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From the sound of Xavier's tone, he did not seem like he was joking at all.

It was precisely because of how serious he looked that Bianca could feel cold sweat all over her body when she looked at him.

"You're the one who took away my grandpa?" Bianca asked.

Xavier looked at her eyes that were full of panic and hatred. He answered her seriously, "Duh. Who else would take away your grandfather secretly?"

Both of them looked into each other's eyes.

With tears in her eyes, Bianca hit him like a madwoman as she tried to get away from him. "You despicable and shameless man! You've committed a crime! You've kidnapped a person!"

Xavier grabbed her fragile body with his big hands. He no longer allowed her to punch and kick him as she pleased. "What do you know about crimes, little girl? You're just a little girl who's still wet in your ears!"

When she could not kick or move anymore, Xavier pointed the screen of his phone to her.

She watched.

A video played on Xavier's cell phone. She could not tell who the person recording was, but the person in view was Xavier and Grandpa.

They looked very close like a grandfather and his grandson.

"Grandpa, Bea didn't want you to find out that she passed out from tiredness. So when we get there, you have to pretend to not know about it when she wakes up," Xavier smiled and said to Grandpa.

At the same time, Xavier helped Grandpa carry his suitcase.

Grandpa looked very grateful for Xavier and left with him.

The CCTVs in the neighborhood did not work. Only when something major happened, the city councils paid attention to it and sent people to replace them. Therefore, the scene where Xavier took Grandpa away was not in the surveillance tapes.

video was played, Xavier played another

grandfather was tied at his mouth. He was struggling and could barely make any noise. There was a young man with an iron rod who hit it on the pole that Grandpa was

noise and shock nearly made Grandpa faint

old man like him won't be able to

going to call the police." Bianca could not believe what she was seeing in the

her head and cried as she said to Xavier, "Do you want to go to jail again? Release my grandpa. I don't know what you're trying to do, but what does you needing a wife have got to do with me? Please, go find someone

did not say anything else. He put away his phone and showed her the time on

It was ten minutes after five.

she looked away from his watch, she heard a loud noise. He threw the phone toward the middle of the road and a car passing by ran

phone was completely crushed under the

done this, you nor the police will be able to get any substantive evidence." Xavier let go

turned around, the man raised his eyebrows and left her with a sentence. "It's almost six o'clock. You'd better think clearly and decide whether you want to collect your grandpa's body or register

After speaking, he turned around.

was about to light up a cigarette, Bianca asked while she was out of her own wits, "What about

Xavier heard her voice and turned around again. "The law? Laws are determined by man and cases are investigated by man. You should know that there are people outside of the law. Besides, I haven't done anything yet."

"But you said that you're going to do *it!*"

"Do what? End your grandfather's life?" Xavier stared at her and earnestly said, "Even if I get caught in the future, let's not discuss whether I'll be punished by the law for now, since the police won't get any evidence. Let's just focus on whether I think your grandpa's life is worth betting on. Even just that is **quite fun.**"

"You pervert." Bianca was sad and angry.

Xavier seemed to disagree with her statement and thought for a while. "I'm sure there are others much more perverted than me in this world. Haven't you met anyone more perverted than me?" It was clear that he was referring to *Luke*.

"It's 5:20 pm." Xavier glanced at the time and stepped forward, grabbing her trembling hand.

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The T Corporation Building.

Luke left the office and drove the car out from the basement parking. He took his phone and gave Bianca *a call*.

"Sorry, the number you have dialed is currently unavailable..."

He called her a few times, but no one *picked up*.

He called Jason.

Jason answered but said, "Sorry Mr. Crawford, I didn't see Ms. Bianca coming back to her place."

"**Go** up and ring her doorbell. Call me back later."

Luke finished speaking and hung up.

Black Range Rover drove straight to the nearby children's extracurricular classes. When Blanche led Rainie out, he saw Daddy on the

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Century Hotel.

and his wife greeted their relatives who had been called over at the

was free, Daniel looked at his wife and whispered, "Look what you did. Everything's in a rush. Couldn't we wait till next weekend to have

Mrs. Tanner stared at him and whispered to her husband as she grumbled, "I've waited too long for our son to finally get married. How can I suppress this joy in my

talking. Everyone was already invited and the dinner was going to

rushed to the hotel, got out of the car, and

entrance of the private hall, Allison hugged her sister-in-law and said with a smile, "I thought that it was a pity that I had to miss Xavier's celebration party after his release but who would've thought that I'd be here for Xavier's reception dinner today? Please forgive me, I've just been so

Mrs. Tanner smiled. "Last night, I was just telling Xavier that you were even angry on behalf of me for not doing his duty as a son. I told him that you didn't want to attend his party because he was already a man in his 30s who still hasn't gotten married and doesn't have kids. Who would've thought? Xavier informed us that he's going to get married today. He's tied the knot and kept

could tell that her sister-in-law was showing off, and she could hear the hint of sarcasm in her tone. Since she wanted to show her brother some respect, she did not try to argue with her. She went inside and

in the private hall were relatives, so Allison quickly started chatting

entered the private hall, he called

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"Aunt Bea..."

Bianca heard a voice and looked up.

It was Lanie.

The Tanner family even invited the Crawford family...

The interior design of the private hall was luxurious. The round table was seated fully around. She knew some of them while the others were strangers. The table was also full of expensive dishes and famous wines.

Rainie's little pink chubby face emerged from the desserts.

Her eyes inevitably swept over to the man's suddenly darkened face. Bianca immediately felt as if dark clouds were pressing down on her. She lowered her head and tried to pull her hand out of Xavier's big hand.

Not only did Xavier not let go of her, but he also pulled a chair out while still having his arms around her. He said, "Sit next to my mom."

The colors of the two marriage certificates were dazzling. They were as red as two big pools of mosquito blood.

"From now on, we're a family, Bea. Don't be scared. No matter what, I'll always be there as your mother."

Grandaunt said those words specifically for her son. She hoped that her son would not bully Bea. Moreover, she also said those words to Luke. As Bea's boss, Grandaunt wanted to make sure that he did not just think of her as only her subordinate but also his cousin-in-law.

