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Zane was taken aback, frozen in place, staring intently at Mallory.

“What did you say?”

Coldness filled Mallory’s eyes as she gritted her teeth and said, “Don’t think you can hide this forever! You even brought that wretch with you on this business trip, it’s simply disgusting!”

Zane fell silent, his face so cold it was almost freezing, “When did you find out?”

“The last time I went to the Schneider Group to find you.”

“Since you already knew, I have nothing more to say. Let’s divorce.”

Shock filled Mallory’s eyes, she couldn’t believe these words had come from Zane’s mouth.

She looked at him coldly, her eyes full of anger, “Was your last attempt to divorce me also for that wretch?!”

Zane’s eyes turned cold, “She has a name, and what happened between us was my initiative. I don’t want to hear the word ‘slut’ from your mouth again.”

Watching the man she had been married to for decades defend another woman, Mallory found it nothing but laughable,

“No matter who among you took the initiative, she was willing to be your lover, which is simply degrading. If I had known she was such a cheap woman, I would never have let her into the Schneider Group!”

“Enough, no matter what you say, since you already knew about this, we were preparing for a divorce.”

Mallory’s heart also cooled with these words, her eyes red-rimmed as she looked at him, “You’re divorcing me for a cheap woman?”

“I would have my secretary deliver the divorce agreement.”

After speaking, Zane turned to leave.

Mallory angrily said, “If you dare step out of this door tonight, the whole of Bridenville’s high society will know about Sabina being your lover by tomorrow!”

Zane sneered, “You can try, but if I hear any rumors or gossip, don’t expect to get a penny of the property!”

Watching Zane’s cold and resolute figure, Mallory finally broke down, sitting on the sofa and starting to cry.

Kiley walked up to her, patting her back and comforting her, “Mom, don’t be upset, there’s still room for this to turn around.”

Choking back tears, Mallory said, "I've given so much to him over the years, and now he wants to divorce me for that tramp. I will never let that tramp off the hook!"

Speaking of Sabina, Mallory wished she could slap her twice. She had brought her out of that mountain hole, only to find that not only was she ungrateful, but she also climbed into her husband's bed!

Kiley nodded, "Hmm, I'll go contact my aunt first, and tell her about Sabina becoming my dad's mistress."

After Mallory had arranged for Sabina to join the Schneider Group, that aunt would travel a long distance every year to bring Mallory some fruits and vegetables grown in her own home. Kiley always looked down on this aunt and ignored her every time.

Upon hearing this, Mallory seemed to have grasped a lifeline and quickly said, "Yes, you should call her right away."

Over the years, the other party had always been extremely grateful to her. She knew that this matter would certainly not let Sabina off.

After leaving the Schneider family, Zane didn't go to Sabina's, but went to Emerald Villa to find Briana.

Upon seeing him, Briana's expression was icy.

"Was Mr. Schneider busy?"

Noticing Briana's coldness, Zane's face turned somewhat awkward, "Briana, I was abroad on a business trip before, I didn't know that Kiley actually took you to court. I came right over as soon as I got back and found out about this."

Briana, knowing he always had an ulterior motive for his visits, raised an eyebrow and said, "Oh?" –

"Really, I just disciplined her at home, and she also promised me that she would absolutely never oppose you again."

"Oh, I see. If there's nothing else, I'm going to rest."

After speaking, Briana was about to close the door, but Zane quickly held it open with his hand.

"Wait, Dad had one more thing to say."

Impatience flashed in Briana's eyes, "What is it?"

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Before Zane could speak, a cold voice echoed from within the villa.

"Briana, who were you talking to?"

Briana was about to turn around to respond when Zane raised his voice and said, "Mr. Yoder, it's me. I just got back and heard about what happened with Kiley and Briana, so I came to see Briana."

No sooner had the words fallen than he saw Briana looking at him with a smirk, her eyes full of mockery.

Zane felt his face turning somewhat red, feeling as if Briana had somehow seen through his thoughts.

The next second, Briana directly opened the villa's door, stepping aside with a nonchalant expression, "It seems Mr. Schneider has something to say to Mr. Yoder, you can speak now."

Zane: "....."

Briana was simply impervious to advice!

