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Nolan said in frustration.

“I’ve tried my best about Hector’s matter. It’s good for him if he can learn something from this. You don’t have to do this.”

Alaina glared at him.

“You’re my son, and Hector is your aunt’s only son. She cries in front of me every day. How can I...”

Sophia went out and felt better.

On the way back.

She got a phone call from the producer.

“Ms. Cruise, Emelia is sinister. In order to have more influential segments, she criticized all the participants of Eagle Entertainment severely.”

Sophia narrowed her eyes and smiled.

“I guess it. She’s vengeful. She won’t let this opportunity pass.”

Sophia hung up the phone.

In order to attract more viewers, the crew posted a short video on the internet. Sophia checked it on her phone.

Emelia with a mask stood on the stage and arrogantly criticized Monica’s performance just now.

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are stiff and stringy. Your expressions are ostentatious. Who do you want to hit on with that wink?”

Monica stood there, mute and defiant. But she couldn't say anything.

Her eyes were filled with tears, and she looked pitiful.

Many people commented online.

“She's gone too far.”

“I heard that this judge is a dancer from the famous studio, Wingley Arts. Thus, she's very picky.”

“This girl looks pitiful. She seems to cry.”

“Hug Monica!”

“Poor girl...”

Suddenly, this judge with a mask became a trending topic online. Many people praised her charisma and her professional attitude.

Many people believed her because she was from Wingley Arts.

And many people thought she wore a mask because she didn't want to be famous. Thus, more people liked Emelia.

Sophia pursed her lips and called someone from her company.

"Now is the time. Release the news about her."

Did Emelia think she could hide everything since she wore a mask?

Did she think no one knew her with a mask and those scandals had nothing to do with her?

It was impossible.

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Soon, the news was spread.

The identity of "the judge with a mask" was exposed.

After filming had stopped, someone took a picture of Emelia taking off her mask.

Then, Emelia's identity was exposed.

Her scandals were listed online again.

"She's Pierce's mistress."

"She's a home wrecker. How could she be a judge of this program?"

"No wonder she aims at Monica. Monica released the video and exposed that this woman framed others to ask her to drink with men."

“This is totally personal! Pierce controls the whole program.”

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Within half a day, the situation changed.

Emelia was despised by everyone. She was not the arrogant judge anymore.

The TV station was in a mess.

Nolan wanted to find the person who took the picture but got nothing.

Pierce was scolded online because of this matter. All the staff of the Clement Group kept silent.

Even the office was dead quiet.

“Why can’t it be repealed? I spend so much money, but you can’t let this trending topic disappear?”

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Nolan sat there effeminately, grabbed his hair, and suddenly stood up.

“It must be Sophia. She’s jealous of Emelia...”

Pierce grabbed the files on the table and threw them at Nolan. He said coldly.

“Why do you provoke her? Haven’t I told you not to interfere in this?”

Nolan paused for a while and said with mixed feelings.

“I just want to help Emelia. Sophia is despicable. Pierce, you have to deal with this. After all, Emelia is your son’s mother.”

Hearing this, Pierce frowned tightly. He stared at Nolan coldly and said indifferently.

“Get out!”

When Pierce heard the words “your son’s mother“, he felt heartbroken.

He suddenly thought of Sophia and their unborn baby.

People didn’t even know that he had this baby before, because it died before it was born.

The pain was unspeakable.

If it wasn’t that Nolan was so nosy, this would not happen.

Nolan trembled. He didn’t dare to speak and left the office.

Pierce’s secretary, Kasen Lynn, knocked on the door and entered.

“Mr. Clement, we’ve got a result. Eagle Entertainment did this, and they admitted it.”

This was an attack for Pierce.

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Kasen worked for Pierce for many years. He knew that if it was someone else, Pierce would not let him go.

However, because Sophia did this, things happened for several hours, and Pierce still did nothing despite his anger.

It was weird.

They had divorced. Why didn't he do something?

The staff of the PR Department were still waiting outside. Kasen had to report their plan.

"Mr. Clement, if we deny your relationship with Ms. Wilson, it's good for our company. But the public will doubt Mr. Luke's identity.

"If we don't say anything and just suppress the trending topic, we'll spend more money and get less effect..."

Pierce raised his head and looked at him coldly.

"Why do I need you?"

Kasen murmured.

"Or you can call Sophia by yourself. Maybe it'll be useful."

Pierce glared at him with his sharp eyes.

Kasen shut up and left the office.

The office fell silent.

Pierce took out his other phone and called Sophia hesitantly.

She quickly picked it up and answered with a happy tone.

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Pierce coughed and said coldly.

“It’s me. I didn’t arrange for Emelia to go to the TV station...”

“I know. It’s Nolan.”

Sophia replied casually. Pierce felt somewhat uneasy.

But soon, he came back to his senses and was shocked.

“You deliberately arrange the trending topic...”

He frowned and clenched his fists tightly.

Before he could finish, Sophia smiled mockingly.

“Anyway, you’ll get married soon. You can help each other get through this.”

Sophia would never let go of either of them.

After that, she hung up the phone and immediately blocked this number.

It ruined her good mood.

Pierce stared at the dark screen and was angry.

He thought, “She’s so unreasonable.”

He wanted to call her again, but it couldn’t be connected.

A bang let out.

He smashed the phone on the ground.

He wondered, "Didn't she regret or feel guilty?"

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Is she pretending that nothing has happened?"

Kasen heard the noise and entered the office. Seeing the mess on the ground, he paused for a while and said.

"Mr. Clement, Ms. Wilson is here..."

Pierce was not surprised that Emelia would come.

After all, Nolan obviously couldn't control the situation now.

She had no choice but to ask Pierce for help.

Pierce frowned and was about to say no.. However, Emelia had come in with swollen eyes.

Pierce glared at Kasen who didn't fulfill his duty. Kasen felt wrong and lowered his head.

Emelia was the mother of Pierce's son. She might be the hostess of the Clement Group in the future.

How dare he block her?

"Pierce, help me! Sophia wants to ruin me. It's all her trick. No matter what I do, she can't forgive me. Does she want my life?"

Pierce put on a serious face and said coldly.

"If you don't attend this TV show, nothing will happen."



Emelia noticed the indifference in his tone and froze.

“Luke is still not recognized by the whole Clement family, Pierce...”

They were quiet for several minutes,

Only Emelia was sobbing in the office.

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Pierce rubbed between his eyebrows and said in frustration.

“Go back home now. I’ll deal with this matter. This was the last time. After Luke is recognized by the Clement family, you just go abroad.”

He said coldly and resolutely.

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Pierce said again to send her abroad.

Emelia froze. Although she was unwilling, she had no choice but to agree now.

Her eyes turned red and she sobbed.

“Pierce, I know I caused many troubles for you. I’m sorry. If you want me to go abroad, I’ll go.”

Pierce didn’t reply and called someone responsible for the online business.

Pierce personally called them and spent a lot of money. The media did not want to be Pierce’s enemies and would agree.

