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"I don't want to," Monica answered without any hesitation. In fact, she sounded very determined.

Nox looked at her.

At that moment, he seemed a little surprised by her answer.

"I really don't want to," Monica confirmed her answer when she saw Nox's confusion.

"Why?" Nox asked her, "Don't you like him anymore?"

"It has nothing to do with whether I like him or not. I just don't want to be in a relationship anymore."
Monica laughed sarcastically. "I think I'm not worthy of love."

"Monica—"

"Of course, I'm not completely against dating or getting married. I just think that there are only two people I can't marry in this life. One is Michael, and the other is Finn."

"How could you compare Finn with Michael?" Nox was still a little angry.

Finn was so good to Monica, yet she compared him to Michael.

"Putting everything else aside, the feelings they gave me are actually the same." It was the same, and she did not dare to go near it again.

Nox still wanted to say something, but Monica interrupted him. "Thank you, Nox."

Nox held his tongue.

He did not think Monica was joking or acting out of spite. In fact, she had really let go of her feelings for Finn.

With that, Nox stood up and left.

While he was driving, he gave Finn a call.

"I saw Monica taking anti-depression medicine," Nox said.

"Mm," Finn replied.

"Actually, I kind of want to match you and Monica together," Nox suddenly muttered.

"You don't need to," Finn said with certainty.

"Monica also said that she doesn't want to," Nox said bluntly.

The other person on the other end of the phone was silent and did not answer.

"She said there are only two people whom she would never marry in this life. One is you, and the other is Michael." Nox sighed as he drove. "It seems like Monica has really let you go.

Even then, Finn did not answer.

"Forget it." Nox also took a deep breath. "You know the relationship best, and I shouldn't meddle in other people's business. Although Monica is at the lowest point of her life, I don't know why, but I feel like she will get through it."

"Yes." Finn gave another simple response.

“Let's not talk about it. We'll wait for tomorrow's court session.” With that, Nox hung up the phone.

Finn also put his phone aside.

He rarely smoked at work. In fact, smoking was forbidden in the hospital. However, at that moment, he still went to the smoking area of the hospital and started smoking.

Her mind was filled with Nox's voice, saying that the only two people Monica would never marry in her life was him and Michael.

Right now, things between him and Monica were better than he had ever imagined.

The moment he was forced to leave Monica, he had never thought about revenge, nor had he ever hated Monica for it. He just wanted to cut off all ties and have nothing to do with her anymore.

Now, it had finally come true.

Finally, Monica had completely given up on him. She no longer pestered him and had any expectations of him.

His throat moved slightly.

Things were good the way they were now.

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The next day, Monica brought Steve to court.

She had just arrived at the entrance of the court when a group of reporters immediately surrounded her.

“Ms. Cardellini, do you have anything to say about this court session?”

“I heard that the defendant Brie has disappeared. Did she run away?”

“There are no problems with the vaccine, but Cardellini Enterprise still isn't developing. They say it's because your leadership doesn't deserve the trust of your employees and partners. Do you have anything to say about this?”

“Now, Cardellini Pharmaceutical is giving away medicine for free in order to suppress Sunny Pharmaceutical. Don't you think it's a little despicable to use such a shoddy business marketing model?”

“Regarding the rumors that Cardellini Enterprise will produce 1 billion dollars worth of free medicine, may I ask if this is true? is it to deliberately cause panic in Sunny Pharmaceutical?”

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Countless questions were thrown at her.

Steve was helping Monica deal with the reporters.

The five intimidating bodyguards around Monica also pushed the reporters to the sides, preventing the reporters from getting close to Monica.

There was a commotion at the scene.

Monica had no intention of answering the reporters' questions.

In the past, she would always try to clear her name. If she did anything wrong, she would fight with the reporters until her face turned red.

Now, she felt like she used to be an idiot.

After all, it was useless to argue with the reporters. In fact, they might even write about her in an even worse way.

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With the help of her bodyguards and Steve, she broke free from the reporters and strode away.

Then, a reporter shouted, "Michael is here!"

Monica stopped in her tracks and turned around to see Michael in a suit.

The reporters' questions flooded in again.

"Mr. Ross, why did you come here personally today? Is it because you can't let go of Monica or the quality inspection department?"

"I heard that the vaccine incident at Cardellini Pharmaceutical was related to Brie. Brie was resentful that Monica exposed your scandal with her in public, which was why she treated Monica like this. Do you have anything to say about this?"

"Did you know that Brie was using this method to take revenge on Monica? After all, Monica publicly exposed you back then, and you were also humiliated."

Michael was not as indifferent as Monica.

He maintained his composure and said to all the reporters, "Firstly, I'm here today because of Monica. I feel that she has suffered a lot during this period of time, so I hope that she can prove her innocence for Cardellini Pharmaceutical. The second reason is that this matter is related to the quality inspection department. After all, I used to work there. I feel guilty and sad about this situation, so I want to know about the case.

