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Elvira truly felt a bit helpless. Tracy and Skylar misunderstood her and actually thought she had cheated on Zach, and now they were even trying to make excuses for her. Elvira didn't want to explain herself anymore.

If Zach had cleared things up with them earlier, none of this would have escalated into such a mess. She decided to leave the situation to ach to resolve.

Tracy wore a look of amusement as if waiting for the drama to

fold. Zach, feeling completely frustrated, realized there

was no way out but to explain everything himself. "Mom, the child is mine. I'm not infertile"

"I understand everything you're saying. From now on, let's just pretend this child is our own flesh and blood," Skylar said, obviously trying to help Zach save his reputation. Even if the child wasn't his, they weren't going to let it slip. They'd keep it a secret for him.

"Mom, the child is mine. I'm not infertile. Do you understand?" Zach said, his face stone-cold and serious. He couldn't help but feel that if Skylar didn't get it now, he might just lose it.

"I understand, of course, You're my son, and I know what you mean," Skylar said, giving him a wink. Zach was at a loss for

words.

Seeing the situation getting more out of hand, Elvira started to worry that Zach might lose his temper. She couldn't just let him keep digging himself into a hole, so she stepped in to clarify. "Skylar, what he's saying is the truth.

"There's no hidden meaning. The child is mine and Zach's. He really isn't infertile. He was lying before, but now he's telling you the truth."

Tracy felt that was enough. This should teach Zach a lesson, so she chimed in. "I can vouch for it. Zach isn't infertile. He lied, and that's why we got confused in the first place."

Skylar's expression finally changed after hearing Tracy and Elvira. She paused for a few seconds, then suddenly asked, "Really? Are you sure? You're not just saying this to protect his reputation, are you?"

Zach was really on the verge of losing it now.

"Skylar, it's true. If you still don't believe it, wait until the baby's born, and you can get a paternity test," Elvira said with a

smile.

"It's true. His lie was understandable, but let me explain the situation," Tracy added. She realized that if she didn't make things clear now, the child would end up being treated as someone else's. She had to explain everything to Skylar. Skylar's mood completely shifted after hearing them. She was overjoyed and immediately began to gently rub Elvira's small belly, unable to contain her excitement. buy her

"Hey, all of this stuff is useless now, Anna. Please take it and share it with everyone. Elvira's pregnant, so I need to special things." Skylar waved her hand in delight, passing out the gifts as if they were treats for the whole household. The servants were genuinely happy for the family. After all, with the arrival of a baby, they might need to hire more staff to help take care of things. It was a great opportunity for their own families to work at such a fine place.

Dinner that night was prepared with extra care. Tracy even brought out her prized luxurious collagen broth, claiming it would be good for the baby's skin and brain development.

As they ate, Tracy kept reminding Elvira to take the rest of the broth with her, insisting that the servants make it every day and that she should never skip it.

Skylar also had a long list of things to remind Elvira about, saying that starting tomorrow, she would personally look after her pregnancy, because she just couldn't feel at ease otherwise.

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Akylar, you dont need to make such a fuss. I can take care of myself, and besides, Zach is here too. You can focus on your own carer" Elvira said, finally realizing that Skylar actually had her own company and a successful brand. "This font a hassle at all. It's what I should be doing. As for my company, I've already had enough of it. All I want now is to take care of you and my little grandchild? Skylar insisted.

Elvira looked at Zach for support, and since he didn't object, it was clear he had agreed.

In the following days. Elvira's house was bombarded with gifts. Tracy and Skylar seemed determined to give her everything they could, as though they were trying to shower her with the best of everything in the world.

Elvira felt overwhelmed by the sheer amount of things piling up at home. In the end, Zach bought the house next door specifically to store the items Tracy and Skylar had sent over, which made the house feel much more spacious. Vincent couldn't get anywhere near Elvira. Even though he waited outside the Gilbert Group headquarters, with Elvira's bodyguards protecting her, it was nearly impossible for him to approach her.

Karen had a suggestion for Vincent. She told him to visit the Gilbert mansion, claimed to be Elvira's father, and see how the Gilbert family would react.

Vincent, following Karen's advice, bought a bunch of gifts and went to the Gilbert family's villa in the hills. When he reached the gate, he claimed to be Elvira's father and asked the gatekeeper to announce his arrival. The gatekeeper immediately called the butler to ask if they should let him in.

The butler promptly went to find Tracy to report that Elvira's father was here to visit.

Tracy had been spending time learning how to shop online and had been in a good mood, buying a lot of things. She set down her tablet when she heard the butler's report and asked, "Elvira's father? Vincent? What's he doing here?" "I'm not sure. It looks like he brought a lot of gifts. He seems to be here to offer them," the butler replied.

"I don't care what he's here for. Tell him to leave. I'm not seeing him. Tell him that as long as Elvira doesn't acknowledge him, he will have nothing to do with us," Tracy replied flatly, picking up her tablet again to continue her online shopping. "Anna, what do you think of these shoes? Do you think they're good for the baby?" Tracy held up her tablet, showing a pair of cute little shoes.

"They look perfect. Buy them," Anna said with a cheerful smile.

"We don't know whether it's a boy or a girl, so let's get both pink and blue, just to be safe," Tracy said, confidently placing the order.

"This outfit is adorable, and I'll take one in each color, pink, blue, yellow, and green. Oh, this hat is so cute, I need it in every color." Tracy happily ordered as she relaxed in the sun.

Meanwhile, Vincent was told Tracy's response, and his face darkened. He had come here hoping to see Elvira. If she acknowledged him, he wouldn't have had to humiliate himself like this by showing up, at the Gilbert family's door.

He hadn't expected Elvira to be so ruthless, telling the Gilbert family about the rift between them. Isn't she worried the Gilberts will think less of her? he thought.

After waiting for a while and realizing that the Gilbert family wasn't even acknowledging his presence, Vincent knew staying any longer was pointless. He walked away, dejected.

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Fortunately, Tracy was level-headed. If she had been more naive Vincent and Karen might have gotten exactly what they wanted.

Vincent returned to the hospital, dejected. Karen already knew the outcome, and her face was dark with anger. She hadn't expected even the Gilbert family to side so blatantly with Elvira

"Mom, what are we going to do now? The company can't survive much longer. The bank won't give us any more loans. At this rate, we'll have to declare bankruptcy within the week," Vincent said, his voice filled with despair.

The money his mother had invested was nothing more than a drop in the ocean for the company's massive financial gap. It had disappeared without a trace. The company had turned into a giant cash-eating monster. Without hundreds of millions of dollars, there was no way to keep it afloat.

"You need to go to Elvira and hand the company over to her," Karen made the most drastic decision of her life.

Vincent stared at her, wide-eyed. "Mom... how can we do that? If we give her the company, we'll have nothing left."

"Right now, Elvira is the only one who can save the company. No matter what, she's from the Willis family. As long as the company belongs to the Willis family, that's all that matters," Karen said, her teeth clenched.

Willis Group had been her life's work, and she wasn't going to watch it crumble if there was even the slightest chance of saving it.

"Alright, Mom. I'll do it your way," Vincent said, realizing that there was no other option left.

"And those two bitches, what's going on with them now?" Karen's voice seethed with fury at the thought of Amber and Judy. Amber had made her raise another man's child for over twenty years, and she had even ruined the family, only to try poisoning Karen in the end. Karen was so angry, she almost wanted to kill Amber with her own hands. Judy disgusted Karen even more. She was nothing but an outsider, with no blood relation to Karen at all. Just thinking about it made Karen seethe with rage.

