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Briana gave her a cold glance, too lazy to talk to someone who had no discernment at all, and looked at Kiley with an indifferent expression.

"I truly didn't know you were allergic to vanilla, but even if I did, I wouldn't have avoided it, because you mean nothing to me. Why should I consider what you're allergic to?"

Kiley's face turned pale, looking at Briana with a saddened expression

"I thought you were willing to come back for the birthday party, which meant you intended to reconcile with us."

Briana chuckled. "What kind of relationship do I have with you that needs to be eased? I came over today just to see if Mrs. Schneider really would prepare a vanilla cake."

Under Kiley's ugly expression. Briana continued, "But she didn't disappoint me. If I came today. I would be accused of competing with my own sister for our parents' love. If I didn't come, I would be accused of being unfilial. She really knows how to calculate."

Kiley looked at her in disbelief, "How could you say that? Mom really wanted to mend her relationship with you, so she specifically instructed the kitchen to prepare your favorite food. How could this be seen as ill-intentioned in your eyes?!"

Briana's aggressiveness and Kiley's innocent pitifulness instantly swayed the people around them towards Kiley's side, their gazes towards Briana becoming dissatisfied.

"I finally understood why the Schneider family didn't like Briana Any kindness shown to her was twisted into a scheme by her With such a

strong sense of guard, who could possibly like her?!"

"Hehe, if you ask me, the Schneider family should have nipped her in the bud over twenty years ago. It would have saved us the trouble of her being an eyesore now!"

"I really felt sorry for Kiley After Briana came back, everything had to be done with consideration for Briana's self-esteem. If I were her, I would have been suffocated!"

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Hearing everyone around her standing on her side, Kiley lowered her gaze, revealing a victorious smile.

As long as she pretended to be pitiful, she could turn Briana into an unforgivable villain, making everyone blame her.

Just because of this, Briana could never hope to beat herself!

The expression on Briana's face didn't change at all, she looked at Kiley with a smile that wasn't quite a smile.

"Recently, your acting skills have indeed improved a lot, you've even learned to win sympathy."

Kiley's body stiffened, she bit her lower lip and looked at Briana with a wronged expression, "What do you mean by this?"

"Don't you understand what it means? Kiley, Mr. Schneider and Mrs. Schneider didn't bring me back because they felt guilty for losing me years ago and wanted to compensate me, but because you were sick and needed a bone marrow transplant!"

Since I returned to the Schneider family, apart from today, which year's birthday did the Schneider family not go all out for you? You've always been the eye-catching princess, and I was just an ugly duckling

hiding in the corner without even a new dress.

"They prepared my favorite food this year, insisting on calling me back. But it was also because they didn't want to offend Maxim. However, I didn't expect that Mrs. Schneider and you could actually make a big deal out of this little thing, portraying me as a scheming woman who only wants to compete for favor with you!"

Watching Briana speak these words with a blank expression, Kiley's eyes were filled with shock and disbelief, and the corners of her lips couldn't help but tremble.

She always felt that Briana's purpose was not just to say these words.

"Stop talking... Can I apologize to you? I was wrong..."

While speaking, Kiley hastily signaled to the servant on the side, hoping to have Briana pulled away.

However, as soon as the servant had reached Briana's side, before he could even touch her, a cold and ominous voice rang out.

"Who dared to touch her!"

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Kiley turned her head in shock, watching Maxim walk straight towards Briana, a flicker of guilt flashing in his eyes.

She had just seen Maxim talking business with Zane in the study, which gave her the courage to bother Briana. She didn't expect Maxim to come out so quickly.

Thinking of this, a wave of fear surged in her heart. Would Maxim hold her accountable for Briana?

However, Maxim didn't even glance at her, he went straight to Briana's side.

"Were you okay?"

Briana shook her head nonchalantly, "It's okay, don't worry about it, I'll handle it myself."

"Um. I'm right here, I'd like to see who dares to touch you."

