



"No, but she complained of pain in her lower abdomen. So, you'd better get ready. We'll be there in ten minutes," Rain said while concentrating on his driving. It had never been a moment in Rain's life when he felt so scared. He knew well how difficult it was for Leena to have conceived the baby. And he was also aware of what that child meant to Leena.

"All right. Be safe on the road!" Tom said. He hung up the phone and ordered the nurse to notify the Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology to be ready for treating an emergency case.

"Leena? Are you all right? Do you still feel pain in your stomach?" Rain asked worriedly. Although it was spring and the weather was cool, Rain sweated buckets because of the fear gripping his heart.

"It's not as painful as before. Don't worry, the baby will be okay," Leena said softly to assure Rain. The words were meant to comfort both Rain and herself. When she felt her dress, Leena was thankful there was no sign of bleeding. So she hoped her condition wasn't too serious. Thanks to Rain jumping ahead of her, she didn't hit the ground directly. Or that would have definitely been more serious.

"It has to be okay, or I will cut myself over it!" Rain said. 'Damn it, Tiana Ke!' He cursed her in his head. Rain vowed to make her pay for what she did to Leena.

"Rain, please don't say things like that. You frighten me," Leena pleaded. Leena was already panicking because of her condition, but Rain's words made her feel even worse.

"Okay, I will refrain from saying such things. Just sit tight, and we'll be arriving at the hospital soon," he told Leena. He stepped on the accelerator and maneuvered the car expertly. The only thing Rain focused on right now was to get to the hospital safely in record time.

The last time Tom stood outside the hospital was to wait for Kevin. Now, he was waiting for Leena. He was beginning to think this couple was quite troublesome.

Then he saw Rain's car screeching towards the hospital. So he ran to meet it.

Opening the passenger door, he quickly examined Leena and urgently asked questions. "How do you feel now, Leena? Do you still feel pain?" He carefully helped her out, and then picked her up lightly to prevent more stre

n't need you to check up on me. I want to go see Leena first," Rain insisted. He was still thinking about what happened. And deep inside he could still feel the panic. Trying to shake off the fear he felt earlier, Rain wanted to see for himself that Leena was all right.

Tom blocked his efforts. "Leena said that you should have your body checked up first. Then you can go and see her. So, stop arguing and just do it!" Rain was obviously reluctant to undergo examination. Tom wondered how nervous the guy was about his injuries. If Rain wasn't enthusiastic to be examined by Tom, neither was Tom looking forward to examining him. But Leena had made the request so he was going to do it, even if he wasn't going to get paid for doing it.

"That wrench!" Rain gritted his teeth in annoyance. Since it was Leena who asked that he should be seen to by a doctor, Rain had no choice but to comply. It would be easier to follow Tom and let him examine his injuries.

"Fortunately, you protected Leena well enough and broke her fall. Otherwise, the baby would truly be in danger," Tom reported. He still was curious why Leena fell down from the stairs but he said nothing. What was important was that Rain was there to protect Leena in such a dangerous situation.

"Stop talking about it, okay? I still feel panic just thinking about it," Rain said morosely. He rubbed his chest anxiously. If something serious had happened to the baby, Rain didn't know how he could face Kevin after.

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Chapter 1612 Running Into Louisa (Part One)



"You better keep a few points in mind when you are with a pregnant woman. Don't stand too close to the stairs. Don't go into crowds. Keep track of your surroundings at all times so that you keep potential dangers at bay. Got it?" Tom felt it would be good to give Rain the low-down about pregnancy. After all, Rain would eventually get married and have a child of his own.

"By all means! But I won't dare to take her out before the baby comes out. That's just too risky." Rain got the fright of his life today. He never wanted to experience something like that ever again. 'No way, ' he thought sardonically as his eyes rolled upward in pain.

"Well, in that case, don't expect your future wife to go out when she gets pregnant." 'Rain is just overreacting, ' Tom thought. A pregnant woman didn't

have to be confined to her house. As a matter of fact, going on walks outside was beneficial for her health.

