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Jeanne interrupted him and said, "I'm sorry to disappoint you, Nox."

Nox frowned.

He felt that Jeanne was very proud of herself.

"Fourth Master and I are getting married soon."

"Wow... What?!" Nox looked at Jeanne.

At that moment, he thought he must have heard wrongly.

"You can keep those resources to yourself. From now on, you don't have to worry about the Fourth Master's sex life."

Nox's eyes were bulging.

He refused to believe it or, to be more precise, he could not accept it!

He could not accept that his Fourth Master Swan was being played by Jeanne.

Just as he was about to speak, Edward suddenly said from behind, "Nox, contact a wedding company for me."

What kind of miraculous turn of events was that?

Has the author— No. Has Fourth Master Swan gone crazy?

Nox turned his head and looked at Fourth Master Swan in a daze.

By then, Jeanne had already left with George.

When they walked out, the Fourth Master Swan's black car at the door stopped in front of her. The driver got down from the car respectfully and said to Jeanne, "Miss Lawrence, Fourth Master has told me to send you and the young master off."

Jeanne's heart skipped a beat.

She turned around to look at the driver with a smile. "Thank you."

"No worries, Miss Lawrence. Please hop on. "The chauffeur opened the car door for her.

With that, Jeanne and George got into the car and left Bamboo Garden.

Jeanne could not help but heave a sigh.

She, too, did not know why she was sighing. It was probably because she wanted to relax her tense heart.

Forget Nox finding it unbelievable, for even she could not accept how things had developed.

"Mom." George, who was beside her, suddenly called out to her.

Jeanne looked over at him. "Hm?"

"Are you going to marry Fourth Master Swan?" George asked in his childlike voice.

Jeanne felt guilty. "I'm sorry. I know. I promised you I wouldn't be with Fourth Master Swan."

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George stared at her.

Jeanne said, "I know you don't like Fourth Master Swan, but sometimes, I don't have a choice either. George, if you don't like living with Fourth Master Swan, I'll get Kingsley to bring you with him—"

"No need." George shook his head. "I want to stay with you."

Deep down, Jeanne was a little touched.

When she was at her worst, George's existence would be her greatest encouragement.

She touched George's hair and said, "Actually, Fourth Master Swan and I are in a marriage of convenience. That means we're not married because we have feelings for each other, but because of benefits. So, one day, Fourth Master Swan and I will get a divorce."

It seemed like Jeanne was assuring George that they would leave one day.

George opened his small mouth, but the words got stuck in his throat. Then, he turned to look out of the car window.

He did not want to tell his mother that when Fourth Master Swan carried him in the amusement park today before they entered the haunted house, he whispered in his ear, "Promise me two things. First, take care of yourself so that your mother doesn't have to worry about you. Second, take care of your mother for me so that I don't have to worry about her."

Although George was very young, he understood what Fourth Master Swan said then.

He understood that Fourth Master Swan was saying his goodbye.

That was why when his mother picked him up and left the amusement park, he asked, "Where's Fourth Master?"

What he wanted to tell his mother at that moment was that Fourth Master Swan would not stop them from leaving.

However, he did not say it in the end.

He always thought Fourth Master Swan would snatch his mother away, and that was why he would not give Fourth Master Swan a chance.

When the car arrived at the Lawrence family's manor, Jeanne thanked the driver and then led George inside.

She thought she would never show up in this place again, but she was back.

It had been more than a week since the accident, but her sudden appearance stunned Alexander and Jenifer in the living room. Obviously, they did not expect her to come back.

Alexander's face sank as he had been seething with anger at Jeanne's sudden absence from work for a week.

If it were not for Fourth Master Swan giving him a call, he would not have endured it until now.

Jeanne was really becoming more and more arrogant!

She thought she could look down on others just because of her current ability.

As such, he said coldly, "You're finally willing to come back, huh?"

Jeanne had already expected Alexander to be behaving strangely.

However, she did not want to deal with him right now.

Alexander said, "So what? Now that you've seduced Fourth Master Swan, you think you're all grown up, huh? You don't even take me seriously anymore!"

Honestly, without Fourth Master Swan, he would not take her seriously either.

If it were not for her mother, who had once stayed in the house, she would not have been so entangled with the family.

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She said, "Dad, I'm a little tired, so I'll head to my room now."

"Have you been staying at Fourth Master Swan's place for the past few days?" Alexander asked.

Jeanne nodded in response.

She really did not want to waste her time on Alexander.

"What's your relationship with Fourth Master Swan now?" Alexander asked bluntly.

Jeanne did not want to answer.

She felt that although Fourth Master Swan had agreed to it, she was afraid... he would suddenly go back on his word.

It was not that she did not trust him, but after thinking it through, she felt that she had come with ill intentions.

If he really had some sense, he would not have agreed to marry her so abruptly.

“What? You can't say it?!” Alexander's face darkened.

“I can't say it.” Jeanne did not beat around the bush.

Alexander sneered and looked at Jeanne in contempt.

Jeanne did not need to think to know what Alexander thought of her. In Alexander's mind, she and Fourth Master Swan were just sleeping together.

She did not explain herself, nor did she want to explain herself.

In any case, she did not care about how Alexander saw her.

With that, she held onto George's hand and left straight for upstairs.

Alexander's expression was ugly, but he did not say anything more.

Meanwhile, Jennifer stared at Jeanne's silhouette and purposely said, “I can't believe Jeanne would actually sell her body.”

