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Chapter 1051

At this moment, Jasper's phone rang. It was Xavier calling in.

"Mr. Beckett, everything is ready. Tonight at 7:00 pm, prime time, all the news stations will report the news of Jeffrey's arrest. I guarantee Sophia will see it."

"Good."

Jasper smiled in satisfaction. "After that, keep an eye on Sophia and the situation in the prison. If there's any movement, contact me and Alyssa immediately."

"Yes, Mr. Beckett."

Xavier hesitated for a moment, then quickly added, "Congratulations, Mr. Beckett, on reconciling with Madam. I hope you won't make her angry again. Care for her with all you can. Make up for the three years you owe her."

"You-"

Before Jasper could respond, Xavier quickly hung up.

Jasper raised an eyebrow. That brat Xavier had grown some guts. He actually dared to hang up on Jasper.

Also, what was Xavier babbling about earlier? Was he lecturing Jasper on how to do things?

Alyssa cleared her throat as she blushed in embarrassment. "I didn't intentionally eavesdrop. Your secretary's voice is too loud."

“I have no secrets from you. You can listen to anything you want.”

Smiling, Jasper said in a hoarse and indulgent voice, “Next time, I’ll just put it on speakerphone and let him greet my wife.”

“No thanks. Let’s give each other some personal space.”

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Alyssa’s gaze shifted, and she asked with a hint of annoyance, “And who’s your wife? I only have a divorce certificate, not a marriage certificate.”

“Who else could it be besides you?”

Jasper took her hand, lowered his eyes, and planted a kiss on the back of her hand. His gaze was restrained and affectionate. “As long as you want to, I can hold your hand and grow old together with you at any time.”

“Tsk! Who wants that?”

As he gently held her hand, Alyssa felt like he had captured her heart. Even her ears gradually turned red.

Jasper’s eyes deepened with desire. Unsatisfied with just holding her, he sealed her lips with a passionate kiss. He savored every taste emanating from her tongue.

Alyssa was not a woman driven by lust, but every time she had intimate contact with Jasper, she couldn’t resist the stirring emotions.

Her eyes turned misty, and her nose carried tiny beads of sweat. Her whole body softened, and all her senses closed in.

Noticing Jasper becoming more and more brazen, Alyssa suddenly pressed down his hand, which was exploring under her dress. It felt like touching a scalding hot iron.

“Did you instruct Xavier to contact the media and release the news of Jeffrey’s arrest to provoke Sophia?”

“You’re quite smart.” Squinting his eyes, Jasper rubbed her smooth skin with the palm of his hand.

“Are you so sure that Sophia will fall for your plan? What if she stays

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“Don’t let any possibility slip by. Seize every opportunity. This is what you’ve taught me, Lyse.” Jasper’s voice was hoarse and charming.

“Then... I think I can help you add some more hot scoop.” Alyssa’s voice was soft.

She hooked her fingers at his lower jaw, smiling like a cunning little fox.

Seeing that, Jasper knew that she had another idea.

Chapter 1052

That night at 7:00 pm, all the news channels reported the news of the shooting incident. If it wasn’t the first piece of news, it was still the second.

The footage of Jeffrey’s arrest was exposed. In the video provided by Jasper to the media, Jeffrey’s face was not even blurred. It was boldly presented to the public.

Simultaneously, the news of the innocent girl who lost her life in the shooting spread like wildfire, causing a public outcry.

Citizens flooded the comment sections on the TV station's official website and Twitter, condemning Jeffrey's heinous actions.

"Solana City is known as the safest city in the country, but a shooting incident actually happened! It's surreal!"

"This Jeffrey Snyder is heartless! Ruthless! Worse than

any!

I hope the law severely punishes this villain and brings

justice for that innocent girl. Don't disappoint us."

"Usually, in the news, the photos of victims are exposed, while the faces of criminals are often blurred. That's just weird! This media did a great job."

