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After Rayan left, Maxim was about to look at the documents when suddenly a sharp pain shot through his leg. As the number of occurrences increased, the pain also became more intense.

Maxim's face turned pale, and cold sweat oozed from his forehead. After he managed to make a phone call to Briana, he suddenly blacked out.

When I woke up again, it was already past ten o'clock at night. I found myself back in the bedroom of the villa, with Briana wiping the sweat off my forehead.

"You finally woke up, is your leg still hurting?!"

Maxim shook his head and tried to sit up by propping himself up with his hand on the bed, but he found himself weak all over.

Briana put down the towel and walked over to support him. "I'll help you. You sweated a lot just now, and it's normal to feel weak after Wyatt came over to give you special treatment."

After sitting up, Maxim looked at Briana and said, "What happened to my leg? Why did it suddenly start twitching, and the pain was almost unbearable."

"It should have been the sequelae left by the last car accident, coupled with the fact that you have been forcing yourself to take a few steps after each special treatment recently, and your body cannot bear it."

"Did Dr. Waylon say what to do?"

"It's best to rest in bed during this period of time, after all, sitting all day can hinder the circulation of blood in the legs."

Maxim nodded and said, "I understood."

Seeing that he indeed had nothing to do, Briana asked him what he wanted to eat for dinner.

"Just cook me some noodles, whatever."

Today, the maid had something to do and took a sudden leave.

"Okay."

Just as Briana finished cooking noodles for Maxim, she received an unfamiliar phone call.

"Briana, save me!"

The next second, a voice cursing and Melody's scream came through the phone.

Briana's face changed, and she was about to speak when the phone was hung up. When she tried calling back, it was already switched off.

Melody had an accident!

She handed the noodles to Maxim in the bedroom, her expression coldly saying, "I have something to attend to, rest after you finish the noodles."

"It's so late, where are you going?!"

Briana left in a hurry, without even answering his words.

Maxim immediately called Rayan and said coldly, "Briana just left, quickly catch up with her! Protect her safety!"

After leaving the villa, Briana drove towards the outskirts while

instructing someone to find the location of the phone number Melody had called from.

Melody was a local resident of Bridenville, but her home was located in the most remote countryside of Bridenville, which took several hours to drive to.

Soon, Briana's phone received a message.

She glanced at the message sent by the other party, abruptly hit the brakes, turned the car around, and sped towards the city.

Half an hour later, the car "squeaked" and stopped at the entrance of Diamond Club, the largest entertainment club in Bridenville.

Briana got off the car and walked quickly towards the inside.

She went straight to the eighth floor and kicked open the door of room 8818.

Seeing the dim light and gloomy scene inside, Briana's face turned cold and she immediately turned on the lights in the private room.

The private room suddenly lit up as bright as daylight, and everyone inside stopped their movements.

"Damn it! Who the hell turned on the light!"

Briana's gaze quickly scanned the private room and landed on Melody, who was huddled in the corner, disheveled and pinned down by a man. Her eyes instantly turned icy cold!

She walked quickly to the side of the two people, pulled the man down, and punched him in the face.

"Ah!"

The sound of slaughtering pigs echoed in the private room, and the rest of the people quickly realized what was happening and hurriedly surrounded Briana.

The leader was a man with one eye missing and a face full of scars.

He sneered at Briana, "Beauty, even when it comes to beating a dog, one must consider the owner! You inexplicably broke in here, and today this matter is probably not going to be resolved so easily!"

Briana coldly looked at him, without a trace of warmth in her eyes.

"Enough talk, are you going up one by one or all together?"

The man's smile on his face was filled with contempt, and his tone became extremely frivolous.

"If we go together, I'm afraid you won't be able to handle it."

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After speaking, the man gave a signal, and a tall and muscular man next to him raised his fist and smashed it towards her.

A few seconds later, the burly man fell with a loud "thud" in front of the rest of the people.

The one-eyed man sneered, "Come at me together!"

More than ten people struggled for five minutes before lying on the ground in various positions, wailing in pain. The women who were accompanying the drinks had long been scared and ran away, their faces pale. The entire private room was in a mess, with the overhead chandelier swaying dangerously.

Briana helped Melody up and walked out of the private room step by step.

Just as I arrived at the entrance, I was stopped by Stella, the headwaiter of Diamond Club, with a group of people.

"Miss, you hit my guest. If you just leave like this, how can we continue to open the door and do business in the future?"

