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Looking at the radiant flowers in her hands, Claire felt warmth bloom in her heart. She decided to take them home and care for them properly. With a little attention, the bouquet could remain vibrant for a few more days—or perhaps even longer.

She bowed again to Jingqing and said, “Thank you, Master!”

After that, she didn’t wish to stay any longer. She stepped back, nodded to the two of them, and softly said, “I’ll take my leave now.”

After saying that, he turned and walked away slowly.

Outside the door, Sun Mengmeng approached Claire with a look of surprise and asked, “Boss Wilson, why did it take you so long to get the amulet?”

Claire didn’t know that Sun Mengmeng was actually involved in all this, so she forced a smile and replied, “I had a lot of questions, so it took some time. Go on in, I’ll wait for you at the door.”

Sun Mengmeng nodded, then glanced curiously at the bouquet in Claire’s arms. “Boss Wilson, where did you get those flowers?”

Claire responded awkwardly, “These... were given by the Master. He said I have a special connection with them, so he asked me to take them home and care for them.”

Sun Mengmeng’s eyes widened in surprise. “That sounds kind of strange, but I’ll go in first. Please wait for me here!”

Claire nodded and watched her walk inside.

Once Sun Mengmeng entered, she saw Stephen Thompson and Master Jingqing and quietly approached them. In a low voice, she asked, “Butler Stephen, what should I do next?”

Stephen Thompson replied, “For now, stay at Mrs. Wade’s company. She needs some time to prepare. You’ll likely leave after the Second Young Master’s birthday in February. I’ll make the arrangements for your departure then.”

Sun Mengmeng asked, “What about you, Butler Stephen?”

Stephen Thompson answered, “I’ll remain at Qixia Temple. Once Mrs. Wade finalizes the schedule, I’ll meet her here to confirm the details of my own departure.”

Sun Mengmeng said anxiously, “I’m worried Madam won’t be able to stop herself from telling the young master once she’s back. If he finds out, he’ll definitely come here to look

for you—and he'll surely suspect me. If he discovers us, we won't be able to keep the secret we're hiding."

Stephen Thompson sighed helplessly and said, "We have no other option right now. We can't force Mrs. Wade to leave immediately, so we can only trust that she understands the situation and will honor the agreement for the young master's sake."

Sun Mengmeng also sighed. "I noticed Madam's micro-expression as she left. She must be in deep pain. I wonder if the young master will sense something..."

Stephen Thompson shook his head. "Since we've decided to trust Mrs. Wade, there's no need to overthink. Madam is essentially placing a bet on her. If she wins, everything will continue to be handled in secret. If she loses, she'll face the young master and reveal all the hidden truths."

Sun Mengmeng nodded and said, "Understood, Butler Stephen. I'll continue doing my best during this time."

Stephen Thompson added, "If Mrs. Wade starts to suspect you, I believe, based on her character, she'll speak to you directly. When that time comes, don't hide anything—tell her everything except for the matter regarding Madam. If she still needs your help, stay. If not, contact Sister Sun, and she'll arrange for your early departure."

A word from the author:

I've heard some sharp readers speculating that the author of this book has changed. I just want to clarify one thing: if I were really using a ghostwriter, even if they didn't manage 10,000 words a day, they'd at least write 8,000. The truth is, I've been writing for over five years now, and I'm mentally and physically exhausted. That's why the recent updates have been inconsistent—not because of a ghostwriter, but because I genuinely don't want to bring in someone subpar just to push out content.

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Ten minutes later, Sun Mengmeng walked out of Wuliang Palace cheerfully, holding two amulets in her hands.

At that moment, Claire was still in a daze outside the hall and didn't notice anything until Sun Mengmeng approached her.

Sun Mengmeng walked up to her and asked playfully, "Mr. willson? What are you thinking about?"

Snapping out of her thoughts, Claire replied in a flustered tone, "Oh, nothing... nothing. Are you done?"

“All done!” Sun Mengmeng nodded with a bright smile, shook the amulets in her hand, and said, “I’ve already made my prayer. Let’s go back! Can I ride with you?”

“Sure,” Claire agreed without hesitation, though she remained somewhat absent-minded. Her heart was filled with shock, confusion, and sorrow. She just wanted to return to the office and be alone in silence.

On the way back, Claire stayed distracted. If not for Sun Mengmeng’s repeated reminders, she might have scratched the car several times.

