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As Luke walked back to his bedroom, he happened to see Bianca coming out of the bedroom with a blanket and pillow in her hand.

When their eyes met, Bianca immediately dodged his gaze and lowered her head, grasping the blanket in her arms with her fingers.

Luke frowned and looked at her without speaking.

After a while, Bianca said, "I'll sleep on the sofa."

was about to pass by the man to walk toward the living room, but the blanket and pillow that she was holding in her hands were taken away by the

Bianca looked at him.

saw the back of the man leaving. Under the dark-colored night robe, the man's back was straight and his arms were broad. No matter how she looked, he had a perfect

She saw Luke spreading out the blanket impatiently before throwing the pillow from his hand. He lay his body on it before it was laid out nicely. Bianca took a small step forward. As a woman, she was a little OCD and could not help but want to straighten the blanket out **for him**.

In the end, however, she held the *urge back*.

Rainie's bedroom was not far from the master bedroom, so Bianca walked toward her room.

She pushed open Rainie's bedroom and the light from outside the room slowly shone in so that Rainie would not be awakened by the *bright light*.

saw that Rainie was sleeping soundly, Bianca

removed Rainie's little fleshy hand from her face and tucked it under her blanket before

She then went to Lanie's room.

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She slept well the entire night.

Early the next morning, Bianca was the first to wake up.

Even though the apartment was located in the most bustling part of the city center, the windows of the apartment were able to provide excellent soundproofing when they were closed—Regardless of how busy or noisy it was outside.

In the morning, the apartment was quiet.

Bianca went to see the two children first. Rainie was sucking on her finger and sleeping soundly.

had kicked the blanket off the bed but was also sleeping soundly. Bianca covered him with the

for a certain man sleeping on the sofa in the living room, the blanket had fallen onto the ground for a long

not help but think that since she occupied the man of the house's big bed and caused him to sleep on the sofa, it was okay to help him with

over, picked up the blanket on the ground, and covered the

on the sofa with his brows furrowed as he slept while his angular face was tight and

Covering an adult man with a blanket, especially a man who was about 1.9 meters tall, was different from covering a five-year-old child with *a blanket*.

After she covered his upper body, Bianca took the blanket edge that had fallen onto the **ground**.

When she put the blanket on his lower body, it was inevitable that she saw his thighs that were not covered by his night robe. They looked strong and powerful without too much hair. It was a sight that would make a woman's heart pound if they saw it.

After covering the whole family with blankets, Bianca tried to calm her beating heart by washing **up**.

was still early and people would usually sleep for one more hour, but her circadian rhythm woke her up at that hour

up without making much noise, Bianca took off the men's shirt and pants to put on the clothes that had been washed and dried

was too quiet. Since she was alone in the empty bathroom, her mind could not help

reason, scenes from last night made her blush and quickened

when Luke took off her shirt, buried himself in the place where Rainie had slept, and opened his

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"Who is it?" Bianca's subconscious reaction was to be flustered as if she was fantasizing about some unspeakable images and was caught. She blushed as her heartbeat quickened.

When she opened the bathroom door, it was Luke who was standing outside.

Bianca stepped away and said, "I'll go out to let you wash up."

Luke walked into the bathroom and said to her without looking back when she went out, "Steam a shirt and find another pair of pants for me. Thank you."

"Okay." She nodded and agreed, then closed the bathroom door.

She was not used to his sudden politeness.

A stark white men's shirt was hung on the hanger in the living room. Bianca found the steamer, looked at the operating function, and skillfully steamed his shirt.

the shirt, Bianca went to find a pair of men's

room was large and almost as big as the two-bedroom and one-living room place she rented. All of his pants were steamed and in two neat rows with hundreds of them in

took out a pair of light gray slacks which should look good with his white

eyes, Luke had a typical male model figure—Strong and sexy like a natural

The children were not awake yet.

finished washing up, walked out, and went to their bedroom to wake up the two young

After helping the adult wash up and get dressed, Bianca went to check on the two younger ones.

After half an hour, the adult and the two small ones were all dressed. Bianca had also made a simple **breakfast**.

"Breakfast's ready," Bianca said embarrassedly. She used to say that to Nina, Grandpa, and her housemates in her dorm while she was *overseas*.

Now, it was Luke and the *two children*.

Sure, the children were her biological kids too, but they were not an actual family, so it was a bit embarrassing to say *that*.

Luke picked up his baby-like daughter while still looking serious and said, "Go have breakfast first. I haven't buckled my belt yet."

Mommy to buckle it for you..."

was very quiet. Except for the man's magnetic voice that just spoke, only Rainie's sweet voice was

Bianca naturally heard it too.

Blanche put on the baby cream, he looked up and said, "Our teacher asked us about how Mommy and Daddy's relationship should be. When we didn't know how to answer, the teacher gave us an example. She asked, 'does Daddy take care of Mommy when they cross the road? Does Mommy tie Daddy's necktie or buckle his

seemed that it was because Rainie remembered what the teacher said, so she suddenly asked Mommy to buckle

Luke looked up at Bianca.

