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**The doctor shook his head. "She's very old and suffering from multiple organ failure. Any form of treatment would only cause her more pain. She'll pass away in these two days."**

Genevieve could not help but feel upset upon hearing that.

She found a caregiver to take care of the old woman and reminded the caregiver to contact her if anything came up. Then, she took a cab to the resort.

Genevieve took a shower in the hotel room and slept for a short while. When she woke up, night had fallen.

At that moment, Jane texted Genevieve, informing the latter she was at the door.

Genevieve hurriedly went to open the door, spotting Jane carrying a makeup kit. "Aren't you helping Rachel with her makeup and styling? How come you're so fast?"

Aside from Bruce, the company had also invited two other celebrities to participate in Fantasy Film Festival.

One of the celebrities was Rachel Henderson. The styling team the company hired for her had done a terrible job of preening Rachel during her previous red carpet event. Outrageously, the styling company even requested an increase in salary this time.

The styling company suddenly went on a strike that morning after James rejected them. They told James to contact another styling company to take the job.

Even so, Genevieve did not panic. She asked for Jane's help as the latter was adept at styling.

hours on her styling. I just completed the task." Jane smiled faintly while entering Genevieve's room, significantly improved after she began working and interacting with others. She was not coughing as much as

asked Genevieve, "Genevieve, I heard Mr. Dixon said you'll be starring in the opening out a set of suits from her luggage.

celebrities are fighting to be the highlight of the event. They wanted so badly for the camera to focus only on them. Even Rachel's gown is a customized design by MM, scheduled

and said carefreely, "They are all celebrities. I'm not. I

"Why don't—"

standby. She was about to suggest borrowing one of the gowns

Genevieve saw Cooper standing outside, holding a transparent clothes cover in his right hand. Inside lacking an evening gown?" Genevieve received

that much about you, those times we stayed together

was there to

first. You can come over

first. When she turned around, Genevieve noticed Jane had her head lowered

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**Turning her head around, Genevieve saw a young woman trudging toward them while dragging the heavy hem of her gown.**

She was wearing a pink strapless petal embroidered gown from ES Fashion House. Her skin was not considered fair, but she was petite and cute. Her petal blush makeup matched her outfit. Hanging around her neck was a teardrop-shaped pink sapphire necklace.

The woman straightened her back, trying very hard to make herself look more elegant. However, her deliberate attempt gave her a comical appearance.

“Bruce, it's been long since we last met.” The woman blinked her glistening eyes at Bruce like a pure, innocent fawn.

Genevieve suddenly felt nauseous.

Although she knew there were all kinds of female celebrities in the entertainment industry, that was the first time she had encountered one who disgusted her.

Bruce merely glanced at the woman and proceeded to ignore her.

At the sight of his response, that woman pouted her pink lips and said in a childish voice, “I've been filming on the set for the past two months, and I finally have the time to spare now to attend Fantasy Film Festival. Bruce, we haven't seen each other for so long. Why are you giving me the cold shoulder?”

Only then did she seem to notice Genevieve standing beside Bruce. “Who is this missy?”

Wearing a poker face, Genevieve replied frostily, “I'm not a missy. I am the CEO of Genevieve Orsi Productions. Please address me as Ms. Rachford.”

that, her large, innocent

Genevieve introduced herself,

was true only in the past, for Genevieve and Sylvie looked entirely different

her connections to try forcing Bruce to be dropped out of his acting parts. Unexpectedly, Specter Corporation generously invested thirty

Corporation's person in charge seems to be Genevieve's

too arrogantly before Genevieve. Grinning adorably, she said, “I see. It's nice to meet you, Ms. Rachford. I'm...”

Coco's manner of speech when the latter arrived earlier.

quick look at Bruce. She wore a contemptuous expression that suggested Bruce should get his take your leave first. I wish to speak in private with Bruce.” After saying that, Coco purposely added, “It thing Genevieve wanted was to stay there and listen to Coco's squeaky because it was almost her turn to to and regarded a few steps back to avoid her perfume area, Bruce did not care to hide his true character. An icy aura enveloped his body. “Get away from

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**After the recording ended, Bruce said coolly, “Stay away from me from now on. If you dare to say another word, this audio clip will appear on Twitter immediately.”**

Coco suppressed her anxiety and chirped, “Post it, then. Those fans will only think that you are still in love with me!”

Bruce did not hesitate as he uploaded the audio clip to Twitter instantaneously.

Coco did not expect him to be so unmerciful and true to his words. Moreover, Bruce had posted using his own Twitter account.

On the verge of losing her mind out of anger, Coco attempted to snatch Bruce's phone.

Putting the device in his pocket, the man gazed down at her indifferently. “If you do not get lost right now, I still have some other things I can send to your boss' email.”