Soon, the trending topic gradually disappeared.

Although many people mocked that Emelia had such a strong background, these comments disappeared soon...

At the same time, another star’s cheating was exposed. People started to change their topics.

When Emelia left the Clement Group, she was in a good mood.

She stood downstairs in front of the Clement Group and took a picture for herself. She posted it online and added, "Thank the fates that we can know each other!"

It looked like a warm and pretty picture.

Someone sent this picture to a chat group in which many young rich

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guys were. Sandra sent it to Sophia.

"Pierce is really rich and powerful. He helps Emelia to deal with this. Why don't they just announce to be together?"

Sophia saw the message. She didn't care about Emelia and just felt ridiculous.

Sophia had expected this in the beginning.

She replied slowly, "The Clement family doesn't recognize Emelia. He won't marry her. He has to consider the market and the share price."

Sandra tutted and scolded.

"Then Emelia's thing is done?"

Sophia smiled, "She won't go to the TV station. Monica gets tons of attention for this."

Sandra chuckled, "You're easily satisfied."

Sandra hung up the phone and Sophia smiled.

Sophia thought, "This is not the end."

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When Emelia got a phone call from Ava, Emelia was surprised. In the past, Ava would ask the butler to call her.

Ava was still arrogant as usual.

"Come here to take Luke away in the evening."

Before Emelia could answer, Ava hung up the phone.

Ava must be angry because her scandals online mentioned Pierce.

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Emelia laughed and was complacent.

Since Sophia could marry into the Clement family, as Luke's mother, Emelia thought she could succeed too.

She took a taxi to the Clement's mansion.

Several rich ladies were having afternoon tea. There were waves of laughter and Luke's cries in the mansion.

Emelia walked in with a smile. She walked to Ava and served the tea to them.

They gave her half smiles but didn't care about her.

When the guests left, the maid brought Luke upstairs to rest.

Emelia stood next to Ava, bowed, and served tea to her.

"Mrs. Clement, you really take good care of Luke. He's stronger than before. You're really good at raising kids."

Ava heard this and snorted. Luke was her grandson. Of course, she would take good care of him.

But as she thought that Emelia was his mother, Ava was not satisfied.

"Don't you feel embarrassed today? If Luke sees the news after he grows up, what will he think of his mother? People will look down on him."

"If you still stay here, you'll just bring shame to Pierce and Luke. You'd better go abroad as soon as possible. I'll give you some money. Don't come back again."

Emelia froze.

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She managed to smile and said nervously.

“Mrs. Clement, today’s matter is Sophia’s trick. I just comment on those young people as a judge. She hates me. However, those things are past...”

As Ava heard “Sophia“, she recalled how Sophia treated her in the restaurant. Ava was furious and her face became gloomier.

“Enough! That’s the deal. Even if you stay here, the Clement family will not recognize you. Don’t you know about your identity? Even Pierce is implicated today.”

Emelia’s face turned pale and she couldn’t hold the teapot.

As she wanted to say something, the butler came over and said.

“Mr. Clement is back.”

After that, Pierce came in from outside. When he saw Emelia bowing and serving the tea for Ava, he frowned slightly.

“Why are you here?”

Emelia lowered her head, narrowed her eyes, and made the decision.

It seemed that Ava would not help her. She had to aim at Pierce.

She turned to look at him and sobbed pitifully. Emelia forced a faint smile, as if she felt wrong.

“I... I’m here to pick up Luke,”

Emelia moved the tea cup closer to Ava and said carefully.

“Mrs. Clement, the tea will get cold. Will you try it now?”

Ava immediately knew what Emelia wanted to do.

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Ava didn’t like her acting, especially in front of Pierce.

At least, Sophia would not do this.

Ava was furious and swept the tea set. The tea splashed on Emelia.

Emelia screamed and tried to move away. She looked at Ava with a pale face and her eyes were filled with tears.

“Mrs. Clement, I know you don’t like me. Please don’t be angry. It’s not good for your health.”

Ava narrowed her eyes and stood up. She said in disdain.

“You don’t know how to make tea. Your patience can’t be compared with Sophia. How dare you ask me to try it?”

Pierce walked over with a cold face and pulled Emelia up.

“Does Sophia have to make tea for you like this?”

Standing beside them and bowing to them like a maid, she still had to be criticized by those noble ladies.

He knew about Ava and he knew that she would not treat Sophia well.

However, when he saw this, he felt uncomfortable.

He suddenly felt heartbroken.

He realized that he ignored many things in the past three years.

Ava snorted and looked at Emelia mockingly.

“People like her should do these things.”

Pierce’s face suddenly turned cold.

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Emelia held Pierce’s arm and comforted him.

“Pierce, don’t be angry because of me. I should do this. I don’t do well. I’ll learn it.”

Pierce took a deep breath and suppressed the anger in his heart.

“Take Luke and leave here.”

Emelia paused for a while, “I...”

Ava said indifferently.

“You can’t take Luke away. He’s tired after playing for so long. He’s sleeping.”

Emelia also didn't want to take Luke away from the Clement's mansion. She hurriedly said.

"Pierce, never mind. I'll come to pick him up later. A few days later, we'll hold the banquet to announce his identity. He'd better stay here and get familiar with the Clement family."

Only when Luke was recognized by the Clement family, Emelia would rest assured.

Ava saw through Emelia and curled her lips in disdain. Emelia knew what was good for her.

Pierce glanced at Emelia, pursed his lips, and said indifferently.

"As you like. I'll ask the driver to send you home."

Pierce went out and Emelia followed him. She stood beside him and complained in a low voice.

"I know that your mother doesn't like me. But Sophia's family

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background is worse than mine. She could stay by your side for three years. I won't be inferior to her."

Pierce put on a long face and looked at her coldly.

"You don't have to be compared with her. There's no comparison."

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Emelia raised her head and her face turned pale.

Although Pierce didn't speak it out, Emelia knew that he meant she couldn't be compared with Sophia.

She gritted her teeth and thought, "I won't lose to Sophia."

After the scandals online, the program got a lot of attention.

Emelia had to leave this program. The producer was so happy and wanted to celebrate it.

Luke's birthday banquet was grand.

Even the Cruise Group received the invitation, let alone other celebrities.

Brycen threw the invitation on the table and said angrily.

“He’s so shameless. He just wants to tell the world that he has an illegitimate child.

“Not long after Sophia divorced him, Pierce took his illegitimate child and his mistress back. Did he want to humiliate Sophia?”

They wanted to bully Sophia. How could Brycen endure it?

The living room was silent. No one dared to speak.

Sophia went in and heard Brycen’s voice. She felt something weird and chuckled.

“Dad, it’s so lively. It’s a pity if I can’t go. I’ll change my clothes and go

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Looking at her happy back, Brycen covered his chest with his hands. He looked at the butler.

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The Clement family invited many celebrities to this banquet. They also invited many media to report this.

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She smiled gently and attracted people's attention.

