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"Mister, can you tie me a bow?" Daisie started crying again as teardrops began to roll down her cheeks.

"Stop crying!" the man roared so loudly that his voice became hoarse.

Daisie, who was startled by the man, pursed her lips as she wept silently and stared at him without uttering another word.

The man tied her a bow, stood up, and walked behind the man with a brush-cut. "Do you think that Ms. Vanderbilt has lost her mind? She's actually going to pay the both of us \$ 80,000 each just to kidnap these two..."

"Why, is that too much for you?" The man with a brush-cut took out a cigarette and lit it while interrupting him, "You can get the f*ck out of here if you don't want to proceed with this. I can f*cking deal with these two puny b*stards by myself!"

"Of course I'm in. How can I say no to this job? I'm just saying that this is way too easy for the money that we're about to get." The man grinned from ear to ear.

'Two children are worth \$160,000. Won't we get paid \$320,000 if we were to abduct four of them?

Waylon heard what they were discussing and raised his eyelids. "Hey, is the Ms. Vanderbilt

that you were talking about Willow Vanderbilt?"

The two men turned their heads and stared at him.

The man with a brush-cut did not say a word, and the man standing behind him swallowed his saliva out of fear. "Bro, what should we do? This kid seems to know..."

The man with a brush-cut glared at him, stepped forward fiercely, and glared at Waylon condescendingly. "What do you know?"

"Hehe, we're child celebrities, and we've appeared in fashion magazines with an award winning actor, and she's only paying you \$160,000 for the both of us. Isn't that a huge loss from your perspective?"

After hearing this, the man stepped forward and said to the man with a brush-cut, "He has a point, bro. It seems that we've lost a lot of money this time around!"

The face muscles on the man with a brush-cut twitched as he smacked the man's forehead. "F *ck off, you d*ckhead!"

Waylon raised his head and looked directly at the man with a brush-cut. "\$160,000 is definitely a loss for you. We're at least worth \$800,000."

The man with a brush-cut looked at him suspiciously. "Rascal, are you trying to fool me?"

"Each of us is worth \$800,000, so kidnapping the both of us should earn you \$1,600,000. It's up t o you to figure it out if we're worth it." Waylon shrugged.

The man who had just gotten slapped covered his forehead and walked over with a grin as he said, "Bro, that's a great deal!"

The man with a brush-cut leaned over and glared at him. "Believe it or not? Another word from you, and I'll kill you first!"

"The car you drove has a GPS, and I reckon that someone will be able to locate it soon. Even if you were to kill us, where can you go with only \$160,000?"

The expression of the man with a brush-cut changed slightly.

They did not know if there was a GPS on the car, but it was always wise to play it on the safer side.

The man panicked and said hurriedly, "Bro, if that's the case, then we're truly at a loss. We have to ask for more compensation!"

The man with a brush-cut straightened his posture, bit the bullet, and gave the order, "Call her and ask for a raise."

The man walked to the side and made a call. He then turned around after a short conversation that no one could hear the content and exclaimed, "That b*tch is rejecting our demand!"

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"She's Mr. Goldmann's girlfriend. Asking her to pay us \$1,600,000 is a waste of time. It's better for you to ask Mr. Goldmann for the money directly." The rope that was tying Waylon's hand was already halfway from being cut. He had grabbed a sharp object from his pocket earlier when they were still in the car and held it in his hand.

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The man with a brush-cut took a glance at the man.

The man responded helplessly, "I... I don't have Mr. Goldmann's phone number."

"I know his number. I'll give it to you. It's +1650265.."

The man pressed the number and dialed out. The call actually went through after a while. Daisie burst into tears all of a sudden. "Boohoohoo, I want to go home, I want Mommy!" The man was affected by her crying and yelled at her after forgetting that the call had been connected, "Shut up, you crybaby!"

Nolan's face turned gloomy in an instant when he heard the commotion on the phone call, so he got up and asked, "What do you want?"

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"You... You're Mr. Nolan Goldmann, aren't you? If... If... If you want to save these kids, pay us \$ 1,600,000. Otherwise, we'll kill them!"

