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Sabina gritted her teeth, "Does being angry give you the right to hit people?!"

Kiley squinted her eyes and slowly said, "Cousin, you should thank my mom. This slap should teach your aunt a lesson. Otherwise, if she continues to speak recklessly and offends some powerful families in Bridenville, it won't be as simple as a slap next time!"

Sabina wanted to say more, but Zane suddenly interrupted, "Enough, your mother was also at fault in this matter. Let's go in and eat, don't waste any more time!"

Just then, Victor, who had been silently hanging his head to one side, suddenly charged straight at Kiley.

"You wicked woman, you teamed up with the old witch to bully my mother and grandmother, I want to kill you!"

The Schneider family was stunned by Victor's sudden action,

everyone's face turned extremely ugly. If Victor had hit Kiley, it would have been over!

"Victor!"

"Kiley!"

In the blink of an eye, a man suddenly appeared beside them, grabbed Victor by the collar, and threw him out directly.

Victor's body flew out of the air like a kite with its string cut, and he fell heavily to the ground.

The intense pain made him pass out directly without even being able to scream!

Sabina turned pale with fright, quickly walked towards Victor, and upon seeing Victor's eyes tightly closed, she immediately shouted, "Call 120 quickly! I need to call the police!"

Kiley hadn't yet recovered from the previous shock when she heard Sabina's words and immediately scoffed, "Call the police? Your son almost hit me, shouldn't I be the one calling the police?!"

Sabina looked at her coldly, "You said you were fine, didn't you?! If anything happens to Victor, I won't let you off!"

"Kiley! Your bodyguard was really too much!"

Victor was Zane's son. Seeing him knocked unconscious, he was filled with rage. However, thinking of the 10% stake in the Yoder Group that Kiley held, he suppressed his anger.

Kiley raised an eyebrow, confidently saying, "Dad, if I lose the baby, the 10% stake in the Yoder Group will have nothing to do with us, the Schneider family. Do you think it's more serious for Victor to take a hard fall, or to lose the 10% stake in the Yoder Group?"

Of course, Zane was interested in the 10% stake of the Yoder Group. He sighed and said, "Victor is still a child. Just be careful next time, this kind of thing should not happen again."

Kiley felt that Zane's heart had almost strayed to his grandmother's house. If she hadn't been prepared, she would have been the one lying on the ground now.

"I understood. You should also comfort Sabina. After all, she is Victor's mother. When her son suffers, she feels the pain!"

Sabina's face turned ashen at Kiley's words, just as she was about to speak, Zane gave her a look.

She bit her lower lip, ultimately holding back and saying nothing.

After all, they were still counting on the 10% share from the child in Kiley's belly. Once they got the shares in the future, it wouldn't be too late to deal with Kiley and her daughter slowly!

After such a fuss, everyone lost their appetite. They quickly finished their meals and left.

On the way back to the Schneider family, Mallory looked at Kiley and said, "Kiley, didn't you say you were going to deal with Victor and make him disappear?! Just like that?"

Kiley rubbed her forehead irritably and spoke in an annoyed tone, "Mom, don't worry, we'll hear something soon."

Although Victor was knocked out halfway and sent to the hospital, the plan still continued.

Sure enough, the next second, Kiley's phone started ringing.

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As soon as it connected, Isaac's cold voice came through.

"The person has been caught, how should we deal with it?"

Kiley had originally intended to kill Victor, but after what just happened, she changed her mind.

She curled her lips, slowly saying, "No need to kill him, just cripple him or something. I want him to suffer for a lifetime!"

As soon as Victor became disabled, Sabina had no reliance whatsoever.

Moreover, she wouldn't let Sabina have the chance to have a second child again!

"Understood."

Just after hanging up the phone, Mallory said with a displeased face, "Why not kill Victor! That little bastard being alive makes me

uncomfortable!"

Kiley chuckled, "Mom, sometimes death is a relief. Only by living, would he suffer more."

Sabina thought that once she had given birth to Victor, she could rest easy. She was determined to make that despicable person realize that she would never be able to turn her life around!

Although Mallory was still somewhat dissatisfied in her heart, she didn't say anything more.

In the evening, after Kiley had taken a bath and was applying face cream, Isaac appeared.