"Oh, for sure! Ouch! That hurts! Are you actually trying to heal me? Or are you just making it worse? Stop rubbing so much of that alcohol on me!" Rain complained, screaming out in pain. It hurt like a bitch when Tom applied the rubbing alcohol on his wound. He only got scraped a bit. The wound was not even that serious. A little alcohol on a cotton swab was enough. To Rain, it felt like Tom had emptied the entire bottle of alcohol on his cut. Maybe Tom was exacting some sort of twisted revenge on him.

"Of course I am healing you! You don't want the wound to be infected, do you? Don't scream like a little girl now. I am the doctor here. I get to decide how to treat your wound," Tom reassured him, but he would never tell Rain that he was being a bit rough on purpose. Leena was still worried about Rain, when she herself had been in a precarious situation. Tom was somewhat jealous.

"Fine. I don't want to fight with a quack anymore. Just finish it quickly. I need to check on Leena; see how she's doing." Rain rolled his eyes at Tom impertinently. How he wished he could throw the contents of that bottle into Tom's mouth! Rain would see how he would

behave about Leena's wealthy brothers now. He was no longer so concerned about his self-respect.

"Okay then. I want peeled prawns. I am craving them suddenly." It was good that she had a rich brother. She could order whatever she wanted to eat for free.

"You glutton. Wait here. I'll get you the food soon." Kevin bent his head and left a gentle kiss on her lips before leaving the ward.

Leena sighed in relief as she watched Kevin leave, having managed to escape his tirade. Thank God she didn't have to endure his endless chattering anymore!

"Hey, Kevin. Didn't you just come? You're leaving so soon?" Not long after Kevin walked out of Leena's room, he met Tom.

"Leena wants something from Kate Hotel. I'm going to get her some food." A pregnant wife was of utmost priority. As Leena's husband, he would do whatever was in his power to satisfy her.

"Great. Bring me some too! It's been a long time since I enjoyed Kate's food last time!" Tom drooled at the mention of Kate Hotel. He loved the food there. Unfortunately, he seldom got to go there after marriage. Because of Patricia, he didn't get a lot of chances to eat outside.

"Are you not going home today? Patricia is probably waiting for you for dinner!" Kevin looked at him, squinting his eyes. He heard that Tom had turned over a new leaf after getting married. He was the obedient husband to his wife.

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Chapter 1613 Running Into Louisa (Part Two)



"I have a patient who has a severe condition. It's not very optimistic. I have to be here all night and keep a close eye on him. He should be ready for surgery at any moment." Tom was exhausted. He had been working for hours and the patient's condition was very serious.

"Oh, all right. What would you like me to get you then?" Kevin rarely had food with Tom, so he was unaware of the latter's preferences.

"Anything would be fine. I'll have what Leena has ordered." Tom was not a picky eater. He was fully aware as a doctor that a balanced diet and nutrition was important to keep the body strong and healthy.

"Okay. I'll bring the food to your office later." Edward was going to foot some bills tonight, seeing the amount of food they were going to order.

"Oh, no. You can just call me and I'll join you. It's a bit lonely to have dinner all alone!" The more people, the merrier it was for Tom.

Kevin and the staff of the catering division knew each other well. They quickly packed up the food he ordered and saw him off. The girls stared at him with pining eyes, marveling at how handsome and brave he was. They dared not get close to him. They knew they couldn't be someone special to him, as that position already belonged to his wife. Leena was a successful and charming woman who had an excellent family background. Kevin only had eyes for her. They were a match made in heaven.

As Kevin walked out of Kate Hotel, his eyes met an approaching Louisa. S City was not that huge. It was normal to run into acquaintances. Louisa was behind a man, who had his hand on her arm. Kevin wondered who the man beside her was. Wasn't he too old to be her boyfriend?

The man pulled Louisa into the hotel. Louisa made no response when her eyes slid to Kevin, as if he was a stranger. Her gaze was vacant and devoid of any emotion. It was unusual behavior on her part; she always greeted him when she saw him.

Kevin could not help but frown. He had no interest in saying hello to her, but something felt f

Mr. Yi within seconds. This kind of crime came under his purview.

