she had to exchange for it.

Selena chuckled: "What do you want?" If Lindsay was so attached to 717 then why would she help Robert go against her? Lindsay looked up at Selena seriously and said: "Freedom." She had pursued only one thing her entire life.

Selena's expression grew colder. [Search The website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

If Lindsay was a pure villain, then cleaning house would be the solution.

But she was sick! She wasn't irredeemable, just controlled and imprisoned by Robert in the spiritual world. Killing her like this would be a pity.

Selena looked at her coldly. "I'll give you one more chance. If you stop now, I won't hold it against you." Lindsay shook her head. "There are things I want to fight for." Selena smiled as she looked at the serious young girl across from her.

Although Lindsay chose to oppose her, it made Selena angry but also proud of Lindsay's pride and strength as the first person who dared to challenge Selena openly in the field of mechanics.

Lindsay respected Selena but also wanted to defeat her.

Looking into Lindsay's eyes, Selena felt an urge for victory that she hadn't felt in a long time. She said to Lindsay, "For our teachers' sake, I promise you." Lindsay blinked and a happy smile appeared on her face as she bowed gratefully towards Selena.

Then Selena added: "Also 717 doesn't need your brain. If you die, I will have someone cremate your body completely." To Selena, the idea of a brain transplant was against the laws of nature. Could a stupid person really become smart just by having a smart person's brain implanted? Selena didn't think so.

Lindsay was thrilled. "Thank you so much," she said before returning to her seat with the Sacred Pearl in hand.

She rubbed her fingers over the bone carving and turned to Diana, who stood nearby with an intense gaze. "As a special researcher invited to Central City and someone who knows how to activate Sacred Pearl by chance, let Miss Barrett demonstrate it for everyone." Lindsay handed over the Sacred Pearl to Diana, whose eyes turned crimson as she accepted it. At that moment, Robert and Freddie sitting at the edge of the conference room both held their breaths tightly.

Selena watched calmly without any sign of nervousness or intervention as Diana grasped onto this exquisite bone puppet and after a moment suddenly looked up at her with an unwavering stare.

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Chapter 1604 Unexpected Accident

Chapter 1604 Unexpected Accident Selena raised an eyebrow, her expression turning into a smirk. Compared to her carefree attitude, the others sitting next to her beeguarded. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Patrick said coldly, "Miss Diana, if Selena loses even a strand of hair today, I guarantee that you won't be able to leave this conference room alive!" Diana wasn't afraid at all. Selena and the Turner family were prestigious figures, but among those seated around them was the owner of "Sacred Pearl," a prominent guest in central city.

In their eyes, Osvaldo was insignificant... and what about Selena? Her hand slowly caressed "Sacred Pearl," and she wore an excited smile on her face. She had waited too long for this moment! As soon as she opened "Sacred Pearl," she could kill Selena and finally release years of pent-up resentment! Diana watched Selena carefully while manipulating "Sacred Pearl" with anticipation for any sign of nervousness or fear from her target.

But what made Diana furious was that even at this critical juncture, there wasn't the slightest hint of anxiety or fear on Selena's face. She glanced down at Diana with disdain before looking away again as if she were nothing more than a speck of dust.

Diana's eyes turned red with anger as she tightened her grip on "Sacred Pearl." Following Lindsay's instructions precisely, she prepared to open it and use it to kill Selena! Once she killed that wretched woman, there would be no more arrogance from her! At this moment, everyone's attention was focused on the "Sacred Pearl", eagerly waiting for Diana to open it and witness the power of this masterpiece, which is hailed as the pinnacle of mechanical history.

Robert clenched his fingers.

Freddie's forehead broke out in cold sweat.

Everyone was waiting, anticipating.

In a dead silence, Diana completed the final step with a vicious look and hopeful eyes according to Lindsay's instructions.

Then-- Her proud expression froze in an instant.

Lindsay saw Diana's expression and her eyes flickered with a hint of darkness. She withdrew her gaze from Diana and met Selena's gaze instead.

Sure enough-- This was a war between her and Selena.

Thinking of this, Lindsay's calm emotions suddenly boiled over into intense desire for victory. A thick sense of competitiveness appeared in her eyes as she looked at Selena - that overly fair face injected with kind of strange radiance. She licked her lips provocatively and smiled silently saying "Your Majesty, please teach more." Even though Selena was the number one person in the mechanical field, she would not lose! Robert noticed a change in Lindsay's demeanor and turned to see the young girl with a determined look, her eyes fixed on Selena across from them.

Robert's finger twitched.

Would it ultimately be necessary for Lindsay to take matters into her own hands and kill off Selena's beliefs? Robert remembered that Lindsay had said if she succeeded today, she would sacrifice herself as an apology to Selena. But if she failed, Selena wouldn't spare her! She would still die; only this time, she wouldn't be exiled from 717! Robert felt uneasy and gave Diana a sharp glance. As expected of useless trash! Diana's expression froze as beads of sweat rolled down her forehead. Why wasn't there any reaction yet? She had followed Lindsay's instructions strictly and started "Sacred Pearl," but why was it still lifeless like it had been for months?!

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Chapter 1605: Reason

Chapter 1605: Reason Diana was in a panic. She held the "Sacred Pearl" like a fool and stood frozen in place. After a long period of silence, the people in the conference room gradually cback to their senses.

They looked at Diana's guilty and trembling expression, as if they understood something. The expectation in their eyes gradually faded away.

Selena laughed shamelessly, "Miss Hall, you really overestimated this Miss Diana. Besides having a vicious heart, she is useless when it comes to mechanics." Diana's face twisted instantly, but she couldn't spare any resentment towards Selena. She couldn't open the "Sacred Pearl," nor could she kill Selena. How could anyone from Central City protect her? Even without turning around, she could feel Freddie's gaze on her body filled with endless anger and killing intent after losing all her value to him.

No need to ask; even if Selena didn't make a move on her own accord, Freddie would tear her apart! Diana turned pale like a dying fish with wide-open eyes full of fear that told everyone that she really couldn't open the "Sacred Pearl"! Whispers started around them.

"The owner of 'Sacred Pearl' can't teach it properly herself! This fool Diana has embarrassed herself!" "She not only embarrassed herself but also our H Country Research Institute!" "I can't believe I waited so long for this, and this is her confidence?! I really doubt if she actually closed the 'Sacred Pearl', otherwise how could she be so incompetent?!" Diana was pierced to the core by Selena's last words. She stared at Selena in horror, moving her mouth but unable to speak.

Amidst the dead silence, Lindsay nodded. "It seems that Miss Diana really can't learn." "Well then, let personally demonstrate for everyone," Lindsay said as she stood up again and walked towards Diana. She extended her hand towards Diana and said, "Give back the 'Sacred Pearl.'" Diana looked at that white hand. What Lindsay wanted wasn't just the "Sacred Pearl", but also Diana's life! Diana shook her head frantically with red eyes. "Miss Hall, please give another chance... I can definitely open the "Sacred Pearl..." Lindsay tilted her head and looked at Diana seriously. "It's useless; you'll never be able to open it in your lifetime." The fact that even following Selena's instructions couldn't open it meant one thing: when Selena closed off the "Sacred Pearl", she made changes to its internal structure.

Not only could Diana not open it, even Selena couldn't be 100% sure of opening it herself. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

That monarch was truly waiting quietly for them to kill her.

Diana was filled with despair as she yelled with red eyes: "No! I cannot fail; it cannot happen..." As she spoke, Diana was about to lose control and smash the "Sacred Pearl" in her hand.

Lindsay frowned, standing behind Diana with two bodyguards from downtown. They immediately stepped forward and snatched the "Sacred Pearl" from her hands as she screamed in agony. They cleaned it up and respectfully handed it over to Lindsay.

Lindsay regained possession of the "Sacred Pearl." Meanwhile, Diana was being held by the two bodyguards on one side.

Lindsay walked back to her seat with the "Sacred Pearl," looking at Selena.

At this moment, not only were members of the Turner family nervous but even Osvaldo who was closest to Selena couldn't control his nerves.

Diana wasn't a threat at all; she was just a pawn in this game.

Lindsay had actually activated the power of the "Sacred Pearl" before and almost succeeded in killing Osvaldo.

Selena sat calmly without flinching or avoiding eye contact with Lindsay's gaze as she rubbed her fingers over the surface of "Sacred Pearl" while smiling serenely at Selena. She looked at Selena and said softly, "I'm sorry I have to do this myself - kill you." Everyone gasped when Lindsay made that statement. The members of The Tribunal reflexively raised their guns towards Lindsay. Robert's face first tightened then relaxed again as he realized there is no longer any need for secrecy or hiding anything.

"We did it, Selena, Osvaldo. We'll die here together," he said.

But they failed. He and Lindsay died at Selena's hands.

There was no need to hide anymore.

Selena's voice followed soon after, "Put the gun down. You're no match for her." Lindsay had enough on her to destroy anyone who tried to shoot her first.

If Selena wasn't there, she could kill everyone in the room if she wanted to! Were the geniuses of Lab 717 really that simple? Their minds were the most terrifying thing in this world! Oscar stared at Lindsay for a few seconds before waving his hand.

The people from the tribunal took back their guns.

Many experts from Zone Six frowned collectively behind their screens.

"What does this mean?" they asked those from Central City.

"You've gone too far by openly killing our director at H Country Research Institute!" they accused Central City of responsibility for what happened in H Country Research Institute. Robert ignored H Country's accusations completely while researchers from Central City looked confused and panicked.

Mr. McCoy stood up abruptly, "Mr. Hall, Miss Hall, what are you doing?!" Lindsay ignored the questioning voices and just looked at Selena. Selena returned her gaze with a smile, "Miss Hall wants to kill me, there must be a reason for it?" Lindsay answered seriously, "As Mr. McCoy has already told you earlier, the reason is that you look like the former queen of Central City." Robert was taken aback by this answer and glared at

Lindsay. She was blatantly dragging Lillian down with her! Despite his warning glance, Lindsay continued, "This is the most fair way to handle things." She didn't like unfairness; it made her uncomfortable.

In today's assassination attempt, if Selena and Osvaldo died then they would no longer pose any threat to Lillian's throne. And if they failed then Lillian would have a legitimate reason to go after Selena and Osvaldo.

The risk and reward were equal for both sides.

Selena raised an eyebrow with a half-smile on her face, "So because I look like the former queen of Central City who happens to be the current heir apparent's biggest threat to ascending to power... that's why she sent you guys here to kill me?" Lindsay nodded solemnly, "Yes." The H-country people present may not have understood but all of Central City's researchers had black expressions on their faces upon hearing this reasoning.

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Chapter 1606 Trust Me

Chapter 1606 Trust Me Mr. McCoy shouted angrily, "Mr. Hall, Miss Hall, this is just a misunderstanding. Please stop your ridiculous behavior immediately! Oscar spoke coldly, "I am the daughter of the Turner family and grew up in H country. Her father is my second brother and her mother is Nevaeh from Riddle Group." "This is a well-known fact in H country!" Patrick's face turned cold, "Selena's face is completely inherited from her mother. Nevaeh comes from Riddle Group and the current heiress of Riddle Group looks very similar to Selena." "Riddle Group also had an adopted daughter who was executed for committing a crime but she still bears some resemblance to Selena." "Does Central City want to kill every woman who looks like your queen?!" The two heads of the Turner family became angry on the spot while the researchers at Central City were sweating profusely.

Robert finally spoke up, "We only want Miss Turner's life!" Osvaldo's eyes turned icy as he smirked slightly, "Unfortunately, I want both you and Miss Lillian's lives!" With one sentence Osvaldo brought the already tense atmosphere to its peak. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

The researchers at Central City looked at Osvaldo in shock as they suddenly remembered that it was their people who had first wanted to kill someone else's wife! Feeling guilty they couldn't say anything nasty but could only look back and forth between Robert & Lindsay and Selena & Osvaldo anxiously like ants on a hot pot.

Robert met Osvaldo's murderous gaze with his fingers tightening around something showing anger in his eyes.

This Dark Emperor really did have what it takes to kill Lillian... If Selena dies here then there will definitely be chaos within our empire! "So, he had to die with Selena!" The atmosphere was as still as a frozen film. The opposing energies between Osvaldo and Robert were so intense that many people didn't even dare to breathe loudly. In the suffocating silence, Lindsay spoke again, "Sacred Pearl" will stay in the capital for six months. With your abilities, you can make 99% of people shy away from her, but among them--" "Not including me!" With Lindsay's words came a clear movement of her slender fingers that caused the bone puppet in Diana's hand to emit a sound.

"Click"--everyone who heard this sound turned pale.

Almost instinctively, Osvaldo wanted to protect Selena in his arms. Selena patted his hand and turned to look at Lindsay with a light laugh. "You have improved quite a bit, but unfortunately--" "You are still far from using 'Sacred Pearl' to kill me!" Currently in this world, besides Selena, only Lindsay has the ability to activate "Sacred Pearl." When Selena closed it before she used it for one minute; however opening it is much earlier than expected for Lindsay.

Lindsay did not look at the "Sacred Pearl" on her hand and said to Selena, "Please teach me more!" Her movements became more apparent as everyone watched helplessly while the exquisite bone puppet began changing its appearance revealing its inner workings.

As everyone watched in awe, the small bone puppet revealed its terrifyingly beautiful side before their eyes. Even fear was forgotten.

Many of the mechanics present unconsciously left their seats and stared at Lindsay's "Sacred Pearl" in amazement. Their breathing even became still.

At this moment, everyone suddenly understood why this killing tool was called "Sacred Pearl"! When it quietly slept in its owner's palm, it was an uncommon work of art. But when it revealed its ferocity and power within, it could help its owner eliminate anyone they wanted to kill! A group of mechanics stared directly at more and more stunning mechanical devices being exposed and murmured to themselves: "This is a miracle..." "Space folding technology... has it really become a reality on Earth?!" Everyone watched as the bone puppet on Lindsay's face seemed to be given some kind of life by her delicate hands. It transformed from a small creature into something beautiful, fierce, and powerful - like a young beast waiting to break free from its cage so that it could ruthlessly tear apart everything before them! After seeing the true face of the Sacred Pearl, no one would doubt that it could ignore all defenses and invisibly kill any target that it desired! Those fortunate enough to witness this scene today were trembling even in their souls. At the same time, they also felt a strong sense of despair...

So this was the gap between them and Lab 717's genius?! Diana's face was ashen. She had never seen the process of opening and closing the "Sacred Pearl" before. If she had known how powerful and terrifying it was, would she have dared to take credit for Selena's work? No, she wouldn't have.

Compared to the scientific technology displayed by the "Sacred Pearl," her knowledge and abilities were too shallow. This treasure was something that even if she spent her entire life trying, she could never successfully touch even a corner of it. She didn't have that kind of ability or courage.

At this moment, Diana finally realized a harsh reality: The "Sacred Pearl" wasn't a tool for her success but rather a death sentence for her. And because of her greediness, she had caused harm to the entire Shaw family...

Diana collapsed onto the ground in despair as Patrick's expression changed upon seeing the "Sacred Pearl" grow larger and larger. He shouted at Selena to leave immediately but Selena shook her head.

"It's no use," Selena said calmly. "As long as I'm within five kilometers' radius, I won't be able to escape from "Sacred Pearl"s hunt." Meanwhile, Lindsay had already opened up more than half of Sacred Pearl; all it would take is another thirty seconds before its deadly power would be unleashed.

The members of The Turner family quickly gathered around their masters in an attempt to protect them from harm while facing off against those from The Trial Court who were readying themselves for battle with weapons drawn...

Oscar clenched his fingers without making a sound. In the midst of an eerie silence, Selena turned to look at Osvaldo. Although there was no expression on his face, his grip on her hand was already tight.

He was afraid...

Selena thought for a moment. If it were Osvaldo who faced mortal danger at this moment, she wouldn't be calm either.

So Selena smiled at Osvaldo and said, "Trust me." In the mechanical field, no one could surpass her! This was both confidence and pride! Osvaldo looked at Selena's radiant eyes and breathed a sigh of relief.

His little wife was the true owner of "Sacred Pearl"! In today's mechanical world, the most supreme existence-

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Chapter 1607: I Lost.

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"She said that if he trusted her, it meant she had absolute confidence in herself. This was her domain. Trust her." Osvaldo relaxed as he held Selena's hand and looked over at Lindsay across from them. They were just one small step away from fully activating the "Sacred Pearl". Lindsay's dark, focused eyes were fixed on the intricate and fearsome machinery in her hands, with countless theoretical calculations flashing through her mind at lightning speed. Her slender fingers moved quickly to manipulate the device based on these calculations - a process that no outsider could understand or replicate. Every time the "Sacred Pearl" was activated, it required vast amounts of theoretical knowledge and structural framework to support its activator in calculating everything needed for a successful activation.

If there really were straightforward steps to follow, why did only Lindsay and Dante have the ability to study it within Lab 717? Other geniuses had tried but given up after just one attempt; their brains simply couldn't handle such intense computational power.

What Lindsay taught Diana before was based on guesswork and inference from when she last activated the "Sacred Pearl".

From the very beginning, Diana knew that she couldn't succeed. [Search the website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

At this moment, even Lindsay's abilities were causing her to break out in a cold sweat.

Her eyes were fixed on the "Sacred Pearl" in her hand. With just one more step, it would open.

Robert's tense nerves relaxed for a moment.

The members of the tribunal had already prepared themselves for death.

In any case, they could not let Miss Turner from the Turner family die here! As they watched the "Sacred Pearl" about to break free from its restraints and attack, many researchers couldn't bear to watch and covered their eyes while screaming in terror.

Selena narrowed her eyes slightly.

And at this critical moment, Lindsay suddenly stopped moving.

She looked down at the "Sacred Pearl" that was only one step away from success and suddenly stopped in its tracks without warning or explanation.

Robert noticed something was wrong and quickly turned his sharp gaze towards her. "What's going on?" he asked.

Lindsay slowly lifted her head and stared at Selena across from her. In that instant, those emotionless eyes finally showed some signs of life as she softly said: "I lost..." A smirk appeared on Selena's lips as she exuded an air of dominance and elegance between her brows: "I'm sorry but you can't win." The reason why Lab 717 agreed to give up research on the "Sacred Pearl" earlier was because they wanted to select talented individuals for their team.

Knowing that someone used it for evil, killed her husband, how could Selena still generously give others a chance? In the silent conference room, because of these two sentences, it seemed to fall into some kind of vacuum.

Everyone stared blankly at the two young girls facing each other and couldn't make any expressions.

After witnessing such a confrontation and competition with their own eyes, everyone present couldn't even feel despair.

Because neither Selena nor Lindsay is an entity that can be judged.

Robert's face suddenly tightened. "Why?!" It was only one step away. He didn't believe Lindsay couldn't figure it out.

Lindsay looked at Selena and smiled slightly. "I figured it out but it doesn't matter because..."

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Chapter 1608 - You'Re Wrong.

Chapter 1608 - You're wrong.

"Biogenetic technology, unless I can get Miss Turner's genetic code, no one can unlock the final step of 'Sacred Pearl'," Lindsay originally wanted to say "Your Majesty", but suddenly remembered Selena's current identity and changed her words carefully.

Almost as soon as Lindsay finished speaking, Robert suddenly raised his hand and held a gun in it.

The gun was aimed at Selena and he was about to pull the trigger. However, Osvaldo on the opposite side quickly threw a knife.

The sharp tip of the knife accurately pierced Robert's palm, knocking off his gun.

At almost the same moment, everyone in the courtroom rushed forward and pointed their guns at Lindsay and Robert.

People in central city also aimed their weapons at Selena and Osvaldo simultaneously.

The atmosphere froze instantly. Everyone looked at this tense scene without daring to breathe heavily.

In dead silence, Selena let out a light laugh. She elegantly leaned back and looked at Lindsay. "You lost." Lindsay lowered her eyelids and was convinced, "In this field, Jin Yu and I... Always one step behind you." Selena smiled. "Good." Then, suddenly, she raised her gun, pointed it at Robert, and pulled the trigger repeatedly.

Bang, bang, bang -- After four consecutive snatches, Robert's limbs went limp and bloody.

The people in the city center instinctively reached for their guns, but were suddenly hit by bullets coming from outside the window, striking them fatally.

With no one to stop her, the members of the court rushed forward and caught Robert and Lindsay.

In an instant, only the old researcher remained in the city center, sitting there bewildered.

Everyone looked on in horror at Selena's face filled with murderous intent. Their hearts jumped to their throats.

Robert was a member of the city center too. And yet Selena had killed him... H Country would get into big trouble because of this! But looking at Selena's dark and cold eyes, no one dared to speak up against her at this moment. No one dared! As they watched that imposing woman with her eyes full of killing intent, they felt a shiver run down their spines from deep within their souls.

Even though he was badly injured and disheveled, Robert still stood tall with his back straight as he looked at Selena and smiled.

"Killing me won't do you any good." Selena looked at his cold expression and suddenly laughed softly before calmly handing over her gun to Leia who stood beside her.

Taking the handkerchief she handed him, Robert wiped his hands clean while keeping his guard up. He knew what kind of person she was; she wouldn't resort to simple methods! Looking down on him from above with a mocking smile on her lips, Selena said: "Lillian is your faith - your most treasured person - for whom you're willing to bear

such heavy guilt... But I wonder how far she'll go for you?" Robert suddenly realized what Selena was about to do, and all the calm on his face was shattered in an instant. "No! You'll kill me! Kill me!" How could he tolerate witnessing the failure and humiliation of the one he considered his faith? He even bowed down to Selena for him...

Selena looked at him with satisfaction as she watched his expression crumble. "I will let your master redeem you personally!" Robert glared at Selena resentfully.

But Selena ignored him, waving her hand as the members of the court instantly put special restraints on Robert.

Her gaze then fell upon Lindsay.

Lindsay's expression remained calm without a ripple, silently watching Selena and waiting for her execution.

Selena spoke coldly, "You will be a threat to me if you live." Lillian would never let go of such a powerful ally like Lindsay.

And Lindsay insisted on opposing her by helping Robert.

Keeping Lindsay alive would bring her great trouble! Lindsay probably already guessed this outcome long ago and calmly said, "I never thought about showing mercy to your subordinates, so there's no need for you to show mercy to mine." Hearing Lindsay's words, Robert's face changed drastically. "Kill me and spare her!" But Lindsay remained indifferent towards Robert's words.

The others in the central city finally regained their composure after the shock. Seeing this situation, Mr. McCoy couldn't help but stand up.

"Miss Turner, Miss Hall is a genius of Lab 717 and even the head of 717. You killed her just like that, aren't you afraid of retaliation from Lab 7172!" Although Robert and Lindsay were at fault first, there was still room for maneuver according to the strong power of the central city.

Once Selena really killed Robert and Lindsay, retaliation from both Central City and Lab 717 would be enough to make H country panic.

In such a communication field, there is no such thing as fairness; strength represents everything.

Selena smiled. "What if it's Lab 717? Won't they retaliate against me because of her?" Mr. McCoy faced Selena's cold face with his words stuck in his throat.

Perhaps it was because Selena's face was too much like that dead queen that Mr. McCoy couldn't say anything too extreme to that face.

He turned his gaze towards Oscar. "Mr. Turner, this matter is indeed not right for Central City; I promise that after Central City has dealt with it properly, we will give H country a satisfactory explanation." "But whether it's Mr. Hall or Miss Hall, their status in Central City is unique." "Central City will never sit idly by and let them die here--" "Please persuade Miss Turner to spare them; I can guarantee that Central City's compensation will definitely satisfy Miss Turner!" Oscar glanced at Selena and said lightly: "They failed this time but there will be another time." "The Turner family has no reason to forgive those who openly kill our daughter!" Mr. McCoy choked up because even he could not guarantee that Robert or Lindsay would not try again on Selena next time around." Under duress, Mr. McCoy could only maintain a strong stance. "Have you all thought this through? Mr. Hall is the deputy official of our central city administration, and Miss Hall is the owner of Lab 717!" "If they die here, are you sure you can handle the retaliation from both Central City and Lab 717?!" The scene fell silent.

But perhaps because they were used to Selena's strategic brilliance and knew that she never fought without certainty, even though they knew that Mr. McCoy had a point, no one spoke up to persuade Selena. Search the (F)indNOvel.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Come on! Just for someone who looks like the deceased queen of Riddle Group's empire, they openly killed their research institute director. Even someone with a good temper would be angered by this.

Let alone asking Selena to swallow this bitter fruit in silence.

No one had such courage.

Selena's lips curved slightly. "Professor McCoy, you're wrong." Mr. McCoy reluctantly turned his gaze back to Selena...

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Chapter 1609: Lab 717, Someone Is Coming!

Chapter 1609: Lab 717, someone is coming! "Miss Turner, I'm not exaggerating!" "Whether it's the city center or Lab 717, their retaliation is something you can't handle!" Selena chuckled. "I haven't tried yet. How do you know I can't handle it?" Mr. McCoy closed his eyes and finally got angry. "Let's not talk about the city center for now, just Sacred Pearl alone belongs to Lab 717!" "And Sacred Pearl is just one of many things in Lab 717. Its strength is unmatched even by the research institute in the city center." "Bruno and others' love and value for Miss Lindsay are well known." "If the owner of Sacred Pearl dies in H-country research institute, no one can predict what Lab 717 will do!" "At that time, not only you but everyone present will have to bear its wrath!" Mr. McCoy looked at Selena's indifferent face and turned to look at a group of big shots

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"Have you really thought this through? Do you want to openly challenge both City Center and Lab 717 for Miss Turner?" Many big shots from District Six didn't look too good.

Lindsay and Robert's actions were obvious to all, so they were naturally angry.

But they couldn't ignore the bigger picture.

Even if Mr. McCoy's words weren't pleasant to hear, they were still true.

The H-country research institute doesn't have enough power to fight against those two major forces.

Once Lindsay and Robert really died here, Central City and Lab 717 would both strike at the same time, and H Country couldn't afford it.

The higher-ups always put the overall situation first.

