

Come back to me

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At The Party

It was half past six in the evening.

Luxurious cars arrived in endless streams in front of the Repulse Bay Hotel. The banquet hall was starting to fill with people with remarkable identities.

All the people present were famous figures in either the political or business circles. The Song family was one of the business tycoons in the city, and many powerful people in the business circle responded to their invitation tonight.

Leon, the prince of C Island, was also expected to appear. Because of his presence, many prominent political figures were expected to show up as well.

Even though the party was without any commercial purpose, countless people still wanted to come. After all, it was rare for political and business icons to break bread under the same roof. This dinner party had a vast potential to become a game changer, something that united the best of both worlds.

In addition to the notable people from political and business circles, there were also many people from the field of art as well as superstars and celebrities from the entertainment industry. The entertainment industry had always been somewhat inseparable from the political and business circles, so it was a great honor for these people to attend such a dinner party.

However, the dinner party had been made exclusive, and no one from the media was allowed to attend. In order to prevent the media from breaking in, the Repulse Bay Hotel administration put all their st

Lu is busy at the moment, but he'll arrive soon. Please enjoy the good wine that he specially brought from C Island."

After Adrian finished his speech, applause broke out.

At this time, Noah and Nina came in.

They had been biding their time outside per Leon's instructions. He told them to enter the party at a specific time.

As the music restarted, Nina linked her arm to Noah's.

"Good evening, Mr. Ye and Ms. Lu. Please." The voice of the woman from the welcoming party was surprisingly loud. It overpowered the music, attracting everybody's attention.

Under the probing gaze of so many rich and powerful strangers, Noah and Nina walked the red carpet. Noah was wearing a well-cut suit while Nina was wearing a silver evening dress. To the eyes of people who did not know them, they looked like a newly engaged couple.

But in that room, everyone present knew Noah and that Nina was John's wife. Their expressions looked a little complicated.

Standing next to Vivian, Jessica stared at the scene with a resentful expression on her face.

Next to them stood a popular female star named May Su. She commented casually, "Is that Nina? Isn't she Mr. Shi's wife? Why has she come with Noah? This is interesting."

Hearing this, Jessica's face darkened.

Nina was now walking around with her arm on another man's like she was a free, unmarried young woman.

As John's sister, Jessica decided that she had to seek justice for her brother.

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A Trap

There was a spiral staircase that led to a leisure area on the second floor by the corner of the hall where the party was held. The window occupied the whole wall, enabling the viewer to get a full view of the first floor. It was a one-way glass. Those on the outside wouldn't be able to see what was on the inside.

Standing by the glass window were two men.

Adrian noticed that John was about to make a move and he couldn't help but sigh. "Jessica must be up to something again. She might end up causing trouble for your wife."

John stared with a blank expression at the sight before him. Nina's hand was around Noah's arm and he didn't like it one bit.

It felt really annoying.

Adrian continued, "You look so calm. Today's banquet was held especially for you and your wife. Your brother-in-law is not so easy to deal with. I don't think the royal family of C Island is happy to accept you."

Adrian knew who Nina was the moment Leon's men found him. He was so scared that he almost fell on his knees.

He thought that it was pretty amazing for John to marry a princess. The richest princess in the whole world, in fact.

Adrian couldn't help but admire John.

John just pursed his lips. Of course he kn

had a hunch.

If this were to make Nina happy, he would gladly accompany her and finish tonight's act.

"Ms. Lu, may invite you to a dance?" Dressed in a black suit, Noah looked dashing. His bowtie made him look like a gentleman as he flashed an irresistible smile.

The suit he was currently wearing had been actually chosen by Nina personally. She knew that it would be a perfect fit for him the moment she laid her eyes on it. His outfit made him look younger and more handsome.

Nina reached out her hand over to his. "Of course, Mr. Ye."

The two smiled at each other and merged into the center of the dance floor.

There were several people dancing. James and Emma were there, as well as Harrison and Adela. The four of them were close to each other that it looked like they were competing on purpose.

Nina could sense that a lot of people were watching them.

One of them was from Jessica, who was currently clenching her teeth and glaring at the two with disgust.

A mischievous smile formed on Vivian's lips. While she waited for the show to start, she started to think of how to kill two birds with one stone.

If she was lucky, she would be able to deal with Noah and Nina at the same time.

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The Other Woman

Nina knew what Jessica and Vivian intended to do, and she had no plans to pay them any particular attention.

