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Returning to the study. Maxim saw that Kiley was still standing at the villa entrance, and couldn't help but frown.

Kiley used to be very weak after she saved him from falling off the mountain. If she got caught in such heavy rain, she would definitely get sick.

Having stood outside the window for a long time, Maxim eventually took an umbrella and left the villa.

Outside the villa, after enduring the rain for a long time. Kiley, who was almost unable to hold on, saw the villa door open, and a hint of a smile flashed in her eyes.

She knew, Maxim would definitely be reluctant to let her go.

Maxim walked a few steps away from Kiley, holding an umbrella, and handed her one with an indifferent expression.

"Even if you stood here until tomorrow morning, I wouldn't let the Schneider Group off the hook."

The expression on Kiley's face turned desperate, "Maxim, can't we really let the Schneider Group off this time?"

There was no warmth in Maxim's eyes as he said, word by word, "I still owe you two favors. You can use this incident to offset one."

Kiley's face turned deathly pale abruptly, she unconsciously stepped back a few steps, shaking her head and saying, "No..."

The corner of Maxim's mouth curled into a cold smile, "It seems that

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the Schneider Group isn't that important to you after all."

Kiley closed her eyes and slowly said, "I will find another way to save the Schneider Group."

After speaking, she turned around and left directly.

Maxim coldly watched her retreating figure until it disappeared into the rain curtain, then he turned around and returned to the villa.

Little did they know, all of this was witnessed by Briana from the second bedroom.

He said he wouldn't go to see Kiley, but as soon as he returned to his bedroom, he couldn't wait to send an umbrella to Kiley.

Liar!

The next morning, when Briana got up, Maxim had already made breakfast.

She sat down by the table, her expression indifferent as she said, "It seems like Kiley is no longer at the door, when did she leave?"

Maxim spread strawberry jam on a slice of bread and handed it to him, saying indifferently, "I don't know."

Briana didn't ask any more questions, she silently finished her breakfast and went to work.

On the other side, the Schneider family.

Knowing that Kiley's attempt to plead with Maxim had failed, Zane's face turned livid with anger, and he smashed a cup on the spot

"I went to find Briana."

Kiley gritted her teeth and stopped him, saying. "Dad, it's no use going to my sister. She's already decided to completely cut ties with us. She'd rather see us suffer, there's no way she'd be willing to help us."

Zane looked furious, thinking about Briana's attitude at the hospital yesterday, he said coldly. "If I had known, I should have nipped her in the bud, then there wouldn't be so many problems now!"

A flash of malice crossed Kiley's eyes. She truly wished that Briana had died twenty-three years ago, then Maxim would still be in love with her now.

Once this idea took root, it began to grow wildly, and could no longer be suppressed.

"Dad, I will figure this out, you don't need to worry about it anymore."

Kiley had just finished speaking and was about to go to work when the phone suddenly rang.

Seeing it was Kendra, she quickly answered, "Kendra, what's wrong?"

Half an hour later, the two met at the coffee shop downstairs of MY Corporation.

Seeing Kiley, Kendra cut to the chase and said, "Kiley, you still like Maxim, don't you?"

Kiley wondered why she would ask such a question, nodding and saying. "Hmm. I will never fall in love with anyone else in my life

Kendra nodded slowly, saying, "I thought for a long time, and finally made a decision."

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Several minutes later, Kiley and Kendra left the coffee shop, no one knew what they had talked about before.

Kiley returned to the company and began to ponder how to save the Schneider Group.

Suddenly, she thought of the one billion that the Yoder Group had previously invested in the CharmDress. If she could take a bit from it to inject into the Schneider Group, it could revive the Schneider Group. Once she had the money, she could replenish that part, and no one would definitely find out.

Thinking of this, Kiley made a decision immediately.

Approaching noon, Kiley transferred the money to Zane, feeling relieved but also resentful towards Zane and Mallory. If it weren't for Zane and Mallory always holding her back, she might have been with Maxim by now.

In the following days, the sales of CharmDress's clothing remained high. but they also suffered a lot of losses. The losses for just this one week amounted to more than ten million.

Under the strong opposition of the shareholders, Kiley had to terminate the price war. While the shareholders were dissatisfied with her, she was also very upset with those shareholders.

In her eyes, those shareholders were just a bunch of old fossils, completely incapable of adapting.

In order to beat MY Corporation, she thought it was perfectly normal to suffer some losses. Only in this way could they quickly seize the

market. However, those shareholders insisted on standing in her way.

