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What are you talking about?" Claire asked anxiously. She bolted upright all of a sudden, showing serious concern on this issue.

"Think about it. Leena does not come from a family as wealthy as ours. I'm pretty sure she cannot afford the luxuries. She is probably counting on Aunt Shannon to buy her expensive stuff - things she couldn't imagine buying in her ordinary life. We must be very careful, just in case she tricks Aunt Shannon into purchasing her things that she can't afford by herself," Louisa explained solemnly. She was good at reading people's minds, finding out their weaknesses and making good use of them. She knew what Claire cared about most and what made her jealous easily. Louisa deliberately picked up the issue that she knew would provoke Claire for sure. Louisa didn't care that she had just made it all up on the spot. All she wanted and needed was Claire's anger and hostility that Louisa knew she could make good use of later on.

"Would Leena do that? How dare she?! This is too problematic of her and should be given serious thought. I remember when I went out with them the other day, all the clothes she chose were from world-famous brands. She looked like she knew a lot about fashion. I know for a fact that she bought everything using my brother's money; it was he who paid for all of them. And Leena, that little bitch, she herself didn't even pay a single penny for them!"

" Claire said, with her face turning red. Apparently she was successfully provoked by Louisa's words, just as the latter had wished for. As she thought of the clothes Leena had bought and their exorbitant prices, Claire's ire grew. How come a simple T-shirt bought by Leena was more expensive than Claire's own several dresses combined? The money Leena had spent that day was probably worth more than her entire wardrobe put together. The thought was unbearable! 'Leena is such a fake,' Claire thought. She might look meek and submissive like a cute sheep, but that was not her true self at all. Her true colors were only revealed when it came to spending other people's money. She could squander the money more ferociously than a hungry wolf tearing its prey.

That's exactly what I meant. Leena would absolutely use this opportunity to go shopping with Aunt Shannon and ask her to spend a lot of money on her. Isn't that so obviously her real purpose?" Louisa asked, adding more fuel to the fire. She kept her eyes on Claire, tracking her reactions to the words. Louisa was quite sure that the things she said would unsettle Claire. Claire could never tolerate that kind of behavior from Leena. She would choose not to stay at home, because she needed to go out with them and then she could do something to stop Leena from using Shannon's money. If Claire decided to do so, she would bring Louisa with her too. This time, it would be Louisa who

tricked Claire into helping her attain her goals - to go out with Kevin and keep tabs on Leena.

"Well... it does sound true. I didn't think of it before. Maybe we should go with them to take a look, since you have reminded me of Leena's true purpose," Claire agreed slowly. She knew Louisa was possibly right, but Claire still hesitated a bit at the thought of going out on such a cold day. It was agonizing to be outside in the piercing cold wind, especially since she had already been out once this morning. In all honesty, Claire preferred to keep lying on the comfortable couch and read an interesting book today, in her very warm room.

"Yeah! We should go and see what she is up to. I've been in the Capital City for a while, but I still haven't gotten around. It will also be a good chance for me to have a closer look at the city. I should get more familiar with this place. Maybe we could shop around for ourselves too," Louisa said with glee. Claire finally agreed to go, so Louisa's selfish purpose was achieved without much effort on her part, except for some half-baked words. Louisa knew how to hide her intentions from Claire, while the latter was too naive and always believed her. As long as she managed to cover up the truth from Claire, Louisa could always use her to accomplish her plans without getting her own hands dirty. It was great to have this stupid and obedient girl on her side. With Claire's help, she would definitely kick Leena out of this home and get to Kevin's heart some day. For now, she decided to seize this opportunity. Louisa began to rummage about for some beautiful clothes to put on. 'At least I know how to dress better than Leena,' she thought. 'She is such a bumpkin!' Because Louisa had been slapped by Leena yesterday, they had come back before she could take a look around Capital City. Now she had the opportunity to explore.

"Okay, let's go. You're my friend. I'm always here for you," Claire said. Though she was still a little unwilling to go out, Claire decided to help Louisa. 'It is Louisa who should be Kevin's wife and my sister-in-law after all, not that annoying Leena,' she thought. Interestingly, she shared Louisa's opinion and knew that they should look better than Leena, so Claire quickly dressed up and put on her full-face makeup. As both of them walked out of the room together, they saw Leena walk down the stairs elegantly, her long hair swaying along as she took her steps, with a pleasant fragrance dispersed in the air around her. She exuded a strong confidence. Upon seeing this, Louisa and Claire had to admit, though reluctantly, that Leena had beauty and charisma. Leena didn't need to wear pretty clothes or put on a lot of makeup to look good, which made them even more envious. She was like a princess, like a real aristocrat. Leena was graceful but also lively. The vivacious naughtiness in a mature, charming lady like her was perfectly appropriate, and it made her lovelier and even more adorable. She looked like she was born this stunning. Her innate noble temperament radiated so brilliantly that they couldn't move their eyes away from her.

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"You two are going out too?" Leena asked casually but also politely, not noticing their intense gazes on her, not to mention the deep-set hostility and envy in their eyes. Although she was not getting along well with them at the moment, they weren't strangers to her either. They all knew each other, so Leena remembered to be well-mannered. She always treated people with basic politeness, no matter who they were or how much she disliked them. Besides, it would be too inappropriate to completely ignore them and walk by, since they had seen each other already. Otherwise, they would accuse her of pretending not to see them and avoiding them. It was not something she wanted right now.

"So what if we are? Are you afraid that we are going to follow and keep an eye on you?" Claire snapped. She was so jealous of Leena, especially her simple but elegant dressing and makeup. The hostility Claire held for her couldn't be kept buried anymore. Her anger brought upon by Louisa earlier finally found an outlet. Claire's suspicions were out in the open. Looking at Leena now, she felt it was useless to dress herself up and put on the heavy makeup with so much care, as they only made her look stupid. She looked more like a countrywoman than Leena did. Leena didn't need all that to be the brightest star among everyone, or to overshadow Claire and Louisa easily. When standing beside her, the both of them blended into the unnoticed background like green leaves, and it only highlighted Leena as the most salient and beautiful flower.

