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As she was leaving, she gave Briana a cold glance, her eyes filled with jealousy and anger.

After Kiley left. Briana pushed Maxim away somewhat discontentedly and said, "Wasn't Mr. Yoder quite chivalrous before?! Why is he so indifferent to your 'moonlight' now? Is it because I'm here, affecting your performance?"

Maxim couldn't help but chuckle, "That's all in the past. Don't you know who I like now

Briana snorted, "Not very clear."

"Then let me prove it."

"How....."

Before she could even utter two words, she was silenced by Maxim's kiss on her chin.

The kiss ended, Briana was panting heavily in Maxim's arms, gritting her teeth and saying, "Rogue!"

"Is it clear now?"

Briana looked up at him, pursed her lips and said, "Whatever

happened between you and Kiley in the past is over. From now on, you are not allowed to have any relationship with her, or I won't give you another chance."

A shadow passed over Maxim's eyes, then he lowered his head and said with a soft laugh, "Understood."

"Right, how is Mark? He must have been manipulated by someone."

Speaking of this, Maxim's expression became serious, and he said coldly, "He wasn't injured, just overly frightened. He has already been taken away by the police for questioning."

Briana nodded, "Hmm, that person behind him, if I'm not mistaken, should be Owen."

Surprise flashed in Maxim's eyes, "A shareholder of MY Corporation?"

"Um, but evidence was needed."

Maxim lowered his head and pecked her lips, saying, "Leave this matter to me to investigate, you should rest well recently."

"Good."

On the other side, Owen found out that Mark had been arrested and that Briana had only suffered minor injuries. He was so angry that he swept all the documents on the table onto the floor.

"This piece of trash!"

He immediately called his lawyer and said coldly, "I want to see Mark!"

They absolutely couldn't let Mark rat him out, otherwise he would be done for!

Beneath the MY Corporation building, due to the recent explosion, many people from MY Corporation and other companies were alarmed Suddenly, there were rumors spreading around Bridenville that someone was carrying a bomb to blow up MY Corporation and that Briana and Maxim were a married couple.

"Briana and Maxim are actually married?! I was shocked, wasn't

Maxim always attending various dinner events with Kiley before?!"

"Hehe, rich people sure know how to have fun. I guess he wants to have his cake and eat it too, huh? But Kiley and Briana are identical twins, can he even tell them apart?"

"Did your discussion go off track? Shouldn't you be discussing the explosion case now? I remember not long ago there was also a villa that seemed to have exploded. There wouldn't be any connection between these two incidents, would there?"

"Where is the intrigue of a bombing case compared to the feud of the wealthy? I blindly guessed that Briana and Kiley would fight over Maxim!"

Seeing those comments online, Briana frowned and irritably tossed her phone to Maxim.

"It's all your fault, we're already divorced. You called me your wife in front of so many people before, was it deliberate?!"

Maxim's eyes flickered, he lowered his gaze and said, "The situation was urgent at that time, I just wanted Mark to be cautious after knowing you were my wife, I didn't expect it to get out."

"You explained it yourself."

Maxim put away his phone and looked at Briana, saying, "I just told them you were my wife. No one would believe it now if I explained that we're already divorced."

Briana glared at him, "Did you do that on purpose?"

Maxim pulled the person into his arms and spoke softly, "No, we are back together now, explanation or not."

Briana furrowed her brow, about to speak, when the hospital room door was suddenly pushed open.

The people outside saw the two people hugging each other in the hospital room, their eyes filled with shock.

"Maxim... Ms. Schneider, you guys......'

Briana turned her head towards the door, seeing Brycen and others, she immediately wanted to pull away from Maxim's arms, but he held her waist tightly.

"Let go of me first!"

Maxim remained calm. "What's there to fear? They were bound to find out about us getting back together sooner or later anyway."

Moreover, he always felt that Tyrone's attitude towards Briana was a bit off, and it wasn't bad to seize the opportunity to declare sovereignty

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Seeing that she couldn't push him away, Briana frowned and said, "If you don't let go of me, I'll really get angry!"

Seeing her face turn red to the roots of her ears, Maxim also realized that she was truly shy and didn't force her anymore.

As soon as she let go, Briana slipped out of bed, put on his slippers, covered her face and sneaked away, without even saying hello to Brycen and the others.

After only a few people were left in the ward, Brycen said with a smile, "Originally, I came to see you after hearing about your injury. But seeing you like this now, it seems we didn't need to come."

Maxim's expression was indifferent, "Hmm, you can leave now."