He was also to respect her as his cousin-in-law.

On the big round table, the others echoed in a few words. They were unable to say much else...

The atmosphere at the table felt weird.

"I need to go to the bathroom."

After Bianca said that, she stood up and left the private hall.

She was embarrassed like never before.

Luke's family being there was still a secondary concern to her. Grandpa's safety was still the most important thing. Xavier had shown her a video shot by someone. Her wounded Grandpa had been sent to

did not know which hospital it

was not realistic to look for him in every

marrying a devil would make her life miserable, she had no

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In the private hall.

how dirty Rainie's fingers were and said, "Rainie, look how dirty your fingers are. Come, I'll take you to wash

little fingers were covered with

exited the private hall, they walked to the nearest women's

In the bathroom.

nervous when she saw Allison bringing

come and wash your hands." Allison took care of the child first. While she washed her hands, she asked Bianca, "Did Xavier and you actually

"Yes."

saw the shock and anger in Allison's

could not say anything else in front of the

was true that she had asked Bianca to leave her son, but she never agreed that Bianca could get close to

prayed day and night that Bianca would marry someone far away. It would have been best if she married someone overseas. If she could not find someone to marry, it would also be great if she was met with an accident

Unexpectedly, Bianca left the Crawford family and went to the **Tanner family**.

Instead of getting farther, she got closer.

Allison took her granddaughter back to the private **hall**.

Bianca went back to the private hall afterward. She could not hide there for the rest of her life. She wanted to finish the dinner as soon as possible so that she could see Grandpa earlier.

When she returned to the private hall, she bumped into Lanie who was holding a backpack. He was telling his sister, "Rainie, *we're leaving*."

"Aunt Bea... Can you come and..."

Rainie said nothing.

He was going to say 'Aunt Bea, can you come and stay over at Daddy's apartment *tonight*?'

However, before he could say the second half of his sentence, his daddy's big hand squeezed *his mouth*.

"**Your** mouth is full of crumbs. How unladylike." Luke held his daughter in one hand, frowning. He wiped the crumbs from his daughter's mouth with his **thumb**.

Grandaunt said hurriedly, "Luke, if you're busy, go ahead and leave first!" She was eagerly hospitable because Grandaunt thought to herself that the sooner that cold man left, the sooner Bea would feel more at ease.

Xavier brought Bianca over to sit down before saying, "I'll send them off."

Soon, the three Crawfords were gone from the **private hall**.

Bianca felt a little more comfortable.

Outside the hotel.

Xavier opened the car door, patted Lanie's head, and said, "Little kiddo, you're pretty good at taking care of your **little sister.**"

Blanche brought his sister all the way to the car, then asked, "Uncle, why did you call Aunt Bea your *wife*?"

you see her, she's your aunt Bianca Tanner," Xavier explained patiently to the little guy. After he explained, he looked at the kid who looked a lot like

hotel lobby, there was an officer who saw Luke. Naturally, he went up to him to say hi. He started talking as Luke listened. The topic they were talking about was none other than properties in A City that were on the

not in the mood to talk about business stuff, and his brain was still muddled with outside talking to the naive kids. When they saw that Luke was still busy, they went

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drove back to the manor and did not return to the

dropped the two kids off to their Great-grandfather and nanny to be taken care

took his suit jacket and was about to leave, Blanche asked in a puzzled manner, "Daddy, Uncle Xavier told me Aunt Bea will be called Bianca Tanner the next time I see her. Is

paused for a while. However, it was only for a moment before he left the manor without a

Great-grandpa and the nanny in the manor's living room

nanny hurried over to pick up Young Master Lanie and Miss Rainie's bags. Her lips were sealed and she did not dare to utter a word. 'Ms. Bea has been getting along well with the three of them, so why did she

Master Crawford raised his eyebrows and called his little great-grandson over. "Come here and tell Grandpa what's going

Blanche told him everything he heard.

Suddenly, he felt sorry for Daddy...

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was ten something at night when Xavier brought Bianca to see

slightly injured and he was not in a good mental state. He was still passed

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When Luke's eyes fell on her, there were no obvious reactions.

Just when she was at a loss and did not know whether to exit or stay, he frowned and put out the cigarette butt in the ashtray. He took his phone, got up, and left the huge conference room.

The meeting room had two doors.

He walked through the other door.

Bianca stood there for a long, long time before she remembered what she was there for.

She turned on the machine and turned down the volume. After putting on the headset, she then looked at the meeting content displayed on the projection screen. She jotted down the key points while she watched the recording, her fingers typing away on her laptop's keyboard in front of her.

After recording down the content of the previous meeting, it was already past three in the afternoon when Bianca went back down.

Sue had been waiting for her for a long time.

When she saw Bianca, Sue thoughtfully placed a cup of coffee on her table. "I heard from Jason that you've found your grandfather."

Bianca took the cup of coffee and placed it next to her laptop. While she turned on her laptop, she said, "Thanks for your hard work with Mr. Doyle. I owe you two a meal."

Sue joked, saying, "Thank us for what? We're not part-time workers. It was part of the job. The person you should thank is Mr. Crawford."

Bianca's fingers that were tapping the keyboard paused.

Sue nudged Bianca with her elbow and smiled. "How are you going to thank him? Are you going to give him a fun time tonight?"

Bianca's fingers that had stopped on the keyboard did not move.

When Sue noticed that there was something wrong with Bianca, she lowered her head and saw that Bianca's fingers were all curled up. Her facial expression indicated that Bianca had something on her mind, something serious.

"What's the matter? Did you and the boss... Quarrel?" Sue finished asking and recalled Mr. Crawford's mood at the meeting that day.

There was no obvious difference.

scolded herself for being too naive. During the meeting, she thought that the boss was in a bad mood because Jean had drugged Bianca with sleeping

seemed that it was not the

not in a relationship with Mr. Crawford, and..." Bianca thought for a while. She lowered her head and said, "I'm

"..."

looked at Bianca and was

long time, Sue let out a laugh. "What kind of joke is that? Saying that you're married is the same as my mom telling me that she's not my biological mom and that my real mom is actually the queen

joking." Bianca looked straight into Sue's eyes

Sue, "..."