Seeing the gentle way Maxim spoke to Briana, everyone could hardly believe their own eyes. Wasn't it said that Maxim liked Kiley before?!

Moreover, the amount of information in what Briana just said was too much, wasn't it!

The Schneider family didn't disclose the fact that they found Briana to donate bone marrow to Kiley, so hardly anyone knew that Briana had donated bone marrow to Kiley

"If Briana really did donate her bone marrow to Kiley, wouldn't it be fair to say she was Kiley's lifesaver?"

the Schneider family could actually do such a thing.

Things had escalated to this point, Zane and Mallory couldn't ignore it any longer.

Upon receiving the news, Zane immediately called for Mallory to hurry over, his face full of anger

Mallory was so furious that she almost lost her mind, rushing forward

to hit Briana, but was scared off by Maxim's cold gaze.

"Mrs. Schneider, if you dared to harm a hair on her head, the Schneider Group would go bankrupt before the sun rose tomorrow."

Maxim's voice was not loud, but it was full of threat.

Mallory didn't dare to approach anymore, but her gaze at Briana still seemed as if she wanted to devour her.

"Briana, this is our family matter, and you actually mentioned it in front of the guests, aren't you ashamed enough?!"

Briana looked at her calmly, her eyes full of coldness.

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"Mrs. Schneider, you even allowed Kiley to spread rumors that I threatened you to only make desserts I like, what else can't I say? The face of the Schneider family was lost by you and Kiley, not me."

"You!"

Mallory gritted her teeth in anger, while Zane on the side had come to his senses, looking at Mallory with an angry expression.

"What dessert?! Explain it to me clearly!"

At this point, Mallory also knew that if she told the truth, it would be over, so she simply covered her face and started crying.

"I didn't know what she was really saying. That day, I called her to come back for her birthday, and she did tell me that if I didn't make her favorite food, she wouldn't come back! I had the kitchen make all her favorite dishes, isn't that enough? I didn't know what to do!"

Briana chuckled lightly, “Mrs. Schneider, did I ever threaten you from start to finish, forbidding you to make the food that Kiley likes?”

Mallory’s crying paused for a moment, then she looked coldly at Briana and said, “I can’t remember clearly, but didn’t you mean you didn’t want the kitchen to make what Kiley likes when you said you didn’t want to eat chocolate cake?!”

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“You really know how to turn the tables, don’t you? If it weren’t for the call recording feature on my phone, I might have been wrongfully

accused by you today. After all, in the eyes of others, what mother would scheme against her own daughter, right?”

As Briana’s words fell, Mallory’s face turned extremely ugly.

However, Briana didn’t give her any time to react at all, she directly took out her phone and played a recording.

After listening to the recording, the expressions on the faces of the people around varied, but the one thing they all had in common was the look of disgust and contempt they directed at Mallory and Kiley.

Seeing the defeated look on Mallory's face, Briana walked up to her and said, word by word. "I believe everyone could understand that on the phone. I was just emphasizing to you that I wanted the kitchen to make the vanilla cake that I like to eat, but I didn't specifically threaten you not to make the one Kiley likes."

"And for you. Kiley has always been the child you've pampered since she was little. It's impossible for you not to make her favorite food. Your deliberate refusal was just a play in front of the guests, making them mistakenly believe that I was always competing for Kiley's favor, just to make the guests dislike me."

Mallory's lips quivered, her eyes full of anger, "What are you talking about?! There's no such thing!"

Briana's expression suddenly shifted from calm to disappointment, "Mrs. Schneider. if you dislike me so much, why did you call me back to celebrate my birthday? If you just want me to be the green leaf that sets off Kiley. you don't have to do this anymore I'm not the sixteen- year-old girl who craved for family affection anymore Whether I have family to celebrate my birthday with or not, the day will pass Why bother scheming against me on this day?"