However, in front of Maxim, he didn't dare to speak harshly to her. He could only smile awkwardly, "Briana, what are you talking about? I came to see you."

Briana looked up at him coldly, "Well, you've had a good look now, you can leave."

As her words fell, the air seemed to solidify as well.

Zane glanced at the cold-faced Maxim who was looking at him, then at

the indifferent Briana beside him. In the end, he swallowed his pride and said, "Mr. Yoder, I do have some business with you as well."

Maxim's expression was icy as he was about to send him away. Suddenly, he thought of something and said, "Let's talk in the study."

Briana looked back at Maxim in confusion. Hadn't he decided not to continue working with the Schneider Group? Why had his attitude suddenly changed?

However, Maxim didn't look at her and turned to walk into the study.

The two didn't know what they had discussed in the study. When they came out, Zane had a smile on his face, looking as if he had gained some benefits.

He walked up to Briana, smiling and said, "Briana, your cousin has been admitted to the graduate program at Vert University. She's coming back next week during her break. Your grandparents are planning to throw a party to celebrate this. You should come with Mr. Yoder."

Briana pursed her lips, in her memory, Ruby was the pride of her uncle's family, the Schneiders. She had always excelled in her studies and was very good at speaking and gaining the affection of the elders, so everyone in the Schneider family doted on her.

When she first returned to the Schneider family, she thought that all she needed to do was to imitate Ruby to win everyone's affection. Only later did she realize how absurdly wrong she was.

In the eyes of the Schneider family, she was just a disaster who could ruin their family. No matter what she did, they would never accept her.

Just like Zane was now welcoming himself with a smile, it was also because he wanted to please Maxim,

"Let's talk about it later. The company has a lot of things going on, I might not have time then."

Zane nodded, "Alright, it would be best if you could go back, your grandmother and the others have been missing you lately."

"Mm-hmm."

Having sent Zane away, Briana turned to look at Maxim, who had been silent all along, and raised an eyebrow, "What benefits did you give him?"

"It's nothing, just work-related stuff."

Briana didn't ask again, "Hmm, I'm going to take a shower, you should rest early."

As I was passing by Maxim, my wrist was suddenly grabbed by him.

"Angry?"

Briana looked up at him, a half-smile on her face. "The Yoder Group is your company," she said. "You can collaborate with whoever you want. What business is it of mine?"

Maxim chuckled softly, looking at her serious expression, he said, "If you want, of course you can."

Briana shook off his hand, looking at him expressionlessly, "I don't want to."

"Alright then." Maxim feigned disappointment.

Briana ignored him and turned directly back to her bedroom.

Maxim chuckled, was about to turn back to his room when he received a call from Rayan.

"Mr. Yoder, word from Haseton that Hector is awake."

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Maxim subconsciously glanced at Briana's bedroom door, then quickly turned and strode into the study.

"How was his situation then?"

"I heard the recovery wasn't going very well, also... there's one more thing."

Maxim's eyes turned cold, "Speak."

There was news from Maureen's family. Our people in Country Y had found their traces, but by the time they were found, Maureen's parents were already dead, and Maureen herself was missing.

"Was the identity of the person who helped them escape from the country clarified?"

"Still hadn't... the clue was lost..."

Maxim frowned, saying coldly, "Keep investigating, we must find out who's pulling the strings behind the scenes!"

After hanging up the phone, Maxim stared at his mobile for a while, then dialed another number.

“Mr. Yoder, calling me so late, is there something wrong?”

Maxim’s expression was icy as he said, word by word, “Mr. Baldwin, I can agree to the condition you mentioned before, on the condition that Hector will not appear in front of my wife again!”

Albert was silent for a few seconds, then laughed and said, “Mr.

Yoder, it’s a pleasure to work with you.”

“Mr. Baldwin, I hope you can walk the talk, otherwise don’t blame me for not considering feelings.”

“Mr. Yoder, rest assured, Hector is my son and also the heir of the Baldwin family. I would not have allowed him to do anything that would destroy another family,”

Maxim didn’t say anything else, he just hung up the phone.

Time flew by quickly, and before they knew it, it was the day the Schneider family celebrated for Ruby.

