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The door was not closed.

“There were two figures at the door, a man and a woman.”

“The man had a tall frame. He wore an expensive, black suit with gold-rimmed glasses, appearing to be in his fifties. The woman wore a dark blue dress and a white cardigan. Her hair was tied up, looking noble and graceful.”

“With just one glance, Kate recognized them.”

They were none other than Hudson and Paige.

They finally came!

It seemed that Calvin being in Wullen Town had already alerted them!

“She didn’t really like Paige, but as for Hudson, she dared not give him the cold shoulder.”

“After all, he was the senior chairman of The Harvey Group. He had great power and prestige in the business world. No matter what his intention was, it showed that he had attached great importance to her daughter. There were no parents who did not hope for a good life for their children.”

“Kate, it’s nice to see you. Hudson immediately noticed Kate, who was sitting on the sofa in a daze. At her side was a walking stick. Her face was slightly pale and an uneasy feeling could be seen in her eyes. A sense of guilt welled up in his heart.”

“The woman before his eyes was ageing quickly. He remembered that she used to be so elegant and dignified, giving off the temperament of a daughter from a rich family. However, the woman he was looking at, had wrinkles on her forehead and half of her hair had already turned white. It seemed that the death of her husband and her daughter’s experience had completely crushed her.”

“He hurriedly took a step forward. With a polite and friendly smile on his face, he asked kindly, ““Kate, do you still remember me?”””

“Kate narrowed her eyes as she calmly observed the man who had once been a well-known figure in the business world. The last time she saw him was at the reunion dinner in conjunction with the Thanksgiving party five years ago. After that, she never saw him again.”

“Five years later, when they met again, things had changed.”

“She smiled wryly and replied in a polite manner, ““So, Mr. Hudson is here. Please have a seat.”””

“Kate, are you feeling better now? Paige was a smart woman. She knew that she came to ask Kate for a favour. After Hudson greeted her, she immediately walked up to her with a smile on her face and asked about her well-being.”

“Kate glanced at her, with a faint expression on her face. ““Mrs. Harvey, you’ve come to my humble abode as well. I’m really ashamed. This small courtyard of ours isn’t worthy of your noble status.”””

“As soon as those words were said, a trace of awkwardness flashed across Paige’s face. Of course, she understood what she meant. She instantly went along with her. Her face was plastered with a forceful smile.”

“I’m really sorry. Bailey went out for groceries. It is really inconvenient for me to move around. So, I will not be able to get you two something to drink, Kate said to them politely and distantly.”

“It’s fine, it’s fine. Hudson smiled. ““Kate, you’re not feeling well. Is there anything I can do for you?”” Then, he looked at her glass, reached out for it, and was about to pour some water personally for her.”

“Hudson, let me do it. This should be done by women. Paige had sharp eyes. How could she allow her husband to pour water for her? She quickly snatched the glass from his hand and walked to the kitchen.”

“Kate didn’t refuse and was just sitting down. Seeing that Hudson was still standing with things still in hand, she smiled and said, ““Mr. Hudson, please have a seat. Make yourself at home.””

Hudson put down his things and sat down casually on the sofa.

“Kate, it’s been so many years. Time really flies so fast. The children have already grown up and we’re also getting old, Hudson said emotionally. He then looked at the surroundings in the house and said in regret, ““This house looks somewhat shabby. Calvin has been here for quite some time, yet he hasn’t changed the environment for you. What an ignorant child.””

“No, Mr. Hudson. We were originally from a humble family. We are used to living with such a courtyard and feel that it is good enough. There is no need for us to accept charity from others. Kate did not appreciate his offer. She replied with an expression full of calmness, ““It’s just that I’m not sure why you’re here today?””

“Hudson had long prepared himself for Kate’s lukewarm attitude. A woman like her was truly miserable, especially when she had lost her legs. To be able to continue living so peacefully was already not easy. If she were an ordinary woman, she might not have been able to last much longer.”

“When the incident happened back then, Harvey Manor as their in-laws could only say that they were of little help, which made him feel uneasy.”

“Kate, Paige, and I are here today mainly to apologize for what happened in the past. That year, Belle was married into the Harvey family. As her father-in-law, I didn’t fulfil my duty as an elder, or rather, I was prejudiced against her. To think about it, it was also due to my neglecting my duty. However, when I found out the truth, I had already fallen sick and didn’t manage to prevent what had transpired later, making me feel guilty and uneasy. Today, I visit your house with the intention of begging you for forgiveness, and to ask you to put aside any presumptions you may have about us in your mind. Let’s talk openly and honestly. From now on, we are a family. Letting the children live happily is our responsibility as their elders.”

“Hudson’s words were euphemistic and sincere. He was truly sorry from the bottom of his heart. At the very least, when he saw Kate’s dejected self, he did feel uneasy. At her most difficult moment, the Harvey family had not been able to provide any help to her, be it mentally or physically, even when the

fire had been caused by Martin. Although Calvin had tried to make up for it, it was still resolute. Not to mention that they were already divorced.”

“To any woman, such a blow really was not a good thing.”

“There was sorrow in Kate’s smile. She did not have much to say to Hudson. After all, he too had not been doing well over the years. The reason she persisted was that she wanted to help her daughter strive for happiness. Her daughter would definitely follow them back. She understood that better than anyone else because she understood her daughter’s thoughts.”

“Mr. Hudson, let’s talk about the reason you came to see me. Since what happened in the past is already over, there is no need to keep holding onto it. It was obvious what she meant. She was also trying to preserve Hudson’s dignity.”

What happened in the past was long gone. It was unnecessary to hold onto it and not let go. What she wanted to see was the future. The future of her daughter’s happiness was what she cared the most about. She needed their actions and promises.

“Hudson was an intelligent man. He already understood what she meant. As expected, the Sophia was right!”

“Kate, we came here today to visit you and our grandson. We also come on behalf of Old Madam. As you know, Old Madam has always valued Belle and treated her as her own granddaughter, loving her more than she loves Calvin. Now that she heard that she has a great-grandson, she’s on cloud nine. She’s been up day and night, wanting to take a look at her great-grandson. Now, she’s waiting at home, holding out hope for us to bring your whole family back. Old Madam promised that once all of you come back, she will immediately host the wedding for Calvin and Belle. Please be rest assured. This time, our family will definitely pay attention to Belle. Besides, Calvin loves her wholeheartedly. If he had made mistakes in the past, he was, after all, a young man. It is normal for them to be ignorant at times. However, since they had been through so many trials and hardships, we have reasons to believe that they will cherish each other’s feelings, and live a peaceful and beautiful life. Hudson mentioned Sophia to express Harvey family’s sincerity, so that Kate could understand their intention and be rest assured.”

Kate listened carefully. Her face gradually relaxed.

She had heard of Sophia’s kindness towards Belle. It seemed that she was part of the reason why Hudson and his wife would come.

“As long as the Harvey family valued her daughter, there would be no reason left for her to persist.”