Kiley looked at him coldly through the mirror and said, "A few minutes left."

Isaac casually found a place to sit down, his face expressionless as he said, "If I can't escape this time, you must take good care of the child!"

Kiley's movements paused for a moment, "Don't worry, I've said the child is mine alone, I will treat him well."

Upon hearing this, Isaac didn't say anything more, his gaze just lingered on her stomach for a long time.

By the next morning, news of Kiley's disappearance had spread throughout the entire Bridenville.

The Schneider family immediately sent people to search for Kiley tirelessly, even alarming the police station.

Upon learning this news, Rayan immediately told Maxim.

"Mr. Yoder, did you think Kiley's disappearance was related to the person who took away Ms. Schneider?"

Maxim's expression was icy cold, devoid of any warmth in his eyes. "I don't know, but it should be the same person."

No sooner had the words been spoken than the cell phone on the table rang.

Seeing it was Isaac, a glint of coldness flashed in his eyes.

As soon as it connected, Isaac's triumphant voice came through.

"Maxim, you must have really wanted to know where Briana was, didn't you?"

"Was it you who caught her?"

"Yes, and I've also captured Kiley. If you want to save them, I'll send you an address later. You come alone. If you dare to bring the police or your subordinates, I'll immediately make sure they have no place to bury!"

After speaking, Isaac immediately hung up the phone.

He quickly sent over a video, in which Briana and Kiley were both hung up, looking very disheveled.

Maxim's pupils contracted, and the hand holding his phone unconsciously tightened.

After receiving the address from Isaac, Maxim immediately got up to go there, but was stopped by Rayan.

"Mr. Yoder, you couldn't go there alone!"

Given Isaac's hatred for Maxim, Maxim would have certainly been in danger if he were alone in the past.

Maxim's expression was icy as he said, word by word, "Move aside!"

Isaac was a madman, who knew what he would have done to Briana if things had continued.

"Mr. Yoder....."

"Don't make me say it a second

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Meeting his icy gaze, Rayan held on for a few minutes before slowly stepping aside.

"I would send someone to follow you, and if there was any danger, I would immediately send someone to rescue you."

Maxim didn't speak again, he quickly left the Yoder Group.

Half an hour later, Maxim parked the car at an intersection and dialed Isaac's number.

"What on earth did you want to do?!"

Hearing the coldness in Maxim's tone, a sneer curled up at the corner of Isaac's mouth, "Maxim, you arrived quite quickly. But those tails behind you are quite annoying. If they don't withdraw within ten minutes, I'll randomly pick one to kill from Briana and Kiley."

"Don't forget, Kiley was carrying your child in her belly."

"Heh, so what? Anyway, I'm already a fugitive now, why should I care about a child? You don't really think I have something like affection, do you?"

Isaac's tone was mocking, but Maxim's gaze grew colder and colder.

"If your uncle and aunt knew you had become like this, they would definitely be very upset.

As his words fell, the other side fell into a bout of silence.

A good ten seconds passed before Isaac's cold voice came through,

"Maxim, don't mention my parents again. You're not worthy. Nine minutes left. Get your people out, or one of the two women dies. Your choice."

After hanging up the phone, Maxim dialed Rayan's number.

"Have those people following me withdrawn."

"But if we withdraw, we won't be able to ensure your safety, Mr. Yoder. I'll have them follow at a greater distance."

“Get out! Don’t make me say it a third time!”

“Alright, I understood.”

Soon, the person sent by Rayan had left, and Maxim had received. another call from Isaac.

“Hahaha, Maxim, I didn’t expect you to be so fast. Now, there are two paths in front of you. Choose one, and the person at the end of the other will die. On the left is your new love, Briana, and on the right is your old flame, Kiley, who saved your mother and grandmother’s lives and is carrying your child. The choice is yours!”

A cold glint flashed in Maxim’s eyes, and after a few seconds of silence, he chose the left side.

On the other side, seeing Maxim choose the left path, a glimmer of despair flashed in Briana’s eyes, and a self-mocking smile tugged at the corner of her mouth.

It seemed she was still too confident, believing that between her and Kiley, Maxim would definitely choose her.

But how could she forget, Maxim had loved Kiley before.