Nolan's cold eyes became extremely sulky and stern as he glanced at Quincy, who was standing next to him. 1

Quincy seemed to have understood something, grabbed his coat, and left the office with Nolan.

"I'll pay you the ransom that you asked for. However, if the kids were to get even a tiny scratch on them, brace yourself to die in pieces." Nolan left a threat behind and then hung up.

He handed the phone to Quincy. "Trace the call back to its origin."

The man who had gotten hung up walked to the man with a brush-cut. "Bro, Mr. Goldmann is actually going to pay us the money!"

The man with a brush-cut did not utter a single word, even though the response did catch him off guard.

'Mr. Gold<u>ma</u>nn is willing to pay \$1,600,000 in exchange for the children.

While the man with a brush-cut was pondering about something, Waylon had already managed to cut the rope.

Both of the men did not even notice that Waylon had walked up to their backs because they had their backs to him.

He snatched the knife from the man's hand.

And when the man turned around, he was stabbed abruptly in the stomach by the knife.

"Scoundrel, how dare you..." The man with a brush-cut was about to grasp Waylon, but Waylon flexibly grabbed his hand and slit his arm.

At a young age, Waylon's ferocity gave the man with a brush-cut a shock that was enough to send a sheer coldness down his spine. 1

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Perhaps because he had just gotten slashed and was feeling the excruciating pain, the man did not dare to move hastily but approached him carefully. "Scoundrel, if you don't want to die, put the knife down..."

"If you think you're good enough to one-up me, come at me and get it yourself." Waylon imitated the appearance of the man while he was playing with the knife in the car.

Cold sweat started perspiring on the forehead of the man with a brush-cut.

'This kid can play with the knife so flexibly, and that loser has been stabbed. This little

scoundrel is not someone to be trifled with.'

"If he dies, you'll have to-"

"I'm young, the police wouldn't believe that I'd kill, would they? Even if they were to believe in that theory, you're the ones who kidnapped us at first. We killed you because we were threatened, that's categorized as legitimate self-defense." Waylon looked calm.

"Bro... I'm bleeding a lot, and I feel like I'm dying..." The man sat on the ground, clutching his wound. His hands were covered with blood.

The man with a brush-cut gulped a mouthful of saliva and could not decide what to do for a moment.

'If I were to rush straight up to him, I'd probably have to take another hit.'

Waylon knew that the man would not dare to come over-the knife in his hand was a perfect weapon for self-defense.

At that moment, police sirens could be heard coming from outside the door.

Hence, Waylon quickly shoved the knife into the hands of the man with a brush-cut, placed the edge of the knife on his neck, and acted as if he had been captured.

"Police, don't move!" The policemen had already broken in before the man with a brush-cut could respond.

"Waylon, Daisie!" Angela ran in and hugged the two kids who had just gotten rescued from the criminals by the police. "You guys really scared me to death!"

"Sir, I really didn't stab him. It was the kid..." The man with a brush-cut, who was being taken away, desperately explained that he had not injured his partner due to an infight or held the child captive, but the police did not believe him.

Angela took the two of them out, while a Rolls-Royce pulled over not far away from the scene at that moment.

Nolan got out of the car, watched as the police threw the two kidnappers into the car, turned his head to glance at the two children, pressed his lips together, and then walked toward them. 1

Daisie rushed toward him when she saw him. "Mister!"

Daisie hugged him.

Nolan was stunned for a split second, squatted down, and picked her up. "Sorry, I was late."

"It's okay, we asked them to call you in order to buy time for Mr. Policemen to make it here," Daisie said while wrapping her arms around his neck.

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Nolan was slightly startled. "These two kids are very smart.'

However, when he looked at Waylon, he realized that Waylon's eyes looked a little indifferent. Hence, he put Daisie down and walked toward *W*aylon. 1

"Mr. Goldmann, you're here too?" Angela was taken aback.

'Is it because of these two kids too?'

Nolan nodded at her, but when he lifted his hand to rub Waylon's head, Waylon avoided it." Don't touch me. If it weren't for you, we wouldn't have been kidnapped."

Nolan frowned as he stared at Waylon without saying a word.

'They were kidnapped because of me?'

Daisie ran over and grabbed Waylon's hand. "Waylon, don't say so."