"Amber's been sued. I won't let her off this time. She and her bastard of a lover will rot in prison forever. As for Judy, she's been in the hospital due to her health, and she'll be sent to the detention center soon. I have people keeping an eye on her.

"She won't be able to escape," Vincent said, his hatred for those two women palpable. He used to love Judy so much, but now, he despised her with every fiber of his being.

Now, he had become the laughingstock of all of Jersten. Wherever he went, people mocked him, some openly, others more subtly, laughing at how his wife had cheated on him, making a fool of him, and how he'd been raising someone else's child. To top it off, his family's fortune had been destroyed by that bastard child.

"You go see Elvira. Make sure she helps the Willis Group through this crisis. Once we get through this, I'll give her the whole company," Karen said, her mind constantly in turmoil.

On top of everything else, her health had deteriorated due to the poisoning, and she was physically and mentally exhausted.

Vincent left to do as his mother had instructed. This time, he did meet with Elvira.

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When he stepped into Elvira's company, he was struck by its massive scale. He hadn't expected the daughter he had always looked down on to have built such a large corporation at such a young age.

If he hadn't been tricked by Amber, if he hadn't favored Judy, and if he had handed over control of the company to Elvira, with her ability, the Willis Group would have already become a global enterprise by now. It certainly wouldn't have been on the brink of bankruptcy, laughed at by everyone.

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The receptionist led Vincent, to Elvira's office. The office was designed just like Zach's, quite large. It was elegant, with a style that balanced sophistication and formality.

Elvira was reviewing a new project. She wasn't very familiar with the details, so she was looking up related information.

When Vincent entered, he couldn't help but feel a pang of jealousy. Elvira looked stunning in her business attire. Her slender profile, long, thick hair, and delicate features made her look both refined and beautiful.

At that moment, she was wearing a pair of blue-light-blocking glasses, adding a touch of intellectual charm.

Vincent couldn't help but wonder what had gone wrong with him. He wondered why he had only ever loved Judy and why everything about Elvira made him feel uncomfortable.

Elvira heard the door and removed her glasses, tossing them onto her desk before looking up at him. "What do you want? Say it all at once. Don't come here again to bother me or my family," she said, her tone calm but firm.

Vincent understood she was referring to his visit to the Gilbert mansion. He felt embarrassed. Truthfully, he didn't want to approach her in such a way. But with no other choice, he had been forced to swallow his pride and make a move he never thought he'd have to make.

For so many years, everything had gone smoothly for him, with everyone flattering and supporting him. It had been so long since he'd experienced the coldness of reality.

"Elvira, we're family. I'm your real father. How can you say something like that?" Vincent said, forcing a smile.

"I remember how you and Amber kept suppressing me and my brother for Judy's sake, and later, you completely cut ties with me because of her. Don't you think it's a little ridiculous to pretend to be a good father now?" Elvira replied, showing no mercy.

Since he had come, she wasn't going to hold back.

"I was tricked by Amber. She made me raise another man's bastard child for over twenty years. Thinking about it now makes me sick. Elvira, I swear I will never acknowledge Judy as my daughter again. You're my real daughter. "Elvira, can you forgive me for my past mistakes? Can you give me another chance?" Vincent pleaded, his face twisted in

sorrow.

"No." Elvira rejected him decisively, her voice cold and firm. She wasn't about to give him any chance, not now, not ever. "Elvira, don't be so heartless... I know I was wrong,"

Vincent tried to play the victim, hoping to gain some sympathy. Elvira interrupted him sharply. "Do you really think an apology can undo everything I've been through because of Amber and Judy? All the unfair treatment I suffered in the Willis family growing up?

"Do you think I can just forget the way they both plotted against me, humiliated me, abused me, and tortured me... all because you allowed it and because you did nothing?

"So, you really believe I'm going to forgive you? I haven't forgiven my own mother, so why should I forgive you?"

Vincent's face turned pale and then flushed with guilt. For over ten years, he had favored Amber and Judy, letting them manipulate him, while he distanced himself from Elvira. But now, to his horror, he realized Judy wasn't even his daughter. If he had known that from the start, things would have been completely different.

"Stop with the useless talk. Why are you really here? If you're not going to say anything, just leave." Elvira's voice was cold, her eyes void of any warmth. Her gaze was as indifferent as that of a stranger who had no connection to him at all. Vincent distinctly remembered how, when she was a child, those same eyes had looked at him with love and admiration. 'When did her eyes turn so cold?' he thought to himself, feeling a chill run down his spine.

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"Alright, I'll tell you the truth, Elvira. Your grandmother asked me to come see you. Now that everything is clear, it's only you and Marsh who are my

children.

"She wants to pass the Willis Group on to you. Please, don't refuse. This is what both of us want. Vincent revealed the purpose of his visit.

Elvira heard this and couldn't help but laugh bitterly. She laughed so hard she almost couldn't stop. "Vincent, do you still think I'm the same naive girl I used to be? The Willis Group has already been completely wrecked by Judy. "It's just an empty shell now. The money has been drained out clearly. Whoever takes it over will be burned. I don't know how much investment it would take just to keep it afloat.

"Getting back to break even would take at least ten years, and making a profit anytime soon is out of the question. Your so-called 'good intentions' are still as malicious as ever. I don't want that mess. You can keep it for your old age." Vincent's face darkened when he heard how well Elvira understood the state of the company. He had been rejected by Judy repeatedly without mercy, and now Elvira's words made him freeze for a moment.

This was no longer the soft, innocent girl she once was. She had turned into someone as hard as a stone.

He could really feel her ice-cold heart. Perhaps she would always treat him so coldly.

Vincent suddenly longed for the little girl who used to cling to him and act cute.

After a long pause, he finally spoke, his voice faltering. "Can't you forgive me just this once? I was tricked by Amber."

"I've forgiven you a thousand times. But this time, I don't want to forgive you, ever. So, from now on, don't ever show up in front of me again.

"Even if I die, I will never acknowledge you as anything but the scum that you are," Elvira said coldly, her gaze freezing Vincent in place. Her words pierced through him like ice, making his heart ache with every beat.

"What about the company... aren't you going to think about it? It's a company worth over 20 million dollars," Vincent asked, trying one last time, hoping Elvira might change her mind.

"I'll be honest with you," Elvira said, her voice chilling. "I hate the Willis Group. I just want to see it go bankrupt and disappear. Is that what you wanted to hear? Now, get out of here she snapped.

"I have one more question. Where's your brother?" Vincent knew he had no hope of mending things with Elvira, so he focused on trying to gain some leverage through his son.

Elvira almost laughed in disbelief. "So now that you know Judy isn't your biological child, you suddenly remember you have a son?"

Vincent's face went pale. He didn't know how to answer her. He stood there, weary and helpless, looking like someone who had been drained of all energy. Lately, he had truly been exhausted, on the verge of collapse.

"I don't know where he is. He went missing at school, and it was arranged by Amber. Amber did it to drive a wedge between me and Marsh. I can't even see him now, let alone have any relationship with him.

"I don't know where he is," Elvira replied, her voice flat. She wasn't going to tell Vincent where Marsh was. A man like him didn't deserve to have children.

'Now that he knows Judy isn't his, he suddenly remembers me and my brother. He thinks he can somehow get one of us to take care of him in his old age? What a joke, Elvira thought bitterly.