This feeling of being tied up made her very upset, she even wanted to drive all those shareholders out of the CharmDress, but she was not yet on firm ground and still needed those shareholders.

On the other side, Briana and Melody calculated the losses of CharmDress for this week in the office.

"It was almost around ten million. Originally, if it had continued, the CharmDress might have been able to increase its market share. But now it has stopped, this ten million is essentially thrown away."

Briana remained calm and slowly said, "It's not exactly a waste, at least the CharmDress has gained a lot of popularity. MY Corporation must produce excellent work next quarter, otherwise, we might face a backlash. By the way, how is Pamela doing?"

Four designers had already been hired for her. If everything went as planned, the first batch of design drawings should be ready in about half a month.

Briana nodded, "Keep a close eye on that side, we must make this high-end clothing chain before the CharmDress reacts."

"Alright, I understood."

After discussing business, Melody looked at Briana and slowly asked, "Are you free tonight?"

Briana raised an eyebrow, "What's up? Are you asking me out for dinner?"

"Um. didn't I tell you before that I was seeing a man? I've officially established a relationship with him, so I've decided to treat you to a meal "

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Upon hearing this, surprise flashed in Briana's eyes as she laughed and said, "Of course I have time, but I might bring an extra person."

"Maxim?"

“Mm–hmm.”

“No problem, I went to tell my boyfriend.”

After Melody left, Briana called Maxim and told him about Melody’s plan to treat her to dinner that night.

There was silence on the phone for a few seconds, then Maxim’s deep voice came through, “Sorry, I might not have time tonight.”

Briana pursed her lips, “What’s wrong? Do you have a social engagement tonight?”

“No, I needed to go back to the Yoder’s house.”

Briana felt a bit down, but still said nonchalantly, “Okay, I understand.”

After hanging up the phone, Briana sent a message to Melody saying that Maxim wasn’t coming, then she put down her phone.

After work in the evening, Briana and Melody went to a restaurant together. When Briana saw her boyfriend, she widened her eyes in disbelief.

“How did you guys end up together?!”

She never imagined that Melody would end up with Ezra, the blind date she had previously asked her to reject!

Melody raised her eyebrows, laughing as she said, “Of course, it’s because he fell in love with me at first sight and has been pursuing me ever since.”

Briana glanced at her, “You really are narcissistic.”

Ezra chuckled, his eyes full of indulgence.

“Ms. Schneider, what Melody said is true. I liked her from the moment I first saw her.”

Melody raised an eyebrow, “See, I told you it was true.”

Ezra handed the menu to Briana, “Ms. Schneider, see what you’d like to eat. I just ordered two dishes that Melody loves.”

No sooner had the words left her mouth than Melody held his face and gave him a kiss, “Thank you, my dear.”

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Briana: “.....Could you not show off your love in front of me?”

Melody turned to look at her, saying seriously, “We are even more affectionate in private, we have already restrained ourselves a lot now.”

Briana: ”

After finishing their meal, a few people got up to leave. Just as they reached the door, they ran into Oliver.

Oliver was followed by his secretary, with the president of a listed company by his side. Both of them had smiles on their faces, seemingly conducting business here.

Upon seeing Melody, the smile on Oliver's face faded slightly. His gaze subtly swept over her hand clasped with Ezra's, then he gave a slight nod to Briana before leaving.

Melody also treated him as if he were invisible, continuing to talk to Briana with an unperturbed expression.

After dropping Briana off at the villa, Melody and Ezra left. The villa was still dark at the moment, indicating that Maxim had not yet returned.

Returning to the villa, Briana turned on the lights and rested in the living room for a while. Just as she was about to go back to her bedroom to take a bath, her phone suddenly rang a few times.

Briana opened Line and saw that there were videos and pictures sent by Kiley, so she clicked on them directly.

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In the next second, her fingers suddenly tightened, a chill rising from the soles of her feet.

She immediately dialed Maxim's number, which was quickly answered, but it was Kiley's voice that came through.

"I had already sent you the photos and videos, why did you still call and humiliate yourself?"

"Right, Maxim won't be coming back tonight, you should go to bed early."

Briana hung up the phone immediately, checked Maxim's phone location, and drove straight to the Yoder's house.

In less than half an hour, Briana had arrived at the front door of the Yoder's house.

The servant saw her, his face changing, and directly blocked her way, "Ms. Schneider, the lady said, you can't step in here anymore!"

"Move aside!"

The servant tried to stop her again, but was slapped directly by Briana, "Get out!"