“And as for my relationship with Brie, and that time we slept together, it happened when I was drunk. I've loved Monica for many years. There was no way I would do anything to let Monica down when we were finally getting married. However, it happened, and I don't want to find any excuse to absolve myself of my responsibility. After all, to Monica, I did betray her. That was why I accepted it when she exposed me in front of everyone and even broke off the engagement in public. It can be considered as making up for my affair.

“Of course, I didn't know that Brie and the current director of the quality inspection department colluded to take revenge on Monica. After my wedding with Monica, we had already parted ways and had nothing to do with each other. If I had known earlier, perhaps I would have thought of a way to stop this from happening. After all, deep down in my heart, I still have deep feelings for Monica, and I don't want to see her go through any pain.”

Michael spoke with great affection.

What he meant was that no matter how much Monica had hurt him in the past, he still loved her and hoped that she could live a better life. He would never do anything to make Monica sad. On the one hand, he wanted to clear his name from this lawsuit, and on the other hand, he also wanted to establish his image as a good person.

Monica sneered and turned around to walk directly into the courtroom.

She did not know how long Michael could continue to act so hypocritically, but even if she had to die with Michael, she would definitely make sure that he would lose all his reputation and never be able to have a comeback again!

When Monica left, Michael was still dealing with the reporters.

At that time, Nox and Edward also appeared in the court, but they avoided the reporters and walked in.

“Michael is really not afraid of death.” Nox looked at Michael and the reporter's performance and sneered.

Edward also glanced over expressionlessly.

The two of them walked into the courtroom.

After sitting down, Nox could not help but say, "I wonder whether Finn will come."

"Just ask." Edward glanced at Nox.

"No." Nox was very determined. "I don't want to interfere with Finn and Monica's matters anymore."

Edward was speechless.

When Nox saw that Michael had finished dealing with the reporters and appeared in the audience, he gloated, "Someone is going to have a tragic end."

At that moment, he was looking forward to Monica's performance.

In the courtroom, people came in one after another, and many people came to watch the trial.

At 10 a.m., the organizers began to announce the order of the court. The plaintiff, the plaintiff's lawyer, and the defendant's lawyer had already arrived.

At 10:10 a.m., when the judge entered the court and announced the start of the trial, everyone stood up and then sat down.

The plaintiff's lawyer, Judah Smith, stood up and made a statement of facts.

Speaking of which, Judah Smith became famous for helping Jeanne win a lawsuit back then.

Now that he heard that Jeanne's best friend was filing a lawsuit, he even volunteered himself without taking any legal fees.

Monica did not refuse.

She could fully trust anyone who was related to Jeanne, even if they were barely related.

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Judah explained, "On November 21st, a child died from being injected with the vaccine at Greenview Vaccine Center. The vaccine was produced by Cardellini Pharmaceutical with the serial number CSYY3299. On November 28th, the quality inspection department released the inspection report of SCY3299, which clearly pointed out that SCY3299 was not completely eliminated of bacteria, causing the child to die after the injection. At the same time, my client produced an autopsy report from the forensic department. The report shows that the child died from an overdose of 80mg of potassium cyanide instead of the vaccine. Furthermore, the same batch of vaccines was administered in public to a 6-year-old child of the same age without any adverse reactions. Therefore, it shows that there is a possibility of error in the quality inspection department's report. Through the investigation of the director of the quality inspection department, Daniel Cook, and the person in charge of the quality inspection department, it was clear that the report was not an accidental mistake but was deliberately done by someone. The mastermind was Brie Larson, an employee of the quality inspection department. She used her shady relationship with Daniel Cook to threaten Daniel to frame Monica for her.

"In conclusion, Daniel, Brie, and everyone who had participated in the framing of the autopsy had violated the laws and regulations of Harken. We are suing all of the people mentioned above."

"The lawsuit is established. The plaintiff, please hand over the evidence of the defendant's crime to the jury," the judge said.

"Yes." Judah handed over all the materials he had prepared for the case.

The jury took Judah's materials and carefully reviewed them.

The scene was silent and solemn.

A long while later, after accepting the jury's judgment, the judge said to the defendant, "Regarding the evidence and statement of facts provided by the plaintiff, is there anything the defendant needs to add?"

The defendant's lawyer asked the defendant before replying respectfully, "No. as for the plaintiff's counsel's statements, my client pleads guilty to all of them."

"If the defendant has no objection, the court will adjourn the trial for half an hour. The jury and I will be leaving to make the final decision on this case." With that, the judge stood up.

Everyone on the jury was also getting up to leave.

At that moment, Monica suddenly said in front of everyone, "I have an objection."

There was unrest among everyone at the scene as they did not know what Monica was going to do.

Since the facts stated that there was no problem with the Cardellini Enterprise's drugs and the person who framed her was about to be brought to justice, what other objections did she have?

The judge and the jury stopped in their tracks and looked at Monica.

"Regarding this case, I don't think Brie is the mastermind. I want to accuse the real mastermind of this case, Michael!" Monica's clear voice resounded in the court.

In the audience, Michael's expression changed.

Monica really wanted to kill him!

Of course, he did not think Monica's accusation would succeed. After all, she was just doing that because she was forced into a corner.

However, being scrutinized by so many gazes still made him furious.