Once they returned safely to the company, Claire headed straight to her office. An administrator came over and asked, “Boss Wilson, what time is the meeting today?”

Claire waved her hand and replied with a troubled expression, “You handle the meeting today. I won’t attend. I’m not feeling well. If anything comes up, make the decisions yourselves. If you’re unsure, just wait—but please don’t disturb me right now.”

Seeing her upset, the administrator quickly responded, “Then please rest in your office for a while, President Wilson. I’ll let everyone know to keep their voices down. If you need anything, just message me on WeChat.”

Claire nodded. Grateful for the administrator’s thoughtfulness, she said, “Thank you for your hard work.”

She then hurried back to her office and locked the door behind her.

The moment the lock clicked, Claire broke down and began to cry.

Those bright, expressive eyes looked like a string of crystal-clear beads, with teardrops as large as beans forming a shimmering trail.

Claire felt a searing pain in her chest, as if her heart were being gripped tightly by invisible hands, making her whole body ache and her chest convulse.

She felt all her strength drain away. Her legs gave out, and she slowly slid down to the floor, leaning against the door, sobbing uncontrollably.

Claire suddenly recalled a joke Charlie had once made. He had asked her what she would do if, one day, she discovered that he had been hiding his identity and was actually a super-rich man.

Back then, she answered without hesitation: she would leave him.

At the time, she thought Charlie was just teasing her. She never imagined that, though it seemed like a joke, it had come from deep within his heart.

But in truth, she didn't want to leave him.

Over the years, with him by her side, she had genuinely felt what it meant to be cared for. At one point, she had even wavered—considering her mother's suggestion to have a child with charlie early, so they could be a family of three, or even four.

Yet now, what she was facing was not just charlie's deception—but the enemies who had murdered his parents, and his unwavering path of vengeance.

What choice did she have but to leave?

Even though she loved him, she couldn't become his burden.

Especially when it was a matter of life and death. No matter what, she had to step aside, so charlie could face everything without hesitation.

But what about the future?

If she left charlie now, would there ever be a chance for them to meet again in this lifetime?

Thinking of this, she choked up, tears welling in her eyes, and said, "charlie, even if we never meet again in the future, you must survive! Promise me you'll complete your revenge and return to the world as the rightful young master of the Wade family. By then, it won't matter whether you still carry me—a mere daughter of the Willson family—in your heart. You've endured far too much pain, exhaustion, discrimination, and injustice while living with the Willson family. If you choose never to see me again, I'll accept it—but please, just stay alive..."

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Claire spent the entire day locked inside her office at the company, never once stepping outside. During that time, she neither ate nor drank, sitting silently in her chair, lost in memories of her time with charlie—from their first meeting, to their marriage, and everything up to now.

She had no idea how many times she broke down in tears; her eyes were already red and swollen.

By evening, after all the employees had left for the day, Sun Mengmeng gently knocked on her office door and asked softly, "Boss wilson, aren't you leaving work yet?"

Claire replied, "I'll leave in a little while. You go on home. Are there any other colleagues still outside?"

Sun Mengmeng answered, “No, I’m the only one left.”

Claire let out a quiet sigh of relief and said, “Alright, you go ahead, Mengmeng. I’ll be right behind you.”

“Okay, Mr. Willson, I’ll head out then.”

Sun Mengmeng gave her a polite goodbye and turned to leave the office. Claire waited another ten minutes, making sure everyone was truly gone, then slowly dragged her weary body out of the office.

As she looked over the wide, spotless office space, she felt an aching reluctance to leave.

Leaving Charlie and hiding her identity would be like vanishing from the world altogether.

When that day came, her design company would have no choice but to close down.

Many projects were still incomplete. In the coming month or so, she needed to work quickly to catch up on progress. Although it wouldn’t be possible to finish everything in a rush, she hoped to at least complete a portion of the work.

For the projects that couldn’t be finished, she would have to make arrangements to refund the project funds and pay the necessary penalties before leaving.

Paying liquidated damages on a large scale might wipe out all the profits the company had earned during this period, but in Claire’s view, money was no longer the priority.

She drove back to Tomson One alone. Returning to the nearly 200 million yuan mansion filled her with complex emotions.

In the yard was the Rolls-Royce Cullinan that her father, Jacob, used to drive.

She had once believed that both the luxury house and luxury car were bought with the money Charlie earned through Feng Shui consultations.