“At that moment, Paige came out with a glass of water. After placing the glass in front of Kate, she took Kate’s hand with a smile on her face and said, ““Kate, don’t worry. I admit that I had been prejudiced against Belle in the past, but I will never do it again. She did our family a favor and gifted us a healthy, chubby grandson. After all those affairs, I have seen her true colors and have completely approved of her. I hope you can let go of the past grudges. Let’s give the children a chance. Let’s help make their wedding happen and give our grandson a complete home.”””

“After saying all that, she was still worried. ““Kate, you don’t have to doubt our sincerity. Grandma has always treated Belle well. Hudson and I have already discussed and decided that after the children get

married, we will travel around the world and hand over everything to them. We won't bother them anymore. Belle is very capable. We absolutely believe her."""

"As the saying goes, ""A prodigal son who returned home is worth more than gold."" Kate was actually satisfied with the way Calvin was treating Belle at the moment. She just wanted to make sure her daughter gets more assurance, and also provide her with a way out."

"Hudson and Paige visiting her personally could also be considered as showing her respect. When the conditions were right, success would be sure to follow. There was no reason for her to continue taking it to heart. The happiness of her daughter was what mattered to her the most. If they continued to drag on, her daughter would be unhappy as well."

"This is the children's own affairs. If Belle is willing to go back, then so be it. I have no objection. As a parent, I only hope for my daughter to be happy. I hope that you will remember what you said today, and don't let Belle down. These words will always be engraved in my heart. Kate breathed a sigh of relief. There was a smile on her face. Her tone was also softer."

"Of course. Don't worry, we definitely will. Only then did their heart fall back into place. They immediately promised and guaranteed each other."

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"By the way, Kate, where is my grandson? Where did he go? We have been here for so long, but we haven't seen him. Let me take a good look at him. Paige saw that the problem had been successfully resolved, yet she had not seen her grandson and felt anxious. ""Kate, you have no idea that when I knew Belle had given birth to a little boy for the Harvey family, I was so excited that I might as well immediately fly over. This is all kudos to Belle. Don't worry, I will treat Belle as my own daughter from now on. I will never allow Calvin to bully her."""

"Upon hearing this, Kate smiled and said, ""Paige, Belle has already gone out with Jerry. She must have gone next door, where Calvin lives."""

"I see. Paige understood and quickly stood up. She told Hudson, ""Hudson, stay here and have a chat with Kate. I'll go and take a look at the child."""

"As soon as she finished speaking, she went out."

"She is still so impatient. Watching her leave, Hudson laughed and shook his head with a self-deprecating smile."

"Kate smiled as well. The knot in her heart was untied, and her mood was also lifted. "

"After a while, Paige walked in, looking disappointed. She shook her head and said, ""There's no one in the yard. It seems like they're not at home."""

Kate thought about how the three of them didn't come back until it was in the afternoon the day before and guessed that they might have gone somewhere else. "Don't worry. They might have gone shopping again. They have a strong relationship right now and couldn't bear to be separated even for a second."

“Paige had no choice but to sit down with Hudson and have a chat with Kate. Paige told Kate everything that had happened at the Harvey Manor’s meeting and everything that had happened before and after, especially Calvin’s affection and devotion to Belle even after she left. She did not miss out on any details.”

“Upon hearing that, Kate felt relieved. A satisfied smile emerged on her face. ”

“However, just as Belle left the house with Jerry in her arms, she saw that Calvin was following Aron out. She was slightly surprised. Where were they going? For the past few days, she would come to his place with Jerry around that hour. However, that day, he was actually going out. Where was he going?”

“Since Calvin was not home, there was no point in bringing Jerry there. She wanted to bring Jerry home, but Jerry saw Calvin at a glance. He immediately stretched out his arms, wanting to catch up with them and refused to go home no matter what.”

“Belle was helpless. They strode along the way. How could she keep up with them? Looking at the beautiful weather, she decided to take him out for a walk. ”

“With that, she held him in her arms and went ahead.”

“When they reached a candy stall, she bought him a packet of sweets. Once she lifted her head again, Calvin was already nowhere to be seen. Since Jerry had something in his hand, he had forgotten about chasing after him. Belle held Jerry in her arms as they strolled and enjoyed the scenery.”

“Miss Morris, Miss Morris. After walking for a short distance, she heard children’s laughter. Surprised, she turned around and saw children walking towards her, led by Mr. Holland.”

“Mr. Holland, students. Belle was astounded. She hurriedly greeted them. ”

“Hello, Miss Morris. Mr. Holland greeted Belle politely as he approached her. ”

“Belle was delighted to see the children. She immediately smiled and said, “”Mr. Holland, thank you for bringing the children to come and see me.”””

“Mr. Holland smiled embarrassedly. He looked at the child in Belle’s arms and asked in a serious tone, “”Miss Morris, is this your son?”””

“That’s right. Belle smiled and nodded in agreement. She then softly said to Jerry, “”Jerry, greet Uncle Koch.”””

Jerry’s eyes were wide open as he stared at the children. He didn’t even notice Mr. Holland.

“Miss Morris, I really didn’t expect that you, such a wealthy person, to land in such a remote place like ours. My apologies for neglecting you earlier, Mr. Holland mumbled. Loneliness flashed across his eyes and disappeared in an instant.”

“Don’t say that. Mr Koch, you’re embarrassing me. I’m just a child of an ordinary family, not a wealthy person. Belle hurriedly denied it in a solemn manner as she greeted the children. She brought them to a snack bar where they could fill up their stomachs.”

“Mr. Holland sat at another table with Belle, chatting.”

“Miss Morris, I actually came here today to tell you something. After chatting for a while, Mr. Holland thought of Kyrie’s instructions and had to say so. In truth, he did not agree with the method of taking advantage of a woman, but since it was Kyrie’s request, and for the children’s happiness, he had no choice but to give it a try.”

Oh. Belle was taken aback and then she smiled. “What’s the matter? Do tell me.”

“This... Mr. Holland’s face flushed red with embarrassment and he said awkwardly, ““Miss Morris, this is really not my intention, but since Kyrie has come to me, I have no choice but to act as an advocate. It’s your call. Don’t make things too hard for yourself. If you can do it, then try to do it. If you can’t, then forget about it. In such a large factory, those leaders are incapable, and here they are, thinking of silly solutions. I’m really speechless.”””

Belle roughly understood when she heard that.

“It seemed that Calvin had failed to carry out his investment in the petrochemical factory. Being stuck in a hopeless situation, they wanted to use her to achieve their goal. They hoped that she would do her best to help them for the sake of the children.”

“She was disgusted with Kyrie’s attitude. However, since Mr. Holland had brought the children to visit her, she would, of course, do her best. If she hadn’t already donated to the two schools, she would already have donated to that school. At that time, she really didn’t have the means to do so.”

“Don’t worry, I understand what you meant. Please help me convey my words to Kyrie to try his best to enhance the factory’s employees’ skills, improve the system, and lead them towards progression and wealth. As for the investment, I will try my best. She comforted Mr. Holland with a smile.”

“Seeing that Belle did not refuse, Mr. Holland was relieved. His eyes brightened up. ““If you can persuade Mr. Harvey to invest in the factory and school, you will definitely be remembered by the employees in the factory for the benefits they receive in the future.”””

