

## **CEOs Baby 1581**

### Chapter 1581: The Conflict Between Shelly and the Winters

"You said you have a daughter?" Zoe exclaimed.

"Yes," Shelly admitted frankly. "So can you believe me when I say I'm not here to break you up?"

"Could your daughter be Nox's?"

"You think too much. If my daughter were Nox's, would I have brought her along to live such a hard life with me?" Shelly asked.

Zoe scrutinized her.

"Don't worry, my daughter isn't Nox's, so I don't have the power to break you up. If you believe I won't tell Nox, you can leave. If you don't believe me, you can give me a sum of money to shut me up. I've never thought of blackmailing you, but if you think that it can give you peace of mind, I won't reject it." Zoe frowned at Shelly.

Shelly should be quite young, yet she made so much sense that Zoe believed her for some reason. That woman could even ask her for money in such a dignified manner.

"Why did you get plastic surgery?" Zoe still could not trust Shelly completely.

If Shelly really did not have any improper thoughts about Nox, why would she need plastic surgery? Zoe knew Nox liked good-looking women, and it was rumored that Shelly was extremely ordinary.

Shelly was silent for a few seconds.

"Why? Is it because you want to seduce Nox?" Zoe mocked.

"No." Shelly said, "I got into a car accident when I was 18 years old, and my face was so severely disfigured that I had to undergo plastic surgery. I thought that since I was undergoing plastic surgery, I should have the doctor make me look good. After all, I was already going under the knife. Every woman had the right to look beautiful."

"You were in a car accident?" Zoe did not seem to believe her.

"Yes, I didn't take the college entrance examination because of the car accident," Shelly said bluntly.

Still, Zoe did not seem to believe her completely.

"Why don't you think about it? It's my working hours now, and I can't be out for too long. I'll be leaving first." Shelly did not want to waste too much time with Zoe.

After all, there was no need to tell Zoe about her personal matters.

As Shelly turned to leave, Zoe suddenly called out to her, "Wait a minute."

Shelly stopped in her tracks.

"Name your price."

It meant... Was Zoe planning to bribe her with money to keep her mouth shut?

Shelly thought for a moment before saying, "200 thousand." In fact, she had just come up with the number randomly.

200 thousand dollars was only enough for her to buy a small apartment in South Hampton City, but she figured she could not live under Sarah's roof forever. She had to have a home of her own with Bella.

Zoe looked straight at Shelly. 'Just 200 thousand? Is she so easy to get rid of?' "Is that too much?" Shelly asked.

After all, Nox would never give her so much money. They said that the richer the person, the more stingy they were. Otherwise, how could the person become rich?

"Didn't you say you can write me a letter of agreement?" Zoe raised her eyebrows.

"I'll go get a pen and paper right away." As she said that, she walked into the restaurant. After a while, she came out with a pen and paper and asked, "How should I write it?"

"Just write that you received 200 thousand dollars from me today and promise you won't seduce Nox in the future or say anything bad about me in front of Nox," Zoe said.

Zoe was smart to not tell Shelly to write it out that if she were to violate the agreement, she would be digging her own grave.

With that, Shelly wrote it down without hesitation. She even signed it before handing the letter of agreement to Zoe.

Zoe glanced at it and then looked at Shelly. "Write your account number on it."

Shelly took the agreement letter and wrote her account number on it.

Zoe said, "I'll give you a call tomorrow."

"Thank you." Shelly thanked her sincerely.

Money was not a bad thing. Moreover, she was not the one who tricked Zoe. It was Zoe who wanted to give Shelly the money because she would feel uneasy if she did not give it to Shelly.

"Shelly, you'd better not play any tricks. If you do, I'll make things difficult for you!" Zoe did not forget to threaten Shelly.

“Don't worry. I will give you and Nox my blessings.” Shelly was very sincere.

Zoe looked at Shelly coldly. Then, the moment she was about to leave, her eyes suddenly flickered as she saw Nox suddenly walk out. He definitely saw her with Shelly, and panic flashed across her face.

She quickly put the agreement letter into her pocket, and her expression changed instantly. “Shelly, Nox and I are getting married soon. I hope you can give us your blessings. I know Nox had hurt you in the past, but it was because he really didn't like you.. If two people don't like each other, their marriage won't be happy...”

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Shelly looked at Zoe, and for a second, she failed to react. Was that woman mentally ill? Her attitude and expression had changed so fast that it was scary.

The next second, she felt someone pushing her from behind, and she almost fell to the ground.

She steadied herself and saw Nox holding Zoe in his arms. His expression was extremely ugly as he said to her, “Shelly, what did you say to Zoe?”

What could she say? It was all Zoe's fault! However, she did not think she should expose Zoe. After all, she was a soft-hearted person.

Moreover, deep in her heart, she really hoped they could be together and that Zoe would cheat on Nox for the rest of her life. It felt good just thinking about it.