Alexander sneered, “Otherwise, do you think she is where she is now by relying on herself?”

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“That's true. Jeanne has so many assets. It would be impossible for her to earn it all by herself even over eight lifetimes! Who knows how many men she had to accompany to have her current achievements?”

Jenifer looked a little annoyed. "Right now, everyone out there is talking about where Jeanne got her money. She has really dragged the Lawrences' name through the mind."

Alexander's expression was a little grim.

Jenifer knew best to fan the flames, so she said again, "Right now, for Jeanne to do better in life, she has gone to seduce Fourth Master Swan again. Although Fourth Master Swan has shown his fondness for Jeanne at all major events, I heard from Jasmine that Fourth Master Swan did this so that he had a reasonable reason to reject the Sanders. However, I don't understand why Fourth Master Swan would reject a perfectly fine princess of the Sanders."

Alexander did not understand it at first either.

That was until he had a few words with Eden, who told him that the Sanders had taken a fancy to the Swans' assets and wanted to use the marriage to get a piece of that cake.

When he thought about it, he found it reasonable for the Sanders to be afraid of how powerful the Swans were becoming.

Then, he instantly understood.

Seeing Alexander did not speak, Jenifer continued. "Now that the Sanders's third princess has passed away unexpectedly, Jeanne probably knows she's useless. That is why she climbed into Fourth Master Swan's bed and won't let him go."

"Jeanne really knows no shame!" Alexander cursed fiercely.

"However, I do rather admire Jeanne." Jenifer appeared to be very sincere. "Fourth Master Swan hasn't had a single woman by his side for so many years, yet Jeanne got into his bed. It shows that Jeanne is quite capable. Now that I think about it, it's not surprising for Jeanne to have such a large amount of assets. If she could seduce Fourth Master Swan, other men shouldn't be a problem!"

She was certain that Jeanne had gotten all her money from men.

“What's there to be proud of by selling one's body? If not for the fact my father thinks highly of Jeanne now, I would've kicked her out of the house long ago!” Alexander snickered.

“Forget it. Doesn't the old master think Jeanne is useful now?” Jenifer advised, “I think the old master knows his limits, but...”

“But what?” Alexander's expression turned cold.

“But the old master thinks so highly of Jeanne, and since Joshua is so useless, I'm really afraid that the old master would make his decision and hand the Lawrence Enterprise over to Jeanne. In the end, didn't the Lawrences want someone to carry on the family name? In any case, even if the women in the Harken are deemed unsuitable to assume that role, if there was no other choice, the daughter would have to bear that responsibility. More importantly, Jeanne now has a son, George, whose surname is also Lawrence.”

That was Jenifer's concern.

She had finally found the right time, when Alexander was very dissatisfied with Jeanne, to say it, all because she wanted him to be on her side.

When Alexander heard what Jenifer said, his expression turned ugly. “Who can you blame? It's all Joshua's fault for not living up to expectations!”

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“I know it's my fault that I didn't educate Joshua well, but Joshua is the Lawrences' only son. I can't just abandon him, can I? What's more, if the Lawrence Enterprise really falls into Jeanne's hands, do you think we can still have a good life? With Jeanne's current attitude toward us, we would be kicked out of the family!”

“She doesn't have the ability to do that yet!” Alexander was furious.

His tone was very heavy.

Jenifer quickly softened her stance, "I'm just worried, that's all. Please don't get angry. It's not good for your health. If you don't calm down, I won't say it next time, lest I make you unhappy."

"Don't worry. No matter how capable Jeanne is, it's impossible for her to obtain the Lawrences' assets." Alexander was very certain.

However, Jenifer was still worried.

After all, the Lawrences' assets were not in Alexander's possession but Old Master Lawrence's.

Moreover, Jeanne already had 10 percent of the Lawrences' shares.

If that went on, who knew what would happen?

"Jeanne doesn't have the right to inherit the Lawrences' assets!" After Alexander said those words, he immediately stood up and left.

He did not seem to be in the mood to talk nonsense with Jenifer.

Jenifer stared at Alexander's back.

What did he mean by not having the right?

No matter how smart he was, he could not understand it at that moment!

However, at least now she knew how Alexander saw it.

That way, she would be able to relax a little.

The most important thing now was to make Jeanne lose her reputation again and get kicked out of the family!

That woman was really not an easy one to deal with!

At the Swans, in the Bamboo Garden.

Nox talked for at least an hour.

For an hour, he tried to persuade Edward to think twice before acting and kept insisting that Jeanne had ulterior motives until his mouth was dry from all the talking.

However, that man remained indifferent as he stared at his phone screen.

Nox took a look, only to see all kinds of wedding photos on the screen.

The guy had already started... planning on taking wedding photos.

No.

He was already planning when he would get married.

Then, he suddenly put down his phone.

Startled, Nox asked, "Have you thought it through?"

"I have." Edward stood up from the sofa.

Nox stood up as well. "It's good that you have thought it through. If you have, don't bother with that woman, Jeanne..."

"It's time I visit the old master."

"Why?" Nox was still traumatized by Old Master Swan.

At the thought of the wound on his back, he began to feel the pain again.

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"To tell him about the marriage between Jeanne and me."

There was no hope.

Fourth Master Swan was completely hopeless.

One day, he would die at the hands of Jeanne.

With that, Edward brought Nox with him and walked into Universe Garden.

It was already night time, so the courtyard was very quiet.