"Sorry? Keep an eye on me? But why? Keep an eye on me for what?" Leena asked, confused about Claire's reply. She didn't understand why they suddenly decided to go with her. Leena couldn't read the thoughts currently running inside Claire's mind, so she didn't know where the hostility came from all of a sudden. Leena had merely dressed up casually, and she had no idea that her innate beauty could arouse so much envy from others. She had not realized they cared so much about her and her looks.

"Well... You will see!" Claire sneered. She raised her chin high as her eyes darted quickly in Leena's direction, pretending to be as proud as a queen who despised her inferiors. Leena was clearly one of them in Claire's mind. She grabbed Louisa's hand and dragged her down the stairs before Leena could take the steps herself. Claire might not look as elegant as Leena did, but she couldn't lose her momentum in front of her.

Upon seeing this childish display, Leena could only shake her head. She felt helpless about Claire's impulsive words and immature mockery. Leena would not say she was a mature lady, sometimes she too was quite childish. However, compared to them, Leena realized that she was mature enough in her dealings with others. Even though she was younger than Claire and Louisa, she knew how to behave herself and exercise basic politeness. She didn't lose her temper with others or react to them with such reckless and impetuous behavior.

"Mom! How can you do this to me? I'm your daughter! Now you're going out with my brother and her without me?" Claire complained as soon as she saw Shannon

downstairs. Kevin was Shannon's son, but Claire was her child too. How could Shannon show partiality for him? Plus, she decided to take Leena too, which for Claire was even more exasperating. Leena was only her daughter-in-law; she was not even her real daughter. How could her mother treat Leena better than her own daughter?

"Why? Why should I bring you with me? I don't need you there," Shannon replied. Her tone didn't betray much emotion. Shannon turned to Claire, giving her a cool look when she saw her dress and makeup. She really couldn't understand her daughter. Why was she always putting on so much makeup, which didn't help her look better at all? Claire wasn't an ugly girl, but with so much product on her face, she looked worse than her original self. No wonder she hadn't had a boyfriend in so many years. In all probability, the eligible young men were scared away by her frightening makeup. In contrast, when Shannon looked around to see Leena come down the stairs, she was elated to see her beautiful daughter-in-law. She couldn't describe how disappointed she felt about Claire. Compared to her, Leena's makeup was simple and light, and it suited her perfectly. It was just enough to highlight her beauty and not so heavy that it covered up her elegance and nobility. Shannon knew Leena was more like her in this aspect. Both of them preferred light makeup to a heavy one. Sometimes, Shannon wished that Claire learned that from Leena, or at least chose better suited makeup for herself. Like Claire had said, she was her daughter, so of course Shannon cared for her. But if Claire behaved more lady-like, instead of this wild, uneducated girl she was right now, Shannon would be much relieved. At the very least, she wouldn't need to worry whenever she went out with Claire, about getting accused of being a mother who gave birth to a daughter but couldn't teach or educate her well enough.

"What about my brother and her? You would need them there? This is so unfair!" Claire retorted. Shannon's refusal goaded Claire and made her feel even worse. Normally, Shannon didn't reject her requests so profusely and directly. Today, the situation was different and quite frankly, abnormal. Claire felt that her mother didn't know Leena's true nature, and things might seriously go wrong if Claire was forced to stay at home. Claire didn't realize that even if she went out with them, she couldn't change anything either. But since she couldn't figure out what else to do about Leena, she felt it necessary to keep her tabs on her. The curiosity got the better of her. The less Shannon wanted to bring her with them, the more she wished to go.

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"Claire, stop it! Enough is enough. This is complete nonsense. Do I need your permission to decide who can go out with me now?" Shannon interrupted severely, her tone shifting in an instant. She couldn't stand such an unruly daughter sometimes. Claire's reckless and childish words were becoming vexing and irritated her. She must

have spoiled her daughter too much, so Claire just kept disobeying her fearlessly, even defiantly. She wasn't listening to anything her mother said. How could a daughter not be afraid of her mother at all? On the other hand, if it was only Claire going with them, Shannon could still accept that. But she knew that if she gave the green signal to Claire, Louisa would come with them too. That would be most unacceptable to her. Shannon didn't want that in the least. What she had hoped for today was a warm, harmonious outing with her loving family. She wanted to go out to shop and spend time with them. She would get along with everyone, but Louisa was an exception due to her dirty conspiracies and motives.

"That's not what I meant. Anyway, I don't care what the reason is. I just want to go with you," Claire insisted, firm in her decision. She had always been like this, asking for whatever she wanted, especially with her mother - who had always been nice to her and would compromise in the end. That didn't seem to be the case today. Since Claire was so used to getting everything she requested from Shannon, she was not planning on giving up this time either. Even though she could sense the displeasure in Shannon's tone, she wouldn't be stopped by it. She pretended as if she didn't notice Shannon's anger and insisted on her wish again - the only outcome she would accept was that they let her go with them.

"What happened?" Kevin asked, arriving at the scene. He sensed the impasse between his mother and his sister. He had gone outside to get the car out. After waiting for them for quite a while, he came back to see what had happened, as they still hadn't come out. It seemed like his mother was not allowing Claire to go with them, and Claire wouldn't accept that. How could he ever resolve such problems between these women?

Oh, Kevin! You finally came. It's so great that you are here. Now let me ask you: how come Mom agrees to bring the two of you with her, while she refuses me so brutally? Why can't she take me with all of you too? Am I not a member of this family anymore?" Claire asked dramatically. As soon as she saw Kevin come in, she turned for his help immediately. Her eyes were welling up already. After being shouted at by her dear mother so thoroughly, which had never happened before, she felt like she was being treated wrongly. Her heart felt like it was breaking.

