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“Martin, you’re a man. You need to use your actions to prove it, not words. If you want her to accept you again, then from now on, you have to work hard to build a successful career to prove your worth to her. As long as you turn over a new leaf, I can guarantee that Rosa will accept you. Belle comforted him with a confident smile.”

“Belle, I would love to do that as well, but I don’t think Rosa will forgive me. General Perry will also not accept a son-in-law who has been to prison. I know that much. Martin lowered his head, looking guilty and depressed.”

“Martin, you can’t think like that. No human is perfect. Who doesn’t make mistakes? As long as you can pull yourself together again, there is no reason for Rosa not to accept you. You know that, right? You’re her first love, and I know that she has feelings for you, as I have stayed with her before. The key is that you’re not sincere enough, and you behaved like a joke in the past, which really hurt her heart. Right now, she is very sad, and she can’t bring herself to be passionate about you, but it doesn’t mean that it’s impossible. Belle patiently advised him.”

“Upon seeing that Rosa had rushed there immediately when she learnt that something happened to the Harvey Group, as a woman herself, Belle knew how she thought, more or less. Although she might really have given up on Martin, but her feelings for Harvey Manor were irreplaceable. If Martin could turn over a new leaf successfully, then she might have the possibility to turn back time.”

The key factor right then was Martin’s behavior.

“Belle, the reason I’m staying abroad is that I want to start up a business, but it’s just that, I don’t have enough capital, and can’t start the business yet. Martin lowered his head and said helplessly.”

“Then, tell me, what kind of business do you want to start and what goals do you have in mind? When Belle heard that, she smiled faintly and asked.”

“I’m currently eyeing a few businesses that have potential if I were to develop it, but I’m not planning to develop it for a while, Martin said softly.”

Belle smiled sweetly.

“Martin, starting up a business abroad from scratch is a difficult and long process. You’re not young anymore. It might already be too late. How about this? You know that the Harvey Group is facing some difficulties and is being harmed by others, right? The sole reason for that is because their scale of business is too big, and their management isn’t doing a good job, which resulted in many loopholes in their system, causing them to be taken advantage of by others. As the saying goes, unity between brothers will make them stronger. The Harvey Group got to this point too quickly, and we can’t just rely on Calvin to manage the whole cooperation alone. So, I think it’s better for you to come back and clear this obstacle together. Belle spoke at a steady pace, not too fast or slow, and it was as if the sounds of nature had instantly floated into Martin’s ears.”

Belle’s analysis was very logical and reasonable.

“Martin stared at her. ““But, Belle, what can I do by going back? Look at me. I’ve been back for so long, but I haven’t been able to do anything useful at all.”””

“No, you will be useful. It’s just that it’s not time yet. Belle said confidently, ““How about this? In ten days, go to the Harvey Group Automobile City in Los Angeles and meet up with Jersey and Joey. I will inform them, and then you can register a new company under your name. I will get Levin and Joey to assist you in redeveloping cars and you will be able to own your own automobile company. Recently, the Harvey Group Automobile City in Los Angeles has produced a batch of high-quality vehicles that are competitive. After you register the company, immediately enter the market. With that, you will be able to occupy the foreign market quickly, and improve the reputation of the Harvey Group’s cars. In this way, you can help develop the Harvey Group and provide support to solve our domestic crisis. What do you think?”””

“After Belle finished her explanation, she looked at Martin and smiled.”

“Martin’s eyes were dazzling, and he looked very happy.”

“Belle, do you mean that I can also start a company now?”

“Yes, but you can’t tell the public that the car belongs to the Harvey Group. After you succeed, you will definitely be the general manager of foreign countries. From then on, you will be in charge of the development of the automobile industry, and you will be able to obtain 30% of the shares. You can be rest assured, as for this matter, I already have a plan for it. You only need to follow the plan. Belle said very seriously, ““And with your abilities, I believe you will be able to do better than before.”””

“Belle knew that Martin’s thoughts were even more unfathomable than that of Calvin’s. His methods were even more ruthless too. With that, he would have a greater effect on the foreign market, which was difficult to deal with.”

“She was sure that he could do it well. In fact, she already thought of that plan before she went to meet him that day.”

“Martin couldn’t hold back his excitement. He knew that something like that meant that Belle was supporting him personally, as she allowed him to own his own business and was even willing to give him money. That kind of good deed, of course, was something that was hard to come by. Furthermore, the Harvey Group’s cars had an absolute advantage over their competitors in the market and success was just a matter of time.”

“Very well. I will go. Thank you for nurturing me, Belle. Martin’s eyes shone brightly as he nodded decisively.”

“Belle smiled. When she saw the tears of excitement in his eyes, she knew that Martin would definitely be able to turn over a new leaf that time.”

“Go ahead. I believe in your ability and skill. As long as the business goes well, I believe that Rosa will accept you. As for General Perry, I will personally go and ask for Rosa’s hand in marriage as the person-in-charge of the Harvey Group for you by then. Make sure you do this properly. Anyway, let’s help each other overcome this difficulty together. Although Grandma is seriously ill, I am sure she knows things

clearly. What we can only do now is to protect the Harvey Group, to make her feel at ease. Belle smiled and encouraged him.”

Martin was so excited that his face turned red.

“Thank you, Belle. The Harvey family is fortunate to have you.”

“Martin, if you’re able to create a successful business, I couldn’t be happier. I hope you can accomplish it with all your heart. Belle’s smile was especially warm as she encouraged him.”

“A new energy had been injected into Martin’s body. He had never felt so relaxed before. Plus, that was all given to him by his beautiful sister-in-law, Belle, who he once admired. Although he could not get her, it was also a wonderful thing to be able to become family and live under the same roof with her.”

He left with joy.

“Meanwhile, in Hudson’s study.”

Lomen came in hurriedly.

“Mr. Harvey, there has been some bad news. Yatriel has an insatiable desire. Recently, he was preparing to smuggle a batch of weapons and sell them to some terrorists. The sum of the deal can be as high as a few hundred billion dollars. Moreover, this is his last deal. He will stop doing so after this.”

“What! Upon hearing that news, Hudson, who was reading in the study, jumped up in shock.”

That was too terrifying!

“As a government official, how could he do such a thing that was equivalent to betraying his country? This was not an ordinary crime!”

“Mr. Harvey, all his weapons have been secretly produced in the Wullen Town’s chemical plant. There are a lot of dangerous chemical substances stored there, and if something happens, it would cause a catastrophe. Lomen was worried. “”And after finishing this deal, he’ll completely shut things down, and I’m afraid that we won’t be able to find any trace of evidence in the future.”””

Hudson took a deep breath and didn’t say a word for a long time.

“He had long guessed that the chemical plant in Wullen Town had something to do with Yatriel, and he also knew that he was up to no good there. Therefore, for the benefit of the Harvey Group, he stopped Calvin from buying the chemical plant, and successfully got rid of their involvement with it.”

“As a family of businessmen, in fact, his realm didn’t need to be so noble. Since ancient times, no merchant could beat government officials.”

“What was more, after he got old, especially after experiencing so many things in life, he learnt to deal with his own businesses, and not compete and meddle with other people’s businesses, as he wanted to live a peaceful and stable life.”

“However, when he heard the news that day, he was still shocked!”

Their behavior was beyond outrageous.

“If he succeeded that time, then it would be easy for him to become the governor of Capital City, with his vast financial resources, and no one could control him in his career in the future.”

All his past crimes would be completely erased too.

“Then, what about the people of this country?”

What was more hateful was the fact that they aggressively wanted to destroy the Harvey Group!

“Does this mean that Evan’s capture has something to do with him too? Hudson’s face was livid. With his hands behind his back, he paced back and forth in the study, as he spoke with a voice that was filled with grief and indignation.”

“Mr. Harvey, I have to mention a man called Reid. He’s Liya’s uncle, the younger brother of Liya’s mother, Elsie. Elsie was born into a poor family and her parents died when she was young. In order to support her brother, she would go to nightclubs to sell her body. Therefore, the brother and sister had a very good relationship. After Elsie became Evan’s mistress and moved into Harvey Manor, this was quite a good thing for her, as she didn’t need to worry about food and shelter. But two years later, Elsie was driven out of Harvey Manor and died of an illness. This broke Reid down, and he couldn’t accept reality. Therefore, he directed all his misplaced hatred towards Evan. Lomen’s voice became heavier and heavier, as if he had too much pressure. He continued, ““In recent years, Reid left the country. In order to survive, he joined a terrorist organization, and Evan’s matter has a direct connection to him.”””

“So, this matter is one that concerns love. Everything makes sense now. Hudson’s entire body froze. Evan had made quite a few relationship debts in the outside world over the past few years. This time, he might just be ruined by one of his debts that he made.”

“After a long while, Hudson shook his head and sighed. He was very angry with Evan’s behavior, but there was nothing he could do. After all, he was his younger brother.”

“Mr. Harvey, things aren’t just like that. It is said that Evan discovered that Yadiel was smuggling weapons and what he did afterwards might have affected their interests. Right now, Reid is already a small head in the terrorist organization. In addition to the fact that he has long wanted to take revenge on him, he took action on him. Lomen was explaining and analyzing the situation very carefully.”