She bypassed the servant and walked straight in, and soon Kendra came out.

Seeing Briana's gloomy face, she smirked triumphantly, "Briana, Maxim and Kiley have already been involved. If you know what's good for you, you should leave immediately. Otherwise, you might not be able to handle the scene later!"

Briana sneered, her eyes full of coldness.

"It wasn't me who cheated, what can't I accept?"

She pushed Kendra aside directly and walked briskly inside.

Kendra stumbled and almost fell, immediately gritting her teeth in anger. She followed Briana inside, 'kindly' telling her which room to go to.

Maxim had taken the medicine for so long, he should have been involved with Kiley by then.

Thinking of this, Kendra was full of pride, just waiting for Briana to completely give up later.

Briana kicked the door open, but the scene inside was not quite what she had imagined.

Behind her, Kendra had a smug look on her face, her tone mocking as she said. "Briana, you should give up now, shouldn't you?"

Briana ignored her, walking straight into the bedroom. She coldly pinched Kiley's chin, demanding, "Where's Maxim?!"

Kiley had thought that sending those ambiguous videos and pictures would have made Briana give up due to misunderstanding, but she didn't expect that she would actually come to catch them in the act!

However, she had been prepared.

She straightened her slightly disheveled clothes, smiling as she said. "Maxim is taking a bath, sister, you better not disturb him."

Briana's gaze coldly swept across her face, landing on the smear of red on the pristine sheets. Word by word, she said, "Kiley, did you think I would let you off today?"

A flash of contempt crossed Kiley's eyes, she sneered, "I'm already Maxim's now, I don't believe you dare to do anything to me. Ah!"

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Briana grabbed her abruptly, dragging her straight to the window, her eyes filled with coldness.

"This was the price you paid for climbing onto Maxim's bed."

No sooner had the words fallen than a cold voice came from the doorway.

"What were you doing?!"

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As his words fell, several people in the bedroom turned their heads at the same time, only to see Maxim standing neatly at the door. Everyone was taken aback.

Kiley's face instantly turned extremely pale, and her whole body began to tremble.

"Maxim... weren't you supposed to be in the bathroom?!"

A glint of coldness flashed in Maxim's eyes, his voice devoid of any warmth.

"Why should I have been in the bathroom?"

Just then, the bathroom door was pushed open, and a man wrapped in a towel walked out from inside.

He had a great physique, with water still dripping from his short hair. and a faint smile lingering at the corner of his mouth.

Seeing the sudden appearance of several people in his bedroom, surprise flashed in his eyes, "Aunt, Maxim, Briana, how did you end up in my room?"

Kendra realized, gritting her teeth, "This is Maxim's room!"

Isaac frowned, "Isn't this the third floor?"

"This was the second floor!"

Kendra's face turned ashen with anger, and she felt somewhat flustered inside, not knowing how to resolve the situation.

She clearly intended for Maxim and Kiley to get involved, hoping this would lead to a breakup between Briana and Maxim. Unexpectedly, the person who entered Maxim's room turned out to be Isaac!

Kiley also reacted, pushing Briana away abruptly, choking out, "Kendra, I never thought this would happen in the Yoder family, I really don't want to live anymore!"

After speaking, she turned around and jumped straight down from the second floor!

"Ah!"

Kendra was so frightened by her own actions that she turned pale, and it took her several seconds to remember to call for the servant.

"Quick, go check on Kiley..."

If Kiley really died at the Yoder family's, she would definitely not be able to escape the blame.

Since the second floor wasn't high, Kiley didn't get into much trouble, she just broke her leg.

Moreover, Kiley didn't really want to commit suicide, she just wanted to use this opportunity to gain more benefits for herself. After all, the first chance was gone, and it was useless to say anything now.

Although Isaac was not as good as Maxim, Norma left the Harmony Villa to him. It would be a decent choice if she could really marry him.

After having a doctor bandage Kiley, Kendra made a call to tell her about the incident and then called Reese back.

Kiley also called Zane, tearfully telling him about the matter

Zane and Mallory arrived quickly. Seeing Kiley's condition, Mallory

immediately burst into tears and angrily said, "Has the Yoder family gone too far?! Kiley told me she was just going out for a meal, I didn't expect something like this to happen!"

Seeing Briana sitting indifferently on the side, Mallory was so angry that she wished she could slap her twice. If it weren't for her, Kiley wouldn't have encountered such a thing!