“Belle looked at his hopeful expression and felt uncomfortable. According to her speculation, if it was really worth investing, Calvin would have invested in it a long time ago with his personality. It was absolutely impossible for him to ask her for help. There was only one reason he did not make a decision. He had doubts.”

“He was a businessman. No matter what he did, he had his own decision and thoughts. If he really decided to give up on that factory, it would be useless even if she tried to persuade him, unless he gave it a chance for her sake. However, Belle would not want that, because if Calvin invested in that factory for her to lead to a bad outcome in the future, it would only ruin his reputation. She did not want such a thing to happen.”

“Nevertheless, she didn’t say much to Mr. Holland, because that was not his intention.”

Belle only allowed Mr. Holland to bring the children back after they were full and satisfied. She also didn’t want to stay any longer. She was ready to ask Calvin’s opinion regarding the matter and see what he was going to do.

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“Aron, are you sure that a few large trucks had left this place last night? Calvin followed Aron to a hidden path. He looked at the wheel marks on the ground and asked with a frown.”

“Yes, I rushed over last night. It seemed that the trucks were military trucks. Although they were covered with black cloth, I can still tell, as I am someone who was born in a military family. Aron answered with certainty, ““Last night, using the lights from the street lamps, I saw that there are people who looked like they were from a terrorist organization in the truck. This is a very dangerous signal.”””

Aron’s furrowed his brows tightly. His face sank and he was very worried.

“A terrorist organization. Could it be an international criminal gang? Did Yadriel have something to do with those people? Impossible. He was determined to win the position of the next president. If he had relations with those people, his political future would be completely ruined once it was discovered. Everyone knew that. People like him who were highly sensitive to politics would never commit a crime on purpose. They were not that stupid. Although they knew it was profitable, political titles were their highest pursuit. That glory could not be compared.”

“According to your analysis, what would they ship out from here? Calvin squatted down and felt the soil on the ground with his hand. It was new indeed, as though it had only been a few hours, which meant that they had in fact taken things from there. As for what it was, he was not sure. However, it was so late at night and they acted mysteriously. There was no doubt, something was not right. ”

“If I am not wrong, the factory might be producing illegal chemical materials or illicit weapons such as guns and ammunition. It is said that many of the sons in Capital City take advantage of their father’s prestige to do some profiteering stuff secretly. It’s just not on the surface, but many people know what they are doing. Aron analyzed.”

“Calvin stood up. His eyes narrowed as he knitted his brows. His sharp gaze landed on the ground, studying it. He didn’t speak for a long time.”

“If someone was really producing such things in that factory, then his investment couldn’t go on, let alone his acquisition. Those people wouldn’t let him succeed, as it would hinder their way to make money. Therefore, how could those people possibly let him have it his way?”

“Kyrie came to him just because he wanted some money to solve the financial difficulties of the workers in the factory. With the factory being stable, it was less likely for their secret to be exposed. ”

“The factory had basically turned into their own manufacturing factory, a place where people could earn dirty money.”

What should he do? To advance or to retreat?

“If he was still a young man in his twenties, he might boldly invest in it, but things were no longer the same. He had Belle and Jerry. He didn’t want to get involved in such things anymore. After all, it was not an ordinary matter.”

He didn’t say anything and just continued walking forward silently.

A figure walked towards him in a hurry.

Mr. Harvey. The figure approached him and greeted him politely.

Lomen. Calvin raised his head and exclaimed in shock.

Why would he be there in that small town? He was his father's confidant. Did something happen to his family? His heart skipped a beat when he thought about it. An inexplicable nervous look then appeared on his face.

"Hello, Mr. Harvey. Mr. Hudson and Madam Paige have arrived in Wullen Town. After greeting Calvin, he told him the purpose of his visit immediately."

"You mean my father and mother are both here? Calvin exclaimed and asked incredulously, ""What are they doing here?""

"Lomen saw the surprise in Calvin's eyes. He smiled and said, ""Don't worry, Mr. Harvey, don't worry. Mr. Hudson and Madam Paige are here to look at their grandson. They've already settled down in Sheraton Hotel and are now at Kate's place. I think Mr. Harvey will be able to bring Young Madam and Young Master home really soon.""

"Upon hearing that, Calvin heaved a sigh of relief."

"Lomen, is there anything happening on the market? Calvin remembered that he had been in town for almost half a month. Except for occasionally dealing with some businesses in the mailbox, he had already put his work aside. Lomen was trained by his father and his sensitivity to matters was exceptionally high. So, he should be able to understand the situation."

"Don't worry. There were some affairs, but with Mr. Hudson present, everything was settled, Lomen replied, nodding his head."

"Then, let's go. Calvin led them home."

"Belle walked home with Jerry in her arms. She thought about what Mr. Holland had said and felt slightly heavy-hearted. The moment she arrived at the entrance of the courtyard, she heard laughter coming from the inside, and the voice was somewhat familiar to her. "

"What was the matter lately? It seemed that her house had become much livelier, and there would always be guests visiting. It all started when Calvin arrived. "

"As she thought, she entered the house with Jerry."

"However, what was happening before her eyes stunned her. "

"Paige held Kate's hand affectionately and laughed, while Hudson sat by the side, smiling and talking. The atmosphere was very harmonious and warm. Was it a dream?"

"She used to have such a dream. She was so eager to see that happening, especially after seeing how Paige and Dolcie chatted so happily. At that time, she felt so dejected because Paige did not take her parents seriously. She was also looked down upon by Paige. However, at the moment, things were really different."

Both Hudson and Paige came.

"Looking at the smile on her mother's face, they might have come as a gesture of goodwill. "

“My grandson. Paige noticed Belle entering the house holding Jerry. Right away, she stood up in excitement. Ignoring Belle’s surprised look, she stepped forward and reached out to Jerry, wanting to carry him.”

“Jerry’s big, round eyes stared at Paige vigilantly. He had probably never seen such a noble-looking woman before. He was attracted by her clothes, and could not stop looking at her. However, when Paige stretched her arms out to carry him, he shook his hands and refused.”

“Jerry, be good. Let Grandma carry you, alright? Paige knew that children were sensitive to strangers. So, she hurriedly took out a limited edition Transformers toy she prepared from her delicate handbag and swayed it in front of him. ”

The toy immediately caught Jerry’s eyes. He stretched out a hand to grab it. Paige gave it to him and took the opportunity to carry him and walked away.

Belle had not come back to her senses. She was still confused by what she was seeing.

“Belle, you’re back. After Paige left, Hudson stood up and greeted Belle in a friendly manner.”

“Uncle Harvey, you’re here, Belle stammered. She was dumbstruck that she still could not react.”

Hudson smiled and nodded.

“Belle, Paige and I have come to pick you and Jerry up, as well as your mother, and return to A City. With a sad expression on his face, he said emotionally, “”Child, you’ve suffered.”””

“Belle was not sure if it was due to excitement or happiness, but she could not even speak. She stared blankly at Hudson, pursed her lips, and didn’t know what to say.”