More importantly, she was feeling an invisible gaze coming from the second floor.

She had been feeling it for a while now.

She pondered this, and her mind wandered. The next thing she knew, she sprained her ankle and fell into Noah's arms.

Her unique and alluring scent assaulted his senses, leaving Noah stunned. Instead of asking if she was okay, he found himself reveling in the softness in his arms.

For her part, Nina was still a little hung up on that mysterious gaze that she thought it was John holding her.

As soon as Emma saw Nina fall, she walked over to them. She quickly pulled her friend up. "Nina, are you okay?"

"Aunt Nina! Are you all right?" James came to his senses, too.

Their reactions finally pulled Noah away from the haze and helped him regain his composure. "Nini, are you hurt anywhere?"

Nina looked up at his words, realizing belatedly that this man was Noah and not her husband.

'Ah, it looks like I'm missing John too much these days.

I don't even know if he is here tonight.'

She raised her eyes to the direction of the second floor again, but she still couldn't see anyone.

The music stopped at the commotion, and everyone's eyes turned to Nina and her friends.

"It's nothing serious, but I think I might have sprained my ankle." Nina tried a cheery smile if you want there to be a story about the two of you."

That was all he needed to hear. James chased after his girl.

Left behind with her injury, Nina sat on a nearby chair, and Noah squatted in front of her to check her ankle.

"It doesn't look serious. I'll give you a massage." Noah started to rub her foot, relieved that she wasn't badly hurt.

It occurred to neither of them that they were doing something inappropriate. Especially not Nina, since she had always treated Noah like brother.

But it appeared differently in the eyes of others.

May took the cue and started with her act once again. "Isn't it a little improper for him to touch Mrs. Shi like that? An unmarried man and a married woman..."

She trailed off, as if belatedly realizing what she was saying. Her words were directed to Vivian and Jessica, and it was all done on purpose.

Vivian reacted like clockwork, her mind immediately devising a scheme. Here presented to them was an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone.

"Noah, Nina is married. You will make people misunderstand you if you keep doing that." Her tone sounded concerned, like a caring sister reminding Noah to pay careful attention to their surroundings. But Vivian made sure her voice was loud and heard by the rest of the guests.

Jessica jumped in, too. "What a disgraceful display. Nina, please stop embarrassing the Shi family with your acts of impropriety."

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Flattery Before The Fall

Nina knew Jessica and Vivian would make trouble for her, but they weren't very good at it.

They were both from famous families. How could they have such dirty minds?

"Don't you have friends?" Nina asked, confused, raising her eyes to look at the pair.

The hushed whispers from the crowd reached Nina's ears. "Yeah! Can't they be friends?"

"She sprained her ankle. Why can't her friend be worried and check her injury." "Married women should be able to have friends."

"It's like Ms. Shi and Miss Ye are trying to cause trouble for Mrs. Shi."

"Miss Ye has a thing for Mr. Shi, you know. But I guess Ms. Shi doesn't like her sister-in-law."

"Why?"

"Maybe she thinks they're not a good match."

"Why would she think that? Mrs. Shi is pretty and talented. I really admire her."

"Maybe it is because of her family background. He's rich and she's...well...not."

Their whispers were annoying, like the buzzing of mosquitoes. Vivian didn't realize that many people liked Nina.

'She's just a painter and one of Professor Gu's disciples. Why should I care?

But we're at a dinner party now. I'd better tone it down so it doesn't ca

."

That caused a stir.

It was a stroke of luck.

Many people who had learned the piano were eager to give it a shot. Greed gripped Vivian's heart, and it was obvious to everyone there.

"Miss Ye, you are the reigning champion of the piano. You have the chops to become a maestro," May encouraged Vivian. "I wonder if we have a chance to hear you play."

Everyone stared at Vivian expectantly.

Vivian smiled and said, "I'll give it a shot."

The guests burst into thunderous applause.

Vivian felt that she was walking along the red carpet and reveled in their adoration. She raised her chin proudly, lifted her skirt gracefully and sat in front of the piano.

There was a score sitting on the music desk mounted on the piano, and she glanced at it before positioning her fingers.

She was good at playing from sheet music.

Vivian took a simple glance at the score, but didn't find any flaws. By the time she got to the third note, Nina knew the melody was wrong.

"What is Leon doing?" Nina looked at Noah, confused.

Noah said something quietly, so only Nina could hear it. "He propped up her ego, and set her up to fail."