“Nox, don't be angry. Shelly didn't say anything to me, so don't lose your temper.” Zoe's face was delicate and delicate.

Shelly looked at them and chuckled. That was right. Nox should be with that kind of b\*tch, who was a perfect match for him.

At that thought, she turned to leave. She did not think she had to explain or embarrass herself in front of them.

That was when she heard Zoe say, "Shelly said you guys slept together at the nightclub and told me... not to be too smug."

Before she could finish her sentence, tears streamed down her face.

Shelly pursed her lips. Now, she knew why Nox was not Zoe's match. It was because Zoe's acting skills were amazing.

She saw Nox's expression darken. "Shelly, can you be any more despicable? Do you want to test my limits again? Do you really think that you can affect my relationship with Zoe just because you said something like that? Let me tell you, there's no way! I've told Zoe about what happened that night!"

"Oh, really?" Shelly was unmoved, not denying what Zoe said about her. In any case, in Nox's heart, she was not a good person either.

Besides, she wanted them to be together, and if she could achieve her goal, it did not matter whether she was wrongly accused. After all, she did not care what impression Nox had of her.

"Shelly, do you know what that night of us sleeping together was to me?" Nox was furious.

He probably did not expect Shelly to have become such a despicable woman and tell Zoe that.

"It was as if I slept with a prostitute." Nox enunciated each word.

Shelly pursed her lips. It seemed to her that her feelings for the Winters would eventually disappear because of Nox.

She said, "I didn't know you even paid for prostitutes."

Nox looked at Shelly coldly. He did not expect Shelly to be so calm! Did she have any sense of shame at all?

"Since I can't drive a wedge between the two of you, and I don't seem to fit in with you, I'll take my leave first," Shelly said politely, just like how she treated the guests in the restaurant.

Nox looked at Shelly and realized he could not see through that woman. She said she liked him and wanted to marry him, but her actions seemed like she was deliberately avoiding him.

He did not believe a word she said about not liking him or having any expectations for him. When he thought of what Shelly had done in order to marry him, he decided that it was impossible for her to let go of him.

"Nox," Zoe called out to him.

It was because Nox was watching Shelly leave, and she was upset about it.

Nox came back to his senses and quickly said, "Don't take Shelly's words to heart. She doesn't want us to have a good life because she can't have me. Don't worry, I'll never like Shelly."

"Yes, I believe you." Zoe smiled sweetly, showing her great love and tolerance for Nox.

Nox was also touched by Zoe. He felt that, compared to Zoe, Shelly was worthless.

With that, the two of them returned to the private room.

In the private room, parents from both sides were still discussing the wedding when Mrs. Winter suddenly asked, "Where's Shelly? Why isn't she serving us anymore?"

Nox looked up at the waitress who was serving them and said, "I told her not to."

“Nox, it's been so many years. Why are you still brooding over it? No matter what, Shelly grew up with our family. Even if you don't have feelings for her, you should treat her like a sister,” Mrs. Winter scolded..

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Nox looked disgusted. “Who wants to treat her as a sister? I don't want to see her at all.”

“Nox.” Mrs. Winter's face darkened.

Nox was getting a little impatient. “Zoe is here. Can you not talk about Shelly?”

Mrs. Winter pursed her lips. After thinking about it, she realized that it was indeed inappropriate for her to talk about Shelly on such an occasion. Hence, she did not say anything else and changed the topic.

The dinner lasted for two hours. When the group walked out of the private room, they saw Shelly standing at the front desk. She seemed to be talking to the manager, and she looked anxious. However, the manager looked serious.

Suddenly, the manager shouted at Shelly, “You're the busiest person ever, aren't you? You're either leaving early or late! And now, you're saying that your daughter is sick at home. Since you're so busy with your family, why are you still working? Go back and be a full-time wife!”

Shelly was a little upset from being scolded. She had just received a call from Sarah saying that Bella seemed to have a fever, and it made her want to go back.

However, as the customers she was serving had not left yet, she could only bite the bullet and request to leave earlier from the manager so that someone else could replace her, which resulted in her manager scolding her.

In fact, she understood that from a manager's point of view, if her subordinates were always on leave, how could they do their work? If she kept agreeing, how could she manage her employees?

Despite that, she had no other choice. Once Bella fell sick, she would be the only one left to take care of Bella. For one, Sarah could not handle Bella, and secondly, Sarah had no obligation to help her take care of the child.

At that thought, she braced herself and said, "I'm sorry, manager, but I really have to go back. I'm a single mother, and my daughter needs me very much now."

"If she really needs you, you shouldn't be working! Let me tell you, Shelly, if you leave today, don't ever think of coming back in the future!" The manager threatened, "You've only been working for a few days, and you're always taking a leave of absence. I've had enough of you!"

While Shelly hesitated, she figured that once the doctors confirmed Bella's surgery, she would not be able to make time to go to work anyway. As such, she did not have to worry about losing her job.