He had always claimed that he no longer loved Kiley, but even in the face of certain death, he resolutely chose Kiley.

Ouch!

The pain felt as if someone had slashed a cut, from which blood kept gushing out.

“Bang!”

The door was suddenly pushed open, and Isaac walked in with a smug look on his face.

Seeing Briana’s pale face, he finally couldn’t help but burst into laughter, “Briana, I suddenly feel sorry for you now. You saw the surveillance, didn’t you? Maxim didn’t even hesitate, he directly chose to save Kiley. Falling in love with such a cold-hearted man, you really are unlucky!”

Briana stared at him coldly, her eyes devoid of any warmth.

“Isaac, what on earth do you want to do?!”

Isaac raised an eyebrow, looking at her with pity, “I just wanted you to see your place in Maxim’s heart. You will never compare to Kiley, hahaha...”

“Madman.”

She looked at him coldly, icily uttering these two words.

“I really was a madman! Otherwise, why would I have caught you and Kiley together for Maxim to choose? I originally thought he would choose you, but who would have thought... you actually hold so little weight in his heart. Tsk tsk tsk, I was already considering whether or not to let you go.”

“Isaac, you better kill me, otherwise I will definitely make your life a living hell!”

Hearing this, Isaac gripped her chin, sneering coldly, "You really are stubborn, do you think I would give you that chance?"

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Briana looked at him coldly, saying word by word, "I really despise you."

Isaac's face changed, but he soon started to laugh.

"What right did you have to look down on me? If those mercenaries we used to work with knew how desperately you loved a man, you would definitely become the laughingstock of everyone!"

"Did you think I cared?"

Isaac raised an eyebrow, "Of course you don't care, in that case, let's have you watch Maxim saving Kiley again later, hahaha."

The fury in Briana's eyes was almost unbearable, "Isaac, you're a freak!"

"Take it as if you were complimenting me. I'll go prepare the gasoline. When Maxim rescues Kiley, I'll send you on your way."

After Isaac left, the strength on Briana's face finally turned into pain.

Thinking of Maxim's ruthlessness towards her, the love in her heart gradually faded away.

Soon, Isaac and his men were pouring gasoline around Briana. The unpleasant smell of gasoline filled Briana's nostrils, and she might really die here.

"Iris, I originally didn't want to kill you, but someone wanted your life. I was just following orders. Even if you want revenge, don't come looking for me."

Briana looked at him coldly, "You, a person of unforgivable evil, are you afraid of retribution?"

Isaac chuckled lightly, "Of course I'm scared. Rest assured, after you die, I will burn a lot of paper money for you. Consider it as the last bit of affection from our acquaintance."

"No need, being commemorated by someone like you, I would only feel disgusted!"

Isaac wasn't angry either, he looked at her and said, "I have other things to do, so I won't personally watch you being burned to death. After all, that scene probably won't be very pleasant."

Briana had originally thought that Isaac would quickly ignite the gasoline and burn her to death, but she had waited until dusk fell and still, nothing happened.

As time passed, the Myriad Poison Pill in her body began to take effect, bringing on a pain more intense than ever before. Even though she was bound, she soon broke out in a cold sweat all over her body.

This hour was exceptionally long, the pain made her unconsciously groan, wishing she could just die right then and there.

She finally understood why her senior fellow apprentice couldn't bear it and committed suicide. It was truly too painful, like someone had brutally smashed each bone with a hammer and then reconnected them. The phrase 'better dead than alive' probably described this feeling.

"Ah!"

Briana bit her lower lip so hard that she tasted blood in her mouth before she realized she had bitten through her lip, yet she didn't seem to feel any pain.

The pain from the Myriad Poison Pill was unbearable. It felt as if it was seeping into her body from every limb and bone, and as if it was drilling out from the seams of her bones!

Finally, the door opened.

Isaac walked in, saw her face covered in cold sweat, a flash of surprise in her eyes.

"What was wrong with you?"

Briana was in so much pain that she was almost losing her mind, gritting her teeth, she said, "If you're going to kill me, just do it!"

Isaac chuckled lightly, bringing his phone up to her face, and said with a smile, "Why would I kill you? Take a look at this video. Maxim has already taken Kiley away. He didn't even say he would come back to save you. He probably thinks you're already dead. You're really pitiful..."