Brycen was taken aback for a moment, then laughed and scolded, "Well, you've learned to forget your principles at the sight of beauty now."

Tyrone, who had been silent since he came in, suddenly spoke up, "Maxim, have you made up with Briana?"

"Mm-hmm."

He looked at Tyrone, a hint of coldness unconsciously creeping into his eyes.

Tyrone felt a pang in his heart and lowered his gaze, no longer speaking.

He originally thought he had a chance, but it turned out to be just a

joke that fate played on him.

Sensing something off in the atmosphere between the two, Brycen raised an eyebrow.

"Since Maxim was fine, let's go back first."

After a few people left, Maxim took out his phone and dialed Rayan's number.

"Go check, who was Mark acting under the orders of!"

The lawyer quickly arranged a meeting between Owen and Mark. When Mark saw Owen, there was not the slightest flicker in his eyes.

When he saw the dynamite explode, he knew that Owen didn't consider him a brother at all.

However, remembering that Owen had previously paid off his debts, he didn't turn Owen in, otherwise, he would have no one to help him outside. Melody, that ungrateful wretch, would definitely not care about his life or death.

"Owen, you finally arrived, I've been waiting for you."

The two had a chat and reached a consensus. Owen would try to save Mark from the outside, while Mark could not turn him in

When leaving the police station, Owen finally let his hanging heart down. As long as Mark didn't betray him, there was still room for

maneuver.

He called Melody and said coldly, "Melody, I just met with your father. Come to my house, I have something to tell you."

Soon, Melody arrived.

"Uncle, what were you looking for me for?"

"You sit first."

Owen wore a look of earnest concern, sighed and said, "Melody, I know your dad has been down and out since his company went bankrupt, and he's done a lot of terrible things, but he's still your dad after all."

There was no warmth in Melody's eyes. "Uncle, what exactly are you trying to say? Just say it directly, no need to beat around the bush."

"I heard about the incident your father caused at MY Corporation before, but fortunately, no one was killed."

"You had a good relationship with Ms. Schneider, why don't you go plead with her on behalf of your father? Ask her to spare him. After all, he's already in his fifties. If he goes to jail, he might not even live to see the day he gets out."

After listening, Melody let out a cold laugh.

"You really overestimate me. Ms. Schneider and Mr. Yoder were almost killed, and you want me to plead for mercy? I'm not that shameless!"

Seeing Melody getting up to leave, Owen hurriedly said, "Melody, do you really not care about your father's life or death?!"

Melody's expression was icy cold as she spoke deliberately, "From the -day he started drinking, abusing my mom and me, and going out to borrow money for gambling, he ceased to be my father"

If Mark hadn't been gambling all day, losing and then drinking and hitting his mother, she wouldn't have been driven to commit suicide by

jumping off a building.

When Mark went to MY Corporation with explosives, threatening Briana's life to give him all the money, Melody lost the last bit of affection for him.

"No matter what, he was still your dad!"

Melody didn't say anything else, she turned around and left directly.

Watching her retreating figure, a shadow of gloom flashed across Owen's face as he pulled out the tape recorder from under the table.

He didn't want to save Mark. After all, if he did, Mark would just gamble the money away. It might be better for him to be locked up in jail, at least he could have a few peaceful years. However, he couldn't be the bad guy.

As far as Mark knew, if no one else would care about him except himself, he would definitely not dare to speak out about those things.

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Since Briana and Maxim's injuries were not severe, they were discharged from the hospital in just a few days.

Under Maxim's insistence, Briana agreed to move in with him at Emerald Villa, but they still slept in separate rooms.

Ignoring Maxim's dissatisfied gaze, Briana directly moved her stuff to the second bedroom.

Having packed up her things and left the bedroom, she saw Maxim setting the tableware, Briana raised an eyebrow.

"Was this the takeout you just ordered?"

"Um. let's eat first."

During the meal, Briana asked how the investigation into Mark's matter was going.

They were still investigating, but Mark adamantly claimed that he had bought the explosives through his own channels, refusing to mention any connection with Owen.

Briana nodded, unsurprised, and said, "That's normal, he probably knew that if he gave up Owen, he would be completely finished"

"Owen had paid off Mark's five million gambling debt before Mark took the explosives to MY Corporation."

"No wonder Mark was willing to take the blame for Owen."

After finishing their meal, Briana watched TV on the sofa, while

Maxim went to the study to deal with work.

Just arrived at the study, I received a call from Rayan.

"Mr. Yoder, are we still following up with CharmDress?"