The Schneider family had booked the entire third floor of the largest riverside hotel in Bridenville, inviting almost everyone from Bridenville’s upper–class society.

Initially, Briana didn’t plan to come, but Melody was going to attend, so she pestered her for several days. Annoyed to the extreme, Briana had no choice but to agree.

When she entered the banquet hall with Maxim, there were already many guests inside.

The Schneider family had been entertaining guests, but upon seeing Maxim and Briana, they immediately hurried over to them.

Lacey and Desmond were getting on in years, yet they saw that Maxim still had a pleasing smile on his face.

“Mr. Yoder, Briana, you’ve arrived? Come over here and sit down -quickly.”

Lacey was incredibly warm towards Briana, her smile was more genuine than ever before.

Briana’s expression was indifferent, with no trace of emotion in her eyes.

Just as she sat down, Lacey said with a smile, “Briana, have you been tired from work lately? If it’s too much, come back to the Schneider family, we can afford to take care of you!”

Briana took a just–listening attitude towards Lacey’s scene talk.

“Not tired. Oh right, where’s my cousin? Isn’t today her celebration?”

Speaking of Ruby, Lacey’s face was filled with genuine pride and joy. She said softly, “She’s upstairs on the fifth floor, getting ready with a few friends. She’ll be down soon.”

Briana nodded, not asking any further.

The two of them didn’t really have much to say, gradually falling into silence.

Lacey glanced at the icy Maxim sitting next to Briana, and said in a slightly ingratiating tone, "Mr. Yoder, you don't have to sit with us. There are many businessmen who cooperate with the Yoder Group attending the banquet today. You should have more to talk about with them."

Maxim gave a slight nod, "Okay."

He looked at Briana, whispering, "I'll go first, call me anytime if you need anything."

"Good."

Maxim had just stepped into the crowd when people started approaching him to talk, and it wasn't just one person.

The Yoder Group was the largest company in Bridenville, and Maxim,

as the president of the Yoder Group, naturally became the center of attention wherever he went.

"Briana, you previously said you wanted to divorce Mr. Yoder, I really thought you two had no feelings left, so I didn't interfere. But now that you two are back together, the matter of remarriage should also be put on the agenda."

Upon hearing this, Briana couldn't help but frown, "Grandma, this is between him and me, we will make our own decisions."

A flash of displeasure crossed Lacey's eyes, "I'm only looking out for you. Sure, Mr. Yoder likes you now and listens to everything you say, but what if one day he falls for someone else? Then you'll end up with nothing."

After a few seconds of silence, Briana slowly said, "I'm with him not because I want something from him."

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"Even if you didn't want anything from him, you should have considered the Schneider family. Only when the Schneider family rose, would you have more say in front of him."

After all is said and done, it was still for the benefit of the Schneider family.

Briana found it somewhat amusing. When she was of no use, the Schneider family avoided her like the plague. When she was useful, the Schneider family couldn't wait to have her work her fingers to the bone for their benefit.

From beginning to end, she was nothing more than a pawn to be used when useful, and discarded when not.

She looked up at Lacey, speaking slowly and deliberately, "Grandma, you don't need to bother anymore. The good and bad of the Schneider family has nothing to do with me. To the people of the Schneider family, I am not your family, and the same goes for me. I don't need the Schneider family to back me up, nor will I seek benefits for the Schneider family."

Lacey's complexion changed, and her voice turned somewhat cold.

“Briana, once you really had a conflict with Maxim, you would know how important it was to have a family to fall back on!”

“The Schneider family was never my backup, not in the past, and it could never be in the future.”

Seeing Briana unaffected by her words, Lacey’s face completely cooled down.

“Since you’ve said so, I have nothing more to say. I just hope you won’t regret it in the future.”

Briana stood up, her expression indifferent as she said, “You still have guests to entertain, so I’ll take my leave now.

Because the company had been busy recently, Kiley didn’t rush over until after seven in the evening due to working overtime.

Lacey had already been upset with her due to a previous plagiarism incident, and her face immediately fell when she saw her arriving so late.

“Such an important matter concerning your cousin, and you arrived so late. Did you do it on purpose?!”

Kiley frowned, “Grandma, the company has been quite busy recently. I rushed over as soon as I finished.”