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"I, I don't know how to..."

Bianca fumbled around the belt and tried to pinch the metal buckle on the belt.

She wanted to carefully study how the metal buckle worked, but...

When she faced such a male body, Bianca could not help but think of the ferocious big rat under the man's night robe last night. The heat from her cheeks was about to boil her face off.

Her dry lips said she did not know how to before she gave up.

She went into the kitchen to hide.

As she stood in the kitchen, her back pressed against the cool wall of the kitchen as if this would relieve the warmth on her face.

Bianca was angry with herself for not being strong enough. Even if a man was handsome, she should be immune to his looks by now, so how come every time she saw Luke's body, her face still blushed and her heartbeat still quickened? She thought perhaps that she was bewitched.

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Luke buckled his belt himself. Instead of being angry, he was quite happy.

Did that mean that Bianca had never helped a man buckle his belt? Perhaps she had only ever done it for him.

Luke went to the kitchen and stood in front of her.

Bianca just raised her head and glanced at his tough brow bone before instinctively lowering her head. She did not dare to look up again.

Luke was not sure how shy girls were. Were they the same as men, putting everything out at night? For example, he would take it down a few notches during the day.

at her and said frankly, "I'm sorry about what happened last night. I thought you were hinting at me by man's voice was particularly deep and mellow, and his words... Made her ears

was also a young adult. She was only 24 years old. Among her classmates, 24-year-old girls from good families were still treated like a

free time when she was studying, she would also surf the internet. According to legends, men with good-sounding voices could make a person pregnant after hearing

felt that Luke's voice was able to

whether she was hinting at him last night, after considering it for a long time, Bianca felt that she should make it clear. She raised her head and looked at him. "It's my fault for giving you that idea. Me staying back last night was... Was not a

to sleep in his big bed because she thought Luke was going to sleep in Rainie's

of spoons clinking on bowls came from the dining

little babies had sat down and started eating their

Let's have our breakfast first." Luke did not say anything else. He raised his eyebrows and looked at the woman who looked serious. Then, he led her out of

dining table, there were slices of toasts and a cup of hot coffee in front of Luke's place. A newspaper was also placed on

my shoes are broken..." Rainie looked up with one eye bandaged and the other eye

She looked funny and pitiful.

"Ask Aunt Bea to take you to buy a new one, okay? Daddy's too busy and he's going to his office to

Bianca heard what Blanche said and nodded. "Okay, I'll bring you to buy new shoes."

Blanche happily put three slices of bread together and squeezed them to eat. While he ate, he told Aunt Bea how busy Daddy **was**.

Last time, when his sister and he went to buy shoes, Great-grandpa was the one who always took them, but he always chose old-fashioned shoes! Great-grandpa always picked old tree bark colors. Wearing those made them feel like they were going to join the army to march or fight in a *war!*

Other times when Grandma brought them to shop for shoes, Grandma would always be very busy and on the phone. From time to time, she would even **lose them**.

Later on, their nanny and driver were the ones who brought them **shopping**.

That arrangement was actually alright. The nanny and driver never cared about the styles of shoes and clothes they bought. His sister and he were able to choose whatever *they liked*.

However, it did not feel as good over *time*.

The other children were brought by their parents to go shopping *together*.

After listening to the two little guys, Bianca felt distressed. She could not help but raise her eyes to look at the man on the other side of the table who had been quiet the **entire time**.

'Was this how he acted as a dad to the kids during the past *five years?*'

Strictly speaking, such a father was incompetent.

However, Bianca regained her senses and thought, 'Luke has always been a cold person, and the reason he had kids was to get on the good side of **his family**.'

The children were just a bargaining chip he used to seize power, and he probably did not have deep feelings for **his children**.

A father like him usually did not have the time and energy to accompany his children, so that was no surprise **there**.

end of the table, Luke, who was focused on the newspaper in his hand, occasionally took a sip from the cup of hot coffee. He listened to the conversation between the children and Bianca. Then, he got up and said, "After shopping, let's watch

and the two children looked at

simply put down the newspaper, got up, and left the dining

newspaper was placed on the table, Luke's finger had clearly pointed on a spot where there was an advertisement. The advertisement stated a time that afternoon. A certain play would be shown in a certain theater in

I wanted to watch this play!" Blanche saw the name of the play and showed a strong desire to initially wanted to reject Luke's arrangement, but Lanie looked like he was very eager

The family finally finished their breakfast.

up, washed the dishes, and hid in the bedroom to call Sue before have to apply for leave

she always applied for leave during the day, she always stayed up late at night to finish the tasks assigned by

just that she would always miss the meetings during the day which was not good. However, she was really worried about the unqualified dad taking care of Rainie and her injured

said, "The head of our department came to ask me about you just now. She wondered what luck befell on you that the boss never gets angry at you for applying for so many leaves, especially on critical days like these. The boss also ordered the project to be shelved first and to go to the site after a few days before deciding about what to

Bianca, "..."

that even if she went to work on those days, she would have nothing

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"What are parent-child matching shoes?" Rainie asked the salesgirl sweetly.