Maxim fell silent for a few seconds, then said coldly, "Once Kiley gets started, there's no need to interfere."

"Alright, I understood."

After hanging up the phone, Maxim's brow furrowed.

It seemed that he had to find an opportunity to talk to Kiley, to let Kiley state the remaining two conditions together, so that he could completely draw a line with her.

It was with great difficulty that Briana finally forgave him, he didn't want them to have another misunderstanding over something else.

Upon receiving a call from Rayan and learning that the Yoder Group would no longer assist her, Kiley was filled with anger.

It must have been because of that bitch, Briana!

She took a deep breath and dialed Kendra's number.

"Kendra, there's something I've been thinking about and I've decided to tell you."

"What?"

"This matter wasn't quite suitable to discuss over the phone, let's arrange a place to meet."

Half an hour later, a coffee shop with excellent privacy.

Kendra sat across from Kiley, looking at her with a puzzled expression.

"Kiley, what exactly are you trying to tell me? Why are you hesitating?"

Kiley hesitated, taking several seconds before slowly saying, "Kendra, actually, twenty–three years ago, my sister didn't get lost... she was abandoned by our parents."

Kendra looked shocked and frowned, "Are you telling the truth?!"

She had never heard of any parents who would abandon their newborn child.

Kiley nodded, "Well, it all started with a Feng Shui master our family used to trust a lot..."

Finally, Kendra didn't know how she had returned to the Yoder's house.

Reese noticed her unusual mood and frowned, "Why do you look like you've lost your soul after going out?"

Kendra looked at him, and after a long while, she slowly began, "Do you remember the Feng Shui master who suddenly died more than twenty years ago?"

"Why did you suddenly ask about this?"

"He suddenly died because he revealed the fact that Briana could cause the destruction of the Schneider family, which led to his untimely death."

Reese's face changed, the Feng Shui master had helped him a lot, and indeed, the Yoder family had been getting better and better since they listened to the Feng Shui master.

"Don't talk nonsense without any basis!"

Kendra took a deep breath, gritted her teeth and said, "If you don't believe me, call Zane to confront me face to face. I'll tell you why the Schneider family has been neglecting her since they brought her back. There's a reason behind it, that's why Maxim has been having a hard time ever since he married her!"

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Reese gave her a cold glance and said icily, "Stop being so suspicious all the time. If you really have nothing to do, go travel. I have work to do and no time to waste on you!"

Seeing Reese about to leave, Kendra quickly stopped him.

"No, I must make Maxim completely cut ties with Briana, otherwise one day Maxim will be killed by her!"

"Could you please stop making a fuss?! Isaac has just joined the company, and Maxim already had enough on his plate. You're just looking for trouble!"

Kendra glared at Reese, angrily saying, "How am I being

unreasonable?! Reese, have you disregarded even the life and death of your own son for the Yoder Group?!"

"I couldn't be bothered to argue with you, do whatever you want!"

After speaking, Reese immediately turned around and left.

"Reese, stop right there! You come back!"

However, no matter how Kendra shouted, Reese never turned back.

Their union had always been a business arrangement, Kendra knew. Reese had never loved her, and after the birth of Maxim and Roxanne, he never touched her again.

Over the years, she had made a fuss and argued, pushing Reese further and further away. Now, they were merely maintaining a superficial calm.

Maxim was her pride, she would never let anyone threaten him!

If he just went to Maxim and asked him to set boundaries with Briana, he definitely wouldn't listen to himself. He had to think of another

way.

Early the next morning, as soon as Briana arrived at the company, Owen came to find her.

After hearing his words, Briana said expressionlessly, "So you're asking me to let go of the criminal who almost killed me?"

"My brother was also confused for a moment, and if he was arrested, Melody would really be homeless. You are Melody's good friend, you wouldn't just stand by and let this happen, would you?"

Briana chuckled lightly, "Did you perhaps get something wrong?"

"What?"

"Your brother was committing a crime, it's not a matter of whether I forgive him or not, he was bound to be punished. And it's not just him. but also the puppet master behind him, they were sure to face legal sanctions!"

Detecting the hidden meaning in Briana's words, the expression on Owen's face turned extremely unpleasant.

"Why be so ruthless when you could have shown mercy?"

The smile on Briana's face turned icy, "You can tell that to the law. Oh, and by the way, you don't need to worry about the company's fabric matters anymore, just focus on after—sales service."

Owen's face turned ashen, "What does this mean, Ms. Schneider? What have I done wrong? Are you firing me?!"