Lacey said irritably, “Fine, find a place to sit down yourself. Aren’t you embarrassed enough?!”

Kiley lowered her gaze, her hands at her sides unconsciously tightening.

Lacey used to be very nice to her, but now, due to a plagiarism incident, her attitude towards herself is vastly different from before.

Thinking of this, a wave of dissatisfaction and anger surged in Kiley’s heart.

Walking over to sit next to Mallory, Kiley bit her lower lip tightly, -barely resisting the urge to leave immediately.

However, when the guests saw her, they began to whisper among themselves.

“I didn’t expect Kiley to have the nerve to attend the party. If I were her, I would probably hide at home for half a year, too scared to go out.”

“As long as one has a thick skin, there’s nothing to fear. They even dared to steal another company’s design and shamelessly accused them of plagiarism. Attending a banquet was simply a piece of cake for them.”

“In all my years, I’ve never seen anything like this. If I were a member of the Schneider family, I would never let her show her face in public, because it’s just too embarrassing.”

The surrounding voices of mockery and contempt almost drove Kiley mad. She abruptly stood up, immediately attracting the attention of those around her.

Mallory quickly grabbed her, shaking his head at her, his eyes full of

restraint.

If there had been a scene at the party today, the Schneider family would never have a place for them, mother and daughter, ever again. Lacey certainly wouldn't have let them off easily.

Kiley took a deep breath, lowered her eyes and said, "Mom, I'm going to the bathroom."

Hearing this, Mallory finally breathed a sigh of relief, "Alright, go and come back quickly."

Lacey, standing to the side, looked upset. A sense of regret truly rose in her heart. She shouldn't have let Kiley attend the banquet.

Everything that happened on the main table was clearly seen by the people nearby.

Melody raised an eyebrow, "Because of the plagiarism issue, it seems that Kiley is not having a good time now."

Briana was indifferent, "Whether she had a good or bad time was her own choice."

If Kiley had behaved herself from the beginning, she wouldn't have ended up where she is today.

Melody chuckled, "True that."

Kiley washed her face in the bathroom, and as soon as she stepped out, she ran into Ruby.

A meaningful smile played at the corners of Ruby's mouth. She hadn't forgotten how, at her grandfather's birthday party, Kiley had taken advantage of her playing a video to reveal Briana feeding fruit to a male model at a nightclub.

Today, it should have been her time for revenge!

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"Kiley, what's wrong with you? Why do you look so awful?"

Kiley forced out a smile, "I'm fine, just been working a lot recently, a bit tired."

With a look of concern, Ruby said, "Work is never-ending, your health is the most important thing. Don't wear yourself out."

Kiley nodded, her tone somewhat perfunctory, "Hmm, I'm going back first."

"Good."

After Kiley left, Ruby slowly walked into the bathroom. After touching up her makeup, she slowly raised a smile in the mirror.

Whether it was Kiley or Briana, they were just stepping stones in her life.

A few minutes later, Ruby returned to the venue. After sitting down next to Valerie, a faint smile curled up at the corner of her mouth.

Everyone around was praising Valerie.

“Ruby was truly outstanding. I heard that the graduate program she applied for only accepted two students, and she was the first one to be admitted!”

“Ah, if only I had a wonderful daughter like Ruby!”

“Valerie, what do you think of my son? How about we become in-laws?”

Ruby kept her head down the whole time, looking shy.

Valerie glanced at the silent Mallory and Kiley beside her, feeling smug. In the past, Kiley always overshadowed Ruby. Now that Kiley had caused such a big scandal, there was no chance she could be compared to Ruby anymore.

Her face was full of smiles as she said, “Ruby is still young, and young people nowadays are not the same as in our time. They all like free love. We are old now, we can’t control it anymore.”

“Haha, true, but we can arrange for an introduction another day.”

Several people were engaged in a heated discussion when the large screen that had been displaying Ruby’s experiences over the years suddenly went black. It lit up again shortly after, but this time it wasn’t showing Ruby’s experiences, but a dimly lit video.

Everyone was initially stunned, then someone with sharp eyes recognized that the video featured a man and a woman, and the woman was unmistakably Kiley.

The two seemed to be in a private room, with Kiley discussing business with the man. However, the man kept taking every

opportunity to make advances on her. In order to secure the contract, Kiley put up with it.