However, the pressing matter at hand was to hold the man who bullied Kiley accountable. She looked at Isaac and said coldly, "Isaac, how do you plan to resolve this?!"

Isaac had a smile on his lips, but there was not a trace of warmth in his eyes.

"Mrs. Schneider, when I returned to the room, Ms. Schneider was already undressed and lying on the bed. I thought it was a maid who wanted to climb into my bed."

"Instead of questioning me, you might as well ask Ms. Schneider why. as a guest, she would strip naked and lie on the bed in the host's bedroom. However, I walked into the wrong room. I suppose the person Ms. Schneider initially wanted to seduce was Maxim."

As his words fell, both Mallory and Kiley's faces turned extremely ugly

Kiley cried as she said, "Regardless, the fact is you did that to me. If you refuse to take responsibility, I will call the police!"

Isaac sneered, saying word by word, "Whatever you want!"

He was about to leave when Norma's angry voice suddenly came from the doorway.

"Isaac, is this how I taught you before?!"

Isaac's intended departure was momentarily halted as he turned to look at Norma.

"Grandma, how did you come?"

He didn't know that Kendra had contacted Norma, it seemed that things couldn't be resolved well today.

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Norma stormed into the living room, her face full of anger. After glaring at Isaac, she turned her cold gaze to Kendra and demanded, "What on earth is going on?!"

Kendra briefly explained the situation, of course, omitting the part where she drugged Maxim. She only mentioned that Isaac had mistakenly entered the wrong room and had an encounter with Kiley.

No sooner had the words fallen than Isaac sneered, "Aunt, did you forget to mention the part where you drugged me? Otherwise, I wouldn't have walked into the wrong room!"

A flicker of guilt flashed in Kendra's eyes, she gritted her teeth and said. "What nonsense are you talking about?! When did I ever drug you?!"

Isaac nodded, saying with a forced smile, "Indeed, you originally planned to drug Maxim, but somehow it ended up being me instead."

As soon as these words were spoken, the expressions of everyone present changed.

With a face full of anger, Mallory lunged at Kendra, "Kendra, I can't believe you hurt Kiley like this, I'm going to fight you!"

However, before she could reach Kendra, a servant nearby stopped her

Zane grabbed her abruptly, his voice cold, "Aren't you embarrassed enough?! You go and calm Kiley down, leave this matter to me to handle!"

Mallory was resentful, but she knew she couldn't solve the problem

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After giving Kendra a resentful look, she turned back and walked to Kiley's side to wipe her tears.

After learning about Kiley's relationship with Isaac, Zane didn't feel the slightest bit angry. On the contrary, he was somewhat pleased, as this meant he could gain more benefits for himself.

He looked at Norma, feigning anger, and said, "My precious daughter has been involved in such an incident with the Yoder family, you must give an explanation to the Schneider family no matter what!"

Although Norma didn't like Kiley, given the current situation, there was no other choice but to marry Kiley.

She looked at Isaac with frustration, "Get yourself ready, get engaged to Kiley first, and then get married a month later!"

There was a coldness in Isaac's eyes as he said expressionlessly, "I disagree!"

Norma was so angry that her chest hurt, "What were you doing before you disagreed?! If you don't agree, you don't have to acknowledge me as your grandmother!"

"Grandma, I was also a victim, and I wouldn't marry someone I didn't love!"

Norma looked at him coldly. "Since you didn't want to marry someone you didn't love, you shouldn't have touched her in the first place. If you did, you should be prepared to take responsibility! If your parents were still alive, they would definitely have made you marry Kiley!"

Speaking of his parents, Isaac's eyes suddenly welled up with tears

He lowered his head, his hand at his side unconsciously tightening

After a good while, he finally spoke, "I've figured it out, I will marry Kiley."

After speaking, Isaac left straight away.

Hearing this response, Kiley, whose heart had been hanging in suspense, finally breathed a sigh of relief.

Anyway, at least I could marry Isaac, it wouldn't be a loss tonight

After the Schneider family left, only Maxim, Briana, Kendra, and Norma remained in the living room.

Seeing Norma's cold complexion, Kendra felt a bit apprehensive.

"Mom, about tonight's matter...

"Come over here for a moment."

Norma looked at her with a faint expression, her tone revealing no emotion.

Kendra nervously stepped forward, and as soon as she reached Norma. she was harshly slapped by her.

The crisp sound of a slap echoed in the living room. Kendra covered her face, looking at her in disbelief, not expecting that she would actually hit her.

"Kendra, I warned you, don't pull these underhanded tricks again in the future, or I definitely won't let you off!"