"Why shouldn't I say so? I overheard the two kidnappers when they made the call. Everything happened only because of his woman!"

Looking at the tears that were welling up and the hostility that was flashing across Waylon's eyes, Nolan was slightly startled.

Quincy's expression looked a little complicated.

'Mr. Goldmann's woman? Is it... Ms. Vanderbilt !?'

Nolan squatted down slowly so that his eyes were level with *W*aylon's and looked at him. Even though the eyes of the tiny boy in front of him were bloodshot, they were still filled with a tad of stubbornness and ferocity.

Those emotions should not appear in the eyes of a child of this age.

He caressed Waylon's cheek and gently wiped the droplets from the corners of his eyes with his fingertips. "I'm sorry."

Quincy and Angela were dumbfounded.

'Mr. Goldmann has never apologized to anyone so subserviently.'

Waylon did not utter a thing.

Nolan hugged him in his arms and stroked the back of his head. "Nothing like this will ever happen again in the future. You have my words."

Waylon looked bewildered. The man's broad shoulders gave him a warm sensation.

'So this is what a father's embrace feels like?'

"Mister, I want a hug too!" Daisie also wanted a hug.

Nolan steadily picked up the two kids with both arms. "Let's go back."

At Blackgold Group... 2 Maisie was still busy with the jewelry studio project, but the cell phone that she placed aside rang abruptly.

She put down the file and went to the desk to pick it up. It was Leila.

Why is Leila calling me at this time?'

"*Mrs.* Vanderbilt, how can I help you?" "Oh, judging from your tone, nothing seems to have happened." "Pfft, why would you care about me, Mrs. Vanderbilt?" Leila snorted. "The two children are about to die, and you're still acting so calmly?" 'I don't care whether they're Maisie's b*astards, I'm going to sound it out today.' "What do you mean?" Maisie's expression changed.

"Even though there's no way to know whether two little b*stards are dead or alive now, they've probably suffered a lot too, right?"

Leila's words made Maisie's expression turn gloomy gradually. "Leila Scott, I dare you to make a move on them."

"Okay, so those two b*stards are indeed yours!" Leila's eyes looked ruthless. "You actually lied to us!"

"So what if they are?" Maisie tightened her hand that was holding the phone. "Leila, if something were to happen to my son and daughter, don't blame me for what's about to happen.

"Oh, by the way, aren't you worried that I'll snatch Nolan over from your daughter? You better pray that my children will come out of this incident unscathed. Otherwise, I won't mind following your footsteps and picking up a few leaves out of the book that you used to seduce my father. After all, given my charm and talents, getting myself into Nolan's bed is just a piece of cake."

"Maisie Vanderbilt!" Leila gritted her teeth. Judging from what Maisie had done so far, she could imagine that Maisie would have the guts to do so.

Hence, Leila had no choice but to take a step backward and compromise. "Okay, I'll let the two children go, but you'd better bring the children out of Bassburgh. Otherwise, things won't be this simple in the future!"

After the call, Maisie stood by the desk, supporting herself unsteadily by propping herself up

on her arms on the desk. She then clenched her hands.

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'Leila Scott, Willow Vanderbilt, you're the ones who drive me into a corner in the first place!

At the Goldmann mansion...

A car drove slowly on the green trail. Both sides of the trail were full of parasol trees, while the sculpture fountain located in the center of the circular square was faintly visible.

And behind the sculpture fountain, a European-style mansion that looked like an ancient castle stood in the middle of the courtyard, giving off an outstanding grandeur.

"Mister, you live in such a big house by yourself?" Daisie looked at the luxurious mansion, which was much bigger than their home!

Nolan's eyes moved around. "Well, you can stay here if you want."

'Anyway, it's just a matter of time.'

Waylon turned his head away. "We won't want to do so.".

Nolan smiled and said nothing.

The car stopped outside the front door, and the butler who was waiting outside the door stepped forward and opened the back seat door. However, he was astounded all of a sudden when he saw the two children in the car

The two children got out of the car one after another. The butler stared at them, then took a glance at Nolan, who had just gotten out of the car, and then gazed at the two kids again.

"Mr. Goldmann, they..."