"We should all see the disgusting face of this creature, who doesn't deserve to be called a human being! Even if he hasn't been sentenced to death, let him experience social death first!"

"Poor little girl, she died at such a young age... It really makes me want to cry."

"Now that the murderer is brought to justice, the girl's spirit in heaven should find solace."

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Originally, public opinion was united in condemning Jeffrey.

However, at this moment, a few comments quietly slipped into the discussion, causing some chain reactions.

“Do you know who this Jeffrey is?”

Everyone was curious.

“According to insiders, Jeffrey was Sophia Kirkman’s bodyguard for many years, and the Beckett family was aware of it.”

“What? Sophia Kirkman’s bodyguard?”

“I also heard that Jeffrey has a complex background. He used to be a mercenary in Tsulu, killing people. But when he started working for Sophia, his past was whitewashed.

“He even infiltrated the Beckett Group for so many years. Hehe! The rich are really something else. Even their bodyguards bring guns to work.

“Also, the deceased was a maid in the Beckett family, and Jeffrey was, a bodyguard for them, both serving Sophia. Don’t you think there’s something wrong with this?”

Netizens seemed to have their dormant curiosity ignited, and various speculations emerged. Sophia, who was already dead socially, was once again mentioned for public humiliation.

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“Is Sophia the reincarnation of a witch? Why those close to her have a bad ending?”

“I really don’t want to see the name Sophia again. Let God come and. kill that old witch!”

“Could it be that the girl stumbled upon Sophia’s secret affair? That witch was afraid of being kicked out of the Beckett family and losing her wealth and glory, so she sent Jeffrey to kill the girl and silence her.

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Opinions varied, and though the words of netizens seemed unrealistic, they were actually close to the correct answer.

“Ms. Alyssa, I’ve leaked the information per your instructions.”

Already meeting the discharge criteria, Sean was now recuperating in a sanatorium. Yet he was still contributing to Alyssa as much as he could.

“Our people have already spread the news on various social medial platforms, and public opinion has shifted. I believe when Sophia sees. suspicion pointing toward her, she’ll likely be on edge.”

“Sophia is guilty. Naturally, she won’t have a moment’s peace.”

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Alyssa was good at manipulating public opinion to incite emotions among netizens. With just a little effort, it could have a significant impact.

“Sean, I’m really sorry. I know you’re still in recovery, but I had to trouble you. You’ve been handling the PR side, so you understand the entire process the best. You work the fastest, so I can only-”

“Ms. Alyssa, please don’t say that.”

Sean was very serious yet gentle. “No matter when or what happens, please remember, I have your back.”

“Sean...” Alyssa choked up.

It might be because she had recently been too deeply immersed in love, but she seemed to be getting softer as she aged. She found herself on the verge of tears at the slightest emotional trigger.

Blame it on Jasper for turning her iron-heartedness into temptations.

“Besides, I’m bored to death in this sanatorium. Please find something for me to do. I’m afraid I’ll get early-onset dementia.

“Taty goes to take care of you when she’s free. Why are you still bored?” Alyssa teased him.

“Mystiana tries all kinds of dishes for me every day. My eight-pack abs are melting into one.” Sean sighed in distress, but even his sigh carried a hint of happiness.

“Taty envies Lyla’s excellent cooking skills. You’re one lucky guy.” Alyssa couldn’t help sighing.

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After she pondered for a moment, her tone turned serious. “When this revenge comes to an end, and your body recovers, I’ll go talk to

Winston and Lyla about you and Taty.”

“A-About us?” Sean was so shocked that he raised his voice.

Hearing him sound so spirited, Alyssa smiled gently. It seemed he was recovering well.

“Although you’ve watched Taty grow up, you’ve only been dating for less than a year. You still need to understand each other more and spend more time together. It’s not the time to talk about marriage yet.

“But after all, Taty is the Taylor family’s precious daughter and the apple of Winston and Lyla’s eyes. They’re very cautious when it comes to choosing a future son-in-law.

