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Armand's eyes darkened at her words. "Therefore, you returned and got in touch with me just for the sake of vengeance?"

"Yes."

"You're lying." He lowered his gaze to look at her. "Genevieve, when you lie, you avert your gaze and bite your lip in reflex."

He proceeded to confess, "I, too, was lying that night. Over the last four years, I have been waiting for you to return, and nary a moment passed by without me longing for you."

He just hadn't had the courage to express it to her.

After he swallowed, Armand continued in a raspy voice, "I was worried that you would have to go soon, and I just couldn't bear to watch you leave with another man."

Due to his love for her, Armand respected Genevieve and refrained from trying to win her back aggressively.

"Genevieve, you love me too, don't you?" Closing the distance between them, he asked, "Or else, why would you have put in so much effort to prepare such a special birthday gift for me? On that fateful day, you told me that you would stay by my side for the rest of my life so that I would never be lonely again. On top of that, I recently found out that you were the girl I met in the hospital back then."

Raising his hand, Armand stroked Genevieve's flawless, fair cheeks. "Genevieve, let's not delude each other anymore."

Armand's confession shook Genevieve to the core.

her expression quickly disappeared as

she took two steps back and raised her gaze to stare at him. "Armand, I might have loved you before, puzzled by the

interact with others, you should be good at reading people." Genevieve asserted, "I'm sure you're able noticed the calm look in her eyes. In fact,

time she told him that she was seeking revenge, he could still sense her feelings for him behind the repressed rage in her eyes. But

of a sudden, he was filled

answer when she asked him if he loved her that night, all this

hands trembling. "Genevieve, I'm sorry. Can

filled her senses, the hand she raised froze in

strange. After being with Jack for four years, I'm still not used to intimacy with him. In fact, I was still that moment, Jack walked in on the scene when he came to check on them. After pulling Genevieve back to his side, he threw a punch right at

eyes were burning with rage. "Armand, how dare you touch my
his fist to return the favor. However, in the next instant,

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Armand didn't persist. After throwing the tightly shut door a glance, he followed the guards back into the elevator.

Upon reaching the first floor, he headed to the lounge in the lobby instead of leaving.

When his phone suddenly rang, he answered it anxiously but was disappointed to hear Steven's voice instead of Genevieve's.

Steven asked, "Mr. Faulkner, where are you? You're needed at the office."

"Just let it be. I don't give a damn anymore," Armand replied calmly before ending the call.

I need Genevieve, but who can help me?

Armand opened the old metal box and took out a faded photograph. It was a wedding picture of a young couple.

Facing the camera, both of their smiles were filled with joy, as if their bliss had been frozen in time.

When he arrived at the final photograph, he noticed that there was something written on the back. He recognized the handwriting to be the same as the one on the letter.

It read: I'm a true believer in being down to earth and would see everything for its own nature. However, at the sight of you, I felt the sky crack and the waves raging in the ocean. Without saying a word, I, together with every living creature in this world, am instinctively drawn to you.

when he was a child, Armand was surprised that the latter was capable of writing

repeatedly and digested the adoring words behind them, the night passed

next morning, the ashtray on the table in front of him was brimming with cigarette butts,

the metal box, he glanced at his phone and calculated the time at Dartan before making
squeaky

he heard the adorable "hello," much of the frustration within him dissipated. He inquired in a gentle
tensed up.

you previously, you didn't pick up. Therefore, I thought that you don't

he had been previously, he had had no time to check his missed calls at

to you telling me

“Mister, why doesn't

thought long and hard about it, but they couldn't figure out what had happened as they weren't in

Mommy when she pursued

couldn't help but ask, “Why do you say that? Does

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Upon receiving her answer, Amanda covered her mouth in laughter. “Mister, you should explain yourself to Mommy and reconcile with her. After that, you'll be able to see me! I, too, love you and hope to meet with you soon.”

Unfortunately, Armand didn't know how to break the news to Amanda that he had recently been spurned by Genevieve despite confessing his feelings.

Just when he was holding his phone and torn by conflicting emotions, Steven arrived with someone else following him.

Cognizant that Steven had business with him, Armand had no choice but to end the call.

“What is it?” he asked Steven.

“It's about Ms. Rachford.” Just as he spoke, Steven pointed to the middle-aged woman behind him. She was thin and had a pale look on her face.

“This is Melissa. She was the one who took care of Ms. Rachford in Regality Gardens four years ago.”

“Mm-hmm, I remember her.”