Just as she was about to speak, Mrs. Winter rushed up and scolded the manager, probably because she could not stand it anymore. "How inhumane are you?"

The manager was stunned. As Mrs. Winter was a guest in the VIP room, she did not dare to offend her.

At that moment, she immediately put on a smile on her face. In the service industry, they had to have no self-esteem sometimes.

Mrs. Winter said angrily, "Shelly told you that her daughter is sick, yet you still threatened her. Are you even human?"

"I'm sorry, Madam. I was too reactive and didn't control my emotions just now. The main reason is that the restaurant is short of manpower. If she leaves so suddenly, it will be difficult to serve her. I'll be more mindful next time," the manager apologized.

Mrs. Winter still wanted to say something else, but Shelly quickly said, "It's my fault. I did make things difficult for the manager. How about this? I'll resign."

She did not want to embarrass herself in front of the Winters and the Sullivans.



“Thank you for taking care of me during this period of time. I'll come over tomorrow to handle the resignation procedures.”

The manager did not agree to Shelly's request because she had offended a customer. Shelly, however, knew that the manager was put in a tough spot, so she turned to leave.

“Shelly.” Seeing Shelly leave, Mrs. Winter quickly chased after her.

Shelly did not want to stop. When she thought about how Bella was sick how she really did not want to get entangled with the Winters, she quickened her pace.

“Shelly, wait... Ah!” Mrs. Winter lost her footing, rolled her ankle, and accidentally fell down.

The fall shocked everyone, but Nox was the first to rush up and help his mother up.

Everyone asked with concern, “Are you alright? Did you fall? Where does it hurt? Should we call an ambulance?”

Shelly stopped in her tracks and turned around, watching everyone's care for Mrs. Winter from a distance. In fact, she also looked concerned as that a fall could lead to something more serious when one was older.

However, at that moment, she gritted her teeth and left. After all, she couldn't help much if she stayed here. With the Winters' power, Mrs. Winter would be in any danger.

Nox naturally saw Shelly leave, and he wondered when Shelly had become cold-blooded! Did she not see that his mother had fallen?

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Yet, she had turned around and left without even a word of concern. No matter what, his mother had been good to Shelly back then.

Since Shelly was young, his mother had taken care of her and cared for her, only to raise such an ungrateful lady! Shelly was not at all grateful to the Winters.

Nox handed his mother over to the others and made sure that she did not fall too badly before letting her go and rushing toward Shelly.

At that moment, Shelly was walking to the street and hailing a taxi. Just as the taxi stopped at her feet, Nox grabbed Shelly forcefully.

As Shelly was almost pulled over by Nox, she got a little angry and tried to break free. However, there was no way to break free. Nox was so strong that it hurt her arm so much.

“Let go of me!” Shelly resisted.

Nox pretended not to hear her and dragged her back. Naturally, the taxi did not dare to stir up trouble, so it quickly drove away.

Shelly watched as the taxi left, and it fueled her anger. Suddenly, she lowered her head and bit Nox's arm with all her strength.

Nox was in so much pain that he pushed Shelly away. Then, under Nox's brute force, Shelly lost her balance and fell to the ground. She fell so hard that she saw stars.

At that moment, she believed Nox was the man she hated the most in this world, and there was no other. If she could, she really wished she had never met Nox in her life and had never done anything for him.

Nox's face was filled with anger. When he saw Shelly fall to the ground, he froze for a second. However, in the next second, he looked calm. “So you know how painful it is to fall to the ground, huh?”

Shelly did not answer. All she wanted now was to go home. She did not even want to look at Nox.

"My mother fell to the ground just now, and you didn't even look at her. Shelly, how can you be so heartless?" Nox asked her fiercely.

Upon recalling Shelly turning around and leaving, he became furious again.

"Yes, I have no conscience!" Shelly got up from the ground.

Her body was bruised and her skin was scraped from the fall, but she still endured the pain and got up.

Nox frowned.

"Now that the Winters can't give me any benefits, why should I treat you so kindly? Don't you know that I came to your house to live a life of luxury? Now that it's gone, why should I pretend like I care?"

"Shelly?" Mrs. Winter stood behind Nox.

She had limped out with someone's help. However, she did not believe what

Shelly said, so she asked Shelly, "Do you really think so?"

"Yes, that's what I think, ever since you and your son chased me out of the Winters. I don't feel anything for anyone in your family. All I wanted was your family's wealth, so now that it's gone, I don't need to please you and be an obedient girl anymore. This is my true colors," Shelly said loudly to Mrs. Winter.

Mrs. Winter's eyes turned red. She probably could not accept that Shelly had said something like that.

"I know you've suffered because of Nox, but no matter what, we're family. I've always treated you like a daughter-I'

"If you treated me like your daughter, you wouldn't have done that to me back then! At the end of the day, you're still biased towards Nox. Since you're biased toward Nox, stop pretending to be nice to me. I feel disgusted.. "

"Slap!" Nox suddenly slapped Shelly hard on the face.

