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Belle's heart ached for her. Her mind was filled with Calvin's and Liya's figure. She had no idea how she should respond to Sophia's high expectations.

"She had already thought about it. If Calvin wanted to marry Liya and bring her into Harvey Manor, she would divorce him."

This was not a decision she made in the spur of the moment. The reason she could be so calm now was that she had thought it through.

"However, Sophia's cloudy eyes were looking at her with tears drenching her clothes. The feeling of being in between life and death was so heavy that she could not breathe, and she was struggling to make a choice."

"When facing the kind old lady, she became soft-hearted."

"After a while, she slowly bent down and moved closer to Sophia's ears, speaking loudly."

"Don't worry, Grandma. I promise that I'll protect the Harvey Group and Harvey Manor."

"Sophia must have heard it as she smiled, relieved."

"Rosa stood there silently, with tears dripping down her face."

"Prof. Brown, could you please tell me what my Grandma's current condition is like now? In the wellness center of Harvey Manor, Belle and Rosa were anxious. They noticed that their Grandma was not quite alright as she couldn't even say a single word. The bad feeling Belle had was worsening. It seemed that Grandma was dying."

"The aging Prof. Brown adjusted his gold-framed glasses and said calmly, ""Mrs. Harvey, life is like a candle. You can light it up when there's wax. If the wax has been depleted, then it'll extinguish. This is the circle of life, and no one can do anything about it. But you can rest assured that our team of experts will do everything to extend Grandma's life. As for how long Grandma can last, we don't know."""

"At this point, Belle had already understood. It seemed that Sophia's body would continue to deteriorate during this period of time."

"Madam, when will Mr. Harvey and Mrs. Harvey come back? Ruth, who was accompanying her, also realized the seriousness of what was going on. At this time, her son and daughter-in-law must be around."

Belle nodded and took out the phone without hesitation.

"However, to her surprise, Lomen had picked up the phone."

"After listening to what Belle said, Lomen answered in a gentle manner, ""Madam, Mr. Harvey and Mrs. Harvey are already on their way back."""

"Belle was stunned. She didn't inform them, right?!"

"After a while, she was relieved."

They must have read the news and knew that something had happened to the Harvey Group. That was why they rushed back.

She sighed deeply.

"At this point, the Harvey Group was in a mess."

"Then, she called Lennox and asked him to inform Evan to come home."

"After making these two calls, only then did she feel relieved."

"The call is from Belle, right? asked Hudson in a deep voice. He was seated in the first-class cabin of the plane as it soared between the clouds."

"Yes, Mr. Harvey. Grandma is indeed not doing well. After thinking for a while, he answered him directly."

"B*stard, he even kept my mother's illness a secret so as not to let me know about what had happened to the Harvey Group. Hudson cursed in a low voice. The grief on his face was obvious, and it seemed as if he had lowered his head even more."

Paige was terrified when she heard this from the side.

Has the helicopter landed in Los Angeles? he asked in a low voice.

"Mr. Harvey, they're at the airport."

"Good, you will bring my wife home first then, he ordered calmly."

"Hudson, Mother is not in good health. You'd better not go to Capital City. Just follow us back to A City. Paige urged anxiously."

"No, you should go back and handle everything well. I have to go to Capital City first. Hudson's body trembled, and his brows were furrowed. He immediately answered in a muffled voice."

"He knew that Sophia wanted to see him, but she would definitely want to see Evan as well. Did he have a choice at this moment?"

Why? Paige was very puzzled. "Can your body endure it?"

"This is an order. There's no reason for it, Hudson shouted."

"Seeing him like this, Paige did not dare to speak again."

In the spacious office of Sky Sword Group.

"The delicate essence of magnolia drifted in from the window, which was refreshing."

"Zoella leaned in the president's chair, looking up at the tall magnolia trees outside the window. She enjoyed smelling the fragrance of magnolia a lot."

"Octavia walked in with a smile, holding the newspaper in her hand."

"Miss Yates, I didn't expect Liya to be able to seduce Calvin successfully."

What do you mean? Zoella didn't open her eyes as she asked in an indifferent manner.

"Look, the Harvey Group is now in a mess. Calvin has already fired Belle for Liya. He has also appointed Liya as the director of the Sales and Marketing Department of the Harvey Group. He dotes on her very much, and brings her to all kinds of high society events everyday and fulfils all her wishes. It seems that there are no good men. Thinking of how he and Belle loved each other so much, it has only been a short time. As long as a woman approached him, he'd become a jerk, Octavia said with some regret."

"Oh, so you're so sure that Calvin was seduced by Liya? Zoella opened her eyes slightly and probed."

"Ah, I don't want to believe it either. Octavia thought of Calvin's and Belle's splendid wedding more than a year ago and was not willing to believe it at all. ""But our people really saw it that way. Now, Calvin is being idle all day long and is only having fun with Liya. It's Liya who is in charge of the company. She knows nothing, and has already ruined several projects. If it goes on like this, it will be difficult for the Harvey Group. This is not what we see only in the news, our people witnessed it too."""

"Octavia felt sorry for Calvin's change in attitude. She also felt sorry for the Harvey Group, which was going to be destroyed by Zoella."

"After all, the consequences of the company's failures, one that had been running for a hundred years, might certainly be shocking as well."

The shares of the Harvey Group have been terrible lately. It's a miserable sight. Octavia clicked her tongue.

"It seems that you're quite worried about the Harvey Group. When Zoella heard Octavia's regretful tone, she snorted and spoke calmly."

"No, of course not. Octavia's face turned pale. Zoella was an overly suspicious person. She was worried that she had left a bad impression on her."

"Calvin and Belle have such a good relationship. How could he be easily bewitched by a woman like Liya? I think it's very suspicious, Zoella said lightly as the image of Belle and Calvin embracing each other affectionately flashed across her mind."

"Theoretically, it's impossible, but it is in fact true. I can only say that what you did is brilliant. Yesterday, the media took photos of Martin teaching Calvin a lesson because of this. They even fought in the basement. Octavia gloated, laughing."

"Oh, is that so? Zoella seemed to be very interested in it as well."

"It's true. This time, Calvin must be serious. The rumor of him wishing to marry Liya has already been published in the newspapers. For rich and powerful families, it's not just for fun. Otherwise, they will be a laughing stock."

"Octavia said solemnly. Generally speaking, they were not making baseless assumptions as Calvin had already announced it in the newspapers."

It seems that Liya would go to any lengths necessary. We can't underestimate her. Octavia was slightly scared as she said this. It was that easy for a woman to destroy a man!

Are you telling the truth? Zoella opened her eyes wide.

"Of course, read the news, Octavia said and handed the newspaper to Zoella."

"Zoella took the newspaper and read it carefully. It was true that Calvin and Liya were going to be married, as it was the headline of the entertainment section. Moreover, Calvin announced it himself when a reporter interviewed him."

"It seemed that this time, Calvin was serious. Was he really going to take Liya as his second wife?"

"This was the second wife of a wealthy family. As long as they successfully registered in any country, Liya's net worth would soar immediately. By then, how could she be willing to serve her?"

Zoella did not foresee that Calvin would marry Liya when she decided to take revenge on him. She thought a man like Calvin would only play with Liya's feelings and give her some money. Marrying her and bearing the risk of losing Belle was totally unexpected.

How is Belle doing now? Did she agree to it? Zoella muttered as she tightened her fists.

"Would this woman compromise and accept her husband's humiliating arrangement? She thought of something that she heard in the hall that day. ""A woman who knows how to compromise is very precious, but a woman who compromises all the time is very cheap."""

What was the meaning of these words?

"Now, it could be said that Calvin had left Belle and betRhysed her because of Liya."

Would Belle be able to stand it?

Would she always compromise? Would she really be that cheap?

"No, she would not allow Liya to succeed. Which woman wouldn't defend her own rights?"

"In reality, at this moment, she really hoped that Belle would be able to rise up and resist, so that Liya would not succeed."

"Miss Yates, Belle is spending everyday crying in Harvey Manor. She and Calvin are also falling apart. It is said that they had a fight a few days ago, and now they're not on good terms. Octavia told her all the information she got from the insider staff."

Zoella nodded her head repeatedly as she listened.

That was right. It was the same as the results of her investigation!

"It seemed that if a man insisted on doing something, the woman would not be able to stop him. Especially in cases where the man had taken a second wife. If a man was in love with someone else, there was nothing she could do about it."

"At the thought of this, Zoella felt a chill go down her spine."

"Miss Yates, we must be careful of Liya now. After all, she's going to become Mrs. Harvey soon, and the woman you want to get revenge on is her husband's family. Can such a woman be reliable? Octavia anxiously voiced out her thoughts."

"Zoella lifted her eyebrows, looking grim."

"I heard those we placed in the Harvey Group say that Liya is now the boss of the Harvey Group. She will help Calvin with everything. The two of them are together all day long. Such a woman, can she be... Octavia didn't continue talking. She saw Zoella crumpling a piece of paper on the table into a ball and grasping it tightly in her hands. Her gaze was so horrifying that she didn't dare to say anything more."

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"My dear wife, I'm here, Oscar's lustful voice rang from outside the office."

Zoella suddenly stood up and threw the paper in her hand into the trash can.

Octavia stepped out.

"Zoella, there's going to be a meeting next Tuesday night. I'll take you there then. Oscar walked in with his portly stature. His face was all smiles and it disgusted Zoella."

"Oh, that's great. She suppressed her nausea and put a charming smile on her face."

"Zoella, I'd like to invite you to the farm to have some roast duck tonight? It doesn't taste bad. Oscar touched Zoella's face with his fleshy hand. Zoella's delicate skin and delicate face, as well as the delicate fragrance that was all over her body, intoxicated him."

"If he couldn't sleep with such a woman for one night, then he would be unworthy of being a man. Besides, she was his fiancée on paper."

"However, Oscar did not get the chance to touch her since arriving in A City for so long."

"Oscar, don't be like this. I am supposed to work now. Resentment flashed across Zoella's eyes, and she turned her face aside, avoiding his fat hands."

"Although Oscar was not very smart, he was also not a fool. When he saw the resentment that flashed across Zoella's face, he inwardly smiled."

"Zoella obviously hated and despised him, yet she deliberately forced a smile for him. For so many days, he didn't even have the chance to touch her, let alone to sleep with her. She didn't even want to spend time alone with him."

It might go on like this.

"Then, he was afraid that he was going to become a monk."

"As long as he had money, he would have a lot of women around him. However, the more Zoella avoided him in this way, the bigger his appetite would be. His misogynistic desire to conquer Zoella made him feel even more egotistical."

"If he didn't sleep with her, then he would never let it go."

"With this thought, he immediately smiled and pretended not to know anything. He foolishly said, "Zoella, it's time to work now, but we'll be off work soon. We're going to eat at night, not now. So, what do you think?""

"After saying that, he stared at her with a smile."

Zoella looked up and saw Oscar's lecherous face. He was staring at her face with a crude gaze. The masculine pheromones all over his body made Oscar want nothing more than to tear her apart and devour her. She felt an inexplicable sense of panic and resentment.

"Well, Oscar, I have a work dinner tonight. It's very important. As for the meal, let's go another day, okay? Zoella smiled charmingly, but her eyes were full of begging and helplessness."

"She would rather beseech him to let her go and not eat with him. After all, this man had such a big appetite, not to mention that he would use the opportunity to take advantage of her."

"So, was it like this again? This was the excuse every time!"

"Only then did Oscar realize that it was impossible to get her to go for dinner. Moreover, Zoella would definitely not want to eat with him, much less do anything else. At that moment, he laughed and just let her be, as a favor to her. ""Zoella, since you have a work dinner, then forget about it. It's just that, you don't have to work too hard. For women, it's alright to do a little work, and that is still good enough. Don't work yourself too hard, or else I will feel very distressed."""