"You misunderstood, I only planned to take over from you because I have the ability to manage this. Moreover, I have collected customer reviews, and it seems that the after–sales service of MY Corporation is not well–rated, so I hope you can pay more attention to it."

"Heh, you're ruthless! We'll see about that!"

Owen stormed out, slamining the door of Briana's office with a thunderous bang.

Briana didn't mind either, she continued to read the documents with her head down.

Just before getting off work, Maxim gave her a call.

"Last night, Grandma called us to have dinner at the Harmony Villa."

Surprise flashed in Briana's eyes, "She found out about us?"

"Yeah. I told her."

Not hearing a response from Briana, Maxim continued, "What's the matter? Are you not happy?"

Briana felt somewhat helpless, rubbing her temples and saying, "Should I be happy?"

She had originally planned to spend some time with Maxim first, and then make their relationship public once it was more stable. She didn't expect him to be so impatient.

"If you felt uncomfortable, I wouldn't be able to explain it to grandma. We could go another day."

"No need, let's do it today. Come pick me up after work later."

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"Good."

After hanging up the phone, Briana didn't dwell on the matter too much, she lowered her head and continued to work.

As soon as it was time to get off work, Briana immediately packed up her things and went downstairs.

Before leaving the office, she reapplied her lipstick.

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Met Melody at the elevator entrance, and upon seeing her, she couldn't help but smile.

"Indeed, a woman nourished by love is different, her complexion was noticeably better than before."

Briana's face turned red for a moment, and she glared at Melody.

"What nonsense were you talking about?!"

Melody raised an eyebrow, "Quite rare, isn't it? You being shy. But what I meant was you making up with Maxim, did you

misunderstand?"

Briana: ".

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Seeing her not speaking, Melody couldn't help but continue to tease her.

"What on earth were you thinking, blushing like that?"

"Did you not get out much, so that's why you talk so much?"

Melody quickly waved her hands and said, "I won't say anymore, I still have a lot of work unfinished! Don't assign me any more tasks!"

"By the way, has Oliver been pursuing you recently?"

Melody shook her head, "I've already clearly rejected him. He hasn't bothered me recently, probably gave up. Besides, I'm seeing someone else now."

Surprise flashed in Briana's eyes, "Who is it?"

"Keep it a secret first, if it works out, then bring it to meet you."

Seeing her say this, Briana didn't ask anymore.

Once downstairs, seeing Maxim's car by the roadside, Melody said goodbye to Briana and left.

Briana walked to the side of the road, just as she opened the car door, she saw a bouquet of flowers on the seat, and they were her favorite sunflowers.

Surprise flashed in her eyes, she hadn't expected Maxim to send her flowers.

"Thank you, but how did you know sunflowers are my favorite?"

Maxim remained calm, "In the past, you always filled the vases on the dining table and in the living room with sunflowers at Glamor Villa."

Briana chuckled, surprised that he had noticed. She had thought he would never pay attention to such details.

Half an hour later, the black Maybach drove into the Harmony Villa.

A grey Rolls–Royce was already parked in the parking lot. After the driver stopped the car, Briana and Maxim got out.

Just as I walked into the living room, I saw Isaac sitting on the sofa, chatting with Norma.

Seeing Briana and Maxim, the smile on his face faded a bit. He stood up and said to Norma, "Grandma, Maxim and Briana are here. I'm going to take a walk in the garden. Let them keep you company for a while."

Norma nodded with a smile, "Alright, off you go."

Briana wasn't sure if it was just her imagination, but she felt that Isaac's gaze on her was filled with deep meaning.

After Isaac left, Maxim took Briana and sat down across from Norma.

Seeing their hands clasped together, a smile filled Norma's eyes, "Have you two really made up?"

Maxim raised an eyebrow, "Could there be any falsehood?"

Norma glanced at him irritably, "I didn't ask you. It's only because Briana is soft—hearted that she gave you another chance. If you make Briana sad, not to mention Briana not wanting you, I won't acknowledge you as my grandson either!"

Maxim: "....."

Briana couldn't help but chuckle, looking at Norma she said, "Grandma, he's pretty good to me now."

"If he wasn't good to you, even if you wanted to get back together with him. I wouldn't agree."

Half of Maxim's face darkened, "Grandmother, am I really your biological grandson?"

"You should treat Briana well. If you don't treat Briana well, I can cut ties with you at any time."

Seeing Maxim's face turn completely black, Briana reached out and poked his cheek, saying, "Mr. Yoder, grandma was just joking with you!"

"I was not joking."

Seeing Norma's serious face, Briana couldn't help but say, "Grandma, please stop teasing Mr. Yoder!"

