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"Elvira, as a family, we should care for each other. You should bail Stacy out quickly." Judy said flatly but with a hint of gloating in her voice..

"Go to the police station now!" Karen threatened Elvira fiercely. "I would have treated you equally if you were half as sensible as Judy," she said coldly. "Stacy Willis was arrested for breaking the law. It's none of my business, and I don't have time for your nonsense today!" Elvira turned around to leave. Elvira turned around to see a group of four bodyguards approaching her slowly. She glared at them before turning back to the three women with her. "What's going on here?" she asked, her voice sharp and firm. "Are you planning to beat me up right here and now?"

"I feel like I have been too kind to you in the past, and that's why you dared to behave recklessly while I was away. Firstly, you went ahead and got married without informing me. Secondly, I heard you were involved in setting up Amber and Stacy. Today, I need to teach you a lesson so you'll learn!" Karen declared with authority as she gestured to her bodyguards to apprehend Elvira.

Elvira had practiced martial arts secretly for three years while living in the countryside, She was confident in taking on Perry Bacchus, but fighting four professional bodyguards could prove problematic. Additionally, she was feeling weak due to her period and menstrual cramps, which put her at a significant disadvantage. Despite her training, she knew that the odds were against her,

After weighing the consequences, Elvira said, "Hold it! I'll leave with you quietly. You can't just grab and take me away, right? There are way too many people around in the hospital. Let's go!"

"I doubt you dare to do anything anyway," said Karen as she turned to leave.

Amber and Judy appeared uneasy and anxious. Since Karen had been away, she was unaware of how difficult it was to deal with Elvira. They had experienced it multiple times, particularly Amber, who had been deceived into having a one-night stand with Perry Bacchus, but she didn't dare to inform Karen about it. So, Amber was determined to get rid of Elvira once she agreed to return to the Willis Family

"Mom, we should keep an eye on her. She's..." Amber said. However, before she could finish, Elvira suddenly spun around and lunged at Judy, who was nearest.

In a matter of seconds, Elvira had Judy in a tight chokehold. In her hand, a sharp can lid glinted menacingly against Judy's delicate face, threatening to cause harm. The commotion made everyone gasp in shock.

The bodyguards were caught off guard and realized too late that something had gone wrong.

"Don't move! Otherwise, I am going to ruin her face!" Elvira dragged Judy along as she backed away from the

group.

Amber screamed in shock, "Elvira! Let go of my daughter!"

Karen was caught off guard by the commotion that Elvira had caused before her. She remembered Elvira as a docile and obedient person at home, so the sudden outburst surprised her. "Elvira, how dare you! Let go of Judy right now!" Karen shouted furiously, her hand trembling as she pointed at her. Feeling anxious about Elvira ruining her face, Judy stood frozen and screamed, "Help me!"

Judy had always dreamed of being a top star and had been waiting for the release of her movie that could catapult her popularity. If her face was scarred, it could derail all her efforts and jeopardize her chances of stardom.

Judy was on the verge of tears as she felt the rough edge of the can lid scrape against her cheek. Every movement Elvira made caused the sharp metal to dig into her skin, leaving a trail of pain behind it.

'Send your bodyguards away. If not, I'll ruin her face. You can try me!" Elvira threatened coldly.

Karen was fixated on her once meek and compliant Elvira, her face etched with a serious expression. On the other hand, Amber was worried about Judy getting injured. Feeling anxious that Karen was unaware of Elvira's craziness, she pleaded, "Mom, please do what Elvira says. Don't let her hurt Judy!" She then turned to the bodyguards and urged them to leave.

None of the bodyguards moved as they would only take orders from Karen.

Karen's hands were visibly tense. Her knuckles were tightly clenched, and her nails dug into her palms. Elvira's sudden change in temperament took Karen by surprise. It seemed like Elvira had transformed into a different person after her breakup with Calvin Kennedy. Karen's gaze lingered on Judy, the granddaughter she had always doted on. She couldn't bear the thought of anything happening to her, so she didn't dare to take any chances. "Stand down, all four of you!" she ordered.

The bodyguards immediately retreated upon instructions.

"Can you release Judy now?" Karen asked, still glaring coldly at Elvira.

"Of course not," Elvira said. "Judy will stay with me for a while more." She kept moving backward while holding onto Judy.

Karen's eyebrows furrowed, and her lips pressed together sternly. Beside her, Amber was on the verge of crying, worried for Judy's safety.

