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"Okay, that's good." Louis breathed a sigh of relief. He knew that Tessa wasn't lying when he saw her improved complexion. "When we encounter hardship, it will quickly pass, and only good fortune comes after." He nodded at Tessa.

Tessa agreed with this sentiment. "We have a proverb that goes along the lines of great misfortune may be followed by great fortune." After chatting for a while, he asked about her children. "Why didn't you bring the kids with you?"

"I took them to the orchestra this morning, and they got tired of playing, so I asked my husband to take them back. If you want to see them, I'll bring them over another day." She smiled.

He nodded and questioned, 'Are you staying. this time, or ..."

"I'm just back to visit this time. I'll be going back in a few days, Tessa told him honestly. Louis was a little reluctant. "When will you come back to live in Vienna?"

"I haven't decided yet, but I think it won't be too long before that day." She felt that her body had. recovered well and she could return after resting for a while.

He nodded, and the two talked about what had happened in the music industry during this time.

That night, Tessa accompanied him to dinner before returning home. On the way back, Nicholas looked at Tessa's smiling face and asked gently, "Are you happy?"

"I'm very happy. Everyone cares about me, especially the other members of the orchestra. They didn't become estranged from me because I suddenly left." She expressed her feelings at the moment and suddenly smiled sweetly at Nicholas. "I feel super happy right now. I have a warm little home, Mr. Louis, and my seniors."

"You will continue to be happy like this in the future." Nicholas looked at her indulgently, and she nodded. Meanwhile, in Southend. Jason brought the latest news about Tessa to Susan, who was in her room. 'Miss, I just got the news that Tessa has returned to Vienna."

"What? She went back to Vienna?" Susan exclaimed, feeling her blood boiling. She had been waiting for Tessa to return so she could take action, but this damn woman had been delaying her return.

Jason hesitated to reveal the next piece of news as he watched the enraged woman. However, Susan noticed his hesitation. She narrowed her eyes and asked, "Is there something else?"

"The news about Tessa performing at the Janqash royal celebration is now being reported online. The response is very positive. He didn't dare to tell her how much people were praising Tessa online.

In fact, the netizens and Tessa's fans were stunned by and proud of Tessa's appearance at the Janqash royal celebration since they had no prior knowledge of her participation in the event.

"It's amazing! She's truly a muse." "The Queen has returned; it's so exciting!" On the internet, various media outlets enthusiastically reported on Tessa's outstanding performance as usual.

Moreover, the reports mentioned that she had impressed Princess Freya and Prince Abott, which made her fans even more excited and proud. They flooded Tessa's Twitter with compliments and encouragement.

My muse, you are amazing! I'm so proud of you.' 'You are silently achieving great things. You shouldn't have hidden it from us, muse.' 'The Queen has returned! You deserve this title!'

This catchphrase became so popular that it even made it to the trending topics and the news was also reported in Vienna with good reviews.

Susan was so angry when she saw the situation. She had been waiting in Xerthania to take revenge on Tessa, but Tessa went abroad and received fame and fortune instead.

Susan gritted her teeth and became even more eager to take revenge on Tessa when she thought of this, but Tessa was utterly unaware of all this.

After three days in Vienna, she followed Nicholas back to the country. When Stefania received the news of their return, she hurriedly went to look for them.

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"Finally, you guys are back. I was about to call and remind you if you didn't come back soon."

She had been missing the children. She didn't care whether Tessa and Nicholas agreed to it or not, but she was going to watch the children for a few days. "The children will stay with me at the mansion for a while. Once I'm satisfied, I'll send them back."

Nicholas nodded in agreement and said, "Sure, I'll have the servants pack their things, and you can take them with you." Tessa had no objections.

As her days were filled with rehearsals, taking care of the children, and rehabilitation exercises, she was already exhausted. Moreover, Gordon was practically glued to her. If Stefania could help out, it would mean that Tessa would be able to catch her breath.

That evening, Stefania picked up the children. while Gordon was asleep because she worried that Gordon might not want to leave Tessa. Soon after she left, Kieran and Timothy arrived for dinner.