Sensing the contemptuous glances pouring in from all directions,

Mallory felt that Briana had completely disgraced her at that moment, and her sanity snapped like a tightly stretched string.

"Because I really hated you, I wished you were dead!"

Zane, who was standing nearby, sensed something was wrong and quickly roared in anger.

"Mallory, shut up!"

However, it was too late.

Mallory couldn't hear anything at that moment, because she was too angry. She had lost her sanity and all she wanted to do was to curse Briana with the most vicious words.

"Every time I saw you. I couldn't help but feel disgusted. You standing next to Kiley, it was like night and day. Kiley was perfect in every way, and you? Apart from having a face similar to hers, you couldn't compare to Kiley in any other way!"

"You were disobedient and couldn't do anything right, you were simply a stain in my life!"

"Such a scoundrel like you, I should have strangled you the moment you were born! I was soft-hearted then, but now you've turned the Schneider family upside down. Why don't you just die..."

Before he could finish speaking, he was suddenly slapped hard by Zane.

"Bang!"

Suddenly, the entire living room fell silent!

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Mallory, clutching her aching face, finally calmed down and realized what she had just said.

Her bewildered gaze fell upon the guests, seeing the disgust and contempt on their faces, she shuddered, her vision darkened and she almost fainted.

Kiley, who noticed something was wrong from the side, quickly supported her, "Mom, are you okay?!"

Zane was still angry, he snapped, "Don't mind her!"

After speaking, he turned to look at Briana, his expression somewhat embarrassed.

"Briana, what your mom just said was all out of anger, don't take it to heart."

There was no warmth in Briana's eyes, whether it was an empty threat or a sincere statement, they both knew it in their hearts.

And since we had completely fallen out, there was no need to pretend that everything was fine.

She looked up at Zane, speaking deliberately, "Everyone present must have heard clearly what Mrs. Schneider just said. Since Mrs. Schneider dislikes me so much, I think we don't need to interact anymore in the future "

"As for Mrs Schneider's favor of giving birth to me, consider it repaid with the bone marrow I initially donated to Kiley From then on. I had absolutely no relationship with the Schneider family"

Seeing Briana about to leave after speaking, Zane quickly stopped her.

"Briana, blood ties can never be severed, no matter what. Your mom just lost her temper, she wasn't thinking straight. Once she calms down, I'll have her apologize to you."

Briana's expression was cold, her eyes full of determination, "No need, I think Mrs. Schneider doesn't want to apologize to me either, and. Mr. Schneider, I took the initiative to sever ties with the Schneider family, you should be happy, shouldn't you?"

Zane was taken aback, feeling a bit flustered. Could it be that Briana. knew about what the Feng Shui master had said all those years ago?

Although he was apprehensive that Briana's stay with the Schneider family would harm them, now that she was with Maxim, if he managed to maintain a good relationship with her, some projects might be directly given to the Schneider Group by Maxim out of

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consideration for her.

He was absolutely unwilling to break off his relationship with Briana at that time.

"Briana, since you've made up your mind and I can't stop you, what your father wants to say is, the Schneider family will always be your home, and you can come back whenever you want."

Briana chuckled, leaving without looking back, and Maxim followed

suit

As soon as the two left, the living room fell into a moment of silence. Then Zane said a few pleasantries to liven up the atmosphere, and called Kiley and Mallory to follow him back to the study.

No sooner had the study door closed than Zane backhanded Mallory with a slap so powerful that Mallory lost his balance and fell to the ground.

"Trash, is this how you called Briana back for dinner?! Do you know that the Schneider Group has a big project in talks with the Yoder Group? If we can't secure this project, the Schneider Group's funds will start to tighten again!"

Mallory sat on the ground, laughing as if she had gone mad.

"Hehe... You only ever knew about the Schneider Group. In your eyes, the Schneider Group was more important than anyone else, Zane. I truly regret marrying you!"