"Wait a minute, I'll show them to the little cutie."

The beautiful young salesgirl disappeared. When she came back, she had four boxes of shoes in her hands.

In order to sell the shoes, the salesgirl worked hard to promote them.

They were four pairs of identical white sneakers. They were simple, clean, wide, and had a red brand logo behind the shoes.

The young salesgirl placed them on the floor for the kids and the adults. "This pair is for your daddy, this pair is for your mommy, and this is yours, while this pair is for your brother. The whole family will be wearing matching shoes. Look how nice it is."

Rainie understood what the young salesgirl meant. She turned around to look at Aunt Bea and her brother. She muttered quietly, "A pair for Daddy, a pair for me, a pair for Aunt Bea, and a pair for Lanie."

"If we walk on the street this way, others will know that we're a family, right?" Blanche asked blankly as he looked at a huge advertisement on the wall in the distance.

Bianca lowered her head and covered her faintly painful forehead with her hand as she looked at the wall advertisement in the store.

The matching shoes seemed to be the flagship product of the brand that season and were advertised everywhere.

On the wall advertisement in the store, there was a picture of a celebrity and his family. In the advertisement, the family was hiking and everyone wore the same shoes with the same clothes and the same baseball caps.

First of all, a pair of that brand's shoes cost thousands of dollars which were too extravagant for her.

Secondly, she was not yet the legal mother of the children. Even if she wanted to wear parent-child matching shoes with the children, it was not the right time to do so.

The salesgirl was still trying to sell the products to them. It was obvious that the kids' dad was rich and bought things based on preference and not price.

the child on board was equivalent to reaching into the child's father's

was right. Luke was just sitting by the side and did not care about what shoes they picked. He had a straight face and looked like a cold benefactor who was only responsible for paying with his credit

of work was hard work. Bianca knew well why the salesgirl was pushing

Bianca tried to open her mouth to tell the salesgirl that she was not their mother, the words would not because Lanie and Rainie were indeed their biological children. Nothing could change

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in love with the parent-child shoes and looked at her brother with one of

over and whispered to his sister, "Go and tell Daddy. Since you've hurt your eye, Daddy will listen to

"Okay, Lanie."

Rainie ran toward the sofa anxiously.

sat on the leather sofa in the store with his legs folded. There was a glass of water that was poured by the salesperson on the low table

ran over with one of her eyes wide open and clung to her dad. Her two small meaty hands pulled away from the financial magazine from her daddy's

did not pay any attention to the sales staff and the children from the moment they stepped foot into the shop. After his daughter came over, he got up, picked up his daughter, and asked, "Have you chosen one? I'll go and pay

The adult and the little girl went toward the shoe display.

It was only at that moment when the salesgirl saw the man's face up close.

The man exuded a mature and stable aura. He had a very serious expression on his face, but the way he held his daughter was very loving.

The salesperson could not help but take a few more looks at him. For some reason, the man... Looked a lot like the person on the cover of the latest issue of Finance Magazine...

"Daddy, can we wear parent-child shoes?"

After Rainie said that, she was afraid that Daddy would refuse, so she buried her little face in her daddy's shoulder, ready to cry.

"Sir, these four pairs of shoes are the **latest...**"

The salesperson explained everything.

Luke understood the concept and meaning of parent-child shoes. There were four pairs on the ground, including his and *Bianca's*.

Bianca felt Luke's gaze, so she looked at **him too**.

When their eyes met, Bianca shook her head and wanted him to refuse the child's **request**.

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20 minutes later.

Luke put the four shopping bags in his hand into **the car**.

moment he closed the car door and turned around, the man's sharp gaze swept across a view of white colors. Bianca, Rainie, and Lanie were wearing

not help but smile inside. Behind him were two children and their mother. Anyone who saw them would know that the three of them, the adult and the two kids, were

because he also wore the same pair of white

that he only wore these kinds of shoes in middle and high school. After he joined the business world, his indifferent and serious everyday ensemble consisted of suits, button-up shirts, and leather

o'clock, Jason sent the ticket collection verification code for

started at 2:40 in the afternoon. There would be enough time to have lunch before it started, but it was still too early

waited in the parking lot and secretly told Bianca that he wanted to go to the

for persuading Daddy was pushed to Bianca by the two little

saw Bianca walking toward him. When she was in front of him, she said, "Lanie and Rainie want to go to the playground. Is that

upset about something?" Luke asked the woman in front of him as his brows

only upset about wearing

I openly wear the same shoes as the three of you out on the streets, I'm worried that people will start writing articles if we get our pictures taken," Bianca

days ago, the tabloids were full of news about him carrying his children out for

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Xavier did not reject his mother.