Genevieve didn't know how to cook. Hence, to avoid her ordering takeout all the time, Armand had instructed Steven to arrange for a housekeeper to take care of her.

grimly, “Melissa said that Ms. Rachford

“What?” Armand's pupils constricted.

had passed since Armand was Melissa's boss, she still

a meek tone, “It's true as

that

it, Armand skimmed through the date the pregnancy was diagnosed, and upon a quick

there had been a blackout after they returned home from a

of them were in the bathroom, Genevieve had told him that there was no

result, the two children could very well

possibility flashing through his mind, Armand's hand trembled while

he questioned her, "Why did you wait till now to inform me instead of doing so when you first I was so terrified that I just nodded. Subsequently, they gave me a sum of money and ordered me to leave Jadeborough... Mr. Faulkner, I didn't hide it from you on purpose. I-I was just scared for my life," Melissa explained in tears. "Those people were really had the pregnancy test report in hand, they hadn't the money, she had

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The moment Armand looked up, the elevator door opened from afar and out walked Jack and Genevieve.

Pulling their luggage behind them, they looked as if they were traveling someplace far away.

Armand approached them and stopped Jack. "Come with me."

"I'm not interested." With his hand wrapped around Genevieve's waist, Jack asserted with an icy glint in his eyes, "Mr. Faulkner, step aside. My wife and I are in a hurry to get to the airport."

Armand sneered, "Jack, there's no way your private jet can leave Jadeborough if I don't allow it."

Jack narrowed his eyes. "Are you threatening me?"

"I'm just stating the truth." Throwing Genevieve a glance, Armand repeated in a solemn tone, "Come with me now. When you return, I'll not get in your way of wherever you want to go."

Since Jadeborough wasn't his turf, Jack's influence was limited there. At the same time, he was well aware that Armand's threat wasn't an empty one.

That aside, he was curious to find out what Armand still had hidden up his sleeves given his desperate situation.

handed his luggage to Genevieve before leaning in to kiss her on the cheek. "Genev, stiffened briefly before she quickly nodded.

Armand, she turned around

him, "Arrange for a pilot to come here. We will be traveling to Baykeep by for the rich, there

ten minutes, a helicopter arrived to pick arrived in just an

landed on the lawn of a manor based on the address attention to Armand. "Mr. Faulkner, did you did," Armand plainly replied as he

was warm and simple,

Most of

living room had a couple in wedding attire within

his mother's side, he naturally recognized the young and beautiful woman. Nonetheless, he simply

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Jack's gaze was icy, while the tone of his voice was brutal. "I don't want to know how pitiful he was. All I know is that he's a coward, proven by how he left my mom. No matter what his circumstances were, what he did was wrong!"

Armand removed the fragments of paper from his clothes and said in a low voice, "My father has always stood by Ms. Valentine, but he is still a member of the Faulkner family and the son that my grandpa put all his hopes on.

"Even though Father wanted to elope with Ms. Valentine, they could not escape. Even if they managed to get out of Xedells, they wouldn't have successfully left Chanaea.

"If Grandpa caught them, he would use Ms. Valentine's life to threaten Father. Perhaps he would even take her life to compel my father's obedience."

Armand had grown up in the Faulkner family, and he knew everything about Ayden's brutal methods.

Ayden was obsessed with controlling his clan and his company. No one and nothing could get in his way. For the sake of his business, any of his children could be used as a bargaining chip.

There was not a single person who would not want to be with the love of their life.

Unfortunately, as children born in such a powerful clan, their fates were not of their own choosing.

child, he had once seen his outwardly stern, calm, and commanding father sit in his study

thirty-year-old adult male was

hope that one day you will meet a girl, love her sincerely, and be willing to give up everything for her. Love is

a child, what the older man said had not meant much to him, but now he understood that his father had sneered, "You are Cesar's son. Of

"Armand, you grew up with the Faulkner family, and you were born with a silver spoon in your mouth. Do you know what my childhood was like?" He walked up to Armand and said slowly, "Let me tell you. I had a drug addict and alcoholic for a father.

she could get a divorce immediately without going to court, but my mother couldn't since she was an illegal refugee in Dartan, without any ID card

of his mother suffering domestic abuse would come back to

as he went forward to push away that drunkard, but he was just a child and did not have the strength. The moment he came near enough, he would be kicked

wanted to be promoted to the position of bank manager, so he brought some high-ranking officers home... I could

born into and that his marriage could not be with a partner of his own choosing. If that was the

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Armand whispered, "You are right. He was indeed cowardly."

"We were born of the same mother, but you had fine clothes and good food in the Faulkner residence, and you went to the best schools..." Jack jabbed a finger at his own chest. "But me? I had to watch that drunkard assault my mother every day!"

Jack continued, "Later, I grew up and became stronger. I hated seeing how those men used my mother. The drunkard loved to drink, so I put him inside a wine barrel. Don't you think it was appropriate that he was still drinking when he died?"

"I told my mother that the man was dead, and she didn't have to be afraid anymore, but she died..."

