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When Gwendolyn took her seat, she noticed that Sophia was next to her.

"Ms. Sanders," greeted Gwendolyn with a smile.

Sophia looked at Gwendolyn and smiled back. "I heard that you're receiving an award today, Gwen. Congratulations!"

Gwendolyn was quite happy to hear this. "Thank you! It's only because Tiffany gave me this opportunity."

Tiffany looked over and nodded sagely at Sophia.

In fact, both Tiffany and Sophia had planned this entire scenario. However, Sophia was the main person responsible this time around.

Sophia would be presenting this award to Gwendolyn. She could die with no regrets now that she had met her in this life.

The event started with an exciting fashion show. Gwendolyn was quite happy to see this. She wondered when she could have the opportunity to present her own creations at a show like this.

After the fashion show, the awards ceremony began.

Those who took the stage to accept the awards were all well-known designers who had achieved celebrity status.

Gwendolyn was actually placed in the newcomer's category, and thus she was the last to be called on stage. When she heard her name, she stood up and took a deep breath.

The two women next to her tugged on Gwendolyn's hands. "Good luck, Gwen!"

watched Gwendolyn stand

Later on,

from the start. Gwendolyn was

the name of the guest who would present the award

Lowen of Lowen Group as well as Ms. Sophia Sanders

that, his expression

he wanted was for him and Gwendolyn to

did not expect she would be presenting Gwendolyn's award with someone

expression shifted slightly. She grabbed Sophia's arm before the latter went

not feeling well. Can you please escort me to the lounge? I need to rest

but her sister's health was also important. Since someone else was going to present the award to Gwendolyn anyway, Sophia chose to escort Tiffany to the

she felt as though she was shining with the brilliance of the stars. Her back was ramrod

up with the award

She did not expect Patrick, of all people, to present her

award and Patrick extended a

"Congratulations!"

smile on the corner of his mouth. He seemed so

picture of you and Ms. Ashton together, Mr.

his arms around her shoulders, and

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There was still a banquet to attend after the awards ceremony was over.

It was good for Gwendolyn to participate in this for the benefit of her future career.

Sophia had left under Tiffany's urging. Tiffany pointed out that Sophia could not be seen together with Gwendolyn, or people would find out that Gwendolyn was her daughter.

Sophia did not want to affect Gwendolyn's career with her current status, so she did not attend the banquet and chose to leave the venue right away.

When Gwendolyn returned to her seat, she asked, "Where's Ms. Sanders?"

Gwendolyn noticed that Sophia's seat was vacant. She had assumed that the latter would be attending the banquet too.

"She has something to attend to, so she went home early," said Tiffany. She then scanned the venue. "Gwen, Patrick is not the type to attend events like this. However, he suddenly showed up this year as an award presenter. Do you know why?"

Does he know that Sophia is here?

Gwendolyn naturally knew why. He was here to see her, after all. However, Gwendolyn did not dare tell Tiffany the truth.

"Well, I used to work at Patrick's company. I also know that he has projects to handle here. Maybe he's been involved in fashion-related projects recently and decided to attend the ceremony too?"

Despite the vague explanation, even Gwendolyn could tell that she was grasping at straws.

just wanted to keep herself out

merely nodded and said, "Oh,

it was not because the Lowen family knew her sister was

next door. The attendees consisted mostly of the winners as well

was surrounded by various celebrities. It was clear that

in the

her hand, observing the beautifully decorated ballroom. Many people she had seen on television and in magazines were actually

Gwendolyn and clink glasses. Others even

people. Some

say that. She turned to face Linette with

a famous designer, I think you'll be an entrepreneur. When that happens, we'll take care

they both burst out

behaved like this. They admired successful people and secretly fantasized about achieving

to the dining area. Since Linette was a foodie, she

Gwendolyn of

was like this as well. When the choice came down to

she did was pick up an

had taken a lot of food and

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At that moment, Tiffany walked over. She had consumed a considerable amount of alcohol, so her stomach was not feeling well. She grabbed some food and sat beside Linette.

"Where did Gwen go?"