He really did need a chance to resolve the conflict with his dad.

Compared with his father, Xavier thought that he needed to be the bigger person and step down.

The truth was that his father had never gotten angry with him as an unfilial son for long. Every time it happened, he was only angry on the surface, but in less than ten minutes, he would soften up.

His promise to accompany his parents to watch a play or movie happened more than five years ago when he was in prison.

At that time, when his parents visited him at the prison, he was always brought out by the prison guards while dressed in his prison clothes and in handcuffs.

After sitting down, Xavier saw that his parents looked as if they had aged a decade. He stammered and opened his mouth, but no words came out.

He never spoke much with his parents.

At that time, he heard his mother cry across the thick glass. She said, "Son, don't be sad while you're inside... In the future, be a better person and don't break the law willfully anymore. Mom and Dad still love you. When you're released, heed our advice. Get married and have children. Our family will be reunited, and we'll live peacefully and have a good life..."

His mother said a lot that day. It was mixed with crying, so he could only understand her vaguely.

However, he clearly remembered that his mother said, "If you ever feel sorry for your father and me, then you can make it up to us after you're released... We don't need you to have any great achievements, just accompany us to the movies or play. We'd be content..."

When Xavier listened to those words back then, he was motionless like a person without emotions or soul outside. However, he was surprised that his parents' expectations for him were so low.

It turned out being filial to his parents was as simple as that. All he needed to do was accompany them to a play or a movie.

For such a simple thing, he had never done it for his parents in the 20 years before he went to prison.

Xavier drove on the street and was a free man out

his mother called and told him that she had bought three tickets for the play, it reminded him of the scene five years

slowly reminded him that it was time for him to fulfill his

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went to the hospital to visit Grandpa, Bianca did not let Luke and his children enter

all, she told Grandpa that they were not a good fit. If they appeared together again so quickly after that, she would not know what to

lunch to Grandpa, Bianca left first because she had something else

she left, she picked up her laptop that she left in the hospital after getting off work

Sue had a task for her, it would be more convenient if she had her laptop

Grandpa strolled around the ward and waved at Bianca, signaling that she should go about

Bianca walked out of the hospital, she saw the black Range Rover parked in front of the

she walked to the car, Luke, who had been smoking a cigarette from somewhere, also came over. The man took her laptop with one hand and opened the car door with the other to let her get in

we eat?" Before she could thank him, the

Bianca looked back at him. "Let Lanie and **Rainie decide.**"

Luke nodded without commenting and immersed himself in the role of a good husband.

No matter what, he would let the children and the children's mother have the final say.

*After getting in the car, Luke was only responsible for **driving.***

Bianca searched for a lot of restaurants on her phone and let Lanie and Rainie pick from the back seat.

Lanie put down the game console in his hand, put it aside, and took Aunt Bea's phone to decide with *his sister.*

With one eye open, his sister looked at the phone screen. Her thick and dark eyelashes flickered.

"Have you chosen?" Bianca turned around and asked them.

Lanie stared at the phone screen and was having difficulty deciding. "Not yet."

"Take your time. We're not in a hurry." Bianca thought that since she had already applied for leave for that day, she should just spend the whole day focusing on the two children.

Just when Lanie and Rainie were deciding, two text messages appeared on Bianca's phone **screen.**

*Nina's first text said, 'My mom came to the office and I just sent her away five minutes ago. Good thing you didn't come to the office. Otherwise, she would've pulled you into it. My mom's too terrifying. This old lady thinks that everything is someone else's fault and *never reflected.*'"*

In the second message, Nina typed and said, 'My mom consulted a lawyer. Apparently, my brother may have to be sentenced for more than a year. *Sigh.*

it that I don't feel sad or angry after hearing it? Instead, I feel like having a burrito. Am I not a sensible person, Bea? I know that my brother has gone astray. If he doesn't get sentenced to prison and reform himself for a few years, he won't understand how big a mistake he has

and Rainie did not know what the context from Nina's text was, but they noticed the sound of it, it

raised his head and asked Bianca in the passenger seat, "Aunt Bea, what's a 'A burrito?'

were a bunch of question marks in Bianca's head. She turned around and took her cell phone. When she looked down, all the restaurants she searched for were high-end ones. There should not be a burrito selection

the children's father was dining

Luke were only suited to dine in high-end

moment, Nina sent a third text message. Bianca happened to see it and clicked in to see the first two text

then when she understood why the two little kids asked

guys tried... Burritos before?" Bianca probably knew the answer already, but she just wanted to confirm little kids said, "No, we've never tried

and Rainie had not grown up with Luke but with her instead, it would be a much different

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Bianca awkwardly led the way.