The moment she saw that video, Kiley’s face turned deathly pale, and she stood frozen in place as if rooted to the spot.

Lacey’s face turned ashen, she gritted her teeth and said, “Who put this on! Turn it off immediately!”

The staff member nearby reacted and quickly unplugged the power source.

The big screen suddenly went black, but the crowd had already started to buzz with discussion.

The Schneider family all had unpleasant expressions on their faces, feeling as if they had lost all their dignity.

Lacey looked at Mallory coldly, “What a great daughter you’ve raised!”

The previously silent Mallory finally exploded, raising her head to glare angrily at Norma.

“Mom, I haven’t done anything wrong to the Schneider family over the years. When Briana was just born, the Feng Shui master said that her staying with the Schneider family would lead to their ruin. You said you wanted to send her away, and I didn’t object!”

“Later on, you kept ostracizing me for this reason, and I didn’t say anything. I just devoted myself to raising Kiley. In this video, it’s clearly that disgusting old man who’s touching Kiley inappropriately. Your first reaction isn’t to confront that old man, but to think that Kiley is the one who’s disgraced?! What kind of family are you?!”

“And you said I raised a good daughter, well let me tell you, Zane is certainly not a good son you raised! I’ve been married to him for so many years, and he cheated on me with a female secretary, who is also my niece! It’s absolutely disgusting!”

“Why do you think he didn’t come today? He’s busy spending time with his mistress!”

Mallory’s words dropped like a bomb into deep water, instantly exploding.

Everyone wore a face of shock and disbelief, then began to whisper among themselves.

Lacey’s blood pressure skyrocketed in anger, and she fainted with a roll of her eyes.

“Grandma!”

“Mom!”

The scene immediately turned into chaos, with everyone in the Schneider family, except for Mallory and Kiley, rushing to help the old lady.

“Call the doctor quickly!”

Talon addressed the crowd, “I’m sorry, but due to my mother’s sudden fainting, I won’t be able to entertain you all. You are welcome to finish your dinner before leaving. We need to take my mother to the hospital. I sincerely apologize for the inconvenience. I will make it up to you all with another feast next time.”

Melody glanced at Briana, who had been silent with her eyes downcast, and sneered, “Your mother sure does protect Kiley, too bad she’s blind, mistaking a fish’s eye for a pearl.”

Briana slowly lifted her head, her eyes devoid of any emotion.

“What a boring farce, I should have known better than to come.”

After speaking, she stood up and turned around to leave directly.

Melody paused for a moment, then hurriedly caught up once she realized.

“Briana, I’m sorry... Are you still upset about your mom?”

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Briana didn’t miss a step, speaking with a nonchalant expression, “No, I just felt like I wasted my time coming here today.”

Seeing no trace of sadness on her face, Melody finally breathed a sigh of relief.

She was about to speak when Maxim’s figure suddenly appeared in front of them.

“Are you okay?”

Briana nodded, "Yeah, I'm just a bit hungry."

"I took you to eat."

"Good."

Maxim gave Melody a slight nod, then left with Briana.

After getting on the car, Maxim turned his head to look at her.

"If you were upset, you could have spoken up."

Briana turned her head, saw the worry in his eyes, and couldn't help but laugh.

"I was really fine, I had stopped caring about the Schneider family a long time ago."

She had long since lost all hope in the Schneider family, so whatever they did now wouldn't affect her.

"Um, what did you want to eat tonight?"

"Steakhouse, it's been a long time since I've had Western food."

"Good."

Maxim started the car and sped off to a private Western restaurant in Bridenville.

Briana turned her head to look at the fleeting street view outside the window, feeling a sense of peace in her heart. Although the Schneider family didn't like her, she had friends and a lover who loved her, and that was enough.

Zane arrived at the hospital, only to be slapped by Norma who had just woken up.

"Keep your wife and daughter in check! Otherwise, don't blame me for turning hostile!"

"Mom, I've already heard about the situation. I will definitely discipline Mallory and Kiley properly. Don't get upset."

Lacey sneered, her eyes full of anger, "We, the Schneider family, have never been so humiliated. You better break up with that woman outside, or don't blame me for disowning you as my son!"