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The Battle

When Vivian played the piano, she was elegant and charming. All the lights and eyes were focused on her.

They were filled with admiration.

May, however, noticed from the corner of her eye that a well-known artist was frowning slightly. She realized then that Vivian must have made a mistake.

She said nothing, and continued to watch.

She knew that something would happen anytime soon.

Beside her, Jessica nodded her head earnestly and sang praises for her friend. "Vivi really is a good girl! She would have made a perfect wife, but unfortunately..."

"You seem to like Miss Ye very much." May took two glasses of wine from a passing waiter and handed one to Jessica.

The other woman accepted it, and twirled the stem of the glass between her fingers, watching as the red liquid swirled in sync. "Of course. Anyone would adore such a girl."

"Yes, of course," May nodded. "I think Nina is just as brilliant. She has gained fame and excellence at such a young age after all."

"She's just a painter," Jessica scoffed. "Vivi, on the other hand, has won various ballet and piano competitions. She comes from the Ye family and is one of the most prominent figures in Lexingport City. She's so much better."

"Who do you think is more suitable for Mr. Shi?" May asked with a faint smile playing at her lips. "Ms. Lu or Miss Ye?"

"Vivi, of course." As if to emphasize her words, Jessica turned to Nina's direction and gave the latter a look

t, a friend...

She had written the melody in order to soothe the loneliness she felt, and to pay tribute to her brother, who had been the sun that gave her light and warmth.

Her ankle was no longer hurting, and she walked to the piano.

When Vivian sat in front of the piano, she looked like a graceful heiress.

When Nina sat there, she changed into the noble princess that she was, despite the fact that she was barefoot.

She positioned her fingers over the keys, and as the first few notes came to life, everything and everyone dimmed into the background. Nina was alone in the spotlight, shining like a solitary star in the night sky.

Vivian had interpreted the score to be about the love between lovers. The truth, however, was that it spoke of love between brother and sister.

The music flew true under Nina's hands, and the message it held quickly came over everyone present, evoking emotions they hadn't been feeling just mere moments ago.

Even Vivian was stunned.

'Can she really play the piano?'

As the piece built up to a crescendo, she smiled viciously to herself.

Vivian had a very good memory, and had long developed the skill. At this point, she could remember a piece after reading it only once, and play it without the aid of music sheets.

And she was sure that Nina had just made a mistake.

She cackled deep in her heart. 'Oh Nina. I can't wait to see you make a fool of yourself once you're done playing.'

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John s Pride

Nina was still playing the piano and the music drifted throughout the hall.

Daniel, Angela, Dora and Chester found a quiet place to sit down, listening to the music quietly, letting it flow through them.

Chester asked in a low voice, "Is Aunt Nina the princess of C Island?"

Daniel and Angela looked at each other and nodded.

Angela sighed with surprise. "Yes, she is the princess of C Island.

I think they're trying to find a way to mess with your sister." Angela looked at her husband helplessly.

Daniel loved his sister a lot. He said to his wife, "We need to help her if we can. This is so not cool."

Angela was a little reluctant to help Jessica, but after all, Jessica was her sister-in-law. She nodded and said, "Okay. But she seems kinda pissy lately. Like she might get mad if I say something to help her."

"Just do the best you can." Daniel felt sad for his wife. He whispered in his wife's ear, "She left Jason."

"What?" Angela cried out in shock. She covered her mouth when she realized how serious this was.

"Really?" she asked. Daniel sighed, "I guess

at this might help embarrass Nina.

"You didn't actually play the score. Some of it was different," Vivian said with concern. "Nina, did you read the sheet music only one time?"

"Yes, I did." Nina nodded calmly.

"No wonder you made some mistakes." Vivian kindly informed Nina.

Nina shook her head calmly. "No, I didn't make any mistakes. There are several mistakes in the sheet music.

"Really?" May asked.

"Yeah." Nina nodded.

With a worried look on her face, Vivian said, "Nina, this music score was brought here by Prince Leon himself. How could there be mistakes? He's the prince of C Island. You don't want to make him angry."

May thought that Vivian should become an actress. She was really hamming it up.

'If she really became an actress, we'd be fighting over roles.

I shouldn't worry, though. I know I'm good enough.'

"Mrs. Shi, how do you know there were some mistakes? You didn't write this."