Briana looked coldly and asked, "What do you want?"

Stella smiled faintly, but there was no warmth in her eyes. "It's simple, you leave behind one finger, and I'll let you go."

"If you ask me to use just one finger, you probably don't have the ability."

Stella's face changed, and she coldly said, "It seems that you refuse to take a toast and will face the consequences!"

Briana had no expression on her face as she locked eyes with him, showing no trace of fear in her eyes.

The angry voice of the one-eyed man sounded in the private room, "Stella, catch her for me. I'm going to kill this damn woman! If you let her go today, Diamond Club will never have peace in doing business!"

The one-eyed man was a member of the underworld. If one were to provoke him, even with the background of the Diamond Club, they would not be able to withstand his frequent troublemaking.

At the thought of this, Stella's face darkened, and she coldly said, "Bring it to me!"

As soon as the words fell, the security guard behind her was about to rush towards Briana when an extremely cold voice sounded.

"Who dares to touch her, I will see!"

Everyone's gaze turned towards the direction where the sound came from and saw Maxim, with shock in their eyes.

Briana was also stunned for a moment, not expecting Maxim to appear here.

Stella realized and quickly walked towards Maxim with a smile, "Mr. Yoder, how come you have free time today... Ah!"

Before he could finish speaking, he was kicked away by the bodyguard next to Maxim, and he fell heavily to the ground, his face turning pale with pain.

She struggled to stand up, leaning against the wall, and endured the pain that surged through her body as she said, "Mr. Yoder, it's all a misunderstanding... please listen to my explanation..."

Maxim didn't even look at her, his cold gaze fell on Briana.

"Still not coming?!"

Feeling Maxim's anger, Briana pursed her lips and walked over to him, supporting Melody.

"You take Melody to the hospital first, and I'll come over once I handle things here."

"...Okay."

Briana turned around, about to leave, and the one-eyed man in the private room gritted his teeth and said, "Mr. Yoder, I have nothing to do with you. I bought this woman for five million from someone else.

Shouldn't there be an explanation for taking her away like this?!"

Maxim looked coldly and asked, "What do you want to confess?"

"Give me five million, and today's matter will be settled!"

Briana turned her head and looked at him coldly, enunciating each word, "I can repay you five million, but how do you account for the harm you caused to Melody?"

The one-eyed man paused for a moment and then spoke, "No big deal, just compensate me a little less, and give me four million."

Watching his disdainful expression, Briana let go of Melody and slowly walked towards him.

The one-eyed man clearly had some fear towards her, a trace of fear flashed in his eyes, "What are you doing?!"

Briana walked up to him and grabbed his hand, giving it a hard twist.

"Click!"

The one-eyed man screamed in agony as Briana coldly shook off his hand and stood up, saying, "You lost a hand, I'll give you six million, and the extra one million will be considered as compensation for you!"

Briana turned around and walked to Melody's side, helping her up and leaving directly.

On the way to the hospital, Melody held Briana and burst into tears. If Briana hadn't come tonight, she knew very well what she would have faced.

After finally calming down, Melody looked at Briana and said, "Briana, thank you!"

Briana gently patted her back and softly said, "Don't think about anything, it's okay."

"Um."

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After going to the hospital for a check-up, it turned out that Melody didn't suffer much except for some minor external injuries. She was just scared.

After the doctor left, Briana sat down by the hospital bed.

"What happened, Melody?"

Melody fell silent for a moment and coldly said, "My dad went gambling again. This time he lost five million. The other party said that if he didn't come up with five million, they would chop off his hand. He sold me off for his own sake!"

Briana frowned, "Doesn't he know that you have earned millions of dollars in these past few years?"

Melody shook her head and said, "I didn't tell him, otherwise he would definitely use it for gambling. I don't want him to know about that money, and I won't give it to him!"

Looking at Melody's strong expression, Briana couldn't help but feel sorry for her.

Melody used to have a happy and blissful family in the past. If her father hadn't developed a gambling addiction, the Shen family wouldn't have gone bankrupt, and her mother wouldn't have divorced and left her father.

"You're right not to tell him, Melody. Actually, I've always wanted to ask you, do you have any plans to completely cut ties with your father?"

A hint of surprise flashed in Melody's eyes as she suddenly looked up at Briana.

"I did consider it, but I also knew that unless I went to a place where nobody knew me, I would always live in his shadow."

"Gambling is illegal, and he even sold you for money!"

Melody bit her lower lip and understood what Briana meant.