Having said that, too lazy to look at her again, Norma turned around and left directly.

Kendra was filled with anger, yet she dared not say anything to Norma, after all, even Reese was extremely respectful to Normal

She turned her head towards Maxim, suppressing her anger, she said, "You guys should go back too!"

Maxim looked at her with a cold expression, saying word by word, "Mom, I don't want this to happen a second time."

Before Kendra could speak, Maxim had already pulled Briana away.

On his way back. Reese had already heard about what had happened. Seeing Kendra crying on the sofa as he walked into the living room, he couldn't help but feel infuriated. He coldly said, "You have the nerve to cry?! How could you drug and scheme against your own son?!"

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Thinking of how Maxim had just looked at her with a cold expression, Kendra was filled with regret at this moment, but it was already too late.

Reese threw a tantrum and then left immediately.

On the other side, Briana and Maxim remained silent on their way back to the villa.

The car had just stopped at the villa's entrance when Briana, with a cold expression, intended to get out.

Maxim gripped her hand that was unbuckling the seatbelt, his voice incredibly low, "Briana, let me explain."

Briana looked at him expressionlessly, "Alright, explain."

"Tonight, I discovered my mom and Kiley's plan, so I decided to play along."

Briana frowned, "So you even schemed against Isaac?"

Maxim was silent for a few seconds, then slowly said, "Yes."

"Why? He just returned from abroad and has no grudge against you"

Maxim shook his head, whispering, "Briana, I can't explain this to you right now, but Isaac isn't as simple as you think."

"Alright, I won't question this matter any further, but I hope that in the future, if anything happens, you could inform me in advance. Don't keep me in the dark."

"Alright, I understand. Have you calmed down now?"

"What do you say?"

Maxim: "

"Right, I called you, why did Kiley answer? Did you give her your phone?"

"No, while we were eating, she deliberately spilled water on my phone. I suspect she did something when she used that as an excuse to clean my phone. My phone has always been with me."

Briana took his phone and found that call forwarding had been set up. After casually restoring the original settings, she returned the phone to him.

"Don't let your phone out of your sight next time."

"Good."

The next morning, the news of Kiley and Isaac's engagement spread instantly throughout Bridenville, leaving everyone shocked. No one expected their relationship to progress so quickly.

Meanwhile, as both Kiley and Briana became involved with the men of the Yoder family, people began to talk.

"Unexpectedly, both men of the Yoder family fell for the two

Schneider sisters. What exactly is so extraordinary about these two sisters?"

"Hehe. I didn't notice anything extraordinary about her, but I did see that she's very good at manipulating men. Otherwise, Isaac just came back not long ago, how could he fall for a woman who looks so much like his own Briana?!"

"When you said that, I suddenly realized something was off. Could it

be that he was secretly in love with Briana, but couldn't have her, so he settled for marrying Kiley instead?"

"How could it be?! Briana had been stranded outside for over a decade, how could Isaac possibly like her?!"

"How could it be impossible? Maybe Isaac just likes this type!"

Gradually, rumors began to circulate that Isaac was in love with Briana, and because he couldn't have her, he chose Kiley as a substitute.

When Kiley heard the rumor, she was shopping with Adeline, her face turning ashen with anger.

It must have been that bitch Briana spreading rumors everywhere. Otherwise, people always said she was inferior to me, how could they possibly say I was her substitute!

Thinking of this, Kiley immediately called Mallory, subtly saying that Briana was spreading rumors behind her back.

After hanging up the phone, Adeline said with a smile, "Kiley, you really don't need to worry about these rumors, they won't hurt you anyway."

Since entering the entertainment industry, Adeline had been frequently criticized by haters. Now, her mental toughness has greatly improved compared to before.

Kiley pursed her lips, murmuring. "If we don't deal with it, my sister will definitely become even more relentless."

Adeline didn't say anything else, and after strolling for a while, the two of them parted ways.

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After learning from Kiley that Oliver was not with Melody, she finally breathed a sigh of relief. Even though she had broken up with Oliver, she didn't want Melody to have anything to do with him!

On the other side, after receiving Kiley's call, Mallory's face turned livid with anger.

She was already upset because Briana hadn't helped Kiley in the Yoder family before. Now, she was even more furious, storming directly into Briana's company to confront her.

When Mallory barged into Briana's office, she was discussing work with a business partner. The sudden opening of the office door caused both of them to frown unconsciously.