So even though they knew it was unfair to Selena, even though they were suffocating with grievances, they had to grit their teeth and persuade her.

Sidney took a deep breath. "Oscar, let the Turner family think about this." Oscar lowered his eyes and tapped his long fingers on the table without saying a word.

Obviously, everything was left for Selena to decide on her own.

Selena's lips curled slightly. "Mr. McCoy, are you threatening me?" "It's not just a threat," Mr. McCoy sighed regretfully as he looked at her face. "It's just how things are." "Although you look like our queen in Central City and have the same name as her... you have a different fate!" "If you were really our queen in Central City, whether it was Mr. Hall's family or Lab 717 behind Miss Lindsay dared to assassinate the queen... they would be destroyed by one word from the empire!" "But unfortunately, you're not her so all you can do is swallow your anger!" Selena's dark eyes flickered as she seemed to think of something before suddenly lowering her lashes.

Osvaldo noticed that Selena was feeling uneasy so he held onto her hand and whispered softly: "Are you upset?" His little wife should have been the most respected woman in this world but because of those evil spirits out there she had been wandering around outside suffering countless grievances.

Selena looked up and smiled at him, speaking in a soft voice. "I was just thinking about how I used to live so recklessly and arrogantly." Osvaldo held her close and said gently, "Once you're back in that position, everything will be okay." Hearing about Selena's past

life only made Osvaldo feel more sorry for her current situation. He vowed to lift her up and protect her from any harm.

As the couple whispered to each other, others assumed they were discussing compensation matters.

Both sides breathed a sigh of relief in the meeting room. As long as Selena was willing to compromise, there was still room for negotiation.

After hearing Osvaldo's comforting words, Selena's mood lifted again.

Robert saw this scene unfold and let out a small sigh of relief. With Selena's current status, she couldn't openly kill him without consequences. But if he survived today's meeting, he could find a way out eventually.

Once they left the conference room, it wouldn't be easy for Selena to catch him again.

This was the best outcome after their failed assassination attempt - Lillian would no longer have to suffer under Selena's threats! Robert looked at Selena, with a slight sense of relief in his eyes.

He was relieved that Selena was currently alone and didn't have the qualifications to challenge Lillian head-on.

As for the grievances she faced, given her current status, she could only swallow her pride and endure it silently.

Compared to Robert's relaxed demeanor, Lindsay kept her head down and had an expressionless face. It was hard to tell what she was thinking.

Selena turned her head and stared at Robert and Lindsay across from her. She was about to speak when suddenly the door of the conference room burst open from outside.

"Dean! Outside... outside..." A young researcher wearing a white coat rushed in, pointing outside with red eyes. His expression couldn't be described as either fear or excitement as he struggled to get his words out.

Selena's lips curled into a mocking smile as she glanced at Robert before slowly turning towards the young researcher. "What happened outside?" Upon meeting Selena's gaze, Robert felt his heart sink suddenly realizing that Selena might have some last resort up her sleeve! The young researcher took a deep breath upon seeing Selena's calm face before finally managing to speak clearly. "Lab 717! A lot of big shots from Lab 717 are outside!" Suddenly there was chaos in the conference room! Some researchers who lacked composure fell off their chairs on hearing this news.

"Lab 717... they're here?!" "Are you sure you're not mistaken? Are they really people from Lab 717?" The researcher nodded quickly, "It can't be wrong! I saw it with my own eyes, Principal Bruno!" Robert's heart sank to the bottom of his chest. He stared at Selena tightly, "So that's how it is!" The H Country researchers couldn't afford retaliation from both Central City and Lab 717. But what if Lab 717 openly sided with the H Country Research Institute? In a situation where Central City was in the wrong and wanted to resolve this peacefully, it was almost impossible! In the end, as Selena said, she would have Lillian come personally to redeem him! Lindsay had been calm all along but after hearing this sentence her face visibly paled.

Compared to these two insiders who knew what was going on, everyone else panicked completely after hearing this sudden news. "Is Lab 717 here to settle accounts with us?" "We just caught the owner of 'Sacred Pearl', and then Lab 717 sent people over..." The people from Central City Research Institute breathed a sigh of relief. If Lab 717 came over they wouldn't tolerate anything happening to Lindsay; now that Selena has made concessions it became an absolute certainty.

Diana's face which had been ashen suddenly seemed like she grabbed onto her last straw...

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Chapter 1610: Unreliable At First Glance!

Chapter 1610: Unreliable at first glance! Diana's face lit up with excitement and joy. She knew that everyone present could see her desire to kill Selena. After Lindsay and Robert's situation was resolved, it was now her turn to be held accountable. There was no doubt that she faced a dead end.

The only thing that could save her was the Center City and Lab 717! If she could make a name for herself in front of Lindsay, Lab 717 might take her along out of respect for Lindsay...

Diana clung to this faint hope as she looked up at the door of the conference room. All eyes were fixed on it, some nervous, some excitedly anticipating what would happen next.

The door swung open and a group of distinguished scientists walked in, varying in age but all exuding an air of sophistication.

Leading them was a foreign man wearing gold-rimmed glasses with refined features and elegant demeanor. He wore an immaculate white coat with his hands tucked into his pockets; blonde hair and blue eyes gave him an intellectual look.

It was none other than Bruno, the renowned founder of Lab 717 who also happened to be one of the world's top university presidents! "My goodness... it really is President Bruno..." "The bigwigs from Lab 717 have actually come..." Everyone stared blankly at these people before them until Selena caught sight of her mentor whom she hadn't seen in ages; a faint smile appeared on her lips.

Bruno walked in and immediately saw his little darling among those present.

As she grew older, Selena gained a little weight and her complexion improved greatly. She no longer looked as cold as before...

In short, there were significant changes.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that it was like two different people. [SEARCH the website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

When Bruno observed Selena, he naturally didn't overlook the hand around her waist. His attention then shifted to Osvaldo standing next to Selena.

At first glance...

He was annoying! Second glance...

He looked too attractive and couldn't be trusted at first sight! Third glance...

This guy dared to touch his precious girl in public!! Bruno was about to explode when a piercing woman's voice suddenly entered his ears, breaking the frozen atmosphere in the conference room.

"Principal Bruno, you came just in time. Someone wants to kill the owner of 'Sacred Pearl!'" The words that were about to come out of Bruno's mouth suddenly stopped as he dangerously narrowed his eyes and looked towards the speaker. "What did you say?!" The other people in the conference room were also shocked by this statement. They looked at Diana, who had spoken out publicly, and wished they could tear apart this cruel and overbearing woman! "This freeloading scumbag!" Diana didn't care about anything else at the moment. Under Bruno's intense pressure, she continued to say, "I'm telling the truth.

Miss Turner publicly attacked the owner of 'Sacred Pearl and even threatened to kill him here!" "If you don't believe me, you can ask those old researchers from Central City. If you come any later, your beloved student will die here!" Before Bruno arrived, he didn't know what had happened here. Selena suddenly called him and asked him to come here.

Bruno knew very well that his student wouldn't bother him unless there was something serious going on. And because Selena deliberately concealed it from him, Bruno didn't know that Miss Turner mentioned by Diana was his little darling.

He only heard someone dared to kill his little darling and his eyes instantly became murderous as he looked at the researchers from Central City behind them.

The few researchers from Central City breathed a sigh of relief when they saw Bruno's reaction with 717 people behind him.

Mr. McCoy nodded, "Indeed... but your student and Central City are also at fault in this matter..." "As long as H country doesn't pursue it further we can discuss it further." Bruno understood Selena's temperament very well; he basically did not expect her to cause trouble. He was quite familiar with his little darling's "trouble-prone constitution." As soon as the young girl stepped out, there were bound to be some jerks who wanted to bully her! Bruno adjusted his glasses and asked coldly, "What did my little baby do wrong? What made you all dare to attack her in public?!" Seeing Bruno getting angry, Diana's face lit up. She knew she had played her cards right and immediately said, "Your student didn't do anything wrong. It was all Miss Turner's fault. She was arrogant and disrespectful with her words which provoked the owner of 'Sacred Pearl' to teach her a lesson..." Diana's twisted words made everyone present feel disgusted.

Patrick said coldly, "If you say another word, I'll kill you on the spot!" Diana met many murderous eyes but for survival reasons she couldn't stop now.

She knew that even if she kept quiet these people wouldn't let her go.

This was Diana's only chance at survival! Therefore, Diana not only didn't stop but became more aggressive.

"I'm not wrong! If Selena hadn't beaten up the downtown researcher and provoked Miss Hall then how could Miss Hall have used 'Sacred Pearl' against Selena?!" "What is Miss Hall's identity?! And what about Selena?! How dare she disrespect Miss Hall openly and question her authority forcing Miss Hall to bow down before her! Of course she should expect retaliation!" Bruno listened carefully but felt something wasn't quite right.

He looked around then saw Lindsay sitting across from Selena with a group of guns pointed at them making Lindsay look pale.

And on top of that table lay 'Sacred Pearl', about to be opened! Bruno asked coldly, "What is going on here?!" Lindsay's delicate body trembled, but she couldn't find the words to speak.

Behind Bruno, a sophisticated female researcher stepped forward and frowned at Lindsay. "Anna, what are you doing here? And what is this 'Sacred Pearl' business?" Lindsay's mouth moved, but no words came out.

Diana saw that Lindsay wasn't speaking and started shouting again. "Principal Bruno, let me explain. 'Sacred Pearl' was lost in H country due to an accident before. Miss Lindsay came to the research institute in H country to retrieve it..." "But Selena repeatedly obstructed her and even beat up people under Lindsay's command just to prevent her from taking back 'Sacred Pearl.'" "She even dared to attack Lindsay publicly on Turner family territory when all Lindsay wanted was for everyone to see the power of 'Sacred Pearl.'" "And then Selena accused Miss Lindsay of trying to kill her and had her arrested with the intention of executing her!" Diana finished speaking with a flurry of words that made the H country people present want nothing more than tear apart her mouth.

Bruno's temples throbbed as he took a deep breath...

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Chapter 1611 - The Little Ancestor of 717 Bruno's temples throbbed as he took a deep breath. "Before we arrived, Lindsay was using the Sacred Pearl to... kill Miss Turner, also known as Selena?" Diana looked at Bruno's angry expression and assumed he believed her words. Her fury was directed towards Selena, so she didn't hesitate to say, "That's right. But if Selena hadn't offended Miss Hall so much, how could Miss Hall have targeted her?!" If it weren't for the fact that people from Central City and Lab 717 were present, all of the H-country people on site would have rushed forward to tear Diana apart! Her black-and-white testimony had truly pushed Selena and H-country into a precarious position.

Everyone knew that Bruno was protective of his own interests. Given his favoritism towards the owner of Sacred Pearl, he would definitely believe Diana! Selena wouldn't have another chance to speak up even if she had reason on her side.

Both Central City and Lab 717 needed a reason to put this matter to rest once and for all.

Diana was such an idiot; she had given them an excuse on a silver platter and caused trouble for both Selena and H-country! Several military academy students from Union University were furious.

"We should've just let this vicious woman die in the forest!" "In front of these H-country people? She might as well be a traitor! If something really happens later on, no one better stop me from killing her while chaos reigns!" Naturally, Diana saw those eyes

filled with hatred aimed at her but didn't care about anything else except staying alive. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Judging by Bruno's expression alone - clearly filled with venomous hatred towards Selena - Diana knew that she had given Lab 717 and Central City enough reasons to go after her. They wouldn't abandon her now because they owed it all to what she'd done in turning around their unfavorable situation against H-country.

The researchers at Central City exchanged glances; although they felt somewhat guilty towards both H-country and Miss Turner, they could only agree with Diana's statement in order to protect Robert and Lindsay: "President Bruno... what Miss Barrett said is indeed true." The downtown city and Lab 717...

Everyone in H country felt their hearts sink.

Despite being prepared for the fact that the other side would not reason with them due to the huge power gap, they couldn't help but be enraged upon hearing this result.

Diana heard the statement from the downtown city and a flicker of excitement and pride reignited on her face.

She glared at Selena with bitterness, her expression smug as if to say, "See? In the end, Selena was defeated by me, Diana?" Selena sneered without even giving her eye contact.

All eyes were on Bruno.

Both Diana and those from downtown city were ready for Bruno to explode in anger towards Selena.

The people of H country were even more nervous than ever before.

In dead silence, Bruno finally moved.

He seemed to be so angry that he didn't care about his manners anymore. With an angry yet disappointed look in his eyes, he stared at Lindsay and said: "You idiot! What stupid things have you done?!" Lindsay's already pale face turned even whiter. She tried to speak but couldn't get a word out.

Those who were eagerly waiting for Bruno to lash out at Selena saw this situation and their smiles instantly disappeared from their faces.

Diana's smile and smugness froze along with it.

Shouldn't Bruno be angry with Selena? Why is he getting angry at Lindsay?! Diana watched the scene and felt an extreme sense of foreboding. She lost control and yelled,

"Principal Bruno, the person you should be disciplining is Selena--" But before Diana could finish her sentence, she let out a piercing scream.

A marble suddenly shot out from the Lab 717 group and hit Diana's mouth with precision.

Blood immediately poured from Diana's mouth as she fell to the ground in pain, spitting out several teeth.

A seven or eight-year-old boy walked out coldly and looked at Diana. "Trash like you dare to mention my 717 little ancestor's name?" Diana looked up at his pitch-black pupils and unnaturally white skin, shivering involuntarily.

Selena watched as this sudden little guy appeared and raised an eyebrow.

It seems that Lab 717 has found another talent...

The people from Central City Research Institute were puzzled by Lindsay's punishment scene. "Principal Bruno, what is this?" Bruno sneered. "She made a mistake herself. Isn't it only right for her to be judged?" With one sentence from Bruno, everyone present was dumbfounded.

Wasn't this principal known for being overly protective? Especially the owner of "Sacred Pearl," who is well-known for holding it in his hand as a precious treasure that cannot be criticized by anyone... With such well-known protection and love, how could he sit back and watch his most prized possession be killed? As things did not develop as expected, the hearts of the people in Central City fell once again. If Lab 717 does not join forces with them, Robert and Lindsay are definitely doomed according to Miss Turner's temperament! The people in Central City panicked and began to persuade each other. "Miss Turner wants to kill Mr. Hall, Miss Hall, and Principal Bruno directly. We absolutely cannot tolerate such behavior!" "Even if Mr. Hall and Miss Hall were wrong first, it is not up to Miss Turner or Principal Bruno to discipline them. We-" "Shut up!" Bruno couldn't maintain his anger and demeanor any longer after hearing those words that insulted Selena. "They openly killed my precious treasure! They deserve death penalty! If Central City dares to stop us, they will become enemies of Lab 717!" "Lab 717 doesn't mind being openly hostile with Central City!" The resounding voice could be heard throughout the entire venue.

For a moment, it seemed like all sound had disappeared from the scene.

Everyone stared blankly at Bruno's outburst for several seconds before their minds went blank.

Their thoughts subconsciously tried to understand the deeper meaning behind Bruno's words but also refused to acknowledge a certain fact due to deep fear and dread within them.

The atmosphere was like a frozen film, completely solidified.

In the midst of the dead silence, Selena finally moved.

She let out a pleasant light laugh and walked over to Lindsay's side, picking up the "Sacred Pearl" that had already been opened halfway on the table.

Then, under the gaze of everyone who looked like they wanted to tear their eyes out, she played with it as if it were some simple toy...

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Chapter 1612: Welcome To My World.

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She took the "Sacred Pearl" back with ease, as if it was just a simple toy in Selena's hand that she lightly touched and returned to its original form. Everyone who witnessed this scene was left stunned and speechless.

Facing the shocked gazes of those around her, Selena took out alcohol from the conference room table and began disinfecting the "Sacred Pearl" meticulously. She wiped it up and down, making sure it had returned to its original state before turning around to face Osvaldo.

Standing in front of him with a sweet smile on her face, Selena handed over the "Sacred Pearl" to him saying, "It's for you." Osvaldo stared at her beautiful smile as his throat tightened with emotion.

He looked at the delicate porcelain bone doll in his hands. Although he had never seen what Selena looked like when she was younger, he somehow knew that this was carved according to her childhood appearance.

He held onto both Selena's hands connected by the "Sacred Pearl," feeling as if he were holding onto all of her.

Although his expression remained unchanged, Selena could sense that Osvaldo's emotions were running high.

Seeing how happy he was with his gift made Selena even more delighted. She stepped back one step behind Bruno and stood at the forefront of Lab 717 team facing Osvaldo while raising an eyebrow slightly with a faint smile on her lips amidst all their shocked stares.

"Let me introduce myself formally, my name is Selena, the leader of Lab 717 and the true owner of 'Sacred Pearl.'" Boom.

The frozen atmosphere exploded at that moment.

With a loud bang, Patrick's water cup fell on the table.

Freddie suddenly stood up from his seat, his face pale.

The people from Central City Research Institute were completely stunned in place.

The researchers on site opened their mouths wide and collectively lost their ability to speak at this moment.

Even the Zone Six bosses who were attending the video conference were stunned and remained silent for a long time.

But in this frozen silence, Diana was undoubtedly the most shocked and frightened person. In her mind, Selena's words echoed back and forth...

"My name is Selena, leader of Lab 717 and true owner of 'Sacred Pearl..." Selena...

Leader of Lab 717...

True owner of "Sacred Pearl"...

Each word felt like a deadly knife that cut into Diana heavily. It tortured her arrogant, stupid heart mercilessly until it bled.

The boundless fear and terror tore apart all of her wickedness and arrogance. She had actually stolen the "Sacred Pearl" from its owner, Sacred Pearl. If Diana's heart wasn't cruel enough and her face thick enough, she would have gone crazy the moment she heard this news. She didn't go crazy, but she was close to it.

She looked at Selena with a face full of fear, without a trace of malice or pride. Trembling, she hugged herself tightly and looked at Selena with wide bloodshot eyes, shrinking into near pitiful collapse.

A deathly silence spread in the conference room.

Kevin from Union University was the first to come back to his senses. Perhaps it was because he had witnessed Selena's process of creating machinery in the forest before or perhaps because he already had doubts in his heart.

So when he heard this sentence, Kevin's shock did not last long. He took a deep breath and looked at the girl who was surrounded by a group of super geniuses in the center.

At that moment, there was suddenly a feeling that everything had fallen into place deep inside his heart.

Yes! Only Sacred Pearl's owner could have such elegance and confidence; only they could be so noble and strong as to win every battle! Whether it was Constance, Diana, or even Lindsay... none of them were enough in Selena's eyes.

Even Lindsay always fell short in Selena's presence.

Kevin didn't understand why before, but now he finally knew the answer. It was because she was the owner of "Sacred Pearl" - the most supreme figure in the mechanical field today. Wherever she went, how could there be room for those ants to act recklessly? Kevin felt his eyes welling up with tears and his heart pounding with excitement. The owner of "Sacred Pearl" had come to their country and become the dean of their research institute. This honor would surely go down in history.

With red-rimmed eyes, Kevin looked at Selena and closed his eyes tightly to suppress his emotions.

Osvaldo looked at the smiling girl across from him and opened his arms to her. His gaze enveloped her completely as he spoke with a gentle yet calm voice filled with love and respect for this precious treasure who had returned to him on this divine altar.

"Welcome to my world, my esteemed... Queen." She was the uncrowned queen of the mechanical field.

Lab 717, her most precious treasure. [Search the website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Selena looked into the waiting embrace of the man, a fleeting glint of shattered light in her dark eyes.

Sure enough, he always knew what she needed most.

Step by step, Selena walked into the man's arms and was held tightly in his embrace.

After a long silence that lasted for several minutes, someone finally came to their senses.

They opened their mouths wide and looked at the couple embracing each other. Their gaze fell on Selena and they wanted to say something but didn't know what to say.

A sense of bewilderment never before seen slid across everyone's face.

In the end, it was someone from Central City who spoke up.

"You... you are the owner of 'Sacred Pearl', then who is Miss Hall?!" Indeed.

Everyone had this question.

Selena was the owner of "Sacred Pearl", so who was Lindsay? According to rumors, wasn't "Sacred Pearl" owned by someone from Central City? According to rumors, wasn't the owner of "Sacred Pearl" extremely noble? But what about Selena's identity before returning to Beijing? Too many questions filled everyone's minds, causing confusion for many people. The little boy who had hit Diana with a marble scanned the room with cold, emotionless eyes that sounded like a mechanical voice.

"Are you all stupid? How could the owner of 'Sacred Pearl' not be able to activate it?"
"She failed in front of everyone. How could she possibly be the owner of 'Sacred Pearl?'"
The group seemed to have their brains split by this sentence. The situation developed too quickly and they only just realized it now.

Yes, Lindsay failed to activate "Sacred Pearl"...

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Chapter 1613: The Truth

Chapter 1613: The Truth "Yes, Lindsay failed to activate the Sacred Pearl. How could she be its owner?" This explains why Lindsay was so respectful towards Selena and even seemed intimidated by her. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Selena is the leader of Lab 717...

This news shook everyone to their core. They couldn't take their eyes off the young girl standing at the front of the 717 team.

The people from H Research Institute felt like they were dreaming.

The head of Lab 717 is going to be our dean...

The group remembered how they had previously mistreated Selena, trying to drive her away from the institute.

They could barely control their twisted expressions.

Thinking back on what Selena had said before about being willing to serve as minister and dean for them was a humbling experience for those who had opposed her entry into

H Research Institute's upper echelons. They all covered their faces in shame and regretted everything they had done before.

If only time could turn back, they would slap themselves in the face a few times! Despite Bruno's confirmation with Lab 717 members that this was indeed true, it still sounded like an impossible tale: Selena was truly Lab 717's successor! Diana couldn't accept this fact but her will to survive broke through her fear and restraint towards Selena. She looked at Osvaldo hysterically and shouted: "Mr Anderson! I saved your life! You can't kill me..." Selena chuckled softly as she finally turned her gaze towards Diana.

Diana's whole body began to tremble as Selena's gaze pierced through her. Despite this, Diana stubbornly shouted, "I saved Mr. Anderson, you can't kill me..." Selena chuckled and finally turned her attention to Diana. "I'm actually quite curious. We were both at that hotel at the time, so why did everyone believe so easily that it was Diana who shut down the 'Sacred Pearl'?" Another bombshell was dropped.

Freddie, who had been pale all along, seemed to realize something and suddenly looked up at Diana with a fierce stare.

Diana's face turned even paler as she faced Selena towering over her. However, she still stubbornly screamed out, "No! I saved Mr. Anderson! Not you! It was me! Me!!" Watching Diana go insane with despair made everyone feel like this woman had probably been driven crazy by some kind of stimulus.

At the same time, they also understood what Selena meant in her words.

When "Sacred Pearl" first appeared in H country, it was located in a hotel owned by Creephia. Its purpose was to assassinate Osvaldo.

According to what Diana said, she accidentally stumbled upon this matter and coincidentally shut down the "Sacred Pearl", saving Osvaldo's life.

It is because of this achievement that she became the savior of Prince Anderson from The Anderson Family and gained recognition from District Six. She then went on a rampage against dissidents within The Research Department, gaining fame for herself there too. If it wasn't for Selena interfering, Diana might have even become head of The Research Department! Until today, no one had ever doubted what Diana said. But Selena's words reminded them...

hes.

Selena was also in the hotel at the time, and it was her boyfriend who was attacked. As the owner of 717 "Sacred Pearl", how could she just stand by and watch her boyfriend get hurt? Compared to Diana, who had a wicked heart, shouldn't Selena, as the owner of "Sacred Pearl", be the one to shut it down and save Osvaldo? Why didn't they think

about this before?! Freddie's face twisted in anger. If looks could kill, Diana would have been torn to shreds by now.

Even Robert wanted nothing more than to kill Diana at this moment! If it weren't for this woman taking credit for their work and disrupting their vision, they would have known that Selena was the one who shut down "Sacred Pearl".

He and Lillian could have easily killed her before Selena even had a chance to regain her footing in the capital! Robert stared coldly at Diana. These fools were more trouble than they were worth! Kevin took a deep breath and asked, "So Miss Turner closed 'Sacred Pearl' initially, saved Mr. Anderson's life but then Ms. Diana took credit for your work when you returned back home?" Selena admired Diana's terrified expression with a cold look on her face. "After I shut down 'Sacred Pearl', I couldn't take it with me because I was being chased by someone so I left it temporarily on top of the building." "When I went back later looking for it, 'Sacred Pearl' had disappeared without a trace. I thought Osvaldo had taken possession of it so I didn't ask too many questions." Selena narrowed her eyes dangerously as she stared at Diana. "It wasn't until shortly after when I returned home to the capital that during my competition with Diane for head of research department, she suddenly boasted in front of me about being Osvaldo's savior, the owner of 'Sacred pearl...' "That's when I found out she stole my 'sacred pearl'!" As everyone heard Selina reveal what really happened, everyone's faces twisted beyond recognition.

Looking at Diane now, no one knew how best describe their feelings towards her anymore! I thought Constance was already stupid and disgusting enough, but Diana is even more idiotic and malicious than Constance, making her repulsive.

Diana vehemently denied it when faced with those faces that seemed to want to swallow her alive. "No no no! I saved Mr. Anderson! It was me who saved him!" By the end of her shouting, she seemed to believe it herself. She glared at Osvaldo angrily and resentfully. "Mr.

Anderson, I saved your life! You can't let Selena kill me! You can't!!" Osvaldo coldly glanced at her and said, "You?!" Diana's face twisted in anger as she tried to defend herself. Suddenly Selena laughed lightly and said, "Miss Diana, let me tell you something: Osvaldo knew from the beginning that you were a fake rescuer..." Osvaldo has a younger brother Dante; he couldn't possibly not know how difficult it is to activate the Sacred Pearl.

Someone like Diana wouldn't even be able to touch its edges.

Let alone save someone by deactivating the Sacred Pearl! Diana's fierce expression suddenly froze.