The first person Fourth Master Swan saw was Wade.

Nox did not even look at his grandfather.

When he recalled how he was beaten up a few days ago, he felt all sorts of emotions.

Wade also ignored his grandson. He looked at Edward and asked, "What can I do for you, Fourth Master Swan? "

"I'm looking for my father."

"He just had dinner and should be resting in the tea room."

Edward nodded.

He walked past Wade and entered the house.

However, Nox did not follow him.

He had a feeling that it was a war between father and son, and he did not want to be implicated as an innocent.

Therefore, he just stood in the main hall with his grandfather.

"Don't you feel guilty to see me?" Nox questioned.

Wade glanced at his grandson. "You're lucky you didn't die."

"I'm not your biological grandson, am I?"

"I picked you up," Wade said bluntly.

Nox almost spat out a mouthful of blood.

"So you do have some self-awareness to realize that you're not the eldest young master of the Winters."

The old man was very evil.

Nox would be dumb to believe him.

“By the way.” Wade suddenly thought of something. “The child bride that your father found for you...”

“Don't talk about the child bride, okay? I said I don't like her!” Nox was irritated.

“I didn't say you have to like her. I just want you to carry on the family line,” Wade said straightforwardly.

“So I'm not f*cking worthy of love?” Nox burst out.

He was also very disrespectful to his grandfather.

Wade laughed, and at that moment, he even glanced at Nox's crotch.

Nox shuddered at his grandfather's laughter. “What are you looking at?”

“The child bride is 18 years old. Get the ceremony done as soon as possible and give birth to a child.” It was rare for Wade to expose Nox, and he directly gave an order. “I'll tell your parents about your marriage later.”

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“Old Man Winter!”

“Resistance is futile.”

“Wasn't I picked up? Why do I have to carry on the family line?” Nox raged on.

However, Wade ignored him and went straight inside, not giving Nox the chance to reject him.

Nox was furious.

D*mn it.

He was not someone who would submit to his fate! The more they wanted him to marry Shelly, the more he would not!

Even if they wanted him to marry someone, Shelly was not his type!

If he had to carry on the family line, he had to marry a decent one!

In the tearoom, Edward appeared in front of Zachary.

When it came to Old Master Swan, Edward still treated him with much respect, so he greeted the old man, "Dad."

"What's the matter?" Zachary was playing chess by himself at that moment, and he looked very relaxed.

"I'm getting married." He went straight to the point.

He was just that straightforward.

The chess in Zachary's hands paused for a moment before he put it down slowly.

Without showing any emotion, he asked Edward, "Who's the other party?"

"Jeanne."

"Do you think I'll agree?"

"I'm not asking for your opinion," Edward said. "I'm just informing you."

"I've wasted all these years of effort on you, haven't I?" Zachary's words were not harsh, but they could make people shudder.

"My life is yours, but my heart is not," Edward said clearly.

"Is there no turning back?" Zachary let go of the chess piece and looked at his son.

"No." Edward looked into his eyes. "I have to marry her."

"What if I insist on not agreeing?"

"As I said, my life is yours, and you can beat me to death." Edward enunciated each word clearly.

Zachary was visibly displeased.

Once he was angry, he could fill the house with a gloomy atmosphere. That was how powerful his presence was.

"Are you threatening me?"

"I'm just expressing my determination." Edward was still respectful.

Zachary looked at Edward coldly.

He looked at the son he had raised and the resistance he was putting up against him at that moment.

Then, his face darkened. "Wade."

"Yes?" Wade walked in from outside.

"Send him to the confinement room!"

Wade paused for a moment, and Zachary gave him a look. With no other choice, Wade walked toward Edward respectfully. "Please, Fourth Master Swan."

With that, Edward turned around and followed Wade out.

It was the confinement room again, but the door of the confinement room seemed to have changed.

After all, Finn had smashed the previous one.

As he walked in, there was nothing inside but a gloomy and cold feeling.

After Edward entered, he immediately knelt on the ground as if he was used to it. That was the result when he did not do as he was pleased.

He watched as Wade walked up to him with the whip in his hand.

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Wade sighed. "Fourth Master Swan, why do you have to go against your father?"

"I'm not going against him," Edward said. "I just want a life of my own."

"I knew you weren't destined to have one from the moment you were born."

“That's why I want to fight for myself.”

Wade still wanted to say something but chose not to in the end.

Once Fourth Master Swan decided on something, nothing could make him change his decision.

Inside the confinement room, only the sound of whipping could be heard, and it went on for almost the entire night.

The next morning, the door of the confinement room was pushed open.

Nox naturally stayed in Universe Garden the whole night.

He knew it would end like that, but Fourth Master Swan still had to do it his way.

What kind of magic power did Jeanne, the Eldest Young Lady Lawrence, have?

As soon as the door opened, Zachary stepped in.

In the confinement room, Edward was kneeling with his back straight. Even though his back was wounded from being whipped, he remained upright.

Nox was used to the scene, so when he saw Edward's bloody back, he could remain calm.

“Have you thought it through?” Zachary asked Edward.

“I have thought it through very clearly,” Edward said. “I want to marry Jeanne.”

Nox's heart trembled.

To be honest, he was still afraid of Old Master Swan.

Even though he was held hostage the last time, he was still afraid after he calmed down.

After all, he had grown up under his cruelty since he was young, so it was hard not to be afraid.