Maxim's aloof temperament would certainly have found it difficult to adapt to this kind of teasing.

Norma didn't continue on that topic either. "By the way, how has Isaac been doing at the Yoder Group recently?"

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A glint of coldness flashed in Maxim's eyes, then he slowly said, "Pretty good."

"I also knew that Isaac's current position at the Yoder Group was awkward, but you two are brothers. I still hoped that you could help him more, after all. he..."

At this point, a hint of sadness flashed in Norma's eyes. She sighed and didn't speak anymore.

Maxim's expression was indifferent, but he still nodded and said, "If he doesn't do anything outrageous, I won't treat him unfairly."

After all, the position of President at the Yoder Group should have been Isaac's.

But after his uncle had a car accident that year, Isaac immediately went abroad.

After taking over the Yoder Group, Maxim had put in a lot of effort to bring the Yoder Group to its current position. It was clearly impossible for him to just hand it over to someone else.

"Um, after a while, once Isaac had decided to stay in Bridenville, I was going to give him some money to start his own business. You could help him out if you could at that time."

"Alright, I understood."

The two stopped at that point and didn't continue the topic any further.

Maxim still had a few documents to review. After spending some time

with Norma, he went to the study to work.

After everyone else had left the living room, leaving only Norma and Briana, she took Briana's hand and said softly, "Briana, thank you for giving Maxim a chance."

She really didn't want to part with Briana, and thought she was great.

Sometimes, Norma was incredibly envious of Desmond and Lacey. If she had such wonderful granddaughters, wouldn't she cherish them like the apple of her eye.

It was just that the Schneider family had poor judgment, always thinking Kiley was better than Briana in every way.

"Grandma, even if I was willing to give him a chance, I couldn't guarantee that we could stay together forever."

Norma nodded, "I know, if you give up on him again, it must be because he has hurt you. I will absolutely not plead for him."

A warm current swept through Briana's heart, "Grandma, thank you!"

"What are you thanking me for? These past few years, I've already considered you as my own granddaughter! By the way, do you have any girls around your age nearby?"

"What happened?"

Norma sighed, her voice dropping a few notches, "Isaac is three years older than Maxim, but he still doesn't have a girlfriend Your ex- mother—in—law couldn't possibly arrange that for him, this matter has always been a worry of mine."

Isaac's parents had passed away, and once she died, he would truly be alone. Therefore, Norma hoped that he could get married as soon as possible.

Briana pondered for a moment, then shook her head and said, "Grandma, I don't have any girls of that age around me. However, you could host a party and invite the unmarried ladies of Bridenville to attend. Perhaps cousin might meet a girl he fancies."

"But under what pretext?"

Briana chuckled and said, "Cousin has been away from Bridenville for

so many years, how about throwing him a welcome party?"

Upon hearing this, Norma's eyes lit up and she nodded, saying, "Briana, you're so smart! Let's do it this way!"

After finishing the documents, Maxim returned to the living room, only to find Briana and Norma huddled together, whispering about something he couldn't discern.

"Grandma, Briana, what were you doing?"

Norma glanced up at him, "It's none of your business, just mind your own."

The two discussed for a while longer, and finally, Norma made the final decision, "Alright, this weekend it is!"

No sooner had the words been spoken than the servant came over.

"Dinner was ready."

"The garden called Isaac back for dinner."

Soon, the four of them were sitting together eating.

Norma sat in the main seat, with Isaac and Maxim on either side of her, while Briana sat next to Maxim.

Isaac ate his meal in silence, only occasionally responding to Norma's

words. The rest of the time, he kept his head down, quietly eating.

Noticing Briana frequently looking at Isaac, Maxim's face visibly darkened.

After finishing a meal, without even having two sips of tea, Maxim had already pulled Briana away.

On the way back, Maxim kept a cold face, and every time Briana spoke to him, he responded succinctly.

Seeing that he was clearly angry, Briana found it somewhat baffling.

"Mr. Yoder, what was wrong with you tonight? Did I upset you?"

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Maxim's expression was indifferent, his voice somewhat eerie and strange.

"Why were you staring at Isaac the whole time during dinner?! Anyone would have thought he was your boyfriend!"

Briana couldn't help but laugh, raising an eyebrow at Maxim, "Are you angry because of this?"

"Wasn't this enough?"

"Enough, enough. But I think it's because today my grandmother wanted me to introduce a girlfriend to him. However, I didn't have any suitable ones around me. So, I suggested to my grandmother to throw a welcome party for my cousin and invite the socialites from Bridenville to attend."