A video was playing on the mobile phone screen, showing the silhouette of Maxim carrying Kiley onto an ambulance and leaving.

As Briana kept watching, tears unconsciously slid down her cheeks.

She had thought that the pain caused by the Myriad Poison Pill was already unbearable, but she didn't expect it could be even more painful.

Seeing her cry, a sense of indescribable satisfaction rose in Isaac's heart.

When working on tasks together in the past, Briana was always able to complete the most difficult tasks, and she did so perfectly.

From that time on, he had always been jealous of Briana.

Now she, once high and mighty, had finally fallen from grace, a feeling beyond words.

"Hahaha, Iris, so you had a day like this too."

Briana bit her lower lip tightly, her eyes fixed on Isaac as she said, word by word, "Isaac, what on earth have I done to offend you, that you torment me like this!"

Isaac looked at her, laughing like a devil

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“This problem, you can go ask the King of Hell below.”

After speaking, he took out a lighter, lit it, and threw it directly onto the ground.

Thick smoke soon began to billow out of the factory, and the fire spread rapidly.

“Goodbye, Iris!”

On the other side, in the hospital.

Kiley had just woken up when a large hand gripped her neck.

“Where was Briana now?!”

A chill suddenly rose in Kiley’s heart as she met Maxim’s cold, hawk- like eyes.

“Cough, cough, Maxim... what are you talking about... I don’t know...”

“Ha!”

Maxim chuckled, but the laughter was exceptionally cold and chilling.

“Kiley, did you genuinely not know, or were you pretending not to know?”

Kiley shook her head in terror, “No... I really don’t know... Maxim, I don’t know how I ended up tied up in that place, I really don’t know...”

“Then you might as well be buried with her!”

Seeing the flash of murderous intent in his eyes, and feeling his hand tightening around her neck, Kiley was truly panicked. Maxim was really going to kill her!

But she absolutely couldn’t admit it, otherwise she would surely wish she were dead!

Consciousness gradually fading, the grip Kiley had on Maxim’s sleeve also gradually weakened, her entire face presenting an abnormal purplish hue.

Just when Kiley thought she was going to die, Maxim suddenly let her

A rush of air flooded in, causing a series of needle-like pains in Kiley’s lungs, and she involuntarily started to cough violently.

Maxim looked down at her from above, pulling out a handkerchief to wipe his hands as he said, “If I find out that this incident has anything to do with you, I will make you regret ever being born!”

Kiley couldn’t utter a single word, she could only shake her head incessantly, her heart filled with terror.

Just as Maxim was about to leave, Rayan rushed into the sickroom in a hurry.

“Mr. Yoder, there was news from Ms. Schneider!”

“Where?!”

Seeing the anticipation in his eyes, Rayan suddenly found it hard to utter the words that were to follow.

Maxim’s heart sank abruptly, he said coldly, “Where the hell is she?!”

Rayan took a deep breath, his voice trembling as he said, “Ms.

Schneider was in an abandoned chemical factory ten kilometers away. When we arrived, the scene was engulfed in flames... Ms. Schneider, she was burned to death!”

As the last word fell, Maxim’s body jolted violently.

“No! Impossible!”

He walked briskly towards the outside, his pace already somewhat frantic.

Rayan knew that he probably wouldn’t believe the truth of Briana’s death unless he confirmed it himself.

But the thought of Briana already being burnt to a crisp, almost unrecognizable from her original appearance, made one wonder what would happen if Maxim saw it.

“Mr. Yoder, let me take you there!”

On the way to the scene, Maxim kept a cold face and didn’t speak, but the hand he placed on his knee was slightly trembling.

A voice inside him urged him not to believe, Briana couldn’t possibly be dead. She was so skilled and so smart, even if she was captured by Isaac, she would definitely find a way to escape. She couldn’t possibly be dead!

With such a mindset, he arrived at the scene. Upon seeing the charred, carbonized body that was burnt to a pitch-black state, his steps faltered and he dared not move forward.

“Rayan, that’s not her, have someone remove her immediately!”

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Seeing the resistance in Maxim’s eyes, Rayan remained silent for a long time.