But now, looking at them again, she realized there had always been a hidden truth she had never known.

With a sigh, she parked the car, opened the door like a soulless figure, and walked into the house.

At that time, Jacob and Elaine were sitting on the sofa. Although the television was on, they weren’t paying attention to it. Instead, both were glued to their phones, animatedly discussing their upcoming trip to the Maldives.

Seeing Claire return, Elaine immediately called out excitedly, “Claire, everyone online says snorkeling in the Maldives is amazing! I’m thinking of asking your dad to take me shopping for snorkeling gear tomorrow. Want to come along?”

Claire shook her head and replied, “You two go ahead. I’m not interested in those kinds of things. We only have a few days in the Maldives this time. I’d rather take the opportunity to rest and relax.”

Elaine smiled and said, “You and your husband are always so busy with work. It’s rare to get a chance for a tropical vacation—you really should unwind. But your dad and I are different. We have nothing to do all day and don’t know where to put our energy. So while we’re in the Maldives, I’m planning a full itinerary! Besides snorkeling, I want to chase dolphins and try deep-sea fishing. They say skilled captains can even take you to see Bryde’s whales, so we’ll definitely go check that out too!”

Claire nodded but didn’t approach the two of them. She simply said, sounding a bit weary, “Mom, Dad, you can take your time planning. I’m feeling a little tired, so I’ll head upstairs to rest.”

Elaine didn’t think much of it and said to Jacob with a hint of regret, “The island we picked for this trip really is the best in all of the Maldives. The only pity is that we don’t get to take a private jet this time...”

As Claire walked up the stairs, she overheard her mother’s complaint and felt a surge of frustration.

Her mother had always been this way—obsessed with vanity, bold to the point of recklessness.

She had even dared to transfer funds from charlie’s bank account, which contained tens of billions of yuan. Should she go down right now and demand to know what gave her the nerve to do such a thing?

And hadn’t her mother considered, even for a moment, how humiliating her actions might be for her own daughter?

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Claire went upstairs to her room feeling depressed. Neither her father nor mother noticed anything unusual about her mood.

She had long since grown used to this. It seemed her parents were naturally inconsiderate. In this family, aside from charlie Wade, no one truly cared about her emotions or feelings.

At that moment, Jacob and Elaine were busy thinking about how to enjoy themselves in the Maldives and make the trip worth the money. Neither of them noticed that Claire's eyes were red and swollen from crying.

Back in her room, Claire washed her face with cold water and tried her best to calm down. Then, she began thinking about how to leave charlie Wade in a way that would minimize the impact on him.

But first, she needed to confirm charlie Wade's plans for the second day of February—the day when the dragon raises its head.

So, she picked up her phone and sent charlie Wade a voice message on WeChat: "Husband, how are you planning to celebrate your birthday this year?"

At that moment, charlie Wade was backstage at Tawana's performance, feeling a bit bored.

After receiving Claire's message, he didn't hesitate and replied immediately: "Wife, haven't you always liked Stefanie sun? Her final farewell concert happens to be in Eastcliff on the second day of February. I thought we could go there and spend some time together. I'll take you to the concert. What do you think?"

When Claire received the message, she was stunned and silent for a long time.

If she hadn't met Stephen Thompson, she wouldn't have thought there was anything wrong with charlie Wade's plan. She might even have been touched that he wanted to take her to a concert on his birthday.

But now that she knew Stefanie sun was charlie Wade's fiancée, hearing his arrangement made her heart ache once more.

Stefanie sun had chosen charlie Wade's birthday twice to hold concerts. Her intentions were, clearly, not a coincidence.

At that moment, a sense of resistance and unease began to rise in Claire's heart toward charlie Wade's plan.

However, once she calmed down and thought it through carefully, Claire realized this could actually be a good opportunity to leave charlie Wade.

At that time, charlie Wade and she would go to Eastcliff to attend Stefanie sun's concert, and Stephen Thompson could arrange for her parents to leave ahead of them.

After her parents had left, she would find a way to separate from charlie Wade.

Then, the three of them would quietly disappear from Charlie Wade's life, leaving behind a letter at their home in Aurous Hill. When Charlie Wade returned and read it, he would understand everything.

Claire had no intention of hiding the reason for her departure. After all, Charlie Wade had hidden his true identity from her for so many years—she didn't want to repeat his mistake.