Maxim sneered, "This is hardly a welcome banquet, it looks more like a selection ceremony for a queen."

Briana: "

After a few seconds of silence, she looked at Maxim and said, "I noticed you seem to have hostility towards Isaac. Did you have a conflict with him?"

"No, it was simply that we couldn't get along."

Seeing that Maxim didn't look well, Briana didn't continue to ask further.

The two returned to Emerald Villa, just in time to meet Kendra who

had come to look for Maxim.

Seeing Briana, Kendra's eyes darkened. Had Maxim really gotten back together with her?!

Understanding that Kendra didn't like her much, Briana gave a casual greeting, then turned to Maxim and said, "I'm going back to my room."

Kendra suddenly interrupted her, a smile on her face, "No need, I just came to bring some dumplings I made for Maxim. You can freeze them in the refrigerator later. If you don't want Auntie to cook, just boil some dumplings to eat."

Seeing the dumplings handed over by Kendra, Briana was somewhat surprised. not understanding why her attitude towards herself seemed like she had become a different person.

Seeing that Briana didn't respond, Kendra chuckled and said. "Briana, I admit I had some issues with you before, but I've come to realize recently that your relationship is between the two of you, and I shouldn't interfere."

Not knowing what she was up to, Briana took the dumplings she handed over.

"Thank you for understanding, Mrs. Yoder."

Kendra didn't say anything else, she gave Maxim a few instructions and then left.

After putting the dumplings in the refrigerator, Briana was about to go back to her bedroom to take a bath, but as soon as she turned around, she was blocked by Maxim between him and the refrigerator.

"Mr. Yoder, you..."

Before she could finish speaking, she was kissed by Maxim.

Briana unconsciously grabbed his shirt, forced to respond to his kiss.

Maxim didn't let go of her until she was nearly suffocating.

"Move to my bedroom tonight."

"No, I told you the condition for me staying here was separate rooms for sleeping, you can't go back on your word."

He looked down at Briana, her eyes full of determination, without a hint of wavering.

"Alright then."

Briana pushed him away, laughing, "Mr. Yoder, it's time for us to wash up and go to bed."

Maxim held her waist and lowered his head for another lingering kiss.

"This was my compensation for living alone."

Just as Briana was about to speak, Maxim's phone suddenly rang

Seeing it was Rayan, Maxim let go of her, "I'll go get that."

"Good."

Maxim walked into the living room to answer the phone. Whatever was said on the other end was unknown, but he quickly hung up and walked into the kitchen.

"There was a problem at the company, I need to go there now, I might come back very late, you should rest early."

Seeing his gloomy expression, Briana nodded and said, "Alright, you better go now, work is important."

A flicker of indescribable emotion flashed in Maxim's eyes. He held

Briana, kissed her for a while longer before he turned and left.

Just as she reached the door, Briana's voice suddenly sounded from behind.

"Wait a moment!"

Maxim's body suddenly stiffened, his hands hanging by his sides unconsciously tightened.

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Briana walked up to him and adjusted his tie for him, smiling as she said, "There, it was crooked because I pulled it earlier."

No sooner had the words fallen than Maxim suddenly wrapped his arm around her waist, whispering, "Wait for me to come back."

"Good."

Maxim drove away directly after leaving the villa.

When he arrived at the club, Kiley had already lost consciousness, burrowing into Rayan's arms.

Rayan was inwardly complaining non-stop. If he had known he would encounter such an embarrassing situation, he should have refused when Maxim initially asked him to help Kiley manage the CharmDress.

The moment Rayan saw Maxim appear at the box door, he hurriedly said, "Mr. Yoder, I can't hold on much longer."

Maxim's expression was indifferent, "I've already called the doctor, just bear with it a little longer."

Rayan: "

If he hadn't been single, this situation would have been hard to explain.

"What on earth happened tonight?"

"I brought Ms. Schneider to negotiate business with a partner, but they drugged Ms. Schneider's cup. By the time I discovered it, it was

already too late."

Maxim's face turned cold, "I don't want to see that partner's name in Bridenville again, block all the news, I don't want tonight's incident to get out, and from now on, call a doctor for such matters, I won't interfere anymore."

If it hadn't been for Rayan's brief call stating that Kiley had been drugged at the Emperor Hotel before abruptly hanging up, and then becoming unreachable, Maxim wouldn't have come over tonight.

The doctor came to check on Kiley's medication, it was already an hour later.

"Mr. Yoder, Ms. Schneider should be fine, a good night's sleep should do the trick."