She closed her eyes and her voice trembled slightly, "I need to think about this..."

If her father was really sent in, she would indeed be much more relaxed, at least she wouldn't have to worry about debt collectors coming to her door.

But she also didn't know if she would regret it one day.

Briana nodded, "Hmm, take your time to think, you can also move out and ignore any news about him in the future."

“Well, I got it... Briana, you’ve been busy all night, go back and rest, I can manage on my own.”

Seeing that Melody’s emotions had stabilized, Briana didn’t stay much longer.

Returning home, Briana saw Maxim sitting in the living room waiting for her, and a wave of guilt washed over her.

“Mr. Yoder, it would be better for your leg to lie down.”

Maxim looked at her with a cold expression and sneered, “If you really cared about my well-being, you wouldn’t have left without telling me anything, Briana. Do you even know how dangerous tonight was?”

Briana pursed her lips and said, “I felt like I could handle it myself.”

“What if there are even more people tonight?! Can you handle a dozen people, let alone a hundred? Even if you are skilled, your physical endurance has its limits!”

Seeing the worry in Maxim’s cold expression, Briana lowered her gaze, like a child who had done something wrong.

“Mr. Yoder, I’m sorry, I didn’t tell you because I was afraid you would worry.”

“Hehe, so I still have to thank you?!”

When Maxim heard that she went to Diamond Club alone to fight against a dozen men, he was so angry that he wanted to grab her and beat her up severely, so that she would never dare to face such dangers on her own again.

After a moment of silence, Briana discreetly glanced at Maxim.

His face still carried anger, and he noticed Briana’s gaze as her eyes coldly swept over him.

“Mr. Yoder, I’m sorry to have worried you, but it’s already so late. Let’s get some rest and go to work early tomorrow morning.”

“Not to be repeated!”

Briana didn’t dwell on the matter and spoke up, “I will transfer six million to your card later. As for the money for the Tear of Elf, I don’t have that much at the moment. I will repay you once I have enough.”

Maxim’s face turned ice-cold in an instant, she had actually calculated it so accurately with him!

“Suit yourself!”

He didn’t look at her again and left directly by turning his wheelchair.

Until his figure disappeared from sight, Briana finally breathed a sigh of relief and transferred six million to Maxim using her phone.

She didn’t want to owe him anymore, otherwise one day she would never be able to repay him completely.

The next morning, Briana bought breakfast and went to the hospital to see Melody.

Just as I arrived at the door of the ward, I heard Melody's voice coming from inside, sounding extremely agitated.

"I said I don't want to see you, can you please leave?!"

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Briana pushed open the ward door and saw Oliver standing by Melody's bedside, a look of astonishment flashed in her eyes.

When he saw her, Oliver's expression on his face was somewhat unnatural, and he awkwardly called out "sister-in-law."

Melody coldly glanced at Oliver and asked, "Can you leave now?"

Oliver pursed his lips and whispered. "I will come to see you in the afternoon."

"No need. I didn't want to see you."

Oliver's footsteps paused for a moment, and then he quickly left the ward.

Briana placed the breakfast on the table, "How did Oliver know about your hospitalization? Do you still keep in touch?"

"I don't know, I used to get annoyed whenever I saw him, let alone mentioning him. He brings bad luck!"

Took a few deep breaths, and finally calmed down.

"By the way, I didn't have anything to do either. I will go to the hospital to complete the discharge procedures and then go to work."

Briana frowned and hesitantly spoke, "It would be better for you to rest for another two days."

"No need, I knew my own body and mind well."

Seeing her persistence, Briana didn't know what else to say and

nodded, "Do you need me to accompany you later?"

"No need, you go to work."

Briana nodded, "Okay."

In the afternoon, Melody indeed came to work.

Seeing her walking and attending meetings was all normal, and Briana finally felt relieved.

Towards the end of work, Briana received a call from Maxim.

"Oliver wanted to invite you for dinner in the evening."

Thinking about Melody's attitude towards him in the ward this morning, Briana remained silent for a moment before speaking, "If he wants me to help him win back Melody, he can save his efforts, and I won't help him."

She hasn't forgotten how Oliver treated Melody when he was with Adeline before.

If Melody could really forgive him and get back together with him, Briana wouldn't have any objections. However, asking her to help pursue Melody is impossible.

"Okay, I got it."

Hanging up the phone, Oliver looked at Maxim with an expectant expression.

"How was it? What did Briana say?"

"She didn't want to."