“As far as I know, during the four years Taty studied in Solana City, Winston never stopped looking for talented young men in the country for her. But Lyla used the excuse that Taty is still young and should prioritize her studies to decline that idea.”

Sean listened quietly. His breath turned slightly heavy, and his heart

tightened.

“So don’t think that you’re all safe just because Taty likes you. I need to quickly go to Winston and improve your image. You and Taty still have a long way to go.”

Alyssa had only one sister, and she cherished her dearly, taking on the role of a half-mother. “Make a good showing and be extremely good to Taty. Visit our home more often, and be attentive to your

future father and mother-in-law.

“As long as you two love each other and never leave or abandon each other, my brothers and I will help you overcome any obstacles at

home.”

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“Ms. Alyssa... thank you.” Sean choked up. Those two words meant everything he wanted to say.

Alyssa waved her hand casually. “Hey, don’t need to be so formal. You’ve been working for me and Jonah for a long time, tirelessly year- round. As the boss, shouldn’t I give you some benefits?”

“Besides, it’s not just for you, but it’s also for Taty’s lifelong

happiness. She’s delicate, soft-hearted, and timid. I’m afraid she’ll be bullied by other men. Since I know you well, entrusting her to you makes me feel at ease.”

“Please rest assured. I really... really like Ms. Tatiana. I swear that I’ll never let her down.” Sean vowed word by word, his voice breaking.

Alyssa smiled contentedly.

After a moment of silence, Sean said softly and sincerely, “Congratulations to you and Mr. Beckett. After countless hardships, you’re finally truly together. Please be happy, Ms. Alyssa.”

“I will. We’ll both be happy.” Alyssa was moved, and she smiled warmly.

Chapter 1054

At this moment, in Seaview Manor, all the servants of the Beckett family had learned about the ins and outs of the Jeffrey case through the television and their phones. They were all in a state of shock, and discussions were buzzing.

“Jeffrey Snyder? Madam Sophia’s assistant, Jeffrey?”

“Yes, him! Whenever I saw that guy, I would get goosebumps. He looked sinister. It turns out he’s really a villain.”

“Oh, my God. Nina

Poor Nina! Such a good girl, gone just like that.”

The servants shed tears, and sobs echoed.

“Nina’s death is partially Sophia’s responsibility. How could she keep such a dangerous person at home? She’s too selfish. Don’t our lives matter?” someone said indignantly.

“Has the noble Madam Sophia ever considered us humans?”

One maid who was close to Nina exclaimed, “She and Betty are simply evil capitalists! They always bullied Nina. Sometimes, she was forced to work late at night.

“Once, I saw bruises all over her arms when she changed clothes. I asked if she was being bullied by Sophia and Betty, and she just remained silent...”

“Poor Nina. Sophia and Betty are simply inhuman! They’re just two bitches that bark incessantly every day!”

Several nodded in agreement.

They had long been fed up with Sophia and Betty, but because of the power of the Beckett Group, they dared not express their anger openly.

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“Sigh. Back when Madam hadn’t divorced Mr. Jasper, she treated all the servants at Seaview Manor well. She protected us without any air

“After she left, she took away the last bit of human touch from this place... If it weren’t for the money, I’d rather go out and collect junk.”

“Go collect junk, then! Why are you still here?” A sharp and piercing voice suddenly cut through, startling everyone.

With a flushed face full of anger, Betty marched over with high heels." What did you just say? Say it again!"

The air froze, and the servants dared not utter a word.

"Speak, coward! Why are you not talking now?"

Betty smirked, showing disdain. "Hmph, lowly scum, no wonder you'll be a servant for a lifetime!"

"We pay you. The least you can do is be careful of your words. If I hear you mention Alyssa again, I'll make your whole family pack up and leave Solana City!"

"What did I say wrong? Do you and your mother treat us like human beings?" the young servant retorted.