Jack's eyes stung as he gritted his teeth and went on, "Do you know how she died? Those men recorded a video and posted it online, and everywhere she went, people pointed at her, talking about her behind her back. She didn't want those things to affect my schooling, so she drove off a cliff."

He remembered how it was a cold winter's day when that happened. It was freezing because it was snowing.

It was also her birthday.

He had come home early from school, having bought a present to celebrate her birthday with her. She was nowhere to be found, but he soon discovered the letter she had left on the table.

The next day, two policemen came for him, asking him to go to the hospital to identify a corpse.

status. What do I have?" Jack asked him disparagingly, and the corners

the hospital, he felt like he had lost

reached out to catch hold of him, showing him that

looked at the bride and groom in the

took revenge on them in the same way. Those men didn't dare to reprimand me. They could only kneel on the ground and beg me to let them go. As long as I let them live and let them go, they did not care what I

love each other until death. Yet

me. Do

wife and children. I wanted to destroy the Faulkner family, but..." Jack sighed. "Genev begged me. She said that I could take revenge on anyone, but

listened, his heart throbbed

understood that she had not willingly gone off with Jack, but rather, she had done it

on Armand's face. "Just now when leaving Regality Gardens, I recognized the woman with Steven. Back then, I asked men to stop her. When Genev wanted to return to Chanaea this time, I

him the other day and finally understood what the bet was about. His eyes dimmed before he went over to grab Jack and punch him in the

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Jack burst out in laughter. "Armand, you are running out of time!"

"General Zeigler loves the granddaughter he just got back and does anything she wants. Look at your company; the major shareholder Mr. Lebon has sold his stakes and absconded with the money. You're in quite the financial crisis, am I right? Who will lend you money now?" he said. "When we made the bet, Genev said that if she loses, the two children will become members of the Helt family and my children. Armand, you have nothing now. How do you expect to compete with me?"

Jack got up from the floor, wiped the blood from the corners of his mouth, and then said slowly, "Armand, for the sake of our mother, if you beg me, I can help you keep the company, but you must stay away from my wife and not come near her again."

As he was leaving, he glanced at the wedding photo on the wall and sneered. "A cowardly man who fancies himself a romantic is so f*cking disgusting!"

Armand settled himself on the couch with his head down and remained motionless for a long time.

At night, Steven came knocking at the manor.

Seated in the helicopter headed for Jadeborough, Armand instructed Steven, "Contact Earlgrandeur Capital Corporation's CEO for me. I'm going to Turlen the day after tomorrow."

While giving instructions to Steven, he texted Cooper on his phone.

After their arrival in Jadeborough, Steven was driving Armand to the restaurant when he used the rear view mirror to glance at his boss. "Mr. Faulkner, Bruce Gable wants to meet you and wonders if you're free."

Frowning, Armand asked, "Who's he?"

Orsi Productions," Steven replied.

eyes darkened. "Let's not go to eat.

next morning, Genevieve and Jack arrived at Bellridge in

driver to send her home

children were having breakfast when they saw Genevieve arrive home.

Genevieve went abroad, she had made all the necessary arrangements for the production company. Home now,

she brought Amanda and Lucian for swimming

reports on her phone, she saw all kinds of media reporting about the decline of Central Group. The high-ranking staff members were resigning one after another, and

not help calling Cooper on the phone. "Coop, I've read the news about to

sighing on the other end of the line. "Genev, there's nothing knew that his hands

next target was Specter Corporation, the company would be done for as

while preparing breakfast, Genevieve told Jack that she wanted to go

"Mommy! Mommy!"

she was talking with Jack, Amanda came rushing down the stairs, phone in hand. Tearfully, the little girl announced, "The

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Due to her health, Genevieve remained in Dartan for a week before returning to Chanaea.

The first thing she did on arriving was to go to the hospital.

Johanna was admitted into the VIP ward. She was still in a coma, but her abdomen was gradually growing in size.

After Genevieve came out of the ward, Timothy whispered to her, "In the past month, many neurosurgeons have visited Jojo, and their diagnosis is basically the same as mine."

There was the possibility that Johanna would remain a vegetable for the rest of her life.

He had discussed with several doctors about removing the child from Johanna's womb as he did not want her to suffer so much.

A doctor had said that a hospital in Baykeep had once treated a patient who had been in the same situation as Johanna.

That patient had just conceived before suffering a fall and becoming a vegetable. With the family's permission, they aborted the baby. However, the next day, the patient's heart stopped beating.

Timothy knew that the chances of that happening were low but did not dare to take the risk. He was afraid of losing both Johanna and the baby.

What really irked him was that the perpetrator was still at large.