Bianca was married.

Bianca actually got married.

Sue could not believe it.

'So who's Mr. Crawford to her?'

powerful CEO of T Corporation, countless women from influential families wished that he would propose to them and get married to him. However, none of them could move Mr. Crawford's heart, so much so that there was not a single woman in his private

boss fell in love with a married young

that the world was

She sat back in her seat and Sue tried to put her focus back on her work. However, she found out that she could not do *it*.

'How could Bianca be a married woman with a husband while having a relationship with our boss?'

She wondered if the lust between the two of them was unstoppable, which blinded her boss and put him into deep trouble, or was it Bianca who pretended to be innocent and deceived their boss, so he found out about the truth of her being married. Was that the cause of the anger in the boss' face during **the meeting**?

Bianca buried her head in her work and looked haggard.

Sue tilted her head and looked at her. She could not believe that Bianca could do such a thing, playing two men. At the same time, she could not believe that she had made the wrong judgment on **a person**.

'If you have nothing on tonight, let's go out and have a drink together.' Sue sent a text to Bianca. After sending it and thinking about it, she was worried that Bianca would refuse, so she added, 'You can make it up for me for helping you guard your house while waiting for your grandpa.'

Bianca responded that she was fine with the plan.

When working hours were almost done, Bianca went out to wash her coffee cup and ran into Nina who had just returned from work *outside*.

Nina directly told Bianca, "I'll go to your house after I get off work to talk about something."

Sue walked over. "I've already made plans with Bianca to drink tonight. If you don't mind talking about it while I'm around, why don't the three of us go *together*?"

Nina did not hate Sue, so she nodded immediately, "No problem."

When it was time to get **off work**.

The three of them went to the bar together.

"Is this your first time coming here?" Sue was obviously a regular customer there and asked Bianca after sitting down.

Bianca nodded slightly.

the waiter brought the

the beer and poured them into three glasses. After she sat down, she picked up her own glass and started

her thirst, Nina said, "In the past years, Bea has never had a chance to go to a bar. She was only met with bitter days after moving to A City. I could see all of it in her eyes. Her stepmother's bullying and her dad's worsening health... In short, everything bad caught up to her. There are too many things about Bea that you might not know, Sue. I know about all

listening to what Nina said, Sue looked at Nina who took another sip of beer. "Do you also know that Bea is

"Pff—"

of beer was sprayed all over the

though Sue was shocked by her reaction, she also took out a few tissues for

Nina looked at Bianca.

Why don't I know about that? Who did you

the same time when Nina asked, she wondered if Bianca had secretly married

just got the marriage certificate a week ago. Let's not talk about it. In conclusion, the only relationship I have with Mr. Crawford is that of an employer and employee now." Bianca did not want to mention Xavier to

the same time, Sue and Nina thought about the

the critical period when... Bianca's grandfather

possible that there's a relation between her getting her marriage certificate and her grandpa's

After half an hour.

were a dozen empty beer bottles on

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The Tanner family's manor.

Daniel stood on the balcony on the second floor, currently in a bad mood.

Mrs. Tanner went upstairs and took a long time before she found her husband.

"So what are you going to do?" Mrs. Tanner knew her husband's temper. Usually, he was calm, but his son always managed to push him to the edge.

After all, she was the one who gave birth to her son. No matter how much of a jerk he was, she still wanted to protect him as his mother.

Mr. Tanner snorted. "When your son comes back, let's see what reasonable explanation he'll give Old Master Crawford."

Mrs. Tanner was anxious. "Isn't this obvious? What explanation do we still need? Don't you understand your son? The most important thing right now isn't to listen to our son's explanation but to think of a countermeasure to calm Old Master Crawford down from his anger!"

As his parents, they knew their son's thoughts and ways best.

They thought it was strange that their son had suddenly announced his marriage and hurried to obtain the marriage certificate...

Furthermore, when they recalled their son bringing Bianca back that day, she was passed out. When she woke up, Bianca left without any explanation...

Moreover, Bianca was unhappy at the dinner with their relatives after receiving their marriage certificate that day.

put everything together, Mrs. Tanner could analyze it clearly. It seemed that the union between their son and Bianca was not legitimate. She was worried that there might be

turned around. "I'm supposed to think of a backdoor for him? He's in his 30s! I've had enough cleaning up his messes! The elderly Old Master Crawford has brought his little great-grandson over to ask for an explanation and you want me to do it? How will I be able to show my face in the

had no idea and did not have a word of reason, so she could only start finding faults in

Mrs. Tanner looked at the car parked by the gate downstairs, her voice was filled with sarcasm. "Anyone who didn't know would assume that that sister of yours isn't related to you. Anytime something big happens, she just stays inside the car and doesn't even bother coming in! Is she better than all of

"Don't bring other people into this. The only person you should care about is your son and yourself. It's your fault that you've spoiled him and made him the bad apple that he is

apple that I made? Daniel, are you looking down on the son that I gave birth for you? I know you like Queenie, but Queenie isn't into you. My, my. Queenie really knows how to pick her man, a Provincial Committee Secretary at that. Unlike you, who never gets what he wants. By the way, isn't Queenie's husband sterile? Would you like to lend a seed to Queenie? She's the dream goddess of your heart

was irritated and spoke without thinking, "Every time I try to say something about your sister, you'll just refute me. With your disaster of a sister, no one would want to work with the Crawford family. What? Were you going to say that I've spent one or two percent of the Crawfords' money? Every time something happens, I need to degrade myself and apologize? Since we're living under the dictatorship of the Crawford family, does that make Old Master Crawford

They continued arguing noisily upstairs.

An Audi drove in downstairs.

opened the door and got out of the car, Nina, who sat in the passenger seat, turned her head to say, "Don't be afraid.

anyone tries to bully you, give us a call and we'll go in to support you." Even though Sue had too much to drink, she was still able to

No matter what Bianca was there for, she was not going to leave Bianca alone *at night*.

Nina's boyfriend who drove an Audi also came *in handy*.

Bianca got out of the car and met Allison before reaching the gate of the **Tanner manor**.

Allison got out of the car and did not go in with the old man because she was waiting for Bianca.