She did not know what other information he possessed.

However, after the incident a few moments ago, Coco had had a taste of his ruthlessness, so she did not dare to provoke him further. Coco left and hastily contacted her agency to handle Bruce's latest Twitter update.

The time was already half-past seven when Genevieve was done walking the red carpet.

She would be the first to perform onstage, so she headed straight backstage.

“Ms. Rachford.”

for her to go up on the stage and handed her

had borrowed that violin

the chords, she asked

can perform whichever piece you feel like

the reply, she nodded. Then, she took out her phone and browsed a music application, managing

about to finish speaking, Genevieve exited backstage and walked toward the staircase on the side thousand people. At that moment, all the lights were dimmed, with only a single spotlight left shining on the the stage calmly. Holding the violin, she stood before staff begin counting down through the earpiece. Genevieve's fingers moved across the violin with perfect speed and precision as she down when the pleasant music produced by the violin reverberated in the venue, stimulating everyone's aural in the minds of all the spectators and died instead. Therefore, the teenager no longer believed in God. On the day of repose, he killed and brutality of those scenes. Nevertheless, the teenage shepherd exacted revenge for all the unfair treatment he suffered in the below the stage had furthered their studies in music academies, but none of them succeeded deeply immersed in the piece of music she played as their hearts ached for the teenage shepherd's misfortunes, and they cheered for the

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**Realizing what was happening, Coco's assistant immediately rushed to the rescue.**

However, Genevieve's hold on Coco was firm. The former forcefully pressed Coco's head into the sink. Genevieve only pulled Coco's head out from the water when the latter struggled less.

Genevieve saw Coco's pale face and fear-stricken eyes through the mirror.

“Bruce is now one of my artists! His losses are the same as my company's. If you dare to use any underhanded means to stop him from filming or appearing in magazines again, I'll make you pay!”

Coco's heart broke when she saw how the water from her hair had gotten onto her haute couture outfit and ruined it.

Coco was shaking out of anger. “You dare to mess with me, Genevieve?”

Genevieve displayed a half-smile. “Why not? You're just a little celebrity! I can easily end your acting career! On the contrary, you are the one who should now mess with me!”

With that, she shoved Coco away and left the restroom in big strides.

On the way back to the venue, she recalled her warning to Coco just moments earlier while furrowing her brows in irritation.

At first, she wanted to choose a classical piece, but when she remembered Bruce's tragic encounter, she could not help but pity him.

of himself and stand under the spotlight by becoming the best actor again. She industry for more than ten years, was perplexed, yet she could not figure out why time, her phone Rachford, your violin playing is excellent! Would you like wanted to reply to turn him down, but in the end, she turned off her phone without Genevieve's breathtaking opening performance, the other performances after hers seemed less interesting. Once the opening ceremony so Jane at the into was wearing a branded gold gown, and her movements were charming. She was exquisitely beautiful, but it was obvious that she had gotten plastic surgery paid attention to the news in the entertainment industry. Looking at Sylvie, Jane thought the latter used to look like Genevieve, but that was no longer the case was Sylvie, she wanted to apologize. However, before she to her side. "Sylvie! She didn't bump into you on purpose! Why slap and smiled. "I didn't want to slap her, No one dared to mess with her; if she did not

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Jane touched her face and said nothing. Therefore, Rachel spoke up. "Jane accidentally bumped into Sylvie when she was helping me with my dress, and Sylvie slapped her."

Sylvie thought almost everyone had left the venue, so she did not expect Cooper to be there. She was somewhat afraid of Cooper, so she toned down the arrogant look in her eyes. "I rented this haute couture dress, and I was afraid it would be ruined after she stepped on it, so I slapped her without thinking."

Right after she finished saying that, she tried to walk away with her assistant. However, Cooper grabbed her, and she staggered back a few steps. She bumped into Jane, resulting in the latter dropping the hem of Rachel's gown onto the ground, which caused Sylvie to step on it. Cooper glanced at the ground. "This haute couture gown is pretty expensive as well. Now that you've made it dirty, what should we do about it?"

The next moment, he asked Jane to get closer to him as he locked both of Sylvie's hands. "Slap her the way she slapped you."

When Sylvie heard him, the color drained from her face. "Mr. Sutton, my granddad is General Zeigler!"