However, Nox was considered to be treated quite alright, for Old Master Swan was the cruelest to his own son, Fourth Master Swan.

He felt it was not easy for Fourth Master Swan to have grown up without going crazy.

At those thoughts, Nox trembled with fear.

In the somewhat silent isolation room, Zachary suddenly said, "Bring Jeanne to see me."

Edward's eyes moved, and he looked straight at Zachary.

"Since you want to marry her, I have to see who she is!"

Edward pursed her thin lips.

On the other hand, Nox's eyeballs almost fell out.

Old Master Swan had agreed and so easily at that, which did not make sense.

All he did was give Fourth Master Swan a few whips, albeit still quite bad, but he was not half-dead. To Old Master Swan, that was not considered a punishment.

Yet, he had agreed just like that.

Nox could not keep up with the plot anymore.

He just watched Old Master Swan leave after that speech and then turned around to see Fourth Master Swan standing up from the ground.

Nox quickly went up to support him.

“Are you really going to marry Jeanne?” Nox asked as he helped Edward to walk.

It was really unbelievable.

How could someone, who had never been in a relationship, get married just like that?

It made him feel very embarrassed! He had been through hundreds of relationships and had never thought about starting a family.

Edward did not answer Nox, and there was no need for Nox to continue asking because Nox knew from the smile on Edward's face.

In this lifetime, Fourth Master Swan would never be able to escape from Jeanne's grasp!

The marriage was decided.

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In Bamboo Garden, Nox helped Edward to his bed.

At that moment, Finn was already waiting in Bamboo Garden.

Last night, Nox dialed Finn's number and told him to come to Bamboo Garden early in the morning as he had expected such an outcome.

Finn asked while treating the wound on Edward's back, "What happened?" Why was he whipped again?

The Fourth Master seemed to be injured a little too frequently these days.

Nox laughed sinisterly and did not reply.

On the contrary, Edward, who had always been quiet, said, "Finn, I'm getting married."

His tone sounded indifferent, but if one were to look carefully, one could hear the joy in his voice.

Finn's hand that was treating the wound paused for a moment. Then, he turned to look at Nox beside him as if to confirm whether it was true.

He found that it was too sudden, so much that he could not accept it. It was just like that year when he suddenly announced that he was getting married, and they, too, found it hard to believe.

"With Jeanne." Feeling Finn's gaze on him, Nox added, and when he said the word Jeanne, he gritted his teeth.

Finn was surprised, but he also understood.

He reacted much calmer than Nox and accepted it in an instant. He said, "Congratulations."

The man lying on the bed raised his head and smiled.

Once Finn dressed and bandaged Edward's back, he packed up his medical kit and told Edward some things to take note of.

Then, he could not help but ask, "When are you getting married?"

Edward replied, "In a few days."

Why the hurry?

"Rest well and don't get yourself hurt again. You'll be able to recover within a week." Finn was serious. "It won't affect your sex life."

Edward nodded.

"I'll head off now. I have surgery to attend to this afternoon." With that, Finn got up.

Nox glanced at Finn's back as he left, and when he turned around, he saw that Edward had already gotten up from the bed.

He said in a strange tone, "Didn't Finn say not to get up? Aren't you afraid that you won't be able to have sex on your wedding night?"

"Get Teddy over for me." Edward ignored Nox, who rolled his eyes.

Forget it.

In any case, in this life, Fourth Master Swan had fallen into Jeanne's hands!

Jeanne left the house with George, who would go to school while she went to work at Lawrence Enterprise.

Everything seemed to have returned to square one.

Who would have thought that just yesterday, for a split second, everything here would have become a thing of the past?

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She had just been sent to the company when her phone rang.

She took a glance at the incoming call and composed herself before saying, "Fourth Master."

"Where are you?"

"At work." The corners of Jeanne's mouth curled into a smile. "Fourth Master, is there something you need?"

"My father wants to see you."

Her heart skipped a beat.

"I'll pick you up from work tonight."

"...Okay."

When the other side hung up the phone, Jeanne held the phone in her hand in a daze.

Miles looked at her. "Are you sure you want to marry Fourth Master Swan?"

"Or what?" Jeanne snapped back to her senses and regained her composure.

"Does Mr. Thorn really wants you to marry him?" Ming Lang found it somewhat unbelievable.

"Have you ever seen Kingsley joke around?"

Miles nodded and then sighed.

Jeanne knew what he was sighing about. However, she smiled and said, "I'm leaving."

"Okay."

Jeanne got out of the car and walked straight into Lawrence Enterprise. She had not come to work for more than a week, so everyone was a little surprised to see her.

As she walked straight into her office, Amy hurriedly followed her in. "Director Lawrence, I thought you weren't coming to work."

"I ran into something, so I took a week off. Did anything big happen this week?" Jeanne asked as she turned on her computer.

"The logistics warehouse project is in full swing, and we're doing pilot marketing to some areas. The effect isn't obvious at the moment, but it is going in a good direction," Amy reported respectfully. "In the company, the transitioning of the senior management role hasn't been smooth. Although many from the senior management don't say it, the comments have not been good, which has led to a lot of work being held back."

"Didn't the executive general manager do anything about it?" Jeanne raised her eyebrows.

"No. I don't think he asked much, so some work has been delayed."

"Okay, I got it." Jeanne nodded.

"Director Lawrence, black coffee without sugar?"

"Thank you."

With that, Amy turned to leave.

"Call Forrest over for me."