The Sanders had just taken away all of his power the day before. If he had not used the most humble method to express his loyalty to them, coupled with the fact that he was more familiar with the current

situation than Chester, the Sanders reluctantly allowed him to stay and help Chester. Otherwise, he would have really lost everything.

He looked at Monica with cold eyes.

All of his attachments to Monica had wholly disappeared. He could not wait to kill Monica immediately to relieve the hatred in his heart.

He gritted his teeth and forced himself to look calm.

He could not afford to make any more mistakes. If he did, the Sanders would completely abandon him.

Moreover, he could not accept that his life would end like that.

In the solemn court, the judge's face was serious. "If there's no evidence, the court will not accept the relevant charges."

"But it's obvious that Michael was the one who committed the crime." Monica was not afraid of the judge at all.

Before the judge could speak, Monica said loudly, "Back then, I tore his mask in front of everyone at our wedding, and it affected his future and image. He held a grudge against me, so he colluded with Brie to frame me."

"Do you have any evidence?" the judge asked.

"Brie has liked Michael for many years. The two of them were childhood sweethearts, and she had been waiting for Michael to change his mind. To put it bluntly, she would do whatever Michael asked her to do."

"This is just your side of the story. If you don't have any evidence, I'll see it as you deliberately affecting the court's trial. According to Harken's laws, obstructing the court's trial is also a crime. The maximum sentence you can get is three years in prison." The judge was obviously on Michael's side.

Nevertheless, Monica was still not threatened. She said loudly, "In Daniel Cook's confession, he mentioned that he had an improper relationship with Brie. In fact, I too said that Brie is deeply in love with Michael and can't have sex with any other man. So, I seriously suspect that Daniel fabricated his story! To Daniel, since he has already been exposed and will be punished by the law anyway, no matter what, he will plead guilty. The biggest reason why he didn't expose Michael was that Michael had promised him something."

"I didn't! All my confessions are true," Daniel, who was in the defendant's seat, quickly said.

"Is that so? Anyway, Brie isn't here. You can say whatever you want!" Monica retorted.

Daniel was rendered speechless by Monica's rebuttal.

"You're wrong!" Daniel was extremely agitated.

"Are you agitated because you have a guilty conscience?!" Monica questioned.

"I'm only agitated because Michael is a good person. He is diligent in his work and selflessly dedicates himself to his position. Michael is the person I admire the most in my life. I won't allow you to frame him like this! I can swear that this matter has nothing to do with Michael. It was Brie and I who had planned it!" Daniel said resolutely.

His appearance at that moment could really convince everyone present. Even Monica believed him.

Michael sat in the audience and smiled quietly.

If Monica wanted to go against him, her skills were still far from his.

At that moment, the judge's face turned cold. "Monica, if you continue to make a ruckus in court, I will kick you out on the charge of contempt of court!"

Monica gritted her teeth.

She had no evidence. Without evidence, no one would believe it, no matter how reasonable it was. However, she refused to give up.

In fact, even if Nox did not remind her to expose Michael in court, she would have done it.

Even if there was a glimmer of hope that would ruin Michael's reputation, she would do it, at any price!

The court was silent.

The judge enunciated his words solemnly. "Please return to your seat. No more—"

"Who said Monica has no evidence?" In the audience, Nox's voice suddenly shocked everyone.

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"Who said Monica has no evidence?" Nox's voice shocked everyone.

At that moment, Monica could not help but turn to look at Nox. As Nox did not tell her anything, she had no idea what he was talking about.

Nox stood up from the audience.

He shouted at the judge in the courtroom, "If Brie appears in court to testify against Michael, does that mean we have evidence?!"

The judge's face was serious. "At present, the police told us that Brie would not appear in court."

"I'm asking you that if Brie appears in court, will Your Honor continue to judge Monica's case against Michael? I didn't ask if Brie will appear in court. I hope that you can answer the question, Your Honor." Nox was clearly a little aggressive.

The judge's expression was grim. He said, "The courtroom is a solemn place. Unrelated people are not allowed to affect the order of the trial. At present, all the evidence that the court has received is only a trial for Brie, Daniel, and the other defendant present. If there is no concrete evidence to prove that this matter is related to other people, the court will not accept this case."

"Your Honor, are you sure that we don't have any concrete evidence?"

"Based on all the information that the court has received so far, there isn't any evidence," the judge answered with certainty.

"Your Honor, don't you think you've been avoiding my question? I've been asking you if Brie's appearance in court can be used as evidence for your case, but you've been saying you didn't receive any evidence. Is it because you don't understand what I'm saying, or are you trying to cover up for someone?" Nox questioned.

The judge's face darkened. "As a judge, I represent the laws of Harken, so I will naturally accept all cases fairly. If you slander me, I will follow Harken's criminal law, Chapter 23, Article 83—"

"I know you're very familiar with the law, so you don't have to recite any clauses to me. What I'm telling you now is that Monica has enough evidence to prove that this matter is related to Michael. Please accept her request!"

"There's no evidence—"

"I have evidence!" At the entrance of the courtroom, a female voice suddenly sounded.

All the audience looked at the entrance of the courtroom.