"So what?" He chuckled coldly before looking at Jane. "Come here and slap her."

against Sylvie because she feared causing

back anymore. Walking forward,

let go of Sylvie. He wiped his hands with a handkerchief that he took out of his pocket. "Jane is Armand's younger sister. Even if Armand is dead, no one is allowed to bully her! If you dare to touch her again, it

Genevieve's relationship, she had no choice but to do as she was told and leave

Couching, Jane mumbled, "Thanks."

nothing. Slapping her back was the right thing to do since she slapped you first." Cooper

Rachel, "She's not your assistant, so she's not obliged to

and called her assistant to come

in her heart, and it was hard for her to breathe. Since she did not want anyone to pity her when they saw how much pain she was in, she quickly made an excuse and

she stumbled into an elevator, she covered her mouth and

hurry, the more chaotic it turned out. The moment she opened the bottle, it dropped to the ground, and her pills got

from the bottle before

her heart and her pills

my frail body, and I have to take my medicine every day and endure the overwhelming pain now and then. Sylvie's

of the elevator, she hurriedly got up, about to

out and held her shoulder.

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Jane was wiping her tears at that time. The moment she heard what he said, she froze and stared at him.

Cooper looked at the buttons on the elevator and continued, "It was considered late when I realized I had stage three lung cancer since I had to undergo chemotherapy, and there was no guarantee that my disease could be cured. I wasn't afraid of dying, but I owed Genev too much. I was worried no one could take care of her and manage the company if I died. That was why I decided to try it, no matter how small my chances of recovery were. After that, I lied to her by telling her that I was going on a business trip abroad. During that time, for more than a month, I was undergoing chemotherapy at the hospital. It was really tough, but I survived it. However, I recently fainted and went for a checkup at the hospital. The doctor told me there were signs of relapse of my lung cancer."

Jane used to think that Cooper was ruthless, decisive, and omnipotent as Armand in the business world. She did not expect him to be as pitiful as her.

Cooper said gently, "When you were forced to have a marriage of convenience with the Wood family last time, you didn't give up on living, and you've worked hard to live your own life, didn't you? You should do the same now. I've been looking for a doctor who can treat your heart disease. I'll let you know once I find him."

"Mm." Jane felt better in an instant, and the despair she felt eased up eventually.

When the elevator arrived on the first floor, she walked out with him.

"I only told you about my illness to comfort you, but don't tell Genev about it," Cooper chirped.

She nodded.

The resort was huge, and entertainment facilities were readily available. The film festival's opening ceremony was on the west section of the entertainment center while the hotel was on the north. Therefore, they had to walk for quite some time to return to the hotel.

night. The air

knew she had a weak body, he put his suit jacket

exceptional warmth

trotted toward him,

"Coop."

in his tracks, he

she gazed at him intently. "I like you. Romantically," she

a look of

"No.

when she brought Jane for checkups at the hospital. Jane's mother used to say to her, "Why is your body so frail when

to Jadeborough, Cooper was the one who took

said, "It's okay. Humans can even build rockets, so why can't we overcome a mere

had already fallen for Cooper then, but she kept it hidden in her heart since she did

and his words consoled her again, she

displayed an ice-cold expression. He said in a cold and heartless tone, "I'll only love Genev for as long as I would turn her down, but she could not help feeling sad when

a

yourself look like a fool and struggle unnecessarily. I believe Armand didn't tell you something." After a pause, he continued,

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Fantasy Film Festival lasted for three days. Besides having to perform in the film festival's opening ceremony, Genevieve was also the guest of honor during the awards ceremony. Other than that, since the housekeeper only had two days left to live, she decided to stay for a few more days in Baykeep.

For the past two days, she avoided any interaction with Bruce and explored Baykeep with Jane.

However, Jane was feeling down the entire time.

The opening ceremony of most film festivals was grander, so Genevieve dressed in a black suit on the night of the awards ceremony.

She was even invited to present the award for Best Supporting Actress, and coincidentally, Coco was the one who won it.

Upon seeing Genevieve, Coco recalled how the latter pressed her head into the sink that night, causing her to grit her teeth out of fear and anger.

However, she was an actress. Her vengeful glare toward Genevieve lasted only a second before she beamed as she turned to the audience and gave her speech.

After the awards ceremony, Genevieve left with the others.

Right after she walked out of the venue, she received a call from the hospital, learning that her housekeeper was dying. She walked over to the elevator in a hurry and bumped into Bruce.

At that time, Bruce was talking to Joash. When the former saw her, he froze and quickly turned his head.

Genevieve remembered that she had not replied to his message on WhatsApp that night. Since then, he had stopped disturbing her.

her feel guilty. She

elevator, she took the initiative and asked him, "Aren't you filming here? Did you

her body. "You drank earlier, so you can't drive now. I'll get Joash to send

She nodded. "Thanks."

door of the elevator opened, they

hastily went to drive the minivan over. Meanwhile, Genevieve asked Bruce to follow him to the hospital, saying

to the hospital, Genevieve said, "I've been swamped with work these few days, and there were too many messages on WhatsApp. I might've

these two days with filming too," Bruce



I'm going to visit is my friend, but she's dying. I hope she can feel at ease as she takes her last few breaths, so later, please follow me into the ward and

"Okay."