She trembled as she spoke hoarsely, "That's impossible..." If Osvaldo knew that then why didn't he expose her?! Selena naturally wouldn't tell Diana the real reason; a cruel

smile formed on her lips as she said, "If we exposed you then how would we drag down the Shaw family?" "Miss Diana... come to think of it... I should thank you..."

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Chapter 1614: Final Decision!

Chapter 1614: Final Decision! "Miss Diana, speaking of which, I have to thank you. If it weren't for your ignorance, arrogance and maliciousness, I wouldn't have been able to take down the Shaw family so quickly..." Selena smiled calmly as Diana's face turned pale. "Even more so, if it weren't for you taking credit for my work, I might have been targeted by the people in Central City a long time ago." "Speaking of which, I couldn't have achieved my current position without your help." The last sentence was a blatant sarcasm.

Freddie's face was indescribably sullen.

Diana didn't dare to look at Freddie's expression and covered her head in fear while looking at Selena with no words left to defend herself.

After releasing the anger that had been weighing on her heart all this time, Selena lost patience with this little worm and said coldly: "Arrest her and send her away as soon as possible!" This kind of trouble could only be completely eliminated by death.

Diana's guilt was obvious to everyone. Everyone knew that she had only one way out: death.

Leaving aside what Freddie would do to her; just outside this meeting room were many people who wanted nothing more than torture and kill her.

This woman not only deserved death but also an extremely miserable one! Diana naturally knew the outcome awaiting her. She could no longer bear it and began begging for mercy: "Please spare me..." Selena ignored her pleas as Diana was dragged away amidst screams of despair.

After Diana was taken away, Selena turned her gaze towards Lindsay.

Lindsay looked pale as she lifted up her head slightly and whispered apologetically towards the female researcher standing next to Bruno whose expression looked ugly: "I'm sorry teacher..." The female researcher was shaking with anger. "Lab 717 treated you like a mountain, how could you...?" The person behind her hurried forward to pat her back. "Professor Arabella..." Lindsay could only apologize and say nothing else.

Arabella took a deep breath, suppressed his anger, and looked at Selena. "Lindsay made a big mistake, so we'll deal with it as we see fit. Don't burden yourself." They were heartbroken to lose such a talented individual.

But Lindsay wanted to kill Selena! This was an intolerable mistake that no one could accept! Selena looked at Lindsay with dark eyes.

She never showed mercy towards those who posed a real threat to her.

"Lindsay..." Selena stared at Lindsay for a long time before saying coldly, "Teacher, have someone take her back to Lab 717 and lock her up until I give the order for release!" Robert breathed out in relief immediately.

However, there was no joy on Lindsay's face as she stared at Selena with wide eyes. "You have to kill me." "As you know," she continued calmly, "the mechanisms of Lab 717 won't keep me locked up for long if given enough time." "When I'm out," she warned ominously, "I'll still be their tool and come after you..." Robert's face changed drastically as he looked at Lindsay. He didn't understand why this girl was so determined to die! Selena had originally considered fulfilling Lindsay's wish, but when she saw Robert's expression, she suddenly changed her mind. A cold smile appeared on Selena's lips. "I decided to give you a chance because of Professor Arabella and your other teachers' face," she said. "If you make another mistake, all your mentors will be punished with you!" "Lindsay, let me see if you would let those who treat you like their own daughter die for the sake of one Robert!" Lindsay's already pale face turned even whiter in an instant as she stared at Selena.

No one knew Selena better than Lab 717 personnel did; she always kept her word. If she said that those mentors would pay for her crime, then they definitely would.

Lindsay was about to resist frantically when Arabella suddenly stood up and said: "I am willing to accept this punishment! Thank you for giving Lindsay another chance!" All of Lindsay's calmness was shattered as she screamed in pain: "No teacher! Please punish me instead; don't hurt my teachers..." Selena looked at Robert and said: "Do you see now? You have pushed an innocent girl to this point." "If in the future, because of Lillian, if you still use her again - not only will it kill her but also harm her mentors." "Let me see just how tough and heartless your heart really is, Robert!" Selena thought to herself. Robert had caused the deaths of so many good people, and Selena didn't think that simply killing him would be enough. She wanted him to suffer in despair, to feel like life was not worth living. [Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

Robert took a deep breath and tried his best to suppress the rage boiling inside of him. He couldn't deny that Selena was an expert at breaking hearts.

Lindsay had laid her hands on Selena before, so now it was time for Lindsay to regret her actions. And as for Robert? He had killed her once before - there was no way she would let him die so easily.

Selena found the perfect solution: with a wave of her hand, someone from Lab 717 immediately stepped forward and took Lindsay away.

In the meeting room, everyone's hearts were racing with fear - they were afraid that Selena might kill Robert right then and there. Before this moment they could have used their power in Central City to threaten H Country into stopping Selena from taking action against them; but now with 717 standing behind her back even if they were not in the right position legally speaking- they could no longer guarantee Robert's safety! But surprisingly enough, instead of killing Robert outright as everyone expected she would do; Selena already knew what she wanted done with him: "Lock him up in trial court!" Then, turning to face Robert, Selena said, "Uncle, the actions of Central City are too much. They deserve to be punished!" "Please publicly question Central City in the name of the Turner family!" "If they cannot provide a satisfactory deal, in three days' time, the deputy governor of Central City will be executed publicly as a spy who intentionally destroyed friendly relations between our two countries!" "I look forward to Central City's response!" "Furthermore..." Selena's gaze fell on Bruno. "Teacher, can you believe that Central City dared to attack Lab 717 personnel with such ridiculous reasons? If we let this go unpunished, won't it give Miss Lillian the impression that we at 717 are easy targets?" Bruno had already heard about what happened from others and his face turned black upon hearing Selena's complaint. He turned towards those behind him and ordered them: "If they dare bully my people at Lab 717 so openly..." "Then let us show Miss Lillian from Central City what real assassination looks like!"

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Chapter 1615: I Know It'S Always Been You!

Chapter 1615: I know it's always been you! Everyone in the center of the city turned pale.

Lab 717 was going after Lillian, and they were doing it openly! As the most likely candidate to inherit the throne as the next female emperor, Lillian's death would surely enrage those in power.

But Lab 717 was led by Sacred Pearl's owner, and they weren't going to back down easily. They controlled some of the world's most advanced scientific research facilities, so who knew what kind of crazy things they might do if provoked? Even though everyone in the center of the city felt frustrated and powerless, they couldn't say anything against Lab 717's actions.

Selena glanced at Robert with a sneer. "I'll be waiting for her to come find me!" she said before taking Osvaldo's arm and leaving confidently.

The people in the meeting room watched helplessly as Selena threw a tantrum and walked out with her head held high. They didn't know how to react to this sudden appearance of a "divine being." Bruno looked at his beloved daughter who had just abandoned him for Lab 717 and her new boyfriend. He was angry but couldn't blame his daughter for being blinded by love; he blamed that man instead! Patrick finally snapped out of his shock and immediately arranged for Bruno's group to be taken care of since these were all big shots from Lab 717 - Selena's mentors - whom he had an obligation towards both morally & ethically.

Bruno didn't bother Selena, mainly because he understood everything Selena had experienced in H country. At the moment, he was accumulating a lot of accounts to settle with the people from the H Country Research Institute.

His little baby girl ended up here and these bunch of misfits took advantage of her lack of parental love and protection to mistreat her! As Bruno sat down on his seat, his gaze fixed heavily on the group of high-level executives from the H Country Research Institute. He demonstrated an impressive show of strength that indicated that they would be held accountable in the future.

The people from H Country Research Institute met their eyes with a look that betrayed their unease and discomfort.

Selena walked out of the research institute arm-in-arm with Osvaldo, smiling sweetly all along as if she was floating while walking. [Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

Osvaldo looked at his little wife's happy expression and suddenly regretted letting Diana take credit for Selena's work. He knew deep down inside that Selena wasn't happy because she had retrieved "Sacred Pearl" or because she had finally been exposed to society as its rightful owner; it was because she finally let everyone know that she was indeed the one who saved him! His little girl still had a childlike desire to be praised by those close to her whom she liked. She finally announced it to everyone in this world: She saved her husband, not some other fake person! Osvaldo stopped walking and pulled Selena into his arms before kissing her forehead softly saying "Selena I'm sorry." Selena blinked then smiled even wider before saying "Osvaldo at that time I closed 'Sacred Pearl' so I could save you! It wasn't Diana who is such a shameless bad woman!" Osvaldo kissed her lips gently then murmured "I know it was always you."

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Chapter 1616 Gaia

Chapter 1616 Gaia Upon hearing Osvaldo's words, Selena felt as if she could fly to the heavens. She was about to speak when Leia suddenly approached them. "Madam, your phone," Leia said.

Leia had been squatting in a nearby corner, her face full of confusion as she pondered whether Selena was indeed the "Sacred Pearl." She wanted to give the couple some privacy but then heard Selena's phone ringing and didn't want to delay any important matters.

Selena took the phone and saw Stanley's number flashing on it. She pressed the answer button and said, "Stanley." Osvaldo's expression darkened slightly. Childhood sweethearts were always troublesome! He watched as Selena spoke a few words into her phone before looking up at him. "My cousin will most likely be coming to the capital in three days... I'll meet with Stanley this afternoon to discuss things further." Osvaldo ruffled Selena's hair affectionately before leading her into their car.

Having resolved something that had been weighing heavily on her mind for a long time, Selena felt particularly good and radiant on their way back home.

Within half an hour of this conversation taking place, everyone who needed to know within the capital knew that Selena was indeed the owner of Sacred Pearl.

With so many experts from Lab 717 personally visiting their research institute and The Turner family openly questioning Central City... with these two events happening first, it would be impossible for District Six or even their research institute itself to suppress anything related to Sacred Pearl anymore.

Since they couldn't suppress it anyway, they might as well make it bigger by revealing its true value publicly and dominating public opinion instead. Central City would not dare lay hands on someone who had such high status now that it had been exposed.

And with this revelation came an instant uproar throughout the capital.

As for Miss Turner - no one dared say anything more about her within all of the capital.

People at that level were no longer people they were qualified enough even talk about! Many of the people who had previously been enemies with the Turner family only realized now that Selena was actually quite merciful towards them. With her status, it would only take a word from her to destroy any one of these opposing families.

How could they have been so foolish as to go against this little princess? The owner of Sacred Pearl, originally from H country and now the director of H country's research institute, was an unexpected surprise that caused chaos in various fields once again.

Selena didn't pay attention to how others viewed this matter. After lunch, Osvaldo took her to find Stanley.

When Selena entered the estate, Stanley was sitting in the garden brewing tea.

After looking around and seeing only Stanley there, she asked, "Where are Black Crow and White Crow?" The underground vaccine had already been successfully developed and Black Crow and White Crow were fine.

They stayed with Stanley to prepare for Selena's return to Central City.

Stanley smiled slightly as he poured a cup of clear tea for Selena. "I sent them back to the empire first so they can make preparations." Selena paused for a moment before her eyes suddenly lit up. "Stanley... is it because..." She had too few people she could rely on in Capital City.

Lillian came aggressively at such a time but Stanley still let Black Crow and White Crow leave; naturally he must have determined that Lillian could no longer threaten her safety anymore.

Stanley gently smiled. "Your Majesty, your father and mother already know about your existence openly now; they won't allow Lillian or anyone else harm you anymore." Selena's slender fingers trembled slightly - Stanley wouldn't say something like this without reason.

Only he had received some news.

Selena looked at him expectantly.

But Stanley didn't tell her directly. "Wait a few days, Miss Lillian will personally tell you and you'll be even happier." Selena breathed a sigh of relief, and her black eyes showed the colors of longing and hope.

She tilted her face slightly upwards, looking at the sky over the empire.

Although Osvaldo had taken good care of her during the year she was away from home, she still suffered a lot.

Before this moment, Selena never felt wronged before. But when she regained the protection of her parents again, she felt tears welling up in her eyes.

She was truly a princess who grew up in a castle. The entire empire treated her with utmost tenderness and care. Except for those few days when she was kidnapped as a child, Selena never experienced any hardship or injustice throughout her life until this past year where she experienced death and another girl's dark suppressed life. She also went through various power struggles that involved scheming... except for Osvaldo who protected her because he understood what kind of person Selena is like inside out - from start to engagement banquet - no one else did so willingly without any ulterior motives or personal gain attached to it.

In fact only parents can be relied on without any psychological burden before marriage for girls like Selena.

Stanley watched as Selena smiled but with tears in his eyes; his expression became somewhat sad too.

He knew that she had suffered a lot and been wronged in the past year. If he had found her earlier and not let her wander outside, she would still be the empress, with clean clothes and no sorrow in her eyes. No one would dare to make her suffer. Search the (F)indNOVEL.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Your Majesty... I'm sorry," Stanley said softly.

Selena snapped out of her thoughts when she heard Stanley's words, shook her head, and smiled. "Stanley, I'm glad." Since her father had taken action, it wouldn't be just a small matter. She believed that he would clear all obstacles for her and bring her back to the empire openly.

Stanley looked at the beautiful face of the young girl with a smile on his lips. "Everything will be better when we get home." Selena also smiled with anticipation in hers. "Mm-hmm." Stanley handed Selena tea before telling her about recent events happening in their empire while Selena listened quietly for quite some time before looking up at him.

Frowning at the way she was looking at him so seriously for the first time ever made Stanley ask: "What's wrong Selena?" She remained silent for a moment longer than usual before saying: "Stanley, can you help me find someone when we return to our empire?" Having an idea of what this might mean already made Stanley sigh deeply before asking: "Your Majesty... what are you suspecting?" This time Selena was silent even longer than before but then shook his head slowly as if unsure herself: "I'm not sure yet but Black Crow and White Crow have probably told you something about him." "I have been investigating A for a long time, but so far, there has been no news. I have the ability to completely erase someone's trace under A's intelligence network... Only one force can do it... The Riddle Group Empire!" Selena hung her head, concealing her emotions. "Even with the all-seeing eye of 'God's Love,' they couldn't make Ace of Hearts come back empty-handed. They exhausted all means and still found nothing.

But there was one exception.

The "Gaia" guarding the empire."

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Chapter 1617 - Different

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But if "Gaia" were to intervene, it would mean that person is connected to the Riddle Group empire.

After all this time, Selena finally realized something.

That man had the aura of the Riddle family royalty about him.

Although he tried his best to hide it, Selena's attention was not focused on that at the time. But upon reflection, she noticed some clues.

Selena looked seriously at Stanley and said, "Stanley, I suspect there are other bloodlines in this generation of the Riddle Group empire besides Lillian and me." "You investigate this matter personally and don't let anyone know," Stanley replied with a hint of curiosity in his eyes. "Why do you think so?" "The royal bloodline is rare. If it really exists, your father wouldn't want you to bear such a heavy burden." Being a carefree princess isn't less happy than being a queen right? Especially for Selena who has been sickly since childhood; her father wouldn't have let her suffer if there were other options available.

Moreover, if that boy became emperor and continued treating her well like he did before... under his protection she could live freely without any worries or cares unlike now where she's exiled because of power struggles...

Selena didn't understand why but her intuition told her that he was definitely related to her in some way... and she wanted to find him! Selena's expression became firm as she thought about it. "Once we find out, we'll know why," she said.

Stanley looked at Selena's cold eyes and nodded in agreement.

There was something that Stanley had never told Selena. When he was ten years old and came to live with her, he occasionally noticed that the little girl would do certain things unconsciously that were not in line with her personality when she was around him.

For example, when they ate together and the maid wasn't looking, Selena would unconsciously pick out all of the vegetables from her bowl and give them to him. After picking them out, she realized that this behavior wasn't appropriate.

As a queen, even towards those closest to her, it was impossible for her to suddenly act so recklessly unless...

she had become accustomed to doing so in front of someone very close who allowed her unlimited freedom.

This kind of abnormal behavior happened many times during his first year with Selena. As Selena grew older, these actions became less frequent until they stopped altogether.

Although Stanley felt something strange at the time, he didn't think much about it until he heard about the person from Selena herself. In an instant, Stanley realized that this person must have had a deep connection with Selena and may have been someone whom young Selena relied on heavily.

But now she couldn't remember anything.

Stanley knew that Selena had lost a portion of her memory.

According to rumors in the Empire, a group of ruthless mercenaries broke into the palace and kidnapped the young princess.

The princess was eventually found, but due to the shock she suffered, she developed a high fever and forgot about being kidnapped.

Afterwards, the emperor at that time ordered everyone to never mention this incident again.

At ten years old, Stanley only vaguely felt something was off upon hearing this news.

But as he grew older, he realized just how many loopholes there were in this event.

Leaving aside how strict Riddle Group's empire defense was at that time or how many people protected Selena as the only blood heir to the royal family. Even if all of world's mercenaries rushed over without her actively running out of palace grounds herself, they wouldn't be able to harm even one hair on her head.

So then... how did little Princess disappear back then? Did she really forget about that memory because of her fever? And also... did she forget about being kidnapped or... someone else? Selena quietly watched Stanley's contemplative expression without interrupting him with words.

After a moment passed by, Stanley lifted his head and looked towards Selena before letting out a small sigh. [SEARCH THE WEBSITE TO ACCESS CHAPTERS OF NOVELS EARLY AND IN THE HIGHEST QUALITY.](#)

"Your Majesty..." Selena gazed back at him. "Stanley, do you have something you want to tell me?" "I don't know," Stanley said. "But I will do my best to fulfill your wishes." Selena smiled, "Stanley, you are the person I trust the most, so you won't hide anything from me, right?" Stanley couldn't give an answer.

Because if the truth was really what he thought it was, he naturally wanted Selena to fulfill a long-standing wish and be happy. But if that person's existence could make

Selena's parents feel like she had forgotten about him and that would be good for her, Stanley couldn't guarantee what choice he would make.

If that person's existence were exposed and it hurt Selena, would he tell her the truth? Yes.

Stanley could indeed help Selena investigate the truth. He was even the only one who could do this by her side.

In this world, anyone who has ever existed will always leave a trace. Even if their existence has been erased by "Gaia".

Because once that person is truly related to Riddle Group's imperial bloodline, those noble families in the empire who have come of age also know of their existence. For example... Stanley's father! He was one of His Majesty's most trusted ministers and knew many secrets about the royal family. Even if he didn't know everything about this situation with certainty but must have heard something before.

After remaining silent for a long time Stanley looked up at Selena tenderly and said: "Your Majesty, I will never hurt you." Selena shook her head, "That's not enough, Stanley, he means a lot to me when I see him..." Selena placed her hand over her heart and whispered, "It will be difficult, it will hurt, and I'll have the urge to get closer..." "When he's gone, I'll feel lost..." Selena looked directly into Stanley's eyes. "Help me find him. No matter what happens, I'll take full responsibility!" Stanley knew Selena well enough to understand the weight of her words.

She was willing to do whatever it takes to find that person! Stanley stood up gracefully and walked over to the garden flowers. After a long pause, Selena heard him say softly, "Okay." Selena smiled happily.

She knew that Stanley had agreed - even if it meant revealing the truth at great personal cost.

Looking at Selena's joyful expression, Stanley couldn't help but feel a bit helpless. "Selena... it's not that simple." "If things are really as you suspect and with your father's influence in the empire... there isn't anyone who would dare tell us the truth - not even my own father..." After all, Selena's ethereal father was someone no one dared cross unless absolutely necessary.

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Chapter 1618: Compete With Each Other

Chapter 1618: Compete with Each Other "I know," Selena rubbed her nose and said, quite single-mindedly, "but it's better than doing nothing. And besides, when my father and the others are not on guard, we may have a chance." Stanley remained silent.

When Lillian already knew that she had become someone else, there was no reason why her father wouldn't know.

After learning that his daughter had "died" and become someone else, the monarch could not help but think of the "Light of God." Naturally he would investigate who used the "Light of God" to save Selena.

So it wasn't them who were unprepared; it was Selena.

Selena might be aware of this fact deep down in her heart.

She just wanted to fight for it a little bit.

Stanley sat back in his chair again and looked at Selena with a slight smile. "Your Majesty, as long as it is your wish, I will definitely help you achieve it." Selena smiled with curved eyebrows.

After explaining everything she needed to explain, Selena left.

She was going to see Bruno and the others.

Stanley personally escorted Selena into the car. He watched her leave until he couldn't see her anymore before lowering his gaze and murmuring softly to himself: "As long as it is your wish... how could I refuse?" She was the girl he watched grow up; he knew better than anyone what she wanted.

Even if that person's existence would make her sad or threaten her... Selena still wanted to know about him.

Because, compared to status and position, his little girl... values emotions more.

Bruno and the others were arranged to stay in another mansion by the Turner family.

When Selena arrived, everyone was waiting impatiently.

Hearing the commotion, everyone in the conference room turned their heads towards the door.

Selena walked in, smiled at everyone, looked at Bruno and shouted "Teacher!" Bruno looked at his White Crow dish and took a deep breath before suppressing his excitement and anger. "Baby, tell your teacher how you ended up here?" How could Bruno and his team not know Selena's true identity? They had put a lot of effort into

bringing this little thing into Lab 717. The Riddle Group even sent an army to guard outside Lab 717 day and night to protect Selena. How could such a precious little one suddenly run off to H country for no reason? Thinking back on some of the information they had received earlier, Bruno's team already had some guesses in their hearts.

Selena sat down in her seat and began slowly recounting her experiences after leaving the empire.

She spoke very slowly.

No one spoke on site; everyone listened attentively.

Perhaps because they had already created too many miracles or perhaps because they had seen similar experiments before... none of the people from Lab 717 showed any surprised expressions when Selena talked about "the light of God." What really surprised them was not just the "Light of God," but also the "Love of God." That is where everything originated from! Selena took an hour to explain everything. The room fell silent.

Her gaze landed on Bruno's face, watching as his eyes turned red and she smiled slightly. "Teacher, since I've come back, I won't lose again!" "I will make those executioners who killed me pay for what they did!" Bruno stood up and gritted his teeth. "Of course, we can't let any of those executioners who harmed you get away!" Selena spoke softly, "Lillian has the support of the Central City Research Institute..." Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

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Chapter 1619: He Gave You A Chance.

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Selena said, "With the support of the Central City Research Institute, Lillian won't be afraid of 717. The teachers need to prepare early." Selena could indeed use "Sacred Pearl" to kill Lillian.

But Lillian is special. She is from the Riddle Group royal family.

If a member of the Riddle Group royal family really dies at her hands, then all of 717 will be in danger.

Furthermore, Selena's goal has never been just to kill Lillian and Robert! She also wants to clear the grievances for those fallen heroes! Bruno looked at Selena's determined expression and sighed deeply.

The old Selena was well-protected and even though she had ruthless methods, she still retained her innocence in nature.

But now, her eyes have become deeper, colder and more unfathomable.

In this year alone, this little girl has grown up a lot.

Such growth undoubtedly pains people's hearts.

Bruno said solemnly, "Baby girl, don't worry. 717 will always be your backing!" Selena smiled slightly.

The most dangerous person in this world is someone with brains. Especially when dealing with a group that combines geniuses and lunatics like Lab 717. Even if faced with Lillian herself, she would have no choice but to tread carefully.

Their war began at this moment! After Selena and Bruno had arranged everything, they returned to their small villa. The sky had already darkened, and Osvaldo was standing on the steps waiting for her to come home for dinner.

Selena was used to this kind of waiting. She knew that no matter where she went, there would always be a light shining just for her, waiting for her return. Therefore, even if Selena was busy, she would rush back in the evening so as not to keep this man waiting too long.

Osvaldo watched his little wife walk towards him with a smile on her face and naturally reached out to embrace Selena's waist before leading her into the brightly lit hall.

The night in the city passed peacefully but everyone knew that such calmness was only temporary. The conflict between 717 and Riddle Group Empire might start tomorrow.

And in this late night hour, Luke entered the Shaw family's residence which now stood empty. The Shaw family members who had died or left were scattered about leaving only Freddie sitting alone in the hall smoking a cigarette without revealing what he might be thinking about.

Luke came alone as well.

He sat down opposite Freddie, looking at the man with calm eyes that hinted at a hint of complexity. "Did you kill her?" Diana died. It was a tragic death. There wasn't even a whole body left behind.

Freddie looked up and gave Luke a strange smile. "Did he send you?" Luke didn't answer the question and said, "He gave you a chance." Didn't Osvaldo give Freddie any choice? He did.

Otherwise, according to his temperament, the Shaw family should have fallen when Selena first entered the city.

What qualifications does the Shaw family have to compete with the Turner and Anderson families? What qualifications does Vivian have to jump around like a clown in front of Selena for so long and almost harm her in the end? Freddie himself understood this truth.

Perhaps because he had nothing left, Freddie finally spoke his mind. "If you were me, what would you do?" Luke replied calmly, "Maybe I can't change past mistakes made by previous generations but I won't let them continue under my watch." "In this regard," Freddie said, "Christ and Alfie are doing better than you."

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Chapter 1620: "Miss, Do You Need Something?"

Chapter 1620: "Miss, do you need something?" Christ personally sent Dexter away, returning everything the Poole family owed to the Turner family.

Alfie not only returned what was owed, but also sent the entire Su family to jail as a way of atonement.

This was their payment for the mistakes made by their elders.

Freddie sneered, "Don't make it sound so noble. Both of those men... did it all for that woman!" Luke raised an eyebrow. "Even so, it's because Miss Turner is worth it, isn't she?" Freddie remained silent.

He knew better than Vivian and had more clarity and reason. Especially after Selena's ownership of Sacred Pearl was exposed, Freddie knew he could never compete with her. She could easily destroy the Shaw family if she wanted to.

Freddie opened his eyes and looked at Luke with some sarcasm. "The Shaw family is already gone. Is Third Young Master here just to see me off?" Luke looked at Freddie's resentment in his eyes and spoke coldly: "Vivian's death was her own fault." "She was foolish and poisonous, and you as her brother failed to look after her properly which led to her death; no one else can be blamed." "You should know that if I didn't care about your face or what she had done before this point in time - she would have died long ago." Wasn't Vivian causing trouble for Selena enough? She almost caused harm to Osvaldo and Selena herself; truthfully speaking Vivian got off easy by dying so easily.