That was when they saw Brie. It was rumored that she had fled the country, and there was no news of her.

Michael could no longer remain calm. He glared at Brie as he had never thought that she was still alive.

Brie was still alive and well, and she was even at the scene of the court.

No. That was impossible.

He had always done things flawlessly.

The last time he killed Eden, he had done it without anyone knowing. Now, no one even knew that Eden was dead, not even Eden's family.

He had done it so seamlessly. How could there be any loopholes? How was it possible that Brie was still alive?

He did not believe that his men would lie to him.

It was absolutely impossible. Brie did not have the ability to make his men listen to her.

Yet now, Brie was here, alive and well. How could he explain it?

Michael's smugness and disdain for Monica a second ago instantly turned into panic. For the first time, he was flustered.

He knew very well that Brie's appearance would only bring him more harm than good. In fact, it could even make him die a tragic death.

His body was trembling, and he tried very hard to suppress it.

At that moment, Brie said loudly to the judge, "I'm Brie. May I appear in the defendant's stand?"

The judge seemed to be silent for a few seconds before he turned back to look at the jury. When he saw the jury nod in unison, the judge had no choice but to allow it.

Brie was brought to the defendant's stand by the staff.

Daniel was also shocked when he saw Brie.

He had just sworn to everyone at the scene that everything had nothing to do with Michael. If Brie were to expose him now, his charges might increase!

Brie's gaze was not on anyone at the moment.

She said to the judge, "I object to the defendant accusing me of being the mastermind behind Cardellini Enterprise's vaccine incident. I want to defend myself."

According to legal procedures, the judge could not refuse the defendant's legal defense.

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He nodded. "Permission granted."

Brie said to everyone in the court, "Daniel Cook said that I had an affair with him. However, I can tell everyone confidently that Michael was the only person I've ever loved in my life, and he is the only man I've slept with."

"How can you prove yourself?" Judah stood up.

Based on the situation just now, he was keenly aware that there was more to be dug out in this case.

Brie turned to look at Daniel. "You said that I slept with you, right?"

“Yes. You seduced me!” Daniel could only continue to cover up his lie, hoping that there would still be a chance to turn things around.

“In that case, where is my birthmark?” Brie asked him.

Daniel was stunned.

“Since you've slept with me, you should have seen my body. So, where is the birthmark on my body?” Brie questioned loudly.

Daniel raised his head and glanced at Michael while everyone looked at Daniel.

Monica also noticed his actions at that moment and exposed him. “Why? Do you need Michael to give you a hint?”

As soon as he said that, everyone's attention was fixed on Daniel's gaze.

Daniel did not dare to look over again. Hence, he could only bite the bullet and say, “There's one on your butt!”

Brie smiled and said coldly, “I don't have any on me.”

Daniel began to panic.

Then, Brie said to the judge, “You can verify it, Your Honor.”

The judge nodded and asked the staff to take Brie out of the court.

Soon, the staff handed the results to the judge and the jury.

The judge said, “Brie doesn't have a birthmark!”

Daniel's face turned pale with fear.

Brie returned to her seat and said, "That's enough to prove that Daniel and I aren't having an affair. He's just making everything up!"

"This also shows means that there's a huge problem with Daniel Cook's confession, and it cannot be used as the evidence of this court," Judah said his piece.

The judge had no choice but to nod.

"Your Honor, I have a question for Brie." Judah requested.

However, the judge did not agree immediately.

"Since there's a problem with the case now, I have to reopen the case on my client's behalf." Judah was firm with his decision.

The judge hesitated for a few seconds before nodding.

The moment he nodded, he said a few words to the assistant beside him, and the assistant left.

Edward and Nox, who were in the audience, saw the judge's actions clearly. After all, everyone's attention was on Brie, so the rest did not notice.

Nox said, "The judge is reporting to his superiors."

Edward nodded.

"However, it's useless. I've just confirmed that your son has posted the video of this court session on the internet, and there are many people watching it. The Sanders are afraid of causing a public outcry, so they won't dare to let the judge end the trial."

“Michael has been around for too long,” Edward said coldly.

To the Swans, Michael should have been dead long ago.

If Jeanne had not made the first move, Edward would have done the same.

In fact, if Monica could not turn things around after Cardellini Pharmaceutical's crisis, Edward would also lend a helping hand.

After all, the fall of the Cardellini Pharmaceutical company and the Sanders' control of Harken's pharmaceutical market would not benefit the Swans at all; it might even be a threat, and the Swans would not let the Sanders succeed.

The reason why Edward had not made his move was that he did not want to go against the Sanders too early. Alex Duncan needed time, so he could not act rashly. Therefore, he would not take the initiative to go against the Sanders until the last moment.

Fortunately, Monica was not as weak as he thought. He was really surprised that she could hold on until now.

His eyes moved slightly as he continued to look at everything in the scene coldly.

At that moment, Judah faced Brie and began to ask, “Ms. Larson, you said that you object to Daniel's accusation of you being the mastermind. May I ask, aren't you the mastermind behind this incident?”

“No.” Brie was direct. “It's Michael.”

The crowd sighed again.