Zane was silent for a moment, then spoke with some difficulty, "Mom, I'm afraid I can't quit."

Lacey's eyes widened, "What do you mean by this?! Are you trying to infuriate me?!"

"No, Mom, listen to me,"

"Alright, you speak, I really want to see if you can actually produce a flower with your words!"

Zane sighed, "Sabina gave birth to a son for me."

"What?!"

Now Lacey was truly excited, but her joy outweighed her shock, "Are you serious?"

Zane didn't have a son, which had been a heartache for her for many years. However, since Mallory's belly had shown no signs of pregnancy, she gradually gave up this hope. Fortunately, the second eldest family still had a son, at least the Schneider family wouldn't end their lineage.

The expressions on the faces of Talon and Valerie on the side were also quite interesting, but they were not the slightest bit delighted, their hearts were hanging in suspense.

If Zane really had a son, what would the Schneider Group have to do with their son in the future?!

Thinking of this, the expressions on both of their faces became extremely unpleasant.

For a moment, everyone in the ward had different thoughts.

Zane nodded, "Indeed, he's already seven years old. I'll bring him to see you in a few days."

Suddenly realizing that she had such a big grandson, Norma could no longer sit still, and hurriedly said, "Bring him to see me now! How could you hide this from us for so many years!"

"Wasn't this because we were afraid you wouldn't agree at first?"

Moreover, it was a critical period for the Schneider Group to go public when Victor was born. We couldn't afford any negative news, so we kept it a secret."

"Enough, stop the nonsense, bring Victor over immediately."

Zane nodded, immediately called Sabina, and asked her to bring Victor over.

On the other side, after Mallory and Kiley had calmed down, they also drove towards the hospital.

Just arrived at the hospital entrance, and bumped into Sabina.

Upon seeing the child next to Sabina, Mallory was instantly struck dumb, as if hit by lightning.

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Kiley was also shocked. The child looked so much like Zane that even if they were foolish, they could tell that he was his illegitimate son.

After realizing what was happening, Mallory rushed forward and slapped Sabina twice directly.

"You despicable person! You even had a child, I really underestimated you!"

Sabina, not to be outdone, grabbed Mallory's hair and wrestled with her.

The hospital entrance was bustling with people, quickly attracting the attention of many.

By the time Zane received the message and rushed to the scene, both Mallory and Sabina were disheveled and looked a mess.

"Mallory! What were you doing?! Wasn't it embarrassing enough?!"

Mallory sneered, pointing at Victor who had already turned pale with fear, "Zane, you've brought out your illegitimate child, and you don't feel ashamed. What do I have to be ashamed of?!"

Zane's face turned incredibly ugly, gritting his teeth, he said, "You go home first, we'll talk about this when I get back!"

However, Mallory had already planned to completely fall out with him, she coldly looked at him and said, "I'm going to settle it here today!"

The onlookers around were all pointing and commenting, and some even directly took out their phones to record videos and posted them

online. Soon, this incident sparked a heated discussion on the internet.

Briana and Maxim had not yet returned to the villa when they received a call from Melody.

"Briana, your mom found out that your dad had a son with his mistress. It's now all over the internet. I've forwarded the video to you!"

After hanging up the phone, Briana clicked on the video that Melody had sent.

In the video, Zane and Mallory were confronting each other with icy expressions. Mallory's hair was disheveled, completely devoid of her usual ladylike image, looking like a madwoman.

Standing equally disheveled next to Mallory, a woman pulling along a seven or eight-year-old child, must have been Zane's mistress.

After seeing the other person's face clearly, Briana immediately recognized her as Zane's secretary, who had delivered documents a few times when she used to live with the Schneider family.

Based on the child's age, Zane should have already been unfaithful by the time she returned to the Schneider family.

Being able to keep it a secret for so many years, it really takes some skill.

After watching the video, Briana indifferently put down her phone. The affairs of the Schneider family had nothing to do with her anymore, and she wouldn't bother about them.

She just didn't expect that the next morning, Kiley would come knocking on her door.

"You probably already knew about Dad's affair. He's now insisting on divorcing Mom."

Briana looked at her expressionlessly, with no hint of fluctuation in her eyes.