"We signed a labor contract, not a slave contract! We're not dogs. raised by the Beckett family!"

"How dare you-" Betty's eyes widened, momentarily speechless.

"Madam is kind-hearted and good. She's amazing! She's a thousand times better than you all! As a high-born heiress from a wealthy family, you lack manners, don't understand respect, and curse all the time.

"I've had enough of working for you here! I quit! Go ahead and kill me if you have the guts!"

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With these words, the maid tore off her name tag and threw it at Betty.

"You bitch! How dare you?"

Used to being arrogant at home, Betty raised her hand and slapped the maid.

At once, all the maids rushed forward and surrounded her. Almost all of them removed their name tags, showing signs of a rebellion.

Betty was frightened. Still, she put on the airs of a heiress, pointing at them and angrily scolding, “W-What are you all doing?”

“Believe it or not, I’ll call the police and have you all arrested. I’ll fire you! Once you leave the Beckett family ... I’ll make sure you can’t

survive!”

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A deep and authoritative voice echoed from behind, and the chaotic scene suddenly fell silent.

Everyone froze for a moment, then quickly bowed. “Mr. Javier.”

“Dad?” Betty was momentarily flustered, standing there awkwardly.

It was only then that she noticed that Javier and Rory had appeared behind her.

She had thought Javier was away on a business trip. How did he suddenly return?

“What were you doing just now? Did you hit someone?” Javier questioned sternly, his eyes showing a hint of anger.

“Dad... Please listen to me. It’s all these servants’ fault!”

Betty immediately changed her expression to a pitiful one. She then ran over to hug Javier's arm like an innocent bunny.

"They were talking behind my back and Mom's back. They're so disrespectful and out of line! We pay them, but they don't even have basic professional ethics! Please, just fire them."

"Is that the reason why you resorted to violence?"

Javier ignored her complaints and continued with a serious face." Just because you're the daughter of the Beckett family and they're servants, does that give you the right to use violence?"

"Have you forgotten all the etiquette and manners I taught you since you were little? Or have you always been like this in private, and I'm only seeing it today?"

"Dad... W-What are you talking about?"

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Betty's heart pounded nervously as she stared blankly at Javier. "They insulted Mom and me. Do you think I was wrong? How can you say that?"

However, no matter how she accused, Javier remained calm, seemingly unaffected.

At this moment, the servants approached, expressing their intention to leave.

Although Javier was the head of the Beckett Group, he treated even the most ordinary employees with kindness. He never trampled on the dignity of ordinary people just because he had power and influence.

Despite his many flaws, he still had the demeanor of a scion. This was the difference between a top wealthy family and nouveau riche.

“The orderly operation of Seaview Manor every day is because of all of your hard work. I’m very grateful for your hard work over the years. I hope you’ll not resign because of this. If you do, I don’t know where to find such good employees like you.

“Today’s matter is my daughter’s fault. I’ll have her apologize to you. Betty, apologize.” Javier glanced at Betty sternly.

“Dad... W-What did you say?”

Betty was so angry that her scalp tingled, almost blurting out the words, “Are you crazy?”

“Regardless of the situation, using violence is wrong. It goes against the etiquette I taught you and tarnishes the family’s reputation. Apologize now.”

Javier’s expression remained stern, giving Betty no room for negotiation.

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Betty had no choice but to grit her teeth and apologize to the servants with a flushed face. “I’m sorry. I was wrong.”

For the arrogant Betty, who had always considered herself outstanding, this was an insult akin to having her bones pulled out.

At this moment, the servants bowed together. “Ms. Lauren.”

Javier turned in surprise, only to see Landon holding hands with Lauren as they walked side by side, resembling a newlywed couple. The sweet atmosphere was palpable, even to him.

Surprisingly, he found himself thinking they looked well-matched.

But what touched Javier even more was the way Landon looked at Lauren.