"Alright, thank you, Oscar. Zoella saw that Oscar was willing to let her go and she sighed with relief. She smiled in an extremely beautiful manner."

"Oscar looked at her obsessively and giggled. ""Zoella, you have to go with me to the dinner party next week. Then, I'll introduce some business connections to you."""

"Alright, I will definitely dress up and go with you. Don't worry, Zoella replied with a smile."

"Alright, Zoella, I'll be leaving first. I won't bother you then. Only then did Oscar leave with satisfaction."

Zoella watched his back as he walked away.

She gave an extremely grim smile.

"Oscar was not that stupid. If she kept refusing him by giving him superficial excuses, he would realize it sooner or later. It seemed that she had to make her move faster."

"Thinking of this, Zoella recalled Liya's charming face. With a flash of inspiration, she curled her lips with a smile that was faintly perceptible."

"Late at night, Belle didn't feel sleepy at all and almost forgot her pain."

"Calvin was going to marry Liya. She thought of his grandmother's illness and her trust in her, the Harvey Group's luxury car issue, as well as the business that was currently in a state of chaos."

"All of these were still a mess, and it lingered in her mind for a long time."

Calvin returned very late at night.

"It seemed that after he had absurdly asked her to go home that night, he began to go back home at night everyday."

"She heard him gently climb into the bed after taking a bath in the bathroom. He picked her up. His wellbuilt body was tightly attached to hers, and gradually, she realized that his body temperature was very hot."

Haven't you fallen asleep yet? he asked softly as he felt her shoulders tremble. His arms enveloped her from behind.

"Do you think I could sleep? she asked sarcastically, suppressing her pain."

"You miss me, don't you? Calvin teased in a soft voice. His fiery palm reached into her clothes. His tone was relaxed and his breathing was hot. It was as if he did not take the Harvey Group's crisis seriously at all."

Belle grabbed his hand in time so as not to get lost in his caressing. She turned around.

"Calvin, don't you have anything to say to me?"

Calvin held her tightly and didn't say anything.

"Tell me. You are ready to marry Liya and bring her back home, just like Maxim, aren't you? she asked bluntly, not caring about his feelings anymore."

"He knew that he could not hide it from her. So, he remained silent."

Such silence caused Belle's heart to become immensely cold.

"If he opposed, panicked, or acted surprised, she would not believe that he would not do such a thing to hurt her, but his silence made her feel afraid."

"Tell me. Do you feel guilty? Belle bit her lips and urged him, word for word."

The air was as silent as death.

"Belle, I didn't want to do this either. However, there is a reason I have to do this now. He finally spoke. By saying these words, it was equivalent to admitting it directly, and it was as if he had almost immediately sent Belle to h*II."

"Belle, you should know that the person I love is you. I'll always love you. You have to believe me. No matter what I do, it's all for your own good. I can't even think about things like this. Keeping you and Jerry by my side is the greatest happiness of my entire life. Right now, I have no choice but to agree to her request, he explained with difficulty, clenching his ice-cold hands tightly. However, he felt as if his face was as pale as a sheet of paper."

"He didn't know what would happen in the future. If she could turn a blind eye, maybe it would be better for her, but it was obviously impossible for her to do that."

"Since he could not guarantee that it would happen in the future, he thought it'd be good to tell her, so that she would be mentally prepared first."

"If Liya insisted on using her evidence to threaten him, he had no choice but to agree."

He couldn't stand by and watch her be put in jail.

"Calvin, you're a bast*rd, a hooligan. Belle got up agitatedly and threw a pillow at him. ""You betRhysed me simply because you wanted to enjoy yourself with that b*tch, and you used these so-called reasons to put me off. You're a bast*rd, and I won't let you do as you wish."""

She hit him with a pillow until she had no strength left before lying on the bed and bursting into tears.

"Belle, don't do this. Calvin got up to hold her and comforted her when she got tired. He touched her face with tears and felt a pain in his heart. ""Don't worry. I won't touch any woman in my life except you. I just agreed to her, and I don't necessarily want to marry her. If I really go that far, there is nothing I can do. I'm telling you this because I want you to be prepared for the future."""

"If it was possible, he didn't even want to provoke that woman, but now he had to."

"He held her tightly in his arms, and his gaze was very gloomy."

Touch her only'? Belle was so infuriated that she wanted to laugh.

Go to h*ll. Belle didn't want him to touch her!

She wanted to push him away and break away from his embrace.

"However, his arms were tightly wrapped around her, and she really had no strength to resist him."

"Calvin, you can marry her if you want, but we have to divorce first, she said these words through her clenched teeth, but it was as if she had used up all her strength."

She had just uttered the word 'divorce'.

"Just like the northern wind blowing in bitterly, the two of them both felt a chill pass them."

"Impossible. Don't even think about it. Calvin raised his head in reflex, gritting his teeth. The word 'divorce' was so serious that he was agitated. Since he got married, he had never thought about divorcing Belle in his life, and what she said cut his heart like a knife."

How could he lose her?

This would be even more painful than taking his life.

"If you want to marry her, then I will divorce you. Belle did not care about his words at all, and once again stated her ultimatum firmly."

"Nonsense, you are my wife and Jerry's mother. You are the daughter-in-law of the Harvey family. How is it possible for you to say that we will divorce? This is absolutely not allowed. Moreover, the rules of the Harvey family do not accommodate a divorce. Calvin's eyes were red as he roared in a low voice."

"Don't use your family's rules to threaten me. It's useless. Belle sneered. ""As long as you marry her, it's not up to you to decide. Let me tell you. My dignity will not allow me to share my husband with another woman. If so, it will only nauseate me."""

She spoke mercilessly without giving him any leniency.

"Didn't I say that I had only agreed to her for the time being? I have no choice but to marry her. It's not necessarily true. Calvin gritted his teeth and said, ""Do you think I actually want to do this? Can you not be so stubborn? Even if she's willing to marry me, it's still a bad decision on her part. I've already said that the only woman I'll touch in this life is you and I'll only have you as my wife."""

Haha!

Belle wanted to laugh. It was a miserable laugh!

"A man had to marry a woman he didn't want to touch. Wasn't that a joke? Did he think that he was still in feudal society? Plus, were there still forced marriages? Not to mention that he was the powerful Calvin!"

He agreed to it and would do it. Did he think that he was lying to a three-year-old child when he told Belle that? Weren't there a lot of scandalous affairs between him and Liya on the news these days?

"Calvin, you're lying, and I hate you. Get the h*ll out of here. She reached out her arms and pushed him away with all her might, as if she wanted to sever ties with him."

"For a moment, Calvin's heart filled with panic. His heart was filled with terror."

"No, Belle, it's impossible. You can't leave me in this life. He hugged her desperately and spoke incoherently."

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"In your dreams, Calvin! Belle's face was full of tears. She struggled in his arms with all her strength and screamed sharply."

"Perhaps due to Belle's resistance, Calvin was so agitated that he had lost all sense of reason. With only one of his arms, he tightened his grip around her and used the other hand to hold her lower jaw. "Belle, remember, you will be my wife for the rest of your life. Don't even think about leaving. If you ever want to leave me, I'll make you regret it for the rest of your life, and I'll make sure you never see Jerry.""

"These words were like poison, seeping directly into Belle's blood. Suddenly, she felt that everything before her eyes turned black and sparks were falling onto her. She was so enraged that she gasped. Before she could open her mouth, Calvin's cold lips were pressed against her red lips and he began to kiss her like crazy."

"He wanted to embed her into his body and never part with her, as if he was afraid of losing her."

"He began to take off her pyjamas and touched her smooth skin. The passion in his heart surged wildly. Everyday, as long as he saw her, he wanted to make out with her. Even if he was exhausted like he was now, he wanted to affix her to his body. If he really loved her, how could he tolerate her leaving him?"

That was impossible.

It was not until he entered her body and sighed pleasantly that he was satisfied. It seemed that only in this way could he trap her and make her belong to him forever.

"Under his strong and lingering advances, Belle felt her heart sink bit by bit. It seemed that the decision she just made was about to vanish in an instant. Her whole body was stuck to his body as if they had been made of concrete and could not be separated."

Calvin really wanted to do it with her like a madman. He didn't stop until Belle felt that both her body and consciousness were no longer hers.

It was the turning point of their lives.

"When Belle woke up the next day, Calvin was still lying beside her like a pig, and her hand held his hand tightly."

Belle opened her eyes and saw the handsome face of Calvin.

Was it because this man was so handsome that he got himself so many love affairs?

"For the first time, she felt that it was not a good thing to be married to a handsome man. There would be a lot of women rushing to him like moths to a flame, leaving her with no time to respond."

The phone rang loudly beside the bed.

Calvin grabbed one of her hands. She could only reach out with the other hand to pick up the phone.

"Belle, come here with Calvin today, Kate said with a solemn voice, on the other side of the line."

Belle's heart skipped a beat.

Kate had heard all sorts of scandalous affairs about Calvin. She wanted to denounce him!

"For a moment, her heart was full of bitterness."

"What a poor mother. How was Kate supposed to handle these scandals? Plus, how was Belle supposed to face her?"

"Belle, is Mom alright? It was Tristany in the morning and the bedroom was very quiet. Kate's dignified voice woke Calvin up even through the phone. He opened his eyes. After a moment of shock, he asked in a gentle manner."

"Yes, Belle answered impatiently after she put the phone away."

"Calvin got up and rubbed her slender hands, saying gently, ""Don't be afraid. I'll go with you."""

"You dare to come with me? Aren't you afraid that my mother will kill you? Aren't you ashamed of yourself, coming to see my mother? Belle turned her head and looked at him, who was behaving without any fear. She was curious and asked coldly."

Calvin curled his lips slightly.

"I am your husband. No matter what, she can't kill me, can she? Calvin said as he climbed up and reached out to hold her. ""Belle, believe me, this is the last resort. After so many years, you should know

my feelings for you. I will overcome this disaster as soon as possible. If there was another way, I would never have made this unwise decision."""

He spoke in a gentle voice that was as soft as the spring wind.

"Belle lay in his arms and looked at him, not knowing whether to believe him or not."

"His bright eyes were clear and broad, and there was something in his gaze that she could not understand."

"It's useless even if I trust you. I'll tell you what, if you want to marry Liya, I'll definitely divorce you. Her face was cold, just like her voice."

"In fact, if she really divorced him, would she be able to continue living for the rest of her life?"

This was the most excruciating thing for her.

"Right now, it was not a question of whether they were apart or not. Rather, it was a question of how she would continue her life. It was a question of what Jerry would do after he lost his father or mother."

She had a terrible headache over this.

"After breakfast, Calvin took her hand and walked out of the door. This time, Belle did not take Jerry with her."

At the 28th floor of the Francist Community.

"When the elevator had arrived, Belle was extremely nervous. She didn't know how her mother would view this matter. She looked at Calvin and he was quite calm, although his face was a little solemn."

"She couldn't help snorting in her heart. ""This man is really good at pretending to be powerful. Now, he is going to take a second wife. In fact, he is doing it so publicly. This man is really good at acting. He is superb."""

Bailey opened the door.

"Miss, Sir, please come in. She smiled and let them in."

Where's my Mom? Belle asked when she didn't see Kate in the living room.

"Miss, Ma'am is in the study. You can go in now. She's waiting for you, Bailey said softly."

Belle felt that her heart was very heavy.

"This house was very large, and the study had always been where her father had spent his time. Since her father passed away, Kate hardly went into the study. However, that day she chose to meet them in the study. Obviously, the situation was serious, which was beyond tolerable."

"She could not help but to look at Calvin worriedly. At this moment, she was still worried for him."

"As if sensing Belle's concerns, Calvin looked down and gave her a gentle smile."

Belle turned her head away with an icy expression.