Regardless of whether there were others in the office or not, Mallory angrily said, "Briana, have you no shame? Did the rumor that Isaac likes you come from you?!"

Briana looked coldly at William, who was following behind Mallory, and asked icily, "Who let her in?"

"Mrs. Schneider claimed to be your mother, we couldn't stop her."

Briana's expression was indifferent. "If you can't stop them, call security. It's the most basic rule. Do I need to teach you?"

William looked somewhat distressed. he didn't know that the relationship between Briana and Mallory was so bad.

Mallory sneered, her eyes devoid of any warmth, "Briana. I'm warning you, if you do anything to hurt Kiley again, I'll make sure you pay for

it!”

Briana raised an eyebrow..ignored Mallory, and looked at William, “Are you waiting for me to call security myself?”

William was startled by her cold complexion and quickly contacted security.

Mallory hadn’t expected Briana to be serious either, gritting her teeth, she said. “Don’t think that just because Maxim likes you now, you can do whatever you want. When the day comes that he’s sick of you, even if you beg me, I won’t help you!”

Briana found it somewhat amusing, raising her eyebrows at her and said, “You think you can help me?”

“You!”

Seeing Mallory glaring at her with anger in her eyes, Briana became somewhat impatient, “I have business to discuss. If there’s nothing else. Mrs. Schneider, please leave.”

“Wait for me!”

After Mallory left, Briana turned to her business partner with an apologetic look on her face.

“Sorry, Mr. Ferguson, I made a fool of myself just now.”

Mr. Ferguson chuckled, didn’t press further, “Let’s continue, where were we?”

An hour later, Briana escorted Mr. Ferguson to the elevator As soon as he left, she immediately turned around and walked to William’s desk

“Go tell the front desk, from now on. don’t let anyone from the Schneider family in.”

William nodded, “Alright, Ms. Schneider.”

Returning to the office. Briana asked around, only to find out that there were rumors outside that Isaac liked her, which left her speechless for a moment.

She called Maxim and asked him if he knew about this matter.

“I only found out today as well, and now someone has already been sent to investigate who exactly spread the rumors.”

Detecting the coldness in Maxim’s tone, Briana couldn’t help but laugh. “Is Mr. Yoder jealous?”

“When I found the person who spread the rumors, I definitely wouldn’t let them off!”

It seemed that he was really angry.

Briana quickly smoothed her hair. “It’s all made up, no need to take it so seriously. I’ve only met Isaac a few times. and it’s even less likely that we’ll have any relationship in the future.”

“Um. I knew.”

“Alright, I still have work to finish here, I’m going to hang up now.

After hanging up the phone, Briana put down her cell phone and continued to work.

Near the end of the workday, Pamela came to her with the newly completed design draft.

Seeing her eyes red and surrounded by dark circles, Briana was somewhat surprised. After taking the design she handed over and

looking at it for a while, she couldn't help but frown.

"Pamela, was this the design you drew?"

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Pamela nodded, "Hmm, is there any problem?"

Briana frowned, pointing out a few issues in the design, "These are mistakes that a novice would make. With Pamela's abilities, she should

have easily avoided these problems."

Pamela's gaze fell on the design, a flash of shame crossing her face. "I'm sorry, I didn't notice," she said. "I promise I won't make such a basic mistake again."

Briana didn't continue to criticize her either, looking at her with a faint expression, "Have you been having any trouble recently?"

"No, why would Ms. Schneider ask that?"

"I noticed you didn't look so well."

Pamela pursed her lips, lowering her gaze and said, "I promise I won't bring personal matters into work in the future."

"Alright, you go ahead and make the changes."

Taking the design drawings and leaving Briana's office, Pamela couldn't help but tear up again.

Ever since she found out about Isaac and Kiley's engagement, she had been very upset, not knowing how to adjust her mood.

But the other party was already engaged, and she couldn't possibly have the nerve to approach him again. It seemed that this unrequited love could only come to an end without a fuss.

In the evening, Maxim came to pick up Briana for dinner at the Harmony Villa.

Kiley and Isaac also went, and they met at the entrance of the Harmony Villa.

Compared to Briana and Maxim, Kiley and Isaac were like two

strangers. After stopping the car, Isaac didn't even glance at Kiley, he just walked straight into the Harmony Villa.

Kiley bit her lower lip, her face somewhat pale. The last thing she wanted was for Maxim and Briana to see her make a fool of herself.

She managed to squeeze out a smile, "Maxim, I'm going in first."