"You want to come with us?" Kevin asked, wondering the real purpose behind Claire's uncommon behavior. He looked past Claire and saw Louisa standing right behind his sister. Glaring at Louisa, Kevin recognized the little trick she played on Claire. No wonder she had seemed to be nonchalant when they had talked about going out a little bit earlier. It was not like she didn't care. She had already thought of this little plan, of how to use it to make his naive and innocent sister help her out. Of course she could pretend to be indifferent about all of this. What a manipulative girl! She had so many tricks up her sleeve. He had underestimated her before. But using his baby sister to achieve what she wanted? That was intolerable and unforgivable. As he saw through Louisa's schemes against his family members, Kevin disliked her even more. He was vexed and swore he wouldn't take it anymore. If she weren't the daughter of the Commander, he would kick her out of his house right now, and never let her in again.

One thing was for sure, he wouldn't want to see this vicious woman again. Never, ever again.

"Of course I want to come with you! Otherwise, who knows if Mom would be willing to buy lots of good stuff for someone else, but not for me?" Claire answered. As the words came out, she deliberately took a peek at Leena. Without further explanations, everyone could easily interpret who this 'someone' was referring to as they followed her eyes.

On the other hand, Leena felt bewildered and confused. Why was she suddenly being dragged into this battle? She tried so hard to avoid doing anything that would provoke her sister-in-law. But since Claire mentioned her and pointed her out so intentionally in front of everyone, she knew Claire was still hostile to her.

"Kevin, let's go now. Just ignore Claire's nonsensical behavior. She's being unreasonable today. We would get late if we wait here for too long," Shannon said. She didn't want to keep arguing with Claire, because she knew it was useless and a waste of their time. She had made up her mind to teach Claire a lesson, and not to take her with them today. Shannon would not compromise so easily from now on; she was not going to encourage her wayward behavior any longer.

Meanwhile, Louisa felt embarrassed. She had never thought that Shannon would be so negligent to her existence that she wouldn't even give her a chance to go with them. Shannon knew she would go with Claire. Since she had completely shut out Claire's request, it meant that she indirectly refused her from going too.

"Come on, brother. My dear brother! Please say something in my defense to Mom. Ask her to let me come, pleaseee..." Claire begged, dragging out the word. She deliberately made herself sound like a desperate little girl, who was asking for her brother's help. At the same time, she grabbed his arm and swung it back and forth. She tried to make him recall the early memories of when they were toddlers, when she had been his delicate but lovable baby sister whom he strove to protect. As she looked directly into Kevin's deep eyes, the tears in Claire's own eyes fell. She would cry if he didn't speak for her, in vivid contrast to her previous, arrogant attitude. When Kevin saw the deplorable expression on Claire's face, he was unable to maintain his dangerous, strict countenance any longer. A brother could never be this cruel and relentless to his sister. He decided he would help Claire out just one more time. Just as he was about to say something to their mother on behalf of Claire, his kind wife said it for him.

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Mom, maybe we could just bring them with us. I think the car is big enough to accommodate us all," Leena suggested. As she said it, she surprised everyone, even herself. No one expected Leena to be the first and only one on Claire's side in this situation, and to speak on her behalf, especially considering how badly Claire had treated and hurt her yesterday. It indicated how kind and generous Leena was. She never held animosity against anyone for long. She was kind and it was great generosity on her part to help her sister-in-law out.

"Okay, then. Claire, since your sister-in-law has agreed to bring you with us, I'll take you this time. But it is just this time, no more exceptions from next time. You better keep your mouth shut during the whole time, and don't spout any more of this nonsense!" Shannon relented finally. She sighed slightly to herself, however. She didn't know what to do about Claire anymore. If she really wanted to come with them, then fine, let her come. Even though she disliked Claire's behavior and her aggressive attitude, she was her daughter after all, her family. She couldn't exclude her again and again. Leena had spoken for her, and if she didn't mind her coming, it would be fine. But Shannon had compromised once again for her daughter. She felt like she was never going to be able to teach Claire a real lesson.

"Yes, Mom. I got you. Thank you so much!" Claire replied in excitement. As soon as Claire won Shannon's approval, she let go of Kevin's arm immediately. She turned around and hugged her mother tightly and gave her a big kiss on the cheek for good measure. After all the fighting for her rights, she was finally going out with them. However, while she was grateful to her mother, Claire completely forgot about Leena's help. To be more precise, Claire pretended she hadn't received help from her sister-in-law. She ignored Leena's existence and didn't show her the slightest hint of gratitude. Leena deserved at least a 'thank you' from her, but she was so used to Claire's hostility that she didn't care about her ungrateful attitude. At least Claire was not being as rude as before. She knew it was a long way to go for Claire to accept her as her sister-in-law and stop being her opponent. It was not something that was going to happen overnight. Claire needed time to really get to know her and change her attitude toward her.

"Let's go now. You're such a trouble maker. I can't stand you any longer. I have no idea how to deal with you," Shannon said, shaking her head slightly to express her helplessness when it came to her daughter. Even though her words were meant to blame Claire, her tone was gentle, and the love in her eyes was impossible to hide. Meanwhile, she lifted her hand to wipe her face, just in case there was a lipstick mark left by Claire's kiss. She knew how hard Claire had kissed her.

"Mom, I'll help wipe it out," Leena said, smiling as she saw Shannon's little gesture. Leena was always a considerate and thoughtful girl. She noticed the details that went unnoticed by others. She knew how to stand in others' shoes. That was the reason why she was doted on and loved by nearly all her friends and family. This time, she noticed Shannon's vague attempt to remove the lipstick mark on her face. Upon seeing this, Leena took out a packed wet towel from her handbag and wiped Shannon's cheek tenderly with it, carefully removing the mark. Claire must have kissed Shannon firmly to

leave the lipstick mark. It was so obvious that even the shape of her lips was vividly depicted on Shannon's cheek in the lipstick's bright red color.