Michael suppressed his anger and uncontrollable panic as he glared at Brie.

“Is there any evidence that Michael ordered it?”

“There is.” Brie was very certain.

Everyone was looking at Brie in anticipation of a huge twist in the situation.

After all, any normal person would hope for the truth to come to light, and it would be very satisfying!

“Before you answer my question, please be aware that you're in court. You will bear legal responsibility for every word you say in court,” the judge suddenly interjected. It seemed like a reminder, but in fact, it was a threat.

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Or perhaps, he was deliberately stalling for time and waiting for an order from his superior.

At that moment, the staff member, who had just left returned to the courtroom, walked to the judge and whispered a few words in his ear.

The judge's expression changed slightly, and he nodded. Then, he sat up straight, as if he had received clear instructions and knew what to do next.

Nox looked at the judge's expression and laughed. “It seems like he has received an order to be fair.”

How could the judge be unfair and unjust?

After all, the entire Harken was watching the trial now.

In the courtroom, Brie was silent for two seconds. She seemed to have taken a deep breath before saying, “Everything I said is the absolute truth. If there's a single lie in what I said, I'll be struck by lightning!”

"Alright!" The judge agreed immediately. "In that case, please answer the plaintiff's lawyer's questions truthfully and seriously."

Brie nodded.

The moment she nodded, she looked up at Michael in the audience, and their eyes met.

Even from a distance, she could still see Michael's red and ferocious eyes as if he wanted to kill her.

Brie's throat moved slightly.

During this period of time when she was imprisoned by Nox, she had actually thought about letting Michael go. After all, she had loved him for many years and did not want to see him die. However, after she had "died" for such a long time, she did not see a trace of sadness or forbearance in Michael. The only news she received was that Michael had been continuously developing Sunny Pharmaceutical and working hard for his future. He did not feel any guilt or regret toward her.

She was not that selfless or stupid either.

Since Michael was heartless, there was no need for her to die for him.

As she looked back, the trace of emotion in her eyes instantly turned cruel. She said, "In order to clear his name, Michael told me to atone for his crime. After all, I had the motive to frame Monica. He told me that he would send me out of South Hampton City and out of Harken. Even if I was found guilty, the police in Harken wouldn't be able to find me, and I wouldn't be punished. That way, I could leave safely, and he could clear his name. It's killing two birds with one stone. He even promised that when things are over and he has regained his rights, he will bring me back from abroad and marry me. "

"If that's the case, why did you come back to accuse him after he sent you away safely?" Judah asked, "This doesn't seem to make sense."

"Because..." Brie's expression was extremely cold. "Michael didn't want to send me away at all. He just wanted to kill me! After killing me, no one can threaten him and expose his crimes!"

“What evidence do you have to prove that Michael wanted to kill you?”

“I have a recording!” Brie said.

“Please show me your recording.” Judah did not ask for the judge's permission and directly told Brie to show evidence.

Brie took out the USB that she had brought with her. Then, Judah took it and told the staff to play it in front of everyone.

In an instant, the sound of a man and a woman conversing sounded in the court.

“My idea is that you should be the scapegoat for this. You have the motive to take revenge on Monica, and you also have the ability to fabricate such an incident—” It was Michael's voice.

“So, I should die in your place.” It was Brie's voice.

“I won't let you die. Before you're exposed, I'll have someone send you away secretly—”

“I'm a sinner. Can I still return to Harken?”

“As long as I still have power, I can think of a way...”

It was a very long recording, and everyone at the scene listened carefully. The more they heard, the more they saw how cruel Michael was.

When Michael heard the first sentence of the recording, he got up to leave.

He wanted to leave without anyone noticing before anyone noticed him.

He knew that Brie's accusation would immediately prove that he had committed a crime, so if he stayed here, he would be waiting for death.

No matter how emotional he was now, no matter how unwilling he was, and no matter what would happen to him in the future, the only thing he could do now was to escape.

If he escaped, at least he would have a glimmer of hope to survive. He refused to believe that he, Michael, would be utterly suppressed like that.

After all, where there was life, there was hope. Hence, he gritted his teeth and left.

Just as he got to the door, Nox stood in his way.

Nox's smile was a little frivolous and casual, but it formed a sharp contrast with the nervous Michael.

Nox said, "It's not over yet. Where are you going, Mr. Ross?"

Michael's expression was extremely ugly.

"We just got to the exciting part. It'll be a pity for you to leave. Mr. Ross. You should go back to your seat and enjoy it. After all, you're about to be put on trial." Nox's words made Michael's face sink.

At that moment, he also thought that the fact that Brie was still alive might have something to do with Nox.

He was suppressing his anger, but he knew that he could not cause any chaos. With that, he glanced at Nox and turned around to return to the audience.

However, he had just taken two steps when he suddenly turned around and punched Nox's face.

Even if it caused chaos, escaping was the most important thing. He could not let himself die here.

However, as soon as he threw his fist, Nox caught it firmly, so much so that Michael could not move at that moment.

Michael glared at Nox fiercely and used all his strength to resist, but he still could not break free.

Nox coldly said, "I knew you would be so despicable."