During the meal, they chatted and laughed. Kieran even brought up the news of Tessa's recent performance. "My sister-in-law's fame is now higher than those celebrities."

"Can they even compare to my sister?" Timothy thought those celebrities weren't worthy enough to be compared to his sister. Kieran was speechless. "I mean, do you need to argue about this?"

"Tim is right. Those celebrities can't hold a candle to your sister." Nicholas agreed with Timothy's opinion. Kieran was completely speechless.

"Okay, arguing about this with you guys when you are obsessed with your sister and wife is pointless. I'd rather drink," he said and raised his beer to drink.

Nicholas ignored him and turned to a more serious topic. "I found out that the Quinn Family used their connections to get Harper released. The matter was pushed aside and blamed on an irrelevant subordinate. Although they haven't caused any trouble recently, you should still be cautious."

"I've been keeping an eye out and have also hired some bodyguards, Timothy replied as he explained his arrangements. Nicholas offered his assistance. "If you need anything, you can come to me."

Timothy nodded and then changed the topic. "My study abroad program has been confirmed. I'm going abroad next month," he said. Tessa was taken aback by the news. "You're leaving next month?"

Isn't it almost time for Christmas? That's so fast," she said. "I want to leave early and return early, Timothy replied, knowing his sister would be reluctant to see him go. Actually, he would miss her as well.

She nodded in understanding and said, "That's a good idea. The earlier you go, the more time you'll have to learn." Regardless, she couldn't hold her brother back. But...

She turned to Sabrina with concern and asked, "What do you think?" Her brother and Sabrina had only just gotten together, but they would soon be separated. They had to be reluctant to be apart from one another.

Sabrina understood what Tessa was implying. "I will stay here and help to manage the company while waiting for Tim to come back," she said and smiled sweetly at Timothy.

He smiled and took the girl's hand to hold it tightly. Tessa looked at the sweet couple and smiled with satisfaction. After finishing their meal, they sat in the living room chatting.

Tessa and Sabrina talked about the children while the men talked about work. Under the yellow light, the atmosphere in the living room was pleasant and heart-warming.

Later that evening, when it was getting late, Kieran and Timothy said their goodbyes. Looking at Timothy and Sabrina holding hands, Kieran felt slightly emotional.

"I won't walk with you guys. I don't want to be the third wheel," he joked before waving and leaving first. Timothy and Sabrina exchanged a smile. Suddenly, Sabrina suggested, "Why don't we walk back home?"

Thinking about how she would part ways with Timothy next month left Sabrina feeling sad. Timothy also guessed what she was thinking and nodded in agreement.

The two of them walked hand in hand under the moonlight. Their shadows were stretched by the dim streetlights creating an indescribable atmosphere.

During their walk, they didn't bring up the topic of parting. Instead, they chatted about various topics. She felt very happy. Timothy looked at her beaming smile and felt happy as well.

When they returned to Sabrina's house, both of them still didn't want to say goodbye. Just then, Timothy took out a delicate gift box from his pocket and said, "This is for you."

"What is it?" Sabrina curiously opened the box, discovering a beautifully crafted bracelet with small diamonds embedded all around it.

She heard his deep and pleasant voice in her ear. "This is a proximity bracelet I designed. If you miss me, just touch it, and I'll feel it." He then taught Sabrina how to use it.

After touching the bracelet, Timothy's phone received a message which made Sabrina elated. Timothy held her hand again and comforted her, "Don't worry, I'll finish my studies as soon as possible and come back to you."

Although it wasn't time to part yet, he was already starting to feel sad. Sabrina smiled and stood on tiptoe to plant a kiss on his face. "I'm not that sentimental, and you're just going to study, not do anything dangerous."

Besides, with technology being so advanced now, if I miss you, I'll just take a plane to see you when I have time. We can also video call each other during our free time. You don't have to worry about me. Just focus on your studies. This is your long-awaited study plan, after all."

"Thank you for being so supportive and understanding." Timothy felt touched and hugged Sabrina before he kissed her deeply. Sabrina didn't refuse and responded to his kiss passionately.

In the following days, Tessa resumed her usual routine of taking care of their children at home and doing rehabilitation exercises.