Elvira took a few more steps back, keeping her distance and creating more space between them. She then pushed Judy away and quickly ran in the opposite direction.

Amber lunged forward and caught her daughter just in time. Judy's face was pale as a ghost, and tears streamed down her cheeks. She reached up to touch her face, feeling a stinging sensation. "Mom, is my face alright?" she asked, her voice trembling with worry. Amber quickly examined her daughter's face, checking for any signs of injury. After a few moments, she let out a sigh of relief. "You're okay, sweetie," she said, reassuring Judy. "It's just a little scratch. It should heal in a few days."

Karen's face contorted with anger and frustration. After ensuring Judy was safe, she turned to her bodyguards and barked out her orders in a cold, steely voice. "Summon more help, she commanded, her voice barely containing her rage. "Find that wretched girl and bring her to me by the end of today!"

"Yes, Mrs. Willis!" Karen's bodyguards acknowledged her order and immediately chased after Elvira in the direction she fled. "That was so scary! How could Elvira be so mean? I'm done for if she really messed up my face. Judy cried as she hugged Karen tightly. Til deal with that wretched girl later. But right now, let's head home and rest Karen felt terrible when she saw Judy crying, and her anger towards Elvira grew stronger as she spoke.

Amber and Judy felt exasperated and annoyed. With Karen and her bodyguards by their side, they thought taking Elvira back to the Willis's would be easy. However, things didn't go as planned, and Elvira managed to slip away from them again. Both of them realized that they had underestimated her abilities, and they silently vowed to approach future dealings with her more cautiously.

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Despite Elvira's insistence that she was feeling better, Zach was still concerned, and he insisted on carrying her to the intensive care unit where his grandmother was admitted.

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Upon entering the intensive care unit, Elvira immediately noticed Zach's secretary, Sherry. She stood up from her chair and greeted Zach, "Mr. Gilbert. Your grandmother's condition is stable at the moment."

Zach spoke in a cool and detached tone as he addressed Sherry. "Alright, you can make the first move," he said. After speaking with Sherry, Zach gently lowered Elvira onto the plush sofa and ensured she was comfortably seated before stepping back. Yes, Mr. Gilbert." Sherry nodded in acknowledgment and left.

Elvira looked at Mrs. Gilbert as she lay peacefully in the hospital bed. Though Mrs. Gilbert hadn't regained consciousness, the nurses of the intensive care unit assured Elvira that her condition was stable.

"Aren't you treating your secretary too coldly? Does she work well with you?" Elvira asked, curious about Zach and Sherry's working relationship.

Besides Zach's cold attitude, Elvira also noticed that Sherry was showing excessive respect towards Zach despite him being only a mid-tier staff, which was weird.

"Ms. Johnson is a competent secretary, highly efficient, and great at her job," Zach said primly. Sherry was Zach's only female secretary in his Secretary's Office. He usually worked with male assistants, but he found Sherry highly capable and had no ulterior motives, so he hired her as his secretary.

After hearing Zach's reply, Elvira did not think much about it. As she gazed at him, taking in his prim and proper appearance and mannerisms, she couldn't help but recall the intimate moments they had spent alone together. It was then that she noticed how drastically different he could be, and she struggled to reconcile the two versions of him in her mind entirely.

Tracy finally regained consciousness at night. Zach and Elvira entered the ward in full protective gear, spoke to her, and left shortly after.

After returning to the Willis family, Karen sat in the living room while a servant carefully applied a cold compress to her swollen face. Meanwhile, Amber was seated beside her, looking distraught and tearful as she recounted what Elvira had done recently.

During the conversation, Amber brought up the topic of Elvira's surprising marriage. She proceeded to recount a story about Elvira's violent tendencies, as well as her conflict with Perry Bacchus. Amber also mentioned how Elvira had publicly exposed that she was the mistress who broke up a family. As for her one-night stand with Perry Bacchus, Amber did not dare to talk about it even though she was set up by Elvira, for that matter.

"Mom, I didn't want to talk about all these initially. I thought Elvira would change for the better, but unfortunately, she has become even worse and is now disrespecting you. It hurts me to see this." Li Muyun looked distressed as she spoke.

Karen had a grim expression as she exclaimed, "The audacity she had!"

"Mom, nobody in our circle wants to be associated with me anymore. I'm getting old, so it doesn't matter to me. But you must do something for Judy and Calvin! You must not let Elvira continue to smear Judy's reputation further." Amber wiped her tears as she continued, "Judy's movie is set to be released soon, and it's a project that we have invested a lot of money in. If Elvira starts spreading rumors that Judy is the third party in her previous relationship... it could create negative publicity for the movie, ultimately resulting in significant financial losses on our part." Amber highlighted issues with Elvira, hoping that Karen would take action to deal with Elvira.