"Sir, no! You misunderstood me. I wasn't involved in any human trafficking. I just wanted a girlfriend, that's all. It was that simple." Human trafficking was a

serious accusation. He might end up in prison for several years! He was not stupid to admit to this crime.

"You don't look like you can't find a girlfriend for yourself. Don't try to fool me anymore." Kevin's grip tightened. The man's wrist turned purple as he yelped in pain.

"I didn't fool you. Yes, you're right. I can find myself a girlfriend if I want, but those women are far too ordinary and money-minded. But this woman? It's not easy to find a girlfriend like her. She is beautiful and well-bred," the man spluttered, gasping. He would not have taken this risk if he did not want an excellent girlfriend for himself.

Beautiful? Kevin glanced at Louisa quickly. She was indeed beautiful. But well-bred? She had a poor temperament, which had nearly cost him her wife's life. Most women Kevin knew were well-bred, but not Louisa. She definitely did not fall under that category.

"Just tell me. What have you drugged her with?" Louisa might be sluggish, but she seemed to have an idea of the situation she was in. Otherwise, she wouldn't have hid behind Kevin. She could sense she was in danger.

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Chapter 1614 Running Into Louisa (Part Three)



"I didn't do anything. She was like this when another man handed her over to me. The guy said she would recover within a few hours." He had planned to take advantage of her while she was unable to resist him, so he decided to take her to the hotel. Unfortunately, they came across this damned soldier.

What misfortune he had! Not only had he lost his money, but he would also be facing serious charges now.

As a soldier, Kevin often had to take on important tasks. He was aware of the drugs that circulated in the underworld. They were prevalent in crimes against women. Because of lack of self-protection and vigilance, women and girls often ended up as victims of human trafficking.

Mr. Yi rushed over soon after Kevin's call. He could not afford to slight a high-ranking official like Kevin.

"Major General Gu, isn't this the Commander's daughter?" Mr. Yi said in astonishment upon recognizing Louisa. What had happened to her? How did she fall into the clutches of a bad guy?

"Yes, it's her. We'd better keep this a secret. Don't leak this out to anyone. You know what to do." Kevin passed over the man to Mr. Yi. What happened next was not in Kevin's hand. Mr. Yi should be capable enough to see Louisa to safety.

"I'll take care of it. Shall we inform Commander Ye?" Mr. Yi asked, a bit hesitant. Something awful happened to a Commander's daughter under his jurisdiction. It was a serious matter.

"You tell me." Kevin cast him a cold look. Who would pick up Louisa and get her home if he didn't inform her father? Was Mr. Yi getting old? Maybe it was time for a capable young man to take over his position. The law must be taken more seriously. They couldn't risk the citizens' lives.

"Yes, yes. I got it." Mr. Yi felt Kevin's icy gaze pr

rice for Kevin's call. He finally decided to come over and see for himself if Kevin was back. However, Tom didn't expect to see such a scene.

"No, it's not like that. Let me explain." Kevin reached out to pull Louisa off him. However, Louisa only clung harder. She just would not let go of him.

"I believe what I see. You have two choices: either you kick this woman out, or both of you get the hell out of here!" Tom grew furious. Leena had an accident earlier and was now in the hospital so that she and the baby were steady. How could Kevin bring another woman here, right to Leena's face?

"I choose neither. Nana, other people won't believe me, but what about you? Don't you trust me?" Kevin looked at Leena in disappointment. He thought she knew him well, but it seemed he had been over-confident. She chose to believe someone else when facing with such a minor misunderstanding. How fragile their love was! Like a house of cards, it could come tumbling down with one strike.

"Kevin, it's you who's in the wrong, not Leena. Don't ask her to believe in you when you're lying," Tom said in Leena's defense, even before she could open her mouth in response.

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Chapter 1615 The Father Of The Victim (Part One)



"Kevin, I believe you. I was just kidding. Well, you threatened to limit my personal freedom first. So, we're even now." She knew Kevin better than anyone else and he could stand being misunderstood by everyone, except Leena. The reason was simple. They loved each other, and their trust should be unconditional. Leena would believe Kevin's words, no matter what anyone said.