"The moment she pushed open the door to the study, Belle saw Kate sitting in a wheelchair, facing the window and with her back towards them."

She sat motionlessly.

"Even when they entered, she acted like she didn't hear them."

"In front of the study, there was a large portrait of her father, Ethan, before his untimely death. Only went she saw her father's face did Belle feel sad and burst into tears."

"Mom, she said almost at the same time as Calvin did."

"Kate moved her body, pressed the switch of the wheelchair, and the wheelchair slowly moved toward them."

"Just as the wheelchair turned around, the light outside the window shone in. Belle saw the white hair on Kate's head, and her heart felt like it had been cut by a knife. It was so painful that she kept gasping."

Calvin also felt his heart tremble. A flash of pain flitted across his eyes. He knew that he had hurt his mother-in-law.

"As for Kate, her gaze was not solemn, but it was cold as ice. She simply stared at Calvin."

Calvin steadied himself and slowly calmed himself down. His gaze was as clear as the white clouds.

"Mom, even if you hate me, I have to go on. Only in this way can I save Belle."

"When Liya comes to live in Harvey Manor, it would make Belle unhappy, make you unhappy, and even make me unhappy. But only in this way can Belle be saved."

Belle is your only daughter. It's also my responsibility to protect her and you.

"Isn't she just a woman? Even if I take Liya as my second wife, her presence is just for show. Even if it is disgusting, it is better than being separated from Belle."

"Calvin, how dare you take a second wife? Kate immediately asked in anger. She had an expression full of anger, as she looked at Calvin's indifferent expression. Standing in front of her and seeming mellow, Calvin did not feel the slightest bit of guilt. Although his expression was full of respect for Kate while maintaining his dignified persona, it made Kate even more furious."

Calvin lowered his head and did not deny it. He remained silent.

"What era is it now? Do you still want to take a second wife? Kate was even more infuriated. She slapped the back of the wheelchair forcefully with her hand and shouted, ""Calvin, who do you think Belle is? Do you think she's going to be treated like this?"""

Kate was really angry. She was so enraged that her face turned red and her hands were holding her stomach.

"Mom, are you alright? Calvin and Belle came forward almost at the same time. Calvin held her arm first and said softly, ""Mom, the person I love is Belle, but I have no choice but to do this now. Now, I had just promised her and it doesn't mean I'll marry her."" "Just because you've agreed, does it mean it's alright for you to marry her? Don't lie to me. Kate's eyes were cold as she shook off Calvin's hand."

"Calvin was not angry. He only sighed softly and looked helpless. ""You know that this kind of thing has always been the custom in A City, although I have never thought of doing this."""

"Is that so? Then, your excuse is lame. Did Belle force you to take a second wife? Kate questioned angrily, as if there was a knife in her words."

Calvin felt as if there was something blocking his heart. He lowered his head and really didn't know how to explain it.

"I'll tell you, I don't agree with this. You can take a second wife, but the premise is that you have to divorce Belle first. After the divorce, you can marry as many women as you want. Even if you have eight of them in your home, I won't say a word about this, Kate said firmly and looked up, glaring at him fiercely."

"Mom, don't worry. Belle and I are really in love. It's impossible to get a divorce. Even if there is a knife at my neck, I won't agree to it. Don't worry about this. All I did was agree for now. You know that the Harvey Group is in trouble now. I can't help it. I'm acting in this manner first, but it's not a certain thing that I will definitely marry her. It's because I really don't want to marry her. When Calvin heard Kate mention the word 'divorce', he felt a stab of pain in his heart and had no choice but to explain in such a pale and powerless manner."

"It's really funny. Your company is in trouble, but you want to sacrifice Belle's happiness? Is this how a husband like you should behave? If you marry another woman for no reason, can Belle still live her life in this way? Kate sneered and the words she said were like needles that poked the blood out of him."

"Mom, I know that this is unfair to Belle. So, I am trying my best to save Belle and not let her suffer the slightest bit of harm. Calvin's gaze showed a slight fatigue. He knelt down and looked at Kate. He looked candid, and the way he spoke was very steady."

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"Your words have hurt Belle now. Your reason is meaningless. I have said that you can marry whomever you want, but the condition is that you must divorce Belle first. Otherwise, I won't agree to it, Kate said resolutely. She didn't care whether Calvin agreed or not. Her daughter couldn't be humiliated like this. As long as he took a second wife, Belle would divorce. This was a very simple thing. As long as he dared to do it, she dared to insist that they get divorced."

Calvin's face turned pale.

"He knew that this would not work for Kate, but if the time really came for him to marry Liya, his marriage with Belle would probably end. As he thought about it, his heart ached."

"He didn't want to do this, but if Liya wanted to threaten him, what could he do?"

"Belle knew Kate's thoughts better than anyone else, and her heart was also in a mess."

You can go now. I've finished speaking. Kate didn't pay them any more attention after she finished her words. She was in a bad mood.

Belle and Calvin walked out.

The two of them didn't look well either.

"You can go back first. I want to stay with Mom for a few days, Belle said to Calvin, as soon as she got out of the door. Her voice was very cold."

How can we do that? Calvin objected immediately. "Jerry needs you."

"This isn't a big deal. It's not too far away. If Jerry misses me, just ask the chauffeur to send him here, she said indifferently. Her face was expressionless."

"What do you mean by this? Are you running away from home? Are you just going to leave me and Jerry at home? Calvin's eyes were slightly red, as he asked in a low voice with dissatisfaction."

Belle turned her face away with a cold look.

"Don't you have a good life now? You have a gorgeous woman with you. It doesn't matter if I am with you. Besides, since I married you more than a year ago, how often have I returned to my mother's home? Everyday, I've been busy with you and the Harvey family. When have I ever been free? My mother has only one daughter. So, now I'm going home to take care of my mother. What's wrong with being with her for a few days? Belle asked coldly in a quick manner."

"For a moment, Calvin was stunned by her words. He could not utter a single word."

"To be frank, they had never been separated since their wedding. If this thing hadn't happened, their life could really be considered sweet and happy. They were with each other almost everyday. They were as sweet as honey. Now, after this sudden incident, the relationship between them began to sour."

"Thinking of this, Calvin felt bitterness in his heart."

"However, Belle's words were very reasonable. Kate had only one daughter. Couldn't Belle even stay with her mother for a few days? Her daughter married him. She was not sold to him. There was no reason for him to force her to stay with him."

"Then, you can stay at your mother's home for a few days. But you must promise me that you will return as soon as possible. The family will not be able to live without you. Calvin was helpless and had no choice but to let Belle be."

Belle had nothing to say. She maintained her cold expression.

"Calvin looked at her indifferent and distant expression and felt very unhappy inwardly. He left reluctantly. When he left, he wanted to hold her in his arms, but Belle had already turned her face away and ignored him."

"When he stepped out of the elevator, Calvin felt that his heart was empty, as if he had lost something. There was a painful expression on his face."

"After Calvin left, Belle returned to her bedroom and collapsed on the bed. Her tears fell like beads from a broken string."

"When Kate pushed the wheelchair into the room, Belle was lying on the bed with her face buried in the pillow."

"Kate could see that her daughter's shoulders were shaking quietly, and she knew that Belle was crying."

Kate felt as if her heart was being tormented by a fire.

"Silly girl, when you followed him back to Harvey Manor from Wullen Town, I reminded you that the temptation for the men in rich and powerful families would be countless times more than that of ordinary men. You didn't believe me at that time, and now you know that it hurts, Kate said in between the sobs, wiping her tears away, and pushing the wheelchair close to Belle. She reached out her hand and said, ""Come here, my child."""

"Belle felt her fragile heart break for a moment. She got up, threw herself into Kate's arms, and burst into tears."

Kate's hand caressed Belle's beautiful hair. She felt deep pity for her and heaved a heavy sigh.

"My child, if that day really comes, just get divorced. After saying this, Kate closed her eyes in pain and two lines of turbid tears flowed out."

"Mom, if we get divorced, I will become like second-hand goods. No, I will become like third-hand goods. I would have lost my value. Belle sobbed in Kate's arms and cried."

Kate's hands began to tremble.

"So what? Everyone has to live with dignity, she said in a deep and pained voice."

"Except for crying, Belle really didn't know what to do."

"In this way, she stayed at her mother's house for three days. Previously, she would worry about the crisis of the Harvey Group and get busy with the family affairs of Harvey Manor everyday. In those times, she had no time to care about other things. Now, once she was free, it was only the next day when she began to think of Jerry endlessly. She had never experienced that before."

"Furthermore, in the dead of the night, lying on the empty bed, Belle only thought of Calvin's embrace."

"Even so, she didn't want to go back. In addition, for the sake of peace to herself, she didn't even want to look at the news. Her heart that was calm was quickly occupied by Jerry, and the longing in her heart made her uneasy."

"Over the past few days, Calvin had called her everyday to ask when she would return."

"However, she was cold and indifferent. She didn't even pick up his call."

"This was a stalemate. Jena didn't know if it was because Calvin was too busy, or if it was because she kept ignoring him, causing him to lose his patience. Over the next few days, he didn't call."

"It was so quiet that Belle suddenly felt scared. The quieter it was, the emptier she would feel."

"Especially at night, in the past, Calvin would hold her until she had fallen asleep every night. In his arms, listening to his steady heartbeat, her heart would be quiet and full, which made her feel happy and

peaceful. However, now the emptiness was so terrible that she didn't even know what Calvin was currently doing. She always imagined him lying on Liya, which drove her crazy with bone-penetrating pain."

"Occasionally, she would even think that even if he married Liya, it would be fine, as long as he would stay by her side and she could see him."

"In fact, the men from the rich and powerful families of A City usually had mistresses outside."

Was it possible for her to learn to accept him and treat Liya as the other woman?

"For a moment, she felt that she was super cheap and spineless. Would she really not be able to live without him?"

"Fortunately, it was Friday the next day. So, she could bring Jerry over."

"Tristany in the morning, Belle went downstairs and headed to the community supermarket."

"She wanted to buy some of Jerry's favorite cola chicken wings, stir-fried tomato with eggs, as well as crispy beef, salted shrimps, and desserts. She was going to prepare a sumptuous lunch for Jerry."

"The chauffeur, Coneb, was going to send Jerry over at 10 o'clock."

"Therefore, she went downstairs Tristany."

"As soon as she arrived at the entrance of the supermarket, she heard a gentle voice."

Belle. She was so shocked that she raised her head. Sergio's tall figure could be seen walking out of the supermarket.

What a coincidence! How did she bump into him in her neighborhood?

"Belle pursed her lips tightly and raised the corners of her mouth to put on a smile and say hello. ""Sergio, what are the chances of meeting you here?"""

"It's not exactly a coincidence. I'm going to see Aunt Kate today. So, it's not a coincidence for us to meet here, Sergio said gently with a smile on his face. He was full of spirit and looked rAl Diarnt. He also looked particularly happy."

Are you here to see my mother? Belle asked in surprise.

"Yes, of course. I went back to Capital City to attend to some matters. I haven't visited Aunt Kate in several days. So, I came here today. I didn't expect you to be at home, Sergio answered evasively."

"Belle then noticed a problem and could not help but to ask in surprise, ""Do you visit my mother often?"""

"Yes. Sergio laughed. ""You've been busy these days. Since I came to A City, I often come to see Aunt Kate. Alas, I feel bad for her. She has lost her legs and she's very lonely. If I come to keep her company often, she'll be happy."""

"Hearing this, Belle felt a little embarrassed. As her daughter, how could she treat her mother worse than an outsider like him did? It seemed like it was true that a married daughter was like pouring water out of a basin, and the water can never be retrieved. This analogy still rings true these days."

"All of her thoughts for the past few days had been spent on Calvin and Jerry. Either that, or she had entirely kept herself engrossed in the Harvey Group's business, leaving her mother behind."