Not every shop sold good burritos. To be on the safe side, Bianca asked Luke to drive them to her old rented place.

After returning to the country, Bianca had stayed there. She was very familiar with the shops nearby and knew which shops had delicious food.

The black Range Rover parked domineeringly on the side of the road, causing the surrounding residents to look at the people in the car.

They saw the father with the straight back and the fair-skinned, lovely pair of twin babies who looked adorable from all angles.

It was lunch hour, so the burrito shop was full.

The owner yelled, "Number 23's burrito is done!"

A high school student in school uniform came to the cashier, handed the owner a round card that wrote 'No. 23', and took his burrito away.

The lady owner saw the family of four entering the door and her eyes lit up.

It was not because she had more customers, but because the four of them were too attractive and looked like celebrities.

'Perhaps they're celebrities!'

"Please, have a seat. There are seats inside!" The lady owner welcomed them warmly. She asked people from different tables to share a table so that there would be a free table. "For tables number one and number two, please share a table as we need more space due to it being lunch hour!"

The high school students in their school uniforms held their own burritos and hurriedly sat down at another table to join another couple so that the four-person table was freed up.

The lady owner wiped the table vacated by the high school students and seated the family of four. "What would you like to order?"

Bianca glanced at Luke and remembered his reply about them having whatever she wanted. She nervously and decisively decided, "Four burritos. Two original flavors and two non-spicy ones."

can eat spicy food..." Little Lanie and Rainie

not sure whether to believe them and looked at the children's dad

Luke sat down, he said, "Lanie can take spicy food, but Rainie can't. The doctor explained that she should

the order with the

lady owner took the order down and gave it to her

she put the tableware on their table, the lady owner asked Bianca quietly, "Are you

Bianca shook her head and explained, "I used to rent a house in this neighborhood and have eaten at your store

lady owner wiped the table again as if she did not hear what she said. She smiled while wiping, "And I thought that you guys were celebrities trying to experience the life of normal people. What's the name of that... Reality show called... Real People? If my shop is fortunate enough to get on the show, we'd go

knew it was all because of Luke. "We're really not

speaking, Luke was not a Hollywood celebrity. He was more mysterious

most of the people in the shop were ordinary people. Some of them were migrant workers at nearby construction sites. They were very old and most likely did not go on social media nor paid attention to financial news. Therefore, they would not know who Luke Crawford was and they did not have to be bothered by

burritos are done!" The lady owner brought it over for

Rainie took the cutlery and started to eat excitedly. It was obvious that they liked it very

felt very satisfied and happy. Was it because the two little kids inherited her ordinary genes that they could adapt to any food so quickly as well as enjoy

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One o'clock in the afternoon.

Luke drove and they left the *street*.

His phone rang.

Luke answered. "What's the matter, Grandpa?"

"*Luke*, my sister came to A City with a medical team. You know how sick her husband got, right? He's barely holding on and is confused most of the time. My sister thinks that it'd be nice if Lanie and Rainie came to the hospital to visit him and tell him that they're his grandchildren so that at least he can leave this world a little happier," Old Master Crawford said.

The two little kids in the back seat of the car also heard Luke's call which was on loudspeaker.

Bianca heard it too.

"Does that mean that we can't watch the play anymore?" Rainie really wanted to watch the play with Daddy and Aunt Bea.

Bianca did not dare to butt in regarding the Crawford family's *affairs*.

"We can watch the play another day," Luke said and decided.

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40 minutes later, Jason picked up Lanie and Rainie.

"**Aren't you** going?" Bianca sat in the car and did not dare to **get off**.

were at the main entrance of the office. If she got out of his car then, there would be countless eyes his car. "I'm going, but I'm worried that he might remember that I'm the kids'

and Rainie were pretending to be their family's grandchildren. It was a white lie with good intent for the dying

it be okay if you stopped the car 100 meters away from here? I'll get off and walk back," Bianca

not listen to her and drove the car toward the theater. "I think we need to talk about the

no longer had the lively atmosphere of the two children. There were only two adults left in the car. The atmosphere was volatile, and every breath made had an implicit

was willing to give up anything to discuss the kids that she even forgot about the thought of getting out of the car and going back to

was silent during the entire way to the

waited for him to bring

she did not know what was on his mind because he did not say anything

time to watch the play was not a good time to discuss that matter. However, Bianca had no choice but to ask helplessly, "Can I see

"Yes."

Rover reached an intersection. Luke nodded and focused on the road. His big hand steered half a circle and the car drove to another

breathed a sigh of relief. "Can I, occasionally... Occasionally pick them up and have them stay with me for

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Xavier turned his head and said to the lady next to him, "Mom, the play is about to begin. Let's not talk anymore because it might affect other people's watching experience."

Xavier's voice was cold and without many undulations.

No matter who he was talking to or what he was doing, the man spoke in that cold tone and his voice was easy to identify.