Hudson’s heart sank to the bottom of the valley upon hearing that.

“Right then, Sergio didn’t want to let the Harvey Group go, while Yadiel didn’t want to let Evan go.”

“Nonetheless, the most important thing right then was to save Evan as soon as possible. After all, it was a matter of life and death, and Hudson understood that more than anyone else.”

“His fist slowly tightened, and his eyes became gloomy.”

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“However, Mr. Hudson, you don’t have to worry too much. According to my analysis, although Evan is in their hands, his life should not be in danger in the meantime. They won’t harm his life for the time being. After all, they haven’t achieved their goal yet. Lomen explained from the side in a hurry, when he saw Hudson’s tense and red face, and observed how anxious he was. Since Hudson had gone for brain surgery, Lomen was scared that something would happen to him.”

“Hudson exhaled a deep and murky breath and sat down on his chair, trying his best to suppress the anger and anxiety in his heart.”

“Lomen, at the moment, saving Evan is our utmost priority. After all, he is my biological younger brother. Right now, Old Madam’s condition is very serious, and I don’t think that she will recover. Hence, I have the responsibility to bring Evan home, so that she will be able to see him for the last time.

Yes,”” Lomen replied while nodding.”

“How is Evan’s current situation? Although Hudson was not worried about Evan’s safety, he was worried if he was actually alright in the hands of terrorists.”

“Lomen understood what Hudson was thinking. Thus, he immediately took out a disc and said, “”Mr. Hudson, please take a look at this. I got it from the rival sect to the terrorist organization.”””

“Hudson’s eyes darkened, and he immediately picked it up. He turned on the computer and began to play the video on the disc.”

“After a while, unclear footage appeared. Inside the video was an empty mud house. A man with a bald head was squatting in the corner, with a haggard look on his face. He was in a very sorry state.”

It was his blood brother.

“At a glance, Hudson could tell that it was his younger brother, Evan.”

“Even though the relationship between the two brothers wasn’t that deep, and they had once turned against each other for the inheritance rights of Harvey Manor, Evan’s current predicament still worried Hudson.”

“In the scene, Evan looked dazed, and his face was haggard and desperate.”

“A feeling of despair and grief quickly spread over Hudson’s heart. He then clenched his fists and gritted his teeth tightly, in order to suppress the emotions that were about to explode in his body.”

There were subtitles in a foreign language on the screen.

“What is being said is that they had caught an extremely valuable individual. If we want him to live, we have to exchange him for other things. They have not stated their terms yet, however, Lomen explained with great effort.”

“The video soon ended, and Hudson closed his eyes in pain.”

In the house with the ancestors’ tomb in the Ink Garden of Harvey Manor.

Hudson knelt on the mat with heavy feelings.

“Old Master, you’ve said that we merchants have to separate ourselves from politics and that we shouldn’t go on the wrong path and not involve ourselves with political individuals. However, it seems that this time, for Evan’s sake, I have to meddle with them. After all, Evan is your son and my brother. So, I won’t abandon him. Hudson said with a tone full of sorrow, “”Old Master, if you’re aware of this in heaven, then please bless the Harvey Group, so that we will be able to avoid this disaster, you should know these things don’t happen for a reason, and I’m afraid that our enemy has been plotting for a long

time. Moreover, the Harvey Group has been flourishing for a very long time. So many people are jealous of us. I know that we can't avoid this path of decline, but, as long as I'm still alive, I won't let such a tragedy happen."""

"Speaking up to that point, Hudson heavily pleaded with the ancestor's memorial tablet."

He then stood up and closed his eyes silently.

In a private dining room in Sky Blue Restaurant.

"Liya was wearing a dreamy skirt. Her dyed hair made her look young and fashionable, and the deep cleavage on her chest was somewhat visible, which was very seductive."

"Calvin, do you not believe me? Her beautiful eyes were sparkling, and she looked at Calvin in a delicate and weak manner."

The corners of Calvin's lips curved upwards as he raised his sword-like eyebrows. He then turned his head to look at her and gave an evil smile. "What? Did you invite me here today just to say these words?"

"There was a faint blush on Liya's face, but it also made her seem a bit wronged."

"Calvin, I know that you went to Zoella's office to look for evidence that she framed Belle. Didn't we agree that I would be the one to help you look for it? It looks like you don't believe me, huh? Liya's eyes turned red when she spoke of that. How could she not understand such an obvious thing? If Calvin really found the evidence that Zoella had framed Belle, then she would immediately be chased out of Harvey Manor. Of course, he wouldn't marry her at that point either. If that happened, she would lose everything."

"How do you know all these? Calvin's eyes gleamed, and he asked coldly."

"Calvin, Zoella had already guessed that you had sent your subordinates to search through her office, since she's quite smart, and she told me immediately, Liya said bitterly, and she wasn't resigned to it. She continued, ""Calvin, do you really hate me that much? Am I not beautiful? Aren't you tempted at all?"""

She looked sorrowfully at Calvin as she spoke.

"Calvin's clenched fist softened up, and he sat upright. He then stared at her and lifted her chin. ""Liya, you should know that I hate being threatened, especially by women. If you're smart, you should know what the Harvey Group had relied on to get to this point, right? It's integrity, justice, and morality. So, how could an individual like Zoella overthrow us? Right now, Zoella has the upper hand since she despicably held on to my weakness. If you're smart enough and understand the situation, you should take the initiative to do it for me. The Harvey Group has never been ungrateful to people who've helped us."""

"Of course, Liya understood what he meant and looked at him coyly."

"What a joke. If she had not predicted that outcome, would she have betRhysed Zoella? Right then, Calvin loved Belle and did not want her to be hurt. On the contrary, if he did not love Belle anymore, or

if Belle was really willing to be the scapegoat and go to jail, then Calvin could finally launch a counterattack without worries and would be able to destroy Zoella as easy as trampling on an ant.”

“Liya had long known who was more important, as she had already predicted that outlook.”

“Of course, she adapted to the circumstances and chose Calvin.”

“It was also because Calvin was very masculine, domineering, mature, and heroic that she admired him deeply. Calvin was like beautiful jewelry. If she got him, her life would change completely. Therefore, she would try her best to win him over.”

“Calvin, I have never thought of threatening you. I only love you and admire you. I’m really willing to do anything for you. But if you don’t believe me, then I can’t do anything about it either. Liya defended herself eagerly, and then she confessed affectionately. ““Calvin, you also need to give me some time. I’m the only one who knows the location of the evidence of Belle being framed. No one else will be able to find it. It’s just that I haven’t found the right opportunity to take it, but it will happen soon, trust me.”””

“Alright, I believe you. Calvin narrowed his eyes as he caressed her face with his large hand and streaked across her red lips with his long finger.”

“So, when can you obtain the evidence? he asked with a faint smile.”

“Don’t worry, it won’t be long. I want to get it quickly too, so that I can be with you forever. She leaned her face on his arm, and glued her body to his.”

Calvin’s hand slowly slipped to her waist and then tightened his grip on her slender waist with a stiff smile on his face.

There was a flash of white light. Calvin’s eyes darkened. He knew that the media had taken a photo of them again!

“That’s good. I’ll be waiting for your good news, he said gently in a low voice, which sounded extremely seductive.”

“Okay, Calvin, she answered coquettishly while blushing.”

“Calvin, will you accompany me tonight? I don’t feel like going home, she said, looking at him with infatuation.”

“Calvin was wearing a French-styled white t-shirt, trendy jeans, and branded shoes as he sat there. She was fascinated by his noble aura, and she really didn’t want to go home. Every day when she returned home, her father would force her to go on a date with the so-called rich, middle-aged man. According to her observation, that man already had several wives. He said that he would marry her, but in fact, he already had a wife abroad. Moreover, that man’s assets were in his wife’s hands. So, he couldn’t give her too much to begin with.”

“What made her even more disgusted was that her father had heard the rumors about her and Calvin, and would ask for money from her everyday. However, in order to get Calvin’s favor, she did not dare to ask for more money from Calvin. That was why she was not willing to go home at all.”

“In addition, she had been with Calvin for quite a long time, and although he would sometimes be intimate with her, like holding her hand, waist, and touching her face, those actions looked more like a brother doting on his sister. It wasn’t even a regular interaction between men and women, let alone the love between men and women.”

She was not satisfied with that situation. She wanted to have a deeper relationship with Calvin. That was why she asked him out that day. She wanted to take advantage of that matter to get closer to Calvin.

“She understood that if Calvin desired for her one day, her marriage with him would be a done deal.”

“Nonsense, you’re still a little girl. How can you simply spend the night with a man? The smile on Calvin’s face vanished, and his tone was a little harsh.”

“But Calvin, I’m with you, not with another man. Besides, aren’t we going to get married soon? Liya explained while pouting.”

“The word ‘married’ caused Calvin’s body to tremble involuntarily. His eyes narrowed, and he smiled coldly.”

His face became even gloomier.