"After thinking for a while, she felt ashamed and smiled. ""Thank you for your kindness."""

It was a good thing to have someone like him take care of her mother in this way.

"Do you have anything else to buy? I'll wait for you. Let's go back together. Seeing Belle walk to the supermarket empty-handed, he knew that she was going to buy something. So, Sergio stopped talking and directly suggested it to her."

"Belle wanted to refuse, but Sergio had come to see her mother, and it seemed that there was no reason for her to refuse his offer. So, she had to nod at the moment."

"Soon after, she bought some of the finest fresh vegetables from the supermarket. Since Sergio was coming, maybe her mother would ask him to stay for dinner. So, she bought more vegetables."

"As such, when she left the store, her hands were full of large and small bags."

It seems like today's the right day. I will have a feast. Sergio smiled brightly when he saw the seasonal vegetables in Belle's bags.

Belle simply smiled and did not refute.

There was no problem treating him to a meal.

"Come, let me help you carry those. Sergio reached out and took the bags from her hands considerately. In this way, Belle walked beside him empty-handed."

"Sergio, how's your father's election going? Belle recalled what Yadriel was going through and could not help but to ask."

Sergio smiled casually.

"It's just the preliminary round, and the most crucial element has yet to come. Sergio smiled calmly. Without even thinking, one could tell that the strength gradient between Yadriel and Luqman was evident."

Belle nodded.

"Sergio, your father will have his election soon. Shouldn't you stay away from Capital City and handle the case first? She wanted to persuade Sergio to settle the Harvey Group case as soon as possible, so that he could leave A City."

"However, Sergio smiled at her in a meaningful manner, as if he could see through her mind."

"This is my father's business. The election is fair and just. I can't help much. Besides, this matter is related to our nation's top secrets. It's a national-level investigation, and it's also entrusted to me by my superiors. I too know which is more important. Besides, we can't do much about it, right?"

Belle forced a smile onto her face as she listened to him talk highly about these great lessons.

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"Dad, where did Mom go? These days, Belle was not in Harvey Manor. Jerry was very sad. Perhaps since Belle was not at home, Calvin insisted on coming back everyday and being there for him. Moreover, Paige was also back. In this way, there was another person in the family who loved Jerry, and the impact from separation anxiety was reduced."

"However, no one could make up for his mother's love. A few days later, he began to miss his mother. Especially at night, he missed his mother even more. Jerry had never been away from his mother for such a long time. So, he asked his father every night before he slept when Belle would come back."

"Calvin's gaze was very, very grim."

"Just like Kate had said, if he had no choice but to marry Liya, Belle would never stay in this house."

"Thinking of this, he felt a sharp pain in his heart. The expression on his face looked lonely and sad."

"Jerry, be a good boy. Mom loves you very much. She's with Grandma right now, and she'll be back soon. Tomorrow, we'll see her and Grandma, okay? His warm, thick hand caressed Jerry's little head, and he spoke with a pleasant smile."

"Yes, I miss Mom and Grandma so much. Jerry was very happy when he heard that he could see Belle the next day. He wanted to visit her. He raised his head and said in a very serious tone, ""Dad, let me tell you a secret."""

A secret?

Calvin was stunned for a moment before he smiled.

This little guy actually had a secret. He was a kid with big thoughts.

"Calvin pretended to be curious and asked seriously, ""Son, if you have any secrets, tell them to me quickly."""

Well. Jerry raised his head and waved at him.

Calvin smiled and turned his head.

"Jerry said in a low voice, ""Dad, I used to be jealous when I saw you kiss Mom everyday when you come home, but now I've decided not to be jealous anymore. You have to kiss Mom more from now on."""

"Oh. Calvin was very shocked and surprised. Jerry really had a lot of ideas in him. What was he thinking about? He immediately asked, ""Why?"""

"Because Mom loves you very much. Every time you kiss her, she has a very beautiful smile on her face and she is very happy. To me, this is my happiest and sweetest time. I will not get jealous anymore." "Jerry expressed himself richly and his smile was sweet. However, Calvin was dumbstruck by his words."

He didn't expect this little kid to have such rich inner thoughts. His love for his parents was so deep in his little heart. Calvin was really touched by what he said.

"My good son. He reached out his big hands to pick Jerry up and gave him a lot of kisses. ""Don't worry, the person Dad and Mom love the most is you."""

Mm. Jerry happily nodded his head. He reached out his hands to hold Calvin's neck and kissed him on his face. "I love you and Mom the most too."

"Calvin was smiling brightly, but his gaze was particularly gloomy."

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He didn't think more about it. He wouldn't have let any 'if' happen at all.

"Having received Calvin's love, Jerry thought that he would see his mother the next day and fell asleep."

Calvin looked at Jerry's young and handsome face and a gentle smile spread across his face.

"Jerry's facial features, his eyebrows, and his nose all resembled Calvin, but his tiny mouth looked exactly like Belle's, as well as his ears. His fleshy Tristanobes were almost exactly like Belle's. As Calvin stroked his Tristanobes, he suddenly thought of Belle, and his heart was filled with intense longing."

"Over the past few days, she was not even willing to pick up his calls. It was obvious that she was still furious."

"Thinking of the current situation, it was not impossible for her to go back and stay at her mother's home for a few days. After all, his plan must be carried out, not for others, but for her."

"He was a man. So, he had to find a way to keep his family intact and keep Belle happy."

"Right now, she obviously didn't know, and he couldn't let her know."

"Belle, wait for me. Calm yourself down. I will make you happy."

"As he thought about this, he stared blankly at Jerry's face for a moment, and then slowly walked out."

Marrisa was standing at the door of the room.

She had heard the conversation between Calvin and Jerry just now.

The expression on her face was very serious.

"Mom, Calvin called softly, looking up at her."

"Calvin, come here. When Calvin came out, Paige closed the door of Jerry's bedroom and whispered to him."

Calvin followed Paige and headed down the stairs to the study.

"Calvin, what's going on between you and Belle? Paige's tone was a little serious."

"Mom, nothing's wrong, Calvin replied her dismissively."

"Nonsense, all over the city, the news is talking about you and that Liya woman. Are you still going to hide it from me? Paige had a sullen expression. ""You already have a family. At that time, you loved Belle so much that you wanted to marry her. Well, now you are going to marry again. How long has it been since the scandalous news started to spread? What on earth are you trying to do? Even if you don't care about Belle, you must care about Jerry. You really shouldn't have done these things. How much more will you hurt the child?"""

"Paige's heart was filled with bitter hatred and worry. It was clear that she did not wish for her son to have another scandalous affair. Furthermore, with Jerry around, it was even more likely that she did not wish for the child to get hurt."

"Of course, Calvin understood what she meant. He curled his lips into a bitter smile."

"Mom, these are all rumors. You can't believe them."

"Rumors? If it's really a rumor, would Belle have gone back to her mother's home? Paige immediately asked."

"If a woman went back to her mother's home at this moment, if she did not fight with her husband, then what else could it be? Marrisa was also a woman, and she had been back at her parent's home before. How could she not understand this?"

"Calvin was stunned for a moment. He knew that he could not hide this from her. He had no choice but to say, ""Mother, this is my own business. You don't have to worry about it. I know what I'm doing."""

"It'll be good if you really do know. Let me tell you. Your father will be back the day after tomorrow. You have to bring Belle back, no matter what. She is the daughter-in-law of the Harvey family. Now, Grandma is seriously ill, and she is in charge of this household. How can she stay at her mother's home for a week like this? It's not good if this gets out. Besides, if Jerry finds out, he will be traumatized, Paige said as his elder, not allowing Calvin to object."

"These days, Calvin missed Belle and was ready to pick her up. So, he did not hesitate to nod and agree."

"Since he promised Liya that he would marry her, things in the company had calmed down. Even Sergio was not so aggressive. Moreover, Sergio had returned to Capital City. It was rare for his company to be quiet for a few days."

"Now that his grandmother was seriously ill and Hudson was also coming back, Belle could not stay at her mother's house anymore."

"Thus, the next day, when they woke up Tristany in the morning, Calvin brought Jerry to the Francist Community."

"The previous night, when he woke up several times, he tried to hold Belle's delicate body but realized that she wasn't there. He failed to hug the body he was longing for, and he missed Belle."

"Since Belle returned to her mother's home, he had been in this situation. At night, without her in his arms, he often slept badly and his heart was empty. Just like the previous night, his lower abdomen had tightened the whole night. The feeling was so unbearable and uncomfortable. Even in his dreams, he was holding her and begging for love."

"The car sped down the street. Just like his urgent mood, when he thought that he would soon see the woman he was thinking about day and night, he felt a burst of excitement. It felt like the enthusiasm was going to burst out of his body. He was full of excitement."

"Belle, no matter what, I will not let you go, Calvin told himself inwardly. Even if he was forced to marry Liya, he would not let her go."

Belle was his real wife.

"Mom, Mom. As soon as the car drove into the Francist Community, Jerry, who was sitting in the car, looked around curiously. He immediately saw his mother's figure and shouted excitedly."

The corners of Calvin's mouth twitched slightly as he looked towards the direction of Jerry's voice.

"Soon, his face turned livid."

"Not far away, Belle was walking with a man with a tall and slender figure. The two of them were talking and laughing. The man was holding things in his hands, while Belle had nothing in her hands. She was talking while she walked, and they looked very affectionate."

Calvin felt like his blood had instantly congealed. The smile at the corner of his mouth turned cold and his face turned pale.

"At this time, Jerry noticed the man next to Belle. Although he was young, he soon perceived the change in Calvin. Jerry immediately stopped shouting and looked at Calvin with some fear. He was so scared that he didn't dare to say a word."

Calvin cursed and thought Belle was on a date with Sergio at her mother's home.

It was abominable.

He gritted his teeth and could not control the anger in his heart.

"These days, he thought that Belle was going crazy, but she was actually smiling happily and was on a date with another man, leaving him and the child behind."

"The car roared and drove forward. Soon, it rushed past the railings on one side and stopped steadily in front of Belle and Sergio."

"The Hummer with the powerful engine burst out waves of reverberations in front of Belle. Belle was startled. When she saw that it was Calvin's Hummer, there was a trace of joy in her heart, but she quickly realized something."

"A trace of panic flashed in her eyes, and her face turned cold."

"The door opened with a clang, and Calvin's slender figure emerged from within."

Belle hadn't had the time to say anything before Calvin pulled her hand.

Sergio was about to shout but he only heard a loud clang. Calvin carried Belle and threw her onto the soft cushion at the backseat of the Hummer. The car door was then closed.

"Sergio, you're really despicable and shameless. How dare you bother my wife again and again! I'll remember this, Calvin said ruthlessly, standing by the car door, looking angrily at Sergio."

"As soon as Calvin finished speaking, he got into the Hummer. The engine of the car started quickly and Calvin drove away."

"By the time Sergio realized what had happened, the Hummer had already disappeared from the Francist Community."

A cold smile appeared at the corners of his mouth. He looked at the goods in his hand and narrowed his eyes.

"As long as Calvin took Liya as his second wife, he didn't think that Kate would let Belle stay in Harvey Manor. Belle herself wouldn't want to either. He was afraid that Calvin's happy life would come to an end soon."

Sergio had plenty of time to wait.

"With these thoughts in mind, he walked leisurely towards the elevator while carrying his belongings."

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"Hey, Calvin, what's wrong with you? Calvin had thrown Belle into the Hummer. She felt dizzy and was about to scold him."

"Mom, Jerry's tender voice squeaked next to her."

Jerry. Belle was surprised. It turned out that Jerry was inside the car.

She scrambled to her feet.

"Jerry was sitting in the front seat, staring at her with his wide eyes. His eyes were filled with anxiety and fear."

"Belle was stunned for a moment and quickly understood. She felt a pain in her heart and quickly hugged him tightly, calling his name intimately."