The main reason why Bianca could remember Xavier's voice was because he was a horrible person who took advantage of others and had done despicable things.

That was why she remembered his voice.

She remembered every word that Xavier had threatened her with.

Suddenly hearing Xavier's voice in the theater and seeing his expressionless profile caused Bianca's good mood to turn sour quickly.

"Isn't this just the start? Who would I affect?" Mrs. Tanner's voice was deliberately lowered, but she still could not help her surging mood as she nagged, "Don't think I don't know that you'll send someone to send your dad and me back without giving us a chance to speak."

Xavier listened to his mother's words but did not give her an answer.

Silence implied that it was the truth.

Mrs. Tanner struck while the iron was still hot. "Your father and I were very happy about your marriage, but it's only been a few days of your marriage before Old Master Crawford came to our doorstep, saying that you abducted his granddaughter-in-law. If this rumor gets out, neither of us would look good.

Xavier, heed my advice. Just get a divorce."

Xavier still did not say anything. He looked straight ahead as he looked at the brightly-lit big stage.

Daniel also added, "Although your mother and I always nagged you about getting married and having children, we never thought that your marriage would be this way. Now, it has affected our harmonious relationship with our relatives. Look at what you've done."

"You can have whoever you want. Why should you give more trouble to Aunt Allison? Besides, what good is that Bea? She doesn't even have a good family background or education." Mrs. Tanner could no longer bear it and cut in after her husband.

she looked down on her sister-in-law, Allison, but at that moment, she used the Allison

she was afraid that her son might continue being his

Xavier still did not say anything.

the lights in the theater began to dim, it meant that the play was about to begin. Mrs. Tanner glanced at the stage as the emcee

a hurry, Mrs. Tanner said to her son sitting next to her, "If it weren't for you, this Bea kid would have been your aunt's daughter-in-law by now. Xavier, your aunt came to see your dad and me more

responded and asked coldly, "What did she say to

else would she say?" Mrs. Tanner's voice was not lowered, and her voice was overlapped with the voice of the emcee on the stage. She said, "Your aunt told me that she has regarded Bea as her daughter-in-law for a long time. However, Bea suddenly became her niece-in-law. It boggled her. Since you guys just got married and haven't done anything with each other yet, why don't the two of you just get

Xavier's aunt obviously referred to Allison.

in the row behind them and did not dare to move. When the lights dimmed down, she felt a little

newly appointed wife, Bianca admitted that she hoped that the parents would be able to successfully persuade their son after hearing Luke's uncle and aunt persuading Xavier to divorce

for everything they said about Allison, Bianca did not believe a

if Allison instigated Xavier to divorce her, it was because Allison had other plans

did not know what would be waiting for her after

Perhaps she should take the initiative to find the *answer*.

In the theater's VIP hall, only the stage was lit and most of the people were watching the **play seriously**.

Bianca was no longer in the mood to watch the play.

Xavier, who was in front of their row, watched the play **attentively**.

Both Xavier's parents glanced at the stage for a while before looking at their silent and cool *son*.

When they saw that he was that way, it was obvious that Xavier had a perfect **plan**.

'I'm going to the bathroom.' Bianca texted Luke.

After she sent the message, she saw the man next to her reading the message on the phone. She got up without blocking people's views and crossed over her seat to go to **the bathroom**.

The play was tormenting Bianca. She wanted to watch it seriously initially so that she could tell the two kids all about it when she was back. However, Xavier and his parents were sitting in front of their row. If they turned around, they would be able to see Luke and *her*.

In a distressed situation such as that, she was restless.

After a long time, Bianca was still not back and the play had been going on indefinitely. However, Luke heard Xavier suddenly saying something to his parents.

He said, "Bea's pregnant."

Luke's gaze that was on the stage started to frown *deeply*.

looked at him

moment, Xavier's parents were absolutely shocked by their son's gentle words that hit very

play reached its climax,

afraid that the people in front of their row would see her, so she walked very

down, Bianca found that Xavier and his parents were very quiet while Luke glanced at her as if he had ice knives as his

was completely different from before, but she could not tell what was

second and every minute passed

Finally, the play was over.

moment when the play ended, the lights in the theater were turned

parents were almost the first to get up among the audience because they had a lot of things in their heads that needed to be

needed to think about what to

wanted to leave first but did not expect Xavier's parents to get up so quickly. In order to avoid them, she had to wait for them to leave

Mrs. Tanner almost reached the aisle, she looked back at

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Daniel had already walked out and was waiting outside.

Xavier walked out of the third row and went to the aisle. He stood in the aisle that had a clear view of the fourth row. He looked at them again.

At that moment, almost everyone in the audience had left.

On the stage where the play showed, the props crew started moving the props backstage.

In the fourth row, there were two people kissing each other and making out heavily. The man's big hand went under the woman's shirt in public. They wondered how lewd they were when they were in their own privacy.