Compared to her leisurely life, Nicholas was swamped. As the year-end approached, various companies were busy with reporting, and other members of the Sawyer Family also came to the headquarters to report their performance.

Additionally, he had accompanied Tessa on a trip abroad, which delayed many things that he needed to handle personally. All of these factors kept him extremely busy.

He entered his office as usual. However, not long after he arrived, Kieran hurriedly walked in. "Nicholas, I just received news that there will be a shareholders' meeting in an hour. What do you think?"

"What is there to think about?" Nicholas asked without even looking up. Seeing Nicholas' indifferent attitude, Kieran became anxious. "Nicholas, I don't think this shareholders' meeting will go smoothly."

He then recounted how he had been mistreated by the shareholders during this period. "Those old folks take advantage of their age and have been interfering with the company's projects.

And when you left with Tessa earlier, they gave me a hard time, making it clear that I wasn't in charge and had no right to give orders. They also said a lot of bad things about you. I think they will target you at this shareholders' meeting."

As he spoke, Kieran became increasingly worried. Meanwhile, Nicholas still kept his head down while being engrossed in his work. He felt exhausted.

Kieran snatched the documents from Nicholas' hands in a rare bold move. "Nicholas, are you even listening to me?"

"Give it back." Nicholas ignored his foolish younger brother and coldly demanded that he returned the documents. Kieran was afraid to act recklessly and returned the documents, but he still felt dissatisfied. "Nicholas, aren't you worried at all?"

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Nicholas glanced at his silly younger brother and returned to work. Ever since he took over Sawyer Group, those in the shareholder's meeting had never been convinced.

Despite being unhappy, they had no choice but to suppress their feelings over the years. On the other hand, Kieran understood Nicholas' expression and suddenly felt a sense of being in on the joke.

Soon, it was time for the shareholder's meeting. The large conference room was filled with people, all of whom were relatives holding shares in the Sawyer Group.

After Edward received the signal from Nicholas, he stood up and announced, "Sawyer Group's year-end shareholder's meeting officially begins. I will now present this year's overall performance data."

After speaking, he clicked on the mouse and projected the neatly arranged data onto the big screen in the conference room. Overall, Sawyer Group had an excellent business year as their profits had increased by ten percent compared to the previous year.

However, some people had malicious intentions and deliberately nitpicked the matter.

"I think there is still a lot of room for profit growth." "Indeed, compared to the growth ratio of the previous years, the profits of these two years have decreased."

"Nicholas, we understand that you just got married and became a father recently, which is all very new and exciting. However, we entrusted the company to you with confidence. During the past two years, how many business opportunities have you missed due to your accompanying your wife abroad?"

The shareholders gradually turned their attention to Nicholas.

Seeing this, his expression turned cold and he retorted, "I don't know how much business missed out on, but what I do know is that our company has gained significantly more profit from projects in foreign countries compared to previous years. Why don't you talk about that?"

As soon as this was said, several shareholders who had previously been harsh immediately shut up. The atmosphere in the conference room suddenly became tense.

Nicholas surveyed the room with a cold look and added, "I know that you all have objections. to my recent trip to Janqash, but I didn't just go. there to accompany my wife. Instead, I secured a major project there.' In other words, he did not neglect his duties.

At this, even the shareholders who had not been convinced before were now speechless. Kieran was truly impressed with Nicholas. The slap in their faces was truly satisfying. especially for those stakeholders who took advantage of their seniority as they couldn't even utter a word now.

At this sight, Nicholas changed the topic. "The end of the year is approaching. I urge everyone to submit their account books earlier. The headquarters needs to review the performance of each subsidiary." Naturally, everyone agreed.

After addressing some other issues, he announced the end of the meeting before Kieran followed him back to the office.

Once inside, Kieran lounged on the couch and exclaimed, "Nicholas, you're amazing! Those old guys who always boss me around were all obedient in front of you."

Nicholas ignored him and returned to work. Kieran realized that Nicholas didn't even care about those people. However...

"Nicholas, have you noticed that the shareholders have been more aggressive lately? With the end of the year approaching, I think they are just testing our reaction on behalf of some people."