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Vincent stared at her, realizing that since leaving the Willis family, Elvira had never shown him the slightest kindness. He knew that no matter what he said today, it wouldn't change anything.

But he still couldn't give up. "The company... you really won't take it back? It's your grandmother's lifelong work. Can't you at least try to help save it?"

He finally told the truth. Elvira couldn't help but laugh again, the sound full of irony. "Grandmother? Whose grandmother are you talking about? Have you ever seen a grandmother who treats her own granddaughter like an enemy, wishing she were dead? Stop disgusting me. Now you've said everything, and I've made myself perfectly clear. I reject you, and I reject everything you stand for.

"So don't come here begging me anymore. You should be able to see that no matter what you want to do, I won't agree. I won't ever acknowledge you or any of your plans."

With that, she firmly got someone to escort Vincent out of her office. As he staggered out of the Gilbert Tower, he suddenly collapsed, and the security guards had to rush him to the hospital.

Meanwhile, Zach arrived at Elvira's office. He was deeply concerned about her, especially since she was pregnant now and needed to stay calm. He didn't want her to get upset over this situation. Elvira had originally felt her emotions getting the best of her, but as soon as she saw Zach, her mood lifted. She immediately leaned into him, asking for a hug.

"If you don't want to see him, then don't. I'll handle everything for you," Zach said, his voice filled with concern as he gently patted her head.

Elvira rested her head on his shoulder. "I need to handle this myself. I want to see him, to witness his miserable state. That way, I'll know all the effort I've put in these past years hasn't been in vain."

"You need to take care of yourself. Don't let these people affect you," Zach replied, still feeling it would be better if she stayed away. Even though the boundaries were clear now, he couldn't bear the thought of her truly being unaffected by it all.

Just then, Elvira's phone rang. She quickly grabbed it and answered. After listening to the person on the other end, her expression darkened. "Judy's run away," she said.

"I heard. I'll send people after her right now," Zach said immediately, pulling out his phone to give instructions.

She's "Don't bother looking for her. She's at the end of her rope. Right now, the one person she hates the most is me. running to get back at me. We'll just make sure my surroundings are even more secure. Let her come. I'm ready for her," Elvira said, her voice firm. She knew that if Judy managed to escape even with such tight security, someone powerful must have been helping her. Judy had clearly invested heavily in her escape.

"No, we still need to search. Making arrangements is necessary too. From now on, I'll stay with you. We can't be apart anymore," Zach replied, frustration seeping into his voice.

'How could it be that even with all the bodyguards and police in place, a dangerous person like Judy could get away?' he wondered.

Elvira didn't show any sign of frustration but instead gave him a calm look. "Fine, you can arrange everything. I'll follow your lead," she said. She didn't want Zach to worry, especially now that she was pregnant.

If she weren't carrying a child, she might have found a way to ease his concern, but given the circumstances, she could hardly blame him for feeling anxious. She herself was already nervous, and she knew it would only be worse for him.

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Zach wasted no time inmasking the necessary arrangements. He meant what he said, and he immediately moved his worl into her office. He would even wait by the door when she went to the bathroom, ensuring she was always protected. Elvira said nothing. This pregnancy had come with great difficulty. If she had trouble getting pregnant again, this might very well be her only child. She knew there was no such thing as being too cautious

What broke her heart, though, was knowing how hard Zach would have to work now.

"You haven't had your prenatal checkup yet. Have they told you when you can go?" Zach asked, concern clear in his voice.

"Samantha said I can go in about two weeks. She'll arrange it," Elvira replied.

"Okay. Aside from her, no one else can be trusted," Zach said, his tone firm. He was being cautious, even to the point of overprotectiveness. He would not allow anyone to hurt his wife or their children.

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Karen's plan to have Elvira take over the mess that was the Willis family banes burden options, she had no choice but to declare bankruptcy and sell off her assets to wile

When Vincent heard about Judy's escape, he rushed back to the hospital to tell his mother "Mom, you had her Judy kon escaped, right? Do you think she might come after us for revenge?

"Revenge? What does she have to get back at us for? She owes the Willis family, not to her way word bike or n ruined everything I built. If she comes, I'll be more than happy to finish her off myself: Karen und her nice bood wit bitterness.

She could hardly stand hearing Judy's name anymore.

"You're right, but I'm just worried. Now that she's out of options, he might want to come in trouble. We should will be prepared," Vincent said, his concern evident.

"The one she's really furious at right now isn't us. It's Elvira. Everything that's happened to her, she has to thank us. If it weren't for Elvira, she wouldn't be in this situation.

"Judy's probably simmering with anger, just waiting to take down Elvira Don't worry about it, Karen said, her tone sharp and confident.

While resting in the hospital, Karen had spent time reflecting on the events of the past years, particularly the moments when Amber and Judy first came to the Willis family. Karen remembered how mother and daughter had favored her, quickly gaining her favor. Karen recalled how they had treated Elvira with a false sweetness, all the while scheming against her, how they had taken Marsh from her to raise, and how they had tried time and time again to destroy Elvira, almost taking her life.

Over the years, Elvira had patiently bided her time, making each of her retaliations count. Slowly but surely, she had taken everything Judy held dear, stripping her of it all.

By the end, Elvira had rendered Judy's investment of hundreds of millions of dollars worthless, revealing the truth about her non-Willis family heritage, which led to the Willis family completely abandoning her and leaving her with nothing Karen knew that her company had been nothing but cannon fodder. The downfall was a result of her own poor decisions especially her blind favoritism toward Judy. That was what had led to the company's ruin.

Elvira was the true heir to the Willis family legacy, as Karen now realized all too late. Karen regretted her decisions more than she could express, but it was no use. Elvira would never forgive her.

After hearing his mother's words, Vincent couldn't shake his worry. "Should I remind Elvira to be careful?"

"She knows better than you, but you're right. Judy's out of mind right now. She's unpredictable, and we need to keep our eyes open, Karen said, still deeply anxious.

To ensure Elvira's safety, Zach had set up round-the-clock protection, with dozens of bodyguards stationed both openly and covertly, guarding her like a fortress. Not even a mosquito could get close to her without being noticed.

When it came time for Elvira's prenatal checkup, both Skylar and Tracy insisted on accompanying her. They wanted to be the first to see what the baby would look like.

Samantha couldn't help but comment on the security detail when she saw the convoy at the hospital. "You're traveling like a president now, with all these bodyguards."

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"Judy broke out of police custody. Do you really think I can afford to take any chances?" Elvira replied, feeling tired but knowing she had no other choice.

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"Judy escaped? How on earth did she manage that? Does she have someone helping her?" Samantha had never heard about Judy's escape and assumed that Zach's exaggerated security was simply due to Elvira's pregnancy. She thought it was a bit much.

Since Judy, the most dangerous person, ran away, it would not be too much to have more bodyguards. After all, Judy was probably crazy.

"We don't know yet. We haven't found anything out. With you here, I can relax a little. I'm really nervous about this pregnancy. It hasn't been easy, and I just want to make sure the baby's okay," Elvira said, her voice filled with genuine

concern.

"Does Judy know people who could help her pull this off? How did she escape under police surveillance?" Samantha couldn't stop worrying. "You need to be extra cautious. Apart from going to the company or family, you shouldn't go anywhere else for now." Elvira fell silent, lost in thought. Tracy and Skylar approached with their paperwork, and the conversation moved on.