“Belle, Calvin’s parents had come to pick you and Jerry up personally. This is your long-term decision. Think about it carefully. Kate sighed when she saw that her daughter was at a loss as she was too surprised. It seemed that no matter how good she was to her daughter, she would forget about her once she saw Calvin’s parents.”

“Uncle Harvey, have you recovered? Belle came back to her senses. With a smile, she asked politely.”

“Yes, I have. This is all thanks to you. Hudson chuckled and nodded. He then continued seriously, “”Belle, you should call me ‘Dad’. All these years, Calvin has been looking for you.”””

Belle blushed and then smiled. “Please take your seat first. I’ll prepare some food. Let’s have something special and enjoy a good meal.”

“Belle, there’s no need for that. Let’s just go out and eat, Hudson said, shaking his head.”

“It’s alright. I have Marry’s help. Besides, she has already bought the ingredients. Also, Calvin doesn’t really like the dishes in Wullen Town. She smiled, thinking of how Calvin had been pestering her to cook all day long. He certainly wouldn’t be willing to eat out. Moreover, with Hudson and Paige present, he could come over for dinner, right? According to Kate’s tone, she had completely agreed to their marriage.”

“She felt an uncontrollable surge of excitement. Kate had finally received the Harvey family’s sincerity. It seemed that it was what her mother was waiting for. Surely enough, the Harvey family had shown all of their earnestness.”

Hudson and Paige came at the same time.

There was nothing else that could better show their sincerity.

Kate would no longer stop her from being with Calvin.

She could see happiness waving at her.

“She walked briskly to the kitchen. Bailey was selecting vegetables. When she saw Belle enter, she smiled and said in a soft voice, ““Congratulations, Miss Morris. The Harvey family has truly valued you this time. With Madam already agreeing to it, you can now bring Jerry back to the Harvey Manor with you. The bad times are finally over, and the good times are finally here.””

“Belle smiled, not denying it.”

“After a while, she heard Calvin’s voice.”

“Mom. He walked in and called out to Kate first. Then, he turned his head to look at Hudson and greeted, ““Dad.””

“Paige was with Jerry in his bedroom, smiling until her eyes were squinting.”

Kate looked like she was in a better mood. She also no longer gave Calvin the cold shoulder. There was a faint smile on her face.

Belle prepared a lot of dishes and the table was full.

“In the evening, all members of the two families sat together. Since the reunion banquet six years ago, it was the first time they had a meal together. ”

“It was a serious meal. To be precise, it was the first time the parents of both parties sat together and had a reunion dinner so harmoniously and sincerely ever since Belle was married into the Harvey family, and it was also happening in Wullen Town. ”

“Belle held her cutlery as she lowered her head and looked at her plate, deep in thought.”

Six years. Six years had passed.

“What was happening at the moment was what she had always yearned for. It was normal for ordinary families, but she used to feel that it could never happen to her.”

Her vision gradually grew blurry as she stared at her plate. She was losing her appetite.

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“A big hand stretched out from under the table and held one of her tiny hands, gently yet with such firmness. The soft and warm palm instantly brought warmth to her heart, calming her. She turned her head and met Calvin’s gaze. At that moment, he was looking at her with so much affection, as if he could see the sadness deep down in her heart. He winked at her, sending his deep love to her.”

Belle's gloominess disappeared in an instant as her heart welled up with happiness.

"Come, eat this. It's your favourite, He picked up a piece of chicken amusingly and placed it on her plate as he said gently. He leaned closer to whisper in her ear, ""Be happier, Belle. Mom and Dad are here.""

"It was as if the grey mist in her eyes was blown away by the breezy wind at once. She blinked her sparkling eyes and gave him a smile, a smile so warm and inviting, like the long-awaited summer sunlight."

The night was quiet and peaceful.

"After the rare reunion dinner, Hudson and Paige returned to the hotel with Calvin accompanying them."

"When Belle finished her work and returned to her bedroom, Kate was sitting on the bed and waiting for her."

"Mom, why haven't you slept? Sitting down beside her, Belle asked gently. She was not surprised when she saw Kate sitting on her bed. She knew what was going on in her mind."

"My silly daughter, do you think I can sleep? She took her hand and sighed."

"Mom, you can't sleep because of their arrival, right? With a smile, Belle asked, though she knew the answer."

"Kate looked at her and said reproachfully, ""You really can't be kept at home. Look how happy you were at the sight of Calvin's parents. Can't you be more reserved? You're a woman.""

Belle was taken aback for a moment. Her face turned slightly red.

"Was she really that obvious? Or was it Kate who cared too much for her marriage and that no matter how she looked at her daughter, she felt that it was too bare-faced?"

"Mom, then, what are your thoughts now? She hung her head low and mumbled the question."

"Whatever my thoughts are, will you listen to me? Kate looked at her and asked, keeping a straight face."

"Belle lifted her head to look at her, not understanding what she meant. From her expression earlier, she should have agreed, but her question seemed to be a little far-fetched."

"Mom, they've already given you the sincerity you requested, haven't they? She whispered as she dropped her head."

"It seems that you are really impatient. Kate looked at her with disapproval and nudged her forehead with her finger. She sighed and continued, ""You don't get me. Do you think I really wanted their sincerity? It's for your future. I'm afraid that their family will bully and look down on you. Now that things have come to this point, tell me, what I can do!""

"Belle raised her head, her eyes sparkling."

“Tell me, what’s your plan now? Kate looked at the vivid light in her eyes. She had already understood everything clearly. As a mother, how could she not understand her own daughter’s thoughts? However, she still asked seriously.”

“She hoped that Belle could say it out loud, so that she could understand what she herself really wanted.”

“Belle lowered her head again and gave it some thought. Then, she looked up at her mother, saying firmly and decisively, “”Mom, Calvin truly loves me, and I love him too. Since we truly love each other and he had already done everything he could for me, I have no reason not to go back with him. Hence, my choice is to bring Jerry with us. After we have been through all those hardships and tribulations, I believe that we will be happy from now on.”””

“Her words were light, but her will was firm. In her eyes, there was only courage and frankness, as well as determination for love.”

“Kate looked at her face, deep in thought. After a long while, she patted the top of her head with her hand, sighing. “”My child, since you have decided, then so be it. As a mother, I can only fulfill my duty by helping you fight for those things, but child, I want to tell you that being the wife of a wealthy family is never easy. You must be mentally prepared. No matter how much Calvin loves you, he is still a man. He will be frequently tempted. You should have enough patience, be as strong as a dandelion, and firmly hold onto the man’s heart.”””

Belle’s eyes became teary.

“Although Kate’s words made her heart skip a beat, she was soon intoxicated by the happiness that was within her reach.”

She could understand what her mother meant. Wasn’t it due to the fact that Calvin was not an ordinary man that caused her to lead such a hard life for all these years?

“However, during these past few years, the hardships they overcame were not something an ordinary couple could go through. She believed in both Calvin and their love, their bond. Not to mention that Jerry also needed a father and a complete home.”

She really had no choice but to go on.

She had to bet on it again. She believed in her instincts!