"Sure."

Forrest pushed the door open and entered. Then, he sat in front of Jeanne and could not help but say, "I thought you wouldn't come to work."

After all, she had disappeared for a week without saying anything.

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She was not supposed to come, but she did not explain further. "I heard from Amy the transitioning of the senior management role isn't going well."

"Everyone in the senior management is with power, and in Lawrence Enterprise, they each have seniority and status. Even if the human resources department has been taking the lead in this matter, without a strong leader to push it forward, as long as the senior management doesn't do their job, the human resources department can't make the transition go smoothly."

"That is to say, President Lawrence didn't care about it at all." Jeanne knew very well.

"Indeed, he didn't. Moreover, President Lawrence's attitude when doing things is that as long as he has given the orders, he'll wait for the results. He will not waste any more time and handle things personally unless he encounters a problem. If he encounters a problem, his ability to solve the problem would also be very worrying," Forrest said bluntly.

Jeanne did not need to put in any good words for Alexander because that was the truth.

She said, "Okay, I got it. I'll think of a way to solve this matter. By the way, have you sorted out the senior management's previous situation?"

"It's here." Knowing that Director Lawrence would want it, he already had it prepared.

Jeanne took it and looked at it seriously.

Then, she said, "Gather the project team members to have a meeting to discuss the sales pilot of the logistics warehouse."

"Okay."

Jeanne put down the information and went to the meeting room with Forrest.

In the meeting room, the project team members were all present.

Jeanne did not waste any more time and went straight to the point. "I need three sets of data. First, how many users do we have for the pilot marketing, and what is the success rate of the sales? Second, how many users do we have to contact for promotions, and what is the success rate of the sales? Third, I need a questionnaire. The questionnaire should include whether they like the interface of the e-commerce platform, whether it's user-friendly, whether the e-commerce activities are attractive, and what suggestions they have for the e-commerce platform. Forrest, make the necessary arrangements."

"Yes." Forrest was extremely respectful.

"Who is currently liaising with MUK Group?" Jeanne asked.

"I am," Hans quickly replied.

"Once the data is out, meet with the person in charge tomorrow morning to discuss the optimization of the progress of the pilot project. Let me know when you've confirmed the time."

“Yes.”

“Right. Who is the person in charge of the pilot project this time?” Jeanne raised her eyebrows.

“It's Deputy Director Lawrence.”

“Okay, I got it.” Jeanne nodded. “Everyone dismissed.”

After that, she left immediately.

The people in the meeting room could not help but lament, “I don't know why, but I have a feeling that with Director Lawrence around, our work efficiency will be much higher.”

“That's true. She can get to the point and explain it clearly to us every time. On the other hand, Deputy Director Lawrence doesn't know what he wants and still has to rely on us to figure it out.”

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“I hope Director Lawrence will always lead us.”

Jeanne did not return directly to her office.

Instead, she knocked on Joshua's door.

Joshua was in the middle of a game, so when he heard the knocking on the door, he ignored it.

Jeanne did not want to waste more time and immediately pushed open the door.

Joshua was a little unhappy, but the moment he turned his head and saw Jeanne, the words got stuck in his throat. Even so, he ignored Jeanne and continued to play his game.

Jeanne did not react to Joshua's lack of work etiquette. She simply went up to Joshua and said indifferently, "You don't need to be involved in the pilot marketing of the e-commerce platform anymore!"

Joshua's expression changed instantly, and he roared at Jeanne, "Why?"

"Because my position is higher than yours. I'm not discussing it with you but arranging it for you."

"Jeanne, don't think you're so great just because you have some money!" Joshua was so angry that he quit his game and stood up angrily from his seat.

"I'm just informing you."

"Jeanne!"

By then, Jeanne had already walked out. The moment she walked out, she said to Joshua's secretary, "Give Amy all the information on the e-commerce platform project."

Joshua's secretary was put in an awkward situation.

She turned her head to look at Deputy Director Lawrence in the office.

Deputy Director Lawrence was so angry that he could kill someone, while on the other hand, Director Lawrence was so nonchalant that she could not refuse.

The secretary braced herself and handed the things to Amy.

When Jeanne returned to the office, she devoted herself to her work.

Kingsley said the most valuable thing about her was that she was more serious than anyone else when doing something.

However, this was not valuable.

She was forced to do it.

The environment made people, and she just went with the flow.

At 5:30 p.m., Jeanne's phone rang.

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Jeanne took a look and paused when she saw the string of Arabic numbers.

She did not save Fourth Master Swan's name, but she knew that was his number.

She took a deep breath, and only then did she recall that Fourth Master Swan said he would take her to see his father tonight.

However, she really did not want to go.

She picked up the call. "Fourth Master."

"Are you off work?" the man on the other end of the phone asked.

Jeanne looked at her work and said, "Yes."

"I'm downstairs."

"I'll be right down." Jeanne put down the phone.

She was halfway through writing the proposal and some planning. However, she saved all the files, turned off the computer, and then left work.

Amy was surprised to see Director Lawrence leaving work so early.

She saw that Director Lawrence had a lot of work to do, and based on her understanding of Director Lawrence, she would only leave after she had dealt with all her work. Moreover, was there not a collaboration with MUK Group at 10 a.m. tomorrow? She had always been fully prepared for negotiations.

Therefore, Jeanne thought she would visit Old Master Swan and spend time with Fourth Master Swan before coming back to work overtime.