Genevieve knew that Timothy was a doctor, so his diagnosis could not be wrong. Despite feeling anguished, she refused to let it show.

tried to console him. "Jojo will come out of

to Timothy, Genevieve left the

way to the production company, she happened to notice a

checking out the license plate carefully, she changed lanes to catch up

and the driver was

some effort, she managed to catch up with the Rolls-Royce, but it had gone into the underground car park of Twilight

this the car I gifted to Armand? Why would it be here? Could it be

crash, his will was read. All his property was willed to Cooper, including his house and

Genevieve parked her car

there were two people there, waiting

slightly plump man wearing a hip-hop short-sleeved shirt saw

her, she smiled. "Hi. Are

scratched his head, looking simple and innocent. "I'm Mr. Gable's assistant. My name

meet you." Genevieve nodded in

tall, nearly 1.9 meters. Despite wearing only a

a black mask covered his

elevator arrived, Genevieve entered it

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What?

Joash, who was standing at the side, widened his eyes and mouth in disbelief.

Bruce was taken aback as well. Then, he tugged on his mask and asked, "Yes, I do. Ms. Rachford, would you like to take a look?"

Joash was dumbstruck.

Just then, the elevator arrived on the chosen floor, and the doors opened automatically.

It was then Genevieve said, "I was just asking."

Before stepping out, she glanced at Bruce out of the corner of her eyes and remarked, "You have nice hands too."

Once Genevieve was a distance away, Joash walked out of the elevator with Bruce and said in an odd tone, "Mr. Gable, say, Ms. Rachford complimented you on your slim waist and nice hands. Do you think..."

After all, Bruce was a good-looking man. On the set, actresses would always take the opportunity to touch him all over.

Bruce looked at Genevieve's departing figure, and his dark eyes glinted.

"How would I know?"

Upon entering her office, Genevieve thought of how she had scrutinized that artist and what she had said to him. At that point, she could not help but wonder if he might think badly of her.

was about to summon

in with a cup

was startled to see him, but it turned out to be a pleasant surprise. "Steven, what are you doing

a major restructuring within the company," he said. "I don't wish to stay there any longer, so I quit. Right now,

smile on his face, he asked, "Ms. Rachford, don't you welcome me

a little overqualified

shook his head. "I'm sick and tired of those high-intensity jobs. Now that

job, she decided to let him

left since Steven was his subordinate and bodyguard.

coffee and suddenly asked, "Steven, are you still

send the artists

said to Armand in the past. Only then did she realize how

love that

smile played about her lips as she remarked nonchalantly, "It's all right. You can drive

"That won't happen. Ms. Rachford, this car is your

at a loss

her secretary walked in with some documents, so

artists with the last name Gable?" Genevieve asked while her secretary was putting the documents on

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He detests women? But when I took the same elevator with Bruce just now, he didn't show any aversion toward me.

At that thought, Genevieve asked, "Why does he dislike women?"

"In the past, when he was filming a historical movie, he fell in love with one of the actresses and began to date her in private. But she turns out to be an unfaithful girlfriend."

A hint of sympathy could be detected in the secretary's voice as she continued, "He caught her cheating on him red-handed. Yet, she accused him of being an abuser and a drug addict and sued him. As she had her backer's help, Bruce lost the case and was detained for two weeks. During those years, Bruce suffered a lot. Due to his domestic violence history, he was unable to receive any good job offers. Later, when he starts to get roles again, he offers to receive lower pay so that he doesn't have to appear in all the intimate scenes himself. Now, he even refuses to hold the actresses' hands during filming."

Poor thing. To be sued by his cheating girlfriend and his career going down the drain. It's no wonder that he hates women. But when I teased him in the elevator just now, he even asked me if I wanted to touch his abs. It doesn't look like he hates women.

Seeing that Genevieve was silent the whole time, her secretary continued, "I guess Mr. Dixon must still be berating Bruce. Ms. Rachford, would you want to go over and take a look?"

"That won't be necessary."

With a wave of her hand, Genevieve dismissed her secretary.

She was just about to peruse the documents when she thought of the secretary's words. Curiosity got the better of her, and she could not help but search for news of Bruce on the internet.

It was worse than what her secretary had told her.

his previous agency blacklisted him. When he occasionally went out to buy things and was spotted

were times when he asked for work from the company, and he would be given

as a professor at a university. Some of the extreme fans of his ex-girlfriend went there and looked for his father, saying that his son was an abusive man. They even went as far as asking if the genes of domestic violence run in the family and if he hit his wife as well. Things

music school and would teach children music every

some of the fans

the fans of Bruce's ex-girlfriends to be so horrid. They seemed to go all out to

and felt

him abusing his

she scanned through Bruce's biodata. The numbers she saw befuddled

listed as one hundred

out Bruce in the elevator earlier, she felt that the man was at least

a hundred and eighty-seven centimeters in height. It was not hard for

was pondering about it, the phone was

is there anything I can help

director if he can reduce