Michael gritted his teeth.

"Nox, let me go!"

"Let you go? If I let you go, wouldn't all the grievances that Monica has suffered from you be for nothing?" Nox's expression grew colder and colder.

The moment he said that, he even kicked Michael hard.

Michael lost his balance and was sent flying to the ground by Nox's kick.

It instantly caused a huge commotion and alarmed everyone at the scene.

However, Nox did not stop after kicking Michael. He went over, grabbed Michael's collar, and punched Michael in the face until Michael's face was swollen and beyond recognition!

That was for bullying Monica!

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In the courtroom, the sound of intense fighting suddenly broke out.

Everyone's eyes shifted to the door, where they saw Nox hitting Michael crazily.

Michael seemed to want to fight back, but under Nox's fierce attack, he had no power to resist.

In the end, he was beaten up by Nox on the ground until his face was bruised and swollen beyond recognition.

At that moment, the stir caused the bailiffs to quickly go over and separate them.

The moment Nox was separated, he kicked Michael even hard.

Michael had probably never been beaten like that in his entire life. He looked at Nox with a ferocious face and watched as Nox was dragged out by the bailiffs.

Nox did not resist anymore. Instead, he shouted at Monica, who was in the courtroom, "I'll leave the rest to you, Monica!"

Monica was still surprised as she did not expect Nox to fight with Michael.

No matter what, that was the courtroom, and Nox would not fight in court. Yet, he fought Michael for her.

In fact, she was also certain that Nox would beat Michael for her regardless of where or what occasion it was.

Monica's eyes were a little red. Some feelings would still move her, but she quietly swallowed her tears and said, "Alright."

Next, she would end Michael's life completely!

Nox was taken away by the bailiffs, whereas Michael was brought to court by the bailiff because he was involved in the case.

Monica just stared at Michael, who no longer had any of his former glory and was even in an extremely sorry state.

Michael had not expected that he would encounter such a huge thing when came to the scene today. If he had known earlier, he would not have come.

He looked at Brie and Monica coldly, probably even with the thought of killing them.

No. Not only did he think of killing them, but he had already made a move on them. He should want to tear them into pieces now!

In the courtroom, under the authority of the judge, the order of the court was restored.

With that, the trial continued.

After listening to Michael and Brie's recorded conversation, everyone got riled up at Michael. They had no idea that Michael was such a cruel man. Even when his extramarital affair was exposed in public, it only ruined his reputation and image, but not to the point where everyone hated him.

However, Michael, after experiencing so much, could still regain his composure.

In fact, when Michael was beaten up by Nox, he was also wondering about whether he should be knocked unconscious by Nox. If he was really knocked unconscious, at least he would not have to go to court. If he did not go to court and plead guilty, the judge would not try him!

Yet, on second thought, even if he pretended to be unconscious and escaped today's trial, he would not be able to escape the next one. Having been exposed like that, the Sanders would definitely give up on him completely. Maybe... he would be secretly dealt with by the Sanders before he could be tried.

The only thing he could do now was to save himself, and that was why he turned up in the courtroom.

He looked at everyone shamelessly.

Suddenly, he said calmly, "Since when can crimes in Harken be determined by a recording?! The recording can be forged. There are many talents in Harken who can imitate my voice. Now that Brie has found a recording and said that I was the mastermind behind everything, does that mean I can also record a recording and say that Brie is framing me!"

His words were righteous as he was trying to find an excuse for himself.

It was to prevent the court from using the recording as evidence to sentence him.

Upon hearing Michael's words, Brie became agitated. She said fiercely to Michael, "It was clearly our conversation, the one where you told me to take the blame. How can you say that I made it up? Michael, you're despicable!"

"Brie! Don't you think that there's already a huge problem with your logic?" Michael questioned Brie, his tone heavy.

"I have no problem with that. Everything I said and gave is true. It's all the truth!"

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"In that case, let me ask you this. You said you love me, right?" Michael looked at her.

"Yes, I love you very much. It's because I love you very much that I followed all your instructions and helped you with doing the illegal things."

"Since you love me so much, why did you leave behind evidence to frame me?!" Michael retorted, "If I really did ask you to do it, then as that recording said just now, I helped you to leave Harken. You trusted me and loved me so much, so why would you leave evidence behind to accuse me?! Could it be that you knew I was going to harm you in advance? If you had known in advance, would you have done things according to my arrangements? Don't you think your lies are a little too much? Brie, in order to reduce your sentence, I can't believe you're so despicable as to slander me. Do you have no conscience?"

"Am I the one with no conscience or you are? I love you so much that I'm willing to do anything for you. I watched you fall in love and marry another woman, yet I still stayed by your side without any regrets to assist you. I've done so much for you. I thought you shared some of the same feelings for me, but now I

know that all you wanted was to use me. Even after I became worthless, you were so ruthless as to want to kill me!” Brie was also pushed to the limit by Michael.

All the bad things that Michael had done to her before were all her own doings.

However, at that moment, she really saw how cold-blooded and cruel Michael was. What she saw was a hundred times worse than she had imagined, and it was enough to crush her!