“Mr. Yoder, Ms. Schneider, she.....”

“Shut up! I told you it couldn’t have been her! She must not be dead, hiding somewhere waiting for us to rescue her. Have everyone search the surroundings immediately, we must find her!”

“Mr. Yoder, the forensic expert has already come to identify. The necklace worn by the other party was Ms. Schneider’s, and the physique and such were almost identical to Ms. Schneider...”

Maxim looked at him coldly, “You said ‘almost! That means there’s still a glimmer of hope. Keep looking for her!”

Seeing his excited expression, Rayan sighed and did as he said.

Anyway, the DNA from that body had already been extracted and compared with Briana's DNA. It was believed that the results would be out soon.

By that time, even if Maxim was reluctant to believe, he had no choice but to believe.

The search and rescue operation went on for three days and three nights, but Briana was still not found. However, the identification report came out.

Rayan handed the appraisal report to Maxim, whispering, "Mr. Yoder, this is the appraisal result of the female corpse and Ms. Schneider's

NDA."

Over the past three days, Maxim hadn't closed his eyes. At this moment, his hair was disheveled, his eyes bloodshot, presenting a disheveled appearance, a stark contrast to his usual well-dressed, polished look.

He took the report with trembling hands, slowly turning to the last page.

After clearly seeing the last line of text, his body swayed, involuntarily starting to tremble, and the hand holding the report tightened abruptly.

"Rayan... Did I see it wrong? Can you check it for me again..."

Rayan took the report, glanced at it, and said in a low voice, "President, you didn't read it wrong. Ms. Schneider is indeed... already deceased."

"How could... How could she possibly be dead..."

Many years later, when Rayan recalled the memories of that day, it still felt as if it had happened just yesterday.

Having followed Maxim for eight years, it was the first time he had seen Maxim cry.

When Maxim was kicked out of the Yoder Group due to a car

accident, he didn't cry. He didn't cry when his first love, Kiley, left him. He didn't cry when Isaac schemed and left him with nothing. He didn't even cry when the Yoder Group was on the verge of bankruptcy.

The moment he could confirm Briana's death, he looked lost, like a child who couldn't find his home, not even realizing he was crying.

Maxim had spent the night sitting idle in the Yoder Group office, and by the time Rayan went to work the next morning, everything seemed to have returned to normal.

Maxim no longer sent people to look for Briana, everything returned to the state before Briana left, and even his work efficiency had improved a lot compared to before.

No one dared to mention the name Briana in front of Maxim anymore, and these three words also became a taboo for the Yoder Group.

On the day of Briana's funeral, Rayan hesitated for a long time before knocking and entering Maxim's office.

"Mr. Yoder..... Today was Ms. Schneider's funeral, didn't you..... go to pay your respects?"

Maxim didn't look up, his face showing no sign of change.

"Didn't go."

Rayan didn't ask again, he just murmured. "I've found traces of Isaac. I guess we'll be able to catch him in a few days."

"Um, I still need to review the documents, you may leave."

The moment he turned to leave, Rayan distinctly saw that Maxim's hand, clutching the document, was pale and blue. The document was also wrinkled due to his excessive force.

Rayan let out a soft sigh in his heart and quickly stepped out of the office.

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After the office had returned to tranquility, Maxim put down the documents in his hand, slowly closed his reddened eyes, and a tear trickled down from the corner of his eye.

He rested his arm on his forehead, in that moment seeming to age by over a decade.

It had been almost half a month since Briana was burned to death by Isaac, but he still couldn't accept this fact.

After closing his eyes and leaning against the chair back for a long time, Maxim still got up, picked up his coat, and quickly left the Yoder Group.

On the other side, it was Briana's funeral.

The number of people who attended the funeral was very few, only Melody and Wyatt, along with a few employees from MY Corporation. Not a single person from the Schneider family came.

Holding the ashes, Melody cursed with red eyes, "The Schneider family is nothing but a bunch of heartless beasts! Briana should never have returned to the Schneider family! And Maxim, I heard that when Isaac captured Briana and that bitch Kiley, he let him choose who would live, and he chose that bitch Kiley! I better not see him again in this lifetime!"