Even Freddie himself knew that from the moment Vivian chose to collude with Manny against Selena until he decided on cooperating with Cassius alongside Robert - this day was inevitable.

Osvaldo wouldn't let anyone harm Selena! Luke pulled out a pair of handcuffs and placed them on the table, asking, "Is there anything else you want to say?" Freddie saw the handcuffs and was surprised. "I thought you would just pull out a gun..." Luke smiled. "There's no need for that. The evidence of your collusion with Cassius and Robert has been submitted to the sixth district. The final outcome depends on what you have done." Freddie fell onto the sofa and looked around at the empty Shaw family mansion before suddenly asking, "Wasn't it like this when the Turner family was wiped out?" Luke sneered. "Mr. Shaw, the Shaw family only lost power. Except for Vivian's own doing, no one is after your family." "The Turner family was wiped out completely except for a three-year-old child infected with a virus." "Besides that, all of the capital's aristocratic families - including yours, Poole Family, Soo Family - were sucking up to the Turner Family like wolves!" "If it weren't for Anderson Family, Turner bloodline would have been extinct long ago and there wouldn't be any existence of them in the capital anymore." "The Shaw family has already had too much happiness; be content!" Seeing Freddie's embarrassed expression made Luke coldly laugh once more: "Of course, your Shaw family isn't qualified to compare with Turner Family." "Turner Family is full of martyrs who will be remembered forever while your families are destined to stink forever!" "In those days these voices were high above all else but now they can hear them clearly... What do you feel about this Mr. Shaw?" Freddie trembled slightly as his face became extremely ugly-looking. Doesn't he know that the Shaw family did wrong? Of course, he knows.

Freddie has some masculinity in his bones, but as a descendant of the Shaw family, he cannot criticize their ancestors.

He also doesn't have the courage of Christ and Alfie to give up the empire that Shaw's family worked so hard to build.

Now, the empire of the Shaw family is gone and they are left with a bad reputation for eternity.

All glory and wealth have become things of the past.

It's all over now.

Suddenly Freddie suppressed all his unwillingness and resentment, closed his eyes and said, "The winner takes all. I accept it!" Luke smiled, stood up and turned around to leave.

Freddie knew that soon people from District Six would come to arrest him and everyone who had committed crimes with the Shaw family. The net of justice is wide-ranging; no one can escape it.

Luke came here out of friendship just to see him off in this final moment.

As Luke was about to walk out through the door, there was suddenly a hoarse voice behind him saying: "Tell him for me... I'm sorry... and congratulations." Luke paused for a moment but didn't turn back around; instead he replied: "I'll pass on your message." After finishing speaking, Luke raised his hand and closed the door.

In the small villa, Selena slept soundly in Osvaldo's arms without any dreams for the whole night.

The next day was still calm and peaceful. [Search the website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Selena finally had some free time and became interested in planting flowers. In the garden of the small villa, she took off her delicate high heels and moved those beautiful flower buds to the flower bed under Leia's nervous gaze.

Her pretty skirt got dirty with soil, her black hair scattered. When Selena finally finished busy work and walked out of the flower bed barefooted, all maidservants and gardeners standing aside breathed a sigh of relief together because these hands were priceless treasures. If she got hurt accidentally, not only would 717 hold them accountable but they themselves would also feel guilty.

After finishing work, Selena looked up at the sky. It was evening now with more than an hour left before Osvaldo came back for dinner.

She handed over a small hoe to a trembling Leia with a smile on her face saying "The young master won't be back until later for dinner so let's go buy cake." Leia quickly hid that little hoe away nodding like pecking rice "Okay Madam Young." As long as Selena didn't get inspired to do hard labor on them again then it was fine no matter what she wanted to do! Selena changed into another outfit before taking Leia to a cake shop instead of riding in car buying an exquisite little cake herself carrying it back home while walking leisurely along asphalt ground with lotus green long skirt fluttering in wind enjoying good mood as sunset fell below horizon invading earth.

Under a row of trees, a young girl stood with determination beneath the branches of a cherry blossom tree. She wore a sky blue windbreaker and her hands were comfortably and naturally tucked into her pockets. Her petite figure was as straight as a poplar tree, and her gaze was fixed on Selena's face as she walked towards her.

Her eyes were unguarded, with an obvious curiosity in them that strangely did not make one feel uncomfortable.

Selena stopped walking and looked directly into the young woman's eyes with a slight smile on her face.

"Excuse me miss, do you need something?" The young woman smiled back at Selena, with pure admiration shining in her eyes.

"A beautiful girl like you walking down the street must have many people looking at you," she said in awe.

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Chapter 1621: She'S Here.

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Selena smiled faintly, "Thank you." After speaking, she nodded and walked forward with the cake in hand without changing her expression.

The voice of a young woman came from behind, "I have a disobedient subordinate who committed a sin in the capital city. I'm here to take him back." Selena didn't turn around, only asked, "Did your subordinate commit a serious offense?" "Very serious," the woman's voice seemed helpless but also carried a hint of gentleness. "He angered two very troublesome people... a headache-inducing fellow." "Well then if he's caught it's not unjust," Selena spoke gently but firmly. "Everyone should pay for their sins. If it's not them then it will be someone they care about because no one can escape punishment." The woman laughed.

Selena clearly heard a hint of dominance in her tone.

"As long as you have enough power, wrong can become right and anything you want can be obtained," the woman's voice entered Selena's ears along with footsteps that gradually faded away. "Until now, haven't you understood this truth?" The last sentence dissipated into the wind and did not fall into Selena's ears.

After being silent for a moment, Selena smiled again. "Power certainly brings many things but it also pushes some more important things further away." Is power important? Very much so; otherwise why would most humans flock to it like moths to light? "For those who sacrifice their conscience, humanity, emotions freedom happiness just to climb higher... they will eventually lose everything and gain nothing." There was no sound coming from behind anymore; perhaps the person had already gone far away.

Selena looked up at the blue sky, the wind lifting her skirt and long hair. Happiness shone in her clear eyes. Her parents had always wanted her to live a free and happy life, and their greatest wish was for her to never know despair or pain.

Oswaldo had promised to protect her.

She used to be the happiest person in the world.

And that happiness would last forever.

Two women walked parallel on a set path, never looking back, getting farther away from each other with every step. It was as if they were born destined to go their separate ways, unrepentant even in death.

After Leia watched the other woman leave, she turned to Selena and asked hesitantly, "Madam Selena, who was that person just now?" If it were anyone else but Selena's trusted maid Leia asking this question, she wouldn't have been so guarded.

But there was something about that woman that made Leia feel uneasy despite seeing no malice in her eyes.

What's more is that they seemed familiar with each other - almost too familiar...

Selena smiled faintly without breaking stride. "No one important," she said before continuing on towards home with Leia trailing behind.

When Selena arrived at their small villa carrying a cake Osvaldo had already returned and stood waiting for her on the steps.

Selena walked over happily, showing him the cake in her hand. "I went out and bought this just for you," she said.

Osvaldo looked at the little girl's sparkling eyes and his gaze softened. He took Selena's hand and led her back home. [Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

Neither of them mentioned anything else.

But after dinner, Selena sent a message to Stanley.

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Chapter 1622: You'Re Really Crazy.

Chapter 1622: You're really crazy.

After sending the message, Selena turned and followed Osvaldo into the basement.

Lanting.

Stanley looked at the message Selena had sent and a cold light flashed in his eyes. [Search The website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

There was only one sentence on it.

--Lillian has come to the capital.

The fact that Selena said it with such a tone could only mean that she had already met Lillian before.

In this tense time in all of the capital, Lillian came alone to the city like this.

Stanley looked towards where Selena was and his gaze became incredibly cold.

After finishing training with Osvaldo, Selena went back to her room to rest.

Selena took a shower and lay down on her bed, closing her eyes ready to sleep when she suddenly realized that Osvaldo hadn't gotten into bed yet.

He was just sitting by the side of the bed, trying to get her to fall asleep.

Selena blinked, "What's wrong?" Osvaldo touched her face and smiled, "have something tonight; I need go out for a bit. Once you're asleep I'll leave." Selena was taken aback for a moment. She never interfered in Osvaldo's personal affairs. He had promised to sleep with her every night, so whatever he chose to do at night must be important.

Selena obediently closed her eyes and said, "Be careful and come back early." Osvaldo's thin lips curved up. "Anything else?" Selena opened her eyes again, her dark pupils turning in circles. Suddenly she sat up and kissed him on the lips with a smile. "Husband, I will miss you." Osvaldo chuckled and held onto her kiss for a while before leaving quietly after she fell asleep.

The night was cool as water as two figures sat facing each other in a small villa.

A young woman sat comfortably on the sofa with both hands naturally resting on the armrests as she smiled and asked, "Why didn't you bring Selena along?" "I made time to see her earlier," Osvaldo replied.

"Or is it because you see her only as your 'pet'?" The woman's eyes sparkled mischievously.

Osvaldo's eyes were still dark but no longer suppressed his true nature; they were now filled with cunningness.

Lillian smiled slightly without noticing his murderous aura that permeated through him. "I'm sorry I misspoke; what I meant was that Selena is everything to you." She slowly approached him and said in a threatening tone, "You don't want her to go home. You're angry that those sudden 'friends' are taking up her attention." "You don't want her to have anything else besides you at all." "You keep her in captivity, wanting to help her resolve all of her hatred, letting her lose everything and then embracing her with a deep affectionate smile, saying to her 'you still have me...' " "You want to monopolize her." "You want to lock her up, tie her hands, gag her, and only you can touch her, and only talk to you, so she can never push you away." "From the moment you met her, you were already crazy." "Dark Emperor, do you want to admit it? This is your deepest and most genuine thought." She admired Osvaldo's increasingly dark eyes and the seemingly casual but unsettling expression on his face.

Her eyes shone as she said, "This is the most beautiful expression I have ever seen on this face." "You're right," Osvaldo finally spoke, his tone both malicious and calm, "but she won't be happy to hear this, so we'll have to cut out your tongue." With the words, Lillian's body has been thrown out by him.

With a loud bang, the collapsing walls fell to the ground and buried the young woman inside, forming a tomb-like shape.

In the next second, Lillian pushed aside the mess and stood up from inside.

"I'll make it clear first," Lillian smiled, her ink-blue eyes rippling with a different kind of coldness. "Once you cross me and we become enemies in the city, I will spare no effort to get rid of her!" Once Selena dies, she will become the only remaining heir of the Riddle Group Empire.

Selena is her biggest threat.

And when it comes to threats, of course they should be dealt with while she's still young, strangled in her cradle.

But now she's facing Osvaldo. This man is enough to cause a huge stir in the league and make her wary.

Osvaldo's deep gaze seems as though it could seep blood. Suddenly he approaches Lillian and his icy fingers lock around her throat.

Lillian may fall into the hands of others, but she doesn't show any panic on her face. She faces him directly and calmly says, "Dark Emperor, someone is working with me to separate you two. Can you guess who that person is?" Osvaldo's murderous aura freezes for a moment before he tightly squeezes his fingers.

Lillian remains composed despite the surge of blood rushing through her veins and lightly says, "I won't let you two be together." As an heir to the empire, she absolutely cannot allow Selena to have Osvaldo.

Osvaldo looks at her with ghostly eyes filled with inorganic coldness and says, "Leave the capital city or I'll kill you within three days if you're not gone yet." Lillian laughs out loud from anger, "You're really insane." Can the capital city bear this cost if he kills her? After all, Queen Majesty has already died...

What exactly is he afraid of? Is it that Lillian will hurt Selena or that she will say something about Selena? Lillian watched as the man turned and walked away, and another thought crossed her mind. Or maybe... he just didn't want Selena to know his true identity? After all, he was the biggest dark emperor in the Alliance, and he and the Queen were mortal enemies. It was a miracle they hadn't fought yet, let alone coexist peacefully.

With Selena completely unaware of his true nature, he had taken her as his wife. What would happen when she found out? The Queen was still as enviable as ever...

In the middle of the night, Selena was surprised by someone's presence. She opened her eyes groggily only to be met with a man's lips pressed against hers.

A cold kiss greeted her face.

Selena blinked and felt that Osvaldo's breath wasn't quite right. She raised her hand to touch his face.

This action seemed to encourage him even more; Osvaldo hugged her tighter and took over her lips with greater intensity.

Her long hands ran down her slender back and wrapped Selena's whole body in her arms.

Selena watched the man lose control of his expression and put her arms around his long neck.

This act of pandering almost completely disintegrated Osvaldo's great self-control.

His movements were heavy, and his thin lips were tinged with hot breath, as if he could not restrain himself.

For a moment, when even Selena thought Osvaldo was going to go straight for her, the man stopped at the last step.

He took a few sharp breaths, wrapped the covers around Selena, tucked her in, and turned to the bathroom.

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Chapter 1623: Here Comes

Chapter 1623: Here Comes Selena lay in bed, listening to the sound of water coming from the bathroom. She bit her lip and waited for Osvaldo to emerge, which he did about half an hour later wearing his pajamas.

He climbed into bed and Selena instinctively snuggled up to him, finding a comfortable spot in his arms. Looking up at him she asked, "What's wrong?" Osvaldo looked down at his little wife who had big round eyes that were pure and filled with concern.

After a moment of silence, he raised his hand and ran it through her hair before asking suddenly, "Selena, what if I was keeping something very serious from you? What would you do?" Selena blinked as she thought carefully for a moment before answering seriously. "As long as you're not hiding anything from me involving other women then I'll forgive you." This was her bottom line when it came to Osvaldo.

As for everything else... Selena felt like she could forgive this man for anything.

Osvaldo saw the seriousness in Selena's eyes and fell silent again before finally asking quietly, "What if... it had something to do with the Empire?" Selena observed Osvaldo's expression closely before leaning closer and staring into his eyes as she asked, "Did you accidentally harm someone close to me because of your involvement with them?" This time Osvaldo remained silent even longer than before but unexpectedly denied it saying, "No." Selena breathed a sigh of relief instantly smiling brightly saying, "That's good then! For everything else I can forgive you!" Osvaldo stared at her intently for several moments before whispering softly, "When we return home I'll tell you something." "Okay." Selena replied happily.

She touched the man's tired eyes and leaned in to give him a kiss. "Sleep, I'll stay with you," she whispered.

Osvaldo turned off the lights and held his little wife close, closing his eyes.

After two days of calm in the capital city, a response finally arrived from Central City.

Miss Lillian, the governing official of Central City, would personally go to the capital city to resolve this incident.

Patrick arrived at the villa early in the morning.

Selena woke up late and saw Patrick waiting for her when she came downstairs. "Cousin, has there been any news from District Six?" she asked with a raised eyebrow.

Patrick nodded and looked at her with concern. "Father asked me to tell you that Miss Lillian brought three things with her to the capital city." "Those three things are likely to make it impossible for District Six officials to refuse a settlement," he continued.

"And once they settle, Robert will be released without charge." Selena's face showed no surprise. If Lillian were a simple person, she wouldn't have been able to commit regicide like this. In matters of power exchange always come first.

The capital city was both Selena's background and her constraint now that she had enjoyed its benefits; naturally there would be costs as well.

Selena sat down at the table and nodded. "I understand, cousin. I have an idea of what's going on." Compared to the three things Lillian brought, Selena was more interested in what her father had arranged for her.

But even with Lab 717 present, the research patents from Central City Research Institute were not enough to make those in District Six excited.

So... what exactly did Lillian bring with her to the capital? Patrick looked at Selena's overly calm face and remembered what Stanley had said earlier. The Turner family's daughter was currently in Central City. When Selena went back, she would definitely meet with them. And then...

Patrick sighed softly and said, "Selena." Selena turned her head to look at him and asked, "What is it?" "If..." Patrick looked into those dark eyes for a moment before asking aloud, "Are your parents treating you well?" Selena paused for a moment before smiling brightly and saying, "Very well! My father is the most powerful and wise man in the world; all my abilities come from him." She continued on fondly about how loving and beautiful her mother was as well.

Patrick relaxed when he saw Selena's longing expression towards her parents; it made sense that such a spoiled yet lovable personality could only come from growing up in a happy home.

Compared to this girl's family, the Turner family subjected their own daughter to a lifetime of hardship and now she is missing. The Turner family's daughter is now in Stanley's hands. And the person who can hinder Stanley the most is right in front of him.

Patrick felt a twinge of sympathy as he looked into Selena's eyes. "Selena, when you return to downtown, if you happen to come across anyone related to the Turner family, could you... take care of her for me?" For Selena's safety, Patrick couldn't tell her outright about Stanley's intentions. But that didn't stop him from giving her some hints.

With this girl's intelligence, perhaps she would be able to discover the connection soon enough.

Selena wouldn't mistreat anyone from the Turner family. If she found out that their daughter was still alive, she would treat her kindly.

Selena paused and looked at Patrick with a hint of scrutiny in her eyes. Meeting someone related to the Turner family downtown... did he mean Callum? "Hey cousin," Selena asked as she looked at Patrick intently. "During your campaign for institute president, what did Shaw Family use against you? Did they threaten you with my whereabouts?" Patrick was taken aback by how sharp Selena was; it seemed like she had hit upon something important.

At that time Freddie had threatened him with information about Selena's location.

Later, Patrick kept this matter hidden from everyone, but he didn't expect Selena to still remember it until now.

Unable to evade the question, Patrick had to explain further. "The Turner family does have a handle on something that's located in the central city. You'll understand when you see it." Selena pondered for a moment before nodding her head. "I understand, cousin. Anyone related to the Turner family will be treated well by me." Patrick was relieved that she understood and didn't linger any longer before leaving. Search the Findnovel.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Selena spent the rest of her afternoon reading at her small villa until she received news from District Six.

Matilda personally came to tell her about it.

Looking at Matilda who sat across from her as an assistant judge, Selena asked softly, "Is Margot doing well in court?" Matilda replied gently, "Miss Margot is doing very well and is playing with... Oletta." "Oletta? Who's that?" Selena raised an eyebrow since she knew only she could be friends with Margot.

Matilda smiled, "It's a black tiger raised by Judge Long since it was young and has always liked Miss Margot." Selena laughed because perhaps without human nature involved, Margot could play happily with animals since childhood.

Originally intending to ask Matilda about why she came here today but seeing Matilda staring at her face made Selena change course. "Why do you keep staring at my face?" Matilda smiled gently, "I just think Miss Turner looks like someone I've seen before."

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Chapter 1624 Plan

Chapter 1624 Plan Selena's heart skipped a beat as she stared intently at Matilda. "Who was it?" she asked.

Matilda shook her head. "I don't know him, we just crossed paths once." Selena's voice became serious. "Does he look like me?" Matilda shook her head again. "No, but he gives off a similar vibe." Selena lowered her eyelashes and felt a strange sensation in her heart. It shouldn't be like this, but it was.

She looked like that person, but not exactly the same. Search The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

But Matilda wouldn't lie about it - if the person really looked like Selena, Matilda would have reacted strangely when they first met.

That could only mean that the person didn't really look like Selena after all.

Was Selena feeling disappointed? She couldn't tell for sure. When she lifted her eyes again, her expression became serious once more. "Where did you see him?" she asked Matilda.

"Tell me everything about how you met him," Selena demanded.

Matilda hesitated for a moment before staring at Selena for a long time and finally saying: "I saw him on an island overseas while I was on a mission and got badly injured there by accident... He saved me and then let me go without any further contact since then." As soon as Matilda finished speaking, Selena remembered the note Mr. White gave to her before leaving and clenched it tightly in her hand.

She thought to herself, she knew where that place was. And one day, she would set foot on that island and find the person who had been on her mind.

Matilda hadn't received a response in a while, so she watched Selena's pensive expression without interrupting her thoughts.

After a moment, Selena seemed to finally snap out of whatever emotion had been consuming her and smiled at Matilda. "Did you come here today for Miss Lillian?" "Yes," Matilda replied solemnly as they got down to business. "Miss Lillian has come to the capital with a proposition." "She is willing to trade three treasures in exchange for H country releasing Robert," Selena raised an eyebrow.

"What kind of treasures?" "Treasures that no one in H country can refuse," Matilda sighed. "The specifics haven't been revealed yet but the offer comes from the next heir of the ruling family in Central City." "Miss Turner, do you have any plans?" Selena asked.

"I know what I'll do," Selena tapped her forehead with delicate fingers. "I'll go see for myself when it happens." Suddenly remembering something important, she added: Central City did indeed possess several treasures that were significant for H country.

If Lillian brought them along as part of this deal then things could get complicated very quickly.

Matilda noticed Selena's expression and chuckled softly before saying: "When it comes to treasure troves, there are probably none greater than those held by various noble families within our capital city." Selena looked at her curiously and Matilda continued: "Miss Turner, when it comes to heritage and culture spanning five thousand years - there is no other nation like ours." "And the major families in the capital hold the vast majority of resources and wealth," Matilda said, seeing Selena's confused expression. For some reason, she felt like laughing. "Miss Turner, you may not fully understand your own worth." "Not to mention the Anderson family, but just speaking of the Turner family alone, their foundation in the capital is second to none," she continued.

"If not for that fact, even after more than a decade of decline, the Turner family would not still be a thorn in the side of all major families." "Although their influence outside has been taken away from them, generations of accumulation within their family still remain."

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Chapter 1625: Miss Turner Is Here.

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"The Turner family's external power has been taken away, but the accumulation of generations is still there," Selena said. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"You are the truest and most prestigious heiress in the capital," someone told her.

Selena was a bit surprised by this statement. She didn't consider herself a true member of the Turner family, so she didn't have much feeling for their wealth. Furthermore, it felt odd for her to focus on archaeology when she was dedicated to scientific research.

"I know, Matilda. You can tell them that I will personally receive them and won't make things difficult for them," Selena replied with a nod.

Matilda understood her attitude and promised, "The court master asked me to tell you that District 6 won't let you suffer." Selena smiled as Matilda left. She stood up and looked towards the direction of Central City. Her biggest difference from Lillian was her

identity: Lillian was the governor of Central City while Selena was just an heiress from a noble family in the capital. Without 717 backing her up, Lillian could easily pressure Selena into submission with Central City's influence.

The gap between them... was indeed quite large.

Selena looked up at the sky above her head and wondered what her father was thinking about all this.

In the evening, Osvaldo returned home.

He accompanied Selena to dinner and then took her to the basement for training.

Before going to bed, Osvaldo stared at Selena for a while, kissed her forehead, and said, "Selena, don't be afraid." Selena smiled slightly. "It's okay." Osvaldo turned off the lights and slept with Selena in his arms.

The next day, Selena went with Leia to a secluded mountain villa outside the city.

Outside the gate, she saw Sherman.

Sherman said, "Missy, Young Master asked me to tell you that although the three treasures brought by Central City are valuable, The Turner family has more than that." "The Turner family won't let you lose." In other words, The Turner family is willing to empty their pockets for Selena's sake.

Selena smiled. "I understand now about The Turner Family." Although Selena had not thought about this aspect before hearing Oscar say it like this made her feel warm inside. Dealing with smart people is comfortable.

Although Selena is not really a daughter of The Turner Family but represents their face. And Oscar knows her true identity; therefore if The Turner Family empties their pockets for her benefit then naturally she will not let them suffer losses.

Selene stepped inside.

Most likely because she was a female guest, or perhaps Lillian didn't want to cause a scene representing H country's hospitality, the young ladies of various prestigious families in the capital were present to welcome her.

As Selena walked in, she saw many people gathered in the garden, with beautiful women everywhere she looked. She enjoyed admiring beauty and couldn't help but smile at the sight of so many stunning women.

One young lady happened to catch sight of her and exclaimed, "Miss Turner is here!" In an instant, all eyes turned towards Selena.

In that moment, Selena experienced firsthand what it meant to be surrounded by "three thousand beauties in the harem." In formal occasions like this hosted by City Governor's Office Center, no family would dare send their ill-tempered or unruly daughters out to embarrass themselves. Therefore, everyone present were young ladies carefully raised by influential families in the capital. While they may not have been the most beautiful ones there, each one exuded grace and elegance.

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Chapter 1626: Do You Want To Learn Horse Riding?

Chapter 1626: Do you want to learn horse riding? As Selena looked around, she noticed that the other wealthy young ladies were also looking at her. Despite being Miss Turner, Selena had never attended any of the grand events held by the elite in the city. She didn't even associate with any of them except for the Riddle family's daughter. This was her first time sitting with so many young ladies from high society.

As Lab 717's leader and owner of Sacred Pearl, Selena's reputation preceded her. Even those who were used to being haughty and arrogant were surprisingly quiet when they saw her.

After a moment of silence, Winnie bit her lip and was about to approach Selena when a young woman stepped forward from among the crowd.

"Welcome, Miss Turner," she smiled as she introduced herself. "I'm Alisha and James is my brother." Selena nodded politely in response. "Thank you." With that introduction out of the way, it felt like there was no distance between them anymore.

"Mr. Turner should come inside soon," another woman spoke up with a smile on her face. "Come see these flowers here compared to what Lauren has at Lan Ting Villa." Selena walked over to take a look at all of the flowers before turning back to admire all of their beautiful faces with a slight smile on hers.

Perhaps there was nothing more beautiful than these lovely girls' smiles? She picked up an orchid flower and placed it into a vase prepared beforehand for it.

Under the sunshine, she stood in the center of a group of beautiful and wealthy young ladies, smiling slightly, truly standing out among them.

Lillian stood at the door, watching this scene with her cool peach blossom eyes. It was hard to tell what she was thinking.

A young woman with delicate features standing behind her saw Selena being surrounded by stars like the moon in the center and jealousy flashed in her eyes. She

opened her mouth to speak. Search The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

But Lillian spoke first with a hint of realization in her tone. "This is my first time seeing Selena come down from above and stand together with so many people. Indeed..." The woman was surprised. "Miss Riddle, what did you say?" She glanced at Selena and disgust flashed across her face. "She's just a girl from one of the capital's noble families who can't compare to you." Lillian looked at Selena and smirked. "I don't want to hear similar words again." Selena was not only her rival but also someone she had once served loyally as a subject; no matter what happened, it wasn't up to these ants to humiliate her.