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Judy went up to Karen with tears streaming down her face. "Grandma, I'm sorry! I fell in love with Calvin, knowing I shouldn't have. But it was something that I couldn't control. We just naturally got together."

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"It's not your fault. The blame lies solely on Elvira for being so unlikable. No man would like a girl as stubborn as her. I promise to take care of this problem once and for all, and I won't let Elvira tarnish your reputation again," Karen said firmly as she held Judy's hands. Karen had never liked the two children of Rowena Smart. As a son of the family, Marsh should have been the one to inherit the household. However, he was terrible at his studies and was addicted to gaming, and he wouldn't listen, no matter how much people tried to persuade him.

Unlike the rest of her siblings, Judy was an exceptional child. She was always respectful and excelled in her studies. After her marriage to Calvin Kennedy, their two families could join forces to expand their businesses to greater heights. Hence, Karen was convinced that Judy was the perfect heir to the Willis family.

Elvira received a call from a colleague who asked her about something at work and asked her to come back to the office.

"I have resigned from the company, so I will not be returning to the office. All the items you asked about are inside the drawer at my desk. I will send the key to the office via courier so you can access them and deal with it yourself." Elvira had no plans to return to the company. As for the resignation procedures mentioned by the human resources department, she had decided not to go about doing it either.

Working at the company was a ploy the Willis family used to control her. But since she no longer cares, nothing they said would sway her anymore.

As soon as Elvira hung up the phone, she walked into a nearby dessert shop. After some deliberation, she picked out a few cakes, handed over some cash, and left the shop with a small box of desserts. Just as she was about to call Zach, she noticed a sneaky figure who seemed to be following her. "The Willis family is everywhere," she muttered to herself, her brow furrowing in frustration.

Elvira started walking and saw an alleyway on her right in front of her. When she reached the entrance to the alley, she quickly ran into it, and the person following her did the same.

An ear-piercing scream reverberated through the alleyway. Elvira had subdued the person following her and dislocated the man's shoulder. She said coldly, "Tell those in the Willis family that I will slowly settle the scores with them! Just wait and see me do it!" "Oh my god, Elvira! Let me go! I am not from the Willis family!" The man cried out loud.

Elvira was taken aback and quickly turned the man around to face her. He was tall and handsome and looked vaguely familiar.

"Elvira, I am Samson Lawson." Samson cried. "Zach had warned me not to look for you for fear of scaring you, so I secretly came to see what you looked like. I swear I am telling the truth," Samson explained anxiously, tears still on his face.

Elvira remained silent and took a moment to collect her thoughts. Finally, she remembered that this man was with Zach when they previously met in a hotel.

Elvira gradually let go of her grasp on the man's neck and slowly lowered it to his arms. Samson cringed in pain and shouted, "Elvira, please. My hand... it's broken! Let me go!"

"Save me, Zach. I should have listened to you," Samson shouted as if his words could reach Zach.

"Try moving your arm. It should be alright now." Elvira gazed at the weeping man before her, amused but unsure if she should laugh.

Samson's sobbing came to an abrupt halt as he tried to move his arms. Despite the excruciating pain he felt earlier, he no

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"I'm so sorry. I've been in a bit of a special situation lately, so I'm extra sensitive to people who show up unexpectedly. That's why when I saw you, I thought you were

someone sent by the Willis family." Elvira paused momentarily, continuing. "But I realize now that I was mistaken, so I'm sorry for hurting you."

"It's alright. It's not your fault," said Samson, his face flushed with embarrassment as he scratched his head nervously. "I'm sorry for following you secretly like that. I know it wasn't right, but I had to resort to this method since Zach refused to introduce us officially." Through his short encounter with Elvira, he can finally grasp why Zach, who had always been aloof around women, had fallen head over heels in love with her.

"The desserts you just bought are ruined. Let's return to the shop. You can choose and take whatever you like, and I will pay for it." Samson enthusiastically pulled her towards the dessert shop again.

After Samson paid for the desserts, he insisted on driving Elvira back to the hospital. Elvira couldn't refuse his offer, so she got into his cool-looking sports car.

As they pulled up to the hospital, Samson opened the car door for Elvira. She stepped out of the car and turned to thank him for the lift. As Elvira was about to step inside the hospital, a woman rushed towards her with an angry expression on her face.