“Mom, don’t worry. Thank you for reminding me. I know what to do. Belle’s face was flushed, making her look energetic. At that moment, true happiness from love was written all over her face. It was so vivid, so beautiful, making her look so happy. It was as if she was still that young woman who had just gotten married with a shy blush and the yearning for beautiful love by marrying the man she loved.”

It was just that...

Kate thought of the encounters that had happened to her in the past few years. The loving smile on her face gradually froze. An inexplicable worry pervaded her mind.

“In the end, a woman still needed love and a man she loved to take care of her. Not to mention that her daughter was still fragile, deep down in her heart.”

“At the thought of that, Kate sighed. She could no longer bear to say anything else to discourage her from pursuing her happiness.”

“Mom, why don’t you come and stay with me in Harvey Manor? That way, I can take care of you, and be less worried. She took Kate’s hand and asked, smiling cheekily.”

“Kate smiled, stroked the top of her head and said, ““My child, it’s not like I don’t have a place to live. Why do I have to stay in Harvey Manor?”” ”

“Mom, I just want to live with you. Belle buried her head in Kate’s shoulder and whined, with her heart full of sadness.”

Look at you. You’ve already forgotten what I just said to you. Kate hugged her daughter lovingly and caressed her hair. The look on her daughter’s face really made her sad.

“My child, no matter when, you always have to stay calm and clear-headed, and look at problems thoroughly. She sighed and said in a rational and solemn manner, ““Do you know that in A City, how many men from rich and powerful families have a family outside of their home? How many men have mistresses? In any case, a man can only have one wife. There are so many celebrities out there who are far more beautiful than the wives, but the men dare not take them home, and certainly won’t bring them to public attention. At most, only rumors and gossip can be spread. Why? That is because the family of the wife has power and dignity, and they need to marry their wives for the sake of themselves. Men are not willing to cause any trouble between themselves and their wives, and they are even more unwilling to offend their wives’ families. That’s why such things happen.”””

“Kate’s words cleared Belle’s head at once. She sat there in a daze, lost in her thought.”

“Such a phenomenon was very common. In Lottie’s cafeteria, there were so many rich sons and daughters. If you were to randomly pick one of them out at random, that person might be an illegitimate child of a rich and powerful man. Looking at them living a glamorous life, who would understand the bitterness they were feeling? ”

“Child, don’t worry too much. I was just telling you that such a phenomenon exists. Therefore, we, as women, can never lose ourselves. It’s true that we always have to be prepared. Kate couldn’t bear to see Belle’s distressed face. She hurriedly comforted her. ““My only purpose of telling you this is to remind you to pay more attention to your words and actions. Don’t be hot-headed and do things that would hurt yourself. As for others, don’t give them too much thought.”””

“As she was speaking, she pulled Belle close in her embrace again and patted her on the shoulder. ““Belle, I’m your only family left. I have no power and I am disabled. How can I move into Harvey Manor and bring shame on you? Besides, Heartfly Community is my home. It’s the home of your father and myself. That is where I will be going. Plus, I have Bailey to take care of me. Don’t worry, my silly daughter.”””

“Mom. Belle suddenly felt a huge lump in her throat. She hugged Kate tightly and said, ““I’m sorry, Mom. I didn’t make you happy.”””

“Silly child, how can you say that? Do you know what I’m most proud of? It’s you. Kate said emotionally, ““Since young, you’re the apple of my eye. You’re smart, gorgeous, and well-behaved. Not only are you

beautiful, but you're also sensible. Many neighbours praised you. That day, when I saw your car design everywhere on the news and in magazines, do you know how happy I was? With such an excellent daughter, what else could I ask for?"

"Kate's eyes were filled with tears. She looked happy and proud. She was really grateful to have a daughter like her. Didn't Calvin see the value of her daughter? Otherwise, he would not come after her. She believed that after so many hardships, he would cherish her daughter."

"The mother and daughter duo embraced each other, talking endlessly about family love and mutual understanding."

"Calvin accompanied Hudson to the hotel. Paige had Jerry's pee all over her body. Once she entered the room, she went straight to the bathroom to change into new clothes."

"Dad, Mom, why are you here? Calvin thought about them coming without telling him beforehand."

He found it strange.

"You still dare to ask? If it wasn't for us coming over, would you be able to bring your woman and child home successfully? Hudson glared at him. "You didn't even tell me that you have a son. If Lomen had not found out about it, did you plan not to let us know?"

"Upon hearing that, Calvin smiled embarrassedly. He was actually grateful for his father's blame. He had been worrying about how he should persuade Kate. When Hudson and Paige came, Kate immediately stopped making things difficult for him, for the sake of his parents. Earlier that night, she stopped giving him the cold shoulder. She didn't even object when he called her, "Mom". "

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"Dad, I didn't mean it. I just want to surprise you after I brought Belle and Jerry back. Calvin murmured."

Surprise? Hudson snorted. "I'm afraid I don't have the luck to enjoy that surprise of yours anymore."

"He changed the subject suddenly, asking, "How's the investment of the petrochemical factory going?"

"This... Calvin was more taken aback that Hudson even knew about these things. He made a mental note not to underestimate Lomen anymore. "Dad, this matter is a tricky one. Through the investigations over the past few days, we found that the background of the petrochemical plant is complicated."

"Yeah? Hudson nodded without batting an eyelid. "Look, you know that this matter is complicated. Alright, I'll ask you now. What are your plans?"

Plans?

A bitter smile was spread across Calvin's face. He was set back by a remote chemical factory. It had never happened before. He was deep in thought and didn't say anything.

"Hudson glanced at his expression, trying to understand it. "This kid is at a loss now? Given the current situation, it's impossible for him to stay in this small town for two months." He thought."

“Well, Calvin. Let’s give up on the chemical factory first. Now, let’s go back to A City, Hudson said decisively.”

Give up?

Calvin looked at Hudson. He did not look like he was joking.

“It’s just that, Dad, the problem regarding the car accessories raw materials has to be solved. It took me half a year to find out about this factory. I can’t give up just like this. Calvin felt it difficult to open up, and he put forward his most concerning issue.”

“Even if you have 10,000 reasons, we can only give up on this factory for now. Hudson heaved a deep sigh. The light in his eyes dimmed and his tone was almost harsh. ““You can never have too much money. Harvey Group is successful now, thus we don’t have to carry on. At worst, we’ll just make less money. You can’t have your cake and eat it too. Right now, safety and comfort are our top priority. Let’s take care of our current business and let go of this raw material problem first.”””

He spoke in a grave tone.

“Calvin realized that things were unusual. These raw materials needed to be solved urgently. Otherwise, it was not conducive to the long-term growth of the company.”

“Harvey Group was currently involved in international development. Their focus would be on cars. After all, the development prospect of the car industry in the real economy would be the best. However, to solve this problem, to strive for greater profit, they needed to solve the issue of raw materials. They could choose not to, but they had to do it if they aim to be more competitive.”

“He understood this problem, and obviously, Hudson understood it as well. Hudson said, ““Calvin, if this problem can’t be solved this year, we can solve it next year. It’s not something that requires immediate attention. We can’t take all the benefits. This will lead to disaster. You must know how many people are jealous of you now, and they are watching your every move.”””