Shelly was silent for a second. Her face was burning with pain, but she did not cry, nor did she show any expression.

She said, "This slap will be to repay the Winters for raising me. In the future, you should stay away from me, and I will stay away from you too."

"Shelly, do you really care about what I did three years ago? You left Nox of your own free will, but now you're saying that it was because I was biased towards Nox." Mrs. Winter could not accept Shelly's reasoning.

Shelly did not speak for a while.

She said, "But I regretted it later on. When I said I wanted to bring Bella back to the Winters, you rejected me. You said that you were afraid of tarnishing the Winters' reputation, and you even made me understand your situation." Mrs. Winter's expression changed immediately. She was a little embarrassed by Shelly's words..

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"But I thought you understood." Mrs. Winter was embarrassed and hurt.

Shelly looked at Mrs. Winter. 'So what if I didn't understand? What can you do about that?'

Back then, when she was in a car accident and her life was on the line, everyone in the Winters came to see her except for Nox. Grandpa Winter was angry that he beat Nox half to death.

Fortunately, the doctors managed to save her life. Other than being disfigured and suffering from many wounds on her body, her limbs were intact. When she was in the hospital, Mrs. Winter cried so hard and

asked her to leave Nox on her own accord. Otherwise, Grandpa Winter would definitely beat Nox to death.

Shelly knew from then on that Nox would always be the most important person in the Winters' heart. Of course, she understood their perspective. After all, Nox was the biological son of Mr. and Mrs. Winter. As they said, blood was thicker than water, so it was only right for them to take care of Nox.

Therefore, she went with Mrs. Winter's request and chose to leave Nox. She even took a sum of money from Nox and ended her relationship with Nox.

Before she left, Mrs. Winter actually came to look for her and said that even if she had nothing to do with Nox, she could still return to the Winters and they would treat her like a daughter. However, she knew it was because of Mrs. Winter's guilt toward her.

After all, since she was young, they had taught her that she would marry Nox when she grew up and that she would be Nox's wife. If they suddenly told her that she could not be Nox's wife, they would feel guilty toward her.

However, at that time, she had lost all hope for Nox. She thought that since she had nothing to do with him, she should cut all ties with him. In the end, because of her pride, she rejected him and thought she could have a life of her own, not expecting that Bella would suddenly show up.

Bella's condition made it impossible for her to raise her alone, so after much hesitation, she took the initiative to look for Mrs. Winter in hopes that Bella could live like a normal person. When Mrs. Winter found out that she had Bella, Mrs. Winter was very surprised, but she knew that Bella was not Nox's daughter. After all, if it were Nox's child, it would have been lost in a car accident. However, other than Mrs. Winter, no one in the Winters knew about the existence of the child, and Mrs. Winter even begged her not to tell anyone.

Once she told anyone about that, Grandpa Winter would make Nox marry her even if he had to beat Nox to death. As such, she did not tell anyone, not even Nox.

Mrs. Winter was also curious as to who the child belonged to when she first saw that Shelly had a daughter. Logically speaking, even if Shelly broke up with Nox and immediately got together with another man, the child would not be born so quickly. Therefore, she was certain that the child wasn't Shelly's.

Shelly also told Mrs. Winter honestly that Bella was her second sister's child. It was the child of her biological second sister in her hometown.

It was when Shelly was preparing to start her third year of high school again that her second sister somehow found her and wanted her to treat Bella for her.

Her second sister said that she had no choice but to bring Bella to look for her. In their village, having a daughter was already looked down upon, but because Bella was also disabled, she was even more disliked. Her second sister was about to give Bella away but could not bear to do so. Hence, she secretly left the village with the child. She wanted to find Shelly to treat Bella for her, but she did not expect that Shelly had severed ties with the Winters and had nothing left in her name.

Indeed, most of Shelly's savings had been spent on plastic surgery. After all, she could not live with a ruined face. In this age where looks mattered, she knew very well that to make her life better, she had to look more beautiful.

As she had no money to help her second sister treat Bella, her second sister left on her own the next day but left Bella behind.

At the same time, her second sister left a note that wrote: Shelly, I don't want to make things difficult for you as I know that your life is hard, and I never thought I would ask you to help me, but Bella is my biological daughter. I carried her for nine months, and I can't leave her on the streets. It's fine if you think I'm cruel, but I'll leave Bella to you. You can do whatever you want to her. I'm sorry, Shelly. I'm sorry, Bella.

Shelly looked at the note and saw Bella, who was sleeping soundly and looked innocent. In the end, her heart softened, and she kept Bella..Chapter 1586: The Mystery of Bella's Background

Although Bella was deaf, everything else about Bella was normal. At the very least, there were no defects in her growth, so Shelly could raise her up. It was just that every time she went to the hospital for Bella's consultation, the doctor would suggest that Bella had ear surgery as soon as possible so that she could recover better. However, Shelly did not have any money.