Tom's eyes widened at her words. "Leena, how can you still believe him? You saw everything. He is obviously lying!" Tom couldn't understand why Leena still believed him. She had seen everything with her own eyes, for God's sake! Leena was just too kind and too trusting sometimes. That was also the reason why she was always the one who got hurt in the end.

"Tom, it's all right. I really do believe him. The truth is that it's Louisa who isn't letting go of him, and not the other way around. I know that Kevin would never do this to me. Besides, if he really wanted to cheat on me, he wouldn't have chosen such a silly and evident way to do it." "Leena, you believe me! Thank God. You almost gave me a heart attack. How mean are you?"

Kevin finally heaved a long sigh now that he knew Leena hadn't misunderstood the situation. As a couple, they had been through too much to easily break the trust between them. They had been through situations that had endangered their lives, after all. Nobody could ever break them apart anymore. The bond they had forged was special and precious.

"Wow, you two! Quit it already. Why am I suddenly the bad guy here?" Tom rolled his eyes at the couple. Their love was sickening, and it was mean of Leena to trick him into believing her.

"Forget about that. Tom, what is wrong with Louisa? She doesn't look too good. Have a look at her, will yo

is so erratic and her reactions are sluggish." As he explained the situation to Kevin, Tom took out his phone and texted the duty nurse, asking her to draw some blood from Louisa, who still looked terrified.

"You are right. Sorry, I didn't mean to rush you. Besides, it really looks like she has lost the ability to talk. Is it because of the drug?" Kevin asked. He wanted to get as much information as possible so that he could pass it on to the

authorities who were on the case. But for now, they were not going to get any useful information from Louisa.

"I would say so. But I can only be sure after we know what drugs were used. It could also be due to the shock following the events that have happened to her. Either way, we are not dealing with local criminals. They clearly know how to deal with this sort of stuff. If I have to guess, I would say this was done by a very organized human trafficking group," Tom said, glancing at Louisa. She was quite a beauty. No wonder the traffickers had chosen her as their victim. And besides, from what he had heard from Leena and Kevin, she didn't seem like a sharp one. She was probably easily fooled into being drugged.

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Chapter 1616 The Father Of The Victim (Part Two)



"Will she be all right, Tom?" Leena asked, a bit worried. This was just so Leena. She was such a kind girl. Though Louisa kept hurting her and wanted to take her husband away from her, Leena still couldn't help but worry about her. She never wished ill-fortune on anyone, even people who hurt her.

"Let's hope so. We'll have to wait for the result of the blood sample. There's nothing much we can do right now. I will order a transfusion as soon as we get the results," Tom said. He looked at Leena's saddened expression and added in a cheerful tone, "Man, I am starved. Let's eat first." Only at that moment did he remember what he was actually there for. He quickly opened the containers Kevin had brought earlier and started eating without waiting for them.

"Seriously? At least help me out first! She is grabbing me so tight!" Kevin glared at Tom annoyingly, as he tried to pull away from Louisa's grip.

Tom sighed. "Just take off your coat," he said, shaking his head at Kevin.

"Oh... Right. Why didn't I think of that?" Kevin quickly shrugged off his coat. He didn't want anything to do with Louisa and he didn't want to be close to her if he could help it. When he finally got out of her grab, he let out a big sigh.

"Because you are stupid. Come on, Leena. Let's eat. Don't mind Kevin," Tom joked. He had thought at first that Kevin was very smart. But after seeing him act silly so many times, he was not so sure anymore.

Kevin was too lazy to argue with Tom. He was tired from all this drama. When he got out of Louisa's tight grip, he immediately walked away from her. He didn't want her to clutch onto his shirt next. Then he had to end up stripping, one piece of cloth after another.

Louisa tightly grabbed onto Kevin's coat after he had taken it off. Her gaze was still unfocused and she still looked out of it. But her eyes followed Kevin wherever he went, even though she was not completely lucid. Maybe it was because she st

hotel to save his daughter, while he couldn't.

"We were indeed lucky this time. I have already handed over the suspect to Mr. Yi. I believe we will know more about the case soon," said Kevin. The one that the commander should have really thanked was, in fact, Leena. He had only gone to the Kate Hotel because Leena wanted to eat the food there.