As she appeared, everyone's gaze was focused on her.

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"Of course not. I'm here to congratulate them."

People were obsessed with her charming smile. Soon, Sophia and Kylan entered the hall.

Inside the hall was luxurious. It seemed to be grander than Luke's birthday banquet.



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He also saw Kylan next to her.

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He was stunned because of her. But as he saw her, he was shocked.

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And their unborn child...

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He wondered, "Do you want to show me that you're good?"

Sophia smiled faintly and said sincerely.

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“Mr. Clement, I see someone I know. Sorry, I’ll go to greet them.”

Kylan held Sophia’s hand and walked past Pierce in another direction.

Pierce was somewhat regretful. Why did he give her a perfect wedding?

Sophia swept the hall and found the person she wanted to see. She smiled happily.

She let go of Kylan’s hand and said in a low voice.

“Kylan, I want to go to the restroom.”

Kylan nodded.

Sophia turned around and went in another direction. Then, she saw Ava being surrounded by people.

Ava dressed up decently and smiled. When she saw Sophia walking toward her, Ava’s smile froze.

Then, her eyes were filled with disgust and disdain.

It seemed that Ava didn’t want to see Sophia at all.

Sophia kept smiling and walked to the restroom.

When she walked out, she saw Ava standing in the corridor.

Ava put on a long face, rolled her eyes, and screamed.

“How can you come here today, Sophia? Do you still love Pierce and want to mess around my grandson’s banquet?”

“Let me tell you. Luke is a member of the Clement family and he’ll be the inheritor of the Clement family.”

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“You don’t even think about having any relationships with the Clement family. Just get out!”

Sophia smiled, stepped forward, and raised her eyebrows.

“Mrs. Clement, I don’t want to stir things up. I’m here to congratulate you that you’ll have an inheritor of the Clement family.”

Sophia looked around and asked casually.

“Where’s Mr. Luke’s mother, Ms. Wilson? I haven’t said congratulations to her today.”

Ava asked Emelia to stay in the breakroom. Ava thought Emelia didn’t need to show up today.

If it wasn’t that Pierce agreed that Emelia came here today, Ava would not allow her to appear.

Ava snorted, “Humph, you don’t have to pretend. If you know what’s good for you, just leave it here. Don’t you see the guests here today? Who do you think you are? You’re not worthy of being invited.”

Sophia raised her eyebrows with a teasing smile.

“Mrs. Clement, if you are unhappy to see me, I’m glad to be here.”

Then, Sophia ignored Ava’s gloomy expression and walked past her.

In the past three years, Sophia suffered a lot because of Ava. However, in order to keep her marriage, she endured it.

Now, she could resist without hesitation. She would not stand it anymore.

After she entered the hall, Sophia made a sign to a waiter. No one noticed them.

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Not long after, someone sent a file to Ava secretly...

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The banquet started.

Emelia finally showed up. She stood beside Pierce in the front row while holding Luke in her arms who was wearing a little suit. A smile settled on Emelia's face as hope and pride filled her eyes.

After

today, Luke would be the oldest grandson of the Clements, and she would become a member of this wealthy family. She had nothing to worry about.

So what if she just saw Sophia?

Sophia couldn't change anything!

Pierce's father, Kamden Clement, walked into the center with a big smile.

The guests in the banquet hall slowly quieted down.

"Dear guests, now I announce Luke Clement officially becomes a member of the Clement family. I'll give 3% of the Clement Group's shares to my oldest grandson as a gift!"

A round of applause burst from the crowd.

When everyone was cheering for this moment, a hysterical scream was heard.

Everyone was shocked and immediately clammed up.

Ava emerged into the banquet hall, Her chest heaved. She shot a fierce stare at Emelia and then wended her way to Kamden.

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She pulled Kamden to the side, hands trembling. While turning her back to the crowd, she gave a file to Kamden.

Kamden knitted his brows. After he glanced over the file, his eyes widened in shock, and his expression changed.

Kamden was livid. He turned around and darted a look at the kid in Emelia's arms. Then his eyes no longer looked kind. They blazed with anger and disappointment.

Emelia was still full of joy. She thought she could live a comfortable life with 3% of the shares.



But in the next second, she woke up to reality.

Kamden covered his chest, ashen-faced. He gripped the piece of paper and slowly fell to the ground.

Ava screamed anxiously, "Get the doctor..."

Everyone in the hall freaked out.

Pierce turned pale. He scurried over to catch Kamden from falling, and the bodyguards dashed over to help.

Soon, a group of people escorted Kamden to the break room to see the doctor.

Pierce stayed to soothe the guests.

The banquet resumed.

Pierce noticed his parents' mood changed. He pursed his lips, loosened his tie, and followed behind them.

Emelia was still in shock.

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Emelia had a bad feeling. She tightened her grip on Luke's arm.

When Emelia turned around, Pierce was gone, but she caught sight of Sophia standing not afar.

Sophia stared at Emelia meaningfully, arched one brow, and smiled while raising the glass in her hand. There was a spark of amusement in her beautiful eyes.

Instantly, Emelia's heart gave a lurch.

She was a little flustered.

Emelia glowered at Sophia and ran to the break room.

But the moment Emelia entered the room, someone shoved her, and she almost dropped Luke.

Before Emelia could stand still, someone slapped her in the face.

Everyone could hear the sound.

Luke was startled and started crying.

Emelia covered her face in shock and glanced around the break room.

There was no doctor.

Kamden sat on the couch, deadpan. He was smoldering with rage.

Pierce fixed his eyes on the paper in his hand. He furrowed his brows indifferently.

Emelia took a deep breath and put Luke down on the ground. She looked at Ava as tears welled up in her eyes.

“Mrs. Clement, what’s going on? Why are you so mad at me?”

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Ava was furious. She wished she could beat Emelia to death.

“You tell me! You said your bastard son was a Clement, but he didn’t. You tricked me. To acknowledge your bastard son, we invited so many social elites. You disgraced us!”

Ava shrieked. She tried her best not to lash out at Emelia in the banquet hall, but now, she couldn’t bear it.

Emelia blanched. Her eyes were filled with shock, and her voice was choked with tears.

“Bastard son? Luke is a Clement. How can you not believe me and Pierce?”

As Emelia pleaded, tears rolled down her cheeks.

Ava stared at Luke who looked like Pierce and felt annoyed.

Because they were like two peas in a pod, Ava never doubted that Luke wasn’t Pierce’s son.

Until now, after Ava saw the paternity test results, she realized this was just a scam!

Disgusted, Ava looked away. She stared at Emelia who pretended not to know the truth and flew into a rage.

“Bitch, admit it!”

Pierce wanted to tell Ava not to insult Emelia.

“Mom...”

Emelia burst into tears. She ran over and knelt before Kamden, looking quite pitiful.

## Chapter 34 His Child

“Sir, this child is Pierce’s son. I didn’t lie. Please trust me!”

Kamden’s expression changed.