As the woman drew her hand back to slap Elvira, the latter reacted with lightning-like reflexes and caught the woman's hand mid-air. Elvira looked straight into the stranger's eyes, her voice laced with anger and disbelief, "What do you think you're doing? Are you mad?"

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"You seduced my man, and you dared say I am mad! You shameless homewrecker!" The woman tried to pull her hand out of Elvira's grip.

Elvira let go of her hand and grimly asked, "What are you talking about? If you said I am a homewrecker, then who are you to Zach Gilbert?" Elvira hated people responsible for breaking up a marriage or relationship, so she could not accept being one, regardless of whether it was intentional or not.

Hearing the woman's outburst, Elvira felt her heart drop. She wondered if Zach had some other relationships which were unknown to her.

Samson. Tell me, is she the one who seduced you? I am pregnant with your child, so you can't just ditch me like that!" The woman ignored Elvira and ran towards Samson.

"I broke up with you last night, so stop bugging me! Also, just to be clear, I had a sterilization procedure a long time ago, so the baby inside you could belong to anyone but

me!" Samson glared at the woman before turning to Elvira and apologizing. "Elvira, I'm so sorry about all of this. I will take care of it right away."

Elvira let out a sigh of relief when she realized that she had misunderstood the situation. She turned around and found herself face to face with Zach, who had a grim expression on his face.

"Za... Zach!" Samson thought he was seeing things. 'Why is Zach here? Did he see what just happened? He did, right? It's over! I'm dead!' Panic set in as Samson wondered if Zach had seen what just happened."

"Get lost! Now!" Zach said coldly, with a scary gaze in his eyes. 'If Elvira weren't here, I would have skinned Samson on the spot, he thought.

Samson was so terrified that he felt like his legs would give way at any moment. Without wasting time, he rushed towards his car and told his ex-girlfriend to get in. As he got into the driver's seat, he started the engine and drove away at a breakneck speed, not even daring to look back.

'I need to find somewhere to hide and not appear in front of Zach for a while, Samson thought. This woman will be the death of me!' he cried internally.

Elvira watched as Samson hurried away, looking like a child trying to escape punishment. She couldn't help but find it amusing. She then turned her attention to Zach. "Aren't you supposed to be at work?" she asked him. "I'm free these days, so I can keep Grandma Tracy company if you are busy."

"I happened to pass by," said Zach as he helped Elvira with the bag of desserts. They walked into the hospital holding hands.

As they walked, Elvira remained silent and couldn't help but notice Zach's unhappiness.

Zach and Elvira entered an empty elevator. As soon as the doors closed, Zach moved towards Elvira and cornered her against the wall, pinning her with his arms. Elvira blinked in surprise and asked, "What's wrong?"

"I've always been single!" Zach said, looking at Elvira seriously.

Elvira appeared perplexed and responded with a confused tone, "What?"

As Elvira took a moment to gather her thoughts, she began to understand the true meaning behind Zach's words. It dawned on her that he must have overheard her conversation with the woman earlier and was now trying to explain and prove himself to her. "I'm sorry. That woman came at me out of nowhere and said something like that, so I just assumed she was your.." Elvira tried explaining herself.

However, before Elvira could finish her sentence, Zach leaned in and interrupted her with a sudden, passionate kiss.

might enter the elevator and witness the embarrassing scene.

hospital elevator and started pushing him away, as she was worried

Despite her resistance, Zach held her tighter and deepened his kiss. He then bit her lips as though punishing her, and Elvira froze.

As the elevator doors glided open with a soft ding, Zach gently pulled away from their passionate kiss. He held Elvira tightly, looked into her eyes, and said, "If you're unsure of anything, don't hesitate to ask me. Don't believe anything the others said. "Alright." Elvira nodded, her cheeks flushed red. She had reacted quickly because she felt offended by that woman's words about being a homewrecker in her relationship. Elvira's family fell apart due to a homewrecker, so she vowed never to become one herself. "Let's go, Zach said as he took Elvira's hand and led her out of the elevator.

After exiting the elevator, Elvira realized the hospital looked quite empty. "Don't you think it's a little weird today? Why is the hospital so empty today? The elevators are usually so crowded you can't even get in." "Perhaps because it's a working day? So there aren't a lot of people around." Zach shrugged. However, the truth was that Zach had already notified the hospital, and the staff cleared the level before he arrived. Tracy was quick to recover and could move around freely without any difficulty. The doctors have given a favorable report on her condition and mentioned that she will be discharged from the hospital next week. Tracy's face lit up with delight as she saw Zach and Elvira holding hands and walking towards her. Upon seeing Tracy walking around, they rushed to support her and guide her back to the bed. "Grandma Tracy. I brought you some desserts. These are made with natural sweeteners, so it's okay for you to snack on them." Elvira placed a piece of cake before Tracy.