"Oh! Thank you, Leena. It seems to me that my daughter-in-law cares more for me than my real daughter does. Leena is so much more thoughtful than you, Claire. I think you should really learn something from her," Shannon said as she glanced at her daughter - the culprit who had stamped a mirrored image of her terrifying lips on her mother's face. Didn't Claire know how deeply red her lipstick color was? Didn't she realize that she looked like a vampire, with the blood sucking color on her lips? Shouldn't she be careful not to stain her lipsticks onto other people? What a girl!

Everyone was surprised when they stopped at a jewelry store. They thought that Shannon was just taking them out for shopping, to buy some clothes and other things. When she led them inside the jewelry store, however, they were confused at her action.

"Mom, are you going to buy jewelry?" Kevin asked curiously. He knew his mother was not keen on any luxuries, especially jewelry. Why would she come into a jewelry store? Did she need something here? Had she changed her opinion about jewels? She used to think they were frivolous.

"Why would you ask that? Can't I buy jewelry for myself, son?" Shannon replied, not answering Kevin's question directly. As she entered the jewelry store, Shannon walked directly over to the rings counter, which bewildered the young lot even more. They didn't know why she was acting so strangely today.

"I didn't mean that, Mom. It's just that I thought you were quite opposed to jewels, weren't you?" Kevin asked, frowning a little. According to him, his mother had never been like the other officials' wives. Even though her husband was a high ranking official, she herself never acted like she was the wife of one. While other ladies put on a lot of luxurious jewels, she always kept a low profile and only wore simple accessories. Shannon hardly looked like a real official's wife in that aspect, but she never went unnoticed by others. She had all the virtues that the wife of one so highly ranked should have: she was easy-going, kind-hearted, well-mannered, composed, and dignified. When Shannon stood beside the jewel covered ladies, she stood out, and always exuded a different elegance as compared to them. After all, jewelry could only modify a person's appearance, not improve their temperament. Her innate well-being shone out and could easily overshadow those pretty but superficial faces.

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"Excuse me, Miss. I'm here for the pair of rings that I ordered yesterday. Would you please check and see if they are ready now?" Without answering Kevin's question,

Shannon turned to the saleslady behind the counter. She took out a receipt from her handbag and handed it to her politely as she asked the query.

"Sure, Mrs. Gu. We've prepared the pair of rings for you already. We were waiting for you to come and receive them. Please wait a second. I'll take them out for you right away," the saleslady replied, throwing Shannon a professional smile. She turned to face the others and nodded to them, before bending down to take the rings out from a locker.

"Mom, what are the rings for? And why a pair of them?" Claire asked in confusion. Her questions drew the attention of the rest of them onto Shannon. As they gazed at her curiously, each one of them wanted to know the answer too.

"There is no 'why'. I bought the rings because I like them. Do I need a reason to buy something I like?" Shannon said as she gave Claire a hard look. Claire hadn't talked a lot on their way here, so Shannon thought she had finally decided to stop being so hostile to Leena. It was so hard and rare to maintain an easiness between them. However, Claire had begun with her questions once again, so Shannon knew that the hard-kept easiness would soon break. She didn't know how, but it wouldn't take long.

"But this is not like you! You never bought this kind of things before. Like Kevin said, you never liked these luxuries before. Why are you suddenly so enthusiastic about them now? Have you changed your mind?" Claire asked eagerly. After all, she, like Kevin, knew about their mother's attitude toward jewelry. As far as she could recall, she had never seen her mother pursue these material desires, especially jewelry. She was deeply surprised at Shannon's unusual behavior today.

"Mrs. Gu, please take a look at these. These are the pair of rings you selected yesterday. We have modified them a bit according to your requirements," the saleslady said, as she placed the rings on the counter, in front of Shannon. Her words timely interrupted Claire's upcoming questions.

"Okay, let me see. Well, they look so nice - simple enough but still the glamour is kept intact. I think they are quite suitable for these young children. Leena, Kevin, come and try them on. Let's see if the rings fit you," Shannon addressed happily, a beautiful smile on her face. It was obvious that she was very satisfied with the matching pair of rings.

"What? Mom, these rings are for us? Why would you buy them?" Kevin asked in astonishment. At the same time, he felt a bit of regret in his heart. How did he never think of this before? He should have known what his Mom was up to, earlier.

"Mom, we can't take these rings from you. If we need the rings, we can buy them ourselves," Leena said hurriedly. Truthfully, Leena was deeply touched by Shannon's thoughtfulness. She had not expected her mother-in-law to be so considerate. She apparently noticed that Leena was not wearing a wedding ring. Being grateful to Shannon was one thing. However, the ring was not being given to her by Kevin. What she really wished for was a ring from Kevin, her husband. To be more precise, she

wanted a promise of lifetime happiness symbolized by a wedding ring from a husband to his wife. Kevin still hadn't given her any kind of real promises, to show his faith and love to her and their marriage. Leena was a little upset about that.

That's different. Whether you buy your rings or not, it's your own business. I have nothing to do with it. But these rings are a wedding gift to you both, from me. I thought about arranging a great fancy wedding for you, but you insisted on making the event as simple as possible. I respect your choice, so this pair of rings is the only thing I can get for you. They carry my best wishes to you. Take them and accept my wishes for you, my children. But there's one more thing: even though you don't want a big wedding, some traditions should not be overlooked. Since you've been together for a while, I think it will be better if our two families take some time out to meet and have dinner together, so that we could get to know each other. You two have come together to make a new family, and to connect two different households together. And as parents, we care and are concerned about you. It must be the same with Leena's family. So, help us meet and settle our worries, children," Shannon explained. She felt a bit upset as she mentioned their wedding. For a long time, she had been attending the weddings of her friends' children. She dreamt about a fantastic wedding of her own children, every time she saw those happy couples. Finally, her chance came. She had wanted to invite all of her friends to their wedding and let them grant their best wishes to Kevin and Leena. However, her children had completely different ideas about their wedding. They said it was too much trouble arranging for a big one. Maybe it was the generation gap between them. She couldn't understand their choice of avoiding celebrating their marriage with a grandeur wedding ceremony, where a lot of people would be able to witness their precious moments. Shannon could only respect their choice.