The anticipation on Oliver's face instantly turned into disappointment.

"Okay."

Maxim showed no sympathy for him and said indifferently, "Think about all the stupid things you did before. If you weren't my good friend, I wouldn't even help you make this phone call."

Oliver chuckled and then looked at Maxim, saying, "It seems like your relationship with your wife hasn't been repaired much. She didn't even spare you any face."

"Get lost!"

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In the evening, Melody treated Briana to dinner, thanking her for saving her last night.

Both of them liked to eat hot pot, so they found a hot pot restaurant near the company.

During the meal, Briana noticed that Melody seemed distracted and couldn't help but ask, "Melody, do you have something on your mind?"

Melody sighed and said slowly, "You asked me about that last night, and I have thought it through. I have decided to completely cut ties with him, but I just can't bring myself to send him away... Briana, do you think I am useless?"

Seeing the struggle and pain on her face, Briana pursed her lips.

"Not everyone can be as heartless as me, so don't blame yourself. At least when your dad didn't have a gambling addiction, he was still good to you."

Melody looked at Briana and spoke earnestly, "Briana, you are not heartless at all. You would comfort me when I was sad and come to my rescue when I faced difficulties. To me, you deserve all the goodness.

Briana smiled and said, "Let's not talk about these unpleasant things. Let's eat."

The Schneider family is blind!"

Briana smiled and said, "Let's not talk about these unpleasant things. Let's eat."

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“Um.”

On the way back to Melody’s place after finishing their meal, Briana remembered the phone call from Maxim earlier today and casually said, “By the way, Oliver wanted to take me out for dinner today.”

Melody frowned, her eyes filled with impatience.

“Don’t bother with him anymore in the future. I have already made it clear to him that I won’t be with him anymore, but he clings to me like a piece of adhesive plaster that can’t be shaken off!”

Briana nodded, “Hmm, no matter what choice you make, I will support you.”

After dropping Melody off at home, Briana went straight back to the villa.

Maxim sat in the living room, clearly waiting for her.

Briana walked over and sat down next to him, “Mr. Yoder, did you have something to wait for me?”

“In a while, it will be Grandma’s birthday. Do you have any ideas for Grandma’s birthday gift?”

Briana fell silent for a moment and nodded, “Hmm, I had already thought about it. Mr. Yoder, what do you plan to give?”

Maxim frowned at her, “Didn’t we send one together?”

Briana’s eyes flickered with surprise, “In the past, we used to send them separately every year.”

“Then let’s start giving together from this year.”

Briana hesitated for a moment and said, “We had agreed before that once your leg got better, we would get divorced. There’s no need to be together...”

Maxim interrupted her coldly before she could finish speaking, “Are you so sure that my legs can be cured? Don’t forget, Dr. David said I would never be able to stand again!”

“Don’t worry, your leg will definitely get better!”

Seeing the determination in her eyes, Maxim’s face was filled with coldness.

“I really don’t know where you got your confidence from!”

Hearing the sarcasm in Maxim’s tone, Briana couldn’t help but say, “I told you your leg would get better, why aren’t you happy? Don’t you want to stand up again?”

Maxim remained silent, his face still terrifyingly cold.

After a moment of silence, Briana stood up and said, “If there’s nothing else, I’ll go back to my room.”

“Briana.”

Maxim looked up at her and said slowly, “Since you mentioned divorce, haven’t you had a single moment of hesitation?”

Facing his intense gaze, Briana lowered her eyes and involuntarily tightened the hand by her side.

After a while, Briana spoke firmly, "No."

As soon as the words fell, Maxim emitted a chilling and intimidating aura, causing the temperature in the entire living room to rapidly drop.

Briana knew he was angry, but she did not regret her response.

She didn't want to leave herself any room, nor did she want to become the humble Briana who was completely devoted to Maxim in the past.

"I went back to the room first, you should rest early too."

In the following days, Briana didn't see Briana again at the villa. She originally thought that he was on a business trip, but suddenly received a call from Wyatt.

"Briana, what's going on with Maxim? He told me that I don't have to give him special treatment anymore."

Briana frowned, "I'm not sure either. I'll go and ask, I'll call you back later."

Briana made several phone calls to Maxim, but he didn't answer. So, she had to dial Rayan's number.

"Rayan, has Mr. Yoder been on a business trip these days? I heard from Dr. Waylon that he told him not to give him special treatment anymore in the future."