He narrowed his eyes and said indifferently, “In that case, let’s do one more paternity test!”

Emelia was stunned. She suddenly looked up at Pierce.

Before Emelia could say something, Pierce crumpled the paper of the paternity test in his hand and tossed it aside.

“Don’t bother. The kid is not mine.”

Silent prevailed.

Emelia froze, her face colorless. “Pierce, what are you talking about?”

Ava stomped toward Emelia and pushed her.

“I know you’re a scheming bitch. You had another man’s child and wanted to let the Clement family raise him. You tried to make us a laughingstock!”

Emelia fell in a heap and trembled. She looked at Pierce beseechingly.

“Pierce, you...”

Emelia’s face contorted in pain and terror.

She thought with Pierce’s influence, she could press the doctor to tamper with the test results and conceal the truth!

But Pierce...

Pierce stared coldly at Emelia. His smothered voice frightened everyone.

## Chapter 34 His Child

“Someone deliberately sent over the paternity test to unveil the truth. I’m sorry, dad, mom. I lied to you.”

Kamden went postal. He swung his arm at Pierce.

Pierce didn’t dodge and let Kamden slap him.

Ava felt bad. She walked to her son while suppressing her anger.

“Did she tell you to do this? Why did you listen to her? Why do you want to raise another man’s child? Do you know what the company’s shares mean?”

Pierce took a long glance at Ava and then turned to Kamden. His eyes were sad.

“Dad, the child is not mine, but he’s a Clement.”

Kamden suddenly raised his head. His sharp gaze fell on Pierce.

“What are you talking about?”

Ava was stunned.

“Pierce, don’t talk nonsense.”

Pierce knew he couldn’t keep it a secret anymore. A paternity test might not be able to explain it away, but it would raise some suspicions.

It was a matter of time before the cat was out of the bag.

Pierce looked up at Kamden expressionlessly.

“Dad, do you forget your other son, Darion? Luke is his son.”

## Chapter 35 **The Scandal**

That was also why Pierce let Luke come back to the Clement family.

Kamden was dumbfounded and looked grave.

When Ava heard the name, she went mad and smacked Pierce.

“Why did you bring Darion’s kid back? That woman gave birth to Darion after your father was divorced. He was not a Clement!”

“Are you insane? We have nothing to do with Darion, even if he was dead. Why did you want to raise his child? You ungrateful bastard...”

Ava gnashed her teeth in anger. She couldn’t calm down nor resist lambasting her own son.

Back then, Kamden cheated on his ex–wife, Gina Clement, with Ava.

When Ava was pregnant for a month, Gina divorced Kamden.

After that, Gina went aboard. Three months later, she was seen on the street with a big belly by a friend of Kamden's. It turned out Gina was four months pregnant.

Gina got pregnant even earlier than Ava.

Kamden found out about this thing and was filled with remorse. He went abroad to fix his relationship with Gina, but Gina moved on.

It was too late for them to patch things up.

Kamden came back and married Ava. After Pierce was born, Kamden could get his life back on track.

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For Ava,

They were also the witnesses of Ava's shameful past.

Gina named his son, "Darion Clement", and Kamden named Ava's son, "Pierce Clement".

Their names showed that they were related.

Ava resented it for years.

But now, Pierce took Kamden's ex-wife's grandson back to find his roots. Ava was so angry that she almost lost her mind.

Before Ava's shouts drew the other people's attention, Pierce seized Ava's hand and stopped her. His eyes were as black as ink.

"Mom, enough. Do you want everyone to know about our scandals?"

Ava immediately fell silent. Her lips trembled, and she couldn't utter a word.

She didn't want the scandal to be exposed.

She didn't want everyone to know the Clement family's shameful history and how she became a homewrecker.

In terror, Ava looked at Kamden. A shadow of indescribable emotion passed Kamden's face.

Kamden slowly raised his head and stared solemnly at Pierce.

"Is he...dead?"

Pierce's face darkened. His lips pressed into a straight line. His fists clenched. He endured the grief and nodded.

Pierce met Darion when he went aboard to study.

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The Clements were always strict with their offspring. They weren't allowed to feel things.

Darion was cheerful and easygoing, plus Pierce and Darion looked alike, so they hit it off the first time they met.

Later, they became close friends.

When Darion invited Pierce to his house, Pierce saw Gina's photo. Kamden had the same one placed in his home office.

Suddenly, Pierce knew who Darion was.

Pierce felt guilty and had mixed feelings.

How could he ignore the fact that the Darion's only son was still alive?

Kamden rubbed his forehead and heaved a long sigh, trying to conceal his feelings.

He stood up and glanced at the timid Luke beside Emelia.

"The guests are still waiting outside. Let's go!"

What Kamden said had got Emelia's hopes up.

Ava suddenly became sulky.

She raised her head and said, "Hold your horses. This woman is a slut. It can be any man's child. End this banquet. We can't let him take the shares!"

Kamden's face darkened. He indifferently cast a look at her.

Just one look gave Aya the heebie-jeebies.

Everyone remained silent for a few seconds.

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## Chapter 35 The Scandal

Kamden walked over and patted Ava's hand.

He said meaningfully and coldly, "Let's go. You're the hostess of the banquet. How can you not attend it?"

Then Kamden glanced at Emelia, who sat on the ground expectantly. His voice was lack of any warmth.

"Let the doctor take some tests, and we'll know if he's a Clement."

Before Emelia could relax her mind, she was caught off guard again.

Kamden was still suspecting it.

Ava glared at Emelia before she left. She was eager to teach Emelia a lesson.

No one could plot against her.

After Kamden and Ava left, Emelia broke out in tears. She peered at Pierce, aggrieved, and snuffled.

"Pierce, your mother won't let me and Luke off. What should I do?"

Pierce's gaze fell on Emelia's face for a brief moment.

"Don't worry. My dad will protect you."

If Luke was Darion's son, Kamden would certainly take him in.

Emelia hung her head. Her shoulders trembled slightly.

She covered her face and sobbed, "This is so sudden. Did someone do it on purpose?"

"Sophia? It must be Sophia! I saw her smile evilly. She must've planned this out. It must be her!"

## Chapter 35 The Scandal

Sophia must want to ruin Emelia's life when Emelia could have everything.

When Luke's father was changed from Pierce to Darion, the consequences would be different.

Pierce frowned. His eyes turned cold.

“Don’t make false accusations without any proof.”

He turned around and directly walked out of the room.

“Pierce...”

Emelia bit her lower lip, took a deep breath, and stood up.

It was a close call.

She didn’t lose the chance to live a rich life.

Emelia and Luke left the room.

In the banquet hall, Emelia found everyone whispering to each other.

Kamden had a serious look on his face. He looked down at the phone that the waiter passed over, and his face was dark like thunder.

Before Emelia could ask what happened, Kamden chucked the phone back and strode out of the room.

No one dared to make any noise.

Emelia quickly

quickly walked over and took up the phone. When she saw the photos and headline, she was struck dumb, and her face turned pale.