Sophia's plan couldn't be fully realized this time, but it's still a good thing for Gwen and Sophie to meet with one another.

Linette wanted to tell Tiffany that Gwendolyn had gone on a date, not to mention with Patrick.

However, she was afraid to come clean when she was reminded of Gwendolyn's reminder before the latter left.

"She was here a few moments ago. Perhaps she got tired and went back first."

"She went back?" Tonight is such an excellent opportunity for her to widen her social circle. She will have a bright future ahead of her if she chooses to follow this path.

Meanwhile, Gwendolyn was led out of the banquet hall by Patrick. A Lincoln limousine was parked at the entrance, and a housekeeper helped them open the car door. "This way, Mr. Lowen."

Patrick helped Gwendolyn to get into the vehicle first before entering the car.

The interior of the vehicle was spacious, equipped with a wine cabinet, and loaded with all kinds of food.

her shoes. She had to maintain an elegant posture while standing and walking around that day

feet were sore at that moment. She shut her eyes and asked, "Where are we

that night for the rest of her life because it was like a beautiful

sideways to gaze at her

to the

invigorated after listening

to the sea at night. Even the thought

tapped her nose and said, "We'll sleep on the cruise ship

slightly at the mention of spending the

head. "Let's not sleep. We'll sit on the deck and gaze at the

door for them, Patrick got out of the car first. He grabbed Gwendolyn's hand and

mansion. "Let's

legs must be sore

quite pleasurable even if they didn't sail out to the sea and stayed inside the mansion to watch

clothes for both genders, with price tags still

hotel even provides clothes for us? Their service is superb." All the garments are new, not

shorts. The casual outfit was very suitable to be worn on

dress with spaghetti straps and a

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Patrick pulled Gwendolyn into his embrace while she spoke in a coy manner.

"You silly girl," he said with a smile on his face.

Subsequently, the atmosphere became intimate.

After changing their clothes, they boarded the cruise ship berthed at the side of the mansion.

There was a professional captain to pilot the cruise ship as well as chefs and housekeepers to take care of their needs.

All of them wore standardized uniforms and stood at the cabin entrance to welcome the couple.

"Welcome, Mr. Lowen, Ms. Ashton!" they greeted them in the native language of Astoria.

Gwendolyn glanced at Patrick. "It's so nice to be rich."

He pinched her petite face with his slender fingers. It seems that Gwen, the miser, is back.

The cruise ship they boarded was small, but it was considered vast and spacious for two people's use. Gwendolyn wasn't hungry before, but when she saw the dinner served on the cruise ship, she felt a little hungry.

Patrick lifted his chin. "You must be hungry."

truly capable of reading my mind. He even knows

the dining table, picked up her utensils, and started eating. She thought the appetizers were very delicious but found the main course, fish fillet,

she was having the dish on the sea. She

An ice bucket containing

gazed up at the sky full

and held her hand. They leaned against the couch and watched the twinkling stars

trait from her. She closed her eyes and snuggled up to him, resting

only after finding a comfortable position and muttered, "Patrick, I'm going to take a nap.

lowered his eyes to gaze at her before reaching out to tuck her long, messy hair behind her

Babe. I'll wake

also felt a little

in the morning, the housekeeper came to wake

Ms. Ashton, the sun is about

her, was numb and seemed to have lost its

sufficient sleep. Nevertheless, she rested well last night. She had

and tidied

"There's something wrong with us. There's a big, soft, and comfortable bed below

her senses. She took in the beautiful scenery of the sun rising above the

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Gwendolyn smiled and turned toward him. "Of course. She's my daughter. Isn't she supposed to look similar to me?"

Gwendolyn was looking at the sunrise with a dazzling glow in her eyes.

Right before the sun rose completely, she felt something on her hand. When she lifted her left hand, she saw a huge diamond ring on her ring finger. The diamond was so big that it was as dazzling as the sun.

She widened her eyes and stared at the ring. A sweet smile and dimples appeared on her face.

"Are you proposing, Patrick?" Gwendolyn asked. This is different from what I imagined. This isn't how people do it in the movies.