Wyatt, standing to the side, also had a hint of red in his eyes, his hand unconsciously clenched into a fist at his side.

"When my junior sister swallowed the Myriad Poison Pill to save Norma, I was afraid that Maxim would let her down. I didn't expect

him to actually be such a jerk!"

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

“What did you say, Myriad Poison Pill?!”

Both of them turned their heads at the same time, only to see Maxim standing at the door, dressed in a suit and leather shoes, looking neat and tidy. There was no sign that Briana’s death had any effect on him.

Melody gritted her teeth at him, “Get out! Don’t dirty this place!”

The thought of Maxim abandoning Briana for that bitch Kiley, essentially killing her, filled Melody’s heart with rage and hatred. If it weren’t for Briana’s funeral at that moment, she would have definitely slapped him to vent her anger!

Maxim turned a deaf ear, step by step he walked up to Wyatt, staring at him and asked, “What is Myriad Poison Pill?”

His eyes were a deep black, so deep that it was almost impossible to discern any emotion.

Wyatt sneered, “What’s the use of asking now, Mr. Yoder? My junior sister is already dead. Even if I tell you, she can’t possibly come back to life.”

Maxim looked at him coldly, “Dr. Waylon, I give you two choices, one is to tell me the truth, the other is that your clinic won’t be able to operate tomorrow.”

“If your junior sister knew how you were threatening me, she would probably regret doing so much for you in the past.”

“I gave you one last chance. If you refused to speak, then never open your mouth again.”

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Wyatt sneered and slowly said, “There’s no harm in telling you. In order to save your grandmother, your junior sister violated the rules of Medical Valley and forcibly entered. The master agreed to help her save your grandmother, but the punishment she received was to take the Myriad Poison Pill. This medicine would act every midnight, causing unbearable pain throughout the body for an hour. A senior brother couldn’t bear it and committed suicide.”

“Originally, the master had made medicine pills for me to bring to her, and also gave her the prescription. As long as she took the medicine on time every day, it could alleviate her pain. But during the two days when my junior sister was captured, she had no medicine, and the suppressed medicinal properties would flare up hundreds or thousands of times. So, death might have been a kind of relief for her.”

Maxim stood still, all emotions rapidly fading from his eyes, eventually turning into a dull gray.

The box that Wyatt had given her previously contained medicine. The time Kendra had surgery, she disappeared for over an hour in the middle of the night, it turned out it was because of a toxic reaction.

She silently endured pain every day, but he remained completely oblivious.

It was unknown when the heavy rain had started outside. Maxim turned around and stumbled into the rain, his retreating figure lonely and desolate.

After Briana's funeral ended, Melody and Wyatt buried the ashes in a temporarily purchased cemetery, stood for a while, and then left.

On the other side, the Schneider family.

Kiley had given birth to the child and was currently in confinement at home.

She heard that today was Briana's funeral, a wave of excitement surged in her heart. Briana was really dead, no one would ever compete with her for Maxim again!

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"Mom, did you hear that today was my sister's funeral?"

Upon hearing this, Mallory's expression stiffened for a moment, then she said coldly, "Don't bother, she would only annoy me even if she were alive."

Mallory handed the chicken soup to Kiley, "Drink the soup, you've had the baby for several days now, how come not a single person from the Yoder family has come to visit? Norma wouldn't plan on reneging on the 10% share she promised you, would she?"

A moment of unnaturalness flashed across Kiley's face, "Impossible, I am, after all, the great-grandson of the old lady. She would definitely fulfill what she promised me."

Seeing Kiley's determined face, Mallory didn't say anything more, but still felt a bit strange inside.

Just as something flashed through her mind, Kiley suddenly said, "Right, has no one been to the old house?"

Speaking of this, Mallory immediately beamed with joy, "Didn't that little bastard get beaten senseless? The people at the old house were all busy looking for a doctor for him, even foolishly hoping that he could

be cured!"

A glint of coldness flashed in Kiley's eyes as she said, word by word, "Pretend you don't know about this matter, and never mention it in front of anyone else, or we're done."

Mallory nodded, "Don't worry, I won't say a word!"

Since Briana's funeral, Maxim had been living like he was in the office, either in meetings or reviewing documents every day.