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“Wingley Arts clarified that Ms. Wilson was not a professional dancer but a janitor who worked and got fired because she was having

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him with the child in her belly.’

Wingley Arts responded to the incident that happened previously.



They even explained the reason why she got fired!

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“Because she was having an affair with a dancer and threatened him with the child in her belly.”

Emelia’s heart skipped a beat. She started panicking.

She felt like she was standing on a rope above the ground. One mistake, and she would fall off.

Waves of chills were sent down her spine and spread across her body.

The whispers rang in her ears.

“I almost believed she was a Wingley Arts dancer! I wondered why I never watched her performance. It turns out she’s a janitor!”

“What a shameless homewrecker! She even hooked up with the Clements’ son!”

“Is the boy

n Pierce’s son? Will the Clement family take him in?”

“Of course, he’s not. Didn’t you hear she got fired after she was pregnant?”

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## Chapter 36 Emotional Rollercoaster

Ava couldn’t help but swing an arm at Emelia.

She slapped Emelia with all her might.

Everyone was dumbfounded.

“Shameless bitch! You seduced other men and got fired. How dare you say that bastard son of yours is a Clement?”

“I’m telling you. We’ll never take him in!”

After Ava finished her sentence, she stuck her chest out and sashayed away.

She never wanted to acknowledge Luke. Now that she read the articles online, she was even more determined.

Kamden's leaving indicated that he wouldn't go soft on her again.

Emelia trembled while reading the news online. Everyone present threw a judgmental glance at her.

Emelia's face was devoid of any color. Her eyes were anxiously searching for Pierce in the crowd.

When Pierce knew this, he fixed his cold and sharp eyes on Emelia.

"That's not his child, right?"

His tone was harsh and deliberately subdued. His eyes flashed with anger.

Emelia was the Wingley Arts dancer's side piece for three years. She

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got pregnant before meeting Darion.

Pierce kept a poker face and looked away.

Emelia shook her head with tears streaming down her cheeks. He looked pitiful and nervous.

"No. The kid has Clement's family's bloodline. Someone bribed Wingley Arts and set me up. I was wronged. I wasn't a homewrecker!"

Emelia looked around and saw a person who was watching from the sidelines. She instantly became serious.

Her blood was seething with anger. Her head was screaming.

Emelia clutched the phone tightly. From the false alarm to the leaked scandal, she was on the nuttiest emotional rollercoaster today!

She didn't believe this was just a coincidence.

Someone must be adding fuel to the fire.

And this person was most likely to be Sophia!

Emelia glared at Sophia, who seemed to be amused to watch her lose everything.

Then she grabbed the glass by her hand and charged at Sophia.

The crowd quickly broke up while Sophia stood in the same spot with a smile.

Emelia knew Sophia was trying to “?

“Sophia, you set me up. Go to hell!”

provoke her.

Emelia raised the glass and threw *it*.

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But, before the glass parted her hand, Kylan, who was standing beside her, kicked her on her calf.

Emelia went down on her knees, face pale, and let out a bitter groan.

The other people saw it and all took a step back.

No one went to help Emelia up.

Emelia was once the Clement family’s oldest grandson’s mother whom everyone envied and was now reduced to the homewrecker that everyone hated.

This transformation happened in less than half an hour.

Sophia slowly walked to Emelia. Her lips curled into a faint smile.

She crouched down and mocked, “Ms. Wilson, your scandal was brought to light. Why are you mad at me?”

“Do you regret that you can’t become Mrs. Clement?”

Sophia showed no compassion to Emelia.

Emelia glared at Sophia, her eyes full of hatred and fear.

“You bribed Wingley Arts. It was you!”

Sophia stood up with the corner of her lip lifted. Her eyes were full of unconcealed contempt.

“Do you think the famous dance group would take my bribe? It’s you who wanted to ride on their coattails, and they thought you were disgusting!”

She didn’t lower her voice on purpose. Instead, she wanted everyone to hear what she said,

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Composed, Sophia took a step back. Emelia fell to the ground again, looking like a clown.

While being watched by everyone, Pierce walked up to Emelia and yanked her up.

He rudely tossed her to the security guards at the side.

“Take her away.”

There was no trace of patience in his voice.

When Pierce noticed Sophia’s careless expression, his heart lurched.

He didn’t know where to vent his anger. The veins on his forehead twitched.

He didn’t expect Emelia to have such a promiscuous lifestyle.

For her, he got a divorce and lost his child. But if Luke wasn’t Darion’s son, he would become everyone’s butt of joke.

Waves of remorse washed over him!

The guests were sensible and started exiting the room.

Sophia held Kylan’s arm, turned around, and walked away.

At the door, Kylan, who was in a good mood, chatted with the guests and bid goodbye to them.

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“You did the paternity test, didn’t you?”

Sophia raised an eyebrow, neither admitting, nor denying it.

“Do you have any proof, Mr. Clement?”

Knowing that Sophia didn’t deny it, Pierce simmered down.

He said lightly, “You hate me, but you still have feelings for me.”

Pierce thought for a moment and decided to explain some things away.

“Luke isn’t my son. I had an agreement with a man and said I would take care of Emelia and her son. I had to keep this a secret. Now that you know the truth, do you feel better now?”

Pierce suddenly felt relieved.

Once the truth came to light, the misunderstandings would be cleared.

He was in a relationship with Emelia. Luke wasn’t his son. He figured Sophia would stop being mad at him.

Sophia cast an indifferent and distant look at him and curled her lip into a sneer.

“Mr. Clement, I’m not interested in your secret, but I’m impressed that you’re such a magnanimous man who will take care of another man’s wife and kid.

“But if you truly love her, you won’t care who is her kid’s father.

“Ms. Wilson has ruined so many families to come back to you. You’re so compatible. You should stay with each other forever.”

Sophia gave a cold, genuine, and perfunctory smile.

Her tone was sarcastic.

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Sophia planned to leave.

Pierce seized her wrist and scrutinized her face.

“I have nothing to do with her. The truth has come to light. Are you not going to come back to me?”

Sophia shook away his hand and met his eyes.

“It’s none of my business. We’re divorced. I don’t care about your mistress and her kid. If you want to play the good Samaritan, suit yourself.”

Her voice was filled with impatience and annoyance.

Come back to him?

She didn’t lose her mind.

Pierce completely ruined her good mood now.

Pierce’s eyes turned sad. He remained silent and watched Sophia sit in the car and drive away.

Pierce felt pain in his chest. He suddenly realized that she was still blaming him.

It might take some time for her to digest the truth, after all, it caught her off guard!

Kasen, his assistant, sidled up to Pierce.

She said gingerly, “Mr Clement, they all left. Do you want to block the news?”

It was full of expected twists and turns at the banquet.

Pierce lowered his eyes.

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“No. Truth will always prevail!”

Kasen paused.

“The president took Luke to the hospital. They probably went to do a paternity test.”