It was so affectionate, filled with intense and passionate emotions. He was all too familiar with that look.

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There was a time when he was infatuated with Anne, and it was with the same unwavering gaze of deep affection.

“Wow, it’s Mr. Landon. He’s with Ms. Lauren now?” The servants were excited.

“This is great! Mr. Landon is hot and rich. Most importantly, he’s Mr. Cornelius’ eldest grandson. In the future, the entire Harper Group will be his. He can definitely protect Ms. Lauren.”

“That’s right. Ms. Lauren won’t be bullied by Betty anymore.”

The last sentence was deliberately whispered.

But Javier, despite his age, still had sharp ears. He frowned slightly.

“Dad... Lauren called out timidly. Her expression was enough to evoke sympathy.

“Hi, Dad,” Landon greeted with a bright and beautiful smile.

He lifted the hand tightly entwined with Lauren’s, intentionally

showing off their affection in front of everyone. “Lauren missed you. and wanted to come back to see you.

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Lauren's cheeks turned as red as a tomato, and she shyly leaned toward Landon.

At this point, Betty had given up on entering the Harper family after Landon's torment. Yet Betty couldn't shake off her burning jealousy. When she saw Lauren and Landon's interaction and thought Lauren had basically married into the Harper family.

"It's good that you're back." Javier nodded repeatedly. "Lauren, how have you been lately? Is your health okay?"

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"It's fine. My dar-Landon takes good care of me," Lauren stammered, almost accidentally calling Landon "darling" before quickly correcting herself.

Narrowing his eyes, Landon exerted a bit of force in their linked

fingers and whispered in her ear, "Honestly, I still like it when you call me 'darling.'"

Lauren bit her lip tightly, blushing even more.

"Landon, thank you for taking care of Lauren." Javier seemed to have approved of their relationship.

After all, they were not only in love but also a well-matched couple from suitable backgrounds.

If Landon were to marry Lauren, this alliance would yield benefits far beyond Javier's expectations. The advantages for the Beckett Group resulting from the intermarriage of the two families were evident, leaving him with no reason to oppose it.

"Dad, you're too kind. It's just a matter of course."

Landon fixed his gaze on the shy Lauren. His focused eyes were filled with intense desire. "Taking care of Lauren is a responsibility I bear for the rest of my life. I plan to pamper her for a lifetime."

Javier coughed awkwardly a few times, his expression stiff.

Landon hadn't officially asked for his permission to marry yet, so he couldn't afford to show his inner turmoil. He couldn't let Landon see that he approved of this prospective son-in-law.

That would be too embarrassing.

Meanwhile, the servants were all thinking, "Wow, so sweet and

adorable! It wouldn't be long before we witness Ms. Lauren getting married!"

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Lauren's eyes were moist. "Landon..."

"Dad, did we come at the wrong time? Are we disrupting your affairs?"

Landon casually smiled. "I wonder what Ms. Betty did to upset you so much. I've heard from Jasper that you're always busy, and he mentioned that you don't have much time to take care of yourself. Please don't let some trivial matters harm your health."

Betty was trembling all over, already on the verge of an emotional explosion.

She glared at Lauren with her red-rimmed eyes. She looked as if she wanted to pounce on her sister and tear her apart.

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“Thank you for worrying about me, Landon.” Javier smiled.

“It’s not just me. There’s also Lauren and Jasper. They all care about you.” Landon’s words were so sweet.

In fact, it wasn’t just to please his future father-in-law. He also wanted to gain favor for Jasper.

“I haven’t seen Lauren in a long time. Come to my study, both of you. Let’s sit down and have a good chat.”

With an affectionate smile, Javier gestured to Lauren. “Come, Lauren, come to me.”

Although Lauren communicated less with Javier as she grew up, in her memory, he was the one who loved her the most when she was a child.

“Dad...”

With glistening eyes, Lauren let go of Landon’s hand and walked

toward Javier.