"It seemed to have nothing to do with me."

Kiley bit her lower lip, looking at her and said, "No matter how much resentment you have towards mom, she is still your biological mother. Are you really going to stand by and watch her divorce dad?"

Briana frowned, "What do you want?"

"You went to persuade dad, asking him not to divorce mom."

Briana found it somewhat amusing and said coldly, "You really think highly of me!"

"Consider it as me begging you, okay?"

Before Briana could speak, a cold voice echoed in Kiley's ear.

"Kiley, anything to do with the Schneider family has absolutely nothing to do with Briana, don't let me see you in front of her again!"

Kiley turned her head in disbelief, her gaze meeting Maxim's icy eyes, and she couldn't help but shudder.

"Maxim, this is a matter of the Schneider family, we hope you won't interfere!"

No sooner had the words fallen than Briana stood up and said, "His words are also my thoughts. Don't waste your time here, think of other ways. After all, you've always had many ideas."

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Detecting the mockery in Briana's tone, Kiley bit her lower lip hard. If it weren't for Maxim's current fondness for Briana, and Zane's desire to please Maxim, she definitely wouldn't have made this trip today!

Seeing Briana about to leave, Kiley's tone finally cooled down, "You're so heartless now, aren't you afraid you'll regret it in the future?"

Briana gave a slight smile, "Whether I regret it or not is my business, mind your own."

After speaking, Briana turned to Maxim and said, "I'm a bit tired, I'll go back to my room to rest first."

"Mm-hmm."

After Briana left, the entire living room suddenly became quiet.

Kiley's hand, hanging by her side, unconsciously tightened, her heart filled with anger.

"Haven't left yet?"

Maxim's cold voice echoed from behind, and Kiley's heart sank along with it.

She stood up, and said word by word, "Maxim, don't forget, you still owe me one last wish."

Maxim looked at her coldly, "You want to use it now?"

A struggle flashed in Kiley's eyes, but in the end, she lowered her gaze and said, "No, I will figure out a way to solve my family's problems myself."

Maxim didn't speak again, just looked at her expressionlessly, his intention for her to leave was unspoken but clear.

Kiley took a deep breath, stood up, and left directly.

Back at the Schneider family, Mallory was still sitting on the couch crying, just as she had been when she left.

Kiley was somewhat annoyed. The recent events at the company had already exhausted her, and now there was Zane's infidelity and his impending divorce with Mallory, which left her at her wits' end.

Kiley stood at the door for a while, and only after calming her emotions did she go and sit next to Mallory.

"Mom, stop crying, it's no use crying now. The most important thing is to find a way to change Dad's mind."

Mallory's crying paused for a moment, as she wiped her tears and choked out, "After all these years of giving him my all, I never thought he would do this to me! I could just kill him with a knife!"

Kiley took a deep breath and slowly said, "Since it has already happened, complaining now is useless. We need to think about how to solve it."

"Didn't you just go to see Briana? What did she say?"

Kiley's eyes flickered as she whispered, "Sister said that the matter of the Schneider family had nothing to do with her at all."

A look of realization instantly crossed Mallory's face, she gritted her teeth and said, "I knew that heartless bastard wouldn't care about me!"

"Enough, stop talking about this. I've already had the lawyer

investigate Dad's assets and apply for a freeze on his funds. If he really wants to divorce, we'll sue him for adultery committed during the marriage."

When saying these, Kiley's expression was very calm.

Zane had a son with Sabina and had gone to great lengths to keep it a secret for so many years. The purpose was self-evident.

Thinking back to when Zane had said he would hand over the Schneider Group to her, Kiley felt it was extremely hypocritical. She suspected that he had long decided to leave the company to that little bastard, which was why he had not allowed her to touch the company's business or gain experience in the company for the past few years.

Mallory wiped her tears and nodded, "I understand, Kiley, I'll listen to you."

Kiley held her hand, slowly saying, "Mom, you've been with my dad for so many years, it's best to find a way to win him back. As long as his heart returns, we can slowly deal with that bitch Sabina and her bastard child. There's no need to rush."

Although she said so, Kiley was well aware that there was almost no chance for Zane to turn back. After all, Sabina was young and beautiful, and she held the trump card of having a son.