The "some people" he referred to were Remus' brothers as Remus had two younger brothers. Remus was the eldest and the other two were the second old master and the third old master of the family.

These two old masters had been living abroad for many years and managing the business abroad while assisting the headquarters in expanding into foreign markets. However, in recent years, as their power grew, their ambition grew as well.

The two old masters had been disregarding the headquarters increasingly. As a result, every year-end was an invisible battlefield.

When Kieran finished speaking, he looked worried. "I observed the shareholders closely just now. Besides those who always make a fuss every year, it seems that a few others are wavering."

"It doesn't matter. There's nothing they can do."

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Nicholas didn't care. After all, he was confident that he could convince that group of people.

However, Kieran was still worried about it. "But there weren't this many issues in the past few years. Is it a hint that they're going to stir up trouble soon?"

"When have they not made a fuss?" Nicholas retorted. Kieran was instantly speechless at that. What Nicholas said was true. They would undoubtedly cause trouble every year they returned.

Moreover, due to the Sawyer Family's huge business, they had flourishing branches and complicated relationships. Around this time every year was considered to be the busiest time for them.

"You know that's not what I meant, Nicholas. Even though a few shareholders would make a fuss in the past few years, most of them were still in a neutral state, but this year, a few of them started to act up. I think they're going to cause huge trouble soon."

After saying that, he looked at Nicholas with

concern. "I know you don't take them seriously, but this year is different for you. You have Tessa and Gordon now. The shareholders might do something outrageous to them."

Without a doubt, Kieran's words did make Nicholas realize the seriousness of the matter.

He used to have zero weaknesses, so those people could hold nothing against him no matter how jealous they were of him, but now that he had a wife and children, he had to be wary of them.

At the same time, he felt fed up. Every year around this time, the shareholders would always cause a commotion like this. Even if they weren't tired of it, he was At that thought, his eyes darkened.

After a brief moment, he smirked at a thought. "Don't worry. Since they're bold enough to come back, they will have to surrender to me regardless of their identity!"

Kieran breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing that because he was assured that Nicholas wouldn't let those people be. "So what are your plans?" He glanced at Nicholas curiously.

Instead of answering his question, Nicholas pulled out a stack of account books. "These are the account books sent back from abroad. Take them and distribute them to the finance department for auditing."

"No way. Are you asking me to check these bad debts?" Kieran presented a distressed look on his face as he wasn't willing to take the job.

The shareholders were acting more and more blatantly. He and Nicholas were well aware that the account books handed back from abroad every year were tampered with.

The shareholders even made a huge sum of money abroad, hence there was a big gap between the amount in the account book and the actual income.

It wouldn't be an easy task to calculate the amount from these account books precisely.

Nicholas shot him a cold gaze in response. "Weren't you saying that those shareholders cause a commotion every year? Check these account books and they'll stop."

"Sounds about right. I'll get the finance department to check on them right now." Kieran immediately returned to his senses and carried the account books with him.

Nicholas reminded him again, "Monitor them and tell them to speed up the audit. Tell them that the company will pay three times the amount for overtime hours."

"Got it."

Kieran nodded and left with the account books. In the evening, Nicholas also brought home another batch of account books after settling his work.

When Tessa noticed his return, she happily went up to welcome him. "You're back."

"Mm-hmm. What did you do at home today?" Nicholas took her hand and led her to the couch. Tessa smiled at him and shared with him how her day was.

"The same old routine. After feeding Gordon milk, I did some rehabilitation exercises and then practiced the violin. What about you? Busy day?" "Not really."

Nicholas omitted the shareholder meeting and asked about the children instead. Tessa smiled. "Gregory is upstairs doing homework. Gordon got drowsy after drinking milk, so I asked the nanny to put him to sleep."

Later in the evening after Gregory finished his homework, the family gathered to have dinner. Tessa took Gregory to the park after the meal, while Nicholas went to the study.

After entering the room, he didn't come out at all. Tessa thought he still had company matters to settle, hence she did not disturb him.