She planned to explain in the letter that she had learned of his identity and background, and understood the path of revenge he was walking. In order not to burden him, she decided to leave so he could focus fully on his mission without worrying about her.

As for whether they might see each other again someday, Claire thought long and hard, and eventually made a decision. In her letter, she would ask Charlie Wade not to come looking for her again. Their marriage had been burdened with too much beyond love—an arranged union clouded by secrecy, deception, and an enormous social gap. Since Charlie Wade's true identity was not that of an orphan from Aurous Hill but a member of the prestigious Wade family in Eastcliff, their marriage certificate held no legal weight. It would be best for both of them to end it.

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The first reason for this decision was something she had told Charlie Wade long ago—that if he had deceived her, she would choose divorce. But the second reason carried even more weight.

Claire understood clearly that the gap between them was far too wide. Once Charlie Wade returned to the Wade family, remaining married to her would turn her into the object of envy for women everywhere. They would all see her as impossibly lucky—an ordinary girl who managed to marry one of the world's wealthiest heirs.

But Claire was a proud and strong-willed woman. She did not want to live her life as someone known only as a rich man's wife or be labeled a real-life Cinderella.

Rather than becoming a subordinate in a wealthy family, she would rather live a simple and peaceful life.

Besides, Stefanie Sun was clearly a better match for Charlie Wade than she was. The girl had devoted so much time and effort over the years just to find him.

Both morally and logically, Stefanie Sun was someone worthy of respect and fulfillment.

Ending her marriage with Charlie Wade and giving them the chance to be together seemed like the right thing to do.

So she replied to charlie Wade, “Then on February 2nd, let’s go to Eastcliff, spend some quality time together, and watch Miss Sun’s concert. After that, I might need to go on a business trip. You can head home directly, and I’ll fly from Eastcliff to Rongcheng.”

charlie Wade asked curiously, “Why are you suddenly going on a business trip to Rongcheng?”

Claire paused for a moment, then replied with the explanation she had just come up with: “A client introduced me to her best friend. She owns a large single-family villa in Rongcheng and wants it renovated. She hopes I can come up with a design plan, so I need to visit the site in person.”

After saying this, she felt both uneasy and guilty.

Uneasy because she wasn’t sure if charlie Wade would see through her lie. Guilty because this might have been the first time she had ever lied to him.

But soon, she remembered how charlie Wade had always claimed to travel around for Feng Shui consultations in recent years. Perhaps, just like her now, he also used such excuses to keep certain things from her.

Thinking this, she couldn’t help but sigh inwardly. Her marriage with charlie Wade had become so twisted that they had to rely on countless little lies just to keep things stable.

Come to think of it, every time charlie Wade had to take care of something in secret, he made up elaborate stories, even asking others to help him act them out. That must have been exhausting.

charlie Wade, however, trusted Claire completely. When she said she had to go on a business trip, he didn’t doubt her at all. He simply asked, “Wife, do you want me to go with you? I won’t be busy around then anyway.”

Claire said, “No need. I’m going there for work, not for leisure. If I bring my husband along to discuss the project, the client might think I’m being unprofessional. Besides, I won’t be there long—just a quick site visit to inspect the area, test the soil, and take measurements. After that, I’ll head back. Once I return to Aurous Hill, I’ll create the design plan and send it to her online.”

charlie Wade didn’t overthink it and smiled. “Alright, after the concert, you go to Rongcheng and I’ll return to Aurous Hill.”

Claire quietly breathed a sigh of relief. Now that the travel plan was confirmed, she intended to visit Qixia Temple soon and inform Stephen Thompson of the detailed arrangements.

When the time came, as soon as she and charlie Wade departed for Eastcliff, she would find an excuse to have Stephen Thompson take her parents away.

After separating from charlie Wade in Eastcliff, she would ask Stephen Thompson to help her quietly leave China.

As a family of three, they didn't have many ties or obligations. Their only close relative, like her grandmother, had passed away, and they were no longer in touch with extended family. As long as the three of them stayed together, it didn't matter where they went.

For years, they had relied entirely on charlie Wade's support. Now, it was time for them to think about what was best for him.

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A few days ago, charlie accompanied Tawana on a tour across several cities, helping her complete all her scheduled performances in China.