The woman's face suddenly turned pale as she said, "I understand." Lillian smiled faintly as she picked up a rose beside her and walked elegantly towards Selena on silver high heels.

As soon as Lillian appeared on stage, the atmosphere froze instantly.

All women were stunned by this sudden appearance of such an extraordinary lady even though they were already gathered among the capital's top socialites; Lillian's aura was unique and powerful beyond comparison.

She wore a thin silver long dress that made Her cold white face look flawless while Her cold peach blossom eyes shimmered slightly with pupils shining bright like diamonds.

Her whole person seemed untainted by dust or dirt while exuding an air of nobility that could overwhelm others around Her effortlessly.

Everyone was staring at Lillian, except for Selena who was busy arranging flowers.

Lillian walked up to Selena and handed her the bouquet with a smile. "Here you go." Selena carefully arranged the flowers in a vase and examined them closely. She felt that something was missing.

As she pondered, she noticed a red rose in front of her.

Selena looked at the other flowers in the vase and then back at the red rose. Calmly, she reached out to take it and added it to her arrangement.

The colors were beautiful together, making Selena smile with satisfaction.

Lillian admired Selena's work and handed her a clean towel. "Your eye for detail is as sharp as ever." Selena took the towel from Lillian's hand and wiped off any dirt on her fingers. "And you always add that final touch of elegance." Lillian shook her head while looking at the bouquet. "I'm not very good at this; Lady X is truly Empire's best florist." "I just thought it needed that extra pop of color," replied Selena simply.

"Imperfection always leaves us feeling incomplete," said Lillian thoughtfully.

"To avoid regrets, we must strive for perfection," added Selena as she passed Leia (who had been standing there stunned) the towel without any inflection in her voice. "So we trim away anything unnecessary until only what we want remains?" Lillian fell silent before finally saying: "Selina, I've told you many times before." Selena's eyes glazed over as she suddenly remembered something from their childhood. When she was young, her health was poor and she spent most of her time confined to the palace. After the kidnapping incident, everyone in the palace became nervous at even the slightest disturbance, all afraid that something might happen to their only legitimate heir.

This made Selena feel suffocated at times. Stanley indulged her but never joined in on any of her antics. Only Lillian would secretly play with her.

Selena still remembered when she first met Lillian. She was seven years old and Selena's aunt had come to visit the palace with Lillian by her side. Lillian wore a light brown riding outfit with neatly combed hair tucked under a round equestrian hat and black boots that made her legs look long for someone so young.

Compared to Selena who sat on the throne looking frail and weak, they were complete opposites.

At that time, Selena's health had deteriorated so much that even a slight breeze could make it difficult for her to breathe let alone ride horses like Lillian did so effortlessly.

Seeing such a lively and healthy girl caused an obvious change in Selena's expression which didn't go unnoticed by Lillian who took advantage of their father's distraction by walking up to Selena asking "Your Highness, do you want to learn how to ride?" Selena couldn't remember if she said yes or no at that moment but it didn't matter because from then on they became inseparable friends who played together whenever possible despite all odds against them.

Finally, Lillian secretly took her to the stable and pointed to a small brown foal, saying, "This is my little foal. In the future, I will ride it and conquer the world, spreading the Empire's bird flag throughout the seas and lands!" That night, Selena developed a high fever because of their secret outing and Lillian was punished.

A few days later, Lillian came back to see Selena at court still dressed in her riding gear. She said to Selena with her young voice still ringing in her ears: "Your Majesty doesn't need to learn how to ride horses. You only need to be a decisive ruler who protects our Empire. I will be your sword and make all of our allies bow down before you!" The two people speaking had already changed beyond recognition.

Finally turning around, Selena looked at Lillian standing beside her.

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Chapter 1627 Is Pretty Good.

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Selena finally turned her head and looked at Lillian standing next to her. Lillian met her gaze without flinching.

The other socialites around them watched in fear and awe as the two women stood together, their tension palpable.

But then, almost simultaneously, Selena's cold demeanor softened and Lillian's aloofness melted away as they both smiled.

Lillian extended a hand to Selena. "Miss Turner." Selena shook it lightly. "Welcome, Miss Lillian." As soon as their hands separated, Selena turned and walked towards the hall with Lillian following calmly behind.

It wasn't until they had left that the other socialites were able to relax from the tense atmosphere that had surrounded them.

One of them bit her lip thoughtfully. "Did anyone else notice something between Miss Turner and Miss Lillian?" In terms of status and position, Selena was no match for Lillian - even though she was the leader of Lab 717 and owner of Sacred Pearl. It was more likely that Lillian would become the next empress since she held a central government position in the city.

The gap between them couldn't be bridged by mere effort alone - ninety-nine percent of women in this world would be overshadowed by someone like Lillian.

Even if not short, it is still impossible to be absolutely superior.

But when Selena faces Lillian, there is a feeling of pressure on the other person.

And Lillian seems accustomed to this way of getting along, even calm and composed.

"A strange feeling makes one's heart tremble..." Another young lady spoke up, "Wasn't there a rumor before that Miss Turner looks exactly like the late Empress who just passed away in the central city? Maybe that's why..." Faced with their former monarch, ordinary people would probably show respect? It seems that I can only console myself in this way.

Many young ladies exchanged glances, unsure whether to breathe a sigh of relief or remain on edge.

If Selena can outdo Lillian, the advantage is that they won't be at a disadvantage in the upcoming negotiations. [Search the website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

The downside is... Can they really participate in the confrontation between these two women? If one goes wrong, things will be ruined and it may affect one's family and relatives.

Winnie took a deep breath and said, "No matter what, we are in the capital city now. Even if the other party is the governor of the central city, we cannot lose our manners and face." After speaking, she took the lead and followed.

The other young ladies exchanged a glance and followed suit.

In the flower hall, Selena was already sitting in her seat, elegantly sipping tea with her head lowered.

Lillian sat across from Selena, calmly surveying her surroundings with interest. When her gaze fell upon a group of debutantes entering the room, she smiled and remarked, "This scene is quite picturesque..." Selena set down her teacup and replied slowly, "Yes, it's rather nice." Noticing the apprehension in the debutantes' demeanor, Lillian chuckled softly. "No need to be nervous. I'm here on behalf of Central City to discuss some personal matters with Miss Turner." Everyone present was likely aware of what this personal matter entailed.

Seeing that Selena remained seated and that Lillian had no ill intentions, the others quickly recovered from their initial surprise and took their seats as well.

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Chapter 1628 Madam

Chapter 1628 Madam Selena put down her water glass and suddenly remembered something. She turned to Leia and asked, "Where's Hattie?" Normally, the little girl wouldn't be absent from a gathering like this. [Search the website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Although the Riddle Group had fallen on hard times, everyone in the capital knew about the relationship between the two Riddle sisters. So it was unlikely that anyone would dare to make trouble for Hattie.

Leia was about to speak when Hattie walked in from outside. "Selena," she said.

Selena touched the little girl's hair. "Where did you go?" "I went to take an entrance exam at Union University today," Hattie replied.

Selena nodded and looked up at Lillian. "This is my sister, Hattie." Everyone was surprised.

They didn't understand why Selena had introduced Hattie to Lillian so deliberately.

Hattie also saw Lillian and frowned slightly.

Lillian looked at the little girl across from her with interest. "Is there any connection between the capital's Riddle Group and Riddle Group Empire?" she asked curiously.

Otherwise, how could several girls who looked so similar to Her Majesty be born in one place? The little girl only resembled them somewhat, but Miss Turner of The Turner family... she really looked exactly like Her Majesty! If it weren't for being sure that Her Majesty died in front of her eyes, Lillian would have doubted whether she was still looking at the original person sitting across from her now.

Smiling gently, Selena said: "If Miss Lillian is interested, you can investigate." Lillian's gaze deepened for a moment before she smiled and straightened her posture. "Miss Turner, before coming to the capital, a lady asked me to deliver a message to you." Selena's eyes flickered with interest. "Oh?" Lillian looked at her and spoke slowly. "You bear a striking resemblance to the late Princess of the Central City who was born around the same time as you. The Emperor's father and mother lost their beloved daughter and have been yearning for her return ever since. Upon hearing of your situation - orphaned since childhood - they wish to adopt you as their own daughter once this incident is resolved. Would Miss Turner be willing to go to the Central City after that and call them 'father' and 'mother'?" The crowd erupted in noise.

No one had expected Lillian would suddenly say something like this.

The Emperor's father and mother were from... the Central City? They wanted Selena as their daughter? That meant Selena would become...

Several young ladies almost lost their balance upon hearing this news.

Selena stared at Lillian for a long time before suddenly breaking into an extremely joyful smile.

She had always wondered what identity her father would use when welcoming her back into the empire.

Until just now, Selena had been thinking why it seemed like he didn't care about her despite loving her so much...

Stanley said that Father had sent a gift through Lillian.

Although Lillian didn't want Selena back in the Central City, she now had no choice but to openly let Selena return with such an identity.

Apart from blood ties, Lillian could no longer suppress Selena based on status alone in future.

The saying goes that killing without shedding blood is just like this.

Selena chuckled, "I heard that the lady hasn't been well since losing her daughter. Is it true?" Lillian nodded, perhaps because she knew that the situation had reached a point where there were internal and external troubles, she couldn't stop Selena from returning to the central city, so she no longer wasted time on this matter.

"The lady only has one child, who is also the empress. She has been cherished since childhood and suddenly losing her... it's inevitable for her to feel sad." Selena lowered her eyelashes and remained silent for a long time before lifting her eyes to look at Lillian with a smile. "Miss Lillian wants my life because of my face. I don't want to die confusedly in Miss Lillian's hands in the future..."

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Chapter 1629 Three Treasures

Chapter 1629 Three Treasures "We have to go to the city center," said Lillian, interpreting her parents intentions from their sudden appearance.

Without changing her expression, Lillian raised her glass in congratulations to Selena. "Congratulations," she said calmly.

Selena smiled and accepted the toast with composure.

Hattie looked up at Selena, remembering how she had said goodbye to her before. She knew that Selena had already decided to leave the capital since then. Now it was just a matter of when she would leave.

Hattie didn't show any signs of sadness or attachment on her face; she just stood by Selena's side.

After Lillian finished speaking, she finally got down to business. She leaned back casually and faced the audience with a smile. "I brought three treasures with me on this trip to the capital and I want all of you here in the capital city to help me redeem them." The young ladies present almost instinctively sat up straight at these words. The

incident at the research institute a few days ago had already spread throughout the capital. Miss Lillian was here for Robert, who dared use Sacred Pearl and kill Miss Turner.

All eyes turned instinctively to Selena. She smiled, showing no signs of anger or coldness, even managing to joke a little. "To use the most precious treasures of the central city to redeem a spy... Miss Turner's actions as governor are truly eye-opening." Lillian paid no attention to Selena's mockery and simply replied, "Miss Turner is serious." With that, Lillian clapped her hands and Bianca appeared by her side. Shortly after, three people walked in with trays in their hands. Each tray held a box - one red, one white and one black.

The boxes were made of an unknown material that shone brilliantly under the light. The scent emanating from them was also quite alluring.

Bianca placed the boxes on the table at the center of the hall and looked up at all the young ladies present with an air of superiority. "These are three treasures gifted by Miss Lillian to our capital city - each priceless and rare beyond measure." As everyone curiously examined these three items, Bianca turned her gaze towards Selena with a sly smile on her face. "The central city is rich beyond compare; it possesses these three treasures: The Crown Pearl, Bodhi Bone and Hell Flower." "The central city has offered these three treasures in exchange for Mr Hall," she continued.

Selena raised an eyebrow; so Lillian had indeed brought those three items along. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Although Selena didn't pay much attention to such things anymore since she was now penniless without any backing from either Anderson or Turner family members - when it came down to it - she knew full well how valuable those items were.

Ordinary treasure could be fought over but not these particular ones; they were worth more than what she currently possessed combined! "It's not about the money, it's that you can't even buy it." The Turner family was willing to invest in her, but Selena wasn't too keen on letting them drain their resources just for the sake of winning against Lillian over Robert.

The outcome of her match with Lillian had never been about material possessions.

Selena was ready to move on and make other plans when Winnie suddenly stood up. "Miss Lillian's three treasures may be impressive, but when it comes to valuable items, nothing beats those found in the capital." "I'm no expert myself and would love to see how the treasures from Central City compare to those found in the capital. Who do you think will come out on top?"

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Chapter 1630: I Can'T Compare To You, You'Re More Likable.

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As soon as Winnie spoke, the entire room fell silent. Selena raised an eyebrow and looked over at her. She noticed that although some of the wealthy young ladies in attendance were surprised, they weren't particularly shocked.

Alisha stood up immediately after and smiled warmly. "Miss Lillian may not know this, but when it comes to treasures, while the capital may not be able to compete with Central City in terms of technology or military might, we still have confidence in our own treasures and are willing to go head-to-head with Central City." "Compared to what my the capital has hidden away," Alisha's gaze swept over those three boxes before continuing on. "These three trinkets Miss Lillian has brought cannot compare; they can only serve as icing on the cake." Originally, Central City could have exchanged their technological patents for these items. But Lab 717 had blocked that path entirely - anything that Central City Research Institute could produce would undoubtedly be something Lab 717 could also produce.

Bianca couldn't believe what she was seeing from all these wealthy young ladies from the capital and sneered arrogantly without bothering to conceal it: "Are you all trying... to compete with us for treasure?!" She seemed like she had heard a particularly funny joke and even laughed out loud: "It's not that I look down on the capital; I just want everyone here to understand that these three items brought by Central City cannot be bought with money nor compared with ordinary treasures! My advice is for you all to take them obediently then release Mr. Hall." She looked at everyone present magnanimously before finally turning her gaze towards Selena wearing an expression suggesting gratitude was expected of her: "Miss Turner should understand the gap between the capital and Central City!" "Rebelling pointlessly is a waste of time as well as losing face - why bother?" Bianca giggled sarcastically while subtly mocking them.

"Do you really want many young ladies from the capital humiliated because of you? Miss Turner wouldn't want such a scene either?" "Central City is already giving Miss Turner face by exchanging these three items for Mr. Hall - don't push your luck!" Selena glanced at Bianca disdainfully before speaking up again.

Bianca's gaze met Selena's, and she felt a sudden chill in her heart. When she looked again, Selena had already shifted her eyes away. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

She looked at Lillian and said, "One Beatrice wasn't enough, now there's another... Whose person did they lose?" Lillian didn't seem to catch Selena's sarcasm. She smiled leisurely at the angry young ladies present and said, "You know I'm not as likable as you are." Although she spoke like this, Lillian was not surprised by the situation where the wealthy young ladies of the capital were willing to stand up for Selena.

With her beauty, nobility and talent bestowed upon her by Her Majesty the Empress Dowager herself, it was only natural that men would be attracted to such a girl.

If it weren't for Stanley keeping a close eye on things all these years and preventing any talented young men who sought an audience with Her Majesty from being sent all the way from Central City to the Mediterranean [SEQ Lillian knew that when it came to this point, she couldn't compare with Selena.

Without saying anything unnecessary, Bianca instantly understood that Lillian had no intention of stopping her.

Feeling even more arrogant than before now that she had been given free rein by Lillian's silence on the matter, Bianca turned towards Selena and said, "Miss Turner, in front of absolute strength, you can talk all you want but it won't do any good." "If you have something precious then bring it out so we can fight over it. If not then shut your mouth quietly, and release Mr. Hall!" She sneered, "It is our honor in Central City to make this deal with you. Don't act shamelessly!"

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Chapter 1631: Punishment

Chapter 1631: Punishment As soon as these words were spoken, the others at the scene glared angrily at Bianca.

Selena was now an object of worship throughout the entire capital city. How could such a woman be publicly humiliated and trampled upon? Selena's gaze grew slightly cold.

Leia snorted coldly and looked at Bianca with eyes that seemed to say she was looking at a dead person. "You dare bring three pieces of junk to my master's presence?" She turned around and looked at Selena. "Miss, the Anderson family has plenty of treasures. Whatever you want, we have it all. These three things are nothing compared to what we have." "Before we left today, Young Master specifically instructed me not to let Miss suffer any grievances!" Upon hearing Leia's words, Lillian sitting beside her eyes flashed.

Selena remembered what Osvaldo had said to her before leaving home and suddenly became interested. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

She wouldn't touch anything from the Turner family but Osvaldo's things... as his wife, she could still... move them a little! Thinking about this, Selena raised her head and looked at Bianca. "Then let me see how amazing Central City's treasure really is!" Bianca was angry because of Leia's words but when she heard Selena actively provoking her further, she sneered, "Central City's treasures are naturally not ordinary things but before that I still have one condition!" Selena raised an eyebrow.

Looking towards a tool thrown out by Lillian casually, Selena didn't bother wasting too much energy on it. "Oh?" Bianca lifted her chin high up in arrogance, "Miss Turner's assistant just spoke rudely about Central City. If later on, the Capital can't produce something decent, I will make Miss Turner not only obediently release Mr. Hall, but also apologize publicly for bowing down to Central City!" Selena slowly interlocked her slender white fingers together while looking at Bianca standing in the center of the hall with a smile on her face. "Sure." Bianca sneered. She had thought that the genius of Lab 717 was really arrogant, but in the end, she had to submit to Central City.

Just as she was about to make a sarcastic comment, Selena added slowly, "If I win in the end, you'll have to use your family's power and pay for your arrogance." Bianca's smile froze and then turned into anger as she looked at Selena. "You're so bold--" Suddenly Lillian spoke up and interrupted Bianca's words. "Okay." Bianca's anger instantly subsided as she looked at Lillian incredulously. "Miss Lillian..." There was no extra expression on Lillian's face; her smile was faint. "Miss Turner's apology is expensive; using your family to buy it would be an honor for you." Bianca shuddered suddenly.

She suddenly remembered what Lillian had warned her earlier: She didn't want to hear any more insults against Selena, but just now Bianca couldn't help saying something similar...

Lillian was punishing her...

Thinking of this, Bianca glared angrily at Selena.

But she didn't take this bet seriously because how could Central City lose against a young lady from an aristocratic family in the capital? Taking a deep breath and suppressing her arrogance slightly on her face, Bianca smiled and said, "In that case Miss Turner please open your eyes wide and see our three treasures from Central City." As soon as Bianca finished speaking all eyes turned towards the box containing their treasure.

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Chapter 1632: Prajna

Chapter 1632: Prajna As Bianca opened the box, a faint fragrance instantly filled the entire flower hall. A group of wealthy young ladies looked up and saw a blood-red flower shining brightly before their eyes. The flower was beautiful and smelled good, but it inexplicably gave off an eerie and terrifying feeling.

Some couldn't help but look at it while others felt extremely uneasy. Selena took two glances at it and felt uncomfortable, so she looked away.

Bianca pointed to the flower and introduced it to everyone, "This is called Hell Flower, the most poisonous in the world. Its name comes from a legend in H country - Manjusaka." She smiled as she looked at the curious eyes of all those wealthy young ladies and said, "I advise you all to step back a bit just in case you accidentally drop it on the ground without its box. Within ten miles of this place will become barren with no grass growing - completely turning into a dead land." As soon as these words were spoken, those wealthy young ladies panickedly stepped back with looks of fear when they gazed upon that flower.

Bianca continued speaking while looking at their frightened expressions, "That's still not much; if Hell Flower's poison spreads out causing everyone here to fall into hallucinations or go insane until death - now that would be something big." With each sentence Bianca spoke, those wealthy young ladies' faces became more unsightly until finally everyone had an unpleasant expression on their face.

What if someone from another city brought such dangerous things? What if they didn't like us? What if they threw this thing out? What would happen then? Bianca enjoyed watching many rich girls' fearful expressions before her gaze shifted onto Selena's face where she coldly laughed, "The first treasure of Central City has already been seen by Miss Turner; may I ask where Miss Turner's treasure is?" Selena glanced over Lillian after her gaze left that flower before suddenly seeing a young woman wearing Western-style clothing walking towards them from outside.

The woman walked gracefully towards Selena with a bow, "Miss Turner; I have been sent by my master to bring you a gift." After saying this statement, the woman presented what was held within her hands right in front of Selena before retreating gracefully backwards once again.

Selena watched as that woman retreated away with hidden thoughts flashing across her eyes.

Under the curious gaze of onlookers, Bianca lifted the brocade covering to reveal a small, translucent flower blooming in a pot. The flower was colorless and tasteless,

almost imperceptible at first glance. But upon closer inspection, it exuded an indescribable sense of purity.

Bianca sneered. "Is Miss Turner trying to compare this unknown wildflower with the Hell Flower in Central City?" Selena stared at the flower without revealing her thoughts.

Winnie's gaze was complex as she looked at the flower. She heard Bianca's mocking laughter and spoke up suddenly. "This flower is called 'Prajna.' It can purify all poisons in this world." This particular flower only existed in Soo Family's possession within the entire capital city. The woman who had been wearing a classical and elegant suit earlier must have been from Soo family.

Before anyone could react, one young lady exclaimed excitedly, "Oh my goodness! That flower... thank you!" Bianca was still lost in thought over Winnie's words when she heard that sentence and instinctively turned towards Selena's pot of Prajna flowers. However, they were still blooming beautifully - even more so than when they were delivered earlier.

If it wasn't Prajna that had been thanked for something then what else could it be? As Bianca went to inspect other flowers around her she noticed everyone staring intently towards where Hell Flowers were placed; their expressions seemed off somehow...

She turned her head just in time to see those previously well-behaved Hell Flowers suddenly begin retracting their petals...

The flower that everyone had been avoiding suddenly sensed danger and with visible speed, it wilted and disappeared. Even though it was just a flower, its timid and fearful posture commanded respect. [search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

Bianca's face changed abruptly. "This... this can't be possible..." In complete contrast to the hellish flower, the unremarkable "prajna" plant by Selena's side suddenly began to bloom. Its colorless petals opened up to reveal a translucent white, swaying beautifully while emitting a fragrant scent.

As everyone breathed in the aroma, they felt their minds being cleansed of all worries. They were left speechless at this sight.

Lillian's gaze fell on the "prajna" plant before looking at Selena with an amused smile on her face. Her cousin was certainly popular among men...

Only after the hellish flower had completely withered did the prajna stop blooming and return to its previous unremarkable state.

Bianca looked at the dead hellish flower in shock before reassuring herself that maybe it was just time for it to die anyway? Could Selena win against her twice? She looked at Selena's prajna plant but didn't dare say anything mocking this time around.

She walked up to the second white box and opened it. The plain white box was adorned with intricate runes, giving off a sense of sanctity. Inside, on yellow silk lay several pure white pearl-like objects that shimmered with divine light.

Most people in H country recognized these objects.

"These are... relics?!" Selena exclaimed.

"Correct," Bianca replied, finally regaining her composure as she looked at the pearls and smiled. "To be precise, this is called 'Bodhi Bone.' You know the legend in H country about how one can revive from death by obtaining Heart Blood, Vajra Heart and Bodhi Bone? This is one of them." "These pearls were left behind by a highly respected monk who traveled overseas to spread his teachings many years ago." "It's said that he died while trying to save a monarch in our central city by self-immolation. When he died, Buddha's light shone brightly from the sky and produced a Holy Lotus from his heart. Wherever the light reached, darkness receded and evil spirits fled." "After his death, these Bodhi Bones were left behind as gratitude for his kindness towards our central city. They have been enshrined in the Royal Tower for thousands of years now." "After hearing all this," Bianca continued proudly while looking at Selena amidst complete silence around them, "Miss Turner... what could you possibly compare against such priceless treasures?" Selena slowly raised her head to look at those few "Bodhi Bones", revealing a hint of coldness in her eyes.

She never expected Lillian would even use something like this just to redeem Robert...

Robert... does he deserve it?!

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Chapter 1633: Bodhi Bone

Chapter 1633: Bodhi Bone Lillian seemed to sense Selena's anger, but she just smiled lightly and asked, "Selena, how does Stanley compare to these three treasures for you?" Selena was Lillian's opponent. How could she be so careless? To Selena, Stanley was like Robert to Lillian.

These so-called treasures were nothing more than material possessions to Lillian.

What she truly wanted was not these things.

Selena's eyes showed a hint of coldness as she laughed and said, "A regicide executioner... how can he compare with Stanley?" Lillian lowered her gaze and remained silent.

Bianca looked at Selena's unpleasant expression and thought that she was afraid. She regained her confidence and said, "Miss Turner, don't just sit there daydreaming. It's your turn now." As Selena pondered what could surpass the Bodhi Bone in front of her, someone suddenly burst into the room carrying a long box. He respectfully placed it on the table in front of Selena and said, "Miss Turner, my young master has a gift for you." Winnie saw the box and her heart skipped a beat. She seemed like she wanted to say something but ultimately stayed silent in place.

Selena focused on the box before her - it had deep red carvings that gave off an air of solemnity.

She lifted the lid gently with one hand revealing a golden light pouring out from inside - illuminating everything around them instantly.

Even though they hadn't seen anything yet, everyone who saw the beam of light felt their hearts skip a beat.

Alisha looked at the light in surprise and suddenly thought of something. She turned to Winnie and asked, "What is this?" Winnie clenched her fingers and whispered, "The Poole family is in charge now. Everything is up to my brother.

Besides..." She glanced at Selena before continuing, "The Central City has been too oppressive. The Poole family can't just stand by and watch H Country lose face on its own turf." Alisha's expression was complicated as she ultimately turned away without saying anything.

Bianca had been confident before but now she looked a bit nervous. Could it be that this woman really had something more valuable than the Bodhi Bone? Under everyone's gaze, Selena gently opened the box.

Inside the yellow inner box were various scriptures engraved all over it. In the center lay a one-foot-long stick- shaped object.