“Liya, there are many rules in Harvey Manor. I’m not allowed to sleep with a woman before getting married. This is my responsibility. If you can’t abide by it, then you can leave me, he said coldly.”

“When Liya heard that, she felt very conflicted. How could Calvin word it in such a way!”

“He and Belle got married after having a child, and according to rumors from before, their relationship was very ambiguous. Otherwise, how did that child appear? That was obviously just an excuse.”

“Nonetheless, when she saw Calvin’s unhappy expression, she didn’t dare to say anything more. Instead, she had made up her mind.”

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“Then, drink a few more cups with me. Liya didn’t say much anymore. She just held onto Calvin’s hand and implored him gently.”

Alright. Calvin smiled faintly and picked up the glass of red wine on the table.

“His long fingers held the glass, gently swirling its contents while looking at the scarlet liquid inside. Then, he looked to the side with the corner of his eye, and an unfathomable smile appeared at the corner of his mouth.”

“Come, cheers. Liya picked up her glass and clinked it against Calvin’s.”

“Okay, cheers, Calvin said with a smile. Without hesitation, Liya picked up the glass and gulped it down.”

“Calvin, drink up quickly. Her almond-shaped eyes were full of lust, and she used her charming eyes to lightly prompt him lightly.”

Calvin chuckled and raised his neck to gulp down the glass of wine.

“In a dark corner of the corridor on the second floor of the Sky Blue Restaurant, Zoella was wearing a long black robe with long sleeves, in an attempt to wrap up her whole body.”

Oscar had been ravaging her a few nights in a row and it had caused her to break down mentally and suffer a lot.

“That disgusting man would record all the positions they did every night, in order to threaten her. Afraid that those recordings would get out, Zoella had no choice but to do all the dirty positions with him, in order to satisfy his carnal desires. What a filthy situation.”

“What she could not stand the most was Oscar’s perverted nature during s\*x. Everyday, he would use a variety of methods to torture her. Whenever he heard her painful screams, he would get so excited that his eyes would glisten. He would not let her go until he tortured her even to death.”

“Everyday, her body would have many more new bruises and injuries.”

“After doing the deed, she would always scrub her whole body and wouldn’t stop until she scrubbed every inch of her body clean. Due to her constantly doing that, her skin became very dry.”

“This sort of life made her feel like she was in purgatory, and she wished she could die.”

“She once asked her subordinates to search the place where he lived, and even threatened him, but Oscar had already hidden the recordings in a lot of different places, and it was impossible for her to find all of them. Moreover, after Oscar learnt what Zoelle did, he would torture her even more.”

“At present, there was no other way except to kill him. For the first time in Zoella’s life, she felt helpless.”

“Other than speeding up the plan, she really couldn’t think of any way to get rid of him.”

“Miss Yates, look at that woman. She only wants to be Mrs. Harvey right now. She must be extremely unscrupulous with her means too. Octavia stood in the dark and spoke sarcastically, as she watched Liya chug Calvin with wine.”

“Zoella’s eyes were very gloomy. She had a poker face, as she stared motionlessly at the man and woman who were drinking red wine downstairs. It really seemed that they were a perfect couple.”

“She straightened up her attire and touched the place where Oscar had bitten at the corner of her mouth. Every part of her body was burning with pain, and the feeling of pain surged, wave after wave, causing her face to twist.”

“She had miscalculated. She never thought that she would fall into the hands of that ugly and perverted man. He even had a handle over her, and she couldn’t do anything about it.”

She was too careless!

“Octavia, later on, when Liya gets Calvin to drink the red wine laced with ecstasy, try your best to make Liya come and meet me, Zoella ordered expressionlessly.”

“Okay, Octavia replied, with a sinister smile on her face.”

“After Liya and Calvin drank a few glasses of wine, the alcohol had already entered her body. Thus, her face became flushed, and her smile became even more enchanting.”

“Calvin, it’s getting late. I’ll give you another toast. After this, we’ll go home, she said softly, and her gaze was a little hazy.”

“Okay. After a few glasses of red wine, Calvin seemed to be a little excited.”

“Come, Calvin, cheers. Liya poured the red wine in her hand into Calvin’s mouth. He opened his mouth and bit onto the glass happily.”

“Calvin, let me propose to you a toast. Liya picked up the glass, said in a soft voice, and drank up the wine in one gulp.”

“Calvin held his glass of wine, as he looked up to the second floor.”

“Quickly drink it, Calvin. After you’re done, have some food. After Liya finished drinking, she saw that Calvin was in a daze, as he held the glass of wine. So, she smiled sweetly and picked up a piece of chilli salad in front of her and fetched it to Calvin’s lips. Then, Calvin smiled meaningfully, as he raised his head and gulped down the glass of wine.”

“After he gulped down the wine, Calvin suddenly sneezed.”

“He turned his head to another side. After sneezing, he immediately covered his lips with his hand.”

“That image was indeed quite unsightly, causing everyone seated next to them to turn to look at him.”

“Liya, don’t you know that I don’t like spicy food? Soon, Calvin took up a piece of tissue and wiped his mouth. Only then did he turn around to ask Liya with a cold expression on her face.”

“I’m sorry, I’m sorry, Calvin. I forgot about it. Liya panicked and apologized repeatedly. She then picked up another piece of tissue and wiped his lips gently with it.”

“Never mind. You better remember it next time. Calvin pushed her hand away, and his expression eased a little.”

Alright. I will definitely remember. Liya nodded in agreement.

“Calvin yawned lazily and said with a tired face, “”It’s quite late. Let’s go back.”””

“Okay, I’ll help you up, Liya said. After letting out a yawn, Calvin felt weak all over as he rested on the table.”

Liya’s eyes revealed a hint of happiness as she held Calvin with great effort to help him stand up.

“Calvin, come, let’s go, she said gently. She walked as she held him, but she wasn’t walking towards the direction of the entrance. Instead, she was walking to a private lounge on the second floor.”

“Calvin felt a little giddy and light. So, he just let her hold onto him and didn’t realize where he was going.”

“When Liya saw that his entire face was red and that his body was emanating a minty scent, her heart was filled with contentment as she thought what would happen next.”

“Opening the door of the private lounge, she put him on the bed.”

“Calvin, I want to be with you forever. Take me. She leaned on his chest with blurry eyes as she muttered. Then, she was about to take off Calvin’s clothes.”

“Suddenly, the door of the private lounge swung open.”

“Hmph. A cold snort came from not too far away. Liya, who was completely captivated by Calvin, was shocked by the sound. She then raised her head.”

Who is it? she asked in a loud and unhappy voice.

It’s me. Octavia’s voice came coldly.

Octavia? Liya was so shocked that she jumped up. “Why are you here?”

Why can’t I be here when even you are able to drug Mr. Harvey with ecstasy? Octavia’s face was full of disdain as she mocked.

“Soon, Liya finally understood. Her scheme had been discovered.”

“Octavia, do you have any business here? After thinking for a while, Liya couldn’t figure out Octavia’s purpose of coming here. So, she could only raise her face with a smile and asked ingratiatingly.”

“Of course, Miss Yates is waiting for you in the private lounge next door. Go ahead, she answered directly and coldly.”

“Octavia, why does Miss Yates want to meet me? Upon hearing that Zoella wanted to meet her, Liya was so scared that she broke out in cold sweat, and she felt very uneasy.”

“Of course, Miss Yates wants to meet you because of something good. Do you remember a time when Miss Yates didn’t treat you well? Octavia smiled. ““You should go and meet her first since Mr. Harvey is very drunk right now, and the effects of the ecstasy won’t go away for the time being.”””

“After saying that, Octavia ignored her and left.”

“Liya looked at Calvin, who was lying on the bed with a red face and sleeping soundly. Then, she lowered her head and walked out after thinking for a while.”

“She only gave him a glass of wine laced with ecstasy. So, how could he be that drunk?”

She frowned as she couldn’t figure it out.

“After thinking for a while, she thought that when she returned later, the ecstasy’s effect might have been reduced by a little, and there might be a chance that Calvin would be burning with lust, which would be a better scenario. With that in mind, she hurried out of the room.”

“Under the dim and warm light, Zoella sat on the couch and was drinking the best house tea.”

“Zoella, are you looking for me? After Liya entered the private lounge, she soon saw Zoella, who was sitting while drinking a cup of tea. She was a little scared as she didn’t know why Zoella wanted to meet her at that time.”

“Liya. Zoella smiled gently and affectionately, but her tone was very disturbing. ““It seems that you have graduated now. You could even decide to drug Calvin of your own accord!”””

“She said flatly as she looked at her with a pair of cold eyes, which didn’t match the smile on her face at all.”

Liya grew embarrassed.

“Zoella, I’m just following your footsteps. Back then, it was you who encouraged me to approach him. You also hoped that he and I will be a thing, am I right? Liya avoided Zoella’s gaze and replied obediently.”

“Well, it seems that you really are smart, to be able to understand things quickly. Zoella smiled. ““You really are smart, to be able to let Calvin decide to marry you in such a short time. It seems that you will soon rise in status. You better not forget me by then.”””