Watching Kiley's retreating figure, there was no warmth in Briana's eyes. It was all her own doing, she had no one else to blame.

Turning her head and seeing Maxim's deep gaze, Briana suddenly remembered the day when Kiley came to plead for Zane, and later, Maxim went out to give her an umbrella.

Suddenly, a wave of dissatisfaction surged in Briana's heart. She let go of Maxim's arm and said coldly, "Feeling sorry for her? If you do, you can go and comfort her."

Maxim turned to look at her, couldn't help but frown and said, "What am I supposed to feel sorry for?"

Briana sneered, "Didn't you feel sorry when she begged at the villa's gate that day, and you thought I was asleep and rushed to give her an umbrella?"

Seeing Maxim's face stiffen, Briana spoke with an indifferent tone. "If you wanted to give her an umbrella, you could have just told me I'm not a petty person, but I can't tolerate you doing it behind my back

After speaking, she couldn't be bothered to see what Maxim's expression was, and turned around to leave directly.

Walking into the living room, Norma saw her and a smile appeared on her face.

"Briana, come sit here with grandma, I had the kitchen prepare your favorite snacks for you this afternoon."

Briana walked over with a smile and sat down next to her, "Grandma, you don't have to prepare so much next time, I can never finish it all."

"Alright, alright, alright."

Norma readily agreed, but in reality, she would still prepare for the next time.

Kiley, sitting across, was so angry that her face was somewhat

distorted. When she had come in earlier, Norma had coldly greeted her and then completely ignored her as if she were invisible.

Now Briana came in, acting so enthusiastically, it was like she was deliberately slapping her in the face!

Not wanting to see the scene of the two people laughing and talking anymore, Kiley stood up and said, "Grandma, I'm going to take a walk in the garden."

Norma glanced at her lightly, "Go ahead, don't wander too far, we'll be having dinner soon."

"Mm-hmm."

Kiley walked to the garden, saw Isaac sitting in the gazebo, took a deep breath and quickly walked towards him.

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Unexpectedly, as soon as she sat down next to Isaac, he got up and left with a cold face.

"Isaac, I had something to tell you."

Isaac stopped in his tracks, looking at her with a cold expression, "I have nothing to say to you."

"How could there be none? You wanted the Yoder Group and I wanted to take revenge on Briana and Maxim. Why did we have to be at odds? Wouldn't it be better to work together to achieve our common goals?"

Isaac sneered, "Why would I cooperate with you, a woman who wants to climb into another man's bed? Do you think I would give you a chance?"

No sooner had the words fallen than Kiley suddenly stood up and walked over to him, whispering. "Regardless, we are already tied together, working together is the best choice."

"No need."

Isaac turned around and left directly, not giving Kiley any chance to speak, which made Kiley extremely angry.

During dinner, Norma said seriously, "Isaac, since you're already engaged to Kiley, you should get along well with her in the future "

The corner of Isaac's mouth curled up in mockery, "Understood "

Norma looked at Kiley again, "I don't care who you wanted to marry before, but from now on remember that you are Isaac's fiancée If I find

out you're up to something behind my back, I won't let you off!"

Norma's words weighed heavily, and Kiley's face turned pale instantly. After a long while, she lowered her head and said, "Norma, I know."

What does it have to do with this old hag, who she wants to marry?!

Isaac caught a glimpse of Kiley's fingers turning slightly white from gripping the chopsticks too hard, and couldn't help but sneer inwardly.

Without even this much endurance, you still want to cooperate with him? You're more likely to hold him back

The meal was somewhat silent, and after finishing, everyone went home.

As she was leaving, Norma packed a lot of snacks for Briana, which caused another bout of dissatisfaction from Kiley.

She didn't care for those things, but Norma's preferential treatment really annoyed her.

On the way back, she was sulking all the time.

Isaac couldn't help but sneer, "What are you upset about? Think grandma is playing favorites?"

“Shouldn’t I be angry?! Norma was not only slapping my face, but also yours. If she really cared about you, even for your sake, she would have given me a share of what she gave to Briana!”

Isaac’s grip on the steering wheel unconsciously tightened, he sneered “You don’t need to stir up trouble here, my grandmother gave me the Harmony Villa, whether she cares or not, it’s not your place to judge ”

“Hehe, you know well which one is more important between the Harmony Villa and the Yoder Group. If you could inherit the Yoder

Group, not to mention one Harmony Villa, you could build ten Harmony Villas!”

No sooner had the words fallen than the white BMW abruptly stopped by the roadside.