“When Calvin heard this, he became silent and did not say another word.”

“Tomorrow, call Belle. Let’s discuss it together. We still have to go home as soon as possible. Hudson continued his orders.”

“At that time, Paige came out of the bathroom after changing her clothes. She smiled and said, ““Calvin, Jerry is so adorable. He looks like you. Even his temper and character are similar to yours. I accidentally lost his toy today. He cried and tried to fight me. He acted just like you when you were a child. He’s also smart. He disassembled a difficult car. In a blink of an eye, it was pieced together again. I don’t even know how to do it. How old is he?”””

Paige said while clicking her tongue in praise.

“When Calvin heard this, he was proud and his eyes exhibited tenderness.”

Jerry takes after his mother in her talent for cars. Belle is a rare talent at car design. A proud smile appeared on his face.

Calvin looked like he could not wait to fly back. Paige knew that Belle and he were in love with each other at that moment.

It's getting late. You should go back first. Let's talk tomorrow. Paige shook her head. Calvin was not paying attention. He was obviously thinking about Belle.

Calvin raised his eyes to look at the dark sky outside. It was indeed getting late. He stood up and took his leave.

Hudson did not stop him and only nodded.

"Walking out of the hotel entrance, he was full of joy, and his footsteps were light. Even the dark night seemed to be covered with a sheen of golden light."

Would Belle wait for him at home?

"Now, he could rightfully take her home."

They were able to stay together without any qualms.

He quickened his pace at the thought of it.

"In the yard, the house was dark, and the lights were out. Obviously, she wasn't there."

He suddenly felt a little lost and disappointed.

"After switching on the lights, he took out his mobile phone and called her."

"He didn't want to sleep alone. He wanted her to keep him company. Without her company, he wouldn't be able to sleep well."

"As soon as he made the call, his call was declined. He was dumbfounded."

He called her again and she declined his call once again.

"D*mn woman. She dared to hang up on him. Was she acting like that because his parents invited her? He was deep in thought when he heard a message notification. It was a text from Belle. ""Calvin, I'm going to keep Mom company today. Go to bed Tristany."""

"D*mn, how could she!"

She gave him the cold shoulder.

"Soon, his lips curled. They were heading back to A City soon, and they would stay together forever. They would never separate again. So, he wouldn't care about this one night."

"Now that he thought about it, he was no longer feeling dissatisfied."

"The next day, Hudson called both Calvin and Belle to Calvin's study."

"Calvin, Belle, it's just the three of us today. There's something we need to discuss, Hudson said. He had just sat down when he spoke to Belle."

“Belle looked at Hudson. This old man was in good spirits. It seemed like he had completely recovered. The previous day, it had been too sudden, and she had been too surprised even to size him up.”

She smiled at Hudson and nodded.

“Hudson gave a thorough account of the recent financial crisis of the Harvey Group and the petrochemical factory. He called Belle over because he did not intend to hide anything from her. After all, she had once served as the vice president of Harvey Group. She would make a good judgement about the priorities and urgency of the current situations.”

“Moreover, she would be the one in charge when she returned. There were some things that she had to help Calvin with. At the same time, it also meant that he trusted her.”

“Of course, Belle could understand this.”

“To her surprise, the petrochemical factory had such a complicated background.”

“It was no wonder Calvin hadn’t invested in time. There were so many unknown factors to it. Of course, he wouldn’t dare to act rashly.”

“The memory of Mr. Holland coming to her with the children emerged in her mind. The gleam of hope in his and the children’s eyes had left an impression on her. Although they had all been entrusted by Kyrie to approach her, she had witnessed the actual difficulties of the factory.”

“Belle, do you have any suggestions? After Hudson finished speaking, he turned his gaze towards Belle. He wanted to hear her suggestion.”

“Belle thought for a moment and said seriously, ““If there are so many unknown factors behind the petrochemical factory, I suggest that we hold back for the time being. Let’s wait and see.”””

“This idea was consistent with Hudson’s. Hudson immediately nodded and agreed with her. ““Yes, that’s what I think too.”””

“Calvin was deep in thought. Since Belle and Hudson thought the same, he would not persist any longer. He could not possibly take all the benefits.”

“Belle, you know that we had come to collect you and your mother, as well as Jerry, to go to Harvey Manor. Do you have any objections to this? Hudson changed the topic and asked Belle. If they couldn’t invest here, they could only return to Harvey Manor for now. They couldn’t delay for too long.”

“Upon hearing this, Belle blushed slightly as she looked up at Calvin. Coincidentally, he was also looking at her with a burning gaze.”

“You have no objections, right? You have to know that your mother has given us the OK. Calvin saw that she was not in a hurry to answer and was worried that she would go back on her word. Therefore, he quizzed her before she could answer.”

“Belle pursed her lips and clenched her fingers. She looked up and said clearly, ““Uncle Harvey, I’ll listen to you. I’m willing to go back with Calvin.”””

“Good. The smile on Hudson’s face was cordial. “”Belle, I have been waiting for you to say this. With your consent, everything will be easy.”””

“He gave a generous chuckle and said, “”Belle, you should change the way you address me. We will be a family in the future. You should also call me ‘Dad’, alright?”””

“He smiled, with a friendly and expectant look on his face.”

“Belle lifted her eyes and saw Calvin looking at her with a meaningful smile. There was a trace of pride in his eyes. She avoided his gaze and said, “”Dad, you’ve always been a father figure to me. Even if I’m not married to Calvin, I am willing to call you ‘Dad’.”””

My goodness. She sounded so natural that her words both met the old man’s wish but also did not reveal her eagerness. She upheld her dignity.

Calvin approved in his heart. “This d*mned woman sure knows how to talk and put on airs.”

“Alright, Belle. Calvin is my only son. You’ll take him on in the future. If he does something wrong, feel free to come to me. If he dares to bully you again, you must tell me as soon as possible. I will dish out the punishment he deserves, Hudson said happily, with a promise in his word.”

“Yes, Dad. Belle agreed crisply and did not forget to glance at Calvin. The smugness was evident in her eyes.”

Showing favouritism again! Calvin lifted an eyebrow. He was helpless against his father’s preferences.

“After chatting for a while, the three of them agreed that they would return to A City three days later.”

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“Raindrops fell as willow tree branches swayed in the wind, like a poetry in a hazy motion.”

Belle and Calvin both came out to escort Hudson back to the hotel.

“It was noon. The weather was a little warm. The drizzle fell onto the umbrella, trickled down, and then landed on her body. It was warm and moist. Belle had never felt so at ease and happy before.”

“After walking for a while, Hudson stopped them and said, “”Alright, you guys don’t have to see us off anymore. Go and do whatever you like.”” He sent them off.”

“Well, take care, Dad. Calvin was eager to go. Ever since he had come to Wullen Town, he had not had a chance to show Belle around in this quaint, idyllic town. Now that they had cleared the air, they could finally enjoy the scenery of Wullen town.”

“Immediately, he grabbed Belle’s hand and bid farewell to Hudson.”

They held each other’s hand and walked along the street lining the river. The gurgling water was flowing merrily.

