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Vincent retorted, "Of course not. If we let her off, she'll only become worse. However, Vincent didn't dare to call the police. Amber dared not mention it either as she would be implicated. She could only swallow it down.

What a mess. Elvira didn't placate Perry and she was implicated. Amber felt disgusted. She looked at Vincent, knowing that men cared about their wife's fidelity. Elvira was ruthless to have drugged her so much. Amber still felt severely uncomfortable. Elvira sat in the living room working while Zach was making dinner in the kitchen. They exchanged looks occasionally. When their eyes met, Elvira blushed.

Zach made a simple dinner and came to carry Elvira to the dining

"I can walk" Elvira was embarrassed. The effects of the sedatives had long passed.

"But I like to hold you in my arms," Zach responded.

Zach sat down beside her. When Elvira looked at the delicious food, she gave him a thumbs up. "Zach, you're amazing. You actually know how to cook."

Zach kissed her. "I have to feed you."

Elvira blushed. Zach had done a lot for her. She was touched. "You're great, honey."

Zach smiled and kissed her again.

Elvira grew

redder. She served him some food, "Let's eat."

"Yes, dear," Zach served some food to Elvira and asked curiously, "Elvira, am I useless because I can't afford a house?"

"Of course not. Housing prices are sky-high now. How many youngsters can afford it? No one can buy their first house themselves. Besides, you're capable. You care for Tracy, can cook, and even do the dishes. You're excellent. As a reward, Elvira kissed him. Zach liked Elvira more. He felt ashamed of his suspicions about her. He had hit the jackpot this time. There weren't many as kind as Elvira. "You're great too, dear. Zach kissed her.

Elvira now knew what it felt like to be in a relationship. It was sweet and beautiful. When she was with Calvin, she was always worried and unhappy.

After dinner, Elvira reapplied medicine on Zach's arm. She swallowed at the sight of him topless. Zach looked hot.

"Like what you see?" Zach placed her hand on his chest. His firm muscles made Elvira's heart race.

"Yes" Elvira nodded.

"Then touch me more" Zach pulled her into his lap. Elvira cupped his face and kissed him.

They didn't go all the way. Zach could feel Elvira's nervousness and fear. They hadn't known each other for long, so he would give her time to adapt to him. Elvira couldn't bear to see him suffer and blushing, relieved him again.

Elvira's face was red when she showered. She didn't dare to look at herself. She felt she had become bad and bold. But his ecstatic expression made her heart melt,

On Saturday night, Elvira accompanied Olivia to the charity auction dinner. Olivia was forced by her parents to attend. They hoped Olivia would meet some good men and get attached. Olivia handed over the invitation and they entered the hall. It was filled with well-dressed people and everything was glamorous and upscale,

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Judy arrived with Stacy Willis, her cousin. Judy was a rising star. With her popularity and her background, her appearance as a charity ambassador made her even more popular. Elvira, as the oldest daughter of her family, had not appeared for many years. Thus, many only knew about Judy but not

Elvira.

When Judy saw Elvira, hatred flashed in her eyes. She had always detested Elvira, especially her face. Even without makeup, Elvira always drew the eyes. Today, Elvira was dressed up and looked stunning.

Judy, on the other hand, had many visible flaws, especially her facial structure. She had to keep her bangs to look good. Even so, Elvira looked better than her. Judy was afraid to stand beside Elvira as others might compare them.

Judy glanced at Stacy with disdain when Stacy was awed over everything like a country bumpkin. An idea came to Judy and she remarked, "Elvira is here. I didn't think she'd be interested in this. Otherwise, I'd have brought her along." "Elvira? How dare she have the nerve to come after making Aunt Amber suffer? Judy, you're too nice. You should stop her so she could never rise above you," Stacy said angrily to please Judy and her family. "Don't say that. We're all sisters and should help each other, Judy said softly.

"Sisters? Does she treat you like one? She even tried to steal Calvin. Judy, you're too soft-hearted. I'll help avenge you later." Stacy had a wicked idea and her eyes gleamed.

Judy was smug but still pretentiously persuaded Stacy against it. With Stacy set against Elvira, Judy only needed to watch the

show.

Olivia pulled Elvira to the dessert area. She was a true foodie. As Elvira watched Olivia grab many desserts, she advised, "It's late. Eat less or you'll gain weight."

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"It's okay. I'll bike for two hours when I get back and burn off everything I eat. What's the point of coming here otherwise?" Olivia responded, grabbing two more pieces.