Zoella smiled as she praised Liya.

“Don’t worry, Zoella. As long as I get what I want, I will never forget you. Lia smiled as she cooed sweetly.”

“Alright, I just happened to pass by here and thought of meeting you because of some matter. Go to the Mayflower Room to find Octavia. She has something for you. Zoella was still smiling.”

What is it? Liya was puzzled.

“Just go. It’s the thing you wanted. Zoella smiled and said calmly, ““If you don’t go soon, then the ecstasy on Calvin might lose its effect.”””

Zoella seized the opportunity to remind him.

“When Liya heard that, she didn’t hesitate any longer. After agreeing to do so, she walked out.”

“The Mayflower Room was at the end of the corridor, which was the first-class VIP lounge. The interior was quiet and gorgeous.”

“The closer Liya got to the Mayflower Room, the faster her heart would beat for no reason.”

“There seemed to be an uneasy aura in the air, which made her inexplicably nervous.”

“However, Zoella’s words tempted her. Was there anything that Octavia wanted to give her? In fact, at that time, she did not dare to disobey Zoella. Even if she did not want to go, she had to go no matter what. She then thought of Calvin, and her footsteps quickened. She just wanted to take the thing and hurry back to the private lounge to have fun with him for a night.”

“The door of the private lounge was ajar, and she pushed the door open.”

Octavia... she whispered.

“With a bang, the door behind her closed automatically.”

“Liya’s heart sank, and an ominous feeling immediately rushed towards her.”

“The private lounge was very dark, and she couldn’t see Octavia’s figure.”

“There you are. You’re finally here. A man’s voice, which was full of lust and anticipation, boomed, and it made Liya’s heart tremble.”

“Following the voice, she soon saw a overweight man. His eyes were shining like a starving wolf, and his face looked very lustful as he approached her. The voice came from him.”

“Liya immediately realized that something was wrong, and she turned to flee.”

“Nevertheless, the door had already been locked, and she couldn’t open it, no matter how hard she tried.”

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“Who are you? Liya was extremely nervous, and she asked cautiously.”

“Don’t be afraid, little beauty. I’ll play with you tonight. I promise I’ll make you feel good. The plump man quickly approached her and was breathing heavily as he spoke. He then stretched out his hand to grab her.”

Don’t come near me. Liya felt cold all over and her voice began to tremble.

“The man chuckled and pounced on her, as if he was an eagle pouncing on its prey.”

“Ah, help me. By then, Liya had completely understood that she had been set up by Zoella.”

She had already fallen into her trap that day.

“Calvin, save me, save me. Liya shouted in horror and turned around to avoid the man’s hand.”

“The man seemed to be very interested in her resistance and the louder she screamed, the more excited he became.”

“Under the dim light, Liya saw that the man was only wearing shorts. His fleshy skin was flushed red and his eyes were bloodshot. It was as if he was a hungry wolf that was currently staring at a trembling little lamb.”

“However, he wasn’t in a rush to devour her. He simply chased after her, enjoying the sight of her panicked helplessness.”

Liya was extremely terrified. She did everything she could to dodge that man in the room.

“It was a cat-and-mouse game. After playing a few rounds, the man obviously lost interest and became a little impatient. He reached out and picked up a whip from the table.”

“No. Liya stared in terror at the whip in the man’s hands, as he viciously swung it towards her. She let out a miserable cry.”

“Hearing her scream, the man became extremely excited, and he hit even harder.”

“Ah, don’t. A gut-wrenching pain shot towards Liya’s limbs. She cried out miserably and tried her best to avoid it.”

“Gradually, Liya no longer had the energy to move. She just collapsed on the floor with her clothes dyed red with blood.”

The man then put down the whip and laughed.

“Little beauty, you should’ve been more obedient from the start. Don’t worry, I’ll make you feel good right away. He opened his mouth wide and touched the blood at the corner of her mouth with his big fingers. He then licked it with his mouth and chuckled.”

“If you touch me, I’ll tell Calvin. He definitely won’t let you off. Liya’s heart was as cold as ice, and she had no choice but to bring Calvin up, hoping that he would let her off.”

“Soon, she knew that she was just saying unrealistic things. Not to mention that Calvin had been drugged by her. Even if he wasn’t drugged, he wouldn’t have come to rescue her either. She had been set up by Zoella. So, how would anyone come to save her? Even if she died there that day, no one would know. She was disheartened upon realizing that!”

“Calvin? Do you think he will come and save you? He can’t even protect himself now. So, why would he save you? The man started laughing hideously. ““Zoella gifted you for me to play with. Let me tell you. From now on, you’ll have to serve me obediently. Who knows, I might even take you as my second wife if I feel like it.”””

“As the man said that, he reached out and grabbed Liya and threw her onto the bed.”

“After being flung so heavily onto the bed, Liya’s head felt dizzy, and soon after, she began to cry bitterly.”

“If you dare to touch me, I’ll take you down with me tonight. She raised her tearful eyes and threatened fiercely.”

“The man chuckled, admiring her current expression. He picked up the rope beside him and reached out a hand to grab her.”

Don’t. Liya cried out in terror and flailed her limbs.

The man’s strong and chubby hand quickly caught her hands and tied them up.

He stood by the bed and seemed to be a little tired of entertaining her with such games.

“After a while, he picked her up, as if he was picking up a chick, and walked towards a swing frame that had been set up in the room.”

“He placed Liya on the swing frame with flashing red eyes. He then separated her legs and tied them to the ropes on the sides. Soon, all of her clothes were taken off.”

“Liya’s face was pale, and she continuously screamed out in pain.”

“The man’s eyes were bloodshot. He chuckled, picked up a towel from the table, and stuffed it into her mouth.”

Liya’s eyes widened in terror and tears streamed down her face.

She had fallen into Zoella's trap.

That vicious woman had schemed against her. She was going to be ruined by that man tonight.

"The man's eagle-like eyes stared at every inch of her body while caressing her with his chubby hands.

"Little beauty, don't be afraid. You will feel very good soon.""

"Liya's entire body was trembling. After she was attacked time and time again by the splitting pain, she fainted..."

Haha. Zoella stood at the front of the TV of the private lounge and watched the surveillance footage of Oscar assaulting Liya on the screen while laughing crazily.

"Liya wanted to set Calvin up and become Mrs. Harvey. She even wanted to bet Rhys her. So, right then, Zoella wanted her to have a taste of agony."

"She already had an agreement with Oscar that if she gave Liya for him to play with, she wouldn't have to serve him everyday. Fortunately, Liya was quite pretty, which made Oscar, who lusted after Zoella initially, to turn his attention to Liya, and he immediately agreed in satisfaction."

Everything happened in a systematic manner.

She left the room and walked towards the direction of the private lounge Calvin was in.

Octavia was standing in front of the room.

How is he? Zoella smiled as she asked.

"Miss Yates, the effects of the drugs had subsided a lot, and he is now lying in bed, Octavia immediately replied."

Alright. You can leave. Zoella smiled enchantingly and instructed Octavia.

Octavia then left after nodding.

"Calvin, I never expected us to meet again so soon. When Zoella walked in, Calvin had just opened his eyes."

"You again? Calvin shouted in a harsh tone, as a fierce light shot out of his eyes."

"That's right. The last time in the private booth, you drugged me, and you were able to escape, but this time, I won't let you off. Zoella laughed loudly."

You drugged me? Calvin asked coldly as he bit his lip.

"Don't worry, it was Liya who drugged you. I, on the other hand, just took advantage of it. Zoella laughed."

"Liya drugged him? Only then did Calvin remember that he had indeed drank a lot of wine that night. After drinking the last glass of wine, he felt weak all over."

"How is it? Does it feel good to be set up by a woman? Zoella approached, bent down, stared at him, and touched his full lips with her hand."

"I will never be threatened by a woman in my life. A glass of wine is nothing! Calvin smiled coldly and suddenly stood up. He seized the opportunity to grab her hand. After applying a little strength, Zoella was already in so much pain that her expression changed, and she couldn't move."

You weren't drugged? Zoella couldn't care less about the pain and asked in surprise.

"No, I was drugged. However, it just so happens that I had sneezed at that time and a lot of it went away through my sneezing. Calvin sneered."

"Calvin was very used to drinking wine. So, he immediately noticed the abnormal odor of the wine and spat out a good amount of it. However, in the end, he still felt weak all over. Nevertheless, he didn't expose the ruse on purpose, because he noticed that Zoella was standing upstairs from the corner of his eyes and wanted to know what she was up to."

"Therefore, he pretended to fall asleep, waiting for Zoella's arrival."

"Surely enough, Zoella called Liya away."

"Then, why are you still acting like this? Zoella sized him up. Before that, she saw that Calvin had behaved as though he was quite drunk. Could it be that he was just putting on an act?"

"That's right. I'm just faking it. Calvin saw through her thoughts and smiled faintly. Yes, he lost all his strength before that, but after resting for a while, the effects of the drug had already dissipated considerably."

"Therefore, it wasn't difficult for him to deal with a woman like Zoella."