After looking around, Allison spoke in a voice that only the two of them could hear. "Rainie was there last time, so I couldn't ask you, and you never answered your phone. So tell me now, what the hell are you up to? You just left my son and now you're harassing my nephew? What's **your intention?**"

"*I don't* have any intentions. Why don't you ask your nephew what his intentions are?" **Bianca said**.

Allison sneered, "Marrying your cousin? You're seriously so shameless... Is that how your grandfather and dad taught you?"

Bianca looked at Allison calmly. "It might also be the bad gene from my mother's womb." After that, she passed by Allison and entered the *Tanner manor*.

She knew that Xavier was her cousin, but she was worried that the secret concealed in her heart would be spilled out because of Xavier's threat. In the end, she just wanted to make sure Luke was not hurt.

Their marriage had been crooked since **the beginning**.

In the marriage, the two of them could not do anything with each other unless one party used force. However, she would never agree to be alone **with Xavier**.

got better, she was going to leave A City no

it occurred to her that there was a lottery ticket that she bought on the way to the bank today. Bianca prayed every minute and every second that God would let her win the lottery so that she could resign without worry and leave the

would never have to worry over money

Bianca went in and saw Old Master Crawford, Allison also came in and sat

and his wife also came

can you tell us what's going on?" Daniel knew that the whole thing was most likely his son's doing, so he still had a good attitude toward his

face to face with all the adults in the room. As she stood there and was forced

did not say anything, Mrs. Tanner took the opportunity and asked her, "Old Master Crawford is here today as well as Luke's mother. Let me ask you one thing and you must tell the truth. You were Luke's girlfriend before and even met the Crawford family. You guys have talked about getting married and no one in the Tanner family, including Xavier, knew about it,

did not want to take up the responsibility and poured all of the sewage on

the situation. Even though she had been drinking, she could still think clearly. This mother-in-law of hers was not acting very much like a mother but was treating her as a

Xavier was also at home. I don't have much to say when he's not here. You can ask him when he comes back." After speaking, Bianca left without

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Luke stood at the door.

She was not sure if the man was standing there intentionally, but her way out was blocked. There was just a door, but his body was firmly blocking the way...

Allison sat on the sofa and remained silent. She let the Tanner family speak first. Her brother had the first say, then her sister-in-law could add on. On the Crawfords' side, she had Old Master Crawford.

She did not have the place to speak at all.

That moment, her son, who was the head of their household, came over.

Everyone who was human in the living room did not speak.

Allison wanted to move things on faster. No one wanted to get rid of Bianca more than she did.

In the end, she could not help it anymore. Allison got up from the sofa and walked to the door to take Blanche over. At the same time, she said to the two people who were blocking the doorway. "Sit down. Xavier should be back soon."

"Grandpa called me over. What's the matter?" Luke's calm voice sounded. He heeded his mother's words, went to the living room sofa, and sat down.

When he moved and made way, his slender fingers left a gap at the door behind him.

His action was a signal for her to leave.

Bianca's eyelashes batted. She grabbed the doorknob, twisted it, and pushed the door open.

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Only the Crawford family and the Tanner family were left in the living room.

Mrs. Tanner could not hold her emotions in anymore. She said sarcastically to everyone present, "I've lived for a very long time. I'm sure I've seen many types of people. Normally, I'd say I could easily tell if someone's a bad person, but I may have to admit that I'm actually quite blind to it!"

not know what had happened to his

spoke for her son who had not yet returned, "You guys should know what kind of girls Xavier's exes were. They're usually found on gossip tabloids. However, girls like Bea look harmless. Suddenly, she appeared in front of Xavier and now he can't walk. In fact, he's lost. Even though Xavier has only met her for a few days, she persuaded my son to

Master Crawford looked up. "So are you saying that your son is at a disadvantage in this

Mrs. Tanner looked at Old Master Crawford bitterly. Before she could finish, Daniel held her

Tanner had no choice but to stop and swallow the rest of her

Crawford glanced at his grandson who did not seem to take this matter seriously. "Luke, did you know that Bea suddenly got married to

Blanche also looked at his Dad...

housekeeper made tea and respectfully poured a cup

saw the tea in front of him but did not drink it. Instead, he lit a cigarette, raised his eyebrows, and said, "Bea's grandfather disappeared inexplicably a while ago, so Bea and I went back to her hometown to look for him. We even called the cops. One night before she got married, we

the old man heard that, his eyes

who was his uncle, could not calm down after hearing

his own son and the other was his nephew. What kind of evil was

took a puff of the cigarette and said, "I'm curious as well as to why Bea got married in a hurry when her grandpa disappeared and was not even found

man put down his teacup and could not stomach the

"Bea's grandpa has been found?"

"The night she got married, he was found and sent to the hospital." Luke's deep gaze swept across the elders present. In his tone, he was deliberately revealing some kind of information.

He believed that his uncle and aunt were smart enough. They had been cleaning up after Xavier for more than ten years now. Indeed, they knew what their son **had done**.

When the time came, he did not wish to do anything crazy. He just wanted to give them a warning and to clear things *up*.

Bianca was easy to bully, so when she kept everything and swallowed her anger, he could not hold it in *anymore*.

Mrs. Tanner was no longer arrogant anymore, and her hands started shaking a **little**.

"I think it's clear to everyone what the situation is. I hope you can educate your son well and clear things up with Bea as well as with us." Old Master Crawford picked up his cane. He propped himself up with the cane and stood up with a cold face.

Daniel sent the Crawfords off.

Mrs. Tanner did not follow them outside.

The housekeeper stood at the entrance of the kitchen and did not dare to go out to clean up the teapot as well as the cups on the coffee table for the time *being*.

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When all the Crawfords were gone, Daniel stood at the door for a long time before turning back to the *house*.

As soon as he entered the house, Daniel pointed at the house phone. "Call that damned son of ours right now! Tell him I died and tell him to come back to arrange for my funeral!"