"You're so sweet, Elvira." Tracy took a bite and closed her eyes, savoring the sweetness. "It's great to finally have a granddaughter-in-law." "Grandma, it seems like you've forgotten about me now that you have Elvira," Zach said with a smile as he watched his grandmother enjoying the cake. "That's for sure. Once I'm gone, Elvira will inherit all my money, so don't you dare think about it." Tracy gazed at Elvira, stroking her head lovingly. "Grandma Tracy, don't say that! I'm sure you'll live to a ripe old age," Elvira said.

Zach's face lit up with a warm, tender smile when he heard Elvira say what was on his mind. His eyes sparkled with adoration as he gazed at her fondly.

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Tracy couldn't stop smiling upon seeing Zach and Elvira. "As long as you're both doing well, I'll live a long and healthy life," she said.

After spending several hours with Tracy in the ward, Zach and Elvira finally returned home. As they entered the elevator of their apartment building, Zach pressed Elvira against the wall, and they shared a passionate kiss. Despite being the only ones with access to the elevator, Elvira couldn't help but worry that someone might see them, and she couldn't believe how needy and aroused he was. Zach refused to let Elvira go. They walked into their apartment and stumbled onto the sofa without breaking their kiss. Looking at how sex-starved he was, Elvira was convinced that Zach did not have any other women in his life besides her.

Elvira got a call from Marsh Willis, who scolded her, "Elvira! What the hell are you up to? Why won't you come home? Because you refused to come home, Grandma Karen had banned me from playing games!"

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"Oh? That's great! You can use the time to study then," Elvira said casually.

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Marsh had a hint of desperation in his voice as he shouted into the phone, "Elvira, please don't go too far! Grandma asked me to tell you that she won't feed me if you don't agree to bail Stacy out." He felt incredibly frustrated all day, especially since he hadn't had any snacks or sweets to satisfy his cravings.

"That's even better. You can take the chance to lose some weight," Elvira said. "You should look at your size now. I'm ashamed even to say you're my brother." In the past, Elvira never dared say anything harsh to Marsh for fear of hurting his pride and making him unhappy. But now, she doesn't care anymore.

"Do... do you still care about me?" Marsh asked, his voice trembling with anger. "I mean, for goodness sake, we're biological siblings!"

"Oh? You still know that we are biological siblings?" Elvira sneered. "I thought you only think about that stepmother and stepsister of yours, you douchebag!"

"Elvira Willis!" Marsh screamed into the phone.

Marsh was so angry that he started wheezing, his breaths coming in short gasps. While Marsh was catching his breath, Karen took his phone from him and spoke coldly, "Elvira, the 50th anniversary of the Willis Group is coming up next week. As you are the family's eldest child, you must attend the event."

Upon hearing what was being said, Elvira raised an eyebrow as she processed the information. She smiled sarcastically and replied, "Sure, I'll be there, but don't regret letting me attend."

"Don't say that. You will always be a part of the Willis family. As for Stacy..." Although Karen doesn't like Stacy much, she can't just stand by and watch her granddaughter go to jail. 12:17 Sat, 23 Nov

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"I won't help to bail Stacy out. Just give up!" Elvira smirked, and then, without another word, she hung up the phone.

The 50th anniversary of the Willis Group sounds like a big event. I should take the chance to give them a big present, Elvira thought.

The sound of another ringtone echoed in the air. As Elvira had set a different ringtone for a different contact, she recognized the caller and immediately picked up the phone. "Hey, Cole. How's everything going?"

did it! I've already secured the first round of funding of 100 million dollars, and the company can prepare to be listed soon. Cole said in a relaxed tone.

"That's great. You did well, and we shall celebrate when you are back." Elvira was delighted.

Amber Willis had always tried to suppress Elvira, fearing she would outshine Judy in the family. Amber even went so far as to sabotage Elvira's school life to prevent her from graduating. Despite this, Elvira successfully graduated, and Amber used Marsh to force Elvira to work at the Willis Group as a general employee in one of its subsidiary branches.