Mrs. Tanner did not see what the two people looked like. She walked out and urged, saying, "Let's go. Your dad is waiting for us outside."

Xavier frowned and continued looking at the two kissing in the distance in the fourth row.

However, when Xavier saw that the two of them were wearing couple shoes, Xavier stopped frowning and left the theater with his mother.

Daniel stood outside and saw his wife and son coming out. He did not look very happy. "What took you so long?"

"A young couple was making out in public for everyone to see. Gosh, the moral degeneracy of the world." Mrs. Tanner muttered, walking to the parking lot with her husband and son.

When they arrived at the parking lot, the driver arranged by Xavier was already waiting.

Daniel knew the driver. Five years ago, the kid worked with his son and drove for the bar.

"What's the meaning of this?" Daniel asked.

Xavier explained, "You guys should go home first. I still have something to deal with because I put it off to watch the play with you guys. If there's anything you need to tell me, tell me at night. I'll be back for dinner."

When Mrs. Tanner heard what he said, she took her husband's arm into the car to avoid the father and son arguing again.

Daniel said nothing and got in the car.

Before getting in the car, Mrs. Tanner turned around and said, "If you say that you'll be back for dinner, you'd better be. Don't let your dad and me wait for you. We'll have to discuss what you're going to do with Bea."

Xavier promised. "Don't worry about it."

driver drove the two elderly people

to unlock his car. When the unlocking tone sounded, he saw a black Range Rover parked two parking spaces from his

He paused.

an identical black

there were countless people driving the same car in A City. Therefore, the only way to know for sure was to check the license plate

did not know why he started suspecting it and walked toward the black

the license plate number entered his line of sight, his deep eyes

extremely dazzling license plate number was not only pleasing to the eye but also showed the extraordinary social status of the car

mouth suddenly became dry as he closed his eyes. At that moment, countless images flashed through

last night, she could not get through Bianca's

could not get through to her phone the

her phone, it was unanswered at the beginning and turned forever into a "Sorry, the number you have dialed is not in

the minute he saw the black Range Rover, Xavier was sure that he was blocked by

had a feeling that that was what happened

needed to call Bianca's number on any cell phone to be sure of it, but he did not do

He had stayed outside Old Man Rayne's ward the *entire night*.

In the end, Bianca did not **show up**.

When it was dawn, he had stayed up all night and was starting to feel very uncomfortable, so he went to the bathroom to wash his face with cold water to energize *himself*.

Xavier was not sure what he was doing.

He did not like Bianca.

It seemed that jealousy had *derailed him*.

Furthermore, he was becoming a person he did **not know**.

When he snapped out of it, he realized he still had the duty to look for his *wife*.

After all, they were still married legally.

The law was behind him.

Even if the other person on the marriage certificate did not care about the **relationship**.

Before lunch, he figured that Bianca always went to see Grandpa, so he went over and waited, but she never showed up.

After he left impatiently, he arrived at that point where he saw the black Range Rover in the theater parking **lot**.

Xavier left the parking lot blankly and returned to the theater.

The two people kissing in the fourth row of the VIP hall looked like Luke and Bianca appearance and clothes-wise.

It was just that he did not get to see their faces at the time.

could it be so coincidental? Luke and Bianca secretly met up and happened to be seated behind Xavier and his

to the VIP hall, but it was already

stood at the entrance of the VIP hall, he could still recall the scene that he had just witnessed with his own eyes. He had a sudden gut feeling, but it only lasted for ten

would Luke and Bianca wear couple

terms of Luke's style, Xavier had never seen Luke wear a pair like that in his

Bianca was still relatively young. No matter how experienced she was or how hard life had hit her, she was still only 24 years old. It was the age where it would be popular to wear white shoes

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walked out of the theater, she walked to the subway station by

She did not go with Luke.

had already promised her that she could see her children any time and even pick them up to sleep over at her place on

she did not need to get closer to him in order to spend more time with the

she left, Luke said with a cold tone, "If you don't want to face him, you can go now. Otherwise, with Xavier's suspicious personality, I'm afraid he'll try and return to the theater to find us together. It'll affect the relationship between your husband

'What's wrong with this man?

'He says the weirdest things.'

she stood in the subway at that moment, Bianca closed her eyes

she agreed to register her marriage with Xavier, Bianca had already figured out a

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Bianca saw that the man standing outside was Xavier Tanner.

This indirectly shows that Xavier went back and forth in the theater and went back to the VIP Hall to look for her, to no avail.

In a fit of rage, the man came to intercept her.

He had watched his lawfully wedded wife cuckooed him with another man right under his nose. Yet, he missed out on the golden opportunity to catch them red-handed.

At this moment, as the husband, the entire ordeal must be unspeakably unbearable, even though it might be a loveless marriage between the two—there was not even one-tenth of love in their marriage.

In truth, Bianca did not think it was considered cheating to visit the father of her child. However, in Xavier's eyes, seeing Luke kissing her was directly tantamount to cheating.