Many times when Rayan finished work, he saw Maxim still handling work in the office. He couldn't help but advise him, but Maxim wouldn't listen.

Seeing Maxim growing weaker day by day, his face becoming more and more haggard, Rayan had no choice but to call Norma over.

Maxim looked at him coldly, "Rayan, who exactly is the one paying your salary?"

Rayan lowered his head guiltily, before he could speak, Norma

interjected, "Maxim, Rayan is only looking out for your best interest. Instead of reprimanding such an employee, you should be giving him a raise!"

Hearing this, Rayan wholeheartedly agreed in his mind. Although the salary Maxim was currently paying him was far above the market rate, who would complain about having too much money?

Maxim looked at Norma with indifference, "Grandma, if you're here to persuade me, you can leave now."

Norma asked Rayan to leave, slowly walked over and sat down across from Maxim, opening her mouth with a face full of sorrow, "Maxim, no matter how much you don't want to admit it, the fact is that Briana has left. You should pull yourself together now..."

Before she could finish her words, Maxim interrupted her with a faint expression, "Grandma, am I not doing well now?"

"You were so careless with your health, in less than a month, your body would have collapsed."

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"I knew what was going on in my mind."

Seeing that he clearly wasn't listening, Norma immediately became angry, "From now on, you must come home to the Harmony Villa on time for dinner, and you will live in the Harmony Villa. Otherwise, I won't eat either. I'll stay here with you. Whatever time you stay up until. I'll stay up until the same time!"

Maxim was somewhat helpless, "Grandma, please don't make it difficult for me..."

"Did I just make things difficult for you? Maxim, you're the one making things difficult for yourself."

Maxim gradually fell silent, and after a long while, he slowly said, "But I don't know what else I could do to forget her."

Every time he thought about his inability to save her, it felt as if a knife was stirring in his heart, causing him unbearable pain.

"Maxim, it's normal that you can't let go right now, don't force yourself to forget. Take some time to rest for now, as for the rest, leave it to

time."

Maxim lowered his gaze, his eyes glowing crimson as he said, "I understand, I will return to the Harmony Villa in the future."

After Norma left, Maxim called Rayan in.

Rayan had initially thought that because he had brought Norma, Maxim was now planning to settle scores. Unexpectedly, he just asked coldly, "Has Isaac been found?"

"We had a lead, our people had already gone to apprehend it, they should be able to catch it in the next few days."

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"What I wanted was not a should, but a definite answer."

"We would definitely be able to capture him within three days."

Maxim nodded, "Yeah, go ahead."

After the office door was closed, he picked up the documents, but Briana's face emerged in his mind again.

This time, he didn't force himself to forget, instead, he closed his eyes and let the longing engulf him.

After Briana left, he realized how much he actually loved her, to the point of obsession, to the point where he couldn't forget her for even a second.

In the evening, Maxim returned to the Harmony Villa.

Seeing Reese there too, a flicker of surprise flashed in his eyes, but he didn't say anything. He just walked straight to the side and sat down in a daze.

Seeing his distraught appearance, Reese couldn't help but say, "Maxim, if you have time, go see your mother. She's hell-bent on divorcing me right now, you help me persuade her."

Maxim turned his head and glanced at him, then said indifferently, "Now, the person she hates the most should be me. If I go, it would only make her want to divorce more."

Thinking back to when Kendra proposed divorce, and recalling Maxim's disgusted expression, Reese suddenly found his words to

make a lot of sense.

"Forget it, I'm going back now, you stay and keep your grandma. company."

During this period, too many things happened to the Yoder family.

Norma's health had deteriorated further as a result, and the doctor said she could not be subjected to any more stress.

After Reese left. Norma and Maxim ate in silence.

Seeing him just mechanically stuffing food into his mouth, Norma's eyes were filled with heartache, but she was helpless.

Knowing about Briana's departure, she couldn't accept it for a while, let alone Maxim.

After finishing his meal, Maxim was about to leave when Norma suddenly said, "Maxim, I'm planning to visit Briana this Saturday... Do you want to come along?"

Maxim's back stiffened for a moment, then he said indifferently, "No

need.”

After speaking, he turned around and left directly.

Watching his retreating figure, Norma’s eyes gradually reddened.