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After putting Gregory to sleep, Tessa went back to the room to read. However, when it was nearly midnight, Nicholas still didn't enter the bedroom, so she couldn't help going to the study to check on him. "Can I come in, Nicholas?"

She knocked on the door. Soon, the man's pleasant baritone voice sounded. "Sure." After entering the room, Tessa noticed the stack of documents in front of him and suddenly felt bad.

"Do you still have a lot to do?"

"Yeah. What's the matter?" Nicholas glanced at her and hinted at her to come over with his eyes. Tessa took the hint and noticed that the stack of papers wasn't documents but account books. "Are you doing an audit?"

"It's almost the end of the year, so the restless shareholders from abroad are coming back soon. Some of these account books belong to them," he explained briefly.

Even so, Tessa knew how troublesome this matter was. She felt sorry looking at the stack of account books that were still untouched. "Sorry for not being of help."

While saying that, she felt a little discouraged. Nicholas didn't seem to mind but pecked her pink lips instead. "It's okay." "I don't need you to help me. I just want you to take good care of yourself."

He glanced at the woman in his embrace with doting eyes.

The two snuggled for a while before he let go of Tessa. "Go to bed. Don't stay up for me." "Don't work too late." Tessa nodded and reminded him, after which he nodded in response.

Even so, he had no choice but to work until after midnight. In the room, Tessa took her phone and glanced at the time. Her eyes were filled with helplessness and distress.

She knew that he would forget about the time whenever he got too busy. At that thought, she went downstairs and into the kitchen. After she left the study earlier, she told the maid to warm some milk.

Then, she carried a cup of warm milk and stood in front of the study. When Nicholas saw her coming in, he frowned and asked in a voice laced with concern, "Why aren't you asleep-yet?"

"How can I sleep when you're not asleep yet?" While saying that, she placed the milk on his desk.

While urging him to drink the milk, she uttered, "Gordon made a fuss again tonight, so I coaxed him to sleep and noticed you're still here, so I came over."

Nicholas nodded and finished the milk. When Tessa noticed the evident weariness under his eyes, she couldn't help feeling bad for him. "That's enough for tonight. Why don't you continue the remaining work tomorrow?"

Even though it was a negotiation, Tessa made it sound like a demand. Nicholas smiled and pulled her into his embrace. "Okay. I'll listen to you and go to bed now" After saying that, he intended to leave with her.

However, Tessa pushed him a little and said, "You should sleep in the guest room tonight. Gordon wakes up frequently at night and might disturb your sleep."

Even though she was suggesting that for his sake, Nicholas couldn't help but sigh. "Are we going to sleep in separate rooms now?" Tessa broke out into laughter and glanced at him.

"Excuse me, I'm just trying to let you rest well for one night. Only then can you have the energy to work tomorrow." "But that doesn't deny the fact that you and I are sleeping in separate rooms."

Nicholas was very concerned about this matter, but Tessa found his response amusing. She couldn't refute him for a moment.

His pleasant baritone voice sounded again. "I knew I should've sent Gordon to Mom's place, and Gregory too, so that Gordon doesn't feel lonely."

"Hey, that's enough. I was just trying to help you sleep better, yet you're taking the chance to send the two children away." Tessa purposely glared at him and pretended like she was angry. Little did she know how charming she looked to him.

He felt his heart tingle at her stare. Tightening his grip on her hand, he uttered in a raspy voice, "They're the ones who always ruin my moments." "What kind of dad are you? Are you sure they're your children?"

Tessa hit Nicholas in the chest lightly with anger and amusement. Nicholas didn't seem to mind it as he raised his brow. "I don't care. You're sleeping with me tonight."

As soon as he said that, he carried her bridal style and headed toward the bedroom. After entering the room, he placed her on the bed and climbed onto the bed too before pulling her into a tight hug.

The two exchanged glances and smiled sweetly at each other. Nicholas lowered his head to kiss Tessa's forehead and muttered, "Good night."

'Good night.' Tessa placed a kiss on his chin too before shutting her eyes. Soon, the room was enveloped in silence, but the atmosphere was filled with love.