With that thought in mind, she arrived at the lobby of Lawrence Enterprise's building.

At that moment, it was just time to get off work, and there were some people at the door.

Among the crowd, Fourth Master Swan's ostentatious appearance there really made him stand out.

Jeanne gritted her teeth and went over, where Fourth Master Swan handed Jeanne the bouquet of roses in his hand.

"Thank you." Jeanne smiled.

The next second, someone grabbed her hand and pulled her into the car.

It was a very simple action, but it made the onlookers gasp in surprise.

They found Fourth Master Swan's every move, every frown, and smile too handsome. There was an indescribable charm to him.

In the car, Jeanne's hand was held tightly in Fourth Master Swan's palm.

At the same time, he stared at her without blinking, with his other hand still propped on the car window.

No matter how calm Jeanne was, she was also baffled by the gaze. She said, "Fourth Master, is there something on my face?"

"No."

If not, why was he looking at her like that?

"You look good."

Speechless, she thought, 'Stop flirting.'

Jeanne turned her face to the side and looked out the car window. Even from her side profile, her face was visibly red.

The car drove steadily into the Swans' courtyard and into Universe Garden.

In fact, Jeanne had been here seven years ago.

She had already forgotten about it, but now the memory resurfaced in her mind again.

When the car arrived, Edward personally opened the car door for Jeanne and led her into the house with their hands held.

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Jeanne moved her hand, feeling that it was a little weird. However, Edward did not seem to notice anything as he continued to hold her hand and walk intimately into the main hall.

At that moment, in the main hall, Old Master Swan was sitting in the middle seat, looking as if he was waiting for them.

Wade was standing beside him.

The two of them just watched as Edward and Jeanne showed up, holding hands. There was no expression on their faces.

Edward said, "Dad, Uncle Wade."

That was when Jeanne began to feel awkward.

What should she call him?

Would it be too informal to call him as Edward did?

Would it be inappropriate to call him by his seniority?

Just like that, there was silence for a few seconds.

Jeanne's palms were sweating. Before she really established a relationship with the Fourth Master, it seemed more appropriate to call him by his seniority. Hence, she smiled and said, "Grandpa Swan. Grandpa Wade."

Edward pursed his lips and said in a serious tone, "Call him uncle."

Could he not ruin the situation at a time like that?

She was embarrassed enough.

"It's alright." At that moment, Old Master Swan opened his mouth and said, "It's just a form of address. You can change it slowly in the future."

'You can change it slowly in the future.'

Jeanne was moved as she never expected that Old Master Swan would give her an out.

However, Old Master Swan did not say much either. "Wade, get the servants to serve dinner."

"Yes."

With that, Wade left.

After a while, he respectfully invited them to the table to eat.

On the huge antique dining table, Old Master Swan still sat in the most conspicuous position.

Wade was not a servant, so he naturally sat next to Zachary.

In the meantime, Edward sat on the other side of Zachary while Jeanne sat with Edward.

The dining table was so very quiet that Jeanne felt like the air had frozen.

"I heard the two of you are getting married," Zachary suddenly said.

"That's right," Edward answered respectfully.

“Have you chosen a date?”

“The 16th of this month.”

Zachary had to think for a few seconds.

Then, Wade said respectfully beside him, “It's this Saturday. There are still... four more days.”

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Zachary then glanced at Edward, and Jeanne also did the same.

Was that a joke?!

From saying yes to the wedding yesterday to the wedding day only took four days. Could four days be enough to prepare for a wedding?

On second thought, maybe it would be a simple wedding, so she accepted it.

In any case, Fourth Master Swan had the final say.

“Have you thought about the wedding gift?” Zachary asked Edward.

It seemed that he had accepted it too.

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“I have thought about it,” Edward replied. “I will transfer all the original shares of Swan Enterprise to Jeanne.”

Stunned, Jeanne turned her head to look at Edward.

Zachary also looked at him in the same way.

Edward said, "Not much. Only eight percent."

According to Swan Enterprise's current assets, which were worth 100 billion yuan, eight percent were worth just over 10 billion yuan.

Jeanne pursed her lips.

"It's not much. Compared to Ms. Lawrence's assets, it's just a small amount." Zachary nodded.

Could she say that the money in her account was not hers?!

In her head, she was still trying to figure out how much money she had, how much money she had to prepare for a dowry for herself, and whether she could afford the wedding gift.

"Wade," Zachary called out to the person beside him.

Jeanne was still in a daze when she saw Wade handing Zachary a box, which looked like an old jewelry box.

He took it out and handed it to Edward. "This is a small token of my appreciation."

Edward froze for a moment before raising his head to look at his father.

Jeanne did not know why Fourth Master Swan suddenly fell silent, but she could tell that the gift was very valuable.

Then, she saw Edward receive it silently. "Thank you, dad."

Zachary nodded and did not say anything more.

Edward placed the box beside her and did not give it to Jeanne or take it out for her to see what it was.

In any case, Jeanne thought that the gift was not a simple one.

After dinner, Edward left the table with Jeanne.

Jeanne did not expect that dinner with Old Master Swans would be so easy. She had always thought she would be made difficult or something. She even made preparations to face death calmly. However, everything was peaceful, and nothing happened.

It was just a simple meeting with a parent.

Just as the two of them were about to leave, Old Master Swan suddenly said, "Ms. Lawrence, come with me to the tea room."

Edward tightened his grip on Jeanne's hand.