"I know, Mom. Don't worry about that. We will arrange it as soon as possible," Kevin replied quickly, assuring her. An affirmative smile spread across his face. He turned to look at Leena and made eye contact with her. After all, he had wished to give her a wonderful wedding too. Getting married to a wife as good to him as Leena without an official ceremony to be witnessed by others, was not something he wanted to do as a responsible and loving husband. Plus, the situation was not the same as it had been in the beginning, when they had gotten married for their own personal reasons, without harboring any love for each other. But now they were in love, and Kevin regretted their past. He kept trying to bring up the idea of such a wedding to Leena. But to his surprise, every time he mentioned it, Leena gave him a clear cut 'no'. The reason for it, from her point of view, was simple. She said that a wedding ceremony was just a ceremony, like some kind of a show, a performance for others. Her life had nothing to do with these people. The most important thing for her was to live a happy life. She did not want to live it for others. So why bother to invite trouble arranging such a fancy wedding? That would be exhausting.

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"Thank you, Mom!" Leena said gratefully, happily accepting the great wishes and blessings from her mother-in-law. Leena recalled how Shannon had measured the size of her finger the night before yesterday and finally knew the reason for it. She thought of yesterday morning when Shannon had gone out early, probably because she wanted to make a trip to this place, to pick out the rings for them. As Leena imagined her getting here, she was deeply touched by the love of her mother-in-law. She felt like the happiest girl in the world because she was surrounded by that love, and a brilliant smile flowered on her face.

"You don't need to thank me, kids. This is probably the only thing I can do for you. There is too much else I can't do. Especially for Leena, I always feel we owe you so much. You're not getting anything you deserve from Kevin's family. As his mother, I feel terribly sorry about it. But now that you're my daughter, I will take care of you and love you as much as I can. I'm always here to support you, as your mom and your family," Shannon said humbly. She knew Leena was a good girl and deserved a happy family, but she also knew there was little she could help her with in the Gu household. Leena had dealt with all the unfair treatment by herself, not letting it bother her too much.

"Hmm. How do we owe her so much? Didn't you just give her a diamond ring?! It should be her who owes us all of this," Claire said unhappily as she heard Shannon's words. She obsessed over the ring given to Leena by her mother. As she thought of Shannon's warning before they had stepped out of the house, she didn't dare continue her accusations. All she could do was pout her lips to vent out her frustration.

As for Louisa, this was definitely not something she wanted to see when she decided to come with them. She was quite upset at the moment and felt stupid at her choice to go out. If she had known they were here for the rings, she wouldn't have provoked Claire to bring her along. But at least she learned something from this trip. Kevin and Leena had not been in love with each other when they decided to get married. Otherwise, how come Kevin didn't buy Leena a wedding ring, to convey his love and promises to her? It must be because Kevin didn't love her. He might not even harbor any feelings for her. Only that could explain why he wasn't willing to give her something as trivial as a ring, which should not cost him too much, considering his economic status.

Upon seeing the happiness and anticipation in Leena's eyes, Kevin realized how little he had done for Leena in their marriage. He felt guilty about not caring for her more. After all, being busy at his work was just an excuse for him to escape his responsibility of being a husband, and avoid giving Leena the love she deserved as his wife. He should have noticed the sadness and loneliness in Leena's eyes each time when he came home. His negligence and deliberate ignorance of her feelings must have hurt her deeply. Kevin made himself a promise that he would make up for it for the rest of their lives. He was determined to dedicate himself to protect her, care for her, and love her. Leena was his one and only, the woman he loved so deeply. The woman who deserved all his love.

"Leena, allow me to put the ring on you," Kevin said softly as he stepped closer to Leena. Standing beside her, he could feel her warmth and the pleasant scent that exuded from his petite wife. He took the ring from Shannon, gently holding up Leena's hand as he slowly put the ring on her finger. Looking directly into her eyes, he gave her a genuine smile that assured her of how much he loved her, and how happy he was to be beside her in this wonderful moment. He knew the only one thing that was not perfect was this ring, which was a gift from his mom, because it hadn't been chosen by him. This ring was not enough to convey his love for her. Kevin promised to himself that he would one day hand pick a beautiful ring just for her, and put it on her finger to show his sincerity toward her. He would make Leena, his lovely wife, the happiest woman in the world.

Reading Kevin's soulful eyes, Leena was too shy to keep her gaze locked on him. She lowered her head to hide her warm, reddened cheeks from him. She could tell that Kevin was being sincere. She could tell from his eyes that he loved her, that he truly wanted to protect her and take care of her. Even though she had been upset about not getting the ring from Kevin, the love of her life, the sadness vanished in an instant. Leena was a girl who could be pleased easily. She never asked for too much, so she didn't expect too much. A small, affectionate action, or just some tiny details could touch her and win her heart. Since it was Kevin who put the ring on her finger, it was enough for her. Whether or not the ring was bought by him was no longer important. Happiness rose from Leena's heart and diffused in the small space between them. Time seemed to stop moving. The surroundings seemed to freeze at this all-important moment, the happiest one of her life. She felt like she could read Kevin's mind and understand his silent promise to her. He didn't need to spell it out for her, she knew him well enough. It was never too late for him to admit his true feelings for her, and to begin putting his love into action. As long as Kevin was by her side, Leena would wait for him to realize it, even till the end of their days.

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What do you think? Do you like it?" Shannon asked excitedly as she was unaware of the overflowing emotions between the couple. She had no idea that they got married out of impulse and not because they were in love. How could anyone even think that they were not in love back then when all their actions screamed nothing but affection for

each other now? It really never came to Shannon that there were other reasons for them to marry other than love.