Zach had just finished speaking with some of the bodyguards and walked over. As they entered the ultrasound room, he carefully lifted Elvira onto the examination bed, while Samantha prepared the necessary equipment.

The cool ultrasound device moved gently across Elvira's abdomen, while Tracy and Skylar kept their eyes fixed on the small screen in front of Samantha. Zach, on the other hand, held Elvira's hand tightly, his gaze never leaving her.

"Is everything okay? Is the baby healthy?" Tracy couldn't help but ask, her voice trembling with anticipation.

"What," Samantha muttered, her voice full of confusion. The moment the sound left her lips, the hearts of everyone in the room seemed to tighten, their anxiety rising as they feared something might be wrong with the baby.

"What's wrong? Is something wrong with the baby?" Elvira asked, her voice trembling as she gripped Zach's hand even tighter.

"Don't worry. You are fine. It's... you're having twins. There are two embryos developing," Samantha said, taking another careful look to make sure she wasn't mistaken.

Her words hit like a bombshell, stunning everyone in the room. It took a moment for the news to sink in.

Once they realized what the doctor had just said, Tracy's hands were shaking with excitement, and Skylar clapped her hands. In joy, her voice full of enthusiasm. "Zach, you're incredible! Elvira has such a hard time getting pregnant, and you managed to hit the jackpot, twice!

"You're amazing. And Elvira, you're amazing too! Having twins right off the bat is just wonderful!"

Zach was equally overwhelmed, his grip on Elvira's hand tightening even more. Both of them were fighting back tears. "Two babies... It's an unexpected, overwhelming joy," they wondered.

"Doctor, could you double-check? Is it possible there are three? Tracy asked, not at all thinking she was being unrealistic. She figured if they could have twins, why not three? Maybe there was another one hiding somewhere.

Samantha sighed, a bit exasperated but still patient. "Tracy, it's definitely two. Both embryos are healthy, so you can relax. Just make sure to keep up with the regular checkups."

Samantha grabbed a couple of tissues to clean Elvira's belly, and Zach quickly took them from her, eager to do it himself.

Skylar and Tracy were practically bouncing with joy, their faces full of excitement as they rushed over to help Elvira sit up. Their eyes were full of care as if Elvira were made of fragile porcelain, and they were terrified that a wrong move might break her. 2/3

Elvira felt a little overwhelmed by the attention, and after she was dressed and ready, Zach gently scooped her up in his

arms.

"I can walk on my own," Elvira said, wrapping her arms around his neck.

"No, you can't. The first three months are crucial. If you can avoid walking, you should. From now on, wherever you need to go, I'll carry you," Zach said, refusing to let her down.

"Elvira, he's got plenty of strength. Let him carry you. For the first three months, just let him be your legs," Tracy added, fully in support of Zach's decision.

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Yes, Elvira, if you need something done, let him handle it. You shouldn't be doing anything yourself. Right now, your health is the most important," Skylar immediately agreed.

"Elvira, are you hungry? I had Anna bring you some luxurious collagen broth tr's in the car, and we can

get in." Tracy eagerly added, always wanting to take care of Elvira

"Tracy, now that you mention it, I am feeling a bit hungry. It seems like I've been getting hungry faster lately: Elvira responded with a smile, not wanting to disappoint the older woman. She knew Tracy was just looking out for her. "Zach, from now on, you need to keep some snacks around for Elvira. Pregnant women get hungry easily, you know? And they get sleepy too, so make sure you pay attention to that, Tracy continued, clearly worried about her. "Elvira, maybe you should take a break from work for a while. You have so many people under you that you can't let them just collect a paycheck without doing anything. Let them handle it. Tracy suggested, not wanting Elvira to work too hard. "Tracy, I've already been cutting back on my workload. I'll take it one step at a time. Elvira reassured her, signaling that she could manage.

"What do you want to eat? I'll bring more next time," Zach said, suddenly thinking about how he could better care for her. He realized he might need a bag. He'd never liked carrying one before, but now he was going to get one just to carry food for Elvira. "Don't make things harder, please." Elvira teased, feeling like she was becoming a rare endangered species in their eyes.

Samantha looked at how the Gilbert family fussed over Elvira and couldn't help but feel happy for her. She could tell that the Gilbert family members truly cared about Elvira.

No matter what they said, Elvira just agreed. She'd always lacked the warmth of family growing up, and she was soaking up the feeling of being pampered and adored.

Once they got in the car, Elvira began eating the luxurious collagen broth. Zach fed her himself, and though Elvira thought it was a bit over the top, Skylar and Tracy didn't find it strange at all.

In fact, they looked at him with a proud, approving gaze, as if he did a good job.

Elvira wanted to eat on her own, but the three of them insisted she didn't, and she finally gave in, eating the whole portion with them hovering around her.

Just as they were heading home, Zach received a phone call. After listening to the news, he glanced at the three women in the car, keeping his emotions in check as he said, "I need to deal with something urgent. You three go ahead and wait for me at home."

"What's more important than your wife?" Tracy asked, clearly frustrated. They had just left the hospital. She didn't believe there was something so urgent that he needed to leave right now.

"Tracy, Zach must have an important matter to deal with. Let him go. With you and Skylar here, I will be just fine," Elvira said sweetly, holding Tracy's hand.

Seeing Elvira act this way, Tracy decided not to argue. She gently held onto Elvira's hand, not wanting to let go, her eyes glancing at her growing belly with a shining, affectionate gaze. Once Zach got out of the car, he immediately rushed to Alice's daycare. He had just received a call from his bodyguard, informing him that Alice had gone missing.

Afraid that Tracy and Skylar were worried, Zach kept his composure and knew he had to find Alice quickly.

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Spike was already reviewing surveillance footage and looking for suspicious individuals. By the time Zach arrived, they had gathered some information.

It turned out that earlier that day, a delivery truck came to drop off supplies. The driver wasn't the usual one. He had claimed that the regular driver was sick and he was filling in for a few days. After the truck left, Alice disappeared. It seemed clear that this new driver was responsible for taking her.

The truck was a plain white cargo van. The driver must have intentionally avoided the cameras so after the truck left the vicinity of the daycare, it vanished from sight.

Zach immediately contacted the police for assistance and had all of his men dispatched to help with the search.

Back at home, Elvira sensed something was wrong after Zach left. She hadn't wanted to worry Tracy or Skylar, so she had played along with the situation.

Once they were home, Elvira claimed to be tired and went to her room. As soon as she was alone, she immediately called Leonard.

Leonard answered the call; and Elvira got straight to the point. "What happened? Why did Zach leave in such a hurry?" There was a brief silence on the other end before Leonard replied, "Alice has been kidnapped."

Elvira's hand trembled so hard she nearly dropped her phone. She took several deep breaths to calm herself and said, "It must be Judy."

Elvira blamed herself for being too careless. Despite the security detail around her and Alice's added protection, she hadn't been vigilant enough. During such a critical time, she should have kept Alice at home instead of sending her to preschool. But regrets were useless now. What mattered was finding Alice and bringing her back.

"It might not be Judy," Knowing she was pregnant, Leonard said, trying to ease her burden. "The Gilbert family is wealthy and influential, and they've certainly made enemies. There are plenty of people who could take advantage of this situation to stir up trouble." "Can you find Alice? If you can, I'll give you two million dollars, no, 20 million dollars. Please, help me find her!" Elvira's voice wavered, her desperation evident.

Alice was so small, so fragile. Whoever had taken her couldn't possibly have good intentions. Elvira was concerned if such a young child could endure this.