"You deceived me? Upon realizing that she had fallen into Calvin's trap, Zoella could only glare at him."

"It's just a piece of cake to trick you, since you have it coming. Calvin's hand gradually tightened. Zoella's expression changed, as the pain on her wrist worsened."

"Quickly, tell me. Where is the evidence of you framing Belle? Calvin bellowed angrily."

"After shooting a glance at him, Zoella suddenly burst into a hysterical and maniacal laughter. It was a laugh that was filled with joy and contentment."

Calvin was alarmed when he heard that.

"From her wild laughter, he could hear her joy of revenge, her deranged mind, her sin and her madness."

That woman's heart was already twisted.

A woman like that was the most terrifying. It caused all of Calvin's hairs to stand on end.

"Calvin, you sent someone into my office to try to find evidence of me framing your wife. Hmph, if this evidence can be found so easily by you, would there be a need for me to frame her? Zoella held back her laughter, pulled back her hand, and said with a cold expression."

"Calvin's heart skipped a beat, and his eyes were as bright as lightning."

“If you have a grudge against the Harvey Group, then come at me. Belle has never offended you. How can you bear to harm her? he shouted in a stern voice.”

“Haha. Zoella laughed again. She recalled the scene of Oscar humiliating her again, and tears started to well in her eyes. ““Calvin, you’re too naive. Only in this way would it be exciting and enjoyable, is it not?”””

“Zoella, in the past, your father was defeated by the Harvey Group. Do you really want history to repeat itself? Calvin’s face was very gloomy. That day, if she hadn’t had a thing over him, and if it wasn’t because he hadn’t found sufficient evidence, he would have handed her to the police immediately. Nevertheless, he knew clearly that it was useless to hand her to the police right then. So far, he had no evidence to prove the crimes she had committed.”

That woman’s means were really better than her father’s.

“Father? When Zoella recalled her deceased father, the muscles on her face twisted even more, and her nails sank into her flesh.”

“That’s right. My father lost to you guys and died because of you guys, but that doesn’t mean that I’ll lose to you guys. It’s because my father is so kind that he ended up like that. Zoella’s face was full of arrogance and sadness, but she spoke adamantly.”

“Calvin drew closer to her. ““Zoella, in the business world, it will always be the survival of the fittest. Your father didn’t adapt to the development of the market and lost, this is how competition in the business field works, and it has nothing to do with anyone. As for your father, how could you blame the Harvey family for the fact that he couldn’t figure things out and got sick? What does this have to do with the Harvey Group?”””

“The hatred in Zoella’s eyes was gradually replaced by a burning fire. She looked at the handsome face of the man in front of her. In an instant, she became obsessed and intoxicated, to the point that she could not even extricate herself from it. She did not listen to what Calvin had said at all.”

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“The light in the private lounge was dim, but it did not hinder Calvin from seeing Zoella’s eyes clearly. He frowned and reached out his hand to clasp her chin.”

“Zoella, let me warn you. If you insist on putting the blame on the Harvey Group, then come at us. However, the consequences of maliciously framing us, as well as breaking the law, I think you know it well too. So, don’t blame me for not reminding you at that time.”

“Calvin could understand a little about that woman’s intentions. Nevertheless, her behavior was too ridiculous and unreasonable. He did not think that Zoella had any special feelings for him. After all, they had been rivals ever since they were young. Although they had met a few times when they were young, Calvin had never once looked at her properly.”

“Therefore, he believed that Zoella’s behavior right then was because she was misled, and she blamed all her father’s failure and death on the Harvey Group.”

“In the business world, everyone had moments where they would win or lose. As long as people didn’t use any illegal means, no one would hate them. If one really had the skills, one could rise again and compete with the winner, instead of using such illegal means.”

That woman must be crazy!

“Mr. Harvey. On the Hummer, Luca and several dark figures arrived there in a hurry, “”The plan has worked. Zoella has already started to suspect Liya. It’s estimated that Liya will soon be dealt with by Zoella. They’ll at least turn against each other.”””

It was only until then did Luca realize why Calvin treated Belle coldly and deliberately hugged and interacted with Liya in front of the public media.

“That night, Liya had initially schemed to sleep with Calvin and make the marriage become a real thing, but the plan was thwarted by Zoella.”

“Then, what kind of mentality did Zoella have? Why did she want to ruin it? Was it only because of Liya’s betRhysal? That really left him in a state of confusion.”

“However, the fact that Calvin was able to successfully make use of Liya to make Zoella suspect her suggested that he had done the correct thing. If his guess was correct, Liya would be able to obtain the evidence of framing Belle very soon.”

“Meanwhile, Liya would only end up being ruined by Zoella.”

“That was the best outcome, as they didn’t even have to do anything and that woman would end up getting hoisted by her own petard. That showed that Calvin’s move was indeed brilliant.”

“On the other hand, Calvin was sitting in the driver’s seat and looking out of the window with a deep expression on his face.”

“The corners of his mouth turned up slightly, but when he recalled Zoella’s crazy laughter, his expression gradually became cold.”

“All of you, keep an eye on Liya for the next few days. Report to me immediately if there’s any movement. Calvin ordered in a deep voice. According to his plan, Liya would soon go to Zoella’s place to steal the evidence.”

Okay. Luca smiled as he relaxed his eyes.

“Remember, before we get the evidence, we must ensure Liya’s personal safety. That was Calvin’s last order. He knew that Zoella was a woman who would do anything. So, if Liya provoked Zoella, anything could happen. Plus, before they get the evidence, he did not want to cause any other trouble.”

Luca quickly understood what was on Calvin’s mind and immediately nodded.

“Has there been any progress on the suspect who attempted to murder Belle that day? Although Calvin was almost certain that the suspect was someone Zoella sent, but he had no evidence so far and could not hand her over to the police.”

I haven’t found any evidence. The police have been investigating it too. Luca shook his head.

“The police? Calvin smiled faintly. If he really relied on them, there would probably be no news from them for another year or so, and the case might not even come to an end then.”

“Furthermore, right then, everything was based on evidence.”

“His fingers rapt on the steering wheel as he started the car all of a sudden. The Hummer then let out a low roar, and he drove it into the darkness.”

Dawn finally came.

All the crimes had been obscured by the darkness.

“Her whole body hurt. It was as if she had been run over by a car, or being burned alive. Liya’s whole body was in excruciating pain.”

“That gut-wrenching pain gnawed on her body bit by bit, like a snake, and made its way into her blood, and bit her from the inside, causing her to hurt so much that she wanted to die. She wanted to shout, but she couldn’t even manage to shout. Then, she fainted. When she woke up again, she saw that ugly face, which was tormenting her bit by bit, and she fainted again.”

That was the most terrifying feeling that Liya had felt the entire night.

“She had never thought that a man could be so terrible, and that this had happened to her.”

All her dreams were shattered in an instant.

It was also as if she had been thrown into an ice-cold cell. It was so cold that she was trembling all over.

Are you not awake yet? An ice-cold and terrifying voice rang in her ears.

Liya pried open her eyes with great strain.

A hand was holding a bottle of cold water and pouring it onto her face.

“As the water splashed on her eyes, she immediately closed them due to the pain. The moment before she closed her eyes, she saw a grim and delicate face.”

She couldn’t care less about the severe pain in her body anymore.

She struggled to sit up

The cold water stimulated her and woke her in an instant. There were still beads of water on her forehead and face.

“Zoella, how could you be so vicious as to set me up? Her eyes were burning with a fire, as she asked the woman in front of her harshly while pointing at her.”

“Zoella was standing in front of her, looking down at her coldly with a disdainful smile on her face.”

“Hmph, you want to conquer Calvin? Are you even worthy of him? Zoella bent down slightly and lowered her head. The gleam in her eyes made Liya shiver, and her cold words made Liya feel like she had been stabbed by Zoella with an ice-cold knife.”

“Liya immediately widened her eyes in horror, as she looked at her. She forgot about the pain in her body, and even suppressed her anger.”

“At that time, she saw a pair of cold and terrifying eyes.”

That pair of eyes were completely different from the ones she usually saw.

It turned out that she had a façade.

“What do you mean? She asked in a hoarse voice, ““Weren’t you the one who told me to do this?”””

“What? Zoella laughed coldly, all of a sudden. ““Do you think you’re a real lady? I’ll let you know that you aren’t even worthy to carry Calvin’s shoes for him, not to mention that you still want to bet Rhys me. Today’s matter is your punishment for betting Rhys me. That’s it. Don’t think that I don’t know what you’re thinking.”””

“Those words made Liya tremble, and she curled herself into a ball, but such a tragic consequence still made her mad.”

“Zoella, I never knew you were so vicious. I shouldn’t have treated you as my elder sister. She suddenly pointed at Zoella and yelled, ““I will never let you go for humiliating me today.”””

“She struggled to get up and was about to throw herself at Zoella. However, as soon as she sat up, she realized that she was naked, and her body was covered with wounds, which consisted mostly of whip and bite marks. Not only that, her lower body was in so much pain, as if it was being torn apart.”