"Mom. Jerry accepted Belle's familiar embrace and quickly forgot what had just happened. The mother and son were very close to each other. He wrapped his arms around her neck and asked in a bashful voice, ""I miss you, Mom. Mom, do you miss me?"""

"Belle was stunned, and her tears immediately blurred her vision."

"My good son, Mom misses you too. Belle smiled and hugged Jerry tearfully. She kissed him on the face and spoke gently."

"Mom, will you bring me to Grandma's house in the future? Jerry was enjoying his motherly love. He pouted and said, ""I don't like it when you are not around."""

In the future? Belle was shocked when she heard this. She turned to look at Calvin from the corner of her eyes. He held the steering wheel in one hand and his face was gloomy.

"Obviously, he was unhappy when he saw her walking with Sergio. When he got out of the car just now, he looked like he wanted to devour her."

Why? Why couldn't Belle say a few words to another man if Calvin could take Liya as his second wife?

Calvin had gone too far.

Belle felt her heart instantly fill with anger. She only knew that she was not feeling well. Who would understand her pain?

"At this moment, she held Jerry in her arms with a warm smile on her face."

"Okay, from now on, I will take you with me whenever I leave. Belle agreed with Jerry without hesitation."

"Thank you, Mom, Jerry said affectionately, looking overjoyed."

"In the driver's seat, Calvin burned with fury when he heard that. ""D*mn woman, don't even think about going out in the future."" He thought."

"You were born to be a member of the Harvey family. If you die, you'll become a ghost of the Harvey family. I won't let you leave me."

"Mom, did you miss Dad after you had left? After a while, Jerry seemed to think of a serious problem while he was in Belle's arms. So, he raised his head and asked."

Jerry had asked something he wasn't supposed to ask.

This child actually asked her this question.

Belle was flabbergasted and looked at Calvin from the corner of her eyes.

Calvin was listening attentively.

"Belle thought for a bit and intentionally said, ""Jerry, you are my heart. You are the only one I can rely on. So, of course, I missed you the most."""

She deliberately avoided the conversation and directly noticed that Calvin's face seemed to have turned gloomier. A hint of joy actually flashed across her heart.

"Men were like this. They wanted to keep their wives at home while they had fun outside, but the wives would not let them do as they wished."

"After that, Belle began to check Jerry's homework in the car. The mother and son were very close to each other in the back seat, talking and laughing. So, the atmosphere was very warm."

The car then stopped.

It was only now that Belle realized where they were.

"Come down. Perhaps affected by the warm feelings between mother and son duo, Calvin seemed to be in a much better mood, and the tight muscles on his face had also relaxed. His voice was warm, and it was very pleasant to hear." Where are we? Belle couldn't help but to ask as she saw the green mountains and trees surrounding this place. She didn't know where this place was.

"There is a resort on the green hills. It's a Saturday. So, I brought you here for some fun. Calvin closed the door and walked towards the trunk of the car. He opened the trunk door and pulled out a bag."

"Wow, we're here for fun. Jerry stepped out and saw the beautiful scenery outside. When he heard Calvin's words, he jumped for joy and began to cheer."

"Jerry had not been out with his parents on an excursion in a long time. At this time, the sun was shining brightly outside, and the greenery of the island filled with flourishing foliage was irresistible. It was really beautiful. He was exhilarated."

"At this point, Belle wasn't in the mood for a day trip. She wasn't up for a fun outing. However, when she saw how excited Jerry was, and thinking about how he had been neglected recently, she smiled at him and didn't say anything else."

"When Calvin brought Belle and Jerry in, the manager of the Aoyama Resort greeted them with a smile."

"Welcome, Mr. and Mr. Harvey, he greeted them courteously."

Calvin nodded.

"Only now did Belle know that the resort was a project under the Harvey Group. It was built by Calvin a year before, after Belle left the company. He bought the entire mountain and developed it."

"On the outside, it was the Aoyama Group. In fact, it was a good place for the Harvey family to relax. It was also the backup station for the Harvey Group. In the depths of the Green Mountain, there were many important secrets of the Harvey Group. On the surface, this Aoyama Group seemed to have nothing to do with the Harvey Group, and had never been opened to the public. Very few people knew who this place belonged to..."

"So, even though they had been married for so long, it was the first time that she had learnt about this place."

Have you prepared the villa on the top of the mountain? Calvin asked indifferently.

"It's ready. The maids have prepared it, the manager said with a smile."

"Soon, an electric buggy arrived. They hopped on and the buggy headed for the top of the mountain."

It didn't take long for Jerry to fall in love with this place.

"Not only were there all kinds of fitness facilities, there were also different remote control cars, planes, and other entertainment facilities for Jerry, not to mention many pet animals."

"Of course, what really captivated him was that there were a few female attendants assigned to play with him, and soon he was too happy to think more about it."

"After entering the villa and glancing around it, Calvin took Belle and Jerry with the electric buggy to the other side of the mountain. In less than half an hour, they arrived at the waterpark."

"There were huge crowds here, as well as tourists from all over the world, which made the place very lively."

It turned out that this waterpark was developed by Calvin.

Belle was inwardly surprised.

It seemed that after Calvin had bought the entire mountain; he used it as a spa resort for his family while the other side was developed into a famous water park for the country.

"Although they were on the same mountain, they were opposite each other."

"It was not until the electric buggy had transported them to this water park that they stood on the mountain, looked down at the foot of the mountain, and heard the deafening waves of laughter come from the excited tourists, playing with each other in the water. On the mountain, there was a deep and quiet primeval forest."

She couldn't help but be impressed by Calvin.

"This project had been so successful under him, and it was pretty good, given the current economic recession."

"At this moment, she had a feeling that even if the Harvey Group was taken down, he could easily rise again."

"However, why would he think of using Liya? What did he mean by being on good terms with her? Was he really just using Liya to save the Harvey Group from the crisis, as the rumours suggested?"

This was completely illogical.

"When it came to merits, her value exceeded Liya's."

"If not, it meant that he had fallen in love with Liya. Thinking of this, she didn't want to have any fun at all."

"After all, he was a successful man and came from a rich and powerful family. If he wanted to marry another woman, it was really nothing, as this was the custom within the rich and powerful families in A City."

She felt a dull pain in her heart.

"Calvin took her and Jerry to enjoy all kinds of fun activities in the waterpark. When he brought Jerry with him, his patience and delicateness touched Belle."

"He taught Jerry to play all sorts of games and hugged him tightly, afraid that he would get hurt by the slightest thing. He even patiently and carefully explained to Jerry, as he taught him the games, and he behaved like a kind father."

"Belle stood by the side and watched Calvin carefully take care of Jerry, and her mind was a little confused for a moment."

"If Calvin really wanted to take a second wife, could she really bring herself to divorce him?"

"If they divorced, she would be akin to second-hand goods, and Jerry would no longer have both parents together. Would this be fair to the child?"

Her mind was in a chaotic state.

Would she really allow him to take a second wife?

"When Calvin took her hand to the beach at the foot of the mountain, she was still standing there in a daze."

Can't you just play with Jerry? Why are you standing there daydreaming? I don't know how you're going to be a mother.

"Taking advantage of the brief moment while Jerry was eating, he reached out and wrapped his arms around her waist, causing Belle to fall into his embrace."

"At this time, he was wearing a pair of swimming trunks, and his strong upper body, which had just the right amount of muscles, was exposed. His originally fair skin was also tanned, and his body exuded a masculine aura."

He held her with one hand and gently touched her lips with the other hand.

"Belle was wearing denim shorts. She wore a snow-white chiffon T-shirt. She tied a knot at the middle of her T-shirt, revealing her toned and slender waist."

Her waist was very slender and had defined ab lines.

"Calvin's fingers caressed the snow-white skin of her slender waist. It was such a beautiful waist. While she was making out with him, as long as she was twisting on top of him, the firmness and softness of her body affected him by giving him a thrill, making his whole body soft, and almost melting him in her tenderness."

"This kind of feeling made him unable to stop himself. Almost every time he thought of her, his blood would boil."

"Just like that, he caressed her slender waist, and the temperature of his body began to rise rapidly."

"Belle quickly felt the change in his body. With a blush on her face, she pushed him away. ""Must you be so shameless? Jerry is here."""

"Calvin curled his lips into a smile. He used one hand to hold Belle tightly. She was trying to break free from his grip, while the other hand held the back of her head. He lowered his head and whispered in her ear, ""Jerry told me that he wants me to kiss his mother more in the future. So, he will be very happy."""

"Even so, Jerry still wanted to tell her about this. Belle was completely speechless and even expressed her serious doubts."

"Don't lie to me. Don't try to coax me. I don't believe you. She glared at him angrily. Other than Jerry, there were a few other tourists nearby."

"Calvin exhaled hot air and lowered his head to nibble her Tristanobe. He was enjoying it, and immediately made Belle feel like there was a current flowing through her whole body, making her tremble."

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"It's a secret between men like us. You can choose whether to believe it or not. Calvin chuckled like a scoundrel and said in her ear, ""I haven't had sex with you in several days. Don't you miss me very much?"""

"Only a ghost would miss you. Belle's heart was filled with anger when she thought of Liya and said, ""Go and find your Liya."""

"As she said this, her eyes turned red. She pushed him, trying to break away from his arms."

"I didn't expect you to be jealous. Listening to her words of jealousy and feeling sad and lonely, Calvin felt that his heart was full of satisfaction and pity, but he was smirking and teasing her now."

"Calvin, do you think it's funny? Belle was distraught, but when she heard what Calvin was saying, she felt that he wasn't taking this matter seriously."

"It turned out that in his mind, her pain was worthless, and he even laughed at her."

"Her face was as cold as frost, and she was incensed, as she pushed him away with her hand."

"Calvin held onto her with one hand, allowing her to attach herself to his body tightly and prevented her from moving. However, one of his hands held the back of her head, allowing her to look straight at his face."

"Are you angry just because I made a joke? Calvin looked straight at Belle. His gaze was as deep as the ocean but filled with irrepressible waves of emotions. He looked at her with his dark gaze and said, ""Do you really want me to go and find Liya?""

"Belle's face was red and swollen. She bit her lips and said, ""I'm sorry, I don't understand your humor. So, please don't tease me. If you want to have several mistresses and wives, then it's your business. But as long as I am still your wife, I won't allow you to do this. You can't do that as long as I am your wife."""

"Belle looked at him, headstrong, and continued, ""If I had known that you would be like this, I wouldn't have come back."""

"After she finished saying it, Belle became more irritated and she avoided his gaze."

"If he really had gone to look for Liya, what would happen to her?"

Belle suddenly felt that she couldn't imagine it.

"The smile on Calvin's face gradually faded and a hint of coldness appeared on his face. ""You didn't want to come back to me, so that you can be with Sergio, right? You really want to be with him, don't you? Do you regret being with me now?"""

"Over the past few days, she had been very close to Sergio, and he couldn't take it anymore. She had been with Sergio since they were going back to her mother's home, treating Calvin as if he didn't exist. If it wasn't for Jerry, he would have gotten mad at her when he was in the car, and now, he was bringing these things up."

"Of course, after Belle got into the car, Aron called Calvin and told him that his wife had just met Sergio at the entrance of the community supermarket. This helped him clear his doubts. Aron was secretly protecting Belle now. He knew this very well. To put it bluntly, it was also to protect Belle from getting bothered by Sergio."

The woman he loved could only love him with her entire being. She could not be with another man even if she wanted to.

"Of course, Belle didn't know this. If she knew, she would probably be angrier at him."

"Speaking of which, Calvin was devoted to her. Did he want to marry Liya? No, he didn't want to at all. However, there was nothing he could do now, right? Besides, right now it was just an escape plan, and he didn't say he would definitely marry her. She was really jealous."

Belle felt that her heart was filled with anger when she heard him speak indifferently.