There was a moment of silence over there, and then Rayan whispered, "Ms. Schneider, the president didn't go on a business trip. He has been staying at the company these days. Did you have a fight?"

Briana recalled and wondered if Maxim was angry because of what he said that night.

"It wasn't really a fight, just a little unpleasantness happened."

Rayan was on the verge of tears as he held his phone, was it really just a little unpleasant?!

Recently, Maxim has been in a very bad mood, and the entire executive office has been very low. Every time the department managers come to report their work, they are scolded miserably. Lately, they all wish they could hide and hope that Mr. Yoder doesn't see them.

"The president's condition has been off lately... Ms. Schneider, why don't you come over and take a look..."

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Briana frowned and remained silent for a moment before speaking, "I will come over after work."

"...Okay."

I hope that after Briana came, she could resolve the unpleasantness between the two of them, so that all the employees in the company would not have to be on edge.

As soon as it was time to get off work, Briana immediately drove to the Yoder Group.

This was her first time coming to the Yoder Group. Previously, the two of them had a secret marriage. Maxim had clearly stated that he didn't want her to come to the Yoder Group to find him, and she didn't want to bother herself either.

Rayan came downstairs to pick up Briana. "Mr. Yoder is still in a meeting, I'll take you to his office and wait for him there."

Briana looked indifferent and said, "No need, just take me directly to the meeting room."

With Briana's insistence, Rayan still brought her to the meeting room.

"Ms. Schneider, did you drink water or some other beverage?"

Briana waved her hand and said, "I don't want anything to drink. You go ahead and do your thing, don't worry about me."

"Okay, if you have anything, just give me a call."

An hour after Maxim had finished the meeting, he just left the conference room when Rayan approached and asked, "Mr. Yoder, has Ms. Schneider arrived?"

"Which Ms. Schneider?"

"Ms. Briana Schneider."

"Where is she now?"

"The reception room."

Maxim turned his wheelchair and went straight to the meeting room. As he pushed open the door, a hint of surprise flashed in his eyes.

Briana was sleeping on the table.

"Mr. Yoder..."

"Shut up!"

He turned his head and looked at Rayan, whispering, "Go get a blanket."

Five minutes later, Maxim slowly wheeled his wheelchair over to Briana's side and gently placed the blanket he had in his hands over her.

Briana slept lightly and woke up in the blink of an eye.

Seeing Maxim, she had a look of surprise in her eyes, with a misty and confused gaze, clearly not fully awake yet.

"Mr. Yoder, have you finished driving?"

Maxim looked indifferent and said, "Hmm, what do you want from me?"

Briana was now fully awake and looked at Maxim, saying, "I heard Dr. Waylon say that you told him not to come and treat your leg anymore. Why?"

“No reason, just didn’t want to be treated anymore.”

Briana’s eyes flickered with disbelief as she furrowed her brow and said, “Mr. Yoder, do you really want to go through the experience you had three years ago again?”

Three years ago, when Maxim had a car accident and became partially paralyzed, the shareholders of the Yoder Group took advantage of the situation and seized power. Maxim’s uncle took away the position of the president of the Yoder Group from Maxim.

At that time, Reese was also caught up in his own troubles, leaving Maxim feeling down for a long period of time. It was only after his leg gradually started to recover that he slowly managed to regain control of the Yoder Group from his uncle.

Maxim looked cold and devoid of any warmth in his eyes. “Three years ago was three years ago, and now is now. I won’t let the events of three years ago happen again!”

“Why didn’t you agree to treat your leg?!”

Maxim’s hand tightened involuntarily around the armrest of the wheelchair as he coldly said, “It’s none of your business!”

Briana’s eyes flashed with anger. “How can it have nothing to do with me? We agreed before that once your leg is healed, we would get a divorce. Now that you refuse to treat your leg, are we supposed to be bound together for the rest of our lives?!”

As her words fell, Maxim sneered, “Finally revealing your true intentions, you only want my leg to heal so you can escape from me!”

Briana was speechless, frowning at Maxim.

“Have you not had a fever recently?”

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“What does it mean?”

“If I help you cure your leg, we will get divorced. It’s a win–win situation. If you are not willing to seek treatment, I will also file for divorce!”

Maxim’s eyes instantly turned as cold as snow, “Briana, how dare you!”

Briana laughed and said, “Why wouldn’t I dare?! It’s your own choice to give up on treating your leg and wallow in self–pity. Why should I risk my whole life for you? If you want to go crazy, go crazy on your own!”