“A gentle breeze and a fine drizzle fluttered in the sky. Calvin took the red umbrella from Belle’s hand and held it over their heads, with most of the umbrella covering her.”

“The historic bridge stretched across the river. The two of them stepped onto the arch bridge, gazing into the distance.”

“The canals were filled with boats of all sizes, floating in the river, painting a picturesque scene.”

“Belle, it never crossed my mind that we would meet in Wullen Town. It looks like we are fated for each other. Calvin sighed. “”The heavens have not mistreated us after all.”””

Belle smiled slightly and rested her head against his chest.

“Calvin, I have something to say to you. She spoke softly, her voice soft and gentle, carrying a hint of sweetness.”

“What do you want to say? I, your husband, am all ears. Calvin circled one hand on her slender waist and responded softly.”

“Calvin, do you still want the design of that batch of car models? She asked, tilting her head up to look at him, her bright eyes blinking.”

What was she saying?

This woman was still negotiating business with him even when they were facing such a lovely view.

“Calvin, don’t be surprised. Belle saw through his doubts and smiled, raising her face. She stared straight into his eyes and said seriously, “”I want to do something before leaving Wullen Town. After all, I have stayed here for so long, and fate brought me here.”””

“Calvin looked at her long, fluttering eyelashes and solemn expression. He smiled and asked softly, “”Tell me, what do you want to do?”””

Belle gave a light sigh. “I think you’ve guessed it too.”

She told him that Mr. Holland had taken the children to meet her.

“Calvin listened attentively, his eyes were taken over by a hint of ridicule and anger.”

“Kyrie, that despicable man, had even planned to drag women and children into the crossfire. ”

“Calvin, although Mr. Holland was entrusted by Kyrie to do this, the difficulties the factory and the school are facing are all true. Just now when Dad asked for my opinion, I considered the overall situation of the Harvey Group. However, in private, I think I should do something that I can do. Consider that it’s for the sake of Jerry, Belle said subtly.”

Calvin had long understood what she meant and stroked her beautiful hair.

“If you want me to invest, just tell me directly, or just tell Dad when he asks you. Anything you say, I will listen to it. Calvin lowered his head and gazed deeply into her eyes.”

“No, absolutely not. Belle shook her head. “”As a group, no matter what you do, we have to weigh it again and again for the sake of the company’s interests, instead of personal benefits. We have to pay attention to the welfare of the company’s staff at all times. Otherwise, we will end up like that petrochemical factory.”””

Belle analyzed seriously. It was impossible for her to leverage Harvey Group to do charity. There was no need at all.

“Calvin looked into her bright eyes, his eyes deepened a few shades. He gently embraced her shoulder and said, “All hail, my judicious wife.””

“However, not investing doesn’t mean that we can’t do anything. There should still be compassion. Harvey Group is a large group. Public investment will involve some people’s interests, but we can do something personally. Which is why I want to establish a charity organization? Do you know why I sold those drawings online? It’s for the purpose of this school. Under the red umbrella, Belle’s face had a flush of redness, and the warm smile on her lips was beautiful and soft. Her eyes fell onto the flowing stream. She radiated confidence and affection. She believed that she could help these marginalized families. Although it was just a drop in the bucket, she would try her best to help them.”

“Calvin’s heart instantly felt warm. With such a reasonable wife, what more could he be worried about?”

“I understand what you’re thinking, and I’ll give you my full support. Not only will I take your sets of designs, but I will you as well. As for the price, you can name it as you wish. I’ve made a deal with Monica from Switzerland. You’re given all the authority to deal with it, he said in a soft voice.”

“Thank you, Calvin, Belle said with a bright smile on her reddened face.”

“Do you still need to thank me? Even if I proposed a high price for your blueprint, I might not be able to get it. However, today, you are willing to sell it to me. I should thank the school and the children. Calvin laughed and teased.”

Belle’s heart was loaded with sweetness. She called out in a low voice and an irrepressible smile appeared on her face as she wrapped her arms around his waist. “Calvin.”

“Mmm. Her soft and affectionate voice melted Calvin’s heart. He responded and lowered his head to look at her. Under the red umbrella, Belle’s face was so ethereal that it knocked all the breath out of him. Her shining eyes were filled with love. Her charms and her bashful expression set his heart ablaze.”

“With a look like that, was this woman seducing him?”

“Like a bewitched man, he looked at her and leaned closer. His red lips pressed against hers. The two began to kiss passionately on the bridge. It was a kiss as long as a century, and all the tenderness and sweetness were reflected in the kiss.”

It was only when they could no longer breathe that Calvin’s lips left hers.

“Calvin. Belle murmured this name, one that had been etched into her bones. Her hands wrapped around his strong waist, and she sank her face deeply against his solid chest.”

“That moment felt like it could last forever. This man had long been integrated into her life. She thought that they could no longer be separated from each other from now on. She was sure that she was in love with him, since the beginning.”

“Calvin was being held tightly by her. Her face was buried in his chest, and her arms wrapped around him like vines. It was as if she had become a small part of his body and could no longer be cut off. His

past fear of losing her had dissipated by this moment, and his heart was brimming with love and contentment.”

He smiled and stroked her hair with his large hand. The drizzle was still all over the sky. He held the umbrella over her head and hugged her tightly with one hand.

“After standing for who knew how long, Calvin said softly, “”Belle, let’s go.”””

“No, Calvin. Belle closed her eyes and shook her head in his arms. There was a soft ending note in her voice.”

Calvin felt the voice burrow into his blood and rapidly gushed through his limbs. His entire body went limp as he hugged her tightly once more. He stood on the century-old bridge with a happy smile on his face.

People kept coming to the arch bridge. It was the perfect time in spring. Many tourists came to the arch bridge and praised it in admiration.

The crowd pushed them into taking a few steps back. Calvin used all his strength to protect her from being hit by the tourists. The two of them smiled affectionately under the red umbrella.

“Should we go? He asked softly again. Usually, she didn’t want to be affectionate with him in public. She was acting unusual that day.”

Let’s go. Carry me on your back. She pouted her mouth coyly.

“Her green Sadiel dress fluttered in the spring breeze, accentuating her slim and tall figure. Her silky hair was beautiful and her face was rosy. She would be the most beautiful painting in the world.”

Many tourists were looking at them.

“Okay, I’ll carry you on my back. Calvin couldn’t help but to agree. He touched her pert nose with his hand and smiled. He turned around and Belle wrapped her arms around his neck. Belle was leaning on his back, her face pressing against it. She smiled shyly.”

Calvin carried her on his back and walked ahead of the stream of people.

“After walking for some time, when they looked back, the bridge had become faintly visible in the distance. They stared at that old arch bridge. In that instant, they both felt as if they had travelled back in time.”

“After a while, Calvin slowly walked forwards, carrying her on his back.”

A song could be heard from afar. It was a folk song from Jenova City. “The rain drizzles down. It seems the years pass by so quickly. Stories and folklore in the misty rain...”

“Shutting her eyes, Belle laid on Calvin’s back, listening to this low and mellow tune, indulging in it...”