Mrs. Tanner quickly called their son.

made the phone call, she did not dare to provoke Daniel anymore. She sat on the sofa nervously, thinking about how to solve

More than an hour passed by.

was the sound of a car coming in from outside, and soon, someone emerged at the

Clang!

soon as Xavier entered the door, his father threw the teacup

was an expensive teacup that his dad had begged a relative to buy. It cost a lot of money. They specifically went to another country to get it for his dad. Xavier knew about the existence of the teacup before he even went

father smashed the teacup on

teacup fell to the ground and broke into

could imagine how angry his

are you doing? Get here and explain to your dad why Bea got married to you." Mrs. Tanner dragged her annoyed husband over and sat

frowned. "What do you mean why she got married to me? What else can the reason be if not for

"Bullsh*t!" Daniel looked incredibly annoyed.

did the Crawfords come and tell you?" Xavier sat down, took a teacup, and poured a cup of tea leisurely. "Did they tell you that Bianca's grandpa going missing was my doing? That I did that to threaten Bianca to marry

admitting that you did it?" Daniel was so angry that his face was red as his neck swelled up. He picked up another teacup and tried to throw it at him

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Bianca looked up and saw Xavier.

"How's Grandpa doing?" Xavier did not disturb Bianca and the little guy. He walked straight toward the front of the bed.

No one answered his question.

Bianca instinctively put her guard up. The little guy at her feet held her thigh and raised his head. He mouthed without making any noise, "Don't be scared, Aunt Bea. Daddy will be back soon."

Xavier sat in front of the bed and looked at the old man with the scabs on his face. He could not help but feel resentful. How could those people hurt the old man like that?

However, if he had not been hurt, Xavier would not have been able to force Bianca to obey him.

After thinking about it, he started to have an internal struggle. 'Is it wrong to do whatever it takes to achieve my goal? Or is it human nature to do so? If you're not ruthless, you'll miss out a lot.'

Grandpa woke up.

He weakly asked, "Xavier, you're here?"

"Grandpa." Bianca came over and hurriedly put a pillow behind Grandpa's head.

Xavier said, "Sorry, Grandpa. If it weren't for my negligence, you wouldn't have been kidnapped."

The old man was sent to the hospital by Xavier himself, and Xavier had already thought of his alibi since the beginning. His alibi was consistent with the kidnapper's alibi.

The kidnapper in the empty factory had insulted the old man. "You're Xavier's grandfather, right? F*ck! Your grandson reported our boss for raping the girl! He's got a big f*cking mouth! I'm going to mess you up real good today and let your grandson cry for you!"

Xavier had watched the video, so he knew what to say as his alibi.

"I don't blame you..." Grandpa said.

old man was referring to the fact that Xavier had called the police to catch the beast who raped the girl. That kind of justice was right. However, since his granddaughter and a five-year-old child were there, Grandpa did not

stayed for ten minutes before saying that he needed to go

over his granddaughter who was standing by the window with her back facing them. He was oblivious to how she was feeling. "Bea, go and send

had something to say to Xavier, so she went out to send

threw off his shoes and climbed onto the hospital bed. "My great-grandpa came to see you just now. Before you woke up, my father sent Great-grandpa

was here?" Old Man Rayne was taken

guy blinked his big eyes that looked like Bianca's. "Great-grandpa said that he'll bring a chessboard and win a few

...

to the elevator and saw Bianca

man's dissatisfied voice sounded from behind her, "Is this what you mean by sending me

came out because she initially wanted to talk to him, but after thinking about it, what was there to talk about with such a despicable man? Would she be able to talk through his senses? She did not

Bianca walked back to the ward.

Her phone vibrated.

When she took it out, she saw that it was a voice message on Instagram. However, it was from an unknown user.

Bianca clicked and put the phone near her ear to listen to it.

Xavier's voice sounded from the voice message, "Did you come out to send me off because you had something to tell me?"

When Bianca heard his voice, she frowned and looked at her phone. When did Xavier follow her on Instagram? Could it be that he followed her when she passed out that day?

She deleted everything.

She got another voice message from him. Xavier said, "You were going to say something but stopped yourself. I think it was wise that you didn't talk to me. I had a feeling that you were going to say something that would disobey me. Perhaps you were going to ask for an unreasonable request such as a divorce. Good thing you didn't say it. Otherwise, I don't know what crazy acts I would've done in **the hospital.**"

Then, a third voice message. "When I went out, I told my parents that I was out to pick my wife up and go back home to sleep. If I go back by myself now, your in-laws may think you're not **sensible...**"

"Why hasn't Luke come to pick up Lanie yet?" Grandpa asked his granddaughter who was still standing like a silly girl at the *door*.

When Bianca heard what Grandpa said, she came back to her senses and blocked Xavier's account.

"Maybe the road was congested," Bianca said hesitantly.

She wanted to lay her cards on the table and tell Grandpa that she would never be with Luke and tell him not to mistake Luke as his grandson-in-law *anymore...*

However, it was always harder for the elderly to accept new *things*.

She covered her grandpa with the blanket, lowered her eyes, and said, "Grandpa, I think that there's a big gap between Luke and me. Do *you think...*"

raised his eyes and looked at his

looked at Grandpa, then at Blanche. She did not want Blanche to hear their conversation, but the kid was too young to go somewhere by himself. She thought that she would just let him hear

a gap. We have to admit that..." Grandpa tried to calm his granddaughter's inferiority complex.

"However, you're with him not for the money, but for him,

Not interested in him anymore. I'm too tired. Too tired." Bianca knew that going down that line of thought

was stunned and did not know what had

also saw that there were tears forming in his granddaughter's eyes that she could

Blanche heard what Aunt Bea meant. He pursed his lips and said, "Daddy's a pretty good

at the little guy and thought that once she explained it to Grandpa, she would never have to see Luke, Rainie, or Lanie ever again. It was just that there was unexplainable grief in

suddenly felt insecure and started talking about his daddy's good traits. "He's good at making money, he's tall, handsome, and has good genes... Even though he has a bad temper, Grandpa says it's because he's too tired from work. He can't stand stupid people holding him back and wasting his time. That's why he loses his temper. Oh yeah, and Daddy doesn't know how to do the laundry or cook, but all these can be

these, your daddy isn't that special." Bianca purposely added nonsense to silence the

was really anxious and tried his best to think of Daddy's good

not a good match with

the little guy in her arms. It was clear that they were going to be separated soon. However, for some reason, her heart still felt sad and stuck in the

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Luke's brows furrowed slightly, his dignified expression still a little upset. She knew why he was feeling upset.