"I will personally look into the case. We will definitely take down this trafficking group once and for all, before more people get hurt," the commander pledged. There was anger and grief in his voice. He really hadn't expected that something like this would happen to his daughter one day. He vowed to take

down the whole group, not only for his daughter, but also for the people he had pledged to always protect.

"Of course. I will ask my soldiers to look into it too," Kevin said. It was clear that the commander was furious that his daughter was drugged and kidnapped. If he couldn't even protect his own daughter as a commander, how could he protect the people?

Meanwhile, the commander's wife held her daughter tightly in her arms, even as Louisa struggled to get out of her embrace. She patted Louisa's head and murmured soft words to her, trying to comfort her daughter. She was heartbroken after seeing her daughter in such a condition.

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Chapter 1617 The Father Of The Victim (Part Three)



Leena looked at them. Louisa was such a lucky girl. She had parents who loved her deeply no matter what she did. But Louisa took it for granted. Leena looked at Louisa and her mother with envious eyes. She had never gotten an embrace like this from her own mother.

The nurse came in with Louisa's report soon after and handed it over to Tom. He frowned as he read her blood sample report. The drug that the criminals had put in Louisa's food or drinks had already been banned and should have been destroyed a long time ago. He wondered how they had managed to get their hands on it.

"What? Is it bad?" Seeing the look on Tom's face, Kevin asked in a worried tone.

"Yeah, kind of. I have to perform a full-body check up on her and come up with an appropriate treatment immediately," Tom said, going through the report once again. This drug was very dangerous and if Louisa was left without treatment any longer, there would be some serious complications.

"Then what are you waiting for, Tom? Hurry up!" said Leena, who was more anxious than anyone else. Though she didn't like Louisa, she still wanted her to get better, especially after seeing her mother's tear-filled eyes.

"I know, I know. Stop rushing me! You take care of yourself." Tom glared at his little sister in fake annoyance. Only Leena could be this kind to someone who bore nothing but ill will for her.

The commander's wife raised her head and looked at Leena. 'Is this the woman who Kevin is in love with? My daughter lost Kevin to her?' she thought to herself, 'She is beautiful and sweet, but looks fragile. Is she really a suitable woman for a strong and powerful man like Major General Gu?'

Feeling the woman's gaze on her, Leena looked straight into her eyes. She sent a sweet smile her way. No matter what Louisa had done to her, her mother had nothing to do with all that. She was just a mother who was in pain right now. The commander's wife could not help but return the glance. Daisy was always spouting bad things about her own husband in front of their friends.

"You are lucky that you are my husband. Or I wouldn't have even bothered to say anything about you." Daisy didn't even blink as she said that. She was long used to Edward being dramatic.

"Kevin, don't you think we are being ignored again?" Leena said, amused at their bickering. "I don't think they are here to visit me. They are here to put on a show for us." This always happened when Edward and Daisy were together.

They bantered nonstop and teased each other relentlessly, but Leena knew that they also loved each other deeply.

"Yeah, you're right," Kevin said smirking, "Well, we can just enjoy the show as long as it's free, right?" Leena laughed with him.

"And who told you it's free? If you want to watch more of this show, then you gotta pay," Edward scoffed, turning to Kevin. Well, he couldn't say anything to his wife, but at least he could do something about these two.

"Money? Is that all you think about? Doesn't it get boring? You really are a sly businessman." She raised one of her eyebrows at her husband with an obstinate look. "Why don't you keep your mouth shut if you don't have anything good to say?" It looked like she was really in the mood to keep bantering with Edward.

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Chapter 1618 The Father Of The Victim (Part Four)



"Of course, I do have good things to say to you. Would you like to know? Huh?" Edward winked at Daisy. His words and tone were so suggestive that Daisy's face turned red immediately.

"Ahem!" Daisy cleared her throat without replying to him. She was at a loss for words, shocked at Edward's shamelessness.