Nolan did not answer him but went into the house with the children first.

Quincy walked up to the butler. "Mr. Cheshire, you'll get it sooner or later. There's no need to ask too much."

The butler, Mr. Cheshire, seemed to have only a hazy notion.

In the mansion, the huge white lobby adopted a duplex layout. There was also a luxurious and retro crystal chandelier hanging in the center of the hall.

The maids standing in a row were shocked when they saw the two children beside Nolan.

'Mr. Goldmann has children!'

Daisie leaped onto the couch and sat on it with her little feet dangling off the side. Nolan turned around and said to Mr. Cheshire, "Get the kitchen crew to make some food."

Mr. Cheshire nodded. "Yes, sir."

Waylon looked around, saw that the cabinets and shelves were full of expensive antiques,

and gave them the cold shoulder. "The decorations are not as practical and cozy as ours."

After hearing this, the maid on the side did not dare to even breathe.

Nolan chuckled, "Yes, the mansion lacks a mistress, so the layout looks a little crude."

The maid was stunned.

'Is this considered crude?'

Daisie leaped off the sofa and approached Nolan with a pair of watery and brilliant eyes." Mister, then you should come to our house. Our house lacks a master!"

As soon as Daisie said so, the smartwatch on her wrist flickered. At first glance, it was "Her Royal Highness" who called!

Nolan looked at the caller ID that was flashing on the tiny screen of the little smartwatch. His slanted eyes narrowed slightly as he grabbed her arm and answered the call.

It was too late for Waylon, who wanted to stop Nolan, to do so. Fortunately, Daisie, who was stunned for a split second, could still respond. "Mr. Goldmann, it's very rude for you to listen t o other people's calls like this!"

When Maisie was speaking, Daisie spoke at the same time, so the voices from both sides overlapped each other, and Nolan could not hear the woman's voice clearly.

Listening to the sound that was coming from the other end of the call, Maisie was astonished for a few seconds.

'What did she just say, Mr. Goldmann? Nolan Goldmann!'

"Mommy, we're all right. Mr. Goldmann has rescued us. Hello... Hello, hello... *Mommy*? Are you there?" Daisie raised the watch closer to her ear, listened to it, and then ended the call on purpose.

She then said with an innocent expression, "Mister, the place where Mommy is at doesn't seem to have a good signal."

Waylon breathed a sigh of relief. 'That was a close call. Everything almost got revealed.'

Nolan pressed his lips tightly and did not say anything.

Maisie's heart, which had been racing all this while, was finally at ease.

'At least, it can be confirmed that Waylon and Daisie are now safe. But how did Nolan know about them?

'In any case, this incident has taken place once, and there will definitely be another one. I'll absolutely not provide Leila and Willow with another opportunity.

At Vanderbilt manor...

"Sh*t, sh*t, sh*t. The call just won't get through. Willie, you said that they called and asked for

a raise. They won't really kill the kids, will they?"

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Leila started to panic. That b*tch is a woman of her words.'

Willow bit her lip. "That shouldn't be possible. If they're dead, then just let it,"

"No, that can't be it!" Leila walked up to her. "That b*tch has made it very clear. If the kids die, (This novel will be daily updtaed at www.noveljar.com)then she'll tell Mr. Goldmann about the matter from six years ago and snatch him away from you. Don't forget, she now knows that Mr. Goldmann is the man from that night."

Willow clenched her hands.

'D*mn it! I only wanted to threaten Maisie originally, but look at this mess. Things are getting more and more complicated!

"Or, I'll go to Nolan. I only need to tell him about the news and get him to search for the kids. *M*aybe Nolan won't suspect me that way!" Willow thought this was a way to get out of this

mess.

Leila also thought that it was feasible and urged her to go.

The two children stared at the exquisite food on the long, white dining table of the Goldmann mansion and realized for the first time what it meant to have everything that they desired.

"Mister, do you usually eat so much on such a long table alone?" (This novel will be daily updtaed at www.noveljar.com)Daisie asked with an exaggerated expression.

Nolan sat at the table, gracefully slicing a steak with a knife and fork. "No, it's just that you're here today."

He had never been an extravagant and wasteful person, but he did not want to treat these two children shabbily.