"Yes, it's very beautiful," Leena said with a sweet smile. The sudden blush on her face made her look both more gentle and exceptionally beautiful. She was beaming with so much happiness and it had nothing to do with the ring at all. It was all because of the man who had put the ring on her, it was Kevin!

"Of course, it's very beautiful. Don't you see how much they are selling the rings here?" Claire interrupted in a harsh tone. She meant to find faults on every word Leena said. Moreover, it was a fact that it was her mother who purchased the rings at such an outrageous price.

"Could you place the ring on my finger?" Kevin offered his hand to Leena and gave her an expecting gaze.

"Okay ..." Leena lifted her head and met his intense gaze. She was instantly flustered and almost dropped the ring Shannon handed her. It took her a second to regain her composure and finally move shakily to put the ring on his ring finger. Alas! Relief flooded her upon seeing how the ring stayed firmly on its place. Unexplainable as it seemed but at that very moment, she felt like Kevin had willingly locked his heart with hers.

"You guys are giving me goosebumps! Are you going to kiss each other next?" Claire pursed her lips scornfully. She couldn't stand their way of displaying affection in public. Moreover, she felt very sad for Louisa. What could be worse than watching the one you loved fall for someone else? She could only imagine how she would feel if she was standing in her shoes.

"Oh, I almost forget about that. Thank you for reminding me," said Kevin as he gently lifted Leena's chin up. He didn't even waste a second before he bent over and planted a gentle kiss on her sweet lips. He was tenderly kissing her as if no one was around. The kiss caught the attention of people around them. All the women in there watched them in both envy and awe. How they hoped to exchange places with the woman he was holding close to him. Kevin was such a handsome man and there was no reason for any woman not to fall for him.

Meanwhile, Louisa felt her heart shattered as she stared at the two. Never had she experienced the same gentleness from Kevin. Worse, his love never belonged to her at all. It was almost strange how she longed for his love even more while watching the tenderness between the two. She was desperately hoping that she was the one he loved. She had even gone as far as imagining herself and Kevin making love to each other. She was completely lost in her illusions.

"Louisa, are you OK?" Claire tapped her arm as she wondered about what made her spaced out.

"Oh! I am fine." Louisa shook her head to wipe the pictures she imagined inside her mind. She would need to muster all her strength and go all out for Kevin if she really wanted to make her wishes come true.

Okay, let's go. We can take this chance to hang around. You guys don't come to this place much, anyway." Shannon was happy to see how much her son and daughter-in-law loved each other. She couldn't even help her smile from showing on her face the whole time.

"Good idea! But where are we going?" It was Claire who was the most excited upon hearing Shannon's suggestion. Hurray! She could go shopping! There was no such thing as a girl with enough beautiful clothes after all.

"Let's go buy some tea. We don't have any at home." Shannon knew that a woman as rich as Leena would never lack anything, thus, she didn't make any other suggestions like shopping for clothes. She had found out that all Leena's clothes were expensive and of most famous brands.

"Oh no! Why is it tea?" Disappointment immediately replaced Claire's excitement. She suddenly looked depressed and bowed her head. Wasn't it her mother who suggested hanging out? What did she mean? Hang around in a tea shop? She got to be kidding!

"Where do you want to go? If you don't want to go with us then feel free to hang around with yourself." Shannon rolled her eyes. She didn't even have the intention to bring them in the first place. They just followed her and gave her no choice about it.

"Louisa, do you want to go with them?" Claire pouted with a sullen face. Should she have known that her mother came out mainly just to take the rings, she definitely would have just stayed at home. It was disappointing that she didn't get any benefits from all this. On the contrary, she even had to tolerate Leena's happiness and gracious smile. What she did was nothing but a wrong decision!

"Okay, let's go with them." Louisa still managed to nod even after she lost her enthusiasm. There was no doubt that she was making a big fool out of herself. She could have stayed at home and avoided all this but it was her who stubbornly chose to follow them.

That reaction made Shannon shoot Louisa a cautious stare. It seemed that she needed to find some time and remind her son to avoid this woman. She could see the strong desire from Louisa's eyes and it would be better for Kevin to be careful. She could almost imagine Louisa trapping Kevin.

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They walked towards the tea shop on the north street. Shannon led the way while Kevin and Leena followed behind leisurely, hand in hand. He was aware that Claire and Louisa were glaring at them from his back. Nonetheless, he didn't care. He enjoyed showing everyone his affection for Leena.

Louisa could have run to break Kevin's and Leena's hands off from each other if she could. The shining rings around their fingers were such a mockery to her. She was almost at the verge of breaking down. However, as much as she was pissed off, there was really nothing that she could do but to stare at them in pure anger.

"Louisa, are you really okay? You're hurting me." Claire felt a little scared upon turning to her friend. She had no clue as to why Louisa gripped her hand so hard.

"Oh, I'm sorry. I was just thinking about something. Are you okay?" Louisa hurriedly released her grip. She didn't mean to unwittingly clench Claire's hand and hurt her. It was just that her emotions went out of control.

"I'm fine. Louisa, do you really love Kevin that much? Was that why you got so angry with seeing them sweet with each other?" Claire looked at Louisa thoughtfully. Regardless of how much she wanted to help, if Kevin didn't love her then there would be nothing she could do. It would be impossible to threaten Kevin with a knife and tie him forcefully to Louisa anyway.

"I don't know. The only thing I can feel is how he completely occupies my mind. Do you think I am ill, Claire?" Louisa said in a low voice as she didn't want anyone to overhear them.

No worries! I will not let it happen, Louisa." It was very easy to influence Claire. She couldn't help getting her hand on the matter whenever she saw Louisa in need of help. It would be wrong to say that Claire was a bad girl, she was just spoiled and innocent.

Thanks, Claire. You're my last hope now." Louisa smiled in relief upon seeing that her tricks worked. Currently, the only one who could help her was Claire, the silly dumb girl.