Genevieve hurriedly

she looked when Genevieve visited her two days ago. She lay on the bed quietly as she closed her eyes. It was as

and held the elder's hand as she

that, Perla opened her

over without

saw him, her eyes suddenly lit

Perla had mistaken Bruce for Armand. Therefore, Genevieve said to Bruce, "She looks

that, she left

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When Genevieve went back into the ward with a doctor and a nurse, Perla had already passed away.

The doctor asked the nurse to note Perla's time of death and said to Genevieve, "She left in peace. You should plan her funeral now."

After a minute, the doctor and the nurse left.

Genevieve noticed Perla's faint smile, so she guessed that Perla had a good chat with Bruce earlier, and she secretly let out a breath of relief.

If Perla left without any regrets, a little lie is nothing.

After they left the ward, Genevieve thanked Bruce, "Thank you for what you did earlier. You should go back to the resort first. I'll deal with the rest."

"I took a look at the nurse's report earlier. She seemed to be hospitalized for a few days now. Ms. Rachford, is this what you were talking about when you said you had things to take care of in Baykeep?" Bruce asked in a hoarse and low voice.

"Yeah," Genevieve replied. "She didn't have children, so she asked me to help her with her matters after she passed."

Bruce felt a lump in his throat. After a while, he said, "Let Joash handle it. He's a local in Baykeep. I think he has relatives who are engaged in funeral work."

With that, he dialed Joash's number and called the latter to go upstairs.

Indeed, Joash had a cousin who was engaged in funeral work. When he learned that Bruce was calling him about Perla's funeral, he called his cousin immediately.

in order in an instant, Genevieve

too late, and the body needed to be cremated and buried the following morning. Therefore, Genevieve went back to the

hotel that night, but his room was not on

get out of the elevator, she suddenly thought of something. Turning around, she said

she did not need to go to the hospital the

his hand. "Don't worry about it, Ms. Rachford. My cousin has a partnership with a cemetery, so it doesn't cost much. Please

help and smiled. "Okay. I'll triple your bonus at

you,

the bonus he would receive at the end of the year. However, when he pressed the button to close the elevator door, he realized that it turned frosty in the elevator because of a

seen Bruce that way, so he

in the future. Also, why do you care if she

head. "I only did that out of

in a sentence, I'll deduct five hundred with

"What!" Joash was dumbfounded.

I talk more with Ms.

something was off with Bruce. "Mr. Gable, are you guarding Ms. Rachford? Why don't you

a mask, so Joash could

Bruce ignored Joash.

their floor, Bruce kicked Joash out. "Go back

to order room service when you're back in your room—" Joash spoke halfway when he turned around, noticing that the elevator

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When Genevieve arrived at Jadeborough the next day, she received a text from Joash. He informed her Perla was already buried.

Genevieve thanked him and transferred a monetary gift to him.

On the way to the office, she passed by a dessert shop named "Unique."

It brought back memories of the cake Steven gave her, which suddenly made her crave it. She told the driver to stop the car and walked into the dessert shop. Unfortunately, she could not find the two-layered chocolate cake she had eaten that day.

Hence, Genevieve asked a staff, "Doesn't your shop sell a type of two-layered chocolate cake?"

The staff smiled in understanding after hearing Genevieve's description. "That dessert was made by our boss. He only comes here once in a while. Why don't you try the others? They're quite good, too."

Genevieve was disappointed when she heard that.

In the end, she chose a red velvet cake. Upon reaching her office, she opened the packaging and tasted it.

Indeed, it was delicious. Still, it was not the same as the one she had eaten that day.

Looks like Steven was just really lucky to be able to buy the cake personally made by the boss.

in her mouth was too strong, so she wanted to get a drink of water. However, her mug on the coffee prepared to head off to the pantry. As she opened the door, she saw Jane standing there with a

raised her brow. "Jane? Is there something you want to tell

that, she led

in front of the table. It took her a long time to muster her

Who?" Genevieve

single, and I just think

head. "He's just like a brother to me. I know Coop's an excellent man, and many

Genevieve said with difficulty, "Jane, Coop has a close relationship with the

since young. All I do is stay at home. I can't even leave the house. Spending time with him makes me feel really happy. I just hope I can be with the man I like

him about

in response and added dejectedly, "But he rejected me and told me

Genevieve was at a loss for

okay. I just feel upset, that's all. I feel much better now that I've told you all

as

for Jane. The latter was smart and pretty, yet she had such a weak body.