"Don't worry. I've already sent people to look for her. I'll let you know as soon as I hear anything." Leonard assured her.

But Elvira couldn't stay calm. She pushed open her door and made an excuse to leave the Gilbert mansion. "I can't sleep here. I think I'd feel better sleeping at home."

Tracy looked puzzled. "You've stayed here before without a problem. What's changed? Is it because of the bed? I'll have someone replace it right away."

"Tracy, it's probably just the pregnancy. I'll sleep better at home, and I'll come see you again tomorrow," Elvira explained hastily before leaving in a rush. Skylar wanted to accompany her, but Elvira insisted on going alone.

Once outside, Elvira called Cole. He already knew about her pregnancy and immediately asked how she was feeling. "Don't worry about the company," he said. "I've got everything under control."

But Elvira wasn't thinking about business. "Cole, help me find Alice," she blurted out. Nothing else mattered to her now, only Alice's safety.

Cole paused for a moment, then realized Elvira already knew about him. Understanding what was at stake, he agreed. "Okay,

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"Thank you, Cole," Elvira said, her voice trembling. Despite her Best efforts to hold it together, she broke down and started sobbing.

She couldn't suppress her guilt any longer. Alice's disappearance was her fault. She was sure Judy was behind it.

"Don't cry. You can't be too emotional when you're pregnant. You have to be careful too." Cole reminded her worriedly.

"I know." After Elvira hung up the phone, she tried to call Judy's previous phone number. Elvira thought that if Judy kidnapped Alice, her ultimate goal would definitely be Elvira.

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After hanging up the phone, Cole furrowed his brows, still troubled. He had always believed he'd hidden things well, that Elvira didn't know about his secrets. But now, it seemed like she had known all along.

What does she think of me now? Is she disappointed in me?' he wondered. He rubbed his face in frustration, then pulled out his phone and quickly sent a message, ordering his people to search for Alice's whereabouts with everything they had. Elvira dialed Judy's number, and when the call connected, she spoke first. "Judy, what do you want from me?"

"Well, look at that. It's rare for you to call me. You're so proud of yourself, aren't you? Thought you were clever, almost managed to ruin my life, and now you're the one coming to beg me." Judy sneered, her voice laced with a wild, unsettling madness. "So, you're the one who took Alice," Elvira asked, confronting the painful truth she had been avoiding.

If Alice had been kidnapped by someone else, there might still be hope. But with Judy, a cornered lunatic, Elvira knew anything was possible. Judy was dangerous, capable of anything.

No wonder they said always leave an enemy a way out. Otherwise, they would fight like cornered animals, no holds barred. "Are you actually worried now? That little girl's pretty cute, but her eyes... those eyes of hers are just like yours, and I really hate them. What do you think? Should I dig them out?" Judy laughed maniacally.

"No. Judy, I'm your enemy. Leave Alice alone. Tell me what you want," Elvira said, lowering herself to meet Judy's twisted desires.

"I want you dead." Judy gritted through her teeth..

"If you let Alice go, I'll give you my life," Elvira said without hesitation.

Before Judy could respond, someone grabbed Elvira's phone from her hand. Elvira turned to see Zach standing behind her, and her face changed instantly. She reached out to take the phone back, but it had already been disconnected.

"Alice is in Judy's hands. I have to negotiate with her." Elvira urgently looked at Zach, hoping to get the phone back.

"How would you even negotiate? You want to trade one life for another? No way." Zach firmly rejected her plan.

"I wasn't thinking of a life-for-life deal. We need to find a way to negotiate and bring Alice back safely." Elvira insisted, her eyes red with anxiety.

Zach gently guided her to sit down. "Calm down. I know you're worried about Alice, and I'm just as worried as you. But you can't do anything reckless. Why did you hide this from me and call her? Were you planning to go alone and trade yourself for Alice?" Elvira's silence confirmed his suspicion. She hadn't spoken, and her lips tightened in frustration. Alice's abduction had thrown her off balance, and now, she wanted to give her life for Alice's safety.

"If something happens to you or the baby, what do you want me to do? We need to think this through. We can't let Judy win," Zach said, holding her hand tightly.

"I know you're worried about my safety, Zach, but Alice was taken because of me. I can't just sit back and do nothing. Let me try negotiating with Judy, and find out what she really wants. "Then, we can plan how to save Alice," Elvira replied, still feeling guilty for not taking more action when Alice was in danger.

"Alice is still young, and she's vulnerable. We can't let her wait too long!" Elvira urged, her concern growing. She was worried Zach would refuse to let her act.

Zach was in turmoil. He said, "It's not all your fault that Alice was taken. The people helping Judy are powerful, and they probably targeted me. Judy's just a tool they're using.

"So this isn't as simple as you think. Don't blame yourself for everything. If anyone should take the blame, it's me. I failed to protect Alice, and now these people are taking advantage of that

Elvira, listening to Zach's reasoning, began to calm down. She squeezed his hand and said, "No matter what, we have to save Alice. Let me talk to Judy. We need to find out where she is as soon as possible."

Zach still didn't want to take any risks. He checked with Spike, who had not yet found Alice's location. With no other option, Zach reluctantly agreed to Elvira's request.

She could contact Judy, find out what she wanted, and they would figure out a plan to rescue Alice afterward.

Elvira quickly dialed Judy's number again, explaining that the call had been cut off earlier due to a poor signal and asking what she wanted in exchange for Alice.

"Elvira, let me make this clear. The only thing I want right now is your life. You know that well enough. If you want the girl to live, then you'd better die." Judy spat venomously into the phone.

"Alright, I can agree to your request, but you have to release Alice first. How do I know you'll keep your word if you don't?" said Elvira.

"I don't care about the life of a little kid. The one I hate is you. Get 40 million dollars in cash ready. Once you have it, call me, and I'll tell you where to send it. As long as I see you and the money, I'll let her go," Judy said before abruptly hanging

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Elvira immediately figured out Judy's real intention. She wanted money, probably planning to flee with it. Zach quickly made a call to Samson, instructing him to gather the cash as quickly as possible.

Samson reacted fast, calling major banks to request that they prepare 40 million dollars in cash within the hour.

An hour and a half later, Samson arrived with the cash. Elvira immediately called Judy. Judy instructed her to drive alone to a mountain on the northern outskirts of the city and contact her again once she arrived.

Zach, worried about her safety, insisted on going with her. But Elvira felt that this place was likely a trick set up by Judy. Judy wouldn't reveal her final move until the last

moment, so it was better if no one followed Elvira for now. Once they were certain of Judy's location, Zach could take action.

Zach was still extremely worried, but Elvira had made up her mind. Samson and Spike both agreed with her reasoning. Spike had already tracked down some leads, which indicated that Judy was least likely to be in the northern suburbs.

Only then did Zach feel slightly reassured. He gave Elvira a pair of new earrings, which contained the latest tracking devices. The bracelet could transform into a knife, and the necklace contained a poison needle capable of taking down the enemy within seconds, even a strong guy.

With everything prepared, Elvira got into the car to head to the location as Judy had instructed. Zach suddenly pulled her back into an embrace, his eyes red with worry. "You have to be safe. You have to come back safely."

"I'm not that stupid." Elvira reassured him, patting his back. After pushing him away, she kissed him quickly, then got into the car without giving him a chance to change his mind.

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The moment Elvira drove away, Zach regretted his decision. He knew there was no other choice now. Saving Alice couldn't wait.