Even if she brought Bella with her to work and did not go to school, she still would not be able to earn that much money to treat Bella. Hence, she had no choice but to look for Mrs. Winter.

As such, she thought that it was better to put her stubbornness aside. It was much better to be living with the Winters than on her own. Living alone outside was hard enough, let alone with Bella.

However, Mrs. Winter refused, saying that she could come back but not Bella. It was because people would misunderstand that Bella was Nox's daughter, which would affect the marriage and relationship between Nox and Zoe. In turn, it would also cause the Winters to be slandered by the public.

She also said that it would be difficult for Shelly to marry into a good family with a child in the future. However, the Winters would definitely not let her marry a random man. With the Winters' current status, if she did not have a good life in the future, it would also make the public think that the Winters did not care about her and affect the Winters' reputation.

Mrs. Winter suggested that she send Bella to an orphanage and promised that she would find a way for Bella to be adopted into a good family. In fact, Mrs.

Winter was doing everything for the best of everyone, but that fairness made Shelly feel even worse. It was as if she had caused a lot of trouble for the Winters.

She was extremely grateful to be able to live in the Winters since she was young, but she never thought that one day, she would make things difficult for them and even embarrass them.

If Mrs. Winter was determined not to accept her anymore, she might feel better, but what she was afraid of was that Mrs. Winter cared so much about her but could not meet her requirements. That kind of mental torture was unbearable. Therefore, she carried Bella and left.

Then, she changed her phone number and cut contact with the Winters. She would rather be a heartless existence in the eyes of the Winters than endure the pain in her heart. Since the Winters' love for her was not the kind of love she wanted, it was better to break all ties with them. She would rather them take her as an ingrate.

After she excluded the Winters from her life, she did not think she would have anything to do with the Winters again. If not, she would have met Nox again. She had indeed lived a hard life the past few years, but her days were not as difficult as she thought. She was not internally tormented, and all she had to do was rely on herself to live a life with Bella. She had actually thought it through. If there was really no

way to treat Bella's ears, she could at least make Bella a mentally healthy little girl, especially in a world where there were so many people who were crippled, and not everyone was unhappy.

Of course, if she had the chance to heal Bella, she would not give it up. Hence, since Nox was willing to give her money, she accepted it. If Zoe was willing to give her money, she would accept it too.

After a few years of being beaten up by society, she was still very clear about the importance of money. As long as she did not steal or rob, she could use the rest of the money as she pleased.

Shelly looked at Mrs. Winter coldly. Her emotions did not change at all because of her discomfort. Instead, she said, "I don't understand. All I know is that I wanted to bring Bella along, and you rejected me. Although you gave me so many high-sounding reasons, it seemed to me that you just didn't care about my feelings."

"Shelly, I'm doing this for your own good. What are you going to do with your life if you have a child by your side? In today's society, there are still people who mind if you have a child by your side! I, too, hope you can marry into a good family in the future. I really treat you like a daughter..." Mrs. Winter tried her best to persuade Shelly, but she got a little emotional because Shelly could not understand her perspective.

"Mrs. Winter, don't say anymore. I won't appreciate it." Shelly interrupted her.

She probably did not want to talk to them or about the past anymore. She really wanted nothing to do with the Winters..

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Besides, Bella was sick, and she was in a hurry to go back.

"Shelly, don't be so ungrateful!" Nox could not stand it anymore.



He felt that Shelly had no conscience at all. His mother had done everything for Shelly's sake, yet Shelly treated his mother like that. He really wanted to strangle that woman to death.

"I don't know what's good for me, so don't try to curry favor with me anymore. I don't think you're good to me at all. In fact, I think you're emotionally blackmailing me!"

"Shelly, when did you become like this?" Mrs. Winter still could not accept Shelly's drastic change.

Even when Shelly left, Shelly was respectful to her and would never say such harsh words. She had always thought that Shelly was a good child, so she had expectations for her.

"I've always been like this. All the obedience I show in front of you was just an act."

Mrs. Winter was really hurt by Shelly. To her, she was really doing it for Shelly's own good, yet Shelly was treating her like that.

Shelly could tell that Mrs. Winter was disappointed in her. She said, "I'm sorry for making you feel bad. I'll try my best not to appear in front of you in the future. I also hope that you won't take the initiative to look for me again. My life is quite good now, so you don't have to worry. I'll be leaving first."

As she spoke, she nodded at them with a smile. After working as a waiter for a long time, she had learned to be respectful to others.

"Shelly!" Nox gritted his teeth.

He felt disgusted by the current Shelly, who made him very unhappy. It was as if she really did not want to have anything to do with the Winters anymore. What did the Winters do wrong to her that she had to make such a gesture?