After speaking, Briana turned around and left directly.

After arriving at the Yoder Group, Briana pondered for a moment and decided to give Norma a call.

After Briana told her about Maxim’s unwillingness to treat his leg, she drove straight back to the villa.

She had just finished taking a shower and was about to have a meal when Maxim came back angrily.

“Why did you tell Grandma that I didn’t continue treating my leg?!”

Briana put down her chopsticks and calmly looked eyes with Maxim, enunciating each word, “Anyway, Grandma will find out sooner or later. Is there any difference between telling her now and telling her later?”

Maxim’s face turned pale, as he struggled to suppress his anger.

“You did a great job!”

Briana smiled faintly and said slowly, “If you don’t continue treating your leg, I don’t have a reason to stay here either. I will move out tonight.”

“Did you dare?”

“You can see if I dare or not!”

Maxim took a deep breath and said coldly, “I can continue treating your leg, but the condition is that we don’t get divorced.”

Briana rolled her eyes, a coldness evident in her gaze. “Maxim, whether you treat yourself or not is your own business. Trying to use this matter as a condition to threaten me will only make me look down on you!”

“You!”

Seeing Maxim’s angry expression, Briana also lost her appetite and stood up, saying, “Whether you treat it or not, it’s not me who will suffer. If Kiley abandons you like three years ago, it will serve you right!”

After speaking, she went straight to the bedroom and started packing her things.

Halfway through tidying up, Maxim walked in.

“I would continue treating the leg, and you cannot move away either!”

Briana rolled her eyes silently, throwing the neatly arranged clothes onto the bed. She grumbled impatiently, “Couldn’t you have done it earlier? You need someone to coax you while you treat your leg, you’re

crazy!”

Maxim:

After this incident, the two of them returned to their peaceful days as before.

Soon, Norma’s birthday arrived.

During this period, the two of them did not mention the matter of Norma’s birthday gift again. However, they both knew that it was impossible to give it together.

Briana left work early and went to the store to pick up the diamond bracelet she had reserved several months in advance. She then went straight to the Harmony Villa.

Norma didn't want to make a big fuss, but this year being her seventieth birthday, she reluctantly invited many prominent figures from the business community in Bridenville, thanks to Reese and Kendra's insistence.

When Briana walked into the living room of Harmony Villa, there were already many guests inside.

Kendra was talking to Kiley when she immediately spotted Briana. She directly frowned and averted her gaze as if she hadn't seen her.

Briana didn't mind and went straight to find Norma.

Norma saw her and a kind smile appeared on her face. "Briana, you finally came. I thought you had forgotten my birthday."

Briana handed out the brocade box in her hand and smiled, saying, "How could I forget, Grandma? Happy birthday!"

Norma received a brocade box and opened it to find a diamond bracelet inside. She immediately smiled with delight.

"Briana still knew my preferences, and I really liked it. Thank you, Briana!"

Norma immediately put the diamond bracelet on her hand, and everyone understood the significance of Briana in Norma's heart.

"By the way, where is Maxim? Why didn't he come with you?"

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Briana shook her head, "I went straight to pick up the diamond bracelet after work and came over. Mr. Yoder might still be working overtime."

At the mention, a trace of disappointment flashed in Norma's eyes. She had thought that during the time Maxim was recovering from the car accident, their relationship would have improved while living together. Now it seemed that things were still the same as before, with no progress.

"I had to work overtime on my birthday. When he comes later, you must talk to him properly!"

Briana smiled and replied to Norma's words, "Okay!"

Kiley, who was standing aside, saw how Norma treated Briana so well, but was extremely cold and indifferent towards herself. She felt both jealous and angry in her heart.

If it weren't for Maxim being raised by Norma since childhood, he would only listen to Norma, and she wouldn't have to go to such lengths to please this old hag!

"Kiley... Kiley... why did you suddenly stop talking?"

Kendra's voice brought Kiley back to reality, and she quickly snapped out of it and looked at the other person.

“Kendra, I’m sorry, I got a little distracted just now, maybe because I’ve been a bit tired lately.”

“You have recently helped me prepare for Norma’s birthday banquet, and I really appreciate your hard work. If only Briana had half of your understanding.”

Kiley’s hand involuntarily tightened, and she had no desire to be understanding.

But if she didn’t behave well, she might not have the qualification to sit here today.

Kiley gave a shy smile and said slowly, “Kendra, I’m glad I can help you. I have always enjoyed being with you and learning a lot from you.”