As he watched her car disappear into the distance, Zach felt like his heart had emptied. He immediately ordered his people to keep close tabs on Elvira's car. There could be no mistakes.

For the entire afternoon, Elvira was led around the city by Judy her car running low on fuel. Frustrated, Elvira called Judy again, her voice tinged with anger. "Where exactly are you?" "Head toward the western docks," Judy replied, providing another address.

After hanging up, Elvira immediately contacted Zach. "This new address seems real, the West District Docks."

With the entire Jersten under Zach's surveillance, he quickly contacted Spike and Samson, sending them to the scene from air, land, and sea.

When Elvira reached the docks, her legs were stiff from sitting too long. As soon as she arrived, she saw Judy on a yacht, with Alice bound beside her, the little girl's mouth taped shut.

Elvira immediately stepped out of the car, but several armed men quickly surrounded her. One of them checked the car, ensuring there was no threat before unloading the money from the vehicle.

Judy sneered at Elvira, mockingly making a gesture as if she were about to throw Alice into the sea. Elvira quickly raised her hands in surrender, stepping onto the boat under the watchful eyes of the armed men. By the time Zach, Spike, and Samson arrived with their men, Elvira had already been brought aboard the yacht, which was sailing away from the dock.

Elvira was brought to the deck. Alice began struggling fiercely when she saw Elvira. Judy shoved her to the ground, glaring at Elvira in anger. "Didn't I tell you to come alone?"

"I am alone. I didn't tell anyone." Elvira lied, trying to avoid making Judy snap.

"You think I'll believe you? Elvira, when you tried to set me up, did you ever imagine it would come to this?" Judy's gun was pointed directly at Elvira.

"Judy, you can do whatever you want with me. I brought the money, not a cent less. I'm here, so let Alice go. I'm sure neither you nor the people behind you are really interested in a fight to the death, right? "Let's make a deal. Release Alice, and I'll go with you. You have to show some good faith to Zach if you want him to let you go." Elvira calmly proposed.

A gunshot rang out. Judy fired at Elvira's feet. Elvira flinched but didn't move, while Judy yelled in fury. "Now both you and this girl are in my hands. Who do you think you are to negotiate with me?"

"Judy, you're going to be a mother soon. Consider it a way of establishing a good example for your child. If you don't release Alice, Zach won't let you go. She's his niece.

"If you're planning to go down with me, then fine. I'll die with you." Elvira slowly walked toward her.

"Stop! I said stop!" Judy screamed, firing another shot, this time hitting Elvira in the leg. Elvira felt a sharp pain in her leg but kept walking toward Judy.

Alice, seeing her bleeding, struggled even harder. Judy, now distracted, was barely holding her down. In that instant, Elvira swiftly pulled out a needle hidden in her necklace and injected Judy with poison. Judy froze for a second before collapsing unconscious.

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thing every last bit of reach, Elvira grabbed Alice and without hesitation jumped off the deck into the sea.

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As Elvira and Alice plunged into the sea Spike and Samson led their team in attacking the yacht, while Zach piloted a speedboat toward them. Along with Zach, Cole and Leonard jumped into the water. The three men worked together to rescue Elvira and Alice, bringing them aboard the speedboat.

Elvira was unharmed. She could swim and had held her breath when she fell into the water. Alice, however, was disoriented and had swallowed some water, passing out.

Zach quickly began performing CPR. Thanks to his swift actions, Alice regained consciousness soon after. The first thing Alice did when she woke up was to throw herself into Elvira's arms, crying.

"You're hurt." Cole quickly took off his jacket and began applying pressure to Elvira's bleeding leg to stop the flow.

When Zach heard about Elvira's injury and saw the blood pooling on the deck, his face turned pale. Elvira shook her head. "It's nothing serious, just a gunshot wound."

Her face and lips had gone pale from the shock, and the cold seawater from the night didn't help. But she was just relieved that Alice had been saved. A little injury was worth it.

"The helicopter's coming. We're heading to the hospital right away?" Zach ordered. He quickly pulled Alice aside. Cole had already wrapped up Elvira's leg, and Zach gently lifted her up. Seeing her pale face made his heart tighten with every beat.

At the hospital, Alice was with Leonard, clinging to him. She was fine now, just a bit traumatized from the experience. She wouldn't let go of Leonard, probably because he resembled the Gilbert family so much.

When Zach and Elvira were too busy to comfort her, she trusted Leonard completely.

Elvira's leg required surgery, and since she was pregnant, she insisted on no anesthesia. She refused to let the doctors numb her and insisted they proceed with the bullet removal right away.

The pain was so intense that even the strongest man would've been on the verge of passing out, but Elvira gritted her teeth, silent and steady, as the doctors completed the procedure.

Zach stayed by her side the whole time, holding her close. His heart was aching with every wince she made.

The surgeon was extremely focused on cutting, extracting the bullet, stitching, and stopping the bleeding as quickly as possible. Once it was done, he was drenched in sweat from the intensity of it all. After the surgery, Elvira passed out from the pain.

Cole had watched the entire procedure, his body tense, his hands clenched into fists behind his back. He wished he could have taken her pain for her. Once he was sure Elvira was stable, he turned and left without saying a word.

When Samantha arrived, the obstetrics department head had already checked on Elvira. To ensure the safety of the baby, they gave Elvira medication to support the pregnancy.

Samantha tried to rush into the room but was stopped by Samson, who gently held her back. "Elvira's asleep now. Let her

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"I just want to see her for a moment," Samantha said, pushing him aside and carefully entering the room. When she saw that Elvira was indeed asleep and Zach was keeping watch by her side, she quietly backed out without disturbing them. After stepping out, Samantha went to speak with the department head to learn more about Elvira's condition. The doctor

explained that Elvira had undergone surgery without anesthesia which left her in awe of her bravery.

It was unimaginable that Elvira could endure bullet removal without any painkillers.

Samantha felt a deep sympathy for her but was relieved to hear that both Elvira and the baby were safe.

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Afterward, she went to find Samson, eager to understand what had happened and how Elvira had been fine earlier in the day but then ended up shot that evening.

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Samson pulled Samantha aside and told her what had happened today. After hearing Samson out, Samantha felt sorry for Elvira and considered Judy disgusting and troublesome..

"Hasn't Judy been caught yet? Did she escape again? Why?" Samantha asked with violent hatred toward Judy.

"Not yet. She is cunning. She and those men escaped by water, and we didn't have something like the submarine for the hunt. We will strengthen protection from now on. We won't make the same mistake again." Samson gave his word to Samantha. Samantha was about to walk away after one glare at Samson, and she quickly got pulled back by him. "Honey, you must be tired after such an eventful day. Let me escort you home. There are many guards, so Elvira will be safe tonight," Samson said. "No. I am worried about Elvira. I will stay here. Go if you want to" Samantha responded. She didn't bring up the topic of divorce anymore, but her attitude towards Samson was unfriendly.

She couldn't completely forgive him because the loss of her child was like a thorn in her heart.

She didn't understand why Samson would not let her go. 'What is the point of this hopeless marriage?' she wondered.

Samantha intended to order some food in her office because she hadn't had dinner yet. Samson followed his wife everywhere she went, and Samantha could do nothing but ignore him.

Samson didn't feel offended or frustrated. He didn't have the slightest intention of letting go of Samantha. To win her heart again, he already got himself mentally prepared for the difficulties and worked hard.