## Chapter 37 Test Results

Although

Darion passed away, it couldn't change the fact that Kamden and Luke were related, and the paternity test would prove it.

Pierce nodded. He assumed an air of indifference.

If the test results showed that Luke wasn't Darion's son, Pierce would stop looking after Emelia.

On the way back, Sophia took out her phone.

She browsed Emelia's gossip online with great interest.

Sophia thought Emelia would spend the rest of her life with Pierce, but it turned out Emelia cheated on him with a lot of guys!

Kylan drove Sophia to the company. Sophia went upstairs and saw Aylen point at the meeting room.

“Mr. Woodward has been waiting for you for a while.”

Sophia halted. She had an indescribable feeling toward this mysterious Mr. Woodward.

Although Sophia took her revenge today, the real mastermind was Derick.

She grew more and more curious about what Derick was up to.

Sophia turned around and entered the meeting room.

Derick's eyes were indifferent. Cladded in a well-tailored suit, his upper body was jagged. His legs were long and straight. His handsome appearance would easily have people's guard down.

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He was holding a magazine in his hands and flipping it through slowly and gracefully.

When Derick saw Sophia walk in, he put away the magazine and smiled at her.

“Ms. Cruise, are you having fun today?”

Sophia suddenly thought about something and cut to the chase.

“Did you make the Wingley Arts announcement?”

Sophia just delivered the paternity test report.

She didn’t pay too much attention to Emelia’s private life.

But now, it seemed that the paternity test report was just a little tease for the Clement family.

The Wingley Arts announcement was the direct reason that Emelia fell into disrepute.

Derick’s eyes sparkled when he smiled, but his face remained unreadable.

“I asked a friend of mine in Wingley Arts to disclose the truth. Anything that can help Ms. Cruise is valuable.”

Sophia tilted her head and smiled back at him.

“Mr. Woodward, why did you help me?”

“I fell in love with you at first sight...”

The other women might’ve fallen for what he said.

But Sophia was unmoved. She let out a chuckle and raised an eyebrow.

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“Mr. Woodward, in the business world, what people care about is benefits. You help me, and I help you. It’s a fair trade.

“If you have to go the extra mile, I’ll take it for granted.”

Sophia stood up, smiling. She turned around and prepared to leave.

“Ms. Cruise, ahem, ahem...”

Derick stopped Sophia with a helpless voice.

“Can you tell Mr. Cruise to give 2% to me in our joint project?”

Sophia couldn't help but giggle. She liked it when people focused mainly on money.

Sophia turned around, arching an eyebrow. “I'll try.”

Derick rose to his feet and straightened his suit.

“But, I meant what I said earlier.”

Sophia carelessly curled her lip into a smile. She obviously didn't believe it.

Derick chuckled bitterly with a shadow of disappointment across his chiseled face.

Derick approached Sophia and looked down at her. There was a sea of stars in his beautiful eyes.

“Ms. Cruise, Pierce won't give up fixing his relationship with you. Will you go soft?”

Sophia was stunned. She slowly lifted her eyes.

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“Good.”

Derick smiled, “Treat me to dinner tomorrow to thank me?”

Derick was forthright, but he kept his distance and wouldn't make people feel uncomfortable.

Sophia nodded with a smile.

“Of course. I'll let you pick the restaurant.”

After all, he helped her.

Derick shook the keys in his hand and said, "I'll pick you up tomorrow. See you soon."

"See you."

After Derick left, Sophia went back to her office.

Her phone suddenly rang. It was an unknown number.

Sophia knitted her brows. Pierce's deep and resolute voice was heard.

"Sophia, let's talk. Join me for dinner tomorrow?"

Sophia remained calm and decisive.

"I'm busy."

Sophia hung up and blocked this number.

Sophia was so sick of him.

Soon, there was a knock on the door.

Aylen walked in.

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"Ms. Cruise, the Brightmarble Project's meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night. Is it OK?"

Sophia was a little frustrated because of the conflicting schedules.

Why did everyone want to have dinner with her tomorrow night?

She promised Derick, so she couldn't go back on her words.

"Cancel it. I have other plans tomorrow night."

Aylen nodded. "Sure. I'll talk to them and change the date."

Sophia nodded. She called Kylan and relayed Derick's message.

Kylan went silent for a few seconds.

He said calmly, "I see. Let him speak to me."

Sophia didn't know whether Kylan agreed to Derick's proposal.

But she relayed his message. Sophia smiled and hung up.

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Kamden was discreet.

To avoid any more mistakes, he waited in the hospital for almost five hours for the paternity test results.

When Kamden found out Darion passed away, he was saddened.

However, they weren't close, and he was more pissed off by Emelia's scandals.

Kamden got the test results.

He skimmed through the report and tossed it to Ava. Then he left the

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Chapter 37 Test Results.

hospital in a huff.

Ava carefully read the report. When she found out that they weren't related, she heaved a sigh of relief.

The Clements' assets still belonged to her and her son.

No one else could take them away!

Ava immediately called Pierce and warned him.

"You lied to me and took care of Darion's son. I'm telling you. If you help them again, I'll disown you!"

Ava took a deep breath. She had been high-strung all day, and now, she couldn't finally relax her mind.

Ava called the servant in the house.

“Pack the kid’s stuff and throw them away. I don’t want to see them in my house.”

Ava no longer loved Luke. She even hated the sight of him.

“Ma’am, what about Mr. Luke?”

Ava scoffed.

“Mr. Luke? He’s just a bastard. Give him to Emelia and tell them to go back where they’re from!”

Ava grabbed her bag and strutted out of the hospital.

Pierce rubbed the place between his eyebrows. His eyes looked tired.

He was surprised by the test results.

Luke wasn’t Darion’s son!

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## Chapter **38** Chad’s **Advice**

The next evening.

Derick went to pick Sophia up early.

Sophia came downstairs in a simple suit. She looked brisk and yet attractive. With her elaborate make-up, she became even more enthralled. No one could look away from her clear, luminous eyes.

The restaurant they were headed to would only entertain specific customers. It was situated in a remote but excellent situation.

It was an excellent place for a date.

When Derick handed Sophia the roses he had prepared in advance, the latter gave a smile and took them.

She said, “Mr. Woodward, you don’t need to...”

“Thank you for dinner, Ms. Cruise. It would be my pleasure to send you roses.”

Sophia didn’t know what to answer.

Fortunately, Derick was talkative. She didn't need to worry about being awkward during the meal.

As he and Sophia chatted, the atmosphere gradually relaxed between them.

However, for someone else, the scene was unpleasant to see.

Sitting by the window on the second floor, Pierce fixed his eyes on

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Chapter 38 Chad's Advice

Sophia and Derick, his face extremely gloomy.

A mass of flowers surrounded the table where Sophia and Derek sat. They appeared to be sitting on a swing with wooden vines on it wrapped in greenery and flowers.

As the light was dim, others could only see their faint outlines. A vague romantic air emanated from around them.