Elvira manipulated Amber into thinking she was a good-for-nothing by going along with her wishes to work in a small subsidiary branch as a low-level employee. However, Amber was completely unaware that Elvira already had a few small companies in her name that spanned several industries. In the call just now, Elvira and Cole discussed the successful funding of a jewelry design firm and the possibility of listing the company. Elvira is poised to earn substantial profits if everything goes according to plan.

With the money, Elvira could buy a bigger apartment, and Zach and her could move on from renting to owning a house. She could even get Tracy to live with them if things went smoothly.

Cole placed his phone on the table and picked up a box next to it. He then opened the box, revealing a stunning diamond bracelet. The bracelet was made of platinum and adorned with hundreds of tiny diamonds. The diamonds sparkled brilliantly under the light, making the bracelet even more beautiful.

Cole's lips curled into a gentle smile as he lifted the bracelet to his gaze. He had heard that Elvira had broken up with Calvin Kennedy, her long-time boyfriend. Cole had always liked Elvira, and he couldn't shake off the feeling of hope that bloomed inside him. Maybe, just maybe, it was his chance to confess his love.

After hearing some good news from Cole, Elvira's mood improved. Feeling much better, she decided to put her culinary skills to good use and cook a special lunch for Zach.

Zach was sitting in a boardroom meeting with his top executives when his phone buzzed with a notification. Upon checking his phone, he felt a sense of delight wash over him when he saw a message from Elvira that she had taken the time to prepare a delicious lunch for him and would personally deliver it to his office.

Although delightful, Zach faced a dilemma. He hadn't disclosed his true identity to Elvira, and he wondered if she would be angry when she discovered he had lied to her.

Zach regretted his decision to conceal his real identity. After much consideration, he immediately called Sherry to come in. He informed her of Elvira's impending arrival and requested her assistance arranging a smaller office for him to work from.

After hearing Zach's request, Sherry nodded in acknowledgment and left to make the arrangements.

As Elvira arrived at the entrance of Gilbert Group's corporate building, Sherry was waiting for her. "Good afternoon, Ms. Willis," Sherry greeted. "Mr. Gilbert had informed me to bring you up. This way, please."

"Thank you, Ms. Johnson." Elvira thanked Sherry politely and followed her inside.

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As Elvira walked across the lobby, she felt as though all eyes were on her. However, when she turned to look, everyone pretended to be busy with work and avoided eye contact.

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Elvira couldn't understand why everyone was paying so much attention to her. She thought, "I am just here to deliver my husband a meal. Why is everyone looking at me?"

As Elvira and Sherry stepped inside the elevator, a commotion erupted in the lobby as staff gathered to discuss the lady they had just seen.

Sherry was the only female secretary in the CEO's office's secretarial department. Due to this, the staff assumed that Mr. Gilbert had personally instructed her to receive the lady. Based on Sherry's behavior, everyone guessed the lady must be someone significant. Could it be Mr. Gilbert's girlfriend?" A female employee made a bold guess.

"No way! I've never seen a woman around him. Don't be ridiculous!" another female staff member retorted.

"Exactly! She can't be his girlfriend," another female staff member added. "I would rather Mr. Gilbert be gay! I would be heartbroken if he is attached!" she exclaimed.

The staff members in the lobby fell silent, and a noticeable hush descended upon the area.

Zach Gilbert was the crush of many female employees in the company, regardless of their relationship status. Many of them were so fixated on Zach that they preferred to find out about his flaws and shortcomings rather than accept that he had been attached all along. The elevator doors slid open, revealing Zach who was eagerly waiting for Elvira. As soon as he caught sight of her, he stepped forward with a warm smile, took the lunch bag she was holding, and turned to walk towards his office, with her following behind him. Sherry was taken aback by Zach's behavior, causing her to freeze for a brief moment. It wasn't until the elevator doors had closed that she regained her senses. Sherry clenched her fists as the elevator ascended, recalling what she had just witnessed. Several of her female colleagues were also interested in Zach, and Sherry was no exception. However, she was skilled at concealing her emotions, allowing her to continue working alongside him until now. Like many female staff members, Sherry secretly hoped that Zach would remain single forever.

Sherry was a young woman who exuded confidence and self-assurance. She had always held a firm belief that Zach, the man she had a crush on, would eventually take notice of her. She believed that if she worked hard and proved herself to be skilled and capable, he would see her worth and recognize her potential.

Sherry's aspirations were crushed when Elvira came into the picture. The mere existence of Elvira seemed to have shattered all the hopes Sherry had been nurturing in her heart. However, what was even more baffling to Sherry was how Zach behaved around Elvira. Sherry was taken aback by Zach's gentle and caring manner towards Elvira, and she couldn't comprehend why Elvira deserved Zach's love and attention.