Isaac gripped her chin tightly, his eyes filled with icy coldness, “Kiley, I think you’re tired of living, do you really think I wouldn’t dare to touch you?!”

Kiley looked at him coldly, then suddenly laughed.

“Isaac, did I hit a nerve? Otherwise, why would you be so angry?”

Isaac let go of her, sneering, “So what if you’re right?”

“Not so good. I just wish Isaac would also put himself in my position. After all, apart from the Harmony Villa promised by Norma, you have nothing.”

“Moreover, before Norma passed away, the Harmony Villa wasn’t even yours, no will had been made. Who knew if she might suddenly change her mind after a while?”

Isaac’s pupils contracted sharply, and a chill radiated from his entire body.

“I hated women who thought they were smarter than everyone else!”

Kiley chuckled. “Isaac, would you like to collaborate with me? You can think it over.”

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After Kiley left, Isaac’s face gradually turned icy.

On the way back, both Briana and Maxim were silent.

After the car stopped at the villa’s entrance, just as Briana was about to get out, Maxim spoke.

“About that day, I indeed did wrong. I promise there won’t be a next time.”

Briana pursed her lips, her expression cold as she said, “You don’t need to make any promises to me. No matter how good they sound, they’re useless if you can’t fulfill them.”

After a pause, she continued, “I’m giving us another chance, not to repeat the same mistakes. As for you and Kiley, I want to know how you plan to handle it. I hope you’ll talk to me after you’ve thought it through.”

After speaking, she pushed open the car door, got out, and left.

For the next few days, both of them were out early and returned late, barely seeing each other, as if they were deliberately avoiding each other.

Briana wasn't in a hurry either, she was waiting for Maxim's answer

On Friday after work, as Briana was about to leave the company, she suddenly received a call from Madeline's agent

"Madeline got injured while filming!"

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When Briana arrived at the hospital, Madeline was arguing with her agent.

"Bella, I told you it was a minor injury and asked you not to tell Briana. Why did you go against my wishes?!"

Briana pushed open the hospital room door directly, seeing that Madeline's forehead and arm were both bandaged, with faint traces of blood seeping out, she couldn't help but frown.

"Is this what you call a minor injury?!"

Madeline and Bella turned their heads at the same time, seeing Briana. Madeline sighed.

"I just thought you were also quite busy, so I didn't want to bother you with this kind of thing."

Briana walked over and sat by her sickbed, her expression faint as she said. "If I were the one who was injured, would you want me to tell you or hide it from you?"

"Of course, they told me!"

A second later, she realized what had happened and couldn't help but frown, "You tricked me again!"

"Let's not talk about that for now, how did you get hurt?"

"It was just an accident."

No sooner had the words fallen than Bella sneered, "What surprise? The new little star's acting skills are so poor. Madeline has been very considerate of her, but she can't even remember her lines and was scolded by the director until she was covered in dog's blood"

She was upset and deliberately spread rumors about Madeline stealing

scenes. No one in the crew paid attention to her, so she developed a grudge against Madeline. Today, she intentionally found an opportunity to push Madeline onto the fake mountain!

Briana frowned, looking at Madeline with displeasure, "You even kept this from me?!"

Realizing that she could no longer hide the truth, Madeline gave Bella a cold glance before saying. "I can handle this matter. I didn't tell you because I didn't want you to worry."

"If you could have solved it, you wouldn't have been manipulated by her!"

"I had no idea she would do something so obvious and stupid." Madeline said. "I haven't seen someone like that since I won my first Best Actress Award winner."

Surrounded by people who, no matter how much they despised her in their hearts, would always pretend as if nothing was wrong on the surface, she had never even considered the possibility of them using their acting as a means to settle personal scores.

"What are you planning to do about this?"

"Of course, it's about treating others the way they treated you. I'm not exactly a saint either."

Before Briana arrived, she had already called the director and made it clear that if Adeline was not replaced, she would not continue filming the movie.

Briana nodded, about to speak, when the hospital room door was knocked

Immediately after, a weak voice came from outside the door

Madeline, I'm Adeline. I'm really sorry about what happened today.

I've come to apologize to you now. May I come in?"

He opened the door and walked in.

A flash of displeasure crossed Madeline's eyes, just as she was about to have Bella drive her away, Adeline let out a cry of disbelief.

"Briana, how did you end up here?!"

Seeing Adeline, Briana also felt that the world was a bit small.

However, with stealing Melody's boyfriend in the past and causing harm to Madeline later, this woman really was a menace!