"Marriage is your own matter, and I won't interfere. I just want to have a simple chat with Ms. Lawrence." Zachary could see through his son's thoughts at a glance.

However, Edward did not let go of Jeanne.

On the contrary, Jeanne was very calm, and she called out to him, "Fourth Master."

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It was as if she was telling him to let go.

Edward kept silent for a few seconds before letting go of her.

Just like that, Jeanne followed Old Master Swan into the tea room.

To be honest, it was better to talk things out so that she would not have to guess what those people were thinking.

She sat opposite Old Master Swan while Old Master Swan took a sip of tea and said, "I didn't think you would still come back."

Jeanne pursed her lips, not knowing what to say.

That year... she actually came to look for Fourth Master Swan.

It was not the night she slept with him, but it was when Alexander had beaten her up so badly that she was sent to the hospital. After she came out of the hospital, she endured all the injuries on her body and went to look for Fourth Master Swan at the Swans' residence.

She knew Fourth Master Swan would not take the initiative to look for her, but he was her last hope — her only hope.

At that time, she really needed someone, someone she could rely on to help her recuperate and take revenge!

When she showed up at the Swans, she did not see Fourth Master Swan. Instead, she saw Old Master Swan.

Old Master Swan brought her into Universe Garden, and if she remembered correctly, it was the same house.

At that time, he told her bluntly, "Jeanne, you're not good enough for my son."

She was 18 years old that year.

At 18 years old, it was her first time facing a person alone. In her eyes, he was an unapproachable big shot.

Deep down, she was scared, but she mustered up her courage and said to Old Master Swan, "I know, but I just need Fourth Master Swan's help."

"He won't help you," he said bluntly and indifferently.

"We've slept together."

"That doesn't mean anything," Old Master Swan said cruelly. "It only means that you're frivolous."

Jeanne bit her lip.

At that moment, she was very embarrassed to be told that.

"I'll give you a sum of money as a reward for sleeping with you." Old Master Swan tried to send her away by offering her money.

Back then, Jeanne had never been short of money before.

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Therefore, she had no concept of money.

If she knew she would be sent abroad, and if she knew she would be so miserable, perhaps she would not have refused.

Then, she would have been dismissed by Old Master Swan in a few sentences.

The sentence she remembered the most was, "Edward is also a Swan, and he will help the Swans. Don't embarrass yourself."

That was what Old Master Swan told Jeanne when he kicked her out of the family.

After that, she gave up.

She gave up the struggle.

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She gave up on making meaningless struggles.

She admitted that she was too weak to fight against anyone. Hence, when the Lawrences gave her a plane ticket to leave South Hampton City, she left.

From then on, she buried what happened with Fourth Master Swan in her memories.

She even remembered a lot of things but not that she slept with Fourth Master Swan.

No matter what, Eden cheated on her, she was maliciously slandered by the media, and she even resisted like crazy because she was unwilling to accept it. However, seducing Fourth Master Swan was her initiative, and she felt stupid for doing so.

When she returned to the country seven years later, she did not think she and Fourth Master Swan would cross paths again.

Whether it was the pride in her or Kingsley's instruction, all she wanted was to keep a distance from Fourth Master Swan.

However, she was about to get married now.

She looked at Old Master Swan, and when she saw his expressionless face, she was speechless.

In any case... in everyone's eyes, she was seducing Fourth Master Swan, and she did not want to explain herself anymore.

For a moment, the room was pin-drop silent.

Suddenly, Zachary said, "I don't want Edward to know about what happened seven years ago. Ms. Lawrence, you should know what I mean."

Of course, she understood.

She was not as thoughtless as to destroy the father and son relationship.

"Today is my first time seeing you here," Jeanne expressed her stance.

Zachary nodded as he, too, knew that Jeanne was a sensible person. Then, he said, "It's better to call me uncle."

Jeanne was stunned, but eventually, she said, "Uncle Zachary."

"Yes," Zachary replied. "It's getting late. You should head back and get some rest."

Jeanne turned around.

"Edward likes you very much. Don't let him down."

Behind her, Old Master Swan's deep and heavy voice sounded.

Jeanne hummed in response when in reality, she did not know. She did not know what would happen in the end!

With that, Jeanne walked out of the tea room.

Edward was waiting for her in the main room, so she walked straight toward Edward and smiled. "Let's go."

Edward's eyes moved a little as if he was sizing her up. He probably wanted to know what Old Master Swan said to her.

Nevertheless, she took the initiative to hold Fourth Master Swan's hand and pulled him away.

The two of them walked out of Universe Garden, which was about a ten-minute walk to Bamboo Garden.

The two walked hand in hand in the Swans' huge garden.

The first time Jeanne came to the Swans, she felt that the Swans... was too overbearing.

When she was dating Eden back then, she thought if she were to live in a place like that in the future, she would probably get lost.

Now, she was really going to move in.

"What did my dad say to you?" Edward suddenly asked.

Jeanne smiled. "Do you want to know?"

“Yes.”

“Actually, he didn't say much.”

Edward's eyes narrowed.

“He wants me to treat you better.”

Edward did not believe it.

Jeanne said, “Your dad said that you like me very much and told me not to let you down.”

Edward began to feel emotional.

“I used to think that Old Master Swan was invincible, that he's the kind of person who doesn't recognize his own kin, and that his existence is beyond mortals. But today, I suddenly feel that he is just an ordinary father who treats you pretty well.”