“She couldn’t muster any strength anymore. Thus, she fell down on the bed and wrapped her body with the bedsheets, while trembling and crying.”

There was no way to vent the hatred in her heart.

That’s enough. Zoella’s eyes were cold. “All of this is just the beginning.”

The beginning? Liya’s eyes widened in shock.

Zoella slowly took a step forward and stretched out a hand to touch her face.

“It was summer right then, but her fingers were terribly cold, even colder than the cold water just then.”

Liya got more and more scared.

“Remember, from tonight onwards, you will serve Oscar and satisfy his beastly desires. Don’t disappoint me. Zoella’s expression was stiff and cold, as she ordered slowly, word for word to Liya.”

“Hearing Zoella’s voice, which sounded like a devil’s, Liya’s face instantly turned pale.”

“So, that wasn’t the end, but it was the beginning of her nightmare?”

“No, she screamed. Liya thought that if Zoella wanted her to serve Oscar like that, she might as well just kill her. Then, she desperately resisted with angry eyes.”

That’s not up to you to decide. Zoella sneered coldly.

I'm going to sue you. You've committed a crime. Liya finally came to her senses and spoke in a stern manner.

"Sue me? That's great. Zoella showed a ferocious smile. She slowly walked to the sofa, picked up the remote control, and gently pressed a button to turn on the TV on the wall. Then a dirty scene appeared on the screen."

"A naked man and woman appeared on the screen. The scene of her being played by Oscar was replayed bit by bit, which was really unsightly. Every part of her body was exposed, and there were even all kinds of disgusting copulation positions. Even when she had passed out or when she was tied up, she was forced to do all kinds of triggering actions."

Ah! It was too terrifying. Liya covered her eyes and screamed in pain. She didn't dare to watch any longer.

Zoella coldly looked at the screen with a hostile and mocking smug.

She slowly pressed down on the remote control's on/off button.

She turned around.

"If you don't listen to me, I will upload this video onto the Internet. You can imagine the consequences, right? She threatened him. ""Of course, if you are obedient, I will fulfill your wish and let you become Calvin's second wife, and you will be able to live a better life than other people.""

Liya's entire body was trembling violently.

"After being played like that by Oscar, how could she become Calvin's second wife!"

"If he had known about that, he definitely wouldn't marry her."

"Don't worry. As long as you are obedient, I won't leak the video. You are still the same old Liya. Calvin will not know it either. That way, you can continue to fulfill your dream of being Mrs. Harvey. Zoella stared at the hand she stretched out and gently stroked the back of the hand with her other hand. She then blew on the blood-red nails on her fingertips and smiled. ""Rest assured, Calvin would definitely not touch a woman like you. So, even if you become his second wife, he will not know that your body is not chaste.""

"No, don't do this, Zoella. Liya sat there in a daze for a moment and panicked when she finally understood what was going on. She put on her clothes in a hurry, climbed to Zoella's feet, hugged her legs, and pleaded. ""Zoella, please, let me go. I don't want to live like this. I can't serve that man. I will really die if this goes on.""

"Hmph. Zoella sneered and kicked her away. She said impatiently, ""If you don't want to serve him, do you want me to serve him? Let me tell you. You have no choice in this matter. You must obey it, no matter what. If you have the ability, then make him detest you as soon as possible.""

"At that point, Zoella didn't look at her anymore. She left."

Liya collapsed on the floor with a pale face.

## Chapter 506

The summer sun shone through the dense green trees outside the window and fell onto Kate's face and body. She was sitting in a wheelchair and was very sad.

"Belle did not listen to her advice and insisted on reconciling with Calvin. Not long after, Calvin was plagued with nasty rumors. The fact that he was going to take a second wife was a hot topic in the newspapers."

"In the face of her criticism, Calvin stated his opinion frankly."

This made Kate feel sad and distressed.

"So far, Hudson and Paige had never given her a direct answer. So, she had no choice but to wait. More importantly, even her daughter had no movements anymore. It was as if she had already accepted reality. Also, since Belle last returned to her parents' home and stayed for a few days, she hadn't called Kate to speak about this matters."

"Kate's hair had already started to turn gRhyS, and there were more and more wrinkles on her face."

"Ever since Ethan's untimely death, her life had taken a huge turn."

"All of her strength and stocism were relative to Ethan's, but she was extremely vulnerable when it came to her daughter's happiness, to the point where she couldn't even bear the slightest bit of frustration."

Her worries about Belle were the cause of her white hair.

"She went to the corner of the study with her wheelchair, where an exquisite wooden box was placed on top of a bookcase."

"With trembling hands, she reached out to pick up the wooden box."

The rims of her eyes turned moist.

"She gently caressed the wooden box. Although the box was exquisite, it was obviously an antique ornament. The design and decorations were both simple and unsophisticated, which were incompatible with modern trends."

She slowly opened the box lid.

An exquisitely faded jade fan was laying in the wooden box.

Kate slowly took it out with a sorrowful look on her face.

Her eyes looked empty and blurry.

She carefully opened the jade fan.

"It was a jade fan from a few centuries ago. The middle part had already faded and was embroidered with a vivid red plum. The handle of the jade fan was inlaid with rare jewelry, and there was a poem on it."

This was a verse adapted from one of the poets of the past's collection of poems.

Kate silently read out that poem with a few tears streaming down her face.

"She had never seen her mother before. It seemed that ever since she could remember things, the concept of a mother was never engraved in her mind. Later on, from her father's words, she learnt that her mother had already separated from her father when she was only one year old and had never come back since then."

"Nevertheless, when she was ten years old, her father had depression, and he passed away soon after."

"In his last moments, he passed that wooden box to her."

"He told her that it was the only thing that her mother had left behind, and he wanted her to keep it as a memento."

"As for her mother, she did not have any feelings for her. Ever since she was young, the word 'mother', that made everyone feel warm, was empty and cold to her. She did not even have the least bit of good impression of her."

"After her father died, Bailey always stayed by her side. Only when she married Ethan did she attain happiness. Later on, she gave birth to a daughter, and she gave her lifelong love to her daughter, hoping that she could be happy."

"Nonetheless, her daughter's happiness came too fast and had disappeared just as quickly."

"It was as if everything was fated to happen. Even so, Kate did not complain about life. Her only wish was that her daughter could be happy."

"Madam Kate, it's time to take your medication. When Bailey walked in and saw that Kate was staring blankly at the wooden box with a sorrowful face, she couldn't help but to sigh and speak with distress."

"Recently, Kate liked to stare at that wooden box in a daze. Usually, she would stare at it for a few hours, and when she did that, she would immerse herself in it wholeheartedly and forget her surroundings."

"Bailey understood what she was thinking. She was too lonely and missed her mother too much. If it weren't for that, she wouldn't have focused all of her attention on Belle too."

"Ever since she learnt that Calvin was going to take a second wife, she became even more worried. She would either stare blankly at the wooden box, or hug Ethan's portrait in a daze, sometimes for hours."

It was not until Bailey repeated herself a few times that Kate finally came back to her senses.

She retrieved the medication from Bailey and took it silently.

"Madam Kate, I'll wheel you downstairs for a walk. Bailey was really worried that Kate would get sick from depression. After all, she had just recovered from her kidney disease, and her current state wasn't good for her recuperation. Bailey then waited for Kate to finish taking the medicine and mentioned it with a smile."

“There’s no need for that. Bailey, please ask Belle to come back if she’s free. I have something to say to her. Kate shook her head.”

Okay. Bailey nodded and agreed.

“Seeing that Bailey was going to make a phone call, Kate returned to her own world.”

“In the dense jungle, several dark shadows gradually approached a small house.”

The man who took the lead kicked open the door vigorously.

“Don’t move, Aron shouted in a low voice.”

“A musty smell entered his nose, and he couldn’t help but to frown at the smell.”

There was no movement in the room.

Aron slowly walked in with a gun in his hand.

“Mr. Harvey, there’s no one here. Aron glanced at that narrow and damp space, but he couldn’t see anyone.”

“Wearing a bulletproof vest, Calvin followed closely behind. Under his thick, sword-like eyebrows was a pair of cold, sharp eyes.”

“Are you sure it’s here? Calvin raised his eyebrows, expressing his doubt.”

“That’s right. It should be, Luca answered convincingly, looking around the room.”

“For the past few days, he had been tracking around there and was sure that there was a group of people there. He shouldn’t be wrong.”

Calvin frowned as a dark expression flashed across his entire face.

“According to the information he had received, although Evan had fallen into the hands of terrorists, he was still under Reid’s control. Nevertheless, it won’t be long. So, he had to make a move.”

“Mr. Harvey, someone is coming. Aron was very alert. He said in a low voice and immediately perked up his ears.”

Everyone’s nerves tightened in an instant and they listened carefully.

“There were footsteps coming that way, and the sound was very heavy. It was a man who was humming.”

“Calvin gave Aron and the others a look, and he instantly pressed himself against the wall. Aron and Luca nodded and quickly moved to the side to stay hidden too.”

“Reid, Reid. A man’s voice rang outside.”