For some reason, when Landon saw this scene, his eyes reddened, and his nose prickled.

He knew very well that, no matter how well he treated Lauren or how much he loved her, he couldn’t replace the position of family in her heart.

Perhaps many people could live without love, but no one could endure losing their family.

As Lauren approached, Javier smiled and opened his arms to encircle her petite frame. He embraced his long-unseen daughter, gently

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Meanwhile, she pressed her face against his chest. For some reason, her heart trembled. A surge of complex emotions washed over her, and she secretly shed tears, moistening Javier's neat shirt.

At this moment, Betty's anger finally reached its peak, and she was almost crying.

As Javier's eldest daughter, she had always been the apple of the Becketts' eyes. With her intelligence and beauty, she had been the focus of her parents' attention, overshadowing Lauren's existence.

Lauren had now taken away everything that originally belonged to her, from Newton to Sophia to Landon.

Even Javier's favor was taken away from her.

She hated Lauren. She hated her to the core.

Conversely, the grounded Sophia was terrified after seeing the news about Jeffrey and the online comments.

She fumbled for the medication Tristan left for her. After injecting herself twice, she finally calmed down and had some capacity for rational thought.

She never expected that Jeffrey, who had fled to Tsulu, would be arrested. Furthermore, she didn't anticipate that the blame for Nina's

death would still be associated with her.

The police hadn't summoned her, indicating that Jeffrey hadn't ratted her out.

However, as long as he was alive, there was a risk that he couldn't withstand the pressure and would spill the beans, revealing everything about hiring him to kill Nina. By then, it would be too late.

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Since Javier had grounded her, she couldn't do much.

The only person who could do things for her was Betty.

With swollen eyes, Betty came to see Sophia. She sat there, sobbing

uncontrollably.

However, Sophia had no time to deal with her bad mood, immediately

saying, "Jeffrey has been arrested, and there's a good chance he

might reveal what we've done. We can't keep him alive."

"What we've done? What have I done?"

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Betty sniffled, a cold glint passing through her eyes. "Didn't you order him to do those things? What does it have to do with me? Don't

involve me in this!"

"You brat! Now that things have come to this, you want to wash your hands of it? I'm in trouble, but you only think about hiding instead of helping? Don't think you can live a good life if something happens to

me!

Sophia's fierce gaze made Betty shiver.

They weren't mother and daughter. They were clearly partners in

crime.

"What do we do now? What's your plan?" Betty asked while clenching

her teeth.

Suddenly, Sophia's expression turned cold, and her complexion became terrifyingly sinister,

"I'm going to kill Jeffrey."

"K-Kill Jeffrey? But he's under police control now. How are we going

to do it?"

Betty was already well-trained by Sophia. She no longer turned pale at the mention of the word "kill". Instead, she first thought about how to

do it.

“In prison, plenty of people are willing to take money to get rid of someone. Inside there, with so many people, finding an opportunity to do it without anyone noticing is easy.”

Having said that, Sophia took out a credit card and casually tossed it onto Betty. “There’s enough money in here for you to operate. Resolve

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Betty held the card in her hand, feeling like she was holding a sharp blade.

“Mom, I can do this, but I have a condition.”

“You brat... How dare you talk about conditions with me? Do you have no conscience at all?” Sophia stood with her left hand on her hip, pointing angrily at Betty with her right finger.

“Mom, forgive my frankness, but Dad has started to dislike you. That little slut, Lauren, is with Landon every day and gets along well with Alyssa. She’s useless. The only person you can rely on is me.”

Betty revealed a cold and sly smile.

Sophia frowned, feeling that this daughter of hers was really too.

much like her.

But precisely because she was so similar, she inexplicably felt a trace

of ... fear.

“What do you want?”

“I know Landon hates me, and there’s absolutely no chance for me to be with him. In that case, I can’t let Lauren marry him either.”

Betty gritted her teeth.