Kendra nodded, “Don’t worry, I have seen all the efforts you have made, and you are the only daughter-in-law I have recognized!”

Kiley’s face showed fear, “Kendra, don’t say that. Briana has already married Maxim, and I dare not have any thoughts about it.”

Kendra held her hand and whispered, “I will help you.”

She leaned in to Kiley’s ear and said something, and Kiley’s face immediately turned red.

Briana walked around the banquet hall and felt bored, so she went to the backyard and decided to spend some time alone in the pavilion.

Just as I reached the entrance of the backyard, I heard a burst of discussion coming from inside.

“Norma’s birthday party was really lively tonight, but unfortunately Mr. Yoder didn’t come. I hope it’s not because he’s disabled and afraid to -come.”

“I guess it’s also because I’m afraid of being laughed at. After all, I used to be the pride of the heavens, but now I am partially paralyzed and will never have a chance to stand up again. I guess it won’t be long before the position of the Yoder Group’s president is handed over to someone else.”

“If I were him, I might not be able to accept it either, spending the rest of my life paralyzed. I would rather jump into the river!”

Briana frowned and walked straight in, coldly saying, “If you have the guts, go say it to Maxim’s face. Hiding behind and gossiping doesn’t count as any skill!”

Sitting in the pavilion were several Bridenville socialites, who had recently returned from abroad. Briana was not familiar with them.

No one expected that someone would come to the backyard. They were startled at first, but then recognized it was Briana, with contempt and mockery in their eyes.

“Who did I think it was! It turns out to be Ms. Schneider, huh? We were just speaking the truth, did we say something wrong?”

Briana sneered, “Even if Maxim can never stand up again, it’s not your turn to babble here!”

“You!”

One of the women in the Schneider Group, who had business dealings with the family, suddenly stood up and disdainfully said to Briana, "Briana, you better act like you haven't heard anything, otherwise I'll make sure my dad ends the cooperation with the Schneider family when I go back!"

Briana had no warmth in her eyes and was about to speak when a cold voice sounded behind her.

"This lady has such a big mouth. Since your family is so capable, I suppose you don't need to cooperate with the Yoder Group anymore. Almost forgot, there are also your two families."

Seeing Maxim suddenly appear behind Briana, the faces of the few people turned pale.

If the family members had known that they had offended Maxim, resulting in the termination of the cooperation between the family company and the Yoder Group, they would have definitely broken their legs.

"Mr. Mr. Yoder... We didn't mean to... We're sorry..."

"Mr. Yoder, please forgive us this time... I promise we will never speak out of turn again..."

"I'm sorry... Mr. Yoder..."

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Several people looked scared, and the timid ones had already burst into tears.

However, Maxim showed no sympathy or tenderness at all, and coldly said, "If you dare to speak, you must be prepared to face the consequences!"

Briana was surprised to see Maxim, "Mr. Yoder, when did you come back?"

"When you left the living room."

"Oh."

So he followed himself all the way to the backyard?!

Maxim looked at her with a gentle gaze, he didn't expect Briana to stand up for herself, and an indescribable feeling surged in his heart.

"Have you visited Grandma yet? She was just talking about you earlier."

"Not yet."

As soon as I returned to the Harmony Villa, I saw her walking towards the backyard, and he followed suit.

"Then I pushed you over there, did you prepare a birthday gift for Grandma?"

"Um."



Briana pushed the wheelchair, occasionally exchanging a few words with Maxim, and the atmosphere remained relatively relaxed.

As soon as he walked into the living room, he immediately caught everyone's attention.

Although Maxim had already announced his marriage to Briana at Desmond's birthday party last time, people were still somewhat unaccustomed.

How did they suddenly get married when it was obvious that they hadn't even been dating?

Kiley stared at Briana with hatred in her eyes. It should have been her standing behind Maxim, but Briana had taken it all away from her!

When Maxim approached Norma, he handed over the prepared birthday gift.

"Grandma, happy birthday!"

Norma gave him a cold look and said, "You know it's my birthday today, and yet you came back so late!"

Although complaining, when receiving the gift, the face was still happy.

I saw a set of ice jade necklaces in the box, estimated to be worth several tens of millions.

Norma calmly closed the box and handed it to the butler beside her.

"The gift that Briana gave me was thoughtful."

Noticing Norma unconsciously touching the diamond bracelet on her wrist, a hint of shock flashed in Maxim's eyes, but it was quickly masked by indifference.