In truth, charlie began to regret taking this job after the shows in Eastcliff. However, once the arrow was released, there was no turning back. He had already told his wife he would serve as Tawana's Feng Shui consultant throughout the tour, and he couldn't back out midway.

Following the twenty concerts, bruce Automobile gained significant attention both domestically and internationally.

Surprisingly, despite this surge in popularity, bruce Automobile has yet to launch a single vehicle.

Still, charlie understood that opening a business required one essential principle: gain fame as early as possible.

Internet celebrity Lei Jun had already stirred public interest before even founding Xiaomi Auto. His bold claim that he would stake his life's honor on its success instantly drew widespread attention, and as expected, their sales soared.

bruce Automobile was named after charlie's father, and charlie is determined to build it into a strong, influential brand—a source of national pride for China—no matter the cost.

Tawana's 20-concert tour provided a major boost for bruce Automobile. As global attention focused on her performances, awareness of the car brand rose in tandem.

charlie is confident that when bruce Automobile releases its first model next year, it will create a breakthrough in domestic car sales.

As the tour neared its end, Tawana's mood visibly declined.

After her final performance, she planned to return to the United States. Originally, she intended to go on vacation following the Tokyo concert and reunite with her family. However, that plan had already been delayed by a month. Her family—and the families of her crew—missed them dearly, yet she still found it difficult to leave.

Meeting charlie had completely transformed her worldview. She had fallen deeply in love with this stoic and powerful Chinese man. Music had always been the most important thing in her life, but lately, she often fantasized: if charlie asked her to elope, she would abandon her fame and everything she had in the music industry without a second thought.

It was a pity that she also knew this Chinese man had no romantic interest in her.

At the celebration party after the performance, Tawana drank an entire bottle of red wine. Once intoxicated, her eyes became glassy, and she couldn't take them off charlie. She stared at him directly, her gaze dazed and unfocused.

After spending time together on the tour, her team members had already noticed that she had fallen for charlie. It became a silent understanding among them all.

Tawana had always treated her team with kindness, earning their deep loyalty. Even if she and charlie had truly spent a night together during the tour, no one would have leaked the news.

Unfortunately, Tawana simply didn't have the charm to win charlie's heart.

She knew charlie would return to Aurous Hill after the celebration, and once they parted, she had no idea when—or if—they would meet again.

So, after drinking too much, she ignored the people around her and walked straight up to charlie. With teary eyes, she tugged on his sleeve and asked, "Mr. Wade, do you think we'll ever have the chance to meet again?"

charlie smiled and replied, "As long as you maintain a close partnership with bruce Automobile, there'll be plenty of chances for us to meet."

Tawana said, "When you launch your car models, you must invite me to be the global spokesperson. I won't charge a single penny."

charlie nodded and said, "You can definitely be the spokesperson, but we'll still pay you. Also, since you're so talented at songwriting, I hope you'll write a song for bruce Automobile when the time comes."

"No problem!" Tawana agreed without hesitation. "I wouldn't mind even releasing a whole album for bruce Automobile for free."

charlie smiled and said, “I appreciate that.”

Tawana then asked, “By the way, Mr. Wade, what are your plans after returning to Aurous Hill? Chinese New Year is coming soon—aren’t you going on vacation?”

charlie didn’t dare share his real plans, so he simply smiled and replied, “I don’t have any plans yet. Let’s talk about it later.”

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Tawana sighed with a hint of regret and said, “Honestly, I don’t really want to go back to the United States. It’s just that my family keeps urging me to return as soon as possible. I’m still considering whether I should pick a vacation spot and meet them there instead.”

charlie looked puzzled. “Why don’t you want to go back to the U.S.? Wouldn’t it be nice to return home and be with your family? You’ve been away for quite a while.”

Tawana appeared a bit embarrassed. Of course she wanted to see her family, but the real reason she was hesitant to return was simple: she didn’t want to face her boyfriend, Trevor Kennedy.

Their relationship had fundamentally changed. When one person falls out of love, they instinctively want to distance themselves from the other and avoid contact as much as possible.

Ideally, they wouldn’t meet or communicate for a while—what people often refer to as emotional withdrawal or cold violence.

The best outcome would be if, after enduring a period of silence, the other party couldn’t take it anymore and initiated a breakup. Then she could simply agree and end a relationship she no longer wanted—without even seeing him face to face.

That’s why Tawana preferred not to return to the U.S., or if she had to, she planned to stay only briefly before finding an excuse to leave again.