Quincy walked up to Nolan, leaned over, and said something next to his ear.

Nolan stopped all his actions. His eyes turned slightly gloomy as he put down the silverware and slowly got up. "Kids, do help yourself first."

Waylon and Daisie watched as Nolan and Quincy went out. They then exchanged gazes suspiciously.

Nolan walked to the balcony, took a cell phone from Quincy, and answered the call, "How's the investigation in Coralia?"

"Mr. Goldmann, we caught a person who was lurking around outside the Bureau of Justice. *W* e then interrogated him, and he gave up everything. It was Mrs. Vanderbilt who hired him to d o this."

Willow's mother, Leila Scott?'

Nolan's eyes were cold, and he replied faintly, "Keep a close eye on anyone who looks suspicious before the results are out."

He returned the phone to Quincy, turned his head, and said, "I suspect that the woman from six years ago wasn't Willow."

Quincy was startled. "Do you want to investigate that incident again?"

Nolan's tone sounded indifferent. "Go and get me the manager that worked at the Empyrean Hotel six years ago. I want to re-examine something."

After Willow learned that Nolan was not in the company, she found her way to the Goldmann mansion.

She had been very piqued and had not come back for a while because of the initiative that she took the other night, which made Nolan very upset. Not to mention the maids had been mocking her secretly for a few days after they got to know about the incident.

'Just you wait until when I become the mistress of the Goldmann mansion. I'll make sure those lowly maids who laugh at me suffer big time!

However, as soon as she walked to the entrance, she saw Quincy and Mr. Cheshire walking out with the two children.

The expression on Willow's face stiffened a lot when she saw the two kids here.

Waylon's eyes turned gloomy as soon as he saw her, and he glared at her(This novel will be daily updtaed at www.noveljar.com), showing obvious disgust and abhorrence.

Willow's fingernails were about to pierce into the palms of her hands, but she still gave off a friendly smile as she walked toward them. "Are you all right? I heard that you were kidnapped. That gave me quite a shock." "Do we know you?" Waylon's gaze looked disgusted.

Willow gnashed her teeth. 'This b*stard actually has the guts to embarrass me!

"What are you doing here?" Nolan walked out with a hint of coldness on his face.

Willow bit her lip, pretending to be frail and tender. "Nolan, I'm here to look for you. I heard that these two kids were kidnapped and couldn't be found anywhere, so I came to you."

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Quincy felt sorry for Willow's low IQ.

She had come over, volunteered her help, and revealed that she knew that the children were kidnapped. Wouldn't that show that she was admitting that she was linked to this case?

Nolan's gaze turned cold, "Who are they to you?"

"Do you know their mother?"

Willow's expression changed. No, how could she forget that Nolan hadn't found out about this?

"Nolan, I... I heard people talking about it."

"Who was talking about it?" Nolan didn't hide his impatience.

Willow shivered, her face slowly turned pale. "Nolan, do you think I did this? You know me pretty well. I wouldn't do this!"

Yes, he used to think that she was demure and soft, that she wouldn't do anything that was out of line.

However, he still didn't know the true nature this woman hid behind her mask after six years by his side. How cruel did one have to be to hurt children?

"You shouldn't come here anymore."

Willow froze, unable to believe it. "Nolan, you're throwing me out?"

"Throwing you out?" Nolan's eyes looked dead. "Do you think that our household is your home? You're just a guest here."

She was just a guest. Willow couldn't believe that.

"Nolan, 1–"

"Quincy, escort her out."

Quincy nodded, walked to her, and blocked her. "Ms. Vanderbilt, I need to ask you to leave. The security wouldn't be as nice."

Willow held her fist tight, straightened her back, and walked out. Her expression turned evil.

She had to find a way to get Nolan!

At Beach Villa...

After Daisie got home, she told Colton all about what had happened and happily

Colton's lips twitched. She would always focus on food.

Waylon put his hands on his waist. "So what if his home is big? It was cold. There was no warmth, unlike our home."

"That's true." Daisie held her chin and said, "Why don't we kidnap Daddy!"

"Kidnap?" Colton looked at her, shocked. "How are we going to do that?"