"Was this the birthday gift she gave you?"

This diamond bracelet, at the very least, was worth 8 million dollars.

Norma nodded, "Hmm."

"It was quite good-looking."

A few people had just chatted for a few moments when Kendra brought Kiley over.

"Mom, Kiley has also prepared a gift for you. It is a lucky necklace that she got after she prayed for a month at the church."

Kiley handed the necklace to Norma, looking a bit shy. "Norma. I heard that there is a prestigious priest at a church. I went to pray to him for a month, hoping that you would be safe, healthy, and live a long life!"

Norma took the necklace from her hand with a faint expression and nodded, saying, "Thank you, Ms. Schneider. Kendra, please take good care of Ms. Schneider for me."

Noticing Norma's cold attitude towards herself, Kiley's expression stiffened, and she unconsciously glanced at Maxim beside her

However, Maxim didn't look at her, his gaze remained on Briana.

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Kiley bit her lip, her eyes filled with grievances.

Kendra frowned and looked at Maxim, saying, "Maxim, don't just focus on Briana, take Kiley to the Harmony Villa as well."

Maxim glanced at Kendra with indifference and said, "I'm busy, you can have the servant show her around."

"You grew up with Kiley since childhood, isn't it too much to let the maid neglect her?"

A coldness flashed in Maxim's eyes, and he was about to speak when Norma interrupted. "Enough, let's not say anything. Today is my birthday, do you want to embarrass me in front of the guests?!"

Kendra's face stiffened for a moment, and she felt a bit dissatisfied in her heart.

Kiley quickly said, "Kendra, Norma, don't argue because of me. I have a friend who has also arrived. I'm going to find her and have a chat. We can visit the Harmony Villa another time."

Kendra forced a smile and nodded, saying, "Kiley, go ahead. There's Black Forest cake in today's dessert, which you like. You haven't had dinner, so remember to eat some to fill your stomach."

"Okay."

After Kiley left, the smile on Kendra's face faded.

"Maxim, after your grandmother's birthday banquet ended, you and your father stayed behind. We have something to discuss with you."

Maxim nodded, "Understood."

On the other hand, Kiley found Adeline and the two of them found a quiet place to chat.

"Kiley, I said you should focus your attention on Maxim instead. You try to please his mother every day, but it's completely ineffective."

Kiley smiled and a hint of calculation flashed in her eyes.

"Who said it was useless?"

Adeline shook her head helplessly and did not continue with the topic.

"By the way, recently my dad invested in a drama and I got a supporting role as the second female lead."

Kiley showed no interest in it, but still pretended to be excited and said, "Really?! So, does that mean you can step into the entertainment industry?!"

"Of course, in the future, I will definitely become a highly acclaimed star and step on those who looked down on me!"

“Did you really break up with Oliver?”

Adeline’s expression froze for a moment, and she coldly said, “Just a man, since he no longer likes me, I won’t cling to him desperately. There are plenty of men out there.”

Kiley raised an eyebrow and whispered, “But I heard that he has been trying to win Melody back recently. Are you willing to lose to Melody?!”

After a few seconds of silence, Adeline sneered, “Of course I am not willing, so I won’t let them be together!”

Kiley was about to ask what Adeline was planning to do when Adeline’s phone suddenly rang.

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After hanging up the phone, she turned to Kiley and said, “Kiley, I have something to attend to at home, so I’ll head back first. Let’s reschedule another day!”

“Okay.”

As Adeline left, Kiley’s gaze turned extremely cold.

At 8 o’clock in the evening, when Norma was about to cut the cake, a tall figure walked into the living room.

“Grandma, didn’t you wait for me to come back before cutting the cake?”

Norma was taken aback for a moment, looking at the figure approaching her with a mix of delight and disbelief in her eyes.

“Isaac, you came back?!”

Isaac Yoder walked up to Norma with a warm smile on his face, “Well, Grandma, I’m back.”

Norma’s eyes turned red in an instant, nodding and saying, “It’s good to be back, it’s good to be back!”

The guests saw Isaac, and their eyes were filled with shock, after all, he had disappeared from everyone’s sight for five or six years.

Since his parents died in a car accident, he left after leaving a letter for Norma, and no one knew where he went.

Norma pulled him to sit beside her and, after calming down, looked at him and asked, “Where have you been these past few years?”

Isaac smiled and said, “Grandma, today is your birthday. I will tell you all about it later, let’s cut the cake first.”