"Forget it, Nox." Mrs. Winter did not seem to want to dwell on Shelly's matter anymore. Since that was Shelly's choice, she would fulfill it.

Nox gritted his teeth.

“Let's go back.” Mrs. Winter left with the support of someone else.

The others followed Mrs. Winter. Nox, on the other hand, looked at Shelly coldly. In the end, he turned around and left.

As the group of people walked further and further away from Shelly, tears started to flow out of her eyes. This time, she had probably broken the hearts of the Winters. Nevertheless, she wiped her tears. After all, she could no longer go back to the Winters after she lost her relationship with Nox.

They said she could be their daughter, but could she really be their daughter? Her existence in their family would be awkward. Nox would not like her, Nox's wife would also hate her, and the elders of the Winters felt guilty about her. Everything about it would just hurt her.

With that, Shelly turned around, hailed a taxi, and went back. She wondered whether Nox would think that she wanted to marry him again in the future! However, Zoe should have believed her too.

Now, she had finally gotten rid of Nox, the huge pain in her \*ss!

Nox first sent Zoe's parents back before returning to the Winters' residence and going straight to his mother's room.

Mrs. Winter was pretty sad today. After coming back to take a shower, she lay on the bed and planned to get some rest, only to look at her son in surprise.

“Why are you back here today?”

Nox rarely came back because he always felt that he would be disciplined once he came back, so he would rather not come back. However, he was back tonight because... Yes, it was because of Shelly's matter.

He had a feeling that his mother was hiding a lot about Shelly, and Shelly's current behavior had a lot to do with what she had experienced.

“Mom, I want to ask about what happened to Shelly back then. I still find it strange as to why Shelly stopped studying and had a daughter!” Nox did not beat around the bush and asked directly, “Also, she wanted to return to the Winters but was rejected by you?”

Mrs. Winter sighed. It had been such a long time, and she did not want to talk about it anymore.

Now that Nox asked, she hesitated for a moment before saying, “Shelly's daughter isn't Shelly's but Shelly's biological sister's. Because her daughter is disabled, her biological sister abandoned her and gave her to Shelly. Shelly, as innocent as she was, decided to raise the child and stopped going to school, so she went to work at a young age to raise the child. After that, Shelly probably couldn't hold on anymore, so she came to me, saying that she wanted to come back to the Winters with the child.”

Nox frowned..

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It turned out that the child was not Shelly's biological child, and here he was, thinking that Shelly had a child with a random man.

He did not know what he was feeling at the moment, so he listened quietly as his mother said, “I did have my own concerns at that time. On the one hand, I thought Shelly bringing a child back would inevitably cause controversy, such that it would be bad for the Winters' reputation and it would also affect your relationship with Zoe. So, I told her to send the child to the orphanage and I'd think of a way to get a good family to adopt her. On the other hand, how could Shelly marry into a good family if she raises that child? Upon considering her happiness for the rest of her life, I insisted that she handle things according to my methods, and only then would I agree to let her return to our family. However, I didn't expect my good intentions to hurt Shelly instead and make her hate the Winters so much.”

Nox was silent, not knowing what to say.

To his mother, it was reasonable for her to have such considerations. After all, nobody would want not their family to live a better life; nobody would want their family to get into trouble. However, from

Shelly's point of view, she felt that his mother did not love her enough and rejected her request for her own benefit.

"However, Shelly's words today really broke my heart. I really cared about her, but she couldn't understand me at all. Thinking about it still makes me a little disappointed." Mrs. Winter sighed.

She was still brooding over what Shelly had said today.

"Forget it. Let's just pretend that Shelly never lived with us. If she thinks she can live a good life by relying on herself, she can go ahead. I don't want to worry about her anymore. On the other hand, you and Zoe are about to get married. Please treat Zoe well. Zoe is a good girl and is outstanding in all aspects. Besides, she's well-educated and magnanimous. It would be a pity for you to lose a girl like that. Luckily, I didn't force you to be with Shelly, and neither did your father nor your grandfather. A girl like Shelly, who wasn't born into a wealthy family, is much more narrow-minded."

Nox nodded. "I know. I will treat Zoe well."

"Also, have children early. The older a woman is, the riskier it would be for her to give birth to a child. Hence, giving birth to a child early is also a form of protection for Zoe. When the time comes, I can help you take care of the child. Zoe is a career-driven woman, and I won't be so stubborn as to want her to be tied down by the child," Mrs. Winter said earnestly.

At the thought of Nox and Zoe's perfect marriage, she was still very gratified. It could also be considered as making up for the pain that she had caused by the smile.

"Alright, I'll make plans with Zoe after we get married."

"What marriage?" Mrs. Winter smiled. "It's popular to try marriage now. Don't think I don't know that Zoe often spends the night in your apartment. Anyway, she's going to get married soon, so it's fine if she gets pregnant earlier. I'm not such a conservative person."

Nox smiled. Parents who wanted grandchildren could really tolerate anything.