Leena didn't know much about tea because she didn't like drinking tea. She was quietly standing aside Shannon as her mother-in-law did all the talking with the tea shop owner. "Kevin, do you also like drinking tea?" Leena suddenly blurted out in panic. It just came to her that she had never asked him about this before. What a wife she was!

Just so so. Why? Do you also like to drink tea?" Kevin bent a bit and glanced at her. As far as he was concerned, there was only coffee in their house.

"No. I'm just wondering if you like tea. I can buy some and take it home if you like." A sweet smile cracked Leena's lips. Actually, she had been smiling throughout the day. Little did anyone know how bothered she was whenever her glance caught Louisa's necklace. It was extremely familiar to her. It couldn't be that Louisa just made up her story about the necklace. She saw the necklace herself the same day Kevin went home from abroad. She had always thought that it was a gift for her but never had he brought it up. She told herself that Kevin might have just forgotten about it since it was her turn to go abroad shortly. It was a huge surprise to see Louisa wearing it. The thought that he bought it for Louisa and not her made her heart flinch.

"We can buy some once we come back to S City. There are more varieties there as compared to here." Kevin liked to drink tea though he wasn't a tea enthusiast. Daisy was good at making tea and he was lucky to taste some whenever they were in the army base. The ones Daisy made weren't special in any sense. They were not rare nor even precious. It just so happened that Daisy had this delicate skill of making them, thus, the flavors of her teas never paled.

Okay. But I don't know much about tea. We will need to buy them together when you have time, okay?" Although Kevin didn't show that much interest in tea, Leena was still wondering whether she should learn about tea ceremonies. It would be nice to learn new things but more importantly, it would be best if she could make tea for him often.

"Truth is, I don't know that much when it comes to tea but Daisy has a wide knowledge about it." Kevin answered casually. There was no underlying meaning behind his words. He just informed her that Daisy was good at making tea and that was it. His thoughts might be clean but then people who heard him might think otherwise and Leena was no exception. Her eyes darkened upon hearing Daisy's name but she soon smiled with relief. Daisy was her model and she was willing to learn things from her. Therefore, it was just normal for her to be praised by others as she herself couldn't stop doing it too.

"Yes! Sis Daisy is an excellent woman. She's so good that sometimes I feel humbled by her excellence," she said with a gentle smile. It was rare for her to admire anyone thus, Daisy was really special. Her personality towards love and career had simply won Leena over.

"Leena..." Kevin suddenly frowned upon realizing that he did something wrong. It could have been okay for him to mention Daisy if Leena didn't know anything about his past feelings for her. The problem though was that Leena knew everything. Therefore, he felt guilty of speaking too highly of her.

"I'm okay. Let's go. Mom seems to have bought the tea." Leena chose to smile and stay silent regardless of how miserable she felt. She had already accepted the fact that staying with Kevin meant being hurt every now and then.

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Okay. His stare was full of concern. She might appear not to care but Kevin knew better. He might not be as generous as her if he was the one in her shoes. Who would like their partner to have somebody else in his mind given that they were just standing side by side?

It looks like it's gonna rain. Let's go home. Shannon looked up the sky and frowned as soon as they gave her the tea. They didn't bring umbrellas with them, therefore, it would be better for them to go home as soon as possible.

Oh, no! Do we have to go home so soon? I haven't bought anything yet. That was an automatic complaint from Claire. She couldn't just come here without doing anything, right? She had no plan of going home this soon and was very unhappy. She was already upset when Shannon proposed to buy tea. Now, she felt more disappointed when her mother already bought it and then quickly suggested going back home. That was completely unacceptable. She felt like she and Louisa were just decorations the whole time. They didn't even get to do anything from the start to the end.

"Didn't I tell you before? You can hang around yourselves. The main reason why I came out today is to fetch the rings. I bring Leena and Kevin with me to see if the rings fit. It was you who insisted on following us. I didn't force you to do so." Shannon annoyedly explained. It was not a good time to hang out. It was going to rain. Moreover, it was about dinner time. It might be alright for the younger people to hang out but not for her. She was a housewife and had a lot of things to do. Maud was at home, but Shannon got used to preparing meals for her family by herself. It was the only way she rewarded herself and got her utmost happiness.

"I didn't know you were coming out to get the rings. Why didn't you tell me beforehand? If I had known this, I would not have come out with you." Claire said while cocking her head. She wanted to look beautiful thus she chose to wear something short and sexy. Such a bad choice! Now she was shivering due to the cold wind.

You came with us on your own. Why are you blaming me?" Shannon would never admit that she had another purpose to let them follow. She agreed to let them come along because she wanted to indirectly tell Louisa that she only had Leena in her mind the

whole time. She was her one and only daughter-in-law. She hoped to slap Louisa with that truth and make her give up on Kevin. It was a pain though that Louisa didn't seem to understand her message. Her effort was just wasted.

"Let's go! It's going to rain. If you really want to go shopping, you can just do it some other day." Kevin took his coat off and covered it on his sister. He couldn't understand why women these days liked to wear skirts in such cold weather despite the fact that they were shivering.

"Thank you, Kevin. But won't you feel cold yourself?" Claire said with a trembling voice. Only then did she realize that it was wise for Leena to wear something casual. At least, it kept her warm.

"I'm okay." Kevin glanced at Louisa who was also wearing something short. How could these women want to stay cool even if it was already cold? Unfortunately, he only had one coat and he could only give it to his sister. They were going back home anyway, thus, he just turned and ignored her.

"Okay, let's go now. I'm sure that it is going to rain. I can feel it. It is quickly getting cold." Shannon said as she looked up at the sky. A gust of wind came. Feeling something was blown into her eyes, she immediately closed her eyes.

"Leena, are you cold?" Kevin embraced her into his arms. She was wearing thicker clothes than the others and it made him think that she easily felt cold.

"I think you're the one who's cold now." Leena smiled and enjoyed the comfort of his arms. She had sensed that Kevin wanted warmth himself with her. How could she refuse him and push him away?