Patrick held her hand and admired the ring with her. "Will you marry me?"

This really is a marriage proposal!

Gwendolyn was flattered beyond words.

"Can I think about it first?" Gwendolyn wanted nothing more than to say yes on the spot, but she couldn't. After all, she needed to consider her three children's feelings. I won't say yes to him unless I get their approval.

"Okay. I meant to give you some time to think about

make a

our private matter. I don't need to pressure her, nor do I need to have a crowd here to witness it. All I need is

her arms around

moment, she was on the verge of crying, but she managed to hold back her

before kissing

kissed her back, taking control of the

daze, and she didn't even realize he was carrying her into

senses when she heard her clothes getting

put her fair and

I wanted to do it last night, but you fell asleep. I don't mind doing it

shy and slightly frightened. It's so early in the

to his crotch before closing her eyes. She was

How

grabbed

lower lip and mumbled, "Don't touch

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"Hmm? Let's do what at night?" Patrick grinned mischievously and stared into her eyes.

Gwendolyn's eyes were wide like saucers, and she was blushing so hard that her face was heating up. He's teasing me again!

With that in mind, she instantly ran off to the terrace and sprawled on the window to enjoy the view outside.

Upon seeing her running away, Patrick lowered his gaze to look at his boner. Didn't she see this? How could she run away? I won't let her off the hook.

He got up and walked toward the terrace. All of a sudden, he almost collapsed onto the ground when his vision turned dark as a result of his headache.

He prevented himself from falling by holding onto a cabinet next to him. After a while, his vision gradually recovered, and he could see her again.

Gwendolyn was enjoying the calm and magnificent ocean view in her messy clothing.

Suddenly, she exclaimed, "They're beluga whales! Those are beluga whales!" She turned around. "Patrick! Look! We're so lucky today. There's a group of beluga whales here!"

she was jumping excitedly like a child, Patrick walked up to her and glanced

Gwen, I hope we can spend the rest of our lives together. I felt as though I was going to drop dead anytime soon just now. I've never felt that

his chest as she said, "It's so beautiful here. I'm so happy because

anything nice, she would always think

her a peck on the cheek. "We'll bring them here

him with her bright

look at her

let go

her phone, and saw that it was a call from

so I'm heading back to Avenport.

I can go back

before you leave. I think

was eight in the morning. I should go back tonight. I've never been away from

came in from the terrace and looked at her with his deep eyes. "Is anything the

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She leaned her head against his back and caught a whiff of his scent. He smells clean and fresh, and there's even a hint of mint.

Patrick held her hands and replied, "I was done with it a long time ago. Let's go back together tonight."

Gwendolyn smiled when she heard that. She was laughing at herself because she realized how clingy she was.

Patrick had somewhat of a similar feeling. I can't get enough of this woman.

At eleven in the morning, they arrived at the seaside mansion.

Gwendolyn got changed and noticed Patrick looking at her from the entrance of the walk-in closet. I've never seen him so unoccupied.

She walked up to him and caressed his face. "If you don't have work to do today, sleep here. You surely didn't get a good night's sleep last night."

Patrick had woken up early that morning, and dark circles were forming under his eyes.

was safe to assume he was

let me drive you," Patrick

to reject his offer, so she nodded with

convertible sports car while Gwendolyn sat in the passenger's seat. She was squinting her eyes as she

keeping her eyes open due to

Patrick put on a pair of sunglasses

lot more comfortable after putting on

she turned to look at the man in sunglasses and a white T-shirt. He's as handsome as

so many hardships, but I'm now blessed with an incredible man in return. Those sufferings are worth it,

meeting Sophia at a restaurant in the pedestrian zone. Since cars weren't allowed to enter, Patrick had no choice but

at him and said, "I'm getting

wife, Patrick took off his sunglasses and looked at her with his deep gaze. "Okay. I'll fetch you

happy with them, I couldn't lash out at them. I would be in trouble if they turned out to be gangsters. Unlike them, my current Uber driver isn't too shabby. Not only will he be on time, but he's also a handsome man with a nice car. Wait... I better abandon that thought! Patrick is going to be mad if he finds out that I'm comparing him to an

door and got out of the car. She waved him goodbye and said, "Bye! Be careful on the

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Upon hearing what Sophia said, the server immediately changed his tone and said politely, "This way please, Miss!"