It didn't take long for Tessa to sense that the man beside her had fallen into a deep sleep as she opened her eyes once again. She looked at his handsome face and silently mused, You must be so exhausted.

The next morning, Nicholas woke up early as he couldn't get his mind off the account books. Tessa woke up with him. She watched him have breakfast and rush to the company with a distressed look on his face.

Nicholas had been swarmed with so much work recently that she couldn't help worrying about his health. Thinking of that, she reminded Andrew, "Tell the chef and the kitchen helpers to prepare a heavy breakfast packed with nutrition from today onward."

"Sure. I will let them know later," Andrew replied with a nod and a smile. He could tell that Tessa was doing it for Nicholas' sake.

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Tessa felt embarrassed hearing her praise, hence she smiled bashfully. Stefania returned her smile without another word before heading over to take care of Gordon.

When it was close to noon, Tessa brought the lunchboxes to Sawyer Group. She saw Nicholas burying his head in stacks of documents on his desk as soon as she entered his office.

Nicholas was surprised by her sudden appearance. "What brings you here?" "I'm here to make sure you have your meals." Tessa jokingly raised the lunchboxes in her hands.

Following that, she placed the lunchboxes on the coffee table and urged him, "Save your work for later and come over to eat first." "Okay, Nicholas hummed and walked to the table.

Just then, the door to the office opened once again. It was Kieran who strode in. "I heard that you came to deliver lunch, Tessa. Do you mind that I have some too?"

Even though he asked a question, he already took a seat on the couch.

There was no reason for Tessa to refuse, so she smiled and took out another set of cutleries. 'Luckily I told them to prepare more food, or I'm afraid that it won't be enough for the both of you.'

"Please prepare mine too the next time you come over." Kieran simply asked to be fed too. "Sure. I'll bring some for you too tomorrow."

"You're the best, Tessa!" Kieran flattered her as soon as his request was fulfilled.

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Nicholas was surprised by her sudden appearance. "What brings you here?" "I'm here to make sure you have your meals." Tessa jokingly raised the lunchboxes in her hands.

Following that, she placed the lunchboxes on the coffee table and urged him, "Save your work for later and come over to eat first." "Okay, Nicholas hummed and walked to the table.

Just then, the door to the office opened once again. It was Kieran who strode in. "I heard that you came to deliver lunch, Tessa. Do you mind that I have some too?"

Even though he asked a question, he already took a seat on the couch.

There was no reason for Tessa to refuse, so she smiled and took out another set of cutlery. 'Luckily I told them to prepare more food, or I'm afraid that it won't be enough for the both of you.'

"Please prepare mine too the next time you come over." Kieran simply asked to be fed too. "Sure. I'll bring some for you too tomorrow."

"You're the best, Tessa!" Kieran flattered her as soon as his request was fulfilled.

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Tessa chuckled and asked about the company's situation. Before Nicholas could respond, Kieran immediately grumbled. "There's nothing serious. going on, but the sly old men think Nicholas and I are young, so they purposely make things difficult for us.

Don't worry, Tessa. No one has the guts to bully my brother." Seeing the proud look on Kieran's face, she laughed out loud. Just like that, the trio enjoyed their meal.

After Tessa cleaned up the table and saw Nicholas and Kieran talking about work, she suddenly wanted to help out. 'Nicholas, is there anything I can help with? I can even organize the files.' "Aren't you going home, Tessa?" Kieran looked at her in surprise.

Shaking her head, she replied, 'Mom is at home taking care of the children, so there's nothing I can do anyway. I don't mind staying and helping you out.'

She raised her head to look at Nicholas after that, waiting to be ordered around. Seeing the persistence in her eyes and that he wanted her to stay with him, he agreed. "There's

a piece of data on my desk that needs to be logged into the computer. Can you do that for me?" "Of course." Tessa happily went over to take the data. Nicholas watched his energetic wife with doting eyes.

Later, he told Edward to send a laptop to his office to ease Tessa's job. Kieran, on the other hand, read the room and left sensibly. If he stayed any longer, he was going to watch them displaying affection again.

On the same afternoon, she stayed in Nicholas' office and helped him log in some data while he worked on his tasks on the desk. The two were busy with their own tasks without disturbing each other, but the scene was indescribably warm.