"Colton, haven't you always called yourself the smartest in the universe? Can't you figure out something as simple as this?"

Not happy that Daisie was questioning his intelligence, Colton stood on the couch and said," A brilliant brain isn't used for this. Moreover, what happens to Mommy if we kidnap him home?"

Their mother still hadn't accepted their father! Daisie had almost forgotten that.

The three of them sat quietly for a long while.

Waylon spoke. "In TV, when a man and a woman are locked in a room, things happen. We could try that. Lock them up in a room." 1

Colton and Daisie both looked at him. Waylon, who didn't usually join them in planning, had finally contributed!

"Alright, let's do that."

At nighttime...

The first floor of a pub that was booked was cleared quickly, and a dozen of bodyguards in black suits stood along the corridor. No one could get near that place.

A middle-aged man was brought to the room by a bodyguard. When he saw the man sitting inside like a king, his face dropped. "Mr... Mr. Goldmann."

Nolan sat with his legs crossed. He crossed his fingers, placed them on his legs, and coldly said, "I'm going to ask you one more time. Who was the woman from six years ago?"

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The middle-aged man looked horrified, but he had already received \$160,000 from Leila. If he snitched on her, he would be...

"It was... it was Ms. Vanderbilt."

The bodyguard pushed him down into a kneeling position, pulled out a weapon, and pointed i tat his head.

The middle-aged man was strung up tighter than a bow, his heart pumping hard. If that thing pointed at his head went off, he would be seeing Hades soon. He couldn't care less about the money anymore.

He shuddered, his mouth half opened, and when he spoke, he couldn't help but stutter. "That night... It... It... It was—" Hearing a click from the thing pushing against his head, the man almost wet his pants. "It wasn't Ms. Vanderbilt, b... b... but I really don't know who it was!"

He was telling the truth. He didn't know who that woman was. All he knew was that Mr. Goldmann had entered the room soon after the woman.

Upon hearing that it wasn't Willow, Nolan didn't care about the rest of the reply. He had the answer he wanted.

He put down his legs and moved closer to him. "You told me it was Willow six years ago."

"I lied to you, but I was forced to do it. Mrs. Vanderbilt gave me \$160,000 and asked me to say that. I can't afford to offend you, but I couldn't do that to Mrs. Vanderbilt either!" the man cried.

Nolan's eyes turned dark. "What happened to that woman?"

"I... I... I'm not sure. All I know is that Ms. Vanderbilt said that the woman had had too much to drink. I took a look at her, and she really was unconscious. A beauty. *Ms*. Vanderbilt had brought her to rest."

He looked like he remembered something and continued. "Oh, when Ms. Vanderbilt came out, she gave the room card to me. I was curious why someone would bring the card out. I later found out that she wanted me to give it to a real estate mogul named Sergio Baldwin. Then... then... I... I forgot and accidentally gave the card to your assistant. I realized I gave it to the wrong person the next day when I was going through the records."

It hadn't been anything serious, but Leila later gave him money to insist that the woman in the room was her daughter Willow, no matter who asked. Then Nolan had come along.

Nolan slowly got up. "You can go now." The middle-aged man was stunned. He stood up with shaking legs. "Ca... Can. Can I really go?"

Nolan looked at him. "Do you want to stay?"

The man shook his head hard and left immediately.

Quincy walked out of the room. "Mr. Goldmann, do you want me to look into Sergio?" 1

"No. He's not important. It wouldn't be an issue."

He had finally found out the whole truth about what happened six years ago.

Two days later...

Maisie and Kennedy were discussing the announcement of Soul in the office. They picked the 9th of the following month to officially announce their launch.

"Just like you said, Vaenna is just an empty shell. In recent years, they haven't launched any new jewelry, and their funds have become stagnant. It's not going to last long, even with Mr. Goldmann's help."

"It's not going to survive even if we don't do anything to them," Kenny said while looking at *M*aisie. Maisie's eyes darted. "Vaenna isn't going to go far now, but I want to move my plan forward."

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"What is happening at Vaenna? I let you take over so that you can learn to manage a company. Where did all the resources I gave you go?"

Stephen tossed the folder onto the desk. The account director had given him a call which almost made him implode. They had lost \$900,000!