"Can you show some respect?" Bianca pulled out her hand to avoid any more unnecessary touching.

Out of her expectation, the man gripped her wrist even tighter the very next moment.

Luke's deep and piercingly cold gaze was chilling as he looked at her flickering eyes. "How do I show my respect to you? Should I address you as my cousin-in-law?"

His tone was sarcastic and cold.

Bianca was once again annoyed by his words. "If that's what you want to call me, I don't mind."

Just when the man was on the verge of breaking her wrist, Grandpa said, "Bea, have you packed the kid's school bag?"

Bianca could not say anything from the pain she was feeling. Her wrist would have broken if he had not loosened his grip.

Luke's cannibalistic appearance was reflected in her misty eyes. She lowered her head, gritted her teeth silently, and broke away from his grip...

"Say goodbye to Grandpa." There was no expression on Luke's face when he told his son as he reached the door.

The little guy took his daddy's hand, turned his head, and waved his other hand toward the hospital bed. "Goodbye, Great-grandpa. Have a good rest. I... I'll come and see you tomorrow..."

"Okay, I'll see you tomorrow," the old man said.

The little guy was taken out of the ward by his dad.

Before the ward's door closed, he looked back at Aunt Bea who had not come out. He walked along the corridor and looked up. "Daddy, I think Aunt Bea is secretly crying."

Luke did not look at his son. "You're mistaken."

guy insisted, saying, "I'm not

The man frowned.

...

thought that Grandpa would ask why she suddenly minded the difference between their family background and why they suddenly broke up when everything was going

However, Grandpa did not ask her.

on the hospital bed. He did not sigh nor frown. He did not want to put pressure on

Brayden texted her.

reading his text, she went over and tucked the blanket for Grandpa again. She tucked the corner of the blankets before going out, gently closing the ward

was at the entrance of

saw Bianca, he asked with care, "Is your family member in the

My grandpa." Bianca did not intend to

have something to drink?" Brayden pointed to a coffee bar outside the hospital

nodded. She wanted to sit down and

They arrived at the coffee bar.

two cups of coffee. Since they had eaten together before, he knew what she

The coffee did not arrive even after a *long time*.

Brayden asked, "Why's your Grandpa in the *hospital*?"

"**Just the** typical thing old people get. He'll be discharged in a few days." Bianca could not say that her grandfather was kidnapped and injured. It might **scare Brayden**.

Brayden nodded and fell silent. He carefully studied the words she said, especially the words 'the typical thing old **people get**'...

After a while, he looked up. "Are you taking care of him by yourself in the hospital? Where are your **parents**?"

At that moment, the coffee came.

The waiter put down the coffee and left.

"**My dad**," Bianca squeezed the coffee cup with her fingers as if she was numb from the heat. "My dad's also in the hospital. My mom left my dad and me after I was born."

Brayden did not drink from the cup of coffee that he had brought toward *his lips*.

After learning about Kevin's condition, Brayden was silent.

After the silence, he frowned again.

Finally, Brayden got up and left. Bianca waited until almost all the customers in the coffee bar were gone before finding the strength to go **out**.

She thought that breaking up was a good decision. Perhaps they should not even have dated in the **first place**.

...

Early in the next morning.

had finished packing breakfast for Grandpa and went

she was on the subway, her phone

It was from an unknown number.

"Hello? Is this Bianca?"

It was a woman's voice.

this is Bianca speaking." The subway station at the hospital never had any seats. She stood and held the handrail tightly with her

mother. I have some things to talk to you

Bianca was shocked. "Sure, Mrs. Collins..."

came back last night and drank a lot of alcohol. Brayden never did things like this before. His dad and I asked him why he drank. Perhaps it was the alcohol helping him to tell the truth, but he didn't hide it from us and told us about the two

was not a person of power, but she just had to say something when Bianca's family's conditions were unacceptable. As Brayden's mother, she did not know what Brayden thought, but since he was a child, he was always kind, pure, and did not see the bad side of

father and I think that the two of you... Should just

Rayne? Are you listening?" Brayden's mother

of the subway line had very bad signals. She knew what Brayden's mother said and was about to respond when it seemed that his mother could not hear what she

line was better, she could hear a change in Brayden's mother's tone of voice. She said sharply, "What's the meaning of you not talking? Are you not taking my words seriously? Ms. Rayne, I advise you to think things through clearly. Don't take advantage of Brayden. Even if Brayden makes a lot of money and his savings are a lot, he can't give them to your dying father or splurge it on your sickly grandfather. Don't bring your problems to a good person, you

she finished saying that, Brayden's mother hung up the

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Faye crossed the road.

Bianca stared at Faye who was more than ten meters away. The woman then crossed the road from another crosswalk...

Bianca did not cross the crosswalk to get to work, but she was sneakily following Faye...

Her work, her project, and everything else became unimportant at that moment.

'Bianca, why are you doing this?'

As she walked, she interrogated herself.

In the end, however, she could not get a real answer.

She refused to admit to herself that she actually wanted to see the kid that she gave birth to last time, even if it was only one look. That was why she subconsciously followed Faye and tried to find more information about the kid from last time.

Faye crossed the road and walked straight to the T Corporation building.

Bianca looked up at the company logo and frowned.

'What was Faye doing here?'

In such a short time, she could not think of an exact answer.

Bianca followed Faye into the company. When she passed through the revolving doors, she deliberately avoided Faye's line of sight, fearing that Faye would try to lose her if she noticed her.

As soon as she entered the building, Bianca saw Jason walking out of the elevator.

Faye walked directly toward Jason.

From the looks of both of them, they seemed to know each other. In fact, they looked like they knew each other well...

could not help but squeeze the laptop bag she

In front of the elevator.

saw Faye, he stepped forward and greeted her politely with a smile on his face, "Aunt Faye, long time no

Jason walked toward the elevators together. "It's been a long time. I heard that you've done a good job here. Your uncle and I are very

pressed the button for the elevator and said, "I'm eternally grateful for Uncle Charles' training. Oh yeah, why are you here? Didn't you come here with

busby with something else." Faye tried to dodge

elevator's doors opened, Jason allowed Faye to enter first and pressed the button in the elevator. "If you're ever here again, tell me in advance and I'll send a car to pick you

Faye nodded.