Sophia and Derick sat opposite each other. The light reflected and glistened in their eyes.

The two were steeped in a sweet atmosphere.

Chad, who sat opposite Pierce, couldn't help letting out a sigh of admiration.

"How beautiful Sophia is! She and that man seem like a real match."

Chad could be considered a fan of Sophia and thought that she was great in many ways

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Pierce, who sat opposite him, shot daggers at him.

Then, Pierce gave a snort through his gritted teeth.

"She dates a man who looks like me. Isn't it because she still loves me?"

Pierce was sure that Sophia was still in love with him. Otherwise, she wouldn't date such a substitute.

She clearly couldn't forget him and move on.

Chad frowned and stuck his head out to get a closer look at Derick.

"Do you look alike? That man seems much gentler than you!"

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As soon as he finished his words, Pierce looked sullen.

"Do you think so?"

Chad noticed Pierce's anger.

He corrected himself, "That man is nothing like you. Pierce, you and Sophia have divorced, haven't you? Why do you care about who she dates?"

Pierce replied with a serious face, "She is mine. I of course need to care about that."

Chad found his words strange.

With his brows knotted, he asked, "I saw the scandal... Well, I saw something on the Internet about you and Emelia. I thought you were with her now. Looks like I was wrong. Do you regret divorcing Sophia?"

Pierce fell silent.

Was he regretful?

He was probably a little regretful. However, guilt over her and their unborn baby overwhelmed his remorse.

What he wanted to do the most was to make it up to her.

Chad, in his excitement, began to give him advice on how to be together with Sophia again.

"Pierce, why don't you go after her? You should be gentle and say more sweet things to her. No woman can resist."

With his brows knitted, Pierce sank in thought.

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Chapter 38 Chad's Advice

Should he be gentle?

Should he sweet-talk her?

Wasn't that what a man to play around would do?

He didn't think what Chad had said was a good idea.

Chad cast a glance at Pierce, whose face grew gloomier and gloomier as he glared downstairs at Sophia and Derick.

It looked like Pierce had tried his best to stifle his anger.

Chad wondered if he had underestimated Pierce's affection for Sophia.

He cleared his throat.

Then, he tried to soothe Pierce. "Calm down. Sophia is just on a date. Besides, you have divorced her, haven't you? Don't get angry so easily..."

Before he could finish speaking, Pierce stood up, his face darkening.

He said coldly, "You know nothing about our relationship. Can't you see how much the guy she's dating looks like me? I'm sure she still loves me. Don't say that again!"

With that, Pierce turned around and went downstairs in a domineering manner.

When Sophia mentioned Eagle Entertainment's projects, Derick seemed interested.

The surrounding lights were orange and shiny, bringing out the beautiful sight of Sophia and Derek sitting together.

Pierce, leaning against the wall nearby, squinted for a few seconds.



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Chapter 39 Pierce's Warning

Chapter **39** Pierce's Warning

Pierce cast a glance at Derick and Sophia. Derick wore a serious face, and no one could tell his inner thoughts.

Unlike Derick, Sophia was obviously shocked by Pierce's sudden

appearance. However, she soon put on a grim face and looked away from Pierce.

Pierce's heart sank at her reaction. He took a deep breath, bent his fingers slightly, and drew out the chair by their table.

He asked politely, "Do you mind if I sit with you?"

Derick and Sophia replied at the same time, "Can you sit somewhere else?"

There was a deadly silence for an instant.

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### Chapter 38 Chad's **Advice**

The next evening.

Derick went to pick Sophia up early.

Sophia came downstairs in a simple suit. She looked brisk and yet attractive. With her elaborate make-up, she became even more enthralled. No one could look away from her clear, luminous eyes.

The restaurant they were headed to would only entertain specific customers. It was situated in a remote but excellent situation.

It was an excellent place for a date.

When Derick handed Sophia the roses he had prepared in advance, the latter gave a smile and took them.

She said, "Mr. Woodward, you don't need to..."

"Thank you for dinner, Ms. Cruise. It would be my pleasure to send you roses."

Sophia didn't know what to answer.

Fortunately, Derick was talkative. She didn't need to worry about being awkward during the meal.

As he and Sophia chatted, the atmosphere gradually relaxed between them.

However, for someone else, the scene was unpleasant to see.

Sitting by the window on the second floor, Pierce fixed his eyes on

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Chapter 38 Chad's Advice

Sophia and Derick, his face extremely gloomy.

A mass of flowers surrounded the table where Sophia and Derek sat. They appeared to be sitting on a swing with wooden vines on it wrapped in greenery and flowers.

As the light was dim, others could only see their faint outlines. A vague romantic air emanated from around them.

Sophia and Derick sat opposite each other. The light reflected and glistened in their eyes.

The two were steeped in a sweet atmosphere.

Chad, who sat opposite Pierce, couldn't help letting out a sigh of admiration.

"How beautiful Sophia is! She and that man seem like a real match."

Chad could be considered a fan of Sophia and thought that she was great in many ways

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Pierce, who sat opposite him, shot daggers at him.

Then, Pierce gave a snort through his gritted teeth.

"She dates a man who looks like me. Isn't it because she still loves

me?”

Pierce was sure that Sophia was still in love with him. Otherwise, she wouldn't date such a substitute.

She clearly couldn't forget him and move on.

Chad frowned and stuck his head out to get a closer look at Derick.

“Do you look alike? That man seems much gentler than you!”

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Chapter 38 Chad's Advice

As soon as he finished his words, Pierce looked sullen.

“Do you think so?”

Chad noticed Pierce's anger.

He corrected himself, “That man is nothing like you. Pierce, you and Sophia have divorced, haven't you? Why do you care about who she dates?”

Pierce replied with a serious face, “She is mine. I of course need to care about that.”

Chad found his words strange.

With his brows knotted, he asked, “I saw the scandal... Well, I saw something on the Internet about you and Emelia. I thought you were with her now. Looks like I was wrong. Do you regret divorcing Sophia?”

Pierce fell silent.

Was he regretful?



He was probably a little regretful. However, guilt over her and their unborn baby overwhelmed his remorse.

What he wanted to do the most was to make it up to her.

Chad, in his excitement, began to give him advice on how to be together with Sophia again.

“Pierce, why don’t you go after her? You should be gentle and say more sweet things to her. No woman can resist.”

With his brows knitted, Pierce sank in thought.

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Chapter 38 Chad’s Advice

Should he be gentle?

Should he sweet-talk her?

Wasn’t that what a man to play around would do?

He didn’t think what Chad had said was a good idea.

Chad cast a glance at Pierce, whose face grew gloomier and gloomier as he glared downstairs at Sophia and Derick.

It looked like Pierce had tried his best to stifle his anger.

Chad wondered if he had underestimated Pierce’s affection for Sophia.

He cleared his throat.

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Before he could finish speaking, Pierce stood up, his face darkening.

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With that, Pierce turned around and went downstairs in a domineering manner.

When Sophia mentioned Eagle Entertainment's projects, Derick seemed interested.