Edward seemed to have hummed in agreement, but he did not say anything else.

Jeanne did not want to be so emotional. She changed the topic. “I might not be able to pay for such an expensive dowry.”

Edward was stunned. He did not expect Jeanne to change the topic so quickly.

Jeanne said, “Most of my money is actually from Kingsley, and what's mine is probably only a fraction of that.”

A fraction of that was only a few billion.

Even if she went bankrupt, it would not be able to match the wedding gifts that Fourth Master Swan gave her.

“Do you think I want your money?” Edward raised his eyebrows.

“I don't need money. George is enough,” Edward suddenly said.

Jeanne was stunned.

“I'm very happy with your son,” Edward said straightforwardly. “So, I don't need anything else. Just bring George with you when you marry me.”

“Fourth Master, actually...” Jeanne wanted to say something but hesitated.

Edward waited for her next words.

“It's better not to be too confident.”

Edward chuckled and did not care too much about it.

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“Although George is six years old, he has little to do with you,” Jeanne said straightforwardly.

“Whether it has anything to do with me or not, I know very well.”

Jeanne did not know what else to say.

“Ms. Lawrence, don't worry.”

Thus, she could not fool Fourth Master Swan.

When the two of them were almost at the door to Bamboo Garden, Jeanne said, “Fourth Master, I still have some work matters to take care of, so I won't go in with you...”

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Jeanne thought, 'If you want to drive me there, go ahead.'

With that, Jeanne sat in Fourth Master Swan's luxurious car.

The two of them did not talk much.

Jeanne sometimes did not know what to say to Fourth Master Swan, while Fourth Master Swan usually found it hard to be the first to speak.

Fortunately, the car arrived at Lawrence Enterprise's building very quickly.

Jeanne got out of the car and was about to thank Fourth Master Swan when she saw that Fourth Master Swan had already gotten out of the car.

Jeanne was stunned.

The next second, Fourth Master Swan held her hand and led her straight into the Lawrence Enterprise's Hall.

Jeanne pursed her lips.

Just like that, she followed Fourth Master Swan, and they both walked into the elevator.

“Which floor?” Edward asked while placing his slender finger on the elevator button.

Jeanne came back to her senses. “13th Floor.”

Edward pressed the number 13.

Jeanne was on the verge of breaking down. She really found Fourth Master Swan... very difficult to grasp.

It was late at night. Did she really have to work overtime with him?!

She did not react and tried her best to remain calm as Fourth Master Swan led her out of the elevator. Then, the two of them walked into her office.

“I might be a little late, Fourth Master—”

“You don't have to worry about me.” Edward interrupted her.

Jeanne pursed her lips, thinking that he was really not easy to deal with.

She said, “Fourth Master, you can sit wherever you like while I get my work done.”

Edward nodded.

Then, he sat on the sofa at the side, leaned back, and took out his phone quietly.

Jeanne glanced at him. His presence made her feel very uncomfortable.

However, seeing that the guy had no intention of leaving and that she had an appointment with MUK Group tomorrow to discuss the project's progress, she could only force herself to bite the bullet and throw herself into her work.

The office was very quiet.

Just then, someone gently knocked on the door of her office.

Amy had gone out for supper and then came back to work overtime. She knew Director Lawrence's way of working and figured the latter would come back to work at night. Hence, Amy came back after her meal, thinking she would wait for Director Lawrence when she saw the light in Director Lawrence's office was on. At that, she quickly made a cup of coffee and went in.

The moment she entered, she froze.

The handsome man sitting on the sofa was... Fourth Master Swan!

Was he really the legendary Fourth Master Swan?!

It was just too handsome.

She did not even blink as she stared at him sitting on the sofa and so lazily at that. However, there was something about him that she could not take her eyes off him.

“Amy.” Something flashed in Jeanne's eyes, and her tone sounded off.

Amy quickly came back to her senses.

Oh no.

She was too engrossed in looking at the handsome guy just now. The point was, the handsome guy in front of her was her boss's... lover?!

More importantly, Director Lawrence usually would not lose her temper with her, but the former was obviously angry at her now.

Oh no. She was done for.

She quickly put the coffee in front of Director Lawrence and stood in front of her awkwardly.

"Fourth Master, would you like some coffee?" Jeanne looked at Fourth Master Swan, who was sitting on the sofa.

"Don't worry about me." Fourth Master Swan's eyes had been on his phone the entire time. Just who was he talking to now?

His slender fingers were jumping on the screen.

"You can go out," Jeanne ordered.

"Yes." Amy quickly left.

In the office, Jeanne drank the coffee while taking a break to relax her mind.

Then, her eyes fell on Fourth Master Swan.

Just now, Amy...

It was not Amy's fault but Master Yan's. He was too famous.

"I'm not interested in any woman other than you, Ms. Lawrence," the man, who was on his phone, suddenly said.

Jeanne quickly averted her gaze.

Did he have a third eye?

Jeanne pretended as if nothing happened and continued to drink her coffee.

"Ms. Lawrence, you don't need to be jealous." Edward put down her phone and looked at him.

Jealous?! How could he tell that she was jealous?

How arrogant of him!

Jeanne ignored him.

She drank her coffee and focused her attention on her computer screen. While looking at her half-written proposal, she was thinking about what she should write next.

At that moment, her body suddenly tensed up as she saw Fourth Master Swan walk up to her and take the remaining half cup of coffee from her hand.