However, she was questioning it inside.

ago, Master Luke got a son and a daughter. After she and her husband retired early to lead a fulfilling and leisurely retirement life, they rarely came out to meet

all, she had only shown her face during the transaction of the children that

the woman saw her and followed her... She would be able to make a link very quickly through her identity and figure out that she had given birth for the

had two children. Sooner or later, these two kids were bound to be

woman that she did the thing with had a simple heart. If she had other agendas, it would be big

The Crawfords would be constantly threatened.

money was what she wanted, it could be dealt with, since the Crawfords had a lot of

However, the thing she feared most was the woman getting insatiable and wanting more unrealistic things.

In the unlikely event that they could not agree with each other, the children would be the ones who got *hurt*.

When that time came, the worst possible thing that could happen was Master Luke's children getting targeted and labeled as a weird transaction **from surrogacy**.

After she took into account those complicated factors, Faye and her husband tried their best to keep Master Luke's secret.

That was why they rarely went out.

Even if they did go out, they always went by **private drivers**.

However, the strange thing was... Master Luke suddenly called her today and asked her to come over **by subway**.

Faye did not dare to question why she had to take the subway. Even if she did not have a special driver as before, at least she could get a taxi or get someone to drive her.

However, Master Luke clearly said to take the subway and get to the office around 8:30 **am**.

Faye got on the subway early in the morning which she had not taken for a long time. There was a huge crowd during the morning *rush hour*...

The girl who gave birth to Master Luke's kids back then should be 24 years old by now. Whether she was overseas or in the country, she was most *likely working*.

There were several lines in the subway and each line had uncountable stations. Furthermore, each station had a lot of people getting in and out, so the chances of meeting each other were extremely slim.

After walking out of the subway station, Faye straightened her back and walked freely on the **road**.

On the top floor of the T Corporation **building**.

Faye followed Jason into the CEO's office.

"Master Luke."

Faye could finish her sentence, the two little kids from the sofa ran toward her and clung to her.

two little babies." Faye liked them very much and hugged them. "Come and show Grandma what handsome and beautiful kids you've grown

had no kids and watched the twins grow

year, the two children would go to Charles and her place for

his name on a document and raised his head. On his usually serious face, there was a rare look of relaxation. "If you like Grandma Faye so much, you guys can go over to her place for a couple of

was still immersed in the children's playfulness. However, when she suddenly heard Master Luke say to let the two kids go home with her... To play for two

Did she hear it wrongly?

another document, scanned the terms of the document, and said without looking up, "Didn't you guys always want to take

were many things that Faye did not understand that day. At that moment, however, it was clear that she would be taking Master Luke's children on the subway

looked at his daddy and

raised his head. There were secrets hidden in his eyes. "Go now, and don't give Grandma Faye too much

"Long live Daddy!"

"Long live Daddy!"

two little kids gratefully looked at their handsome daddy as they screamed

his head and

Chapter 149

"The department head of the design team told me that there's a newcomer in their department called Bianca Rayne. I heard that Bianca's hometown is located in the town where our project is going to be developed. I wanted to learn more about the customs of the town from her at the meeting, but her team leader said that she didn't come to work..." After the senior officer finished speaking, the officer looked up at the boss.

After observing the boss, he found that his boss did not look annoyed. On the contrary, there was a faint smile on his face.

A fleeting smile.

After working at T Corporation for many years, it was the first time he saw the boss smile... Furthermore, it was because a subordinate was absent from work for no reason.

Luke's sharp eyes rested on the town's design drawings.

He was not surprised that Bianca did not come to work.

...

At the subway station.

Bianca bought a ticket and went in.

Not far ahead, Faye led the two little kids and they stood together while they waited for the train to arrive.

There was no expression on Bianca's face.

When she was at the lobby of the building, she watched Faye follow Jason up to the top floor.

She did not dare not follow them.

That was where Luke worked. Without formal orders and summons, ordinary employees were not to enter the forbidden area that belonged to the boss.

In the long process of waiting for Faye to come back down, she had a strange hunch in her heart.

'Faye knows Luke?

'What's their relationship?'

She recalled back to that distant year. Bianca remembered that Faye was her employer's lady butler who was solely responsible for his internal affairs.

she was abroad five years ago, she saw over 50 bald wealthy businessmen on the television shows that Nina watched and no longer wanted to think about what happened five years

and nauseated her. She hated herself for the hardships that she was given by fate and how powerless she

she saw Faye again and found her going to T Corporation to meet Luke on the top floor, she could not help but remember the moments from the distant

lingering night, she was forced to endure the powerful thrusts from the man's waist and to smell his good-smelling

All of it tallied with Luke.

was just that if she imagined it last time, how could she believe that it was

came down with the two children, Bianca felt that every blood cell in her body had frozen

and Rainie clung to Faye and called her

little five-year-old kiddos appeared to be very familiar with the lady

up till then was just

Faye told her that she gave birth to a baby

Lanie and Rainie were twins.

the subway station, she stood behind Faye and the two little kids. She was mentally tortured by all her example, did Faye deliberately deceive her

she deliberately tell her that the baby was a

to remember the size of her belly back then. It was average-sized. She had no other experiences to compare it with, and neither could she tell whether she was pregnant

only 18 and did not know

Every result given to her from the doctor's examination was perhaps in accordance with the employer's instructions and not *entirely credible*.

Bianca thought again, 'If the employer was Luke, why did he hide *it*?'

During those nights when she was blindfolded and under the man, she could not tell how he looked.

Meanwhile, he saw her face as well as her body *every time*...

The more she thought, the more tired she was. She started to question herself and could not be sure whether Faye's employer from the deal *was Luke*...

The train arrived.

Faye brought the two little kids **on**.

After Bianca snapped out of it, she carried her laptop and went on.

The train started moving and Bianca squeezed in between the crowd to look inside. A young man stood up and gave his seat up to Faye.