“The next day, Belle negotiated with the company in Switzerland online and sold the drawing to Monica for the price of ten million dollars. Then, she contacted the local government and deposited the ten million dollars into designated accounts. She listed some of the key points of the fund, putting the investment in schools and financial aid to children from poor families as the main priority.”

“All in all, the investment of the petrochemical factory had come to an end for now.”

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“Three days later, two black luxury cars were headed into the streets of Wullen Town.”

“Calvin led Belle, Jerry, and Kate, into one car while Hudson, Paige, and Bailey took Lomen and Aron into another car.”

They finally embarked on the journey back to A City.

Everyone was excited for the journey.

The helicopter had been waiting for them at the airport.

“Calvin called the Ink Garden. He ordered the chef to prepare a feast, and the staff to light up garden lamps, and embellish them with colorful lights.”

“Therefore, when the black car drove into Harvey Manor, the manor was already filled with colorful ornaments. It created a joyous atmosphere.”

“The gates of Harvey Group Manor were opened. Fireworks brightened the sky above the manor, and the golden roof reflected magnificent lights from the bursting fireworks.”

Jerry had never seen such a spectacular sight before. He stared at everything in front of him with his large eyes. He couldn't form any words.

“Sophia, dressed in a bubbly, crimson dress, sat in the main hall of the Ink Garden. This was the first time in so many years that she had smiled genuinely, the wrinkles on her face easing.”

“When Hudson and Paige arrived at Ink Garden with the group of people, Sophia was so thrilled that she began to tremble.”

Belle used a wheelchair to push Kate while Calvin carried Jerry and sauntered into the main hall of the Ink Garden.

“Good to see you, Kate. Sophia's eyes first fell on Kate. She reached out her hand and greeted her, her voice quivering.”

“Hello, Sophia. Kate smiled and replied to her, courteously. Swiftly, Belle pushed Kate forward a few steps and stopped in front of Sophia.”

“It must have been hard on you. Sophia took Kate's hand in hers. Her eyes glassy with tears. She held her hand tightly, sobbing, and unable to speak.”

Kate was also getting emotional. the rims of her eyes turning red.

“After a long time, Sophia dragged her gaze away from Kate's lower body and said, with tears streaming down her face, “It's not easy for today to have arrived. Fortunately, we've all waited for it to come.””

“Indeed. Kate responded through her tears. Waves of tough memories came surging to her, and the light in her eyes gradually blurred.”

“For a moment, the atmosphere was imbued with sadness.”

“Oh, Sophia, you should be happy for such a reunion. Besides, better days are yet to come. Come, take a look at your lovely grandson. Paige interrupted the emotional scene and took Jerry from Calvin’s arms. Grinning from ear to ear, she cradled him and walked up to Sophia.”

“Yes, of course. Sophia regained her senses. Only then did she think of her great-grandson’s arrival, something that she had always been dreaming of.”

“At that time, Sophia was quite satisfied with Paige’s performance. Immediately she beamed and said, ““Yes, we have finally reunited now. This calls for a joyful occasion. Kate, don’t be too glum. You can be rest assured that Calvin will be good to Belle. We will treat Belle like the daughter of the family.””

“At that point, she cast her loving and delighted gaze on the adorable Jerry.”

“Jerry, my precious great-grandson. Staring at Jerry’s tender face and bright eyes, she was unable to stop herself from smiling. ““This is my great-grandson. I’ve been looking forward to meeting him for a very long time now.””

“Determined as Sophia was to hold Jerry, she was already 90 years old. Hence, Paige was worried that she didn’t have the strength to carry him. In an instant, she placed him in Sophia’s arms, but her hands were still supporting Jerry.”

“Jerry, my great-grandson, what a beautiful boy. The sparkle in your eyes shows that you’re smarter than Calvin when he was at your age. Sophia stroked Jerry’s tender skin and praised him.”

“Quick, greet your great-grandmother. Belle reminded Jerry.”

“Facing this regal, elderly lady, Jerry didn’t reveal any signs of hesitation. He smiled at Sophia, calling her ‘Great Grandma’. It sent Sophia into sheer elation.”

“Ruth, bring the item over, quickly. Holding Jerry’s small hand, Sophia instructed Ruth.”

“Yes, Old Madam. Ruth answered, her tone jovial. She turned around and reached for a delicate gift box, handing it to Sophia.”

“With trembling hands, Sophia opened the gift box. Everyone turned their attention towards it. They were so shocked that their mouths fell open. Whispers erupted. ”

“A piece of bright red oriental jasper lay in the box. Its red spots flecked in the shape of blossoms, radiating red light. The words ‘Harvey Manor’ were carved on it.”

“This is for Jerry. According to our ancestors’ rules, only the eldest grandson would be able to possess this piece of jewelry when passed down. Today, I can finally hand it over to my great-grandson. With that, she removed it from its box and hung it on Jerry’s neck.”

“The oriental jasper was decorated with a rare platinum necklace, a perfect size for Jerry.”

“After Jerry put it on, his entire face turned red, making him look very cute.”

“Staring at the oriental jasper, Belle thought of the Ocean Heart. She had hidden the rare diamond in a corner of Harvey Manor as she was afraid that it would not be safe to carry it around. She was ready to divulge it to Calvin when Jerry grew up.”

“The previous year, at the auction in California, an oriental jasper had been sold for a staggering three hundred million dollars. The quality of the said stone was poorer than the one on Jerry’s neck. Thus, it was easy to estimate the value of Jerry’s new necklace.”

“Opportunity makes a thief. Among the crowd’s excitement, Belle tucked the oriental jasper underneath Jerry’s clothes and planned to put it away in the evening. Too much wealth was never a good thing. Only self-made money was the fortune that could last.”

“Jerry, come on, thank your Great Grandma. Belle lowered her head and said softly to Jerry.”

“Thanks, Great Grandma. Jerry’s speech had improved a lot in the last few days. His words evoked a burst of laughter from Sophia. ““Hear me, you lot. Bring Jerry to me every day, or else I won’t agree to it.”””

“Grandma, don’t worry. I’ll leave Jerry to you in the future, Calvin said, his face brimming with happiness. ”

Glad to hear that. Sophia smiled.

“Sophia finally let them go. ““You guys must be tired from the trip here. It’s rare for us to have a reunion today. Let’s eat first and then have a chat.”” She turned to Ruth and said, ““Set the table.”””

“Alright, Old Madam. Ruth answered with a hint of smile. Seeing that Sophia was jovial, she was happy from the bottom of her heart.”

“Dinner’s ready. As soon as Ruth said that, someone outside responded immediately. The group of people walked towards the dining room of the Ink Garden.”

It was a feast. Sophia had asked someone to call Belle and asked what Kate liked to eat. It could be said that most of the dishes were specially made for Kate.

“This was the most festive dinner in recent years, as well as the most meaningful meal Belle had since she married Calvin. In the past, Ethan and Kate had joined a similar dinner, but it was a completely different feeling.”

“Sitting next to Belle, Calvin was gentle and considerate. He kept serving her food while Belle flicked an affectionate smile at him. Both of their faces glowed with happy smiles.”

Sophia was delighted to see that.

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