Seeing her expression that was neither crying nor laughing, Zane was so angry that he said, "If it wasn't for me running around outside these years, working hard to build up the Schneider Group, do you think you could comfortably stay at home and play the rich wife?! When you were playing mahjong, when you were shopping, I was working. Not only did you not give me any help, but now you're constantly holding me back!"

Mallory scoffed, "You make it sound so simple. When I wanted to work, you told me to stay home and take care of the kids because you didn't trust the nanny. Now you're blaming me?! You think your job is hard, and taking care of the kids at home isn't?!"

"How many years ago was that?!"

Seeing the two attacking and mocking each other back and forth, Kiley unconsciously clenched her hands into fists at her sides.

She didn't know when, but the parents who had always been loving in front of her had deteriorated their relationship to this extent, both of them mercilessly attacking each other with the most hurtful words.

Kiley used to want to persuade, but now she just felt annoyed.

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"Thud, thud, thud!"

The sound of knocking echoed, the servant's voice seeped in.

"Miss Er. Isaac has arrived."

Hearing this, the two people who were still arguing finally calmed down. Zane looked at Kiley and managed to squeeze out a smile.

"Kiley, you go take care of Isaac first. I'll be right out."

Kiley nodded, then immediately turned around and walked out of the study.

Zane took a deep breath, glaring at Mallory irritably, "Clean yourself up and come out, stop embarrassing yourself!"

After Zane left, Mallory finally couldn't help but cry, her heart filled with even more hatred for Briana, deciding to act as if she didn't have this daughter in the future!

The living room downstairs became lively again with the arrival of Isaac.

Although Isaac's net worth was not as high as Maxim's, he was still the object of everyone's flattery, after all, the value of the Harmony Villa was not low

Kiley adjusted her mood, hooked up a smile, walked over to Isaac and took his hand, attracting a bunch of socialites' envy and jealousy

However, the disdain was evident in the gazes of those socialites

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towards her. The incident where she had taken advantage of them had just happened not long ago. They simply didn't dare to offend her because Isaac was present.

Kiley naturally knew about the dissatisfaction those socialites had towards her. A perfect smile curled up at the corner of her mouth. She would definitely not let others laugh at her again

Isaac leaned in close to her ear, his voice somewhat low, "On the way here, I saw Maxim and Briana. Why did they leave so early?"

Kiley's complexion was a bit off as she lowered her gaze and said, "Sister said she was tired, so Maxim took her home."

No sooner had the words fallen than Isaac let out a low chuckle.

"That simple? How come I just heard some other rumors?"

Kiley looked up at him, her eyes devoid of warmth, "Isaac, you said it was a rumor, so naturally, it's not credible."

Isaac reached out and grasped her chin, his thumb caressing her red lips as he said, word by word, "Kiley, I don't like women who think they're clever. I hope I won't hear again that you've used such a lowly method that can be easily exposed. Otherwise, it will only embarrass

me!"

The two were extremely close to each other, appearing to be flirting from a distance, which infuriated the socialites who were interested in

Isaac

I really didn't know how such a good man like Isaac could have fallen for Kiley!

Sensing the danger in Isaac's eyes, Kiley nodded and said, "Isaac, I understand "

Isaac released her contentedly, casually picked up a glass of

champagne and took a sip. "You said you had a surprise for me earlier, I'm here now, what's the surprise?"

Upon hearing this, Kiley unconsciously pinched her palm, feeling somewhat nervous inside.

"Why was Isaac in such a hurry? The banquet was about to officially start. Let's dance the opening dance together, shall we?"

The amusement in Isaac's eyes gradually turned icy, his voice filled with sarcasm, "Kiley, do you really think I would entertain such a boring game with you?"

Kiley took a deep breath and looked up at him.

"Alright, the surprise I wanted to tell you is..."

At this point, Kiley leaned in and whispered a few words into his ear

Isaac's face suddenly turned extremely ugly, and a coldness emerged in his eyes.

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Seeing Isaac's icy demeanor, with not a trace of joy on his face, Kiley's heart involuntarily sank.