There was no movement in the room.

The man reached out to push the door open and stepped in.

Don’t move. The black muzzle of a gun was pointed at him.

“Spare me. The man was shocked at first, but he soon understood what was going on. He hurriedly raised his hands and cried out in panic.”

Kneel down. Aron’s voice was very cold and fierce.

“The man knelt down with his hands on his head, and his whole body was shaking.”

Where’s Reid? Calvin asked in a stern voice.

“After observing for a while, the middle-aged man was the only one who came. He was wearing a headscarf, a flowery shirt, and shorts. He looked like an M Countryn.”

I don’t know. The man’s voice was trembling as he answered.

It turned out that he was European.

Calvin heaved a sigh of relief.

Don’t play any tricks. Tell me the truth. Where is Reid? Luca smiled coldly and kicked him hard. “I’ll kill you if you can’t give me an answer.”

“Sir, I really don’t know. Luca’s kick landed on his waist, and the man squealed like a pig in pain.”

Aron became impatient. He reached out his hand and moved the man’s hair up. He then pointed the gun at the man’s temple and was ready to shoot him.

That man would die immediately once he pulled the trigger.

The man’s face turned pale with fright.

“What about it? Tell me honestly. If not, I’ll immediately take your worthless life. Calvin crossed his arms around his chest as he looked coldly at him.”

“Sir, I’m just following Reid to earn some extra money. I really don’t know where they usually are, the man answered.”

“Then, why are you here today? Calvin asked matter-of-factly.”

“Sir, Reid said that he was going to deliver a batch of goods, and he asked me to come over to help. But I met you guys as soon as I came over. The man did not dare to hide anything, and he explained sincerely.”

What kind of goods are they? Calvin asked while furrowing his brows.

Speak. Luca kicked the man’s chest.

“Upon being kicked, the man cried in pain. ““Sir, recently, Reid’s men caught a useful person. They said that the man a the master of the famous Harvey family in A City, and that they could use him to exchange for a lot of money. Moreover, the other party had already offered a price, and they were planning to send that man to another place today, that was why he asked me to come over. Since the reward is very high, I chose to help out, since I also wanted to make a living. But now, it seems that Reid has changed his mind, or he is not in good shape today. So, they’re not sending the goods today.”””

Where's that man? Where are you guys sending him to?

"When Calvin heard that, he immediately barked out a stern question, when he thought that his explanation was probable."

"Sir, I really don't know anything, as I met you as soon as I came here. Please forgive me, Sir. I am really just a small fry. I just follow orders to earn some money. I don't know anything else. Sir, I still have a family. Please let me go. The man's face was pale, and he kept begging for mercy."

Could it be that Reid had changed his mind?

Or had he already moved Evan elsewhere in exchange for money?

"At the thought of that, Calvin instantly had a bad feeling."

"If you can provide me with some valuable information, I might consider letting you go. Otherwise, I have no choice but to send you to the police immediately. Calvin was not willing to return empty-handed. From the information he received, Reid was going to transfer Evan to a local organization in a war-embroiled country. Once he sent Evan there, the consequences would be unimaginable."

"That was a place where there was war all year long. Let alone saving people, even if he sent his men there, they might not be able to return alive. What was more, it was a war regarding complicated religious beliefs that involved cruel terrorists."

"He wanted to save Evan before that happened. That was his top priority, and he had to fight for time, at the very least."

"The fact that Evan was still under Reid's control right then was a good opportunity. No matter what, he could not lose that opportunity to save him."

"Sir, I remember that Reid likes to go to a casino in the city. If they canceled their plans, then they would definitely be at the casino. Reid is good at gambling. After hearing Calvin's condition, the man thought for a while and told him some of the little information he knew."

"Casino? A streak of white light flashed through Calvin's mind. He pondered for a moment, and then nodded at Aron."

"I'll let you go today. You better stop doing this. If I see you next time, I'll kill you directly, Aron shouted at him and kicked him to the ground again."

Let's go. Calvin ordered in a deep voice. The group of people guarded Calvin as they walked towards the off-road vehicle outside the forest.

"Soon, the off-road vehicle started and zoomed straight towards the direction of the city."

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In a luxurious apartment in A City.

"The hot air was filled with the smell of cigarettes and sweat. At the end of the corridor, a wall was blocking a pool table that was five or six meters long, and the game was broadcast on an HDTV screen."

“The goons were smiling as they showed their cards. Meanwhile, a woman in a miniskirt could be seen serving the gamblers drinks.”

“When Calvin arrived there with Luca and Aron, the game was at its climax.”

He scanned the place with his stern eyes. There were indeed quite a few men who were immersed in a gambling session in the casino. He was searching for Reid.

“At that time, there were piles of money, property ownership documents, gold, silver, and jewelry on the gambling table.”

“A lot of gamblers cursed their bad fortune, as they took the wrong bet, and their curses rose one after another.”

“Mr. Harvey, should we call the police? The bald middle-aged man in the middle who’s wearing a silk top is Reid. Aron’s eyes flashed as he quietly approached Calvin and asked.”

“Call the police? Of course, they couldn’t do that.”

“An underground casino such as this already had its own connections. If they called the police, they might’ve all escaped, even before the police came, since they had snuck in while pretending to be gamblers.”

“At that time, Calvin was wearing a cap and a black t-shirt. In addition to the fact that only half his face was exposed, it was really hard to tell that he was the boss of a big organization.”

“Right then, he neither wanted to get into trouble, nor did he want to alert the enemy. Therefore, he didn’t intend to call the police, as he didn’t think that the police could solve the problem.”

He slowly approached Reid.

“As if he were a psychic, Reid suddenly sensed the presence of a dangerous aura. He then raised his head and instantly met Calvin’s deep and stern eyes under the cap. Then, he panicked and tried to escape.”

“Don’t move. Calvin quickly clasped the pressure points on Reid’s arm, and he couldn’t move at all.”

“Come with me. Aron ordered in a low and muffled voice, as he pointed a gun at Reid’s waist.”

“Reid’s face turned pale, and he quickly stood up, but he quickly regained his composure and followed them, as if nothing had happened.”

“The gamblers next to them were still engrossed in the game. So, they did not notice what was happening at all.”

“In a storage room nearby, Calvin’s deeply furrowed eyebrows and his sharp, expressionless face looked very cold. His gaze was very sharp too.”

“Reid, on the other hand, stood there calmly, looking as if he didn’t care what was going on.”

“Calvin, is this how you treat your uncle? Reid asked in an enigmatic tone as he blinked his small eyes.”

Stop this nonsense. Aron took a step forward again and shouted at him.

“Calvin’s cold eyes shot a freezing gaze. He then took a deep breath and shook his head at Aron, indicating him not to be too excited.”

“Where is Evan? Calvin asked, as he stared at Reid’s face, which was covered with pockmarks.”

“Haha. Reid glared at him fiercely, yet he showed a smug smile instead. “”As for him, you don’t need to worry. He’s not dead yet, but I locked him up.”””

Reid looked very pleased with himself. He wasn’t worried about his current situation at all. It was as if the one being kidnapped was not him but Calvin instead.

“Release him. How much do you want? I’ll pay you, Calvin said with a deadpan expression, staring at him.”

Reid chuckled instead.

“Mr. Harvey, I really don’t care about the money, as his value right now can’t be measured with money anymore.”

What do you mean? Calvin’s heart skipped a beat.

“Let me tell you the truth. Let’s put the fact that Evan had killed my sister aside. Right now, he offended an important person. Furthermore, the headquarters in the war-torn country said that they wanted him. My current team is just a small one. So, if our leader wants him, there is nothing I can do. Therefore, right now, not only do I want his life, there are even greater people who want to make use of him. So, Calvin, do you think this problem could be solved with money? Reid lifted his head slightly and spoke arrogantly.”

That was indeed the case. Calvin had also heard of it!

“The basis of him still treating Calvin like that right then was entirely due to that reason. In fact, at that time, the only way to make sure of that fact was through his words.”

Who has he offended? What do the headquarters want him for? Calvin asked without changing his expression.

“Who has he offended? That’s none of my business. Anyway, he’s a big shot, and the headquarters want to use him as a hostage. Reid laughed.”

“That’s good. Then, let me ask you. How can I get you to release Evan? Calvin began to feel anxious. Evan had to be rescued before Reid handed him over to his headquarters. Otherwise, there would be no hope anymore.”

“Calvin, why are you so anxious? Touching the beard on his chin, Reid calmly pushed aside the gun on his waist and said with a smirk, “”How could you point a gun at me? That’s so impolite. After all, I’m still Liya’s uncle. Aren’t you going to get married soon?”””

“These words pierced Calvin’s heart, causing his face to darken.”

Do you really think I’ll marry Liya? He laughed at him with a look of disdain on his face.