"She's useless and a good-for-nothing," Sherry thought. Overwhelmed with jealousy, her fists were so tightly clenched that her nails dug into her palms without her realizing. "She doesn't deserve to be with him," Sherry muttered under her breath, her voice filled with bitterness. Zach led Elvira into his office and closed the door behind them. He then pushed her against the door and leaned in for a kiss.

Elvira leaned in and wrapped her arms tenderly around his neck, drawing him closer to her. Their lips met in a fiery kiss that sent shivers down their spines.

When their lips parted, Elvira's face flushed. She gently pushed Zach to prevent him from leaning in again. "Let's eat first."

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"Try my cooking," she said.

"I'd prefer to have you for lunch, Zach said flirtatiously, with no intention to hide his desire - the desire to take her and make her his woman.

Elvira felt her face burn from his words and said, "Hey! Be serious! This is your workplace!"

Zach let her go with a smile and brought her over to the sofa. As they settled in, Elvira reached for the lunch she had prepared earlier and carefully placed it before Zach. "Alright," Zach said as he gave his wife a quick kiss on the lips. "Thank you, my dear."

Elvira smiled and silently handed him the cutlery she had brought, and they enjoyed the lunch together.

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Elvira was a good cook, so the dishes she prepared were naturally delicious. Zach wiped his plate clean, wishing he could have more.

Elvira smiled. As the cook, she was glad that Zach enjoyed the food and that her effort to cook had paid off.

After their meal, Zach leaned in for a hug and kissed Elvira again. Elvira pushed him away and said, "Hey, you should rinse your mouth first!"

"We ate the same food. I don't think it matters." Zach scooped her up and placed her on his lap. He then slid his hand under her shirt and kissed her at the same time.

The temperature in the office seemed to be rising as they kissed. Zach broke the kiss and asked, "Elvira, is your period over?"

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"Almost," Elvira slurred. Her mind went fuzzy as she felt a tingling sensation through her body. "Elvira, you're so beautiful," Zach praised as he bit her on the lips, unable to resist her beauty.

As the temperature between them soared, a series of knocks echoed through the room, abruptly disrupting and pulling them from their shared moment of intimacy.

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Elvira startled, swiftly pulling away from Zach. Her gaze nervously met his, catching a glimpse of displeasure flickered in his eyes. The voice from outside announced, "Mr. Gilbert, an important client has arrived, and we need your presence."

"Alright, I'll be there soon," Zach responded. His tender gaze met Elvira's, offering comfort as he carefully adjusted her messy clothes.

"Don't worry about me. Put on your shirt properly first," Elvira insisted, her hands deftly helping Zach to button up. Swiftly, she grabbed some tissues, delicately wiping away the lipstick marks she noticed on his neck.

Zach tucked his shirt back into his trousers, fastening his belt with precision. With a gentle sweep of his fingers, he tidied Elvira's hair, planting a tender kiss on her forehead. "Wait for me here," he whispered. "Alright. Now, get to work," Elvira said.

Zach's gaze lingered on Elvira, his touch tracing a final caress across her face before reluctantly stepping away.

Sherry stood by the door, greeting Zach as he emerged from the office. Catching sight of Elvira's flushed cheeks, Sherry's intuition pieced together what had just happened inside. A heavy weight settled in her chest as if a massive rock had landed there, burdening her with the weight of unspoken emotions.

Zach shot a cold glance at Sherry before striding away. The intensity of his gaze made Sherry feel as though a knife was being held to her throat. Frozen in place, her legs weakened, and it took her a moment to snap out of it.

Sherry regretted losing her cool, revealing the true intentions she had kept hidden all these years. She knew Zach's temperament well and knew she wouldn't be able to stay by his side any longer.

After Zach left, Elvira rose from her seat and began to explore his office. The space was modestly sized, adorned with only the essentials, like a desk, two cabinets, a sofa, and a coffee table, presenting a simple and unadorned aesthetic.

Elvira made her way to Zach's desk and settled into the chair, her gaze wandering over the items scattered across the table with mild curiosity. However, everything she saw was just the usual office supplies.

Elvira decided to sit back at the sofa area. When she stood up from the chair, she noticed a drawer that wasn't fully closed. In the drawer, she saw a photo frame that held a photo of a girl.