"Could you two stay here and look after Leena? I have to go and see the commander. He is here too," Kevin interrupted, breaking the awkward silence. The commander was his superior and it was only proper for him to go and visit him to inquire about his daughter. Besides, he could tell that Daisy was feeling

embarrassed at the moment, and he didn't want to make her feel uncomfortable by being there.

Daisy looked at Kevin in surprise. She asked, "What happened to the commander? Why is he at the hospital?" She wasn't informed that the commander was ill.

"He is all right. It's Louisa who is in a bit of a trouble. It's kind of complicated. I'll explain later." Kevin didn't want to give them any details about the incident without getting further information. They would have to wait till Louisa was fully conscious and could tell them what had happened to her on her own.

"I'm coming with you," Daisy said, with a finality in her tone. The commander was Daisy's superior too. Now that she was here at the hospital, she had to pay him a visit too.

"Okay. Let's go. Nana, we will be back soon." Kevin fixed the bed cover for her again, giving Leena a small smile. One could tell from the small gestures how deeply Kevin cared about Leena and their baby.

"Okay," Leena said, worried about Louisa's condition too. So she didn't mind Kevin visiting her. She wanted to know what the hell had happened to her and if she would be okay soon. "Don't worry about me. Edward is here."

Kevin glanced at Edward. If Leena hadn't reminded him about Edward, he would have completely forgotten that Edward was there in the room. He ignored his presence here she was.

"Okay. Anyway, this is not the right time to talk about that. It can wait till she wakes up. The most important thing right now is her well-being." Even if they managed to grab these criminals, there were many others just like them all over the world and they could never fully get rid of them. So, the only option was for the women to be careful and mindful of their surroundings. They

would have to watch out for themselves and be aware of the people around them, in case things like this happened.

"Doctor Qin is treating her right now. I believe she will recover soon. Then we will know exactly what the hell has happened." As a commander and the father of the victim, he was angry and also shameful that his daughter got drugged and kidnapped under his very nose. It was like a slap to his face. He had to take down the criminal group, no matter what, to get revenge for what they had done to his daughter and also to save his face.

"I am going to give Mr. Yi a call and see how the case is proceeding," Kevin said, and left the room to call Mr. Yi. He stood in the long hospital corridor, with the phone to his ear. Under the pale light, his military uniform seemed even greener, making him look more handsome. He was really a charming man, even when his face was so serious.

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Chapter 1619 Sanford Ke (Part One)



The ward's doors swung open revealing Duke and Belinda's tired faces. They arrived in a hurry and evident on their faces was that they ran more than they walked. They were the last to know about Leena's accident. Behind them in the hallway was an agitated nurse berating the couple for walking in without registering.

"Where the hell is Rain? Why the hell did he take you out when he was unable to protect you?" exclaimed Duke. Leena waved the nurse off, signaling that everything was fine. As long as the situation involved Leena, it was expected

that Duke would be on top of it. He would get emotional and do whatever he could to protect his dear sister.

"Stop it. Don't blame Rain. He also got hurt for me," Leena retorted, in a fruitless attempt to defend Rain. She believed that Rain would rather get hurt rather than just stand there and do nothing. Moreover, Leena just got frightened. She never got in any serious harm.

"Why do you keep on defending him? He took you out so he had this obligation to protect you. That's what a decent man should do, shield women and children from any harm, not put them in its way," said Duke, his eyes intense and expression furious. The air suddenly became heavy in the ward. The atmosphere only got worse when they arrived. Duke could be unreasonable sometimes. To his eyes, Leena was still his baby sister that he helped raise and carried around everywhere years ago who needed protection and care 24/7.

"Don't be ridiculous. You think Rain would have wanted this? I'm sure Rain must be beside himself for what Leena has been through." Although Belinda liked cracking jokes, she was reasonable and more level-headed. She didn't lose control of herself like Duke whenever Leena was involved.

"I guess you're blaming me," said Duke, turning to his wife, frowning. Like Edward, he placed a lot of importance on how his wife saw and treated him. He could get really upset if his wife had a bad opinion of him.

"Of course not. Stop being silly." Belinda quickly replied. Duke obviously made a mistake. Even then, he refused to admit it. Who was he trying to impress?