"Weren't you happy?"

Isaac sneered, turning his head to look at her coldly, "Do you think I should be happy?"

Kiley looked a bit embarrassed and before she could speak, Isaac continued. "I made a doctor's appointment for you. It's done."

Upon hearing this, Kiley's face turned pale instantly, looking at Isaac in disbelief. "This is your child, how could you be so heartless?"

"If the child was brought into the world in such a confused state, he would only suffer when he found out in the future."

Kiley subconsciously covered her stomach, taking a step back and looking at Isaac. she said, "I'm afraid you have no say in the matter of this child's stay or leave."

"What did you mean?"

"Before I told you, I had already told Norma this news."

In an instant, Isaac's face turned extremely ugly, his gaze at Kiley seemed as if he wanted to devour her.

"Kiley, you actually dared to scheme against me!"

Kiley raised an eyebrow and sneered, saying word by word, "If you hadn't chosen to enter that room, this wouldn't have happened Who's

to say you didn't scheme against me?"

He deliberately walked into that room, with the sole purpose of making Norma perceive him as a victim, hoping to gain more inheritance from her.

“You will definitely regret it!”

“Who knows who will regret it! Besides, with this child, your chances of winning will be even greater, won’t they?”

Isaac kept a gloomy face and didn’t speak, not knowing what he was thinking

On the other side, Mallory had just composed herself and stepped out of the study, only to see Zane and a woman sneaking off towards the back garden.

A flash of disbelief crossed her eyes, and she quickly followed.

Because she didn’t dare to get too close, she couldn’t hear the conversation between the two. She only saw them walk into the pavilion, not knowing what they said. Afterwards, the woman left first..

Mallory stood in the shadows for a while, but still didn’t go out to confront Zane face to face, deciding instead to find someone to investigate secretly.

She knew all the guests invited today, but she had never seen that woman before. Moreover, that woman looked less than thirty years old Judging from the way they were talking, it seemed they had known each other for quite some time.

Zane, sitting in the pavilion, was in a predicament. He had just walked out of the study, only to be startled nearly out of his wits upon seeing Sabina Flanagan attending the banquet Fortunately, she

hadn’t brought Victor along Otherwise, anyone who saw Victor would definitely know he was his child.

However, this time Sabina came over to question him about when he planned to divorce. It was not easy to send her away, but the irritation in his heart just couldn’t be suppressed.”

At that time, the Schneider Group was still unstable. It would have been foolish for him to divorce Mallory. He had to figure out a way to stabilize Sabina first.

That night, each member of the Schneider family had their own concerns, and they merely went through the motions for the upcoming banquet.

After leaving the Schneider family, Maxim noticed Briana’s somewhat low spirits. He said softly in a deep voice, “Today is your birthday, you should be a little happier.”

Upon hearing this, Briana turned to look at him, a smile tugging at the corner of her mouth, “Who said I’m in a bad mood? I’m very happy right now.”

The relationship with the Schneider family had always been in a complicated state, impossible to sever yet chaotic to manage. After tonight’s incident, she believed that the Schneider family would not bother her again in the future.

No sooner had the words left her mouth than her hand was seized by Maxim’s large palm.

The warmth from his palm seemed to transfer to her, and her originally cold heart seemed to warm up as well

"The birthday feast prepared by the Schneider family for you has passed, but the birthday I prepared for you has just begun."

Surprise flashed in Briana's eyes, "What have you prepared?"

These past few days, Maxim had been silent, she thought he only planned to let Rayan casually buy a set of jewelry for her as usual.

"Go home first."

Seeing that he was unwilling to say more, Briana didn't continue to press him.

They quickly returned to the villa, and the moment they entered, Maxim covered Briana's eyes.

"Close your eyes first."

"Why so mysterious?"

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"You would know soon."

Maxim led Briana to sit on the sofa. whispering. "Don't open your eyes, wait until I call you to open them."