When did she want to be with Sergio? It was totally unreasonable.

"Calvin, I'm telling you, I regret it now. So what? She gritted her teeth and looked at him recalcitrant. ""You can have multiple mistresses and wives, but I can't even talk to another man?"""

"In the morning, when he saw that she was with Sergio, his gloomy expression got even darker than the darkest clouds. He felt very uncomfortable."

"Calvin was about to marry Liya, and the whole world knew about it. However, she merely bumped into Sergio on her way back and said a few words. So, why was he staring at her like that?"

He was so overbearing!

"You... How dare you regret it? Calvin's face turned red with anger. ""Just because I get a woman, you have to look for a man? You are the daughter-in-law of the Harvey family. Do you even know propriety, justice, integrity, and shame? Since I've wronged you, you have to take revenge on me and find a man to piss me off, don't you? Do you want to be this kind of woman? Look at the present day rich and powerful families in A City. There are many men who have several wives. But I never thought of doing this, nor have I done this. I just want to live with you at home and give you happiness. What else do you want?"""

"Now that you have decided to marry another woman, do you think you're not one of them? Since you also think that men should have a few women around them, then go and find yourself some. I will not stop you from being profligate, but the condition is that we must get divorced first. Belle was so angry that she lost her mind. He finally admitted that a man who had a successful career should have several women by his side, which was an indication of his prestige and reputation. Wasn't that the case? There was no need to find so many excuses for his actions."

She had no intention to marry into this kind of rich family.

"She used all of her strength to push him away. She then ran over, picked Jerry up, and ran forward."

"I'm telling you, Jerry is mine. As long as he's mine, I don't care about anything else. Tears poured down her cheeks as she ran with Jerry in her arms."

Jerry was stunned.

"At first, he was so happy to see his father kissing his mother."

He promised that he wouldn't get jealous.

"In order to avoid disturbing their happy time together, he was sensible enough to go to the other side to play."

"Nevertheless, he didn't expect his Mom and Dad to start quarreling within such a short time."

They quarrelled so fiercely that they even talked about getting divorced.

"As soon as he thought about it, he burst into tears."

"Jerry, be good. Mom won't leave you. Belle felt her heart ache. When she heard Jerry cry, she felt even worse and could only swallow her sobs to comfort him."

"But Mom, I want you and Dad to be together. Jerry saw Calvin coming after them. He deliberately cried loudly, but he was secretly shouting in his heart, ""Dad, hurry up and come over to comfort Mom!"""

"Stop. After Belle pushed him back a few steps, Calvin became alert and quickly caught up with her. He grabbed Belle and shouted angrily, ""I didn't expect you to become so stubborn. What do you mean by taking away my child? I'm telling you, you can't do this."""

"With a roar of anger, he held her and Jerry in his arms and shouted ahead, ""Electric car!"""

Many tourists looked at them.

The Harvey Group's electric buggy quickly drove over. Calvin picked Belle and Jerry up and got into the car. The electric buggy drove towards the villa on the other side of the mountain.

"After all, there were so many people watching. Belle did not want their fight to cause any havoc in the city. When Calvin held her and Jerry in his arms and got into the buggy, she did not struggle but simply lowered her head and sat there with tears in her eyes. She was silent."

"Take him for a bath. After arriving at the villa on the top of the mountain, Calvin ordered the servants in the room."

The servants quickly acknowledged him and took Jerry for his bath.

Belle lowered her head and walked towards a bedroom without saying a word.

"She guessed that this was the guest room. So, she walked in."

What do you mean? Are you trying to get rid of me? Calvin stared at her as she walked towards the small room. He immediately understood what she was thinking. She was trying to draw a clear line between them.

"You can imagine whatever you want, she answered coldly. Anyway, her words had been very clear. Calvin was the object of desire for so many women. As long as he was willing, a lot of women would approach him one after another."

Calvin was agitated by her cold attitude. He grabbed her hand with one hand and used the other hand to hug her and carry her towards the master bedroom.

What are you trying to do? Belle glared at him.

"What am I trying to do? Of course, I have to fulfil my responsibilities as a husband. He picked her up, but did not put her on the bed. Instead, he placed her on the desk in the bedroom, spread her legs, and used his member to touch against her private parts. He smirked. ""You want to leave me? Don't even think about it. You are my wife and you will be forever. You must fulfil the responsibilities of a wife. We haven't done it in a week. I want you now. You must obediently give in to my desires. And tomorrow, you must come home with me, as Dad will be home from his vacation."

"He was wearing only swimming trunks, and the strong muscles of his upper body were in full view of Belle. Due to the warm tide of lust, Belle flushed."

"Calvin, you scumbag. He stopped Belle and she couldn't move. She could only glare at him with her beautiful eyes and grit her teeth as she cursed."

Calvin smiled like a scoundrel and blew hot air into her ear. "You don't want to do it with me. Is it because you want to save it for Sergio?"

"As he said this, his eyes were entirely red."

Shameless. Belle cursed in anger at his words.

"Shameless? Calvin raised his brows. ""You're my wife now, and I am fulfilling my responsibilities as your husband. Am I really shameless?""

"He was a little angry and tore off her shirt. Her lacy underwear with embroidered flowers appeared in front of him. Her skin was as milky as pTristans and her cleavage was ample, which aroused all the longing and desire he had for her over the past few days. At this moment, his lower abdomen swelled, as if it was going to split open."

"However, he was not in a hurry to possess her. Instead, he lowered his head and kissed her delicate lips and neck until he couldn't wait to undo the bra. He kissed her all the way."

"Hearing the joyful hum from her mouth, he stroked and teased her along her pTristan-like skin until it was as if she had melted in his arms. Only when he was full of sadness would he take her in time."

"It was said that a long separation was better than a new marriage. In fact, they had only been separated for a week."

"However, for the two of them, it was as if they had been separated for many years. Both of them were lusting for each other while being tormented."

"Belle. They were deep in passion from the table to the sofa, and then on the bed. They were so excited that they could not tell whether it was day or night. Finally, both of them were exhausted and fell on the

bed. Calvin held Belle, who was dripping with sweat, and his fingers brushed off her sweat-soaked hair from her forehead. When the lust faded, his voice contained slight waves of refreshing warmth. He looked at her, and his gaze was full of tenderness and shyness."

Belle lay limply in his arms. She opened her blurry eyes and looked at him.

Calvin's gaze shone brightly as his eyes met her gaze.

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"Silly woman, don't you know that I love you? You will go home with me tomorrow, he said softly and coaxed her."

"There was not a single trace of emotion on Belle's exceedingly elegant and beautiful face, but in her heart, her emotions were surging."

"She loved him, obviously. Otherwise, she would not have returned with him at that time."

"However, how long could a man's love last? She had seen so many people go through their own joy and sorrow. How long could his love for her last?"

"Plus, if he loved her, then would she be the only one? This was the most important thing."

"I maintain that if you marry another woman, I will leave, she said firmly, closing her eyes."

Calvin covered her mouth with his hand.

"Don't say these words. He whispered in her ear, "You will be mine for the rest of your life. There is no way to change this. Whether you like it or not, we have already made a deal. I will never divorce you."""

"What did it even mean? Until now, he was still like this. He wanted to have her and another woman at the same time. Did this mean that he was brainwashing her?"

Did he want her to give up struggling and be his kept woman?

"No, Belle wouldn't."

"Feeling the pain, as if she had bitten something bitter in her mouth, she closed her eyes helplessly."

"That night, Calvin brought her and Jerry to spend the night in the villa."

"Belle was deep in thought, but Calvin guarded her closely, afraid that she would run away."

"The next morning, Calvin brought Belle and Jerry back to Harvey Manor in high spirits."

Hudson had already returned home.

He was sitting on the sofa while reading a newspaper.

"Grandpa. When Jerry saw Hudson, he quickly flung Belle's hand away and threw himself into Hudson's embrace."

"My little grandson. When Hudson heard Jerry, he immediately answered him. Hudson laughed out loud and picked Jerry up with both hands. Hudson used his beard to tickle his little face, causing Jerry to giggle."

"Oh, Jerry, Grandpa just got off the plane. Come on, Grandma will take you out to play. Paige walked up to them with a smile."

"Mom. When Belle saw Paige walk over, she called out to her while she held Jerry's hand."

"This was the first time Paige saw her since she came back. In order to maintain her etiquette, Belle addressed her politely."

"Belle, it's good that you're back. Paige looked at her, smiled, took her hand, and said, ""Come on, let's have a chat. Let the men discuss their own business. Let's go out."""

"Belle understood what Paige meant. Thinking that Hudson must have known about what happened in the Harvey Group, she thought that the father and son duo likely had something to say. She then said very politely to Hudson, ""Dad, you and Calvin can talk. I'll leave first."""

Okay. Hudson smiled and nodded as he looked at her.

"Mom, are you used to travelling? Belle and Paige came out while holding Jerry's hand and walked towards the back garden. Belle asked about her life while she was travelling around."

It's okay. I have seen a lot of new people and things. I'm very happy. Paige smiled.

"As long as you're happy. It's just that, something happened to the family, and Grandma's health was not good. So, I had to request for you to come back. When Belle thought of Paige rushing back because of these things, she felt a little sorry."

"Alas, I'm fine. But you, I've been back for several days, yet I haven't seen you until now, Paige said in a tone that was a little serious. She lowered her head and said to Jerry with a smile, ""Jerry, Grandma bought you a very special automatic toy car. It's in the flower bed up ahead. Go and take a look."""

An automatic toy car? I've never heard of one before. Jerry's curiosity surged as he let out a cheer and ran towards the flower bed in front of him.

"Slow down, Jerry. Belle hastily reminded him, seeing that his steps weren't even steady."

"As soon as Jerry left, Paige asked directly, ""Belle, can you tell me if you're fighting with Calvin?"""

"Belle felt a little embarrassed when Paige asked this question. If she said that there was nothing wrong between them, no one would believe it. After all, everyone knew about Calvin's extramarital affair on the news."

"Mom, I'm fine with Calvin. Don't think too much about it, she murmured and lowered her head, but her eyes were a little red."

"Alas, my child. Paige saw her expression and understood everything. She sighed and said, ""I am also a woman and I have seen and experienced a lot of things. How can I not know what you are thinking?"""

"Her face was full of concern, but she was very solemnly persuading Belle."

"Belle, as a woman, we need to have flexibility and resilience. Sometimes, we really have to understand and tolerate men. Look at me, when Hudson was young, he was also hopelessly romantic and unrestrained. There were many women who liked him, but he only married me."

"Rich families in A City are very particular. There are many men with several women, but Hudson only loves me from the beginning until now. Although I have not been successful in many things in life, I have succeeded in this aspect. Everyone has seen this, and I have to admit that it is true."

"Paige was very proud when it came to this point. Indeed, ever since he was young, Hudson had brought her to all sorts of events. He had never treated her coldly. Other than Sophia's initial hostility towards Paige, which was the only unhappy incident between them, they were considered very loving."

"Belle was naturally aware of this as well. Immediately, she nodded her head and smiled in agreement."

"Belle, don't worry. Calvin is just like his father. He is dedicated to love. As long as you never let him go, I believe that you and Calvin will also be loving towards each other, like Hudson and me. Forever. Paige took her hand and encouraged her. ""If men want to take a second wife, no woman would feel good about it. I can understand your thoughts."""

"Belle was very grateful for Paige's comfort. After all, Paige was really different from the past in how she treated Belle. Perhaps she realized that Belle was the only daughter-in-law in her life. Now, Paige doted on Belle. Sometimes, Paige even pleased her, which made Belle feel flattered and deeply moved."

"Belle was not an ungrateful person. Since Paige was good to her, she would repay her and be filial to her. Therefore, the relationship between them was quite good. Even Hudson and Calvin were quite satisfied with this."