Apart from the scratches on her wrists, Alice didn't have other wounds. She was tough and did not make a fuss after being rescued. She was worried about Elvira because she had seen Judy hit Elvira on the leg with her own eyes. Elvira asked about Alice shortly after she woke up. Zach quickly comforted his wife by saying, "Relax. Alice is fine. She is you." with Leonard now. She is worried about

Hearing Zach, Elvira felt relieved. Her face was so pale that Zach took the chicken soup over and fed her. The sharp pain from the leg made Elvira curse Judy in her heart.

She was cooperative in the feeding because she didn't

want to spark worries about her health from Tracy and Skylar.

"Has Judy been captured?" Elvira asked.

"Not yet. However, I won't let this happen again." Zach assured his wife.

Elvira smiled weakly. "Don't blame yourself. Not your fault." She did not want Zach to blame himself for this incident. In her opinion, he had done well enough, and she felt

satisfied that both Alice and her babies were safe and sound. Zach now thought of nothing but to help Elvira recover as soon as possible. He fed her the chicken soup spoonful by spoonful, wishing that she would have a quick recovery.

After Elvira ate up the chicken soup, Zach looked at her with sympathy and asked, "Do you like to take some painkillers? A small amount won't hurt the babies."

"No, I won't take the risk. I can endure the pain. Can you tell me a story? Your voice can help alleviate the pain." Elvira stroked Zach's face.

Immediately, Zach took out his phone, found a story, and began to tell it with Elvira in his arms. Listening to his magnetic

voice, Elvira closed her eyes and felt that her wound didn't ache so much.

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Judy and her men left Aversa's sea areas. Her helpers were waiting for her ahead though she did not know who they were. However, one thing was sure, and that was their boss was Zach's enemy. The enemy of the enemy was a friend. After a deep breath, Judy looked back at the sea and swore to herself that she would kill Elvira one day.

Along with a loud bang, Judy's yacht was hit by a bomb. On the deck, Judy almost lost her balance. She quickly held onto the railing and asked angrily, "What is that? Didn't you say that we are safe?"

"I don't know. We already left the sea areas of Aversa. This is the international waters. We're supposed to be safe," a bodyguard replied.

Speaking, he saw several speedboats approach and provocatively circle his yacht. In the first speedboat, a woman in black held a rocket launcher on her shoulder and fired another shot at the yacht.

After the loud bang, the yacht was scrapped, the people on its deck fell into the sea, and the others on it jumped into the sea for their lives.

After a while, Judy was caught and carried onto the speedboat. The speedboats quickly left the international waters.

The bodyguards in the sea were clueless about this attack and the attackers. The bodyguard in the lead instantly updated his boss that Judy had been taken away. "Boss, what should we do now? We got attacked, and Judy has been taken away by the attackers." "So be it. She's no longer of much use," his boss said.

In the speedboat, Judy looked at the arrogant woman in the sunglasses with fear and stammered, "Who are you? Why did you capture me? I don't know you at all."

The woman in black walked over. She slapped Judy a few times while cursing, "Do you? You fucking kidnapped my daughter. How dare you mess with her? You must be tired of living!"

Instantly, Judy felt dizzy, and her face ached. Looking at the stranger in a daze, she mumbled, "Who are you?"

The woman took off her sunglasses, so her beautiful face was completely exposed. That face was 70% similar to Zach's. Grace pointed at her face and said, "Open your eyes and look carefully My name is Grace. Alice is my daughter. How dare you mess with her!" Speaking, Grace punched and kicked Judy. Judy kept begging for mercy, but Grace was ruthless. In a few minutes, Judy was beaten unconscious.

With another two kicks, Grace confirmed that Judy had fainted. Bored, she said. "How could such a useless thing kidnap Alice? What has Zach been doing all these years?"

"He is married. How can he be as unruly as you?" A man teased Grace with a smile.

Grace raised her palm to slap the tease, and the latter quickly dodged the attack which could pain him for three days.

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"Whatever. He's useless. This bitch will be my first gift to my sister-in-law," Grace said.

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"Your sister-in-law is awesome. She has my admiration before I get acquainted with her. She, a delicate flower, risked her life to save Alice. How impressive!" "That's my sister-in-law! She is good to Alice as if Alice were her daughter. That is why I can entrust Alice to her care. Cut the crap. Let's go visit her." Grace said. After a wave of her hand, she walked to the front part of the speedboat. When her long hair danced with the sea breeze, she looked gorgeous and domineering.

The next day, Elvira felt alive again. Last night was a disaster for her. Her wound ached so much that she could not sleep well. To make things worse, she felt a bit nauseous.

One hour of sleep was all she had. Waking up, she saw Zach making the table for breakfast and Alice, chin on palms, gazing at her by the bed. The moment she opened her eyes, Alice's eyes turned red.

"Alice, don't cry. I am fine," Elvira comforted. She had been muddleheaded since her arrival at the hospital yesterday. She didn't feel relieved till the news came that Alice was safe and sound.

"Elvira, thank you for saving me. I will be good to you from now on," Alice earnestly said while holding Elvira's hand. Amused, Elvira patted Alice on the head and said, "Okay. I know that you are sensible and grateful."

"Elvira, let me help you eat the breakfast." Alice tried to get the breakfast from Zach to feed Elvira. Afraid that Alice would get scaled, Zach said, "Elvira already knows that you are a good girl. You are yourself, so leave Elvira to my care. Go help yourself." little and may scald

"Zach is right, Alice. You can feed me when I am old, okay?" Elvira raised her hand and patted Alice on the head for fear that she had frustrated Alice.

After a nod, Alice obediently went to the table and enjoyed her breakfast. She was smart enough to know she was too little to help the adults now. 'Mommy says it is a kind of help when one doesn't cause trouble. I am a good girl,' she thought.

Zach was pleased with Alice's cooperation. With Elvira in his arms, he began to feed her. His heart ached when she ate the food mouthful by mouthful. He knew that she forced herself to eat for a quick recovery and their babies even if she had no appetite. While the three people were having breakfast, Spike entered the ward after a knock on the door. The bodyguard behind Spike carried a black cloth on his shoulder, and the stuff inside the bag was struggling and whining.

Wide-eyed, Alice looked at the bag with curiosity. She was born brave and bold, and the kidnapping had failed to scare her.

Frowning, Elvira eyed the large cloth bag on the ground. Zach asked with his eyebrows knitted, "What is this? Why did you bring it here?"

He was unhappy with disturbing Elvira with such a thing. He would have gotten the disturber kicked out if the comer weren't Spike.

"Zach, Elvira, one second, please." Speaking, Spike gestured for the bodyguard to untie the bag.

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The bodyguard quickly untied the bag and pulled it,

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In the blink of an eye, Judy appeared in the ward. With her hands and feet tied and her mouth taped, she was in a sorry state. Her body was wet, her hair was messy, and her face was bruised. The only thing that could prove herself was the clothes she had been wearing from yesterday. "Oh, the bad woman!" Alice screamed. She recognized that the woman on the ground was the kidnapper who had pushed her into the water.

"Judy," Speaking. Elvira looked at Zach in confusion.

Zach looked at Spike and asked, "You caught her?"

"Not me. Our men found her at the hospital's entrance," Spike explained shamefully.

Zach was lost for words.

At the sight of Elvira, Judy whined harder because she wanted the tape over her mouth to be torn off. Elvira was curious about the truth of Judy's capture, so she removed the tape over Judy's mouth.