It was entirely golden with seven differently colored gems embedded in an exquisite manner along its edges.

It looked like a weapon but upon closer inspection it wasn't quite so simple.

Everything fell silent as even Lillian who had been carefree until then focused her attention on it slightly.

Even if they didn't recognize what this thing was, just looking at it made them feel an unprecedented sense of solemnity and sanctity that made them afraid to disrespect it in any way possible.

Selena lifted her hand and took out the object from inside the box causing its radiance to surge greatly while making Bodhi Bone inside its white box dim down considerably for an instant.

Bianca's face turned pale. "It's impossible... it's just a golden accessory, at best it looks good. How could it compare to the 'Bodhi Bone'?" Winnie glanced at her with a hint of disdain in her eyes and said firmly, "The Vajra Staff is the most precious treasure of Buddhism and can command all monks in the world!" Selena turned to look at Winnie and lightly tapped the Vajra Staff with her slender white fingers.

A clear and strange sound wave emanated from the staff, causing an instant tremor that seemed to shake the entire city of the capital.

The "Bodhi Bone" inside the white box seemed to sense some kind of call and its radiance increased accordingly.

At the same time, all bells and drums in every mountain temple within the capital began ringing on their own accord.

Countless monks looked up in astonishment towards where Selena was standing outside of town, excitedly prostrating themselves on their knees.

Selena held onto her shining staff while feeling as if she had grasped something profound that encompassed heaven and earth within her palm. She turned towards the resonating "Bodhi Bone" before asking: "Would Miss Lillian be willing to come? The Holy Monk wishes to stay here..." Lillian lowered her gaze with a hint of emotion before giving a shallow smile. "I have been too attached to my homeland for far too long; I should have sent him back home sooner." This meant she agreed.

Selena gently placed down her Vajra Staff as silence filled up every inch around them.

Bianca's face went completely white because she never expected there would be something so powerful that could completely overshadow these two treasures within the capital. [Search The website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

The hell flower was not the only thing destroyed, but also the Bodhi bone...

Bianca shuddered at Selena's condition. If Selena won, her entire family would pay the price.

Although Bianca's surname was Riddle, she had no relation to the Riddle Group royal family. Her family was just a small one before climbing up to Lillian.

If her actions caused harm to her entire family, it would be a disaster.

Bianca felt extremely fearful and stood there in confusion until she suddenly heard Lillian's voice say, "You've seen the first two treasures already. It's time for the third." Lillian's calm voice jolted Bianca back to reality.

She remembered bringing in a third treasure from Central City and felt joyous at its value compared to Selena's first two treasures. As long as they won with their third treasure, Selena would still be considered a loser despite having more items than them.

With this thought in mind, Bianca's expression improved as she looked over at Selena's table with envy and resentment suppressed within her heart before turning towards the last unopened box.

Lillian kept an eye on that third box while speaking softly, "It seems like Selena is very popular in the capital..." These two treasures came from different families which Lillian could tell at first glance. Not to mention that she had already investigated everything about Selena in the capital and knew that many men were attracted by this cousin of hers.

Selena's lips curved into a smile. "Why, are you interested in my love life?" Lillian let out a small sigh. "You've always been liked by everyone since you were young, unlike me - cold and tough. I just never expected..." Her gaze became playful. "Selena, have you ever considered Stanley's feelings while being with your boyfriend?" Selena's eyes turned cold as she looked over at her. "What exactly are you trying to say?" Being with Osvaldo, did she consider Stanley's feelings? Shouldn't he be happy for her finding someone to rely on for life? Selena remembered what happened after Stanley came to the capital city and furrowed her brows.

Lillian gave her a meaningful look. "No, nothing really. I just suddenly thought that if I were to get married someday, Robert would also be happy for me."

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Chapter 1634 The Third Treasure

Chapter 1634 The Third Treasure Selena's attention was immediately drawn to Lillian's words. "What? Do you have someone you like?" she asked.

Lillian stared at her face for a few seconds before giving an unexpected answer. "I guess so." Selena was somewhat surprised. As far as she knew, her cousin only cared about power and ambition, and unless a man had value to her, she wouldn't give him a second thought.

She couldn't believe that Lillian would readily admit that she had someone in mind.

As Selena pondered who this person could be, Bianca opened the last red box.

Compared to the previous two boxes, the third one looked particularly antique and gorgeous with various dazzling pearls and diamonds embedded on its surface. It was evident that whatever was inside must be extremely valuable.

Bianca deliberately paused her fingers on the lid of the box after arousing everyone's curiosity before carefully lifting it open.

To everyone's surprise, what lay inside didn't catch their attention like the Hell Flower or Bodhi Bones did earlier.

However, in an instant, it captured everyone's gaze firmly including Selena's eyes which showed some fluctuations.

On top of pure white silk lay a blood-red gemstone no bigger than an infant's palm; its blood-red light shone purely beautiful like flowing blood - ancient yet magnificent! The air around them seemed to still for just a moment as they all gazed upon it in awe.

"This is..." "What a beautiful gemstone..." The gem was truly dazzling, but everyone knew that it was impossible for anyone to come to the central city with just an ordinary gem and use it as a showstopper in a trade with the capital. Bianca was about to speak when another voice beat her to it.

"Miss Turner, do you know where this gem comes from?" said Lillian.

Her cool peach blossom eyes fell on the blood-red gem, shimmering with an unusual radiance that was both deep and longing. Selena also looked at the blood-red gem, her tone somewhat complicated.

"I have a guess," she said.

Lillian smiled slightly and elegantly stood up. She walked towards the table where the gem lay and picked it up gently, rubbing it tenderly between her fingers.

"This red ruby belonged to our first female emperor of Riddle Group Empire," she said. "During Her Majesty Saint Ying's reign, she unified all 72 cities in our alliance by force and made surrounding empires bow down before us."

The iron cavalry of Central City crossed three continents even expanding overseas." "She founded Riddle Group Empire single-handedly; if only Her Majesty had lived longer then our empire would have ruled over all of Alliance." "Saint Ying never lost any battles during her lifetime except against heaven itself." "And this ruby is none other than what adorned Her Majesty's crown on coronation day when she became Empress after unifying Alliance under one rule - symbolizing honor and power of Riddle Group Empire." Lillian finished speaking then turned around to look at Selena smilingly asking: "Miss Turner, what kind of treasure will you use to challenge my Riddle Group Empire's prestige?" All young ladies present had their faces changed upon hearing Lillian's words.

They looked at the ruby in Lillian's hand, their expressions shocked.

This ruby was no longer just a precious item, it represented the supreme and unshakable power and ambition of Central City.

No matter how expensive or rare the treasures brought out by the capital were, they could not surpass it.

How could one compare a country to a noble family?! The young ladies present covered their hearts. Some looked at the ruby with envy and longing, while others looked at Selena with concern.

Selena slowly stood up and stood on the flower platform, her face cold as she stared directly at Lillian.

She knew better than anyone else where she currently stood compared to Lillian. And her cousin had never let her down before either.

Lillian openly declared in such an upright manner that Selena had fallen from grace. She was telling her that she was no longer that person anymore. She would never be able to return to that position in life again or achieve her dreams or stop her ambitions from being realized.

Indeed, what did Robert's assassination attempt mean? In this world, only Lillian could truly harm Selena's heart.

But Selena was prepared for this outcome. If these three treasures brought by Central City were so easily resolved then Oscar wouldn't have said he would empty his pockets to help boost them up.

Selena is not particularly disappointed about this result.

However, making her admit defeat comes at a cost! In the suffocating silence, Selena raised her lips to speak when Leia suddenly ran in from outside, holding a semi-large

box in her arms and saying as she ran, "Madam, the young master's gift has arrived!" Selena suddenly startled.

Lillian squinted her eyes slightly and her gaze fell on the box in Leia's arms.

The other young ladies also looked over curiously.

Because the final gift in the central city was too shocking, everyone's attention was focused on that ruby, and no one noticed when Leia left.

When I came to my senses, I saw a little girl running in with a box in her arms.

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Even though it is well known, the young master of the Anderson family has no bottom line when it comes to spoiling Selena.

In front of this ruby named Lillian, even the most expensive gift would be hard to have an effect, right? So... What gift did Osvaldo actually send over?! For a moment, everyone's gaze fell on the semi-large box in Leia's arms.

Bianca looked carefully for a moment, the box was plain and unremarkable, with no fancy or expensive decorations. Most importantly...

"That box is too big, just by looking at it you can tell it's not for jewelry." Bianca sneered, "Miss Turner's boyfriend thinks he can win the city center by sending a big gemstone? Ha! Miss Turner, I have to remind you that gems are not necessarily more valuable the bigger they are." She giggled.

Leia looked at Bianca's mocking expression and coldly snorted. She placed the box in her hand on the table and said to Leia, "Madam, please open it yourself." Selena had opened everything that Alfie and Christ had sent. How could she fall behind with what her young master sent? Looking at the box, Selena felt a slight imbalance in her heartbeat for some reason.

Lillian's gaze fell on the box as she squinted her eyes, lost in thought. Just as Bianca was about to speak again with a mocking tone, Lillian suddenly spoke up. "Shut up." Bianca's expression stiffened and she immediately shut up without daring to say another word.

In an oppressive silence, Selena walked up to the table and pushed down her inexplicable panic before gently opening the lid of the box. Search The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

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Chapter 1635 - Gift Of The Ages

Chapter 1635 - Gift of the Ages The lid of the box was lifted, and everyone's gaze followed instinctively. In the next second, they all exclaimed in unison and took a step back in shock.

Selena saw what was inside the box, and her heart trembled violently. In an instant, her mind was filled with excitement.

Lillian's gaze suddenly became fixed, and the smile on her face disappeared.

Inside the ordinary-looking box lay a pure black silk lining with two items placed quietly on top.

When everyone saw what those two things were like, their eyes became hot and shocked.

On the left side was a crystal-clear white scepter with a slender body that shone brilliantly. The top of it had an exquisitely carved thorn bird that looked lifelike as if it would fly out at any moment. At its center lay a smooth and dazzling pearl that shone brightly from every angle. At first glance, it looked like it could conquer everything around it.

Everyone present knew how valuable this scepter was at first sight - It is one of those rare treasures that only appear once every thousand years! All who laid eyes on this scepter couldn't help but feel shaken to their core as they gasped for air in amazement.

They thought this gift couldn't get any better until their gaze fell upon something else...

In an instant, all breathing sounds in the hall vanished when everyone's attention focused on something to their right - They lost all words at once! It was... a crown! An exquisite crown designed specifically for women! Its simple yet elegant design made entirely from pure white material shone brilliantly under light; encrusted along its body were sparkling rainbow-colored gems while its centerpiece red gemstone appeared more anciently magnificent than Lillian's own red gemstone! With just one look at it up close you could see how radiant it truly is! Everyone stared blankly at this beautiful crown; holding their breaths as if time stood still before them.

The lobby was silent as a tomb.

After what seemed like an eternity, Bianca suddenly collapsed to the ground with a thud, staring in horror and disbelief at the scepter and crown in the box. She muttered to herself, "This can't be... it's impossible..." The sudden noise finally snapped the other heiresses out of their extreme shock. They stared fixedly at the two objects, their eyes

filled with intense desire and envy. Their faces were pale and their expressions were utterly lost.

Several of them couldn't hold back their tears and cried on the spot.

If they hadn't seen it with their own eyes, perhaps they wouldn't have been so heartbroken.

But seeing this scene firsthand made everyone unable to control the bitterness and jealousy in their hearts.

Such a gift... truly breathtaking! The Ruby of Central City was indeed impressive, but that Holy English Emperor had already become a thing of the past. Selena... she was still alive and flourishing! Which is more impressive: an empress who has passed away or one who is still alive? Osvaldo told Lillian boldly that he would bring Selena back to her rightful place as empress - he would make her the only empress! Lillian looked at that crown slowly before clenching her fingers tightly together.

Selena lowered her head, gazing intently at those two items while sparkling with some kind of crystal-like luster within her eyes - symbols representing queenly authority: The scepter representing power; The crown signifying royalty itself...

These two things couldn't have been prepared in a short amount of time.

She suddenly realized that those long and powerful hands had been carefully preparing gifts for her a long time ago, waiting patiently for the right moment to gently and eagerly present them to her.

That meant that Osvaldo had known her true identity long, long before.

But there was no fear or hesitation in him.

He still silently waited in place, waiting for her to come to him and say, "My name is Selena. I'm from the downtown area." Selena suddenly closed her eyes and suppressed the warmth in her eyes.

After a moment, she finally regained control of herself and turned to Lillian with a stern expression. "You lost!" Lillian looked up at the woman standing on the flower platform with cold eyes fixed on her.

She suddenly saw the woman who used to sit on the throne with pale skin and black eyes. Search the FindNovel.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Despite having such a weak body, she possessed an incredibly strong spirit.

During her thirteen-year reign, she ensured that people lived happily under the Union Empire's rule while also keeping their country safe. The world was peaceful during this golden age of hers as well. She was truly an enlightened ruler! However... she wasn't someone Lillian wanted to follow! Lillian composed herself again after laughing lightly. "I won't admit defeat nor will I ever lose." "Miss Turner, we'll meet again soon." After Lillian finished speaking, she nodded to the many young ladies present and walked away with elegant steps.

Bianca watched as Lillian left and then, after a moment, remembered the bet she had made with Selena. She looked at Selena fearfully and quickly got up to follow her.

After Lillian left, Selena looked at the many young ladies present and said, "Today was perfect. Thank you all." Then she also walked towards the door.

Leia picked up the gifts on the table and frowned as she looked at Alfie's and Christ's gifts. She wasn't sure if she should return them after using them or not.

After what happened with Soo's family, Selena hadn't seen Christ or Alfie again. Leia wasn't sure what Selena thought of those two men right now either.

Winnie watched as Selena left with mixed emotions. Seeing that Leia didn't seem to want to take those two things back, Winnie spoke up: "My brother's gifts will never be taken back once given out. Miss Turner accepted them when they were offered." Alisha laughed and said: "You go back with Miss Turner first; later I'll send someone to deliver these two gifts to The Turner family." Alisha was James' sister from Osvaldo's faction. When Leia heard Alisha's words, she took Osvaldo's gift and went after Selena.

Selena got into her car and waited for a moment before asking when Leia got in: "Where is Osvaldo now?" Leia knew that at this time Selena must want to see Osvaldo; smilingly replied: "The Young Master is working outside right now; does Madam want me to find him?" Selena rarely disturbed Osvaldo when he was busy working - no or rather never did so - but this time...

She remained silent for a few seconds before smilingly saying: "Okay, let's go find him." Leia burst out laughing and stepped on the gas pedal. "Yes, ma'am!" she replied.

Forty minutes later, the car pulled up in front of a towering building.

Selena got out of the car and looked up at the skyscraper, finally getting a clear understanding of Osvaldo's work environment.

As soon as she entered the building, all eyes were on her - no one had ever seen their boss's wife before. After a momentary shock, they quickly regained their composure...

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Chapter 1636: Thank You Gift

Chapter 1636: Thank You Gift After coming to her senses, the receptionist immediately walked over respectfully and smiled, "Madam, you're here." Selena took a rare moment to look around curiously and lightly said, "Hmm," before softly asking, "Where is the young master?" The receptionist smiled and said, "The young master is on the rooftop. The elevator is over there." As she spoke, she gestured with a hand for Selena to follow.

Selena walked over with Leia and entered the elevator.

There was only one room on the top floor. Leia was very tactful and stayed outside while Selena walked up to the door and gently pushed it open before looking inside.

Osvaldo stood in front of his desk with his familiar black clothes and hair. He furrowed his brows as he concentrated on something while looking down.

After gazing at that exquisite handsome face for a moment or two in silence, Selena quietly approached him from behind without making any noise.

She came up behind Osvaldo then reached out her arms around his waist as she asked Selena reached up and wrapped her arms around his long neck, kissing his cheek before leaning in close to his ear. "I came... to thank you," she whispered softly.

Osvaldo curved his thin lips into a smile. "And where's my thank-you gift?" Selena pulled out the small cake she had bought earlier, placing it on the table and opening the lid. She scooped a spoonful of cake and offered it to him with a grin. "Here you go." As he watched her with serious eyes, Osvaldo realized that Selena truly believed that she needed to thank him for something special.

He knew that this little girl lacked emotional intelligence; she didn't even know how to say sweet nothings...

Just as he was feeling sorry for her, Selena leaned in close again, cheeks flushed red as she whispered, "...

husband." Osvaldo was taken aback at first but then burst out laughing before ruffling her hair affectionately. Suddenly understanding why Selena had bought the cake as a gift for him.

He wasn't much of a sweets person and Selena knew this fact well enough but still went ahead with buying the cake anyway - there was definitely more meaning behind it all... [Search the website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

It represented how happy and sweet-hearted Selena felt inside - something that she wanted Osvaldo to feel too.

With sparkling eyes fixed on hers, Osvaldo took a bite of the cake while Selena asked playfully: "... is it sweet?" He touched her smiling face gently before answering softly: "Mmm-hmm... but actually there's something sweeter than this." Selena blinked at him innocently while Osvaldo lowered his head down towards hers until their lips met in an intense kiss.

Her snow-white cheeks turned bright red instantly under Osvaldo's passionate embrace until he finally let go of her when they both ran out of breath.

Selena's face, flushed with excitement, was pressed against Osvaldo's chest as she giggled and said, "Thank you for the... gift. I really like it." Osvaldo looked at Selena, who rarely acted so playful, and his eyes softened.

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Chapter 1637: Osvaldo, Accompany Me... Back Home.

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Osvaldo's long arm wrapped around the little girl and pulled her into his embrace.

Selena obediently leaned against the man's chest, looking at the blue sky outside the floor-to-ceiling windows with a sweet smile on her lips.

After some time passed, Selena suddenly stood up and said to Osvaldo, "I'll go back and get ready." Osvaldo gently tucked a strand of hair behind her ear and softly murmured in agreement.

The end of the capital incident was never their end. It was just another beginning. He would accompany her back to her true home country.

Selena quietly gazed at the handsome and gentle features of this man, feeling an indescribable warmth in her heart. She had hoped countless times to return home. Even more so, she had imagined countless ways to avenge those fallen comrades once she returned home. She had many plans but none included this man until now.

Before she didn't understand why she always excluded him despite his kindness towards her but gradually realized that it was because he wasn't part of her future plans which were too deep and distant for anyone else to understand.

"That was a path destined to be filled with ignorance and difficulties.

She was afraid he would get hurt.

She couldn't bear the consequences of him being in danger, maybe even dying.

So, she would subconsciously exclude him from anything she did.

She wanted him to have a safe and smooth future.

From the beginning, this man was different to her.

Although she had decided not to take him with her, he still ended up accompanying her home in the end.

Selena looked into his gentle and deep eyes and gently stroked his cheek. "Osvaldo, come with me... home." The deep darkness in Osvaldo's eyes suddenly surged like a raging wave.

Something that had been empty for so long seemed to be filled at this moment.

It seemed that since their first encounter in Creephia, all he wanted was to be by her side.

He always worried about what would happen if he wasn't there when she cried or got hurt or scared or bullied...

This is an inexplicable bond that no one can understand.

It seems to have run through his life since the moment he was born." His purpose in coming into this world seemed to be to meet her, fall in love with her, and then... protect her.

After a year of accompanying and protecting his little girl, she finally said the words he had been dreaming of.

She promised to hold his hand and never let go. From that moment on, her feelings for him became the most important part of her life. She would give everything for their love - emotions, responsibility, loyalty... everything that belonged to the beauty between two people who loved each other.

The man smiled contentedly as he looked at the innocent beauty of Selena's face and dark eyes. "Okay," he said softly.

A gentle breeze blew through the open window and lifted Selena's beautiful long hair. She leaned up on tiptoe and kissed him lightly on his forehead before stepping back with a smile. "See you tonight," she said.

"See you tonight," Osvaldo replied tenderly as he watched Selena walk out of his office.

Leia was waiting outside the door when Selena emerged from Osvaldo's office looking like she was radiating sweet love from head to toe. "Madam, are we going home?" Leia asked with a smile.

Selena tilted her head thoughtfully before answering: "Let's go to Lan Ting." She needed to go home first but also wanted to tell someone else about what had just happened - Stanley lived at Lan Ting after all! Leia glanced at the door behind Selena before nodding knowingly; Madam went straight for their young master first! Then they could visit their childhood friend later...

Importance is arranged clearly and obviously.

Therefore, her family's young master is more important.

The young girl pressed the elevator button, and Selena walked in. Leia drove Selena to Lan Ting.

In the spacious and elegant courtyard, Stanley sat in the garden with his slender hands elegantly lighting some kind of spice.

When the Empress was not feeling well before, she often couldn't sleep at night. In order to help her sleep better, she specifically invited the empire's highest-level fragrance maker to help her make a calming scent. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Selena has been using this scent for over ten years and has already become accustomed to it.

A young and elegant man sat gracefully at a table while listening quietly behind him as someone reported their findings while burning incense.

After receiving the report, Stanley did not turn around but calmly said, "You may leave." Once they left, Stanley stood up and walked towards the end of a path while looking towards the gate direction.

A few minutes later, a white-dressed girl with black hair appeared at the end of road with curved eyebrows and eyes that carried sweet innocent smiles on her face.

Stanley curved his lips upwards as his gaze became extremely soft in an instant.

She was someone he watched grow up bit by bit; no one knew her better than he did. Her growth process spanned through his most beautiful 25 years of life.

This is a process that outsiders cannot understand. It's like holding a bud in your hand and carefully nurturing it, watching it slowly bloom into its strongest and most beautiful form.

So... how could she not be his? "Stanley." A crisp and pleasant voice entered his ears, and Stanley naturally greeted her with a smile. "Your Highness, are you ready?" Ready... to go home with him? Selena raised her eyebrows. "Mm-hmm, I can finally... go home." Back to the place where she grew up.

Stanley's gaze was deep as he hadn't spoken yet when Selena said longingly, "Osvaldo is coming back with me.

He said he'll accompany me home." Not only was she going back herself but also bringing a man along.

Stanley lowered his eyelashes lightly and spoke in an indifferent yet natural tone. "I see..." Selena remembered the question Lillian asked her earlier and observed Stanley's expression carefully but couldn't read anything from it so she decided to ask directly. "Stanley, are you upset that Osvaldo is coming back with me?" As someone who had been taking care of this girl since childhood, Stanley naturally understood her emotional intelligence better than others.

Selena didn't notice anything unusual about him so she honestly revealed the source of her doubts. "Lillian told me about it; She asked if I had considered your feelings before finding a boyfriend..." She stared into Stanley's eyes and asked, "Stanley, do you have something to tell me?"

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Chapter 1638: She Died.

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Selena asked naturally, clearly not thinking about any romantic feelings between them. Stanley quietly looked at her dark eyes for a while before smiling and saying, "Selena, I have something to tell you." When Stanley didn't address her as "Your Majesty," it meant that he was speaking as a friend. Selena walked over to the nearby wicker chair and sat down, looking up at him seriously. Stanley smiled but there was no trace of humor in his eyes as he said, "Selena, I'm worried about your boyfriend." Selena frowned slightly and thought for a moment.

Although Stanley's rejection of Osvaldo wasn't very obvious, Selena could still sense it. She felt relieved when she heard what Stanley said because she knew that he had her

best interests at heart. She didn't blame him for being concerned about Osvaldo's identity because she trusted him without reason since she liked him so much.

So far, Selena had not delved deep into Osvaldo's hidden identity. Stanley spoke those words out of fear that Osvaldo might harm her and also out of respect for his position. Selena pondered for a while and then looked up at Stanley, saying seriously, "Osvaldo won't hurt me." Stanley observed her expression and lowered his eyelashes slightly to hide his emotions. He understood what Selena meant: since Osvaldo had not harmed her, he could hold reservations about him but could not do anything detrimental to him.

He was protecting Osvaldo openly.

After a moment of silence, Stanley composed himself and looked at Selena with the same gentle elegance as before. "I understand now, Selena." Selena smiled immediately. "Stanley, I know you're worried about me. I hesitated for a long time too..." With Lillian and Robert's betrayal in the past, it was hard for Selena to trust anyone wholeheartedly again.

But after an entire year of effort on Osvaldo's part, he successfully entered into her heart.

Making him the most special person in her life.

"But later on," she continued with a smile on her face, "Osvaldo told me that he would never hurt me; with him around... no one can ever cross over him to harm me." "Stanley," she said softly, "he is not my burden but my... protector." Even though Stanley possessed strong willpower at this moment it was difficult for him to suppress his emotions when looking at her pure yet sweet expression.

For Osvaldo, these things were like sweet candy, but for him they were the most poisonous arsenic.

Stanley walked over and tousled her hair, saying in a gentle voice, "Alright, let's get down to business. I'll head back to Central City and wait for you there." This had been agreed upon beforehand.

Stanley was Selena's right-hand man and couldn't be seen returning with someone who looked like the Empress Dowager herself. It would make people suspicious of her intentions.

Selena stood up. "When you get back, please give my regards to my mother and tell her I'll be coming to see her soon." Stanley nodded in agreement.

Selena waved goodbye as she turned towards the direction of the door.

After watching Selena's slender figure disappear from view, Stanley slowly turned around and headed in the opposite direction.

"Let's go." Half an hour later, a private plane quietly took off from capital.

After returning from Lan Ting, Selena went to bid farewell to the Turner family's two masters once again. As for Lauren and Hattie, Selena had already said goodbye before.

As night fell, Selena left the Turner family behind.

Leia brought her back to the small villa.

Then, in the small villa, she saw someone she expected to see. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Leia looked at the person leaning against the car door opposite her, frowning and looking like she was facing a great enemy.

Selena patted her arm with a calm tone. "Leia, you go in first." Leia was hesitant. "But..." "It's okay." Looking at Selena's expression, Leia obediently walked into the small villa alone.

The night was quiet.