"Good."

The sound of his footsteps gradually faded away, and after a while, it gradually became clear again.

Briana heard him place something on the table, followed by his cold voice ringing out.

"You can open your eyes now."

Briana slowly opened her eyes, the first thing that came into view was a bowl of clear soup noodles, on which her birthday was carved out of carrots, crooked and somewhat ugly

"Happy Birthday, Briana!"

Looking at the mediocre-looking noodles in front of her, Briana turned to Maxim with a puzzled look, "Did you make this yourself?"

Maxim nodded, "Hmm, just take a bite, we have to go out later."

Briana picked up the noodles, only to discover that the entire bowl was just one long noodle.

"This noodle wasn't rolled by you, was it?"

As the words fell. Maxim's ears suddenly turned red. He awkwardly averted his gaze and said, "You're overthinking, I bought this."

Having been with him for so long, Briana noticed that he was shy but didn't call him out on it. She finished the whole noodle before putting down her chopsticks.

After finishing the longevity noodles. Maxim dragged Briana out the door again.

“What was this point used for?”

Maxim glanced at her while driving, “Just trust yourself to me tonight.”

Soon, the two arrived at the most famous revolving restaurant in Bridenville, which was located on the sixty-sixth floor and offered a panoramic view of the entire Bridenville night scene.

The two took the elevator straight to the top floor, where a waiter immediately greeted them.

“Mr. Yoder, everything was ready, shall we start now?”

Maxim nodded, “Hmm.”

The entire revolving restaurant was empty. The waiter led the two to the spot with the best night view and then promptly left.

The restaurant quickly started serving dishes, all of which were Briana’s favorites.

After serving the dishes, Briana had a vague feeling that it wouldn’t be that simple, but she didn’t ask.

The two had taken a few bites of their meal when Maxim suddenly said. “Look outside ”

The moment Briana turned her head a huge firework exploded in the sky. forming a heart shape with the words ‘Happy Birthday Briana

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inside.

Immediately after, one by one, fireworks rose from every corner of the city and exploded in the sky, instantly igniting the night sky.

Briana’s eyes widened slightly in surprise, for each firework explosion came with a ‘Happy Birthday Briana’. It took a full half hour before it ended.

Seeing those fireworks, Briana felt a pang of pain, they must have been very expensive.

The moment the last firework fell, the lights in the restaurant went out.

The waiter came over pushing a cake, a candle stuck in it. After pushing the cake in front of Briana, he tactfully left.

“Make a wish.”

Under the candlelight, Maxim’s serious eyes were fixed on her, filled with love.

Briana nodded, closed her eyes, and silently made a wish in her heart

The moment I opened my eyes, a necklace appeared before me.

“Birthday gift.”

She paused for a moment, unconsciously reaching out to take it, murmuring, "Love of a lifetime, this necklace isn't

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The Love of a Lifetime was a necklace designed by a top jewelry designer for his wife. After his wife passed away, the Love of a Lifetime was treasured by him.

Many people wanted to buy the Love of the Century, but they were all rejected. After the designer passed away, the Love of the Century also disappeared

However, Briana soon discovered that the necklace only resembled the Love of the Century at first glance. Apart from the materials used, all other details were completely different from the Love of the Century.

"No, this was not a love that could shake the world."

Maxim nodded, "Yes, the name of this necklace is Starry Sky."

Briana looked at the fragmented diamonds adorning the necklace, shimmering under the light, refracting beautiful rays, indeed as beautiful as the Starry Sky

"It was beautiful, thank you."

"I put it on for you."

Maxim picked up the necklace and walked behind Briana to put it on her

She was already dressed to the nines tonight, and with the necklace accentuating her beauty, she looked even more stunning and captivating, making hearts flutter uncontrollably

Briana also loved this necklace, touching it fondly The person who could design such a beautiful necklace must be very talented in the design industry.