Elvira laughed. She grabbed two pieces of cake. The two found a place to sit down and chatted while eating.

There was a commotion at the entrance. Many people gathered there. Elvira looked, but her view was blocked "What's happening" Elvira hadn't been to a party for many years and didn't know so she asked Olivia.

"They're just hounds who caught a scent. Some big shot just arrived and they're rushing to suck up to him." Olivia pursed her lips and continued eating. She only cared about food.

Elvira wasn't interested either. She continued eating. Sensing someone staring, Elvira looked up but didn't see anyone familiar. She went back to eating.

Zach was escorted into the hall by bodyguards. He found where Elvira was sitting and saw her eating. He smiled. Spikey walked up to Zach and led him upstairs.

"Zach, didn't you say you aren't free? Why did you change your mind suddenly?" Spike asked. Zach had only notified him an hour ago that he was coming.

"I only just found out my wife was coming. Zach replied indifferently.

"What?" Spike's eyes widened in shock. He couldn't believe what he just heard.

Finally seeing the usual poker-faced Spike shocked, Zach patted Spike's shoulder and walked to the window to look at Elvira, Spike also came up and followed Zach's gaze. He recognized Elvira. Elvira didn't seem outstanding. How did she snag Zach? Just then, Stacy rushed over and shouted at Elvira. "Elvira, you thief. Give me back the ring you stole."

Olivia looked at the crazy woman and asked, "Are you mistaken? Elvira was with me the whole time. How could she steal from you?"

Everyone heard the commotion and looked over. They stepped back from Elvira, seemingly afraid their things would be stolen too.

Judy walked over and grabbed Stacy. "Stacy, let's do this at home. Don't make a scene here."

Elvira watched them and calmly wiped her mouth with a napkin. Her voice was cold. "Do you have any evidence? Otherwise, I can sue you for slander."

"That's right. Do you think you can simply accuse people like that?" Olivia stood up angrily, glaring coldly at Stacy.

"You must have it. Let me search you. I'm sure I'll find it. Or don't you dare?" Stacy raised her chin. She was sure Elvira would let her do it. Then, Stacy could strip Elvira's clothes off and humiliate her.

"Elvira, you better let Stacy search you. It'll prove your innocence, Judy urged Elvira anxiously.

Elvira found them ridiculous. "Why should I? I can also claim you stole my diamond ring worth over two million dollars, and demand you let me search you."

"Please, Elvira, can you afford that? You've been a thief ever since you were little. You also seduced your teachers. I wouldn't accuse others because they aren't habitual thief like you, Stacy shouted. She wanted everyone to know how shameless Elvira Was

Judy almost laughed out loud hearing Stacy spill Elvira's misdeeds before the rich and influential. She wished Stacy could say

more.

The others stepped back and looked at Elvira disdainfully.

Olivia shook with anger. She wanted to rip the bitch Stacy apart. Elvira stopped her and walked to Stacy first. She slapped Stacy hard. Stacy was shocked. She didn't expect the usually submissive Elvira to dare to hit her.

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"Why don't you reflect on why I hit you instead of others?" Elvira turned to the crowd and asked, "If I grab anyone here and accuse you of stealing and demand a search, what would you do? Just because someone is making a fuss doesn't mean they're right. I believe

everyone here is because they're kind. Hopefully, you're discerning too." Elvira stood proudly and nobly. Her voice was powerful and resonated in everyone's hearts.

Everyone imagined themselves in her shoes and felt furious. They looked at Stacy differently. Whoever encountered someone like Stacy was indeed unfortunate.

Olivia stepped out too. "That's right. She has no evidence. If we let her search because she says so, it'll be messed up." Stacy wanted to hit Elvira back but Judy stopped her. "Don't forget where you are. Don't make a scene anymore." The media was present and Elvira had the upper hand. If they captured Judy with Stacy, Judy would be embarrassed.

Elvira had changed. Since Elvira was ditched by Calvin, she seemed beyond their control. This couldn't go on. They had to keep Elvira under their thumb,

Stacy burst out louder than ever, "Even if I don't have evidence today, Elvira, it's a fact that you've been stealing since young. It's true that you seduce teachers and bully your classmates. There's evidence for those. Why shouldn't I suspect you? Are you not worthy of suspicion?"