But she couldn’t share all this with charlie. She was afraid he might think she was the kind of woman who would abandon someone after intimacy. So instead, she feigned exhaustion and said, “It’s really hard to get proper rest in the U.S. The media and paparazzi are always chasing me, even when I stay at home. Honestly, I’d much rather find a quiet place and enjoy a peaceful vacation.”

charlie nodded with a smile. “That sounds like a great idea. If that’s what you want, go for it.”

Then he added, “Oh, by the way, I booked an early flight back to Aurous Hill—it’s at six this morning. It’s already past 1 a.m., so I’ll be heading out in about two hours. Wishing you a safe journey back home in advance.”

Tawana asked in surprise and disappointment, “Mr. Wade, you’re leaving so soon? Why not book a later flight so you can get some rest?”

“No need,” charlie replied with a smile. “I miss my wife. I want to get back to see her as soon as possible.”

Tawana nodded sadly, then gathered her courage and said, “Mr. Wade, let me take you to the airport!”

charlie politely declined. “Thank you, but I’ve already booked a ride-hailing car to pick me up from the hotel. Besides, if a big star like you shows up at the airport to see me off and someone recognizes you, it might spark rumors—something that wouldn’t be good for either of us.”

“...Alright.”

Tawana was deeply saddened, but at that point, there was nothing more she could do. She could only lower her voice and say with heartfelt emotion, “Then I wish you a safe journey, Mr. Wade.”

charlie nodded gently, smiling as he replied, “See you later, Miss Sweet.”

The team’s celebration party continued until 4 a.m. After all, they had just completed 20 concerts in a month—a first in Tawana’s career. Everyone had broken their personal records, received generous bonuses, and looked forward to a long vacation. Spirits were high all around.

When charlie left, Tawana didn’t dare go downstairs to see him off. Instead, she stood quietly by the banquet hall’s upper window, watching from afar as he got into the ride-hailing car.

At that moment, she could no longer hold back the tears in her eyes and began to cry uncontrollably.

Her agent walked over, gently took her hand, and comforted her: “Tawana, sometimes things are just like this. There are always regrets—you have to learn to let go.”

“I know,” Tawana said, quickly wiping away her tears. She gave a self-deprecating laugh. “I know someone like me isn’t worthy of Mr. Wade, but sometimes, you just can’t help falling in love with someone who could never love you back.”

Then, brushing away the last of her tears, she turned to her agent and said, “Please help me find a very quiet resort. After I get back to the U.S., I want to spend one night at home, then leave immediately with my family. Don’t make any arrangements involving Trevor. I only want to be with my family.”

The agent nodded in understanding and said, “If you want complete peace and privacy, free from paparazzi, then only island resorts would truly be suitable. Each island typically has just one hotel, and unless someone is a registered guest, there’s no way for them to access the island. That setup effectively keeps out reporters and paparazzi.”

“No problem,” Tawana replied immediately. “Go ahead and choose the best option. You don’t need to inform me once you’ve made the decision—just arrange the itinerary for me. I want to go back to my room and rest.”

“Got it! I’ll start selecting the best options right away!”

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In the morning, charlie finally returned to Aurous Hill.

When he arrived home, only Elaine was there.

Claire had been busy lately, focusing on finalizing the company’s cooperation project. She wanted to provide a satisfactory explanation to the partners before her departure.

As for Jacob, he continued to spend his days at the calligraphy and painting association, never seeming to tire of it.

In contrast, Elaine was much more relaxed. Her attention was entirely on the upcoming trip to the Maldives. She had bought a swimsuit, goggles, and even some snorkeling gear online.

Seeing charlie return, she was especially delighted and greeted him with a smile: “My good son-in-law, you’re finally back! We’re leaving for the Maldives the day after tomorrow. You mustn’t take on any more Feng Shui work during this time!”

charlie smiled and replied, “Don’t worry, Mom. I won’t accept any work until after the New Year.”

“That’s great!” Elaine said, relieved. “I’ve told Claire to finish up everything quickly. She’s not allowed to bring her computer on this vacation!”

charlie nodded with a smile. It was clear that Elaine was genuinely excited about the trip. It was a rare opportunity and indeed a good thing for the whole family.

Before the trip, charlie took some time to visit the Champs Élysées Hot Spring Hotel, where he met Nanako, Yun Ruge, and Song Ruyu, who were all practicing Taoism there.