"Elvira, send me to the police station right away. I'll plead guilty. To everything I did!" Judy shouted agitatedly.

Elvira was confused by the drastic change in Judy. "Who caught you?" Elvira asked.

"Demon! That woman is a demon! She's so scary!" Speaking, Judy burst out crying. She had suffered a lot after being caught. She saw Grace as a lunatic after she had been pulled into the water by the yacht, worked as live bait for the shark, and almost got eaten by it. Judy was driven crazy. Only then did she realize that the police station was the safest place in the world.

"Answer the question. Who captured you?" Zach glared at Judy unhappily.

"It is... she is..." Judy stammered.

"It's me!" A voice sounded like a chime, and Grace walked into the ward. With jeans, a white T-shirt, and a ponytail, she looked as young and beautiful as a college student, and it was hard to connect her with the image of a mother.

"Mommy! You're back!" Alice's eyes lit up at the sight of Grace. Happy, Alice jumped up and pounced on her mother. "Wait!" Grace pulled Alice aside, turned to Elvira, and smiled. "Hello, please allow me to introduce myself. I am Grace, Zach's sister, Alice's mother, and your sister-in-law. This woman is my thank-you gift for your kindness and help to Alice. Do you like it?"

Elvira looked at the young and beautiful stranger in shock while she felt that Grace looked down upon Judy as a trinket. Zach glared at his sister and warned through his gritted teeth, "Grace, don't forget yourself."

Elvira pulled Zach for his harsh tone and said with a smile, "I love it. Thank you, Grace. I was afraid that she would cause me more trouble after her escape. You save me the trouble. Thank you."

"You are welcome. We're family. How are you feeling?" Grace was quite worried about the wounded Elvira because it was said that Elvira had risked her life to save Alice.

Grace was moved. To be honest, she had no feelings for Elvira till she learned that Elvira had saved Alice regardless of the danger. Now, she accepted, respected, and loved Elvira from the bottom of her heart.

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"No cause for concern. I will soon recover. Don't worry." Elvira smiled weakly. She had a good impression of her sister-in-law in their first meeting.

Perhaps because Grace resembled Zach and Alice, Elvira felt clicked with Grace at first sight.

"Take Judy to the police station. If she runs away again, you had better give me a resignation letter," Zach ordered coldly.

Instantly, Spike asked the bodyguard to drag Judy away. Grace had seen Elvira's photo and now felt that Elvira was much more beautiful in reality than in the photo. She is weak, but her weakness easily arouses sympathy from others, Grace thought. Charmed by Elvira, she now understood why her brother had been bewitched. 'She is charming when she is wounded. What will happen when she recovers?' she wondered.

"Mommy, can I hug you now?" Alice was waiting for an embrace from her mother.

"Of course, my dear. I love you!" Grace scooped up her daughter who was looking at her eagerly. She then kissed Alice again and again.

"Have you had breakfast? You must be hungry now. Get her share of breakfast ready." Elvira rushed Zach after the first question to Grace.

"She's quite capable. Don't worry about her. She won't starve herself to death." Zach continued to feed Elvira. He wasn't so attentive to Grace as he was to Elvira.

Elvira refused to take the food and nudged Zach to get the breakfast ready for Grace.

"Elvira, eat on. Zach is right. I can buy whatever I want to eat. Don't worry about me." Grace walked to the table and fed Alice.

"Why did you come back all of a sudden? Grandma called you several times, but you refused to come back. What happened?" Zach was a bit angry at his heartless sister who had been away from home for so many years.

"I am busy. I goofed off to visit Elvira this time. Besides, how could I sit by when you couldn't capture a good-for-nothing? What if that bitch kidnapped my daughter again?" Grace snorted and then made a face at her brother.

"Why didn't you come back and protect your daughter by yourself if you are so capable? My wife risked her life to save your daughter. She is pregnant with twins!" Zach said proudly.

Grace's eyes widened in shock. 'I didn't know that. She risked her life to save Alice when she was pregnant. Out of question, she is a good person,' Grace thought.

"Elvira, are my nephews alright? Zach, how disappointing you are! You've been regressing all these years. How could you let Elvira encounter danger?" Grace complained of her brother again. Zach's face darkened. "Even the wise are not always free from error. I am not an omnipotent god."

"Okay, fine, you got a point." Grace looked at Elvira and said, "Elvira, congratulations that you're going to be a mother." "Thank you. Don't blame Zach. I was the cause of this mess. Judy is my stepsister." Elvira spoke up for Zach. Hearing Elvira, Grace waved her hand and said, "Your stepsister isn't so powerful. She is just a pawn. Speaking of which, my bad. I haven't found out the mastermind yet, and all I did was vent my anger on a nobody."

It surprised Elvira that both Zach and Grace shared the same opinion. It seemed she did have underestimated the real mastermind and overestimated Judy. Her body tensed up at the news of the powerful enemy against the Gilbert family. She

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asked no questions because it was useless to do so

"Since you're here, take Alice home. Elvira need a good rest Zach began to chase the visitors away when he noticed that Elvira was a bit listless.

"To catch that bitch for you, I didn't sleep for 24 hours. Should you let me have breakfast before you kick me away? Grace looked at her inhumane brother bitterly. She wanted to give him a good beating

"Hurry up then Zach was anxious to let Elvira have a good sleep

"Are you my brother? So inhumane. Elvira, keep him on a leash okay? Grace stretched her hand to hit Zach with fake

anger.

Elvira felt warm and began to miss Marsh as she watched Zach aid Grace bicker.

Grace was sensible. After breakfast, she took Alice to visit her grandmother. It had been years since her last meeting with Tracy. For some reason, she failed to meet with her grandfather on his deathbed or attend his funeral, and that was a regret in her life. Elvira looked at Zach who became absentminded after Grace left, tugged at his clothes, and said, "You miss her very much. Why did you pick on her?"

"She takes a mile if I give her an inch. I won't spoil her." Zach helped Elvira lie down and tucked her in.

"Just tell her that you miss her. Don't talk tough. Say something nice next time," Elvira advised with a smile.

Zach wanted to say no, but Elvira's soft expression made him nod. "Alright, I will be nice. Sleep now. I will be here with you." "Keep an eye on Judy. Don't let her slip through the cracks again Elvira reminded worriedly.

"No, I won't let her escape this time." Zach rushed Elvira to sleep by holding her hand.

Sleepy, Elvira closed her eyes and soon fell asleep. Zach took out his phone and sent Spike a message to keep an eye on Judy personally.

Judy was taken to the police station and then got locked up. The police invited a doctor over for Judy's injuries and didn't pay attention to Judy's pregnancy.

In the dim cell, Judy recalled how Elvira was taken good care of in the ward, and her eyes turned bloodshot with hatred. Judy was clueless about the cause of her failure. Why did Elvira whose life was supposed to be a mess lead a happy life now? Judy was supposed to have a bright future, but she ended up with pregnancy, abandonment, and a jail sentence with nobody on her side.

This ending was completely unacceptable for Judy, but nobody cared about her feelings. What awaited her was the punishment, and the crimes she had committed would bring death to her.

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Tracy was stunned when she saw her granddaughter who had been absent for years. She didn't believe her eyes till Grace in the distance shouted, "Grandma."-

Tears streamed down as Tracy sprang to her feet and quickly walked towards Grace. Grace quickened her paces towards Tracy. When Grace supported her grandmother by the arm, Tracy punched her without hesitation.