When evening came, Edward entered the office with a serious expression. "President Sawyer, the account books from abroad have all been audited."

"How is it?" Nicholas stopped working and looked at him.

Edward responded with a glum expression, "The majority of the accounts don't tally, particularly those from Filisburg. The accounts are full of inconsistencies, so the financial department suspects that they've falsified them."

After saying that, he sensed the temperature around him drop. He raised his eyes subconsciously, and sure enough, he noticed how sour his president's face was.

Nicholas was enraged as he didn't expect the shareholders to be bold enough to cook the books!

Tessa, on the other hand, didn't look good either. Even though she was unaware of the company's situation, tampering with the accounts was a serious offense. It was also

clearly irresponsible behavior toward the company and caused damage to Nicholas' interests.

A tense atmosphere instantly enveloped the office. Tessa took note of Nicholas' sullen expression, not daring to make a sound to disturb him.

She was well aware that she wouldn't be of help at the moment, so she continued entering data into the system, hoping to help Nicholas share the burden as much as possible.

After a moment, Nicholas gave his order. "Get me the accounts from Filisburg." "Yes, sir." Edward nodded and turned to leave. Before long, he came back with the books.

Nicholas flipped page by page, his expression turning sullen even more. Even though he wasn't a professional accountant, he could immediately tell that the amount was faked.

There were plenty of inconsistencies in the account book that was obviously perfunctory and a challenge to him. "What are these people up to? Are they trying to rebel?! Unable to withstand their behavior, Nicholas tossed the account book angrily.

Edward shuddered upon hearing his boss' angry shout and dared not even breathe at this moment. Tessa was also frightened that she stared at Nicholas dumbfoundedly. This was the first time she ever saw him so enraged..

"Nicholas..." She intended to persuade him, but she didn't know what to say. Nicholas, on the other hand, took a deep breath upon seeing the concerned look on her face. "I'm fine. Don't worry."

After reassuring Tessa that he was fine, he turned to Edward and ordered him coldly, "Gather the management team to hold a meeting!"

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Hearing that, Edward nodded and went to make the arrangement. Nicholas turned to Tessa and was about to say something, but she beat him to it with a smile.

"Go on. I'll wait for you here." Nicholas nodded and quickly went to hold the meeting. The meeting lasted two hours. When he returned, Nicholas still didn't look good. He exuded a terrifying aura.

Edward trembled as he followed him behind. However, when he saw Tessa, his eyes instantly lit up. Mistress, please help in coaxing President Sawyer.

He hinted at Tessa with his eyes. She walked up to Nicholas after taking Edward's hint. "Calm down. Being angry isn't good for your health."

"I'm fine." Though he reassured her, Nicholas couldn't help but frown as he felt a headache. Tessa felt sorry for him and quickly offered him a massage.

Instead of talking about work, she asked, "How does this feel?"

"Great. Thanks, honey." Nicholas indulged in her warm embrace. Smiling lightly, Tessa increased her strength when she felt the man in her embrace relax.

Watching how Nicholas' expression had softened, Edward breathed a sigh of relief. Thankfully, Tessa was here today, or he might not be able to stay alive tonight.

In reality, though Nicholas calmed down a lot due to her massage, he was still quite annoyed. As his wife, Tessa immediately noticed.

When she found the opportunity, she comforted him, "I might not know what's happening, but I think we should take it slow. We'll certainly be able to get rid of all the unpleasant people one day."

Her words, coupled with the determined look on her face to go against his enemy, elicited a laugh out of Nicholas. "You're right, Let's take our time. One day, we'll be able to teach all of them a lesson."

While saying that, he yanked her down and pulled her onto his lap. Tessa felt embarrassed since Edward was still here, but she didn't struggle to break free. Edward, on the other hand, pretended to look away as if not noticing them.

Just then, Nicholas uttered, "It's dinner time now. Get the hotel under our company to send dinner over."

"Yes, sir," Edward took the order and left. Soon, the staff from the hotel delivered dinner to them. Nicholas invited Tessa for the meal.