Nanako's cultivation had progressed quickly, and charlie believed it wouldn't be long before she surpassed Song Ruyu.

Meanwhile, Yun Ruge and Song Ruyu had remained in seclusion, focusing on absorbing the effects of the Da Peiyuan Pill, which had significantly strengthened their cultivation and laid a solid foundation for future progress.

That evening, when charlie returned home, Jacob's Cullinan was already in the driveway, but Claire had not yet come back.

charlie chatted with his father-in-law and mother-in-law at home for a while before Claire returned, visibly exhausted.

As she walked in and saw charlie back, a flicker of pain flashed in her eyes.

Over the past few days, she had been mentally preparing herself, thinking she was ready to face charlie. But the moment he appeared before her, an overwhelming ache still rose in her heart.

charlie wasn't someone particularly sensitive to subtle emotional shifts in women. When he saw Claire come home, he had missed her so much that he immediately smiled and said, "My wife is back! The New Year is almost here—has the company not started the holiday yet?"

Claire forced a bitter smile, afraid he might notice something, and replied with a sigh, "Ah, things always get busier at the end of the year. But tomorrow's the last working day. We're having our annual dinner party tomorrow night, so I won't be home for dinner."

Elaine quickly chimed in, "Claire, we're leaving early the day after tomorrow—your company still has work tomorrow?"

Claire nodded with a touch of sadness and said, "There was a lot of work before the holiday, so I paid everyone overtime. I just hope they'll push through. I'll return to work as soon as we're back from the Maldives."

charlie's trip to the Maldives with the family was only five days and four nights. Most companies offered at least eight to ten days off for the Lunar New Year. Since Claire had to resume work right after the trip, it meant she would only get five days off.

charlie said with concern, "Wife, is the company really that busy? Maybe you could ease up a bit on taking new orders."

Claire gave a faint smile, tinged with bitterness, and replied, “We’re not accepting new orders anymore, but we still need to speed up progress on the existing ones so we don’t delay Party A’s schedule.”

charlie said, “Most of your orders are from Dihao Group, right? I know Vice President Wang quite well. Do you want me to speak with him and ask if they can ease the deadlines a little?”

Claire felt even more upset.

After meeting Tang Sihai, I realized just how many lies charlie had to maintain in his daily life.

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The Dihao Group wasn’t just a powerful enterprise—it was actually owned by the Wade family, purchased specifically and handed over to charlie.

All this time, I thought Doris Young was the greatest benefactor in charlie’s career. But who would have guessed that she was merely his spokesperson? All the support provided by the Dihao Group had been secretly orchestrated by charlie himself.

The Dihao Group’s project will definitely not be completed before February 2nd. When that time comes, I won’t know whether I should send an apology to Doris Young or to charlie—the real boss.

This realization left Claire feeling a bit disheartened.

She had once believed that her professional skills had earned her the recognition of successful entrepreneurs, which led to all the orders and partnerships. Now, she feared that even if she lacked those abilities, the halo of being Mrs. wade would have been enough to win her that support.

It was a heavy blow to someone like Claire, who had always wanted to be a strong, independent woman capable of helping charlie retire early.

As Claire stood there in a daze, charlie asked, “What are you thinking about, honey? Should I speak to Vice President Wang of the Dihao Group for you?”

“Ah...” Claire snapped out of her thoughts, quickly waving her hands. “No, no—it would be too embarrassing to keep troubling others. I’ll manage everything myself with better planning.”

After saying that, she avoided eye contact with charlie, afraid he might see through her emotions. So she added, “I’ll go upstairs and start packing. There’s a dinner party tomorrow night, and I might not have time once I’m back.”

charlie immediately stood up and offered, “Then let me help you pack.”

“No need,” Claire said, brushing her hair awkwardly. “You should stay and chat with your parents for a while. They’ve been out for quite some time.”

At that moment, Jacob also spoke up enthusiastically: “Yes, my good son-in-law, I’ve been wanting to have a proper chat with you. President Pei told me today that he’s aiming for a promotion and might try to help me move up as well. When you have time, let’s invite Master Don Albert out for a meal together.”

charlie smiled and asked, “How’s President Pei doing these days?”

“Very well,” Jacob chuckled. “That old guy has really learned to behave himself. Even though I’ve been demoted, he’s actually more respectful to me now whenever we meet.”

charlie nodded and said, “Once I’m back from the Maldives, I’ll find time to talk to Don Albert about it.”