Mr. Goldmann had put in \$1,600,000, but they had already lost \$900,000 of it!?

Leila walked to Willow and looked at Stephen. "Dear, how could you blame Willie for that? You know that she doesn't know anything about the jewelry business. She can't be held accountable if she's conned."

'I wanted her to learn. What have you learned all these years?" Stephen yelled. Willow held her fists. She had gone through enough before her father chewed her up and couldn't take it anymore.

Seeing how bad her daughter was looking, Leila immediately said, "If you think that Willie didn't do a good job, why not get Zee back to Vaenna? She's the top jewelry designer. Vaenna would make a fortune with her around!"

"Isn't she in Vaenna?"

"Dear, Zee left Vaenna the day she argued with you," Leila replied.

Stephen was surprised, but he could guess why she had left. It was definitely because of the shares.

"Zee went to work with Mr. Goldmann, who started a new jewelry company for her. Even Willie didn't get treatment like that. Why would the future brother-in-law treat his sister-in law so nicely?" 2

Leila wasn't going to miss the chance to bring Maisie back to Vaenna. There was no way she was going to let her stay close to Nolan!

Stephen's face slightly dropped. "I'll talk to Zee."

Leila was pleased with the reply. She was going to throw her and her b*stards out when she returned.

Kennedy entered after taking a call outside. "I've gotten in touch. He'll help us. Don't worry, we're all friends. You can trust them."

Maisie nodded. "Please send my drafts to him."

Kennedy was surprised. "Weren't these designs made for Soul's brand launch? Why are you

giving them to Vaenna?"

She smiled. "Don't worry, I have a plan."

Kennedy seemed to have guessed her next move. That was a smart move. She was going to put Vaenna in a plagiarism issue. When Willow messed up Vaenna's reputation, Stephen and the rest of the board of directors would show her their fury.

After Kennedy left the office, Maisie got some documents ready when she suddenly remembered something.

It had been two days, so Nolan should probably have gotten back the results for the DNA test!

She went to the floor where the Administration Department was located and looked at her watch. She asked about Nolan's schedule for the day. He wasn't going to be there at that hour

She walked toward the office, knocked on the door, and went in when there was no answer

He was nowhere to be seen in the huge office.

Maisie walked to his desk, flipped over some documents, and looked in the drawers. She found an opened envelope that was labeled 'DNA results'.

She pulled out one of the sheets of paper. It was blank except for a line of words in gold:' There are surveillance cameras in the office.'

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Maisie slowly looked up and saw the camera with a red blinking light in the corner. Had she been played all along, or did she just fall into this trap? "Are you looking for the results?"

The emergence of a shadow shot chills down Maisie's spine. She looked at Nolan, who was standing outside the door holding a different envelope with horror written all over her face.

Nolan had received the report from Coralia half an hour ago and had seen the results. The red words spelled out 'DNA is a match'. It was confirmed that Waylon and Daisie were his children.

It had been six years. Not only did he have two children, but they were also close to him. If he didn't look into it and found the truth, how could he have found out who the woman actually

was?

"You're really clever. You were the one who switched the report, right?"

"I don't know what you mean." Maisie was trying very hard to calm down. That wasn't the time to panic.

Nolan walked toward her and squinted. "You're still pretending?"

"Mr. Goldmann, why would I switch out your test results? You don't have proof that I did that anyway." Maisie dealt with it calmly. She left the documents that she was going to hand to him on top of the files. "I came here to hand in some documents. I'm going to leave now."

She was going to turn around when Nolan suddenly blocked her path. His huge hand grabbed onto her arm and walked forward so that she backed into the desk.

Maisie pushed her back backward. "What are you trying to do, Mr. Goldmann?"

Nolan got even closer to her. "What do you think I'm doing?"

"Have you fallen for me?" Maisie looked straight at him, her red lips curling. "Falling for Vanderbilt women twice in a row wouldn't be fruitful."

"I've gotten my fruits. Why would I care?" 1

Maisie paused at what he said. She raised her arms to push him away. "Mr. Goldmann, I don't have time for games. If you want fun, you should ask Willow to come over."

"You should do it."