After the doctor left, Maxim looked at Rayan with an indifferent expression.

"Find a hotel and book a room for her."

Rayan picked up the black–screened phone from the ground, almost in tears, "Mr. Yoder, when I was calling you earlier, Ms. Schneider snatched the phone from me, and it fell to the ground and broke..."

Maxim's face instantly turned incredibly gloomy, and it took him several minutes before he finally spoke: "Use mine for the registration."

After arranging a room for Kiley, Rayan left immediately after escorting her into the room.

As for Maxim, he left with a dark face the moment the room was ready.

Returning to the villa, Maxim knocked on Briana's door, but there was

no response from inside.

He furrowed his brows, realizing the door was unlocked. After pushing the door open, he found that Briana was not inside.

A cold glint flashed in his eyes as he took out his phone to call Briana, only to find it was turned off!

Where could she have gone so late? And she even turned off her phone!

Immediately dialed Rayan's number, coldly saying, "Find out where Briana is now!"

On the other side, not long after Maxim left, Briana received a phone call and also left the villa.

She hailed a taxi and went straight to Lose Demon, heading directly for the largest private room inside.

When the door was pushed open, the originally noisy sound in the box suddenly became silent.

The man sitting in the very center, wearing a devil mask, smirked, seemingly in a good mood.

"Iris, how was the gift I gave you last time? Did you like it?"

Two rows of well—trained bodyguards stood in the box, exuding an oppressive atmosphere, but none of them were as terrifying as the man sitting in the center of the box's sofa,

Briana walked over to sit across from him without changing her expression, and spoke indifferently, "Scorpion, taking the task to kill you was purely accidental. I was also set up. What do you want in order to let me go?"

An hour ago, Robin called her to tell her that Scorpion was in Lose Demon right now. She immediately rushed over, with the sole purpose of settling the previous matters with Scorpion.

Scorpion picked up the wine in front of him and took a sip, laughing as he said, "You've killed so many of my brothers, how do you think this score should be settled?"

Briana's eyes turned cold, "You should know Fullmoon's rules. Even if you want revenge, you should go after the person who took the mission to kill you."

Scorpion chuckled, but there was a chill in his eyes.

"Did you forget? I've already left Fullmoon, so I don't have to follow Fullmoon's rules."

Briana's brow furrowed, she said coldly, "So you mean only one of us can survive?"

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"Not necessarily, as long as you do one thing for me, I might just let you go."

An hour later, Briana stepped out of Lose Demon, the last words Scorpion had said to her still seemed to echo in her ears.

He told her to think it over, but clearly didn't give her a chance to choose.

Full of worries, I walked to the car, just about to leave, when a cold voice suddenly sounded in my ear.

"Briana, shouldn't you be sleeping in the villa at this time? Why are you here?!"

Briana turned around, seeing Maxim standing behind her with a cold expression, a flash of surprise in her eyes.

She was so lost in thought just now that she didn't even notice when Maxim had come up behind her.

After a moment of silence, Briana finally spoke, "Did you come out specifically to find me?"

"What do you say?"

Maxim walked up to her, looked down at her and said, "You haven't answered my question from earlier."

Briana pursed her lips, whispering, "Mr. Yoder, this is my personal matter, I don't want to talk about it, is that okay?"

The moment the words fell, the atmosphere between the two also stagnated for a moment.

After a few seconds of silence, Maxim finally spoke in a low voice, "Alright, let's go back."

On the way back to the villa, both of them were silent.

Briana was constantly staring out the window, lost in thought, while Maxim's face was cold and stern. The veins on his hands, gripping the steering wheel, were bulging, clearly suppressing his anger.

Returning to the villa, Briana said goodnight to Maxim and then went back to her bedroom.

Maxim's gaze was fixed intently on the door of the second bedroom, his eyes filled with suppressed anger.

Although the two of them had started over, he felt that he understood Briana even less.

Early the next morning, as soon as Maxim arrived at the Yoder Group, Rayan went to his office to report on the progress of the investigation.

"Mr. Yoder, last night we only found out that Ms. Schneider went to the most luxurious box in Lose Demon, but who she specifically met and what happened, we couldn't find out at all."

Maxim's eyes were cold as ice, "Keep investigating, we must find out who she met!"

With a serious expression, Rayan began to speak, "Mr. Yoder, I'm afraid we won't be able to find anything. The surveillance in that box has been destroyed. Unless Ms. Schneider is willing to tell you, we won't be able to find anything."