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As memories resurfaced, Elvira's face darkened and she clenched her hands. Olivia was hopping mad as well. Zach observed them. He had already sent people to deal with it since it began. He glared at Stacy murderously. The organizer of the charity party and security guards rushed over. Everyone looked toward them, expecting them to kick

Elvira out

Olivia stood defensively before Elvira. However, the organizer spoke to Stacy, "Miss, you've accused her of theft without evidence, which is slander. I've already called the police. They'll investigate and announce the truth after the party. Then, he turned to the crowd. "I'm honored to have everyone here. Please don't believe baseless rumors. Don't forget why you're here. The auction is about to begin. Please take your seats."

The organizer was firm, so the guests entered the auction hall and took their seats.

The charity auction was not open to everyone. Olivia and Elvira had no seats while Judy did.

Stacy was infuriated that her plan failed and she was slapped. She glared at Elvira.

Calvin was running late today and just found Judy. His expression soured when he saw Elvira, "Elvira, I've made it clear. I love Judy. Everything you do is futile. Please stop. Calvin thought Elvira was there for him.

Olivia was amazed. Did all scumbags like to gather together like birds of a feather? Did they know what they were saying?

"Calvin, don't be mean to Elvira. They look like they don't have seats. Shall we find seats for them?" Judy leaned on Calvin's arm and acted coquettishly.

"The seats are limited. How do I do that? Elvira, you better leave or you'll embarrass yourself. Calvin frowned.

"Calvin, don't. You've connections. It's not difficult to add two more chairs. Judy turned to Elvira. "But Elvira, you probably couldn't sit with us. You can only sit at the back." Judy's tone was arrogant.

Stacy interjected resentfully, "How can she sit with you, Judy? Elvira, take a good look at yourself. You're fit only to lick Judy's

shoes."

Calvin said magnanimously, "Alright, stop arguing. I'll see if I can add a couple more seats.

Olivia was about to throw a fit but Elvira shook her head.

"Sorry, I've never seen anyone so proud to be a bootlicker. Elvira glanced at Stacy.

Olivia snickered. Elvira's statement was right on target. Stacy was proud of sucking up to Judy. "That's right. You're an amazing ass-licker.

Stacy was rendered speechless.

Elvira didn't want to stay. She looked at Olivia and prepared to leave.

"Some people can't handle being dumped. Mr. Kennedy is bidding for 'Eternity' today to propose to Judy. The ring is worth over two million dollars. Those who date waiters probably will never have such an expensive ring." Stacy proclaimed. Judy smiled sweetly. "Stacy, don't say that. The auction has started. Let's go in."

Calvin glanced displeasingly at Elvira, then hugged Judy and walked inside.

Olivia was furious. How could Elvira survive in her family for so many years? "Are you kidding me? That scumbag treated Judy like treasure. Elvira, let's not stoop to their level"

Elvira wasn't angry. If she were easily infuriated, she wouldn't have survived until today.

The organizer ran up to them then. "Please hold up, miss. I'm sorry for the unpleasantness just now. Let me make it up to you. My superior has reserved seats for

both of you. Please follow me." Olivia looked at Elvira. Elvira didn't want to stay. She was about to refuse when the organizer added, "The police are already

investigating the accusation of theft against you, Ms. Willis. The truth will be revealed after the auction. We can't let her get away with slander, can we?"

Olivia immediately decided to stay. She looked at Elvira. "Let's stay. Make her apologize publicly to you."

"Thanks then." Elvira was grateful to the organizer. She had suffered many injustices since young but not many insisted on seeking justice for her. "This way, please. The organizer respectfully led them in.

Seatings were particular in the auction hall. They were arranged according to status and influence. Those in front were the movers and shakers in Jersten. Calvin and Judy were seated in the fifth row.

Stacy had no seat and could only stand at the back. Even so, the area was packed with people proud to attend the auction.

The organizer led Elvira and Olivia to the first row. "Will this do? If you don't like the view, we can change."

Olivia was stunned. She thought, 'How could I sit there? Is someone pulling a prank on us?'

Elvira felt strange too but she wasn't familiar with the seating arrangements, so she nodded. "This is fine. Thanks."

*Please have a seat too. If you need anything, have the staff call me. The organizer left after instructing the nearby staff to take care of them.

Olivia sat down and pinched herself hard. She winced. "God, that hurts. I'm not dreaming

"Why are you hurting yourself?" Elvira rubbed Olivia's arm.

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"Elvira, I'll tell my family I sat here when I'm home. They'll envy me, Olivia whispered, grabbing Elvira's hand excitedly. "Are things that strict here?" Elvira asked. She had been out of this circle for many years, and there were some things she didn't know.