Maisie was rendered speechless. He was always concerned whenever Willow was mentioned, so she found it funny. "Alright, I'll call her then."

Did he think she wouldn't?

She took out her phone to make a call, but Nolan took the phone out of her hands and tossed i tonto the couch.

"Nolan Goldmann, you," Maisie pulled at his collar angrily, but the man looked down, staring at her lips. His eyes were filled with desire as he put a hand behind her neck and pulled her forward. He did not hesitate in planting his lips on hers.

Maisie's pupils shrank and pushed him away with all her might. "Nolan Goldmann, are you crazy? How could you-Mm!

Her lips were once again sealed by his before she could finish yelling at him. He took the chance when she was struggling and pushed his cold lips against hers.

Maisie tried to avoid it, to break free, but the more she struggled, the harder he kissed her.

The woman from that night had tried to struggle and push him away at first, even when she was unconscious.

Suddenly, they could smell blood. Nolan furrowed his brows due to the pain from his lips, but he didn't let go.

Struggling and resisting was pointless.

Maisie gave up. Her eyes fell on the silhouette outside.

She put her arms around Nolan's neck and kissed him back while eyeing the woman outside coldly.

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Willow was mad with jealousy!

"Nolan!"

Nolan slowly let go of Maisie, and his expression turned dark. Hah, that was why this woman kissed him back.

He turned and looked at Willow. "Why are you here?"

Maisie rubbed her lips, wiping off her lipstick which smudged on her face, making her look provocative,

She held onto Nolan's collar, raised her brows, and smiled. "You need more practice on kissing."

Nolan's face turned dark. Was that a complaint?

Maisie was getting ready to leave but froze when Stephen suddenly showed up behind Willow

Stephen's face went pale upon seeing her looking 'messy' while being in the same room as Nolan and his bleeding lip.

"Maisie, how... how could you-" Stephen's rage got to his head, and he fainted and collapsed on the floor.

"Dad!"

Upon seeing Willow run to her father's side, Maisie's feet felt as though they had been glued t o the spot where she was standing.

Maisie leaned against the wall of the hospital corridor, looking lost.

She would admit that she lost her mind because of Nolan's actions, and she did want to make Willow angry on purpose, but she didn't expect her father to show up.

"Maisie, your dad is asking for you."

Leila came out to get her.

Maisie looked up and walked into the room. Willow was sitting by the bed, pretending to be a good daughter taking care of her father.

Stephen's face immediately changed when he saw her. "You horrible girl, kneel!"

"Are you sure you want me to kneel?" Maisie didn't move.

Stephen picked up the cup on the table and threw it at her, and it hit her square on the

forehead.

Maisie was stunned for a second but recovered quickly.

Stephen turned his head away. "You know what you did. You knew that Willie is with Nolan, but you... I'm so disappointed."

"When have you not been disappointed in me?" Maisie couldn't feel the pain on her forehead, she was numb. "I'm used to you being disappointed in me. I don't mind if it happened one more time."

"Maisie, could you show a little remorse?"

"Who's the one who should actually be remorseful?" Her words were aimed at Leila. If she was a remorseful person, she wouldn't have gotten involved with a married man.

"At least, I didn't climb into Nolan's bed." "You"

"Mr. Vanderbilt, I don't know what I did is considered wrong. When someone tries to frame m e for something, I just do what they do and pay it back tenfold. What happened today was nothing." Maisie's gaze slowly turned to Willow, her eyes cold.

Willow was stunned. She lowered her head and clenched her jaw. No, she wasn't going to give up.

"Zee, Dad just wants you to return to Vaenna."

"You don't have the right to speak."

Willow's face drained of color upon hearing Maisie's retort.

Stephen took a deep breath and said calmly, "Zee, if you want Vaenna's shares, I can give them to you. Enough with the games."

Maisie burst out laughing. "You chose a time when Vaenna is just an empty shell to give it back to me? So that I can clean up after your b*stard daughter?"

"Maisie, where have your manners gone? Willie is your sister!"

"My mother only had one daughter," Maisie was leaving, but she paused, turned around, and said, "By the way, I meant what I said. I'm no longer part of the Vanderbilt family. If you like this daughter of yours, you should appreciate her."