“What should I have done to make him less painful?”

The servant on the side quickly lowered his head, “Madam, the young master will come to terms with it after a while, he just can’t accept the fact that Ms. Schneider has already left.”

Norma closed her eyes, thinking about how Isaac had killed Briana, wishing she could immediately arrest Isaac and lock him up in the

police station.

Before, she could persuade Maxim to spare Isaac’s life, but now, let alone Maxim, she wanted to personally finish off Isaac.

“It’s all my fault for not disciplining Isaac properly, which led to this outcome today.”

Regret was all over Norma’s tone, but the servant dared not speak, could only pretend not to hear.

The next afternoon, Rayan hurried into Maxim’s office, his face full of excitement.

“Mr. Yoder, we caught Isaac!”

Maxim’s hand, clutching the document, tightened abruptly as he looked up at Rayan.

“Where?! Bring the person here immediately!”

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Seeing Maxim again, Isaac’s eyes were full of mockery and triumph.

“Hahaha, Maxim, you were so pitiful... When you chose the left path without hesitation, I told Briana that you chose Kiley, so Briana died hating you, hahaha...”

No sooner had the words left his mouth than he was brutally kicked by one of Maxim’s men.

“Puff!”

Isaac spat out a mouthful of fresh blood, yet the smile on his face didn’t change in the slightest.

“Hahaha, Maxim, even if you killed me, Briana would never come back.”

Maxim looked down at him, his eyes devoid of warmth, “Who said I was going to kill you?”

A flash of surprise crossed Isaac’s eyes, he had been caught this time and was prepared to be killed by Maxim.

“Your child was just born, how could I let you die now? I would make you wish you were dead.”

A flicker of panic finally flashed through Isaac's eyes, but he still tried his best to stay calm, "What do you want to do?"

Maxim didn't answer him again, he turned around and left directly.

Just returned to the company, the shareholders of the Yoder Group suddenly came looking for me.

"Mr. Yoder, what's the deal with those comments online? The stock price of the Yoder Group has already been affected. I hope you handle your domestic affairs as soon as possible!"

Maxim frowned, "What statement?"

A shareholder looked at him with some sympathy and slowly said, "Mr. Yoder, don't you know yet? It's all over the internet now, you should go and see for yourself."

After speaking, the shareholder left in anger.

Maxim immediately called Rayan, saying coldly, "Check what's going on with the news online!"

"Mr. Yoder, I was just about to call you. There are rumors online that you are not Mrs. Yoder's son, and that she has already divorced old Mr. Yoder..."

Maxim's expression was icy, "I understand."

After hanging up the phone, Maxim got up and went directly to Reese's company to find him.

Reese saw him, surprise flashing in her eyes, "Maxim, how did you get here?"

"Is it true, the stuff posted online, that you and my mom are already divorced?"

Upon hearing this, Reese frowned and nodded, "It's true. We signed the divorce agreement this morning. I guess we'll be going through the divorce procedures in the next few days."

"Dad, are you really going to divorce mom after over twenty years of love?"

"It wasn't me who wanted to leave, it was your mother who was determined to do so, and I was helpless."

Reese didn't want to leave, but no matter how he pleaded, no matter how he apologized to Kendra, this time she was determined to divorce.

"Alright, I knew:"

For the following few days, the Yoder Group was embroiled in the scandal that Maxim was not part of the Yoder family.

The previous incidents had gradually fermented online into the rumor that Maxim was Reese's illegitimate son. Reese had deliberately deceived Kendra into raising his son for him, and Kendra had only recently discovered the truth.

It took a full week for the Yoder Group's PR to suppress this matter, but at the same time, the shareholders of the Yoder Group also developed dissatisfaction towards Maxim.

During the meetings, shareholders often openly confronted him.

Maxim dealt with several shareholders who often challenged him, before stabilizing the Yoder Group.

Kiley also saw the rumors online and couldn't help but call Maxim.

"Maxim, were those rumors on the internet true?"

Maxim had no fondness for Kiley at all. The thought that she might be involved in Briana's death brought a surge of malice to his heart.

However, he didn't plan to touch Kiley at the moment. To lift someone to the highest point and then throw them down, that was the way to take revenge.