Jacob beamed and said, “That’s great! Thank you, my good son-in-law!”

As Claire walked up the stairs, Don Albert’s slightly intimidating face flashed in her mind.

Back when she was still in school, she had heard of Master Don Albert by name. He was a well-known figure in Aurous Hill, someone with underworld connections and a reputation as a godfather. Yet, not long after the Wade family acquired the Dihao Group, this same man began kowtowing to charlie and addressing him respectfully as Master Ye. Thinking back, it was clear now that Master Don Albert had long known charlie’s true identity, which explained his respectful and flattering behavior.

When her mother was scammed by a P2P scheme and her father became vice president of the Calligraphy and Painting Association, it was Master Don Albert who had stepped in to help. Now, she realized it had all been for the sake of charlie, the young master of the Wade family.

Over the years, charlie had quietly supported their family in countless ways. This thought filled Claire with deep shame.

She silently whispered to herself, “charlie, thank you for everything you’ve done for our family and for thinking of us in every way. From now on, it’s our turn to think of you...”

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Early in the morning on the 28th day of the twelfth lunar month, charlie Wade and his family packed their luggage and prepared to go to the airport to enjoy their rare vacation.

Jacob originally suggested driving his Cullinan to the airport and leaving the car there. Anyway, the trip would only be 5 days and 4 nights, so when he came back, he could just drive the Cullinan back.

In his words, one big advantage of this is that you don't have to take a taxi. After all, it is quite troublesome to take a taxi when carrying a lot of luggage.

charlie Wade knew in his heart that since your father-in-law got a Rolls-Royce, he had to drive it even when going out to buy a pack of cigarettes. In short, he would not miss any opportunity to let others know that he was the owner of a Rolls-Royce.

charlie Wade didn't think there was anything wrong with it. His father-in-law had always been like this, so it wouldn't be a bad idea to cooperate with him.

But from Claire's perspective, he felt a little guilty that his father was still thinking about driving the Cullinan outside to show off.

After all, this Cullinan belongs to Fei Kexin, who gave it to charlie Wade for charlie Wade's sake. When his dad drives out in this car, he is actually just taking advantage of the power of another.

So she suggested, "Why don't we take a taxi? Take a business car. It's more convenient for four people to sit in it. Parking at the airport is quite expensive. It costs nearly two hundred yuan a day without a cap. This is much more expensive than taking a taxi back and forth. Besides, the parking spaces there are not spacious. Dad, you drive such an expensive car and park it there for several days. What if it gets scratched? Won't you feel bad then?"

Jacob thought about it and it was indeed true. A car worth tens of millions was parked at the airport for several days. If someone hated the rich and drew two lines on it, he would have no tears to cry.

So he said with a smile: "It is said that listening to others' advice will make you full, so let's listen to my daughter."

Claire took out his mobile phone and called a 6-seater commercial vehicle from the taxi app. After the car arrived, the family of four dragged their suitcases to the entrance of the community and took the car to the airport.

Not having to drive to the airport actually saves you the trouble of walking from the parking garage to the terminal.

The driver parked the car directly at the international departure area, and then enthusiastically helped the family unload their luggage.

Jacob didn't know if he was just pretending or expressing his true feelings, he sighed: "Oh, it's indeed much more convenient than driving the Cullinan by ourselves, otherwise we would have to carry a lot of luggage and come from the opposite parking building."

The driver couldn't help but smile, but didn't say anything. After helping everyone take down their luggage, he politely said, "Thank you for using Tutu."

After the driver left, the family was about to enter the terminal when a shit-yellow Bentley Bentayga slowly stopped beside them.

As soon as the car stopped, a middle-aged man ran out of the driver's seat, opened the two side doors of the back row attentively, and said respectfully to the inside: "Mr. Li, Madam, please get out of the car."

The first people to get out of the car were a middle-aged man in his forties and a young woman in her twenties.

The middle-aged man had a big belly, while the woman next to him was dressed up in designer clothes. Her down jacket, hat, pants and shoes were all Chanel. She was also carrying a limited edition Himalaya Hermès bag in her hand.

After the middle-aged man got off, the driver took out two LV suitcases from the trunk, handed them to the two men, and said respectfully: "Mr. Li, I wish you and your wife a happy honeymoon!"