Leena sighed inwardly and felt awkward. An unc

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"You watch your mouth, woman. This is my family and I never want to hear anyone of you calling him bastard ever again. Otherwise, I promise you'll regret your imprudence," shouted Sanford at his wife. Back then, he wouldn't even have dared to raise his voice at his wife. But now things had changed. His family's power was largely stronger than hers now. He wouldn't allow her to insult his son whether he was a bastard or not.

"Dad, please don't be angry at mom. She was just telling the truth. Don't you know what things have happened ever since Rain took over the company?" asked Cyrus grimly, gritting his teeth. Cyrus hated Rain and barely held back on his words, as long as they smeared Rain's reputation. Rain not only stopped him from getting his bonus, but also threatened to shut his illegal operations down.

"Innovation comes out of controversies. I know all of you have felt dissatisfied with him," Sanford turned to Cyrus and continued. "I know what you have done and what you're thinking right now. I made the stupid mistake of turning a blind eye to your filthy business in the hopes of saving our family from the humiliation you will no doubt bring. But Rain wouldn't be as lenient as I was. He has a sense of right and wrong. He dug deep and exposed your ugliness. Now you feel insulted and decide to take revenge." He knew he had to pay the price for his mistakes. Perhaps dealing with his family was his punishment.



"Do you really think he's honest? He once told me he came back to this family to take his revenge," said Vance. Vance, over time, had been getting more and more irritated at Rain's pride and ignorance. He was the real son of the family. Now Rain wanted to take that away from him. 'Well, he'll take it over my dead body.' Vance thought.

"No matter what he said about his motivations for coming back, he has brought new hopes for KD in a short span of time. Could any of you have pulled this off?" said Sanford angrily, scanning and meeting the eyes of his family coldly. He knew what these people in the room were thinking of. They all wanted to take the company away from him. Be he would not let them succeed no matter what the cost.

"Dad, how about you persuading him to let me head the accounting department?" asked Hannah, who was standing beside the fireplace. As long as Rain controlled the capital, the company was his, Hannah thought.

"Wow sis, clever of you to propose such a thing, but not clever enough to be in charge of such an important department." Eugenia, who was slumped on one of the chairs, quipped and then burst into a chuckle. She also wanted this job, and so prevented Hannah from getting it.

"So, what, you think you're smart enough?" retorted Hannah, sneering at her sister-in-law. She and Eugenia were so competitive in everything.

"I don't think so, sis. You're way better than me in all aspects. I would never argue that without justified reasons. But I just heard that KD just got a big

project that involves the government. How about you letting me handle that, Dad?" said Eugenia in a sincere tone. She would be showering with money if this project was given to her.

"Now I understand why they call you the most shrewd woman in the family," Cyprus said, half laughing. "You really think big, huh? If you get to be in charge of this, you'll be earning a lot." He looked at Eugenia with a critical eye. He was so desperate to expose her scheme before the whole family and embarrass her.

"You're wrong. I work only for the betterment of the family. I won't line my pockets with public funds.

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d mother.

"I won't divorce you. That would only bring shame for the both of us," replied Sanford solemnly. If he really wanted to leave her, he wouldn't have waited a long time to do it. Even though he never loved her, she gave birth to his children, raised them and guided them from the start. He appreciated her efforts all those years to hold the family together and owed too much to her to divorce her.

"What is wrong with you people? I thought you were here to help me." Tiana pushed her seat back noisily, its legs scraping against the wooden floor. She then stood up. "But you never once stopped bickering ever since you arrived at the house. So, will you help me or not?" Tiana said in a desperate voice, her eyes pleading and face flushed. The memory of how tenderly Rain treated Leena kept playing over and over in her mind. How she wanted such a loving and kind brother. Her family disappointed her so much.

"You made a big mistake. Do you realize that now? You were always scurrying to win his favor. What did that get you in the end? I tried warning you back then of the possible consequences of your actions, but you refused to listen to me. Now you've fallen, and you want us to pick up the pieces. Don't you think it's a bit late for us to do anything useful?" proclaimed Vance. Recalling how badly Tiana treated him with her attitude, he couldn't help but laugh out loud at his sister's misfortune.