So this is the lady that woman has been waiting for! The server didn't dare to stop Gwendolyn in her tracks anymore.

Gwendolyn walked to Sophia's table and sat opposite Sophia. With a smile, Gwendolyn said, "Ms. Sanders, did you reserve the entire restaurant? I'm supposed to be paying for lunch."

Gwendolyn was capable of reserving the entire restaurant as well, but she had never done such a thing.

Sophia smiled faintly and passed Gwendolyn the menu. "How can I let you pay for a meal in Willowbank? Tiffany told me you're leaving tonight. Let's just treat this as a farewell lunch. When I visit you in Avenport in the future, you can bring me out for a meal of local delicacies in return."

Gwendolyn couldn't reject Sophia because, after all, Sophia was being kind. "Sure. Give me a call whenever you're in Avenport. I have three kids, and they're all very hospitable. I'll introduce you to them then."

The two chatted for a while before ordering their dishes.

Sophia still remembered Gwendolyn's favorite dishes.

all, Gwendolyn was her daughter. They had been apart for over two decades, and not a

that she's healthy and well. Besides, she has a kind heart. As a

should order the food you like as well. The ones I ordered are slightly spicy. I don't know if you'll be okay

know that Sophia had the same preference as her when flavors were concerned.

of my favorites as well. It seems that we have the same taste in

I feel there's a special connection between the two of us. She's so friendly

served, they both kept piling up each other's

Sanders. You can't keep watching

watched her daughter eat. My daughter looks so pretty with her big eyes and high nose bridge. She looks so

I'll eat." Sophia was tearing up.

Gwen got pregnant out of

smile to Gwendolyn's face. "He's a

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After lunch, the two left the restaurant and went to the mall.

Sophia brought Gwendolyn into a clothing store. The moment they entered the store, a staff approached them right away and greeted them, "Ms. Sanders."

The restaurant they had lunch at was located in Solstice Mall. Since Sophia was Solstice Mall's founder, she would occasionally visit the mall. Therefore, the staff knew who she was.

Sophia merely nodded in response. In the future, Gwen is going to be the owner of Solstice Group. It doesn't matter what company is that man CEO of because my daughter will definitely be worthy of him. If she gets married, I'll give her a huge wedding gift so that she'll have a wonderful wedding.

After giving the staff a nod, Sophia brought Gwendolyn into the store.

"Gwen, this is a good clothing brand. They have clothes for kids as well. Pick some, and I'll pay for them. Consider them as my gifts for the kids," Sophia said. I want to give a lot more than that, but I think I'm going to freak Gwen out if I do so. I'll let Tiffany deal with the matter concerning Solstice Group. After all, Tiffany is Gwen's mentor. Gwen will most probably listen to Tiffany's advice.

"It's fine, Ms. Sanders. I told them I'll get them gifts. I'll pay," Gwendolyn rejected Sophia's offer because she felt bad. Prior to this, I would have never dared to set foot in this kind of store. This brand is known internationally, and its products are too pricey. A piece of children's clothing costs about five figures. I have three kids. I simply couldn't afford it. Although I can afford to spend that much now, I still wouldn't spend willingly.

I've been wanting to do this! Her cheeks are so soft and fair. Apart from the absence of baby fat, her worry about it. Since I'm around the same age as your

Sophia's sincerity, so she couldn't bear to reject

right, then,"

for her kids. Whenever she saw something she liked, she would check the price of the item first. If it was slightly pricey, she

Sophia saw what Gwendolyn was doing. This child is too

all the items that caught her attention.

the entire store, Gwendolyn uttered

six figures. Even the ones priced at a five-figure amount are also close to six figures. In that case, the price would reach a million if I were to buy for all three of

said, "You couldn't find