Knowing that they were deliberately trying to embarrass her, Nina admitted frankly, "I wrote it. I wrote it for my brother when I was sixteen years old."

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Her Identity

All of a sudden, there was silence.

Some people were clear about what was going on while others did not know and just stood there watching curiously.

Someone whispered, "How dare she say that?"

"It's likely that she doesn't know who composed the music."

"She shouldn't talk nonsense."

Jessica smirked. "I knew you would make a fool of yourself. Do you even know who wrote this music?"

"Probably." Of course Nina knew because she wrote the music.

She answered ambiguously on purpose.

Vivian said to Nina, "Were you too busy to hear it clearly just now? This music was composed by the princess of C Island. How could you say that you wrote it?"

"You just made a few mistakes. It's not a big deal. You shouldn't lie to cover up your mistakes," said Vivian.

Nina looked at Vivian calmly and replied, "Do you know the name of the princess of C Island?"

Vivian was speechless because she did not know the answer.

Jessica did not know either.

Just a few people present knew the name of the princess of C Island.

"Since the prince's surname is L

t that Noah would help her this time since he helped her several times before.

Noticing that she was looking at Noah for help and seeing his hesitation, Leon said bluntly, "Noah, you said that your throat got hurt because of your naughty sister.

But I don't think your sister is naughty at all. In fact, I find her much calmer than others. She still has a chance to defend herself here."

Vivian felt her breathing momentarily stop. She was so frightened that she did not dare to look at Noah again.

Although his stepsister hid her inner thoughts well, Noah was good at reading people through their actions.

He had doubted that Vivian hurt him deliberately, but now he was sure about it.

She did something to hurt his throat some years ago, rendering him unable to make any sound for half a year.

Noah kept silent. The anxiety in his eyes vanished into thin air, and he felt dejected for a moment.

He realized that no one in his family truly cared about his safety except for Kristina.

At this moment, he felt absolutely no need to vouch for Vivian.

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This Is Not Over

Looking at the dark expression on Noah's face, Nina could not help feeling furious.

It turned out that Vivian had poisoned Noah's voice when they were younger.

Nina had never met such a vicious person.

"LC Hotel is one of Ye Group's properties, so Vivian and Jessica were able to enter and get information about guests easily. It seems that LC Hotel doesn't protect the privacy of its guests from people with enough leverage." Nina was never soft hearted to those who hurt the people she cared about.

"It also seems that Ye Group has many shortcomings under Vivian's tutelage. My brother is about to do business in Lexingport City. I don't want him cooperating with companies under poor leadership."

"Did you hear that, Wynn?" Leon asked, smirking.

"Yes, I did," Wynn nodded. "We won't cooperate with Ye Group and the companies associated with them."

"Yes, that's right." Leon touched his sister's head with a doting smile.

Hearing what Leon, Nina, and Wynn said, Vivian felt a bitter lump form in her throat, and the back of her eyes started burning. Everything they said was true.

She had just taken office, but she had already gotten the company into such big troubles. At the rate she was going, she would never be able to bring Ye Group to new heights, let alone keep it afloat.

Gaining a foothold in Lexingport City had become next to impossible.

The people here were all dignitaries in Lexingport City. Vivian glanced around the crowd and found herself able to hear her

people to bully her. Leon protected and took care of his sister. He would not allow anyone to trample her or make things difficult for her.

He could not just let Jessica off the hook without making her pay the price for inconveniencing a royalty of C Island.

"She may not have the final say in the Shi family, but she has been making my sister miserable since she married your son. Since Nina doesn't live well in your family, I'll take her back to C Island where she belongs."

"What? No!" Sam's lower lip quivered. "Nina's my daughter-in-law. She can't just leave."

Leon replied calmly, "The woman legally listed as your son's wife is Nina, a resident of Spring City, not the princess of C Island. So she is not officially your daughter-in-law."

Nina was stunned.

'My brother really did his homework. He had us thoroughly investigated,'

she thought. Her brother was right.

She could not be considered as John's legal wife.

The guests looked at each other. One of them whispered, "It seems that C Island didn't approve of their marriage."

"Alas! It was a good marriage!" An old artist standing next to Sam sighed and shook his head. "Your daughter is really thoughtless. What does she get from wrecking a marriage? You really should pay more attention to her. She has to stop meddling in other people's business."

Jessica bit her lip and lowered her head.

Now even the elders were blaming her.

She felt so ashamed and angry that she wanted to make herself disappear.