The surrounding lights were orange and shiny, bringing out the beautiful sight of Sophia and Derek sitting together.

Pierce, leaning against the wall nearby, squinted for a few seconds.

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Pierce cast a glance at Derick and Sophia. Derick wore a serious face, and no one could tell his inner thoughts.

Unlike Derick, Sophia was obviously shocked by Pierce's sudden

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She found his words incredible.

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She didn't even want to see Pierce.



She had to admit that when they first met, she thought Derick was similar to Pierce.

She found, however, after she became acquainted with Derick, that he was a very different man from Pierce. Moreover, she would never see anyone as a substitute for another person.

She was not a pervert.

Sophia looked out of the window and uttered a little snort of laughter. She rolled her eyes at Pierce secretly.

Pierce, however, took her silence as acquiescence. If Sophia had known it, she would certainly have regretted not denying his words at

once.

Pierce believed that what he said was right.

He couldn't help curling his lips up and being in a better mood.

He loosened his collar.

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Then, he spoke in a relaxed voice, "Let bygones be bygones. If you agree, we can be together as before. You don't need to go to those substitutes anymore."

At that, Sophia lifted her head and landed her gaze on Pierce's face.

She could no longer control herself. She leaned forward and suddenly moved closer to Pierce, wondering how he could be this shameless.

The distance between them narrowed.

With Sophia closer to him, Pierce could see her rosy lips more clearly. It was as if she were seducing him.

Pierce mistakenly thought that he had convinced Sophia to be together with him again.

The thought of how soft her waist was made him a little itchy. He could still feel the warmth of her waist against his fingertips.

He narrowed his eyes and felt his heart beat faster.

However, what happened the next second shocked him.

Sophia caught him suddenly by the face and looked into his eyes indifferently. She curled her lips up a little.

“Mr. Clement, you’d better go back and look at yourself carefully in the mirror. Derick doesn’t look like you.”

She shook her fingers in disgust and then resumed her position.

Sophia ignored Pierce’s gloomy face.

She added, “I don’t understand why you think I’ll be with you again as long as you want me to do so. I’m not Ms. Wilson. I have my dignity.”

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Sophia’s voice was soft, but her words were heartless.

Did he want to let bygones be bygones? No way!

She would never forget how Pierce and Emelia had hurt and insulted her.

Pierce’s face darkened suddenly, and his thin lips pursed into a straight line. He felt uncontrollably heart-wrenching.

He didn’t understand why.

Sophia tapped on the window and spoke in a flat voice.

“Stop the car. My car is behind.”

Once in Pierce’s car, she texted her driver.

The latter had already followed.

Without Pierce’s orders, his driver dared not reply to Sophia and could only pretend that he had not heard her.

With a look of indifference on her face, Sophia cast a glance at Pierce.

Then, she said coldly, “Stop the car now, or I’ll jump out.”

She sounded calm, as if she had just said what she wanted for dinner.

Clearly, she was serious.

Only then did Pierce realize that she was extremely alert and aloof when she was with him.

It was unlike when she was with Derick or other men.

He felt somewhat upset.

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There was a dead silence in the car for a moment.

“Stop the car,” Pierce said in a hoarse voice.

At that, the driver pulled to the side of the road and stopped.

When Pierce was about to say something, Sophia opened the car door and jumped off with one foot.

He frowned and immediately got out of the car. Didn't she know that she had hurt her foot?

Sophia's driver came over as well. He greeted Pierce with a nod and went to help Sophia with his arm.

Pierce's face clouded as he went forward to grab her by the arm.

“Let me help you upstairs.”

Without waiting for Sophia's response, Pierce was about to carry her in his embrace. Just then, his driver got out of the car and rushed over with a phone that had just gotten through.

The driver said hurriedly, “Mr. Clement, someone beside Ms. Wilson called and said she was going to jump off the building...”

As soon as he finished speaking, it became deadly silent around.

Sophia shook Pierce's hand violently away and sneered indifferently.

“Hurry up and go back. Your beloved woman is going to jump off the building.”

Pierce narrowed his eyes.

He replied seriously, "Listen, she has nothing to do with me. I have no affection for her at all."

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Pierce didn't want to hear Sophia say that Emelia was his beloved woman again.

He really regretted that he had allowed Sophia to misunderstand his relations with Emelia at that time. That was the reason why things had come to such a pass.

He wouldn't make the same mistake again.

Sophia uttered a chuckle.

"You exchanged your marriage and child for her. Of course, she is your beloved woman."

What she had said sounded so cold.

As Pierce stood dumbfounded, Sophia turned and walked away.

She left so soon despite a sprained ankle.

She completely ignored the man behind her and went straight to her car.

It was only after she got into the car that she began to feel the pain in her foot.

Sophia could no longer assume a calm expression. She gave a snort.

What did Pierce mean to do? Did he think she would come back to him and work for the Clement Group just because of what he had said? Did he want to use her in this way to remove the negative impact of his scandal on the company?

How cunning he was! If she got hooked, everyone would turn to scold her for helping him for money.

She took a deep breath and couldn't help feeling chilly all over.

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Chapter 40 Pieces Regretful

Was Emelia going to jump off the building?

All of a sudden, Sophia wanted to know if Emelia would indeed do that.

Thinking of this, she asked the driver to change direction.

It was getting dark.

Pierce didn't withdraw his gaze until Sophia's car was out of sight. It seemed to him, as he thought of her last words, that he was being stabbed, cruelly and easily, with a sharp weapon, where he least expected to be hurt.

He even found it hard to breathe, as if he were pressed under a great stone.

However, there was nothing he could do to change the situation.

She didn't forgive him.

The driver looked gingerly at Pierce and spoke in a rather hurried tone.

"Mr. Clement, Ms. Wilson is going to jump off the building..."

As Pierce had cared so much for Emelia in the past, the driver and others who served him mistook her for the woman he loved.

Pierce's reaction came as a surprise to the driver.

He looked darkly at the noisy driver, his voice cold and serious.

"Does she call you to inform me before she jumps off the building?"

The warning in Pierce's voice made the driver tremble unconsciously.

He dared not answer.

Chapter 40 Pierce Is Regretful

He felt somewhat terrified.

Pierce got into the car again. He spoke in a deep voice, with a condescending coldness.

"Go abroad or jump off the building. Tell her to make a selection. I won't help her anymore."

Pierce had been kind enough to Emelia.

However, she fooled him and ruined his life. He had already paid a heavy price.

At the sound, the driver answered immediately and got into the car. He didn't dare to waste any time.

After driving Pierce to the company, he texted a message to Emelia with trembling hands.

"Ms. Wilson, Mr. Clement knew that you were going to jump off the building, but he went back to the company..."

Emelia replied soon: "I see. Thank you."

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Pierce felt extremely agitated.

He considered what he should do to handle Emelia, who caused him trouble.

It was then that he got a message from Emelia, which was a photograph.

She indeed jumped off the building...

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