"Of course. Only the most prominent could sit here. Calvin and Judy aren't even qualified. Look at the person three seats from you. That big shot often appears in the news. God. I have to take a photo to prove it to my parents." Olivia took out her phone excitedly. But

why did they arrange for me and Olivia to sit there? Elvira felt something was up but also sensed it wasn't maliciously

done.

When Judy saw Elvira sitting in the first row, her nails dug into her palms. 'I couldn't even sit in the first three rows but Elvira could sit there? Judy spoke anxiously, "Calvin, why is Elvira there? Doesn't she know the rules? If she takes someone's seat, it will be embarrassing when the owner comes and kicks her out. I'll ask her to leave. If she wants, I'll give her my seat."

"Ignore her. It's her fault if she's kicked out. Does she think she can do whatever she wants here?" Calvin was displeased and disliked Elvira more. 'Can't she be sensible like Judy?' he wondered.

Judy waited for Elvira to be kicked out but it didn't happen. When the auction began, Judy was speechless. She didn't expect Elvira to be so lucky. The owner of her seat didn't show up.

The auctioned items were exhibited individually and the host announced the starting price. Those interested could bid.

The first few items were of low value, and there wasn't much competition, so they were quickly auctioned off.

When tonight's highlight, a diamond ring, was placed on the stage, many people looked eager.

The host introduced, "This ring is named 'Eternity. It was a wedding ring designed by the Queen of Wyland for her daughter. It looked simple because it was meant to be worn daily. This ring is rumored to be blessed. Any couple who wear it will be together forever, thus this ring is highly sought after." The starting bid for the ring was two million dollars.

Judy was excited. Her grandmother already knew about her and Calvin. When her grandmother returned to the country, she would announce their engagement and hold a grand engagement ceremony. The Kennedy family was also sincere, promising to bid for "Eternity" as Judy's wedding ring

"Calvin." Judy's eyes lit up. The ring was special. Whoever had it would be highly regarded in Jersten.

Calvin patted her hand, smiled, and raised his bid. "2.2 million dollars."

Olivia heard Calvin's voice and looked at him. She pursed her lips. "Is he a fool or just blind? He'll regret his decision sooner or

later"

That's his business, not mine." Elvira had freed herself from that relationship. She didn't care about what Calvin did.

"4 million dollars," someone called out.

"6 million dollars," Calvin spoke calmly, looking determined.

Someone raised the bid again.

"8 million dollars" Calvin looked as though it was nothing to him. He would follow whenever the other person bidded.

-Judy looked at Calvin in awe. She glanced at Elvira triumphantly. 'Look at you, Elvira. Your boyfriend is mine and your family will be mine too. You're nothing but a stepping stone in my life."

Stacy didn't see Elvira in the first row. She returned from the bathroom to see Calvin bidding on the ring. She was envious. They had the same last name but Judy lived large and had a wealthy boyfriend but her family was ordinary. However, Stacy thought of Elvira, who was worse off than her and felt better.

8 million dollars was a high bid. No one raised it anymore. They looked at Calvin and Judy enviously.

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Judy felt smug. She hugged Calvin's arm and kissed him. She was already contemplating how to celebrate tonight and thank Calvin.

"10 million dollars, somebody called out.

Calvin rose to take the ring but froze. He sat awkwardly, his eyes flashing displeasedly. He raised the bid. "11 million dollars."

"12 million dollars, the other party called.

Calvin's eyes darkened. His family gave him a limit of 10 million dollars. He just bidded 11 million dollars, which meant he had to come up with one million dollars.

Judy looked at Calvin worriedly. They turned to look at the other bidder. He was sitting in a dark spot, surrounded by bodyguards. They couldn't make him out.

Elvira and Olivia had thought Calvin would win the ring. Olivia was furious. Now that someone was fighting for it, she became interested and wanted to see who it was. However, she couldn't see him.

Neither could Elvira. She could only see a silhouette, which seemed familiar. 'Do I know someone so wealthy?'

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"12.2 million dollars." Calvin didn't want to give up. He couldn't afford to lose and embarrass himself. Cold sweat dripped down his neck. He was at his limit.

Judy was nervous too. She was afraid Calvin would give up. She had boasted to everyone that Calvin would propose to her. with Eternity. If Calvin couldn't get it today, she would be embarrassed. Fortunately, Calvin didn't give up. She prayed the other side wouldn't bid again. But her prayer went unheard..

"20 million dollars." Zach increased the bid significantly. The crowd gasped and turned to him. But they couldn't see him in

his dark comer.

