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After hanging up the phone, Kenneth quickly asked, "What did she say?"

"She said when Romeo showed up last night, a bunch of girls swarmed him; some even confessed their feelings in public. Before that, Lindsay did make an appearance, cozying up to Phillip with rather obvious intentions."

Hearing this, Kenneth thought of Serena's tear-stained face and couldn't help saying, "Looks like we might have wronged Serena after all."

"That's not necessarily the case. Let's talk to Bella tomorrow," Louisa felt torn inside. On one hand was the child she had doted on for eighteen years, and on the other was the biological daughter she had neglected for just as long. She sat at her vanity, removing her jewelry, her mind wandering through memories of the past.

The next morning.

Arabella came down to the breakfast table to find Serena already seated, having woken up at some unknown hour.

sis. Let me get you some oatmeal," Serena offered, standing up, but a sharp pain in her ankle nearly

bowl wasn't even filled yet and Arabella had already picked up a glass of milk, sipping it casually,

Serena finished filling the bowl, she carefully set it in front of Arabella, then saying, "We're alone here, and I know you don't like me calling you 'sis'. I'll try to

twisted open a bottle of hot sauce and

several

picking up the glass full

this act now?" Arabella's cool gaze fell on her, taking her

but was overwhelmed by the spice. She fanned her face, and Arabella could see the bruises on her wrist and the

to finish the spicy concoction. With just a couple of gulps left, her lips were swollen, her face beet red, and she seemed to be emitting heat. In visible distress and after

Arabella knew she had gone to rinse her mouth. She leisurely continued with her breakfast. After a while, Serena returned with swollen lips, the corners of her eyes still glistening from the tears the spice had drawn.

"From now on, I won't do anything to upset you again. Martin and I are planning to get engaged, and if it's okay, I'll move out. I'll stay away from you, away from this house. I hope you can put the past behind us."

Hearing the words "put the past behind us," Arabella raised her lovely eyes, understanding the implication, "So someone's after you? You're afraid I'll say something, hence the hot sauce stunt and the engagement talk, hoping I'll let bygones be bygones?"

Serena didn't expect Arabella to be so astute and to guess her motives right away. Resolute, Serena locked eyes with Arabella and asked directly, "Deal?"

"Then tell me, the person in Aunt Eunice's basement, did you kill him?"