Why was she so stupid to love such a man to the point of losing herself back then?!

She could not hold back her tears anymore.

It was not sadness but hatred. She wished she could kill Michael and die with him.

At that moment, Monica, who was in the plaintiff's seat, saw the scene of Michael and Brie arguing.

It was true. Michael, the man whom she had treated with all her heart and she was even willing to give up everything to help him, had tested her limits again and again.

For his own benefit, he could really use everyone. He was brutal and ruthless.

She even felt sorry for Brie.

After all, she did not love Michael. In fact, she had never really loved him.

The only time she was a little moved was when Finn abandoned her and she was forced to fall for another man.

If she, who did not love Michael, could still be hurt by him to that extent, she could not imagine how much pain Brie, who truly loved Michael, was in.

However, Michael remained unmoved!

The scene became a little tense because of Michael's defense.

It was true. Just a recording alone could not fully prove that the matter was related to Michael.

Michael was really not a simple person. To think he could still deny his crimes at that moment!

Suddenly, Monica asked Brie, "Just now, Michael questioned your recording. He said that since you love him so much, why would you keep the recording? In fact, it doesn't make sense. Why would you be wary of him when you love and trust him so much?"

"It's because of Jeanne." Brie tried her best to calm herself down.

At that moment, she looked at Monica.

They were enemies because of a man, but it was also because of a man that they stood on the same side.

Monica was stunned.

It was Jeanne again, silently helping her with everything.

"When you exposed the quality inspection department, Jeanne came to me and told me all of Michael's schemes. She said that Michael would let me take the blame and that Michael would be kind enough to send me away. I didn't believe it at first, but in order to leave a way out for myself, I left evidence of my relationship with Michael when Michael really did everything that Jeanne told me. I love him very much, but I'm not stupid. I won't send myself into a death trap when a man wants to kill me!"

"How did Jeanne know all of my plans?" Michael asked again as soon as Brie finished.

Brie did not know either.

She had no idea how Jeanne knew about it.

“Jeanne and I have nothing to do with each other. How could she know my plan? Brie, don't you know how to lie?” Michael sneered, “And as far as I know, Jeanne has not been in Harken or South Hampton City for a long time, and now you're telling me that it was Jeanne who told you everything! Why don't you say that Monica told you? Then, perhaps everyone will be more convinced.”

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Brie looked at Michael coldly.

It took up a great deal of forbearance to not drive herself crazy.

“Jeanne has been back.” A deep male voice suddenly sounded in the courtroom.

Everyone looked at Edward, the Fourth Master Swan, who was sitting in the audience with a low profile.

Even though everyone in South Hampton City was a little afraid of Fourth Master Swan, his status and authority, at least among the people, was so deeply rooted that it surpassed the Sanders.

To the public, the Sanders was too far out of their reach, whereas the Swans were everywhere in the eyes of the public.

The houses they lived in, the shopping malls they shopped in, and so on were all under the Swans.

Edward stood up from the audience and said, “I can testify in court.”

A staff of the court hurriedly invited Edward to the court.

Edward appeared at the witness stand and said to the judge, “I have evidence to prove that Jeanne was in South Hampton City on the night of November 28th.”

"Please show me your evidence." The judge's tone was much friendlier.

Edward said, "On the night of November 28th— No, to be precise, early in the morning of November 29th, Jeanne and I had dinner at Venus Hotel. I believe that the staff of Venus Hotel can testify to that. Jeanne even stayed at Venus Hotel for many nights. The hotel should still have a record of her stay."

"Your Honor, please arrange for a legal officer to go to Venus Hotel for verification," Judah quickly said.

The judge and the jury exchanged opinions and agreed.

The legal officer, who was recording everything that happened in the courtroom, went straight to Hotel Venus and obtained the room records and surveillance video of Venus Hotel that day. They confirmed that Jeanne had returned to South Hampton City during the period of Cardellini Pharmaceutical's incident.

With the confirmation done, Judah said to the judge, "Your Honor, this is enough to prove the credibility of Brie's testimony."

The judge nodded.

He seemed to agree with Judah's conclusion.

"Just because Jeanne came back once is enough to prove Brie's story? Aren't you taking the law too lightly?" Michael began to refute again, "Why can't I suspect that Brie happened to see Jeanne in South Hampton City and used Jeanne to achieve her goal?! Since Brie said that it's related to Jeanne, can we get Jeanne to testify in court?"

He knew that Jeanne was being controlled by the Sanders, so Jeanne would not appear in court.

"Can you contact Jeanne to come to court?" the judge asked Edward.

"She's not in Harken for the time being," Edward said bluntly.

"We can contact her by phone!" Michael forced him.

"There's no way to contact her." Edward's expression turned cold.

The judge could also see from Fourth Master Swan's expression that the latter was not happy, so he quickly said, "Thank you for the witness's testimony. The witness can now withdraw from the court for the time being."

Edward glanced at Michael coldly and left the court.

Michael still shuddered at the look in Edward's eyes.

However, he gritted his teeth and instantly regained his confidence. He said, "Your Honor, Brie's testimony against me is only her side of the story. It can't be used as valid evidence to accuse me. I don't accept her accusation!"