"You got it! Would you mind keeping me warm?" The man was only wearing a shirt after he gave his coat to Claire. It was impossible for him not to feel cold.

"Hurry up! Don't get cold." Concern was dripping from Shannon's words as she shot Claire with a hard stare. It was all because she chose to be beautiful rather than comfortable that everyone was getting troubled.

Claire looked back at her mother and grumpily pouted. She was happy deep inside but she wouldn't dare show it. This was the very first time that Kevin showed his care to her and his simple gesture had touched her heart.

The rain poured down heavily even before they reached home. It was lucky that they were already in the car when it happened or else they would all look like drenched rats. It was to everybody's surprise that Nathan was already home when they came home. The aged man frowned upon seeing them enter the house together. His face even went notches darker when he saw Leena. He had never expected that she would run away from home.

Dad! Leena screamed her surprise. She was caught off guard. She wasn't even ready to face him at all.

Hmm, was all Nathan said. He still responded although he was displeased with her yesterday. Shannon had been nagging him to be nice to Leena last night. He wouldn't want to suffer another night like that.

Why did you come home so early today? It was Shannon who shot him a warning look. She had reprimanded him to be careful with his words. She knew that he didn't care about offending Leena but she cared. She liked Leena very much.

I went out to handle some affairs and went home directly after I was finished. Nathan received the signal from Shannon. As much as he wanted to say a lot of things to Leena, his only choice was to shut his mouth and save his words for later.

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Dad." Kevin hesitated before he spoke. He gave his father a questioning look as he wasn't sure if his father would insist on punishing him.

"I can see that you have found her. How about the words you gave me yesterday? You made a promise and you have to keep it." Nathan stared back to his son with a stern look. He believed that soldiers should always keep their words.

"Yes, I know," answered Kevin. He didn't even try to avoid what was before him. He was a man, not to mention, a man who had handled tremendous duties and responsibilities. He wouldn't allow himself to cave in like a coward, even though the heavy rain would make the punishment even crueler.

Leena baffled as she watched them. She could sense that topic had something to do with her even if she couldn't understand what they were talking about. Slowly she began to feel uneasy.

"What? Have you completely lost your mind? It's pouring outside! Don't you know how cold it is out there? Are you sure you want our son to run outside under that rain?" Shannon was the first to protest. Over the years she got used to watching her son take running as a punishment. Nonetheless, they were never under heavy rains like this.

"What kind of Major General is he if he just quits whenever the going gets tough? Soldiers don't back down even in the hail of gunfire. I see no reason this light drizzle should be an excuse for him not to obey orders!" Nathan snapped. He didn't ask for too

much. He didn't even order Kevin to climb a mountain. A soldier could be sent into action anytime no matter how the weather was, rain or no rain.

"This is our home! This is not the army! If you want someone to take orders from you, please go back to the army base." Shannon also raised her voice. She was determined to defend Kevin. His father might not care much about him but she was still his mother.

"Mom, it is fine. I would do it even if father didn't mention it. A soldier should always mean what he says." Kevin gave her mother a reassuring smile. Like what his father had said, the weather was no excuse. He and the other soldiers had gone through even harsher training in worse weathers. A soldier was still a soldier even when he was home.

"But the rain is so heavy and it is really cold outside. What if you catch a cold?" Shannon hesitated. Being a soldier's wife made her fully aware of how hard their training could be. She was sure that his son had been through something much tougher. It was just that it never happened in front of her. She could try not to think about it as long as she hadn't seen it. Today was different, she couldn't just stand by and watch her son do it in the rain. It was a real wrench and she didn't think she could bear it.

"Right. Dad, why not put it off until the rain stops?" Leena asked, in a trembling voice. It was very likely that her words would not be taken seriously yet she couldn't seem to keep silent. How could she? It was the man she loved who was being punished. Moreover, she was probably the reason why he was punished by his father. She just had to say something.

"What? Are you questioning my decision?" Nathan didn't want to fight with his wife although her protest offended him. Now that Leena chipped in and her words lit the fuse, it was just natural for the old man to take it out on Leena. A dutiful daughter-in-law should bring happiness and peace to the family. However, this one who just suddenly showed up dragged them into this mess and ruined everyone's mood.

"I..." Leena wasn't able to finish her words as the old man's stern look silenced her. She ended up biting her lower lip to swallow the painful lump in her throat and never dared to speak another word.

"Dad, seriously, can't you just delay the punishment? Kevin could get sick! He did nothing wrong. Why should he take the fall for someone else?" Claire spoke up for her brother. She knew that standing against their father wouldn't be easy. She would have celebrated grandly with a glass of champagne in her hand if it was Leena who would be punished.

"He is as tough as nails! The rain is hardly a hiccup to him. Let's go. Tell me about your father. I have not met him for so many years." Nathan sighed when he thought of

Commander Ye, his comrade from his days in the army. The years had passed by too quickly and he missed his old friends more than ever.

"Okay. Uncle, I never knew that you and my father are brothers-in-arms." Louisa followed Nathan to the study. As she passed by Leena, Louisa raised her chin and intentionally bumped her with her shoulder aside. She looked triumphant when Leena lost her balance and stumbled back two steps to steady herself.

Leena thought that Nathan did have a warm side, it was just unfortunate though that the warmth was not for her. She gave herself a wry smile and then looked around the room. Her eyes fell on an umbrella. The heavy rain made her uneasy as she was worried about Kevin. Thus, she decided to check him out.

The wind was still strong but the rain seemed to ease up a little. The cold wind swirled around her, carrying the rain with it. Her clothes were getting damp and she shivered when the rain touched her tender cheeks.

It wasn't that long when a running figure came into her view. She unconsciously flinched. She never knew how bad it was until she saw him. The image was heartbreaking and automatically made her eyes red. It was as though she could feel him and was experiencing the same pain from how the wind and rain kept beating him down.