No sooner had the words fallen than the temperature in the entire

office dropped to freezing point in an instant. Rayan didn't dare to look at Maxim's icy face, he kept his head down and said nothing.

It took a long while for Maxim's voice to sound, "You go out."

After Rayan left, Maxim stared at the document for a long time before finally pulling out his phone and making a call.

"Help me look up a person."

MY Corporation.

During the morning meeting. Melody noticed that Briana had been distracted several times, and immediately went to find her after the

meeting.

"Did you have a fight with Maxim? Why are you so restless this early in the morning? You've never been like this before."

Briana shook her head, "It's okay, I might just be a little tired lately."

"If you were really tired, take a few days off. After all, MY Corporation still needed you at the helm."

"Um, I understand. By the way, about your father's situation, if you want him to get a lighter sentence, I could..."

Before the sentence was finished, it was interrupted by Melody.

"No need, you don't have to issue any kind of letter of understanding, just handle it normally."

"Alright, you went to work."

After Melody left, Briana thought for a long time and finally made up

her mind to call Scorpion.

As soon as it connected, Scorpion's slightly cold voice came from the other end.

"Iris, calling me so early in the morning, have you made up your mind?"

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"Um, about the conditions you mentioned last night, I can agree."

As the words fell, Scorpion chuckled softly, seemingly in high spirits.

"You indeed did not disappoint me."

Briana's expression was icy cold as she said, word by word, "If anything happens to the people around me, even if I have to chase you to the ends of the earth, I will kill you."

"Don't worry, since you agreed to my terms, I naturally won't harm anyone around you. I'll contact you again in three months."

After hanging up the phone, Briana took a deep breath, put down her cell phone, and started working.

The largest Rejoice Hotel in Bridenville.

When Kiley woke up, she felt weak all over, without any strength.

She slowly sat up, realizing she was in a hotel, her face instantly turned incredibly ugly.

After looking down and seeing that he was still wearing last night's clothes, and feeling no discomfort, he finally breathed a sigh of relief

The memories of last night came flooding back. She remembered going to meet a business partner with Rayan. After drinking the wine that the partner had handed her, she quickly felt unwell and then she knew nothing more.

But she vaguely remembered that she seemed to have seen Maxim.

Thinking of this, Kiley immediately called Rayan.

"Rayan, was I drugged last night?!"

Rayan told her about what had happened last night, revealing that it was he who had brought her to the hotel. A flicker of disappointment passed through Kiley's eyes, but she still ventured to ask, "I think I saw Maxim last night, did he come over?"

The phone was silent for a few seconds before Rayan's voice came through.

"No, Ms. Schneider, you must have seen it wrong."

Kiley didn't ask again, she hung up the phone, got up to wash and prepare to leave.

When checking out downstairs, some fragments flashed vaguely in Kiley's mind, and she suddenly asked, "Who opened my room?"

"Just a moment, I checked."

Soon, the receptionist said with a smile, "Ms. Schneider, Mr. Yoder has booked a room for you."

Kiley lowered her gaze, smiling ambiguously.

She knew, Maxim would never neglect her.

However, the thought of Rayan lying to her over the phone made her unconsciously furrow her brow

It seemed that an opportunity had to be found to have Maxim fire him Keeping such a secretary who made decisions on his own and lied was nothing but a disaster!

I cheerfully returned to the Schneider family's place. As soon as I

entered the villa, I saw Zane sitting in the living room, looking a bit upset.

Kiley was somewhat surprised, as Zane wouldn't usually be home at this time on a regular day.

"Dad, why didn't you go to work?"

Zane looked at her with angry eyes, speaking displeasingly, "Kiley, you knew Briana was the president of MY Corporation, why didn't you tell me?"

Seeing the blame in Zane's eyes, Kiley paused in her steps, then

lowered her gaze and feigned grievance as she spoke, "Dad, you know I've just taken over the CharmDress recently, there's a lot to do, so I just forgot because I was too busy."

Most importantly, she didn't want the Schneider family to know about this, as it might change their attitude towards Briana.

Zane frowned, saying coldly, "Next time, tell me about this kind of thing immediately!"

"Good."

The news that Briana was the president of MY Corporation quickly reached the old Schneider family home. Lacey immediately called Zane.

"Don't favor Kiley too much with Mallory, and invite Mu back home for a meal whenever you have time."

Zane nodded, "I understand."

Lacey continued, "I know you and Mallory both prefer Kiley, but Briana is now the president of MY Corporation, she might be able to help the Schneider family in the future."

"Mom, don't worry about this matter, I knew what to do."