"Don't laugh. I'm serious."

"Alright." Nox nodded.

"Alright, it's getting late. You still have to work tomorrow, so you should go back early," Mrs. Winter urged. "Mom, you should sleep early too."

"Yes."

With that, Nox walked out of his mother's room. Just as he was about to leave, he hesitated for a moment before knocking on his grandfather's door.

Ever since Old Master Swan passed away, his grandfather had returned to the

Winters. Due to his old age, he rarely went out and basically stayed inside the Winters' residence. As such, Nox had not seen him for a long time, even though he would still be afraid to see his grandfather now.

"Come in." Grandpa Winter's voice came from inside. He was still full of energy.

Nox pushed open the door. In the room, his grandfather was still awake and sitting on the desk in the room, writing.

"Grandpa," Nox called out to him.

Grandpa Winter looked up at Nox and ignored him.

Nox did not know why his grandfather had disliked him since he was young.

Was he not excited, considering that they had not seen each other for so long?

"What's the matter?" Grandpa Winter asked coldly.

Nox almost choked on his saliva. He had always felt that he was not his grandfather's biological grandson.

"I'm about to get married." Nox said bluntly, "On the 26th of this month.."

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"Yes," Grandpa Winter replied. Instead of sounding happy, he calmly accepted his grandson's marriage.

"With Zoe," Nox said deliberately.

"I'm not senile yet." Grandpa Winter glanced at Nox. "Haven't you always been against it?"

"Will you not marry her if I object?" Grandpa Winter asked.

Nox pursed his lips.

"It's getting late. Hurry back."

"You just don't like me." Nox was unhappy. "In that case, why did you come?"

Upon hearing that, Nox left angrily.

As expected, he was not his grandfather's biological grandson. Every time, he would come to see his grandfather with hope, only for his grandfather to piss him off.

If Edward came to see his grandfather, he would be so excited that tears would well up in his eyes. Maybe Edward was his biological son!

Wade watched as Nox left and closed the door. Then, he put down the pen and ink in his hand and picked up the phone beside him. "Have you found anything?"

The other party was extremely respectful." Old Master Qin, I've found out everything. Do we need to negotiate with them?"

"No need." Wade said bluntly," We'll expose it on Nox's wedding day." "...Is that appropriate?" the other side could not help but ask.

Did Old Master Winter want the whole world to know that Young Master Winter had been cuckolded? After all, getting married was the most proud time of one's life.

"Who's fault is it that he refuses to listen to my advice? He deserves it!" Wade was very determined.

"Alright." The other side agreed.

In the end, Wade could not help but sigh in his heart.

As expected, Nox was his biological grandson. If Nox was not his biological grandson, he would not be able to do such a cruel thing!

Nox left the Winters' residence and returned to his high-class apartment. When he opened the door, he saw Zoe sitting on the sofa in the living room, waiting for him.

"Why are you here?" Nox was a little surprised.

"Don't you miss me?" Zoe pretended to be angry.

"No, I thought you were going to accompany your parents tonight to discuss our marriage."

“My parents are very satisfied with you and our marriage. They can't wait to marry me to you as soon as possible. They have nothing to discuss. They're just looking forward to you coming to pick me up,” Zoe said sweetly.

Nox smiled. “There are still ten days left. Tell your parents they don't have to be so anxious.”

“Hmph! Aren't you anxious to get married to me?” Zoe was acting like a spoiled child.

“I'm very anxious. I can't wait to marry you immediately.”

“How annoying.”

The two of them were flirting, and just like that, they brought the conversation to bed.

“Nox...”

“My mom said to have children early.”

“Are you really willing to have a child with me? I always thought that you would reject the idea. After all, you don't seem like someone who wants to be a father-”

“People change at a certain age. Seeing that my grandfather's hair has turned white, I wish for him to be around to see my child being born.” Although Nox had been disrespectful to his grandfather, the person he admired the most was still his grandfather.

“Alright, as long as you like it, I'll have as many of your children as you want immediately.” Zoe knew how to please Nox.

Nox sincerely felt that marrying Zoe was the wisest decision he had made.

Fortunately, he did not give in to his grandfather's pressure back then. He even believed that if his grandfather continued to force him and Shelly persisted for a while longer, he might really choose to be with Shelly.



If he had not held on for a while longer, it would be too late for regrets now!

In The People's Hospital of South Hampton City, Shelly carried Bella to the hospital to see the doctor.

It was only a low fever, but it suddenly turned into a high fever in the middle of the night. Shelly did not dare risk it and quickly carried Bella to the hospital. Seeing that Bella had a serious fever, the doctor immediately put her on an IV drip.

Shelly held Bella in the outpatient clinic to receive her liquids, while Bella lay listlessly in Shelly's arms. Shelly, who was actually exhausted after a day of work, fell asleep in a daze as she held Bella.

Then, she heard someone beside her shout, "It's drawing blood! It's drawing blood!"