"Who designed this necklace? If given the chance, I would like to meet him."

Maxim's eyes were downcast, he didn't answer the question.

"As long as you liked it."

After the two had eaten, on their way back, Briana noticed that the billboards along the road had all been changed to birthday wishes for her.

She turned to look at Maxim, her expression serious as she said, "Maxim, thank you for tonight, I really had a great time."

Since she returned to the Schneider family, it was the first time that someone had shown her such blatant favoritism.

"This is what a boyfriend should do, and besides, don't you think saying thank you makes us seem unfamiliar?"

Briana pursed her lips, a smile in her eyes, and nodded, saying, "Hmm, I understand."

The two had just returned home when Briana received a call from Melody

"Briana. I heard that Maxim spent a fortune on a fireworks display for you today?"

"Hmm, weren't you on a business trip abroad? How did you hear about it?"

"Although I was abroad, it would have been strange if I hadn't heard about the big fuss Maxim was making, right?"

Briana couldn't help but chuckle, "True."

"Happy Birthday, I will bring your birthday gift back when I return to the country tomorrow. I won't disturb your world of two anymore, bye!"

After hanging up the phone, Briana put away her mobile and got up to take a shower.

On the other side, the Schneider family.

After the party ended. Kiley saw the birthday surprise Maxim had prepared for Briana on Timeline, and she was so angry that she threw her phone directly. It was all hers, it was Briana who had stolen Maxim, and the bait had taken away everything that originally belonged to her!

She surely wouldn't let Briana off the hook!

Mallory, sitting across, was lost in her own world, completely

oblivious to Kiley's unusual behavior. It wasn't until Kiley called her several times that she snapped back to reality.

"Kiley, what happened?"

Kiley looked at her with a questioning expression, "Mom, what's wrong with you? You've been distracted since the party ended. Did something happen?"

Mallory shook her head, "It's okay, I'm just a bit tired. I'm going to my bedroom first, you should rest early too."

"Good"

Returning to her bedroom. Mallory sat on the bed, continuing to space out, until a ring from her cell phone startled her

Seeing the call was from a private detective, Mallory quickly answered.

"How was it? Where is he now?"

"Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Schneider went straight to the office after leaving home and has not left yet."

Upon hearing that he indeed went to work overtime, the heart Mallory had been holding up finally fell back into her stomach.

“Alright, I understood.”

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Just as he was about to hang up the phone, the private detective spoke, “Mr. Schneider is just leaving the company now, we won’t follow him.”

“Mm–hmm.”

Mallory had been waiting at home for over an hour, and Zane still hadn’t returned, she couldn’t help but start to overthink again.

After hesitating for a while, she still made a call to Zane.

“Where were you then?”

Zane’s voice was somewhat impatient, “Where else but at the company? Do you need something?”

Upon hearing this, anger surged into Mallory’s mind in an instant.

“Zane, you left the company over an hour ago, where have you been working?!”

There was silence on the phone for a few seconds, then Zane’s angry voice rang out, “Mallory, did you have someone follow me?!”

Mallory sneered, “So what? You’ve been lying to me, Zane. Where the hell are you now?!”

No sooner had the words fallen than Zane hung up the phone.

Half an hour later, Zane had returned to the Schneider family.

As soon as he opened the bedroom, Mallory lunged at him, grabbing his collar with a crazed look on her face.

“Zane, where on earth were you just now?!”

With a look of disgust, Zane flung her onto the ground and said coldly, “I go out for social engagements too, do I have to report this to you as well?! What on earth are you suspicious of?!”

Doubt filled Mallory’s eyes, “What did you say to that woman in the gazebo tonight?! She wasn’t even on the guest list for today, what is your relationship with her?!”

Zane was startled, he hadn’t expected that Mallory would see him talking to Sabina.

However, he quickly regained his composure, his eyes glaring angrily at Mallory.

“That was one of my clients. She came with a friend. You usually only know women who are only interested in eating, drinking, and having fun, so of course you don’t know her!”