Thank you for your encouragement. I understand what you mean. Belle flashed a reassuring smile.

"Men need to be let go of sometimes. The stricter you control him, the further he will run. No matter what he does, don't go too far. Sometimes, you have to understand that if you don't think he had done it on purpose, then he must have his reasons. You should slowly uncover the truth and then work hard. Sometimes, you have to be just as resilient to firmly grasp his heart. Paige smiled confidently. She taught her daughter-in-law about the experience she had in love, hoping that they could get along well and live happily."

Yes. Belle nodded in agreement.

"Regarding marrying that Liya, don't worry, I won't agree to this. In order to make Belle feel better, Paige brought it up, expressing her stance."

"Belle felt grateful and hurriedly said with a smile, ""Mom, thank you, you are so kind to me."""

"Don't thank me. Not only do I disagree with this matter, even Hudson will not agree to it. You know that Hudson treats you like his own daughter. He is afraid that you will be neglected in our family. You don't need to think about this kind of thing. We are all in favor of you. Even if Calvin wants to take more wives, it will be impossible. Paige didn't care about Liya at all. She just regarded it as Calvin being playful. She immediately persuaded Belle and told her all the practical things to make her feel better. These words warmed Belle's heart." "As the two of them were speaking, they saw Hudson leading Calvin towards Ink Garden."

"Of course, when Hudson came back, he had to go and see Sophia first."

"It was just that what Hudson didn't expect this time around was that the healthy-looking Sophia from before seemed to have aged overnight. Thinking about it, he realized that growing old was unlike anything else."

"Right now, Sophia was lying on the bed. She was haggard, with not much energy left. This was a far cry from the old woman who looked ruddy and was able to talk and smile before Hudson left."

"Mom. Next to the hospital bed, Hudson looked at his sick mother and cried out in pain. His eyes were filled with tears."

"It took a long time before Sophia found out that Hudson and Calvin had arrived. She reached out to hold their hands and said tearfully, ""Remember, harmony brings prosperity."""

"Calvin heard these few trembling words, which made his heart tighten. As Sophia was in such a sickly state, of course, she hoped for her descendants to have a happy life. Calvin pursed his thin lips and held Sophia's hand and sobbed. ""Grandma, don't worry. I understand. As long as I am alive, I will definitely make sure that the Harvey family and the Harvey Group prosper."""

Sophia looked at them lovingly and smiled. She was not afraid of death.

"The atmosphere was a little sorrowful and heavy, no matter how one put it."

"After Hudson repeatedly asked the medical team of experts some questions, he gave instructions. Then, he came out of Ink Garden with Calvin."

Both of them didn't say anything. Their minds were heavy.

"Uncle Hudson, please save my dad. I can't get in touch with him no matter what. I heard that he has been missing for several days. When they had just come out of Ink Garden and before getting into the electric car, they saw Martin approach in a hurry. His face was full of anxiety. He pleaded as if he had seen his savior when he saw Hudson."

"Martin, what's going on? Where's your father? Calvin hurriedly asked. His face immediately changed when he heard Martin's request."

"Calvin, since Grandma is seriously ill, Lennox notified my father to come back home. But no matter how hard he tries, I can't get in touch with him. At first, I thought that he was busy and that was why we couldn't get in touch with him. But over the next few days, no matter who called, the employees there said that it had been several days since they had last seen him. They don't know where he went. Martin had a heavy heart. He was very anxious, and his face was red."

"After all, this was his biological father. How could he stand by and do nothing? Just as he became so anxious to the point where he felt that he was lost, Hudson came back. He was overjoyed."

Hudson stood there calmly. His gaze was grave and there wasn't much surprise on his face.

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"Martin, I already know about this. I'm trying to think of a solution, Hudson said indifferently, glancing at Martin. However, Hudson seemed very serious."

"Upon hearing this, Martin was surprised. He spoke hastily."

"So, Uncle Hudson, you already know where my Dad is, don't you?"

"No. Hudson shook his head. ""I only know that your father is missing, but I don't know his exact whereabouts yet. It's very likely that your father has provoked a terrorist organization there. The situation right now is very complicated. I've already sent people over. Stay at home and wait for me. When you're needed, I'll let you know."""

"On the other hand, Hudson remained calm."

"However, Martin was desperate and his sweat was all over his face."

"Martin, rest assured. Evan is my brother. Besides, the Harvey family doesn't have many descendants. So, I will try my best. I hope you can learn from the past and be a good man. Try your best to take the right path and settle down. This way, you can win glory for our family."

The words made Martin relax. His face was full of shame as he lowered his head.

"After returning to Fragrance Garden, Hudson and Calvin entered the study. The father and son duo closed the door and stayed in the study the whole night before coming out."

"In the splendid hall, rhythmic jazz music played on. The hall was teeming with the smell of red wine and people's laughter, and it was also filled with enthusiasm."

"The blue, exquisite palace lantern hung high in the middle of the hall, surrounded by a circle of small decorative lamps. The floor was covered with a scarlet carpet and low-hanging velvet blue curtains. The whole hall was romantic and charming."

"Under the dim and gentle light, a pair of wealthy businessmen of A City arrived successively with their wives and lovers."

"This was a banquet held by the rich businessmen of A City, which was their custom. It was held by the elected members of the chamber of commerce. On the surface, it was a social event, but in fact, it was a fight or collusion between the rich people."

Oscar's shiny hair was combed back neatly. He wore a suit and walked in a high-profile manner with the elegant and gorgeous Zoella.

"It was a pity that his short and portly figure, in contrast to Zoella, made the scene so striking that it looked funny."

"However, that night, Zoella was in a surprisingly good mood. She had a decent smile on her face, and based on her gaze, she seemed to be in high spirits."

"Following that, Calvin, who was holding Liya's hand, also walked in gracefully."

"Without a doubt, the renowned Harvey family of A City took up the spotlight of the banquet. It had always been the case that as long as Calvin appeared, he would immediately attract everyone's attention."

Mr. Kemp from the chamber of commerce stood in the hall and respectfully greeted Calvin.

"Liya was dressed in a noble evening gown with bejewelled hands. Her face was flushed with happiness. She stood next to Calvin gracefully, clinging to him closely. The happiness and satisfaction on her face came from the bottom of her heart."

"As soon as Calvin appeared in the hall, he immediately attracted the praise of the women present. He had a charming smile. Although he talked and laughed with a group of rich businessmen, he only had concern and consideration for Liya, who was close to him."

"This woman, Liya, became the center of attention of the party that night. Calvin made her the rising star within high society in A City overnight."

Even Zoella's dazzle was overshadowed by her.

"Zoella stood in a corner of the hall, her hand wrapped around Oscar's arm while her body stiffened. Oscar dared to use his fleshy hands to take advantage of this situation and caress her body, causing her to feel extremely disgusted."

Zoella stared at Liya and immediately narrowed her eyes.

"As the saying went, clothes make the man."

"Clad in the fabric of the classy evening gown and all kinds of jewelry, Liya seemed completely different. It was as if she had been reborn. Her temperament was just like that of an aristocratic lady who came from a rich family. She was the most beautiful woman in the hall."

What was even more enviable was that she was with the graceful Calvin.

The combination of masculine strength and feminine beauty was so impeccable that it blinded the audience present.

The media caught wind of the news and began to make their move.

"Mr. Harvey, I heard that we are expecting a happy announcement from you and Miss Liya. Is that true? A media reporter took advantage of the moment, as Calvin was resting, to approach him and boldly conduct an interview."

Haven't you already reported it? Calvin frowned as he asked unhappily.

"The media reporter responded with an 'oh' and looked embarrassed. Soon, his face was full of smiles."

"Then, congratulations to you, Mr. Harvey and Mrs. Harvey."

Calvin flashed a faint smile and did not comment.

"When they saw that the reporter had succeeded in conducting the interview, in an instant, a few more journalists surrounded them."

"Mr. Harvey, may I ask, when are you planning to hold a wedding with Miss Liya? Will this wedding be the grandest wedding of the century?"

"A thought flashed across the depths of Calvin's mind. He then smiled and said magnanimously, ""This depends on Miss Liya."" After saying this, he placed his arm around Liya's waist, lowered his head, and asked in an affectionate tone, ""Is that right, darling?"""

Liya flushed when she heard Calvin and she had a wide smile.

"It looks like Mr. Harvey and Miss Liya are so in love with each other. Flashes of light constantly beamed from the cameras, and many people complimented them."

"However, there were reporters with a sense of justice. At this moment, he was not afraid of death and brought up a sensitive topic."

"Mr. Harvey, may I ask, if you marry Liya, will your current wife, Belle, be sad? Did she agree to this?"

"As soon as he asked this touchy subject, all the people present immediately quietened down."

"To everyone's surprise, Calvin smiled confidently."

"My wife is gentle and virtuous, and she is very understanding. She has never opposed my decision, and she respects me very much."

Was that really the case? Rumor had it that Calvin was afraid of his wife.

"Nevertheless, after all, this was how the wealthy operated. So what if it was real or fake? It was just like the current King of Gamblers, who was almost 70 years old. There was a rumor that he was going to marry his fifth wife!"

"Then, Mr. Harvey, which country are you going to register in? Is it the UK? Where are you going to hold the wedding?"

"You will know when the time comes. Calvin was truly patient that day. Although he did not answer the questions in a comprehensive manner, he answered them one by one."

"Mr. Harvey, your second wife is gentle and beautiful. You are so lucky. It's so enviable. A reporter complimented."

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"Surrounded by reporters, the smile on Liya's face was as bright as the stars as she was overjoyed right now."

"After a while, Maxim entered arm-in-arm with Lenny. They attracted the attention of some reporters."

The place was lively.

"When Sergio entered, almost everyone arrived. He was a politician and came here alone. Compared to Calvin's high-profile manner, he was really subtle."

"After the interview, the reporters left. Maxim finally saw the high-profile Calvin arm-in-arm with Liya. He smiled and looked at them as if he was looking at a monster." "After a while, in a secluded corner, he pulled Calvin over and quietly teased him when the women were gathered together. ""I didn't think that you being afraid of your wife was just some made-up story. You've changed so quickly in the blink of an eye. You're even better than us when it comes to redefining the terms."""

"Calvin balled his hand into a fist, with a faint smile on his face."

"Didn't I learn it from you? It's the trend now, isn't it? He snorted and didn't comment."

"Well, you're so fierce. Maxim reached out his hand and hit him on the chest. ""Can I really compare to you? I have no love, but only the family's interests. Now, I have found my true love, and don't want to let Lenny suffer. So, I have to do this. But Belle is extremely in love with you, and she is so smart, virtuous, and elegant. She didn't expect you to do such a thing. I don't know how hurt she is. From the way I see it, Liya is beautiful, but compared to Belle, I really don't think she is better than her. You'd better be careful and not play with fire. When you regret it, don't blame me for not warning you."""

"There was an instant where Calvin's face turned terrifying but soon, he chuckled."

"Maxim shook his head with pity, feeling sympathy for Belle in his heart."

"He had no choice but to take this path. He and his wife had no feelings at all. If he had a choice from the beginning, he would not have done this."

"However, Calvin was completely different from him. He was really in love with Belle, and he also loved his family. At this moment, he was completely unable to understand Calvin's thoughts."

"The party was very spirited, with vibrant songs and dances. The scene was grand and classy."

"This was the highest echelon of the banquets that Liya had attended before. She was so excited that her face turned red. She followed Calvin all the time like an innocent, clingy girl."

"Calvin was courteous to everyone, and his smile was very subtle."

"Liya, let's toast."

"After a while, Calvin took Liya's hand. He held a wine glass in one hand and stepped forward with his long legs. He had started toasting them elegantly."

"Zoella looked tense, and the stiff smile on her face made her look hollow and listless, no matter how one looked at her."