They looked at Calvin, who acted rich and pompous previously, to see if he dared raise the bid again.

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Calvin's head buzzed. He gripped the bidding sign tightly, frozen in place. He couldn't bid anymore. Sensing the mocking gazes on him, he felt humiliated. It was worse when Elvira was looking at him too. He wished he could disappear. Judy didn't look good either. She glanced at Calvin, hoping he would bid again. She didn't want to be laughed at

After three inquiries, no one raised the bid anymore. The host closed the bid on Eternity.

Judy's heart sank like a stone. She realized Calvin didn't look good and the outcome was unchangeable. She endured the humiliation and consoled softly. "Calvin, it's okay. It's just a ring. Let's find a renowned designer to design a bigger and better one. I always thought this ring was too ordinary. I didn't like it much."

Someone nearby couldn't help but laugh. Judy was only criticizing the ring because she didn't get it. Calvin and Judy could barely sit still.

Calvin looked at the gentle and sensible Judy and felt guilty. "Sorry, Judy. I couldn't follow through on my promise. I'll get a better ring for you."

"Sure. Judy leaned against Calvin, but her eyes were full of anger.

"See if there's anything else you like. I'll bid for it." Calvin wanted to make it up to Judy.

Judy picked a necklace and a gown, priced around one million dollars. They weren't too pricey.

However, whenever Calvin bid on something, he would immediately be outbid by the mysterious bidder. The bidder's outrageous moves infuriated Calvin. Judy stopped smiling too.

Calvin could sense that he was being deliberately targeted. The bidder only bid for things Calvin wanted, raising the bid high and stealing them. Who is it? Calvin couldn't remember offending anyone recently

Calvin's face turned ominous. He wanted to see who it was but could only see a vague shadow,

Olivia was roaring with laughter. Elvira also found it interesting. She glanced at the bidder again. Though she didn't know him, she praised him silently. Elvira hated her family and Calvin. She liked whoever annoyed them.

The auction ended with Calvin and Judy empty-handed. Everyone knew they were targeted by the wealthy bidder and looked at them differently. They steered clear of them so they wouldn't be implicated. Although no one knew who the bidder was, they knew he was immensely wealthy, and thus couldn't be offended.

Judy could hardly sit still. It was extremely humiliating today. She didn't know who was blindly targeting them.

As everyone prepared to leave, the organizer called everyone to stay. "Hold on, ladies and gentlemen. The auction has ended but my boss told us to deal with something important so please stay as witnesses. When they heard the organizer's boss give the instructions, they sat back down curiously. After all, the boss was someone everyone wanted to curry favor with

Olivia held Elvira's hand excitedly, praising the boss. No one knew better than her how Elvira had suffered. She wished she could clear up every misunderstanding for Elvira but she didn't have the ability. She could only watch Olivia being slandered. Elvira held her breath, watching the people on stage. When she was young, she didn't have the power to prove her innocence. Now, they were too old to verify. She could only tell herself she was innocent and need not prove herself. She also didn't need to care about other's opinions. But now that someone was willing to stand up for her, Elvira realized she had minded. She wanted to prove her innocence.

-The organizer invited the police officer on stage and the police stated seriously, "At 7.30 this evening, we received a report of false accusation of theft. We arrived on the scene five minutes later. After examining the surveillance footage, we confirmed that Miss Stacy Willis had falsely accused Elvira. This is the evidence."

The large screen began playing the surveillance footage of the hall. The footage was of good quality and included audio. It captured everything that happened distinctly. It showed Olivia and Elvira arriving half an hour later than Stacy, and they were never close. It showed how Elvira and Olivia went to the dessert area first and focused on eating after. Ten minutes later, Elvira was accused of cheating. She never interacted with Stacy and had no opportunity to steal from her.

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The truth was shown, causing an uproar. Everyone didn't expect Stacy to be so shameless as to slander someone.

Stacy was panicking. She wanted to run away but a spotlight shone on her. The police officer said, "Miss Stacy Willis, you're arrested for slander."

Two female police officers quickly caught her.

Stacy shouted, "Let me go. That footage is fake. Elvira did steal it."

"You mean we are lying? Miss Willis, do you know you're being recorded right now? Falsely slandering the police will put you in jail for at least three years, the police officer stated sternly.

Stacy didn't dare to go against the police. She didn't want to go to jail. She changed her tune. "No. I mean, I was only joking with Elvira. She's my cousin. We're messing around, isn't that right, Elvira?"