Shelly was startled by the sound and quickly woke up. That was when she saw that the drip tube in Bella's hand had recovered a lot of blood.

Shocked, she quickly called for the nurse. "Nurse, nurse, my daughter's drip is done. It's drawing her blood now."

The nurse quickly came over. When she saw that, her expression changed. She quickly squatted down to do emergency measures. As she did so, she complained, "What kind of mother are you? You didn't even know that it has drawn so much of her blood. Seriously!"

Shelly kept apologizing. As she looked at Bella's expression, she felt extremely guilty.

The nurse took a long time to finish and pulled out the needle for the IV drip.

"Press on it longer!"

"Okay. Thank you, Nurse." Shelly quickly thanked her.

The nurse said angrily, "Be more careful in the future. This kind of thing can be dangerous."

"Alright."

"It's best to come with the child's father next time."

"Yes," Shelly replied and did not explain further.

She pressed on Bella for a long time. After making sure there was no more bleeding, she picked Bella up and left the hospital.

She had just walked out of the outpatient department area when someone suddenly called her from behind. "Shelly."

Stunned, Shelly turned around and saw a man in a mask. The man quickly took off his mask, and Shelly's eyes flickered. She did not expect to meet Benjamin Bacon in a place like that..

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Shelly really did not expect to see Benjamin after so many years.

At that time, she had fought with Benjamin, and their parents were called to the school. Benjamin was even taught a lesson by Nox... In the end, he became Nox's tool to make her leave.

In fact, there was a time when she really wanted to fulfill Nox's wish and be with another man. After all, being with Nox was too tiring.

Nox did not love her, and he even used all sorts of methods to torture her. Therefore, for a few days, she really developed feelings for Benjamin, even though it was not deep.

As she knew that Nox was the one who instigated her, she had her own sense of proportion regarding when it came to Benjamin's affection toward her.

Still, she had a good impression of Benjamin. It was because Benjamin treated her really well, especially when compared to Nox. In fact, Shelly felt that Benjamin was perfect.

He would bring her breakfast every day. Even if she did not eat it, he would stuff it under her desk. He would also pay attention to her physical condition. Sometimes, even if she coughed, he would take off his jacket for her.

Moreover, he would send her back. Even if she did not allow him to send her home, he would follow behind her and make sure she got home safely. He would only leave when she was home.

Just like that, Shelly started to feel something in her heart. Every time she went back, she would face Nox's criticism and, in school, Benjamin's endless flattery. In front of a woman who had never been doted on by a man, it was easy for her to be moved.

Hence, one day, when Benjamin sent her downstairs and was about to leave... Shelly stopped him.

She asked, "Do you like me?"

In fact, she knew he did not like her and that he was forced by Nox. He was even receiving a sum of money from Nox. If she were in his shoes, she would have done the same.

"I do," Benjamin blurted out.

Shelly smiled. In that case, she would just take it as he liked her, which was a bad thing. It was better than being hated.

Her smile made Benjamin a lot bolder. He walked up to Shelly and looked at her nervously.

He said, "I know about your relationship with Nox, but Nox really doesn't like you, so..."

'So what?'

"I can't promise you anything now because I don't have anything that Nox has and my family background is average. But I swear, when I grow up, I will definitely work hard and let you live a carefree life," Benjamin said affectionately.

Shelly looked straight at Benjamin, infected by his deep affection. She was actually wondering if she could change her life.

Life with Nox was too tiring. Besides, she had never liked Nox. Otherwise, she would not have fallen in love with another man so quickly.

As the two of them looked at each other affectionately, Benjamin gathered his courage and held Shelly's hand. Shelly was still a little nervous, and her heart was beating very fast.

Then, Benjamin suddenly approached Shelly and kissed her on the lips. It was just a kiss, but he was so frightened that he ran away after the kiss.

Shelly looked at Benjamin's back and thought, 'Can I really leave Nox and live my own life?'

Of course, she did not really want to be with Benjamin. When Benjamin was deliberately pursuing her, she was also using him to tell herself that leaving Nox was not that difficult. However, in the next second, she had been given a great deal of trouble by Nox.

When she returned home, the house was filled with the smell of alcohol, and Nox was sitting on the sofa in the living room, looking at her coldly.

Shelly was used to Nox's bad temper, so she did not think much of it. She did what he had to do and ignored Nox.

"Why? Are you starting to feel that the outside world is very fun?" Nox mocked.

Shelly thought to herself, 'That's right. Thanks to you, I finally know that other than you, all other men are good.'

“Come and help me back to my room!” Nox said coldly.

With that, Shelly put down her bag and went to help Nox.

At that time, Nox had almost recovered. In fact, he would be fine even if she did not help him. However, Nox was used to ordering her around.

She took him to his room, helped him prepare a bath, and wiped his body down. Anyway, she had done everything that the servants did for him and things that were beyond what the servants had done..