Stunned, she thought, 'Why is there a photo of a girl in his drawer? Did he just put it away in a hurry because I came to look for him suddenly?'

With her eyebrows furrowed, Elvira opened the drawer fully, revealing two photo frames with photos of the same girl.

The girl was beautiful and looked like a college student with an innocent and pleasant appearance. Elvira's heart sank as she

looked at the photos. 'For Zach to have her photo on his desk, she must be someone important,' she thought.

Elvira knew Zach had a sister because Tracy had shown her a photo once, but this wasn't her.

Based on her understanding of Zach's character, he doesn't look like someone who would have pictures of his cousins on his desk, either. 'Who the hell is this girl?' Elvira couldn't stop wondering. Sat, 23

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When Zach returned to look for Elvira, the office was empty. 'I thought she promised to wait for me here. Why did she leave?' he thought, frowning.

Zach tried calling Elvira on her mobile phone, but she only answered on his second try.

"Yes?" Elvira said curtly, with a hint of anger in her tone. She had initially considered ignoring him and only asking him about the photo when they were home at night.

"What's wrong?" Though Zach was usually relatively slow to sense the mood of people around him, he could immediately tell that Elvira was angry.

"You have the nerve to ask me what's wrong? Tell me now! Whose photo did you hide in your drawer?" Elvira questioned. "Did you put it away because I was going to your office? Because you didn't want me to see it?" Elvira needed to know the answer as she refused to be tormented over such matters.

Zach was confused about what Elvira was talking about. While on the phone, he had already left the office but immediately returned after hearing what Elvira said. When he entered the office, two photo frames, each with a photo of a girl in them, were on the desk. Upon seeing the photos, his face turned grim, and he understood why Elvira was mad at him.

"Why are you not answering my question? If you don't know how to, then..." Elvira boomed.

"Elvira, I don't know the girl in the photo," Zach said truthfully. This office was a temporary space that he had asked Sherry to arrange for him. It was his first time coming in, so he had no idea what decorations or things were there.

"You have photos of girls you don't know on your desk? Do you hear what you are saying?" Elvira exploded after hearing his reply and hung up right away.

Elvira hated unfaithful men. In her opinion, it would still be despicable of him, even if the photos were of an ex-girlfriend.

Zach exuded a horrifying aura around him when Elvira hung up on him. Standing in Elvira's shoes, he knew how ridiculous he sounded. Because to her, that was his office. So that girl in those photos on the desk would definitely be related to him no matter what. In the magnificent CEO's office, Zach sat in his chair and stared coldly at Sherry as if surveying her. Sherry was so terrified that she could feel her legs shaking under her.

"Mr. Gilbert. Do you need anything?" Sherry said, breaking out in a cold sweat.

"Ms. Johnson, you've always been meticulous. How did you manage to make such a big mistake today?" Zach queried, his gaze piercingly cold. Though his tone remained casual, it carried an unmistakable frostiness.

"Mr. Gilbert, what... what did I do wrong? I did everything you told me to do." Sherry got a little defensive.

"You deliberately left the photo out for my wife to stumble upon, didn't you?" Zach leaned back in his armchair, tapping his finger on the table, which was an unconscious gesture when angry.

"Mr. Gilbert, it's not what you think," Sherry argued. "You asked me to look for a regular office to prepare for your wife's arrival, and I did as you requested."

"That girl in the photo is Mr. Derrick Lewis's daughter. I had already put the photo frames in the drawer, so I don't know how your wife still saw it." Sherry continued arguing. She decided to take a risk in trying to insinuate that Elvira was up to no good when she was alone in the office.

"How dare you try to slander my wife!" Zach's voice thundered through the room, his words crackling with fury. "Sherry

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Johnson, you're done here! Pack your things and vanish from my sight! And mark my words, your reputation in this industry will be nothing but ashes after today!" Zach's temper was a rarity in the office, but Sherry had crossed the line. Not content with scheming to cause strife between him and Elvira, she had dared to cast doubt on Elvira's character, attempting to sow discord between them.

Upon hearing she was fired, Sherry felt like she'd been doused in ice water. She went limp, collapsing to the ground as her mind spun with thoughts. 'No! I'm a graduate of a prestigious university. I'm meant to have a bright future ahead of me! If I can't secure another job, I'm doomed!" she panicked.

"Mr. Gilbert, you can't do this to me!" Sherry cried out, her voice breaking. "I swear, I didn't do anything wrong! Please, you have to believe me!" Tears streamed down her cheeks as she crawled towards Zach, desperately trying to defend herself.