After the meal, he noticed it was getting late, so he called Edward over. "Send Tessa home." Edward nodded and obeyed his order. Tessa agreed willingly. After leaving home for the whole afternoon, she was starting to worry about the children.

Before she left, she went up to Nicholas and tidied his clothes while reminding him, 'I'll head back now. Don't get angry, okay? It's not worth it to sacrifice your health for those people.'

"Alright. Be careful on the way home. Call me if anything comes up. I might be back home late tonight, Nicholas explained.

Tessa felt bad for his busy schedule and shook her head, "What can happen to me at home? Just work with peace of mind. If you're going to stay up late, just sleep in the

office lounge. Gordon is definitely going to make a fuss tonight. You won't be able to sleep well."

"I'm fine. I'm not that tired." The reason he didn't find it a big deal was that he didn't want to be separated from Tessa.

Tessa could read his mind, so she insisted, "No way. You won't be able to get enough sleep if this goes on. Just listen to me. I'll come over tomorrow morning with a change of clothes and breakfast. I just don't want you to tire yourself out. Don't make me worried, alright?"

Nicholas could no longer resist her last sentence. Eventually, he nodded in agreement. On the way back, Tessa asked Edward, 'Is it a very troublesome matter?"

"That's not it. It's just that the shareholders are all very cunning. We haven't been able to control them recently, so they started becoming greedy," Edward briefly explained. Tessa frowned. "Why can't you control them?"

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"They stay abroad most of the time. I expect them to have kept a lot of secrets," said Edward. Despite that being the company secret, he thought Tessa had the right to know. "These guys have been doing their own business in private using the company's money.

But this time, their activities have affected the whole ledger. They tried to cover their *ss, but the president won't stand for it." He sighed. "He's going to have to deal with a lot of stuff."

Tessa felt for Nicholas, and she was angry at those who sabotaged his company. Edward added, "That's not the worst part. When Old Master Sawyer's brothers come back, it's going to get a lot worse."

"Why?" Tessa looked at him curiously. She knew Remus had two brothers, but she didn't know a lot about them. For one, Tessa had never seen them, and two, Nicholas barely brought them up.

Edward stayed silent for a moment, then he said, "They're enemies of Master Nicholas. They've been trying to trip him up all these years."

Tessa felt even more for Nicholas. He's been so busy he forgot to eat, and now you're telling me something worse is coming? "Edward, keep an eye on Nicholas. Tell him to catch a break from time to time and make sure he doesn't forget to eat."

"Of course, Mistress. That is part of my job. I'll be sure he rests." Edward nodded.

Tessa returned to Dynasty Gardens after that. She still looked a little upset when she entered the house. Stefania was in the lounge, playing with Gordon. When she heard Tessa coming in, she smiled. "You're back."

Tessa nodded and handed the lunch box to Andrew, then she sat down with Stefania. The sight of Gordon, who was in Stefania's arms, made her smile.

"Did Greg and Gordon trouble you?" "Oh no. They were fine. Greg even made some milk for Gordon." Stefania happily shared what the kids did, and their stories wiped Tessa's frustration away.

Then, Stefania asked, "So, was Nicholas busy?" "Very," said Tessa. She wondered if she should talk about the account problem as well as the coming of Remus' brothers with Stefania.

Noticing her hesitation, Stefania asked, "What's wrong? You seem down." "Um, Nicholas flew into a rage earlier, Tessa told her what she saw at the company.

Stefania wasn't surprised. She sighed, resignation filling her voice. "It happens every year, and Nicholas is tormented by it. Please, take care of him." Stefania held Tessa's hand solemnly.

Tessa nodded. Nicholas came back that night, but it was already late. Tessa was asleep, but still, she was woken up. She was surprised to see Nicholas changing in the room. "Nicholas?"

Nicholas looked at his groggy wife. She must've been worried. He went and kissed her lips. "Sorry I woke you up."

"It's all right. I wasn't sleeping that deeply. anyway." Tessa shook her head and got out of bed to take Nicholas' shirt off. She couldn't help but say, "I told you that you could stay the night at your office. I could have just brought you breakfast tomorrow."