"Your Honor—" Judah said.

However, before he could finish his sentence, Monica interrupted, "I'd like to confront Michael."

The judge glanced at Monica and said, "Permission granted."

Monica looked at Michael, face to face, and Michael also looked at Monica coldly.

The two of them just looked at each other. All that was left between them was hatred.

Monica said, "Tell me, why did Brie come here to frame you?"

"Because she wants to reduce her sentence! Once she's not the mastermind, she won't have to suffer such a heavy legal punishment."

"Have you forgotten that there's no valid evidence to prove that Brie is the mastermind behind this incident? It's all Daniel Cook's side of the story!" Monica enunciated each word.

At that moment, everyone seemed to recall that there was an extremely important segment at the scene and an extremely crucial person, Daniel Cook.

When Daniel felt everyone's gaze on him, he panicked and became nervous again.

Without Brie and Michael, he could have just admitted to his crimes. Yet now, they were both there, and he had never prepared himself to deal with it.

He tried his best to stay calm.

"That's Daniel and Brie's problem. I'm just trying to prove my innocence."

"No, it's your business." Monica enunciated each word clearly. At this moment, she looked at Daniel and said, "In your testimony, you said that had an unspeakable relationship with Brie, and Brie used this relationship to threaten you to frame me. Now that Brie has proven that she has nothing to do with you, may I ask why you're trying to frame her?"

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"I-I didn't frame her. She was the one who told me to do it. I only said I had sex with Brie to convince everyone."

"In order to convince everyone, you fabricated the 'truth', right?" Monica hit the nail on the head.

"No, it was all Brie's doing!"

"But everything could only be done with your authority. Furthermore, why did you listen to Brie and commit a crime?" Monica said ruthlessly, "Daniel, I think I should remind you that your testimony now is of no use to determine whether Brie is the mastermind this time. If you can't prove that you're not the

mastermind, the court will decide that you're the instigator. In other words, you will bear the greatest responsibility for this incident. Not only were you bending the law to favor someone, but most importantly, the Cardellini Enterprise's vaccine incident also involved the life of a boy. You'll have to bear responsibility for this boy's death!"

"I didn't kill the boy. I didn't know that the boy would be injected with potassium cyanide. All I did was fake the quality inspection report. I had nothing to do with what happened to the boy!" Daniel was agitated.

He was very clear that in Harken, it was a death sentence for murder.

"But the result is that you're the main culprit of this incident, so you should bear all the responsibility." Monica reminded him, word by word.

"It really wasn't me! It really wasn't me!" Daniel panicked.

"In that case, who did it?" Monica pressed on.

It made everyone gasp in surprise.

Perhaps everyone would think of the existence of a key person like Daniel later on, but they would definitely not react as quickly as Monica.

They had always thought that Monica was just an uninspiring and useless rich young lady. Yet, at that moment, everyone started looking at her in a different light.

Moreover, her arguments and aggressive presence were not something that a little girl in her 20s who only knew how to play could show.

Daniel was also driven out of his wits by Monica.

Just as he was about to speak, Michael said sternly, "Daniel, you have to think carefully before you answer. If you lie and fabricate facts, you will be punished by the law. You don't have any motive to frame Monica now, so the court can't sentence you guilty!"

"Your Honor," Judah interjected. He was respectful but domineering to the judge. "The defendant, Michael, is seriously affecting Daniel's behavior and words. I request that he be silenced while my client confronts Daniel."

"Permission granted!" The judge agreed.

It was obvious that Michael was threatening Daniel on purpose.

Michael clenched his fists and gritted his teeth.

Without wasting any time, Monica said to Daniel, "Even though Michael is right about you having no motive to frame me, and the court will not sentence you for killing the boy to frame me, you have lied and fabricated the truth. If you don't tell the truth, you will suffer a more severe sentence than what you should suffer now. To put it bluntly, as the key person in this case, if you don't explain the ins and outs of this matter clearly, this case will be on you. As long as you don't tell the truth, you'll be detained forever. Do you think you will be released from prison one day?"

Daniel's forehead was covered in sweat, and he looked flustered. He was clearly frightened.

Monica continued, "Let me tell you one more thing. Michael is almost at his end now. If you still hope that he can help you, you should give up on that idea. He can't even protect himself now. Do you think he has the ability to do anything? Or rather, even if you let him go now, do you think he will let you go? Think about everything that Brie is going through right now."

"Monica, you're threatening me—"

"Shut up!" The bailiff threatened, "You're currently being silenced."

Michael endured it again and again.

He said, "I'd like to request a recess. I need my defense lawyer. I want to defend myself—"

"Michael ordered me to do this!" Daniel suddenly admitted.

Michael's expression sank, and it was completely out of his control.

"He made me do it!" Daniel enunciated each word clearly. "He told me to testify against Brie because Brie had the motive to frame Monica. He said that Brie wouldn't appear in court, so it was impossible for Brie to defend herself. The benefit of me doing this was that after I was sentenced to prison, he could find a way to get me out within five years. He could even put me in an important position again so that my career wouldn't be ruined!"