Two figures faced each other across a short distance of road without moving first.

After a long time, Christ couldn't help it anymore and threw away half of his cigarette on the ground.

And on the ground were already scattered many cigarette butts.

Christ waited in place for a while until he confirmed that his body had dissipated most of its smoke before walking towards Selena.

He stood in front of Selena with an unusually haggard face and stared at that face as if he wanted to ask something but was afraid to speak out of some kind of fear.

Selena looked calmly at the man opposite her face after what happened with Su's family; Selena never saw Christ again.

Although Christ was not the mastermind behind that incident, he had a hand in it.

Selena didn't feel any resentment towards Christ, but there wasn't much of a ripple either.

She stood quietly in place, almost too calm.

Christ looked at her face with a hoarse voice. "I... have something to ask you." Selena looked into his eyes. "I know what you want to ask." Even if she could deceive herself before, after the people from the central city came to capital and saw her identity as the leader of Lab 717 exposed, it was impossible for them not to suspect her.

Especially after that identity was revealed, even the most far-fetched guesses would become truth.

It was beyond Selena's expectations that Christ could wait until today to come and ask about it.

Christ's fingertips made a clear sound. It was unclear whether he feared Selena's next words or anticipated them eagerly.

Looking at his fearful yet expectant eyes in the darkness, Selena spoke softly. "She died on Creephia's engagement night. It was one of men of the Walson family who accidentally killed her." "Leah, Isabel and Georgia - all of you are accomplices." Christ turned pale instantly and then turned into an ashen color in no time.

Selena didn't offer any words of comfort or blame, but simply stated, "You will never find... that little girl who saved you back then." After Selena finished speaking, she didn't look at Christ's face and turned to walk towards the small villa.

Selena didn't understand or perhaps she just didn't want to understand what kind of feelings Christ had for Creephia. She only knew that the kind and timid girl would never come back again.

Christ would never be able to wait for the little girl who saved him in the darkness in this lifetime.

At this moment, it seemed like the wind had become colder and there was a sense of sadness lingering in the air.

Treading on icy ground, Selena walked towards where there was light.

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Chapter 1639 - Choice

Chapter 1639 - Choice Behind him, separated by the darkness that covered the ground, Christ stood in the cold night wind with his head down, surrounded by a strong sense of sadness and regret.

Selena walked into the warm villa amidst the silence.

Osvaldo stood on the steps with his back to her, watching her come in.

Selena smiled and walked over to him.

The man naturally reached out and hugged Selena's waist, leading her into the cozy living room.

They had dinner together and Osvaldo accompanied Selena for a walk in the garden afterwards.

Because they were about to leave and there were many things to deal with at both Research Institute and Capital University, Selena slipped away for a while before returning to her study to arrange things.

Osvaldo escorted her back to her study before staring at how focused she was on working overtime for a while before turning around and leaving. [search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

Osvaldo went downstairs, came into the living room briefly then left through front door of villa.

Underneath dim streetlights Christ still hadn't left yet.

Hearing footsteps approaching him he lifted his head up; his eyes staring crimsonly at Osvaldo without much surprise on his face.

This man was definitely more aware than anyone else of any changes in Selena's demeanor.

Perhaps holding onto that last bit of hope that refused to give up; Christ waited here.

And as expected; Osvaldo... appeared.

Christ clenched his fists tightly.

Osvaldo stood on the steps, his deep eyes mocking Christ across from him. "I told you earlier, don't be so reckless..." If it weren't for Christ indulging Sheng Pan's inhumanity and getting involved with Leah, causing harm to Selena without any regard for humanity, he wouldn't have ended up where he is today.

Christ sneered. "Where can you go? Neither Osvaldo nor Dante... can escape your blame." None of them are selfless do-gooders.

Osvaldo was just luckier than him.

Osvaldo's gaze turned cold. "I can show you the way, but I have conditions." Christ had been waiting for this sentence and stared at Osvaldo's eyes intently.

"Two options," Osvaldo said calmly. "You can only choose one." Christ's breath hitched.

But he probably guessed that Osvaldo would make this condition long ago; there wasn't much shock or surprise in his eyes. Perhaps because even he couldn't say clearly who he liked... so this choice wasn't as difficult for Christ as it seemed.

He glanced at the villa behind Osvaldo and concealed a vague and indistinguishable expression in his eyes. "If your information is useful to me, I won't come back to disturb her again." He still couldn't distinguish who he really liked right now.

The reason why he made such a choice was simply because Selena was safe with Osvaldo protecting her while the little girl who saved him years ago... was still missing until now.

If she really disappeared from this world as Selena claimed, then Christ would never be able to rest easy in his entire life.

For men, responsibility often weighs heavier on their hearts than emotions do.

Osvaldo's face remained expressionless. "You can check out the downtown area, with a focus on a man named Stanley..." "As for whether or not we'll find anything, that remains to be seen." While Stanley was calculating his moves against Osvaldo, Osvaldo was also keeping an eye out for him.

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Chapter 1640 Before Parting

Chapter 1640 Before Parting Although Oscar couldn't openly tell Osvaldo that the Turner family's daughter was still alive, it didn't mean he couldn't do anything about it.

For smart people, a slight hint can lead to countless speculations.

Furthermore...

Due to an unexpected event, Stanley arrived in the capital city one day early and ruined his wedding night with Selena.

Stanley firmly told Selena that she would definitely be able to return to her former position.

These minor doubts all hinted that Stanley must have control over an unexpected event that caught everyone off guard. [search the Findnovel.net website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

This unexpected event could possibly involve Creephia's Selena. Or maybe not. The answer could only be confirmed after a thorough investigation in the central city.

Christ received the news he wanted and glanced behind Osvaldo before turning around and leaving. At that moment, Osvaldo also turned around and walked into the hall.

Selena was still busy in her study. Fortunately, she had been preparing for leaving for a long time so when this day finally came, she wasn't flustered or rushed.

The Capital University lab was secondary; mainly focused on research institutes but fortunately many people from Lab 717 came over and helped take over some of her work. Once everything at the research institute is running smoothly there won't be much left for her to worry about anymore.

At midnight, Selena finally finished all her work and Osvaldo brought her back to the bedroom on time. After taking a shower, Selena lay in bed and looked at the man guarding beside her, asking with a smile, "Are you going out tonight?" If Osvaldo didn't have to go out at night, he would sleep with her. He only left quietly after she fell asleep when he had to go out.

Osvaldo rubbed her hair and said, "I'll be back soon." Selena rubbed his palm and closed her eyes peacefully.

capital was Osvaldo's home. He had more things to arrange than she did if he followed her on a long trip.

Selena fell asleep quickly. After she slept soundly, Osvaldo turned around and left.

The next morning Leia asked Selena: "Madam, Young Master said we're leaving tonight. Do you have any places you want to visit today?" Although Selena had been in capital for almost a year and didn't love it as much as the central city did but still felt reluctant before leaving this place behind.

Most importantly of all though was that there was something else she needed to take care of before leaving capital behind for good.

Sitting in front of the mirror looking at herself smilingly Selena said: "I'm going to Union University today." Leia paused for a moment not understanding why Selena wanted to go there but helped Selena change clothes anyway before driving them both away from home.

Soon enough Leia found out why they were headed towards Union University together.

On the Union University campus, a crowd had gathered. Hattie had mentioned that there were admissions exams happening these days, and Leia assumed Selena was here to support her friend. But when Leia saw Lillian, dressed in her uniform and looking sharp on the stage, she knew things weren't so simple.

Selena's arrival caused quite a stir.

"Ah! Miss Turner is here!" With those words, all of the students present turned their attention towards the platform.

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Chapter 1641: Grow Up Well.

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Lillian heard the commotion and turned to see Selena's gaze upon her. She smiled and nodded in acknowledgement.

Principal Wen furrowed his brow and approached them. "Miss Turner." Selena smiled, "My sister has an entrance exam today, I came to check on her." Principal Wen was taken aback. He thought Selena had come because of the news that Lillian was taking Robert away.

But it turned out she was here for Hattie.

Selena calmly walked over to sit on Lillian's right side, looking towards the bustling entrance exam taking place on the field.

It was easy for her to spot Hattie among the group of students. The young girl wore a military green combat uniform as she quickly and agilely passed through one obstacle after another. Her face glistening with sweat, eyes focused ahead with a cold yet determined look as she left her peers behind in pursuit of her dream.

The surrounding cheers and encouragement were deafening.

Lillian followed Selena's gaze and remembered herself at that age, feeling momentarily lost in thought. "This young girl is truly admirable..." Selena chuckled lightly, "Her future will be even more admirable." Lillian laughed too, "You're right about that." No one understood better than Lillian what Hattie meant to Selena.

At thirteen years old, this empress-to-be not only chased after her dreams so fiercely but couldn't even handle basic running exercises without collapsing from exhaustion.

Her Majesty the Empress's life over the past decade has been nothing short of perfect, except for her weak physical health which remains her biggest regret.

Upon seeing a young girl who resembled her so much and possessed such strong character, she couldn't help but take an interest in nurturing her.

Of course, given Lillian's personality, even if Selena were to openly reveal this weakness to her, she would not stoop so low as to involve an innocent young girl.

Lillian stared at Hattie for a moment before relaxing back into her seat and asking in a calm voice, "Miss Turner, just tell me what it will take for you to release Robert?" As soon as these words left Lillian's mouth, all eyes on the platform turned towards them with varying expressions.

The ruler of Central City had personally come to the capital with the intention of taking Robert away and had even offered up three precious treasures. But he returned empty-handed.

With Osvaldo and Lab 717 watching closely and Selena refusing to budge on the matter at hand, there was no way Lillian could take Robert away from them.

Lillian had chosen Union University today in order to gain access into District Six. However it was clear that this negotiation had failed miserably.

Knowing that Principal Oscar was affiliated with The Turner family meant that this avenue was blocked off completely. And thus we have arrived at this scene...

Upon hearing these words Selena turned towards Lillian with a slow smile forming on her lips, "Anything goes?" Meeting Selena's gaze head-on, Lillian replied, "As long as Miss Turner is willing to let go of Robert then anything is possible." Selena chuckled, "If I didn't know any better I'd almost think you were romantically interested in him by how much you care about him." Lillian paused and gave her a meaningful look. "Robert is my most loyal right-hand man, and I have an obligation to protect him." A wave of exhilarating screams erupted from the crowd as Hattie crossed the finish line first.

Selena turned to look.

The little girl stood on the finish line, her dark eyes fixed on a target in the distance. She smoothly raised her gun, pulled back the bolt, and squeezed the trigger-- Bang! Bang! Bang! Ten consecutive shots hit dead center.

"Amazing!" Even many of the teachers standing on the platform couldn't help but stand up and applaud at such accuracy.

And for all those students watching this scene unfold on the field, their excitement knew no bounds.

Selena looked at Hattie's young yet composed face with a slight smile. "You're in." This was Selena's agreement with Lillian.

Lillian also smiled; she didn't ask Selena what she would want in return for this condition being met. Their battlefield and victory were never here.

Hattie looked towards Selena on top of that platform after successfully completing her assessment. The little girl smiled happily at Selena with adoration shining bright in her dark eyes.

It was like a little puppy, eager for praise from its parents after accomplishing something. Lillian stood up, hands tucked into her pockets, her slender figure accentuated by the black and gold-trimmed uniform that made her look even taller.

She looked at Hattie and smiled. In that moment, an aura emanated from her that made everyone in the vicinity shiver with awe. "Miss Turner," she said confidently. "I'll be waiting for you in my empire." Selena sat motionless in place and replied with a faint smile: "See you at Central City, Miss Lillian." Lillian raised her hand to put on the hat adorned with the emblem of Central City before turning around to leave.

Selena got up and walked towards the playground where Hattie had just scored first place on an entrance exam.

A group of young people surrounded Hattie congratulating and admiring her.

When Selena appeared, everyone spontaneously moved aside to make way for this girl who was considered as both a goddess and idol within their military district.

Selena walked up to Hattie's side and looked at the little girl's rosy cheeks for quite some time before reaching out to ruffle her hair affectionately. "You have to grow up well," she said softly.

Hattie suppressed the bitterness in her eyes as she straightened herself into an exceptionally standard military salute position while placing one hand on right side of body saying crisply: "Yes ma'am!" Selena laughed happily at this display of respect from such a young child.

In the blue sky above them, a half-grown eagle cried out clearly as it flew towards higher skies with sharp eyesight; it seemed like even motherless chicks could eventually grow strong wings too...

When Selena returned home from Union University later that day Osvaldo was waiting for her outside their small villa gate.

Upon seeing Selena, Osvaldo reached out his hand to her.

Selena placed her hand in his palm and Osvaldo led her into the car.

The car sped towards the direction of the airport.

As the first ray of light disappeared, Selena arrived at the airport.

She stood amidst the dusk and turned back for one last look at this city that had carried all her ups and downs for a year.

It was here that she met the most important man in her life.

And successfully stole him away from someone else.

Selena smiled slightly at Osvaldo, took his hand without hesitation, and confidently stepped into their journey together. [Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

At that moment, a plane took off from capital towards a distant central city.

Meanwhile, inside a courtroom...

Spencer watched Margot happily playing with Oletta and said with a smile, "Your best friend just went home." Margot looked confused, "What?" What's going on?! Seeing Margot's puzzled expression, Spencer put on his hat to hide his emotions, "So... do you want to come with me?" A few minutes later, a piercing scream of despair echoed from within the dark courtroom.

"Ah! Ah! Ah! Selena, why didn't you wait for me again?!" We promised to be best friends and walk hand in hand together, didn't we?!

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Chapter 1642: Welcome Home.

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The city center was a hub of economic and military development. When people thought of this city, they automatically associated it with advanced technology. However, surprisingly, the city gave off an aura of tranquility and beauty.

The streets were always spotless and organized, with various commercial information scrolling across billboards.

It was a seemingly noiseless city.

The accumulation and sedimentation of technology and culture brought about a unique atmosphere that combined high-end civilization with historical culture to make it one of the world's top gems.

Selena had just arrived at an estate on the outskirts after spending the night on a plane. She walked out in her pajamas onto the wooden floor where Leia stood outside her door. [SEARCH THE \(F\)indNOVEL.net website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Madam Selena, why are you up so early?" Leia asked as she heard Selena's footsteps.

Selena hadn't slept much last night; she had finally fallen asleep thanks to Osvaldo's coaxing but woke up shortly after he left. Perhaps being back in her hometown had made her spirits unusually high-strung.

Shaking her head slightly, Selena replied, "It's nothing; I just need to get ready because I'm going out later." Leia immediately went downstairs while Selena changed clothes and ate breakfast before heading into the study room.

Not long after, a sports car pulled up outside the estate gates. At the same time, Selena put down her book and walked out of the room, saying to Leia, "I'm going out for a bit. I'll be back tonight." Leia was taken aback by this. It was clear that Selena wasn't taking her with her.

"But, Madam... it could be dangerous outside..." Selena laughed and ruffled the little girl's hair. "It's fine, someone is coming to pick me up." As she spoke those words, a tall figure walked in through the estate gates.

Leia watched as Stanley approached them and felt her eyebrows knotting together tightly. The young master wasn't here and now Madam was leaving with this man alone...

"Tell the young master I'll be back tonight," Selena said before walking towards Stanley.

Naturally falling half a step behind her, Stanley accompanied Selena as they walked out.

Watching their backs disappear into the distance made Leia so anxious that she scratched at her hair before turning around to call Osvaldo on the phone.

Once outside of the estate gates, Selena leaned into open car door where an attentive driver waited for them while Stanley followed closely behind and got in too.

The car started up and drove off towards the palace's direction.

On the car ride, Stanley looked at the young girl across from him and gave a small smile. "Your Highness, welcome home." After a year away, the Queen of Central City had finally returned to her homeland. Selena looked out of the car window at the familiar scenery passing by and a small smile played on her lips.

The car made its way to the royal court, seemingly entering into an empty land as it drove towards its destination. Finally, it stopped in front of an exquisite bamboo house.

A middle-aged man dressed in tails stood guard at the door and carefully opened it for Selena as she stepped out of the vehicle.

Tears welled up in Horace's eyes as he greeted her with respect. "Welcome home, Your Highness..." Selena's gaze lingered on his face for a moment before she gave him a small smile. "Long time no see, Horace." Horace respectfully stepped aside and gestured for her to enter. "Please come inside - Her Majesty has been waiting for you." As Selena approached the bamboo house entrance, she removed her shoes and walked inside barefoot on snow- white feet.

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Read Chapter 1643: Let Her Go.

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The front door of the bamboo house opened, and Selena walked in barefoot.

Before her eyes was a green bamboo forest, with sleeping lotuses covering the tranquil pond. The sound of trickling water could be heard in her ears.

Under the wooden porch roof lay soft cushions. A man dressed in a white robe sat cross-legged on top of them, his deep black hair falling behind him. His features were profound and noble; he had a high nose bridge and skin that was uniquely pale and cold. He exuded both pure elegance like sunshine on snow as well as aristocratic dignity.

A butterfly flew onto his shoulder from an unknown place, gently flapping its wings.

Everything was quiet.

Selena quietly approached the man's side, just like she had countless times when she was younger. She laid down next to him with her head resting on his leg and closed her eyes peacefully.

After some time passed by unnoticed, the man slowly opened his eyes and looked down at his daughter's serene face. Having experienced life-and-death situations before made Selena grow up significantly since she last saw him.

The pitch-black pupils of the man rested upon Selena who still carried traces of childishness in her brows and eyes - ice-cold eyebrows that now held a touch of tenderness too.

At five years old when she first sat there beside him, Selena encountered many treacherous people early on despite all he taught her to be strong enough to overcome any obstacle thrown at her way.

He always taught her to be resilient through adversity because setbacks are wealth; only those who are not afraid to fail can stand up again after each fall fully understanding what it means to survive.

However, he overlooked one thing: that this girl is still just an 19-year-old young woman struggling with growing pains.

How much effort did it take for this child to get here today? Selena woke up feeling warm inside amidst tranquility while looking into the depths of those profound eyes belonging only to one person -her father- whose love for their family knows no bounds nor conditions whatsoever! Selena whispered, "Father." The man's white fingers gently brushed Selena's black hair. "Go see your mother. She has been waiting for you." Selena slowly sat up and faced the man in front of her. "Before I go, there is something I want to ask you." Under the eaves, two white figures faced each other with a distant gap between them.

The man's eyes were calm. "Don't pursue anything about that person. Forget him as if he never existed." "But I have seen him," Selena stubbornly looked at the man, "Unless you make me forget again, I cannot pretend he doesn't exist." "But unfortunately-" Selena paused and a sharpness appeared in her eyes as she spoke slowly, "I am no longer who I was when I was five years old. Even you cannot make me forget what I don't want to forget." The man looked at his daughter across from him. "Even if pursuing this matter will deeply hurt your mother?" A crack appeared in Selena's calm face, "So... is he really related to me?" The man looked at his daughter's pale face and said softly: "All that can be said is that currently it is the best outcome for everyone." "If you insist on pursuing it will hurt many people who care about you - including yourself and your mother... and even that person himself." Selena froze.

The man looked at his daughter's lost expression with a touch of pity in his eyes: "In this world not all truths need to be uncovered." "When it hurts too many people not touching it is often the best choice." Selena stared fixedly into her father's eyes: "Father... I don't understand..." "I don't need to understand," the man lowered his eyelashes gently. "Don't go digging into everything about that person, don't touch anything related to him, and don't mention him in front of your mother." Selena persisted in looking at him. "What

can I do then?" After a moment's pause, the man's voice continued. "You can remember... he loved you very much." Selena got the answer she wanted and stood up slowly. In her pure black eyes shone a stubborn and cold light.

"Father, I won't give up." With that said, she elegantly bowed and walked out.

Stanley stood outside the door and heard some noise. He looked up and saw Selena was not in a good mood.

Frowning, Stanley walked over to her. "Your Highness..." Selena approached slowly and said to Stanley, "Let's go see my mother." Stanley looked behind her direction before leading Selena away.

Horace watched Selena leave before turning around towards the door with a low voice saying: "The little princess looks very sad..." There was no sound coming from inside.

Horace sighed deeply: "The little princess may seem soft but she is stubborn by nature; even if she knows that knowing the truth may hurt her feelings badly but still won't give up." "Mr. Soo has always been unable to deal with her temperaments well... and on top of that...that monarch who came back with her...do you want me to do something?" After a long pause, a voice finally emerged from under the eaves. "Let her go," it said.

Horace let out a deep sigh. The monarch had ultimately given in to the demands of his youngest daughter.

The reason she insisted on investigating the truth was not for anything else but to seek justice for that person.

Perhaps this was what twin siblings felt towards each other, even if they had never met face-to-face before...

Selena left the bamboo hut and lowered her head in thought. Stanley watched her absent-mindedness and softly said, "Your Majesty, going to see your mother like this will only worry her." Selena blinked and finally came back to reality from being lost in thought. She stood still for a moment before speaking up again, "My father told me he loves me..." Stanley immediately knew who she meant by he. This surprised him slightly; he hadn't expected Selena's first question upon seeing her father would be about that person - not even Osvaldo ranked higher than him in Selena's mind...

It seems like her interest in that person surpasses everyone's imagination.

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"My father forbids me from investigating him, he says if I insist on doing so, it will hurt my mother..." Stanley listened quietly and then asked, "Your Majesty, are you giving up?" "No," Selena's face was determined. "I won't mention him in front of my mother, let

alone let her know. I already know of his existence and have even met him." Selena turned to look at Stanley. "But I must investigate that person." "I want him to live openly in front of everyone, to let everyone know of his existence instead of being a...

forgotten shadow who lives alone with darkness all day long." No one cares about him.

No one remembers him.

No one dares to mention him.

Clearly... he is likely the person who should have been sitting above millions of people.

Stanley looked at her quietly. "Your Majesty, these two wishes are contradictory." She wants that person to live openly among people but if she does so her mother will inevitably find out about his existence.

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Chapter 1644: Wish

Chapter 1644: Wish Selena smiled slightly, her gaze falling on a beautiful little building in front of them. "Stanley, my mother loves me very much, right?" Stanley nodded. "Madam's love for you is beyond doubt." "And then my father told me that he also loves me." "Since they both love you, does that mean I have the ability to change certain things?" Selena asked.

Stanley hesitated and lowered his eyelashes without saying a word.

Just like him and Osvaldo, there must always be someone who lets go in the end. They all loved her but were unwilling to bear the pain of losing her.

Not getting the answer she wanted, Selena turned to Stanley. "Don't you think so?" "Selena, you're thinking too simplistically," Stanley sighed softly. "If that person's existence can make your parents remain silent about him and even make him feel it's best not to appear before you at all, then it means their choice is the best one." Forcing things could lead to unexpected consequences. The most important thing was that Selena might get hurt during this process.

Selena pouted with a small face as she looked at Stanley unhappily. Which side was he on? Seeing her expression made Stanley want to laugh but he coughed instead and said seriously: "Of course if you insist and are prepared for any consequences that may arise from your decision then we will definitely fight for what we believe in." Selena finally smiled again and waved her hand dismissively: "I will decide based on the results of our investigation." "They all love me very much, so I'm not afraid of getting hurt

because--" Selena stepped towards the small building. "Whether it's my father and mother or that big brother, they can't bear to hurt me." "To be honest, even if I do get hurt, it's probably what I deserve." "Compared to what that big brother lost, what I've gained... is enough." In addition to this, Selena had another layer of thought.

The Riddle Group Empire only has two heirs: her and Lillian. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

And as a bloodline of the Turner family, she was destined not to go back.

Stanley said she could go back. In Selena's opinion, it was probably due to his favoritism towards her.

And Lillian-- Selena must use the other person's blood to avenge those who died in vain.

In such a situation, having one more heir in the empire is not a bad thing.

It even solves the problem that has been bothering Selena all along.

Losing the position of queen is not so difficult for Selena to accept.

She won't be an empress anymore; she can follow Osvaldo home and be his wife peacefully.

As Stanley watched her slender figure disappear before him, his smile faded little by little.

"If the other person's existence is itself a kind of harm, isn't it? Stanley knew that Selena didn't care about that position at all. Even if someone could help her bear all this, she would still be happy. And for Stanley, Selena's identity was never important, no matter whether she was a queen or not. What he valued was never her status.

Selena is pure and kind-hearted in love; she feels like she is the beneficiary of this situation and cannot do anything without guilt. She wants to investigate the truth about that person, wants to make them happy too, and wants that person to appear before her openly and honestly. Can this wish really come true?"

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Chapter 1645: Back In The Day

Chapter 1645: Back in the Day Selena walked into the building. The environment inside was tranquil, with classical and elegant Chinese architecture. A pond extended outwards, with a green arch bridge overhead. Various orchids were planted all around.

As soon as Selena entered, a maid approached her excitedly and elegantly bowed, "Little princess, Madam has been waiting for you for a long time." Seeing the familiar place, Selena relaxed a bit. She took a deep breath and stepped onto the bridge before entering the small building at its end.

The interior of the building was exquisitely decorated in an elegant style with cool tones throughout. A woman wearing a long blue dress sat in front of an ancient musical instrument with her back to Selena. Her black hair flowed down like silk behind her back; even from just seeing her back view one could sense elegance and beauty.

The sound of music filled the room.

Selena stared at that back for a moment, then stepped lightly forward and raised her arms to embrace the other from behind.

The woman's movements of stroking the piano froze in a flash, and after a few seconds of stagnation, she turned around and wrapped Selena into her arms in a deadly embrace.

Selena buried in the woman's embrace, feeling the familiar scent, fondly rubbed, softly cried out, "... mum." There was a steady stream of warm liquid falling on the slender shoulders, Selena was anxious, panicked and raised her head to see the face that was pale in complexion, but covered the pouring face.

Even though Selena had been born beautiful enough, she still looked very young in front of the owner of this face.