"Alright, I understand, I'll think about what to do..."

She wouldn't divorce Zane, not because she still had feelings for him, but because she didn't want that bitch Sabina to gloat!

As the two were talking, the servant stepped forward and said, "Madam, your cousin has arrived."

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Mallory sneered, "Let her in!"

Over the years, she believed she had been generous to Tracy's family, but Sabina had climbed into Zane's bed and even secretly had a bastard child. She just couldn't swallow this insult!

Under the guidance of the servant, Tracy walked in carrying a snakeskin bag.

Her complexion was dark, and she wore a semi-new floral shirt on her upper body, a pair of black pants on her lower body, and a pair of yellow cloth shoes on her feet that had been washed to a somewhat whitish color. Some mud was still stuck to the edges of her shoes, making her appear somewhat restrained overall.

Upon seeing her, Mallory could hardly conceal the disgust and contempt on his face.

Kiley, who was sitting nearby, smelled the sweat on her and unconsciously covered her nose. She stood up and said, "Mom, I have something to do, I'll go upstairs first."

Tracy saw Kiley, a nearly ingratiating smile on her face, "Kiley, you've grown so beautiful! Last time I came, you were still in high school!"

Kiley couldn't be bothered to deal with her and simply turned around to go upstairs.

The expression on Tracy's face was somewhat awkward as she turned to Mallory and said, "Cousin, I brought you some local products from home this time, take a look."

As she spoke, she opened the snakeskin bag, intending to show the local specialties inside to Mallory. However, Mallory responded indifferently, "It's thoughtful of you, but we have all these things in the city. You don't need to bring them next time."

"City life is not as safe as the countryside, I heard that the vegetables in the city are all sprayed with pesticides."

Mallory didn't want to waste words with her, she directly ordered the servant to take the things away.

"Sit down first, I called you over this time because I have something to ask you."

Tracy carefully sat down on the sofa. "What's the matter?"

"Did you know that Sabina had a baby with Zane?"

Upon hearing this, Tracy immediately stood up in shock, her eyes wide open, and the flesh on her face slightly trembling.

"What?! She actually had a child with another man! What should I do... I've already discussed the dowry with her family in the village, and I came here this time intending to take her back to get married."

Mallory fell silent for a few seconds, a plan suddenly forming in her mind.

She looked at Tracy, sighed and said, "She's been working in

Bridenville for so many years, I guess her heart has gone wild, and she probably doesn't want to go back."

"No, she won't go back to get married, what about the money for her brother's wedding! This damn girl! I'm going to find her right now!"

Seeing Tracy about to leave, Mallory quickly stopped her, "If you go to her now, she definitely won't listen to you. How about this, I'll help

you send her back, you hurry up and tell that family to prepare for the wedding. You know, once a woman sleeps with a man, she will definitely obey."

Upon hearing the reasonable words, Tracy immediately agreed.

"Alright, cousin, I'll have to trouble you with this matter then!"

Mallory laughed, "We're all family here, no need to be so formal."

Approaching noon, Sabina received a call from Tracy, saying that she had arrived in Bridenville and was currently at the train station, asking Sabina to pick her up.

Sabina hurried to the train station. After meeting Tracy, she frowned and said, "Mom, why didn't you tell me in advance that you were coming? I had to take time off to come here."

"I just suddenly missed you, so I came over. I haven't eaten all morning, so take me to eat first."

"Good."

Sabina took the snakeskin bag from Tracy, hailed a taxi and directly took Tracy to a restaurant.

However, what she didn't know was that the moment they got into the taxi, there was a car following them.

An hour later, looking at the unconscious Sabina, Tracy was somewhat at a loss.

"Cousin, is Sabina okay?"

Mallory's icy, hateful gaze swept over Sabina's face as she said softly, "It's okay, she just took some sleeping pills. She'll wake up in about a day. I'll have my men take you home, it's faster by plane. You'll be

home before tonight."

Tracy looked terrified. In her entire life, let alone riding an airplane, she had never even seen what an airplane looked like.

"Cousin, no need, we can just take the train back."

"I've already booked the plane tickets, they are non-refundable. Each one costs over a thousand. It would be a waste if we don't use them."