"The most abhorrent thing was that Oscar's stout body kept getting close to her, and that virile smell of Oscar's was off-putting."

"When Calvin took Liya's hand and slowly came over to toast her, her face turned a little pale. Her hand, which was in Oscar's hand, was hidden in her palm, and her heart beat violently."

"Calvin's tall and slender body carried a faint, masculine aura as he approached her. The smile on his face was adequate enough to captivate all women. He was polite and extremely refined."

"As long as a woman took a look at such a man, it will be pleasing to the eye. Zoella was enticed by his elegance and finally got rid of the nausea she got from Oscar."

"Mr. Jones, Miss Yates, I've heard a lot about you. Let's toast. Calvin raised his wine glass with a cheerful smile and proposed a toast. It was as if he was not suspicious of the Sky Sword Group that was seizing the businesses from the Harvey family. His generosity and elegance, coupled with his captivating voice, were fascinating and enchanting."

"This was a man born and destined to be noble. He was facing a crisis, but at the same time, he was talking and laughing, looking calm and composed."

"At this moment, Zoella had a feeling that her revenge plans could not destroy this man. He was born to be a business expert and nobody could change his mind easily."

"Mr. Harvey, Miss Liya, thank you and cheers. Oscar immediately smiled and kept nodding his head in return. After both of them clinked their glasses, he drank the wine in his glass in one gulp. He burped and his face was full of admiration. ""Mr. Harvey, your new wife is as pretty as a picture. You're really lucky."""

"As he spoke, he sized up Liya as he gazed at her. He couldn't hide the envy in his eyes."

"Zoella glanced at him coldly and her cold gaze also unconsciously drifted to Liya's happy face. A sour feeling welled up in her heart. However, in an instant, the smile on her face became seductive and charming once again."

"Mr. Harvey, thank you for your flattery. I'll toast you first. Zoella picked up her wine glass and clinked it against Calvin's. Then, she gracefully finished her wine in one gulp."

"She removed her hand from Oscar's hand without anyone noticing, and the smile on her face became more and more charming."

"Mr. Harvey, I have to thank your deep-pocketed Harvey Group for allowing a small company like mine the opportunity to survive. Today, I must toast you, no matter what. She walked to the side and poured two glasses of red wine at the table. She handed over a glass of wine to Calvin, and a waiter relieved him of the empty one in his hand."

Calvin was stunned for a moment before taking the wine glass from Zoella with his slender fingers. His fingertips vaguely brushed across Zoella's slim fingers. He laughed heartily.

"Miss Yates, you are so funny. You are amazing. Within such a short period of time, your company prospered dramatically, which is why I truly admire you. I must drink this glass of wine, Miss Yates."

The two raised their glasses and clinked them in the air.

They were all smiling.

"After that, both of them drank the wine in their glasses simultaneously."

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"Liya, let's go over there and toast the others. After drinking, Calvin no longer looked at Zoella. He turned around and spoke softly to Liya, who was next to him. After speaking, he gently held Liya's hand. His gaze was so tender that it looked as if butter wouldn't melt in his mouth. On the other hand, Liya still looked very shy." Calvin carefully took care of her. The two of them held hands and walked past Zoella.

Zoella's eyes were as cold as frost.

"Mr. Harvey is really lucky to be able to marry such a beautiful wife, and take such an endearing second wife. Ah. Oscar's mouth opened slightly, almost drooling."

"Zoella glanced at him with a disgusted look, and then suddenly smiled faintly."

"Oscar, do you think Liya is beautiful?"

"Of course, she's so beautiful, Oscar replied without even thinking. However, he was not silly and immediately added, ""Of course, no matter how beautiful she is, she can't be compared to my wife. My wife is not only hardworking but also gorgeous! You are truly the wife of a rich and powerful family. As long as I am with you, I am satisfied."""

A cold smile appeared at the corner of Zoella's lips.

"Oscar, do you also want a second wife like Liya? she asked deliberately, and there was a meaningful expression on her face."

"Oscar didn't understand what she was saying for a while and didn't know how to reply. He was afraid of offending her and making her unhappy. So, he was stunned for a moment."

"He seemed to be in a daze, as he was in a dilemma now."

Zoella suddenly laughed.

"Oscar, as long as you listen to me, I will get you a second wife like Liya, okay?"

"Although she said this with a smile, her words seemed very sincere and no one could notice her unpleasant tone."

Oscar smiled apologetically and spoke in a silly manner.

"Honey, I am satisfied to have you as my only woman. If you are willing to get a second wife for me, I will thank you for the rest of my life."

"His lasciviousness was all over his face, and his lust was also strong."

"As long as you are willing to listen to me, I promise to do it for you. Then, you can marry a beautiful woman or be someone else's secret lover. It's up to you. I will definitely satisfy your desire. Zoella knew that he believed her. So, she continued to tempt him."

"Okay, okay, honey, I'll listen to everything you say. Although Oscar was physically stunted, his sexual desire was fully developed. Also, his desire for women was also very strong. Ever since he met Zoella in A City, in order to show off, he stayed away from other women for nTristany a month. Now that he heard that Zoella was being so generous, he couldn't control himself anymore."

"However, primarily, he wasn't able to conquer Zoella fully, and this kept on rankling him. Moreover, before he came to A City, Matteo had issued a strict order that he must get Zoella in A City this time. Forget the pregnancy, he must at least have a relationship with her before that."

"As for women, if they hadn't given away their virginity, they wouldn't follow the man wholeheartedly."

Oscar knew this very well.

"Therefore, it could be said that he had been resting and conserving his energy for more than a month. He looked forward to making out with Zoella. However, Zoella was too shrewd. She was like a cunning rabbit. She would not let him succeed. Forget sleeping with her, he could not even kiss her until now."

This caused him to desire for more and he was extremely uncomfortable.

"Because of this, Oscar was full of energy after finishing his meal everyday. Everyday, he thought of Zoella. He wanted to find ways to sleep with her."

"Very good. As long as you cooperate with me, I won't let you suffer. This time, Zoella smiled and took the initiative to hold his arm and toast the other guests."

"Oscar was overwhelmed with joy and his face was all smiles. Zoella's fragrance wafted over from time to time, intoxicating him so much that he couldn't control himself."

"Belle was sitting in the computer room on the first floor, staring at the computer screen."

"When Calvin brought Liya to the banquet, the news of their interview immediately became the headlines."

"Below the news, there were all kinds of comments and rhetorics."

"The love triangle between her, Calvin, and Liya was discussed publicly at this moment. They were the primary focus of the gossip. Almost all the media magazines reported their scandal, which took up many pages."

"Sitting at home, Belle could even feel all kinds of ridicule and sympathy for her."

"She sat there quietly, staring with dry eyes at the tender and caring Calvin who had appeared in public with Liya. They were intimate and his smile was warm."

"At this moment, she felt that this man was so far away from her. It was as if the love and affection did not belong to her anymore and they had never known each other. Only the sting in her heart kept reminding her that this man was still her husband."

The doorbell rang for a long time before Belle clicked on the button of the remote control to open the door.

"Ma'am, Mr. Harvey wants to see you in the study, Larry said respectfully at the door."

Hudson? Looking for her?

"After Belle was shocked for a while, she came to her senses and immediately nodded."

She stood up and walked calmly towards the study on the second floor.

The door to Hudson's study was ajar. It was not shut completely.

Belle rang the doorbell.

"Please come in, Hudson said with a calm voice from inside."

Belle gently pushed open the door of the study.

"Hudson's study was very big. It was as big as a few rooms and occupied almost the entire second floor. There was only one master bedroom for him and Paige, and then there was this huge study on the second floor."

"Belle had stayed in Harvey Manor for a few years. Yet, she had never been to this study alone. Every time she came, she would come when she was summoned by Hudson. Plus, during the years when Hudson was in a vegetative state, Paige had sealed the study."

"Therefore, Belle was actually not familiar with this study."

"Dad, are you looking for me?"

Hudson was wearing a pair of glasses and was painting a picture. He was painting vigorously and the images seemed to come to life on the white sheet of paper on the painter's easel.

"The painting was powerful, brimful, and graceful."

Everyone knew that Hudson was good at painting.

"Plus, he was just like his paintings. He was precise, firm, yet tender. He was thoughtful and tight-lipped in his actions."

"Belle, come in, Hudson said gently, and immediately put down the brush in his hand when he heard Belle."

"Okay, Belle responded politely. She simply stood there and waited for Hudson to speak to her."

"Belle, why don't you come and see my painting? Hudson smiled and greeted her."

Huh? Belle was a little surprised.

"She hadn't always been very fond of paintings. Could it be that Hudson had asked her to come here that day just to let her appreciate his painting skills? She really did not understand, but out of politeness, she quietly walked over to him."

She approached the vast rosewood easel.

"The piece of white paper in the middle was not big, but there was a single image. It was the façade of Harvey Manor."

"In order to give a pertinent answer, Belle looked down and observed carefully."

"The image of the façade of Harvey Manor was painted by Hudson in a remarkable manner. The edges of every brush stroke of the façade were slightly sharp. Yet, the sharp edges were subtle, as the brush strokes stopped abruptly at every edge of the façade."

This kind of artistry could not be painted without profound skills.

"Dad, your painting skills are really good. Belle couldn't help praising Hudson. ""The brush strokes are thick and thin, and neither too intentional nor careless. It's neither tilted nor upright, and neither dry nor moist. It's just right."""

"Neither intentional nor careless. You've described it well, Hudson said this, laughing out loud when he heard this. ""Belle, you gave a really high evaluation. Not bad, your evaluation is already better than my skills. You can think deeply. Since you can convey it, it can be seen that your thoughts have already reached this level."""

"Belle blinked her eyes. When she heard Hudson's praise, she was slightly moved."

"Belle, I already know what happened between you and Calvin. Hudson put down his brush and washed his hands in the sink. He took a towel to wipe them, and then he cut to the chase."

That was it?

"Upon hearing his words, a bitter smile appeared at the corners of Belle's lips. She did not know what he was thinking, but instead, she quietly stood there, as the corners of her mouth twitched in silence."

"It's not easy to be the daughter-in-law of the Harvey family, Hudson said in a solemn manner."

"Belle's heart trembled a little. She curled up her fingers, and her breathing was a little hard."

"Belle. Hudson looked at her and asked thoughtfully, ""If, I mean if Calvin insists on taking Liya as his second wife, can you accept it for my sake?""

"As soon as he asked this question, Belle was shocked."

What did this mean?!

Did her father-in-law also agree that Calvin should take a second wife?

"She always thought that Hudson doted on her. No matter what kind of decision she made, he had always supported her. Normally, when it came to big decisions like taking a second wife, he would support her unconditionally. However, no matter how she thought about it now, she could tell that he was forcing her to accept it."

"Dad, what do you mean? Belle asked anxiously as her face turned pale."

"Looking at her, Hudson let out a deep sigh."

"Belle, there are many things in the world that can't be done perfectly. But you have to believe that every single one of us from the Harvey family will treat you well. We hope that you can be happy. We will do our best to ensure your happiness. But if that day really comes that Calvin will have to marry Liya, I hope you will face it calmly. His expression was solemn and his gaze was distant. When Hudson said these words, he looked elsewhere."

"After a long time, Belle understood how cruel reality was. She sobbed and asked, ""Dad, do you think I can still be happy after Calvin marries Liya?"""

"Hudson felt his hand tremble slightly and he held his glasses with his hand. Then, he placed his hands behind his back and paced a few steps. He said firmly, ""You have to find happiness on your own, unlike what others perceive. I called you here today to tell you that happiness is actually very simple. As long as you're willing, you'll be happy. It's the threshold that you have to surmount in your heart."""

Belle felt like she was about to faint.

How could she be happy sharing her husband with another woman?

"No, I can't accept it, Belle retorted loudly without even thinking."