"There're many people on the subway..." Blanche looked **around**.

Bianca hid from the little guy.

"Lanie, can you drive the trains when you grow up? That way, I can ride a train as long as this every day," Rainie asked her **brother seriously**.

Faye looked down at the two little kids and smiled kindly.

After passing a few stations, the initially full train carriage had fewer people now.

Faye coaxed the children and occasionally looked up around to make sure she was protecting the two children while her mind worried about something going *wrong*.

After all, the two little kids were not kids from a normal family. They were the son and daughter of T Corporation's CEO. When bringing them out this way, she could not help but worry about some *safety concerns*.

Faye knew she had to be alert.

The fact that Master Luke allowed her to take his two children on the subway was ridiculous. If Old Master Crawford knew about it, he would have stopped him immediately and prevented Master Luke from *messing around*.

the train became less and less crowded, Bianca sat down in another

to time, she looked at Faye in the left carriage with Lanie and

there were a lot of people, Lanie and Rainie remembered their daddy's words and did not run around in case it caused a hassle for Grandma

there were fewer people, they started to have

in a remote area, and as the train went toward that direction, there were very few

"This carriage is mine! Roar!"

Lanie announced from the empty carriage.

Lanie. You're in charge of driving it and I'm the passenger." Rainie pursed her lips. "I wish Daddy would give us a

a subway, it's the—" Lanie said when he suddenly saw someone from the carriage next to theirs. "Aunt Bea?" He recognized her from her

toward where her brother was

train arrived at the station, it was one stop away from

Bianca saw that Lanie was coming toward her, she stood up. At the same time when she met eyes with Lanie, she saw Faye who looked guarded

Faye's expression, Bianca could tell that Faye remembered

back here, Lanie and Rainie!" Faye was afraid that Bianca would snatch the kids, so she panicked and pulled Rainie and Lanie's

Bea, why are you here?" Lanie was grabbed by Grandma Faye when he asked Bianca at the door on my way to work," Bianca explained to the child with a pale face while looking

Their eyes met.

Chapter 150

Bianca took the subway to her office. On the way there, she took out her phone and could not resist calling Luke.

She urgently wanted to get an accurate answer from that man.

"Sorry, the number you've dialed is unavailable. Please try again later."

"..."

'Why is his phone turned off?'

Bianca frowned slightly and did not give up. She called him again.

However, she got the same result.

The number she dialed was Luke's private number. Outsiders did not have it and only his family and close friends had it.

He was the only one who could decide whether to turn it on or off.

However, Bianca remembered that Luke once personally told her that that phone was turned on 24 hours a day and that she could find him whenever she needed.

When she thought about it, she understood why Luke's private phone was turned off.

Previously, his thin and sexy lips were intimately pressed against her cheeks before they moved toward her ears. When he kissed her, he told her that she could find him anytime. When he said that to her, they were passionately in love...

It was just that the period of their passion was short, lasting only two days.

It was as if it never happened.

He had been enthusiastic about her, and then just like that, it was gone.

The train continued its way from the remote suburbs to the city center.

Bianca had a seat from the start of her journey back. As she held her laptop bag, she found Luke's work number.

knew that Luke never answered his work
the one who filtered his calls before asking his boss for
only put him through the call if he was willing to pick
time she called, the phone was on a
time she called, the call was finally picked
formulaic voice sounded. "Hello, this is
recent years, every company and individual who has dealt with T Corporation knew who Jason Doyle
was. Just like in ancient times, everyone knew the popular counselor who advised the
this is Bianca Rayne from the design department." She did not want people in the subway to hear her
conversation, so she
Rayne?" Jason was surprised but resumed as usual. "Why are
"I'm looking for Mr. Crawford."
of Jason, she did not dare to call him Luke
heard that, he said softly, "Mr. Crawford isn't here. Did you try his personal number?" As his
subordinate, he never dared to intervene with his boss' personal
tried, but his personal phone is turned off," Bianca
surprised that his boss' personal phone was turned off out of the
was acting very unusually
is, Mr. Crawford left the office half an hour ago. I don't know where he went. Except for official work, I
usually don't ask him about his private affairs..." What Jason meant was that there was nothing he
He really could not help her. His boss did not have a tracking device on him, so Jason had no idea where
he went. He could only hope that Bianca did not blame **him**.
"Okay, thank you, Mr. Doyle..." Bianca said disappointedly.
"You're welcome. Goodbye."
Jason ended the call.
...
In the subway.
In her countless call history, Bianca almost blew her head up trying to find the Crawfords' landline.
It was the landline that the Crawfords' nanny had called her on more than once before.
Fortunately, the number was still there.

"Hello, is Lu... Lanie's father at home?" She changed what she was going to say halfway through because she did not want to reveal who she was.

She hoped that the nanny did not remember her voice as plenty of people called their home **every day**.

The nanny said kindly, "Is this Ms. Bianca? Young Master Luke isn't at home today. He was out since morning and hasn't come back yet."

"Thank you. That's fine, then." Bianca hung up awkwardly.

She put her phone back into her bag. She lowered her head and closed her eyes. She was very tired and wished the train *went faster*.

Out of the crowd of people in the prosperous city, she felt like a speck of dust that was picked up by the wind, floating around. Without a certain answer from Luke, she could not settle **down**.

Before going back to the office, Bianca went to *Luke's apartment*.

he went back to the apartment to

she came to the reception table, the service personnel recognized her as the woman who was with the big boss tenant last

male tenant hasn't returned for many days," the service personnel said to Bianca with

"Thank you." Bianca nodded.

that, she turned around and left with

building was not far from

Bianca walked back to the office.

about to go out and even had the valet park the car at the

The valet handed the car keys

about to get in the car before he ran into Bianca at

noddod to Bianca and was about to get in the car to

Mr. Doyle. I have something to ask you!" Bianca

had not been able to find Luke, so she resorted to her

around and looked at Bianca who was acting weirdly. He asked, "What's

you know Faye Thomas? I saw her coming to the office this morning. She took Mr. Crawford's kids after." Bianca did not know how to ask him for fear that Jason would take precautions and conceal something from

Jason was dumbfounded by the question.