“Landon brought Lauren to see Dad, and the three of them were so harmonious. Dad has obviously already approved of their

relationship. You must find a way to stop her from marrying into the Harper family.”

“Find a way? Landon has all his attention on Lauren now. He’s

bewitched by your sister. What can I do?” Sophia snorted, not readily agreeing to her conditions.

“Well, then, I’m afraid I won’t be able to help you get rid of Jeffrey.”

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Betty smirked. “Mom, I think deep down, you understand. Although we’re on the same boat, what can you do while being grounded at home? Besides me, who else can you rely on?”

Sophia was so angry that her eyes turned red.

This heartless and ungrateful daughter actually dared to counter her

mother!

Noticing that Sophia hadn't reacted for a long time, Betty continued to weigh the pros and cons for her.

"Mom, I know you want to be Landon's mother-in-law, hoping to turn over a new leaf through the noble status of your son-in-law. But have you ever thought, even if Lauren really marries into the Harper family, what can she do for you?"

"Remember, Landon is Jasper's good buddy, and Lauren is on good terms with Alyssa. You've seen how she helped that bitch."

Chapter 1059

"Since you got into trouble, I've been helping you and caring for you. What has Lauren done for you besides living with Landon and

spending time with him every day?"

"They say after you get married, you forget your mother, but Lauren is better. She hasn't even married into the Harper family yet, and she has completely forgotten about you, the one who raised her."

Sophia stood there like she'd been struck by lightning, unable to speak for a while.

Leaving aside whether Lauren marrying Landon was genuinely beneficial for her, she couldn't even step out the door now. She was on the brink of a personal crisis. How could she still have the energy to care about Lauren's marriage?

Though Lauren was her biological daughter, she was ultimately a person on her own.

Only by becoming strong and living well could Sophia take care of herself. That was the most crucial thing now.

“Fine... I agree.”

With a pair of dark eye circles, Sophia ground her teeth together audibly. “As long as you help me get rid of Jeffrey, I guarantee the Harper family will never accept Lauren.”

Betty’s eyes shot out a sinister and excited gleam at those words.

So what if Landon only wanted to marry Lauren?

If Lauren couldn’t enter the Harper family, she would never have a legitimate status. She would forever be a mistress kept outside.

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In the study, the atmosphere was unusually warm and harmonious.

Javier and Landon exchanged pleasantries. As an elder, Javier asked him about his business matters. Landon had already expected those questions, so he answered fluently.

Although he had been hanging out with Jasper since childhood and appeared more frequently at Seaview Manor than at his own home, his identity had changed. Facing his future father-in-law made him a little nervous.

“Mr. Landon, please have some tea. Ms. Lauren, this is the orange juice you like.” Rory walked over with a tray.

“Thank you, Mr. Rory.” Lauren picked up the glass, smiling innocently.

Her bright smile was just the same as when she was a child.

Rory couldn’t help but smile, feeling a surge of warmth in his heart.

Although they were both Javier's daughters, Betty's and Lauren's personalities were totally different.

In more blunt terms, Rory couldn't see any trace of aristocratic grace and manners in Betty. Sophia, at least, knew how to carry herself as a lady, behaving gracefully.

Betty, on the other hand, didn't even bother to pretend. She acted just like a wild girl brought in from who knew where.

Back then, Rory used to worry about Lauren's future. He feared that, due to her autism, she would live a lonely life, unable to experience love, marriage, and motherhood like a normal girl.

Now, it seemed that his concerns were unnecessary.

With Landon doting on her and loving her, Lauren's future would be

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Lauren happily took a sip of orange juice, wetting her lips.

Landon chuckled and pulled out a neatly folded handkerchief from his pocket. He leaned in and patiently wiped away the liquid stains from the corners of her mouth.

His proficiency in this action indicated that he was quite used to doing it.

"Ahem, ahem... Landon." Seeing them flaunting affection before him, Javier cleared his throat solemnly.