"Bea, is he your friend?" Nina stood at the door awkwardly. Based on the look Xavier gave Bianca, Nina assumed that there was a high probability that Bianca knew this man.

Bianca answered Nina with silence.

Nina could not help thinking that she would know Bianca's friends within the country too. As for new colleagues that Bianca just got to know in the company, she probably knew them better than Bianca.

Among those people, the man outside the door was never part of any of those groups.

The only possible explanation was that this man was someone whom Bianca knew when she was studying abroad. Now, both of them returned to their home country and remained in contact...

However, based on the expression on the man's face as he stood outside the door, Nina felt that the man's relationship with Bianca could be more complex than merely being ordinary friends.

"Would... Would you like to come in and have a seat?" Nina said.

not pay Nina any attention as she stood waiting in front of the door. Yet, his eyes were burning with a murderous glare as he shifted his gaze at the little white pair of women's shoes on the shoe rack at

ambiguously flirty scene that he witnessed in the VIP Hall suddenly reappeared in

in. Coincidentally, I have something to tell you, too," Bianca said coldly. Then, she turned around to the kitchen to fetch some cups and poured them two cups of

exiting the kitchen, Bianca put the two cups of water on the

left her position at the door since the man had already passed through the door. The man was tall with long legs, and he carried himself rather well

compared to the big boss, this man somewhat lacked the sophistication of the bourgeoisie. Instead, he emanated a roguish

felt like a suit was draped over his body like a sheepskin that was brutally draped over a

your slippers." Nina helped to retrieve a pair of slippers from the shoe cabinet.

Xavier lowered his head to change into the slippers, he frowned. He was surprised at the size of this pair of men's

did not know the man's identity, so she kindly explained, "These slippers belong to Bea's grandfather. You can make do with them

this pair of men's slippers belonged to Bianca's grandfather, Xavier put them on without a second

three of them stood awkwardly in the

Nina always felt that the atmosphere between Xavier and Bianca was strange. Having a hunch that they had a secret to share, Nina said to Bianca self-consciously, "I'll head off to my bedroom and surf the Internet. Holler if you need anything."

Bianca nodded.

With Nina here, Bianca was courageous enough to let Xavier into the house. Otherwise, she would never meet a person who took the law for granted in private.

What Bianca was truly thinking was that if Nina found out who was outside the door from the peephole first, she would never have let Nina open the *door*.

Let Xavier ring the doorbell until night, and still, she would not open **the door**.

There were only two people left in the living room, but Xavier did not sit down. Instead, he went directly to the shoe cabinet and took out the white pair of women's shoes.

Looking at it repeatedly, he walked to the kitchen with the pair of white shoes in his left **hand**.

"What are you doing with my shoes? Put them down." Bianca followed after him into the kitchen, baffled as to what he was planning to do.

Xavier turned on the gas valve. As he stared at the flames on the gas stove grew redder by the second, he simply threw the pair of petite white shoes on the burning *stove*.

Bianca wanted to snatch her shoes from the fire, but her strength and height could not compare to Xavier's. She would not be able to get them back even if she used up all her strength to tear him away.

As a button on Xavier's shirt was torn off by her, the shoes were already scorched by the fire.

"If you're having a mental attack, go to the hospital and get your prescription..." muttered Bianca in *incredible disbelief*.

Using the internet as a mere excuse, Nina simply stuck her ear to the door due to boredom. That man looked terrifying. What would happen if he took advantage of *Bianca*?

best friend, she must be alert at all

as she listened to Bianca's burst of anger, Nina ran out of her bedroom immediately. Seeing that there was no one in the living room, she immediately headed to the

what was happening in the kitchen, Nina quickly turned off the gas and looked at the pair of sneakers that got burned out of shape. Having no better ideas, she retrieved a basin of water and poured water

The fire was completely extinguished.

kitchen was filled with a strange

opening the windows for ventilation purposes, Nina looked back at Xavier in horror. What the heck, did this man suffer from some kind of brain

like I've overestimated your personality. I must be out of my mind to think that I could talk things out with you." Bianca was so angry that she wanted to

closed in on Bianca with a horrifyingly

who stood by the window, strode over and wedged herself in front of Bianca. She looked up at Xavier and said, "Stop fooling around. This is a society ruled by law. Voice out your problem. You can't just burn a six-thousand-bucks pair of shoes. What's wrong with you? You're not just apologizing to Bea; you have to compensate her

not listen carefully to a single word Nina

at Bianca behind Nina, Xavier glared at her in an amber coldness. "You'd better uphold your duty as a wife. Otherwise, don't blame me for what happens

all you can do? Kidnap my grandfather and threaten me again? You wanted me to marry you the first time. What is it this time? Sleep with you or give you a child?" Bianca felt that she was born a human being, and she was in no way inferior to others. She did not have to be subjected to this kind of