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A Slave For His Sister

Sam was also a little embarrassed. It seemed that Leon wouldn't let Jessica go.

Sam could only say to his daughter, "Apologize. Jessica, apologize to Nina. Now."

Jessica did not want to.

She did not bow down and apologize to anyone in her life.

But at this moment, she had to lower her head and say in a timid voice, "Even though Nina is the princess of C Island, she's still my sister-in-law. I don't have to apologize to her.

Besides, she didn't tell us who she is. We should've known. If I had known that she was the princess, I wouldn't have made things difficult for her.

John is such an outstanding man. Only a lady from a rich and powerful family deserves her. I don't think I did anything wrong."

"Enough!" Sam was at the end of his rope. He seethed with fury.

"Your apology will be useless at this point," Leon sneered. "Do you think you're better than us? Wherever you go, you have to make a show just to let everyone know who you are.

The way you deal with things is always in sharp contrast to your own ability. You may come from a rich family, but you are a shallow, disagreeable woman."

Hearing this, Nina was stunned.

She did not know her brother could be so mean.

She had never heard him be so sharp-tongued.

She should learn more from her brother in the future. Being frank with  
let us take him home to rest for the evening."

The two of them looked into each other's eyes. Leon saw the pleading light in Daniel's eyes. Thinking that the old man could not be subjected to any more stress, Leon slowly returned the piece of paper back to Wynn.

"You're James' father?" The expression on Leon's face softened. He reached out his hand to shake Daniel's.

Sam asked Jake to help him out while Angela left with Jessica.

Daniel heaved a sigh of relief and smiled, "Do you know my son?"

"I met him yesterday. He's an interesting young man." Leon changed the subject and decided to let go of Jessica for the time being.

At the thought of Michelle setting James up yesterday, Leon could not help smiling. "He's a good friend to Nini."

"If my son didn't behave well yesterday, I hope you can forgive him," Daniel said with a smile.

Leon dipped his chin slightly and replied, "There's nothing to forgive. He's a delight."

The matter was closed at the banquet for now.

With a faint smile, Leon said to the guests, "The dinner party will continue. I hope you all enjoy yourselves."

Then he turned to Nina. "Nini, let's go home."

"Go home?" Nina was confused and wondered if they would go back to C Island.

Everyone's first reaction was that Leon was going to take Nina back to C Island.

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My Wife Is Leaving

Daniel wore a scowl on his face as he leaned over to Chester's ear. "Contact your uncle John."

He glanced around the area. It felt strange to see that John was nowhere to be found.

Nina was here, but John wasn't with her.

"Hello, Uncle John, where are you? Aunt Nina is going to be taken away," Chester said through the phone.

"I know." John clenched his teeth and tried to control his anger.

He then hung up the phone and glared at Adrian who was guarding the door with his life.

"Fuck off," John said through gritted teeth.

"No way," Adrian answered firmly. His back was faced to John as he shook his head while trying his best to block the doorknob. "You've managed to wait for a while now. Try to hold on a little longer."

John threw the cigarette between his fingers to the floor and crushed it with his shoe. "My wife is leaving."

"She won't." Adrian shook his head. "She loves you. She won't leave her brother. Besides, they can't fly back to C Island tonight."

"Get out of my way!" John growled. He had already lost his patience. He grabbed Adrian by the collar and threw him away from the door.

Adrian clung onto John's legs as soon as he took hold of the doorknob

I didn't want his sister to be wronged. "You have already met and hugged each other. Let's go, Nini."

"Okay," Nina murmured. She reluctantly released John from her embrace.

John knew that he couldn't go against his brother-in-law. He also released Nina but still held her wrist. He did not want to let her go.

As soon as Nina turned around, she was pulled into John's arms.

"She is my wife now. She will go home with me tonight." If John couldn't hold Nina in his arms, he wouldn't be able to fall asleep.

John didn't sleep last night. It was a good thing that Nina was able to accompany him during the day so he was able to sleep for a while. If not for that, he would be definitely sleepy at the moment.

Leon's eyes were filled with jealousy as he stared at John. "She's my sister, not your wife."

"I have proof," John said calmly. He had one hand holding Nina's waist while he used the other to take out the marriage license from his pocket.

Nina was speechless.

John carried the marriage license with him again.

Several gasps and murmurs erupted around them.

"Mr. Shi carried the marriage license with him?" Some were in awe while the others were a bit surprised.