“After so many things, I can see that you genuinely care for Lauren. I’ve watched you grow up, too. Since you want to date her, I won’t stop

you.

“However, Lauren is still young, and she has been well-protected by us. since childhood. She’s naïve and inexperienced in worldly matters. This is her first time dating.

“It’s also the first time she has stayed away from home for several days in a row. You should know, Landon, that Lauren has never gone out at night before. You’ve broken our family’s rules.”

“I’m sorry, Dad. But when Lauren stays with me, I won’t let her go out at night. There are so many bad people out there, and Lauren is so

beautiful. What if she attracts the attention of some men? I’ll be

worried.” Landon tried to change the topic with a smile.

Javier shook his head. “I’m not talking about going out or not. What I mean is that although you two are dating, you haven’t gotten married yet. So you’re not legally husband and wife.

“Living together like this wouldn’t be an issue for you, Landon. But Lauren is an innocent girl. This could affect her reputation.”

Chapter 1060 I Have a Gift for You

On the way back, both of them were silent. Gideon thought that there would inevitably be many questions from his parents once they found out.

He didn’t want to focus the conflict on Lena, so he could only take the responsibility upon himself.

Meanwhile, Lena was recalling...

As they got home, Gideon went to the bathroom first to prepare the bathwater

for Lena, and only after that did he carry her into the bathroom.

Being served in such a way, Lena felt somewhat shy and struggled to get down. "I can do it myself..."

But Gideon held her steadily, showing no intention of letting her down.

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"I just want to hold you," Gideon said with a smile as he looked at her.

Lena was unexpectedly embarrassed by his gaze and subconsciously averted her eyes.

After reaching the bathroom, Gideon gently put Lena down and asked with a light laugh, "Need help bathing?"

Lena widened her eyes in surprise, never expecting Gideon to say such lascivious words.

Without thinking, she pushed him out. "No need! I can manage on my own!"

Gideon was easily pushed out and left the bathroom. As soon as he stepped through the door, his face immediately turned gloomy.

He took out his phone and dialed a number. "Find me the best lawyer. I want someone to stay in prison longer."

Letting Debra get bailed out was his biggest mistake.

He absolutely would not let this mistake happen again.

As Lena came out after her shower, Gideon had already hung up the phone and was stirring a warm glass of milk continuously.

Seeing Lena come out, he handed her the glass of milk without thinking.

Lena frowned subconsciously.

As a child, she was never entitled to drink such a precious, nourishing drink as milk. Only Blake's foolish son would often show off in front of her with a glass of milk.

It was for this reason that Lena developed an almost physiological aversion to milk. No matter that she could now afford the best quality milk, she still didn't like it.

Seeing her frown, Gideon laughed lightly and brought the warm milk to her lips. "Regardless, try to drink a little."

Lena glared at him for a moment but eventually resigned herself to drinking the milk.

Seeing her obediently finish the milk, Gideon smiled brightly.

He said to Lena with a smile, "I have a gift for you in my pocket. Take a look."

Lena was stunned. She hadn't expected Gideon to have prepared a gift specifically for her.

After hesitating for a moment, she reached into Gideon's pocket and pulled out a velvet box.

She glanced at Gideon subconsciously, and Gideon smiled and said, "Don't worry. There's no engagement ring in there."

Although he always carried the engagement ring with him, he hadn't found the right opportunity to give it away, so he had to give something else first.

Lena opened the gift box and found a bracelet made of diamonds with a lucky charm.

The design of the bracelet was quite unique, and it was clearly custom-made.

"It's beautiful," Lena whispered in admiration.

Seeing that she genuinely liked it, Gideon grinned. "I've heard that giving birth is like walking through hell, and I hope this lucky charm bracelet will protect you, bringing you safety, joy, and good health."

Lena couldn't help but laugh. "I've only heard of giving these things to children, never to pregnant women."