Selena tenderly helped her mother wipe her tears, "Mum, don't cry ... it's alright ..." Madam Samantha looked at her daughter, who seemed like a completely different person. Tears flowed endlessly from her beautiful eyes as she spoke in a soft voice, almost choking on her words. "Selena..." The maid beside them looked worried and said, "Your Highness, Madam's heart condition has worsened this year.

She cannot have any major emotional disturbances..." Since Selena could remember, her mother had been suffering from a heart condition. She was always melancholic and rarely allowed anyone to see her except for Selena.

Not even Selena's father was exempt from this rule.

But that didn't mean that Madam Samantha didn't love Selena.

Selena stood up straight and used a handkerchief to wipe away her mother's tears. With a sweet smile tinged with shyness, she said, "Mom... I have someone I like." Madam Samantha quickly composed herself and led Selena to sit in front of her. She carefully examined the innocent face of her daughter before asking incredulously, "Someone you... like?" Selena leaned against Madam Samantha's shoulder and began telling the story about Osvaldo.

The maids inside quietly left them alone in their own space while they talked for hours about how they first met until he proposed to marry him which led them back to the empire...

As the light outside gradually dimmed until sunset arrived at last, Selena finally finished speaking.

Madam Samantha listened quietly as she watched the expression on Selena's face change when talking about Osvaldo - there was an unmistakable joy mixed with shyness that reminded Madam Samantha of when little Selina had been brought back home with high fever but still insisted on telling Madam how much she loved her...

A young man had promised to confess his love to her, but she was too tired and needed to sleep for a while. She asked her mother not to forget to wake her up if the young man was still waiting for her.

If her mother agreed and woke her up, she would forgive herself for accidentally losing contact with her brother.

The young man had promised that he would help find him.

Later on...

Madam Samantha's heart skipped a beat, but she didn't show it on her face. She gently touched Selena's face and said, "Selena is all grown up now and can start dating." Selena leaned against Madam Samantha's shoulder and asked with a smile, "Mom, is he good?" Madam Samantha looked distant as she replied, "Yes, he loves you very much." She knew that Selena was naturally slow when it came to matters of the heart. If a man could make it clear that he loved Selena by doing things for her in particular ways then there must be something special about him.

Selena noticed that something was off with Madam Samantha's expression. She lifted up from the embrace and asked curiously, "Mom are you not happy?" Madam Samantha smiled warmly as she stroked Selena's hair, "No dear I am just surprised at how quickly time passes by... before we know it you are already grown-up enough to have boyfriends..." Selena lay in Madam Samantha's arms with wide eyes full of joy, "I haven't told dad yet... if he finds out about Osvaldo..." Madame Samatha laughed softly as she poked Selana's nose playfully, "You brought your boyfriend home openly so how could your father not notice?" It remained only a matter of time before Selana took action

against Osvaldo who may not be able defend himself if push comes shove according to what they both knew about him Madam Samantha looked at Selena's hopeful eyes and chuckled, feeling a bittersweet sensation she couldn't quite describe. If it weren't for the unexpected circumstances that led her to cross paths with men outside of her family, Selena would never have been involved with them.

She gently embraced Selena and said, "Selena is still young. You shouldn't let your heart be swayed so easily..." Strictly speaking, Selena had just turned nineteen and had only been legally an adult for a year. Madam Samantha remembered how Selena died on the battlefield when she was only eighteen... Her face suddenly turned pale as she forcefully suppressed the lump in her throat.

Selena was still in her mother's embrace and didn't notice anything unusual. She whispered softly, "But..."

Osvaldo's parents are really nice to me..." Madam Samantha laughed and said, "Sweetie, it's not that simple. If you marry him, it means you'll be with him forever and won't be able to stay by your father or mother's side anymore." There was a fundamental difference between marriage and dating.

Selena blinked her eyes but didn't say anything more as she snuggled into her mother's arms.

Madam Samantha looked at her daughter's withdrawn expression again before chuckling once more. She knew that Selena understood the difference between dating someone casually versus marrying them seriously. [Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

This little rascal was simply worried about Osvaldo being unable to handle their father if he became too violent towards them - hence why they came here seeking refuge from Stanley who could help protect them from harm.

Madam Samantha tapped on Selena's forehead playfully before suddenly remembering Stanley again; the smile on her face froze momentarily as she asked aloud: "Did Stanley come along with you?" Selene murmured softly: "Mm-hmm...Stanley dropped me off but he should've left already." Madame Samantha fell silent for a moment while worry flashed across her eyes before saying gently: "Remember this well my dear child - things are different now than they were before you left home last year; there have been many changes in our empire." "Remember, never fully trust anyone, even if they were once the closest person to you," she said.

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Chapter 1646 Trust

Chapter 1646 Trust Selena looked up at Madam Samantha and asked, "Mom, who are you talking about?" "Every person around you," Madam Samantha gently stroked her long hair, "Stanley, your boyfriend, including...

your father." Selena narrowed her eyes.

Madam Samantha looked into Selena's dark and clear eyes. "Selena, never fully trust anyone at any time. Mom can't bear the pain of losing you again." Seeing the pain in her mother's eyes, Selena realized that Madam Samantha was afraid she would be hurt again and had reminded her on purpose.

Selena rubbed against her mother's shoulder and whispered softly, "I understand now Mom. I will never make the same mistake again." Madam Samantha looked at Selena's innocent eyebrows and eyelashes with suppressed emotions before closing her eyes.

The daylight outside had completely faded away as a maid walked in quietly. "Madame, it is dinner time for Little Princess." After having dinner with her mother, Selana originally wanted to call Osvaldo to tell him she wouldn't be going home tonight but Samantha spoke first, "Go back now Selana, and come see Mother when you have more time." A hint of disappointment flashed through Selana's eyes.

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It was always like this.

Her mother loved her but never allowed herself to get too close to anyone else.

As they walked arm in arm together, Selana smiled and asked, "Can I bring my boyfriend next time?" Madam Samantha chuckled helplessly as she took the clothes handed over by the maid to help dress up Selana while playfully pinching on his nose tip. "Let me get to know him first." Selana liked that man.

From the description she heard from her, it was definitely filtered through the lens of love.

As for who the other person was specifically, Madam Samantha had to see for herself to confirm.

Selena achieved her goal and instructed her mother to rest well before leaving.

Madam Samantha watched her daughter leave. After Selena's figure disappeared completely from sight, Madam Samantha's slender body swayed in place and fell to one side.

The maid quickly caught her and looked at the bright red blood flowing from Madam Samantha's mouth in shock.

"Madam..." Madam Samantha looked in the direction Selena left and thought of that child who had been abandoned since childhood. She cried out painfully.

Selena walked out of the small building and was surprised to see Stanley standing at the door, clearly waiting for her. "Stanley, what are you doing here..." This is imperial palace where both my father and mother are present - no one can harm me here. She spent all day inside so Stanley didn't need to waste his time waiting for her here.

Stanley smiled but didn't explain himself. "Your Majesty, I will escort you back." Selena stared at Stanley for a moment but did not refuse him as she followed him back home.

Stanley escorted her back to the estate where Selena waved goodbye before turning around and walking towards their mansion.

Stanley watched as she walked step by step towards the mansion. Under the bright lights, he could vaguely see a tall and slender figure standing on the steps, looking over in their direction.

Even from such a distance, he could feel the eerie and mysterious gaze of that person.

Selena also saw him and quickened her pace towards him with joy. They hugged each other happily before walking together into the brightly lit hall.

Stanley stared at that scene for a long time until it disappeared from view before turning around to get into his car.

In the darkness of night, a clear and gentle voice rang out, "Go to Rose Palace."

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Chapter 1647: Do You Want To Go Home? Miss Selena.

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Selena was led into the hall by Osvaldo. A steaming hot dinner was laid out on the table, and although Selena had already eaten, she sat down with Osvaldo to keep him company. As he looked at her relaxed and happy expression, his eyes softened.

After dinner, Selena linked arms with Osvaldo and they took a stroll in the garden. She gazed up at the serene night sky, her usually calm expression showing a hint of excitement.

After a moment's silence, Selena turned to Osvaldo and said, "Tomorrow I have to go see Wang Ting." She had decided to find out more about that big brother herself. She would have to visit "Gaia" in person but wasn't sure if her father would be watching over her.

Osvaldo rubbed her hair affectionately as he watched Selena's worried face. He leaned down and kissed her forehead gently saying, "Selena don't worry." This little thing never paid attention before; what is she doing now? If she knew... a dark glint flashed through Osvaldo's deep black eyes.

As Selena heard his voice again, she remembered how he followed along with her despite leaving home, and might even encounter some trouble from her father. She felt guilty for dragging him into this mess. "Osvaldo, don't worry. My father may be... but he won't make things too difficult for you." After all, it was something she personally valued, and even if her father was somewhat dissatisfied, he would never go too far.

Osvaldo chuckled and pulled Selena into his arms.

He wouldn't let the other party find him.

After all, he also wanted to know why in that past year they had likely known that Selena was still alive but chose to ignore her.

The attitude of the emperor of the empire was too strange and unpredictable.

And then there was Aarav, who Selena had kept in her heart all this time-- Osvaldo's eyes darkened for a moment.

The young couple walked around in the garden for a while before Osvaldo escorted Selena to bed. After putting her to sleep, Osvaldo stepped out of the room. He stood on the steps outside listening as those around him reported on recent developments within Riddle Group under Wang Ting's leadership. He calmly arranged everything before finally asking "Any news on that person?" "No," replied his informant shaking their head. "We followed up on your lead and confirmed that it was indeed someone from Riddle Group Empire who took them away from you." "But after that they disappeared completely from Riddle Group Empire." "Not only after five years old but even traces from before were completely erased." "Nowadays almost no one knows anything about Wang Ting at Riddle Group; it's as if... he never existed at all." Under these circumstances, finding information about this person is almost impossible.

Osvaldo's eyes darkened. He stood in the pitch-black night, his aura suddenly becoming stern. Although he wasn't familiar with Aarav, and even when he saw him again, there

was no emotional excitement. He didn't even bother to pursue the matter that had been on his mind for so long - seeking revenge against Aarav.

But upon hearing this news, he still felt a sense of confusion and heartache. Wasn't the little thing that was taken away from him all those years ago living well at home? If only he hadn't given him to his family back then.

The person reporting rarely saw their master silent like this and asked aloud, "Young Master, should we continue investigating?" "Keep looking!" Osvaldo turned around and walked back into the hall. His black coat flashed a gloomy arc in the darkness as he said firmly: "Until we find him!" Aarav's existence was like an unpredictable time bomb. No one knew what impact it would have on Selena before they could dig him out.

At that moment, a car stopped in front of a hidden palace. Stanley got out of the car and walked towards the gate with purposeful steps.

The person inside the door opened it quietly and bowed elegantly, "Young master." Stanley nodded gently in acknowledgement and walked towards the depths of the palace step by step.

In a tastefully decorated room, a slender figure sat quietly on the carpet, engrossed in reading a book.

Stanley stood silently at the doorway, gazing at her fair and pretty face with deep eyes.

Although it was the same face, one glance was enough to reveal how different they were from each other.

Her clear deer-like eyes reminded him repeatedly that this person... was no longer his majesty whom he had been waiting for over ten years.

As if sensing his gaze, she looked up and met his eyes.

When she saw Stanley standing at the doorway, she froze for a moment. She felt nervous all over as she stood up from her seat. Her bright eyes looked at Stanley with timidity as she spoke, "You... you're back..." On that night when she woke up, this man learned about her origins from her own mouth without hesitation before leaving immediately afterwards. Before he left though he instructed others to take good care of her - which meant being confined here for days on end without stepping outside once.

With impeccable manners Stanley walked into the room. His gaze fell upon her face as he asked kindly, "How's your recovery going?" Feeling uneasy under his stare, she lowered her head but gathered courage to ask, "Have you found her?" Stanley paused, chuckled softly and said, "Found her." He heard the person across from him take a deep breath before looking up at him with a smile.

"Congratulations," she said.

But then her expression faded as she asked in a somber tone, "How is she doing? Is she okay?" With such a difficult living environment, that girl must be struggling too, right? But in an instant, the woman's smile turned into disappointment. Search the Findnovel.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

She remembered the girl with the same name as hers and all of her experiences growing up. How could such a brave and strong person allow others to hurt her? It couldn't be her who was struggling.

It was more likely those who tried to harm her.

Although they shared the same name and surname, their personalities and lives were like two extremes. The girl's resilience reflected on her 19 years of life which were full of failures. She not only dragged herself down but also those around her.

The young woman looked down sadly.

Watching all these emotions play out before him, Stanley's eyes darkened as he smiled and said: "She managed your life so well that those who once hurt you have disappeared completely." "She even helped you find your real family." The young woman suddenly looked up at Stanley in shock.

Stanley looked at her with a gentle and almost seductive tone, "Do you want to go home, Miss Selena?"

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Chapter 1648: I Love Her.

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Selena clenched her fists, tears glistening in her clear eyes as she whispered, "My... real family..." "Yes," Stanley pulled out a handkerchief and gently wiped away her tears. "My Selena is a good girl. She helped you seek revenge, but did not take what rightfully belonged to you - your family's love and affection." "Your father, your uncle, your cousins - except for your young cousin who may still be unaware of the truth - everyone knows about your existence." "Before coming back here, your uncle and cousin made a deal with me." "They wanted me to release you so that you could safely return home." Selena tightened her grip on her fists and controlled her tears. Summoning all of her courage, she looked straight into Stanley's eyes and asked, "What do I need to do before that?" Stanley smiled. "You really are a smart girl." His tone suddenly became serious. "Selena left everything that belongs to you with you except for one thing...

Your fiancé is now hers!" "This can't be true! She wouldn't and couldn't possibly like him..." Selena was stunned.

After struggling on the brink of life and death for an entire year, in this girl's memory, Dominic was still her fiancé.

But Empress Creephia would never like Dominic.

Stanley chuckled softly, "Of course it's not Creephia who likes him; it's the person who should have been yours all along- Osvaldo!" "Do you remember the necklace that your mother left for you? The old man from Anderson Family in Beijing once received kindness from your mother; therefore he used this token of trust to arrange an engagement between his grandson and yourself." "Osvaldo is truly meant to be yours if there were no unexpected events along the way." Selena was stunned.

Faced with this sudden engagement that dropped from the sky, she had no idea how to react.

Stanley didn't say anything further, giving her enough time to digest the news.

After a long while, Selena lowered her head and said in a daze, "She gave me all of her relatives back except for that man. That man must be very important to her..." She didn't have much of a reaction when Stanley mentioned the man who was supposed to be her fiancé.

After all, they were strangers who had never even met before.

Stanley looked at her nervously twisting fingers and smiled gently. His voice finally revealed some dominance as he said, "No, that man must be your fiancé!" Selena's heart skipped a beat.

She vaguely guessed Stanley's intentions but was somewhat incredulous as she looked up at him. "You... like her?" "No..." Stanley slowly walked towards the floor-to-ceiling window and looked towards where Selena was standing at the moment.

Selena saw clearly from his handsome profile that there was some deep loneliness and sadness in his eyes at this moment, In the dark night, Stanley's gentle voice came through clearly and slowly, "I love her..." "Do you know what it feels like to love someone?" "I wait for her every day and dream of marrying her when she grows up." "I watched as she grew from an adorable little girl into a beautiful strong young woman." "I have been looking forward to the day when she becomes my wife." "At the last moment on the battlefield, I held her in my arms and watched as she closed her eyes and took her last breath..." As if recalling a heart-wrenching pain, the once elegant and gentle man couldn't control himself any longer. He closed his eyes with suppressed emotions. "In that moment, I thought I would die with her." "A few seconds later, miraculously, her heart started beating again. I thought it was God's mercy for her achievements in this

empire for the past eighteen years." "I stayed by her side every step of the way. With my soul as witness to all gods out there, from now on, I will never let her go to battle alone again." "If she wakes up, I will use my life, soul and everything else to protect her." "I waited for a whole year until she finally opened her eyes..." Stanley slowly turned his head around with a stern gaze fixed on Selena's face. "But instead of waiting for HER...

I waited for you..." In that moment of heart-wrenching fear and disappointment almost took Stanley's life.

He experienced firsthand what it was like when someone died in his arms.

No one could understand how desperate he felt or how much pain he endured.

After finally regaining hope when she came back to life once more after such a long wait... the person who woke up wasn't who he expected.

To lose something only to gain it back just to lose it again...

The despair from going from heaven to hell is enough drive anyone insane. [Search The website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

And Stanley... he experienced this kind of despair twice! Afterwards, he would have to face the fact that the girl he loved had fallen for another man.

The day Stanley found her again was the same day she got engaged to that man.

When Stanley saw Selena in her wedding dress, no one knew how much self-control it took for him not to burst out with emotions of joy, happiness, sadness, pain and despair.

No wonder White Crow was worried that Stanley would lose his mind. This kind of pain is really not something ordinary people can endure.

Stanley didn't go crazy. It's clear that his mental strength is both powerful and terrifying.

Selena stared at him with a deep sense of loss and sorrow in his eyes. Her lips moved slightly as she said "I'm sorry..." Perhaps it wasn't entirely her fault.

But when she looked at the man across from her, she wanted to say something to comfort him.

No one understood better than her what it felt like to have loved someone since childhood but never be able to be together...

"I don't need your apology," Stanley walked towards Selena step by step while looking into her eyes. "All I need is for us each go our separate ways." "What's yours is yours

and what's hers is hers. You two were never meant to be together." "She may have used your body but she also took on all your responsibilities and hatred." "You two are even now." "Now Miss Selena," Stanley stood in front of Selena while looking into her eyes. "Can you take away what belongs to you and give me back my emperor?" Selena stared at the man whose eyes were filled with tenderness and pain as tears streamed down from hers. "But... she will be heartbroken..." For a woman who had accepted that man as her fiancé, it meant that she truly liked him.

Stanley's slender fingers wiped away the tears from her face.

He never wanted to see this face cry again.

Even though he knew for certain that this was not his majesty whom he had raised in his hands.

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Chapter 1649: I'M Back.

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"Yes, she will be sad," Stanley chuckled. "But I won't let her sadness last too long." "She will eventually return to that position and become my wife again." "This is her original life." "Your exchange was a mistake, and this mistake... should end now." Selena looked at the man opposite with teary eyes.

What moved her was not Stanley's threat.

It was his gaze.

Like her, he had someone unforgettable in his most ignorant days of life.

The difference was that he was luckier than she was.

The girl he liked grew into a confident and strong woman under his careful care.

And her arrival, by chance or by fate, destroyed the happiness he should have had.

Two equally lonely people are most likely to resonate emotionally with each other.

Especially when one of them feels deep guilt, this empathy can reach its peak.

Selena lowered her eyelashes and bit her bloodless lips hoarsely. "... Okay." Selena spent the entire night getting ready, and the next day when she stepped out of her house, she saw Stanley waiting for her outside the gate.

Selena was taken aback.

Stanley smiled slightly and opened the car door. "Let's go, Selena." Selena smiled and turned to Leia behind her. "I'm going out for a bit. I should be back by noon unless something unexpected happens." She had originally planned to go to Wang Ting to ask her father for permission to enter the research institute, but Stanley had clearly already solved that problem for her.

Leia frowned disapprovingly at Stanley but obediently replied, "Yes, Miss Selena." Osvaldo held significant power within the Alliance - most of which belonged in shady areas. Furthermore, he hadn't been around here in a while and had accumulated a lot of work that needed attention.

As a nobleman from Wang Ting's family, Stanley could undoubtedly help Selena more openly than Osvaldo could.

She would have no choice but to rely on this man.

Selena lifted up her dress and got into the back seat of his black sports car.

The car drove away from suburban townships towards Central City - as it was known as Alliance's main city with an advanced level of development beyond imagination.

Every road building here was exceptionally clean-cut with rich aesthetics; its walls were so clean they almost reflected light off them like mirrors.

At Central City's heart lay an architectural complex surrounded by vast lawns.

Outside two five-meter-high gates stood military men in uniform, carrying long guns and standing tall. A black sports car parked outside the gates, and a soldier immediately approached it.

A hand reached out from the car window and handed over a document.

The man looked at the seal on the document and was stunned. He then respectfully bowed before opening the gate from inside.

The black sports car slowly slid inside.

Selena looked through the car window at young people carrying books or wearing white coats walking back and forth with old professors, feeling nostalgic.

Stanley looked at her expression and chuckled. "If they knew you were back, this car probably wouldn't be able to get in." Selena smiled. "This place is still so peaceful..." Although Lillian had secretly eliminated dissidents and caused harm to many people, the atmosphere of the research institute on its surface had not become bad enough to make people feel uneasy yet.

Stanley's gaze lightly swept past a large building in front of them, his expression flickering uncertainly.

On its surface, this research institute worked together with administrative halls. But compared to administrative halls where rules could be found for their actions, this place was truly unfathomable within Empire because there were too many intelligent individuals here who could think for themselves.

Fortunately for Stanley though, the genius who made everyone in the research institute wary was sitting beside him right now as they drove along until finally stopping at an entrance of an imposing building.

Selena put on her sunglasses before stepping out of high heels from inside of their vehicle.

The guard at the entrance saluted as he saw the two of them approach. Stanley presented his document.

The guard examined the seal on it, then scrutinized Selena for a long moment, looking hesitant.

"Mr. Soo," one of them spoke up, "this young lady has a special status. Even with His Majesty's approval, we still need to seek permission from the dean before allowing her entry." This place was too important for just anyone to enter. If someone with ill intentions were to get in, it could spell disaster for the entire alliance.

Stanley was about to speak when Selena suddenly looked up and smiled faintly at the intricate maze gate carved with ancient patterns in front of her. She whispered something under her breath.

Suddenly, there was a heavy creaking sound as the massive iron door behind them slowly opened up. Everyone turned around instinctively and saw that it revealed a path paved with stars stretching out ahead of them into darkness beyond their sight.

The guards' refusal was silenced instantly by this unexpected turn of events. They stared in shock at what they were seeing - an open path paved with stars that had never been opened except when Her Majesty visited before.

Inside lay their ancestor who created this pathway along with its master who had equally bad temperaments and often played pranks on those they did not like - even

going so far as to trip people secretly if they displeased him too much! Their rebelliousness made many researchers happy but also gave them headaches because they were too human-like! And at this moment, it opened up to a stranger and willingly led them down the path adorned with flowers and stars.

Even from a distance, one could feel its excitement and joy.

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It welcomed the person with a grand ceremony while also warning them not to disrespect her.

The guards were momentarily stunned before standing up straight and saluting Selena. "Welcome, miss." Selena smiled happily as she stepped forward amidst the shocked stares and entered.

As she entered the maze, the door behind her slowly closed but instead of darkness, her surroundings became brighter.

She walked on a flowing belt of stars surrounded by what seemed like an immense universe full of depth and wonder.

Countless stars slid past her head and fingertips before settling on Selena's hair or dress. It was as if she was in space billions of light-years away from Earth.

Although it was supposed to be a maze, there were no forks in the road along the way. The "people" inside knew their master had returned so they eagerly removed any obstacles in their path. They laid out a romantic yet beautiful path for Selena using flowers and stars along every step of her journey through this magical place.

Finally arriving at an enormous dreamlike room outside that deep maze.

The door opened before Selena's eyes.

She took a step forward and walked in.

The room was covered in carpet, with blue light particles floating in the air like silk threads.

Standing amidst the blue glow, Selena looked up towards the figure seated above her and smiled gently. "I'm back." "Gaia."

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Chapter 1650: Welcome Back, Your Majesty The Queen.

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In the center of the room, there sat a handsome young man on a massive electronic display. His eyes were pure black and had an eerie depth to them, like a black hole in the universe. He wore a long black robe and his hair was as dark as the night sky, flowing down to his feet like a river of stars.

Upon closer inspection, it became clear that his hair was not real but rather countless strands of silver-blue light that flowed from him and connected to unknown places through information screens.

His face was crafted with extreme precision using all human knowledge about beauty. It was perfect in every way, resembling that of a deity.

And indeed he was one - an artificial deity responsible for maintaining order within the alliance.

Selena stared at him in shock. "Gaia" was her creation after all; she shouldn't be so surprised by seeing him again even if it's been some time since they last met. But looking at his face now left her speechless - he looked so much like Osvaldo! Humans always tend towards perfection when creating something they give life to themselves. And Gaia's appearance is no exception; Selena imagined every detail with utmost care based on human aesthetics when she created him years ago.

At first sight of Gaia's exquisite beauty and refinement upon completion, he shook up everyone in central city who saw him then.

Everyone who saw him couldn't help but be attracted to him, marveling at his beauty. Some even couldn't control their desire to possess him.

This is also why "Gaia" was not publicly released to the entire central city.

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Beauty is a mistake. Once such an exquisite robot is fully introduced, it may cause countless unnecessary troubles.

Selena placed her own creation, "Shenqi," here and let it protect the entire alliance.

She had not noticed any problems before.

But today, at the moment she saw "Gaia," she suddenly realized that Gaia's appearance was very similar to Osvaldo's.

Selena had seen photos of Osvaldo when he was twelve years old and had met him in person after he turned twenty.

And "Gaia" filled in the gap during Osvaldo's eighteen or nineteen-year-old period.

Selena looked a bit dazed.

Did she... create an "Osvaldo" with her own hands? Perhaps not hearing Selena speak, all the information streams on the stable electronic screen suddenly boiled over.

The silver-blue flowing screen jumped up like bungee jumping for a moment, representing this artificial deity's joyful and excited mood at this moment.

Selena said hesitantly...

Well then, It just happens to look alike.

Gaia didn't notice her owner's disorder. She leaned forward slightly, her deep and mysterious eyes fixed on Selena without blinking as an extra line of text appeared on the screen.

"Welcome back, Your Majesty." Selena hesitated for a moment as she looked at the expressionless face in front of her, feeling a subtle emotion that was hard to describe.

Suppressing any strange and inexplicable feelings, Selena lifted her head to look at the young man across from her and asked aloud, "Gaia, can you find anyone else in your database with a similar genetic chain to mine?"

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