Upon hearing this, a hint of doubt flashed in Mallory’s eyes, “Really?”

Zane looked at her impatiently, “If you don’t believe me, then forget it!. I have a lot of work to do, I don’t have time to waste talking to you!”

After saying that, he immediately turned around and left!

Mallory stared intently at his retreating figure, only lowering her head when Zane's figure disappeared from her sight.

Zane, you better not have lied to me!

Near the end of work the next day, Briana suddenly received a call from Hector.

"Briana, were you free in the evening? I wanted to invite you for a meal."

The restaurant the two had agreed upon was a private dining establishment. Due to the evening rush hour, Briana arrived half an hour later than the agreed time.

Upon entering the private room and seeing Hector, she quickly apologized, "I'm sorry, I'm late."

Hector smiled warmly, "It's okay, there's no rush anyway."

After speaking, he handed a box to Briana, "A birthday gift, see if you like it."

Briana opened the box, inside was a jade bracelet, just by looking at its color, it was worth at least tens of millions.

She furrowed her brows, "This birthday gift is too expensive."

Seeing that she didn't want to accept it, Hector said, "It's not valuable at all. If it weren't for you, I might not even be able to sit here and have dinner with you."

Briana pursed her lips, initially not wanting to accept, but considering Hector's personality, she nodded and accepted it, secretly deciding to return a gift of similar value on his birthday.

"Order some food, see what you want to eat."

Briana took the menu, "You gave me such a valuable birthday gift today, I'll treat you to this meal."

This time, Hector didn't refuse, he nodded and said, "Okay"

Not far from the two, Kiley and Isaac sat facing each other in a booth.

The two were discussing the matter of the child in Kiley's belly, but the conversation was clearly not going smoothly.

Isaac's face was cold, his eyes filled with ice, "What exactly will it take for you to abort this child?"

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Kiley looked at him expressionlessly, "What benefit is there for me in aborting the child?"

Isaac sneered, "There's no benefit, but if you keep this child, you will definitely regret it!"

"Whether I will regret it or not is my business. If you dare to touch him, I will definitely tell Norma!"

Isaac's face turned extremely cold, his gaze on Kiley was as if he wanted to devour her

"Kiley, you did great!"

Kiley raised her eyebrows, giving him a cold stare.

After an unknown amount of time, Isaac got up and left directly.

The suffocating cold in the box finally dissipated, and Kiley was finally able to breathe a sigh of relief.

She subconsciously touched her stomach, this child was her biggest bargaining chip, she had to give birth to it!

After sitting in the box for a while, Kiley got up intending to leave. Just as she reached the door, she sharply noticed Briana and Hector coming out of the opposite box.

The two were engrossed in conversation, so they didn't notice her.

Kiley instinctively retreated back into the box, closing the door and leaving only a crack. She saw the retreating figures of Briana and

Hector together, and quickly took out her phone to snap a few photos.

She had intended to send it to Maxim, but changed her mind at the moment of sending.

She put away her phone, a cold smirk playing at the corners of her mouth.

The next morning, news of Best Actor Award winner Hector's romance had surged to the top of the trending list.

The whistleblower not only had photos, but also videos.

In the video, Hector took great care of Briana. Although he pixelated Briana, Hector's face was clearly visible.

This news instantly exploded on the internet, almost everyone was paying attention, and undoubtedly, the most heartbroken were Hector's fans.

"Oh my God. I thought I was going to have a heart attack. In all his years of being in the spotlight, the paparazzi never caught him having dinner with a woman. I originally thought he didn't like women, but it seems I was just too naive!"

"Woo woo woo... I also want to have dinner with my brother... I'm so envious. What kind of woman would my brother fall in love with? She must have saved the galaxy in her past life!"

"We must find out who took our brother away! Our brother belongs to all of us!"

The internet was in an uproar, but Briana, the main character, was completely unaware.