“Calvin, I don’t think that you will marry her, but you must. Reid’s face darkened. ““To tell you the truth, when I kidnapped Evan, I almost killed him, as he abandoned my sister and was the reason for her death. In fact, I don’t think it’s enough just to kill him, it’s just that you men of the Harvey family are really lucky, as Liya fell for you and wanted to marry you. So, I had no choice but to hold back my anger. I don’t care about anyone in my life other than Liya. She is my sister’s child. I care about her very much, and I want her to achieve happiness. That’s why I kept Evan alive and purposely delayed the matter of sending him over today. You knew that I was going to send him away today. So, think about it carefully whether you should marry Liya or not. I have already made it very clear to you.”””

Reid’s eyes gleamed with viciousness as he spoke.

“In that case, it’s still possible for you to release Evan, right? Calvin stared at him as he tightened his eyes. The light in his eyes was still the same as before.”

“Reid smiled sinisterly, and it seemed that he had a flawless plan. However, that was how Calvin wanted him to behave.”

“At the very least, that showed that there was still hope for Evan to be saved.”

“So, do you really think that Liya will attain happiness after marrying me? He asked in a deep voice again, ““I already have a woman I love.”””

“Reid was slightly stunned, but he quickly understood what was going on. Suddenly, he laughed.”

“Calvin, Liya will definitely be happy. If she marries you, she will be a part of your family. I want her to have a wonderful life and be among the echelon of society. If you dare to treat her badly, I still have my ways to make you treat her well. Moreover, I think she will be very happy that way. Reid smiled and declared shamelessly.”

Calvin’s face tensed up and he smiled sinisterly.

“Reid, sure, Evan is my uncle. But my family is a prestigious one. So, what about Evan? I can still treat it as if I didn’t know something happened to him. However, Liya is living in Harvey Manor right now, which means that she is in my hands. If you can control Evan, I can also control Liya too. If you really want to act like this, then I won’t let her go either. At that time, Calvin put on a fTristaness expression.”

“To everyone’s surprise, Reid smiled lightly.”

“Mr. Harvey, you are well-known throughout the world. If you don’t treat Liya well, or if something happens to her, then the whole world will turn their attention to you. Moreover, if such a big family like the Harvey family went to court for such a minor matter, then you will have to face a lot of trouble, but as for me, I’m just a punk, a small leader of a terrorist organization. If I kill Evan, then no one will be able to find me. I live in the shadows, and I’m very different from you. You can live a brilliant life, but I can only hide in the dark. If you’re willing to go against me, then do it. I don’t care. At worst, Liya won’t be able to marry you, but you can’t kill her. As for me, I can kill Evan without hesitation. I think you should be clear about such differences, also, I am ready to fight with you to the end.”

“Calvin’s white face was tense. He had his fists clenched, and his eyes looked very terrifying.”

“So, you’d better cooperate with me. I might even send Evan back for Liya’s sake. After all, we’re relatives. Reid laughed calmly.”

“Just like that, Calvin calmed down, after a brief moment.”

“Reid, you should know the fate of your sister in Harvey Manor. Sure, you kidnapped Evan, but I’m sure you understand how much power you have. Someone like you might die any day. As for Liya, she’s just a woman. Even if you force me to marry her, her life may not turn out to be good either, since it all depends on me. Therefore, since you’re a smart person, you should treat me nicely and not use Evan to threaten me, if you really care about your niece and want her to lead a good life. Things will turn south if you threaten me, as everything goes hand in hand with each other.”

“Surely enough, after those words, Reid also understood Calvin’s logic, and his attitude became much better.”

“Seeing the change in Reid’s attitude, Calvin was secretly alarmed. It seemed that he really liked his sister, Elsie.”

“How about this? Take Liya as your official wife. Then, I will send Evan back to you. After that, we don’t owe each other anything, and become relatives. Isn’t that good? He sighed softly, but his demand was shameless.”

This man even wanted Liya to be his official wife.

Calvin gritted his teeth and could not suppress the terrifying light in his eyes anymore.

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“Reid, you really don’t f\*cking know the vast difference between heaven and earth. Belle will be my only wife. This is proven to be true by the law and the rule of my family that Harvey Manor agreed on. No one can change it. Also, is Liya qualified to be my wife? Even if she becomes my second wife, she is already considered extremely lucky. Calvin sneered again and again as he spoke sarcastically.”

“Upon hearing that, Reid’s gaze darkened. Indeed, with Liya’s status, she could at most become Calvin’s second wife, and the fact that she would be Calvin’s second wife was in the newspapers too. If she were to become Calvin’s legal wife by coercion, the difference would be too great. Calvin’s face right at the moment was very terrifying. If he were to anger that man, then the one who would suffer would still be Liya.”

“Furthermore, Liya’s marriage to Calvin as the second wife had already been agreed upon long ago. It would be very unrealistic to change it right then.”

“Therefore, he put away his frivolity and spoke very solemnly.”

“Calvin, you have to know that a lot of people want Evan right now. Also, my headquarters specifically stated that they wanted him. If I give him to you now, it’ll mean that I’m risking my life to do something for the Harvey family. If helping you save Evan means that you’ll take Liya as your second wife, then I have no words for it. But if you don’t treat Liya well, I won’t let you guys off. What I did to Evan in the past is a lesson.”

“Calvin stared at him with his extremely gloomy face that was as dark as pitch, but he did not say a word.”

“It’s very simple. I’ll send Evan back the day you marry Liya. As this is a trade, I don’t want to hear anything else anymore, Reid said seriously, shrugging his shoulders. Immediately after, he smiled at Calvin whose face was dark. “”Mr. Harvey, you’re handsome and rich. It’s no wonder that so many women like you. You’re such a lucky guy, but I have to tell you. Don’t even think about finding Evan. It’s impossible. I know that you’re powerful, but I haven’t lived for so long for nothing either. I’ll repeat it again. I’m just someone at the bottom of society. So, Evan’s life is much more important than mine. If you go back on your word one day, I’ll immediately send Evan to the headquarters for a huge sum of money. If things get to that point, then there’s no turning back anymore.”””

“As Reid spoke, he ignored the expression on everyone’s face at all and just stood up with a swagger.”

Aron and Luca pulled out their pistols.

“Upon seeing that, Reid chuckled, showing no signs of fear.”

Calvin’s face was flushed red as he furrowed his eyebrows. Even the blue veins on his arm could be seen clearly.

“However, he shook his head and motioned them to let him go.”

“By the way, I don’t have much time. You’d better think about it carefully. I’ve already given you the opportunity. So, you can just send someone over to inform me, once you’ve decided on it. There’s nothing I can do if you’re too late. When Reid reached the door, he turned around and reminded them.”

“As he spoke, he strutted out of the room.”

Calvin and the rest watched helplessly as he left.

The blazing sun scorched the ground.

The weather was getting warmer day by day.

“Rosa felt very comfortable that day. That was because she didn’t bump into Liya during work, and she didn’t have many tasks to do either. She left work in a good mood while humming a song and went straight to Harvey Manor.”

“That day, she promised Jerry that she would teach him how to swim.”

“Although Jerry was quite mature for his age, he was afraid of water. He still couldn’t manage to learn how to swim, even after hiring a coach to teach him for some time. Therefore, Rosa wanted to teach him how to swim by herself that day.”

“Harvey Manor had two swimming pools, an indoor pool and an outdoor pool.”

“Everyone would usually use the outdoor swimming pool during summer. During the warmer parts of the year, the housekeeper would order people to change the water in the pool. The water used in Harvey Manor was from a pipe that was connected to a water reservoir near the city center. Not far

away from the reservoir was a mountain purchased by the Harvey family to build a dam. That was why the water they used was unpolluted and of good quality.”

“Back then, Hudson favored the quality of the water at that location and was also worried about the development of the city in the near future. Thus, he resolved the Harvey Manor’s water supply issue as soon as possible.”

The water in the swimming pool was from the mountains as well. That was why it was crystal clear and one could even see the bottom of the pool.

“After Rosa brought Jerry over, the big swimming pool became lively again.”

“There were not many people in the swimming pool, as every room in Harvey Manor already had its own private pool. The only difference was that the public swimming pool was huge and close to Central Island. So, it was very enjoyable to be able to swim in it.”

“Rosa deliberately chose that place. After changing into swimwear and swimming a few laps in the pool, she finally felt refreshed. The weather on that day was overwhelmingly hot.”

“Jerry, come down. After she swam a few laps, she stood at the shallow end of the pool and called out to Jerry. That day, she was going to teach him how to swim on her own.”

“Although Jerry was envious of Rosa’s ability to swim freely in the water, he still wasn’t willing to go into the pool.”

Rosa shook her head and was about to swim to the edge to carry Jerry down into the water.

“All of a sudden, a strong and large hand reached out from underwater, picked her up by the waist, and quickly swam towards the deeper area.”

“When she was about to shout, her lips were suddenly blocked by warm, red lips. The strong hand held her tightly and brought her close to his sturdy and muscular physique. His tongue pried her lips open in no time and plundered in her mouth as he pleased.”

“Her entire body was underwater, with her breath taken away by the man’s kiss. She smelled the man’s pheromones, as her mind started to rumble and feel muddled.”

“Subconsciously, she knew that it was Martin.”

This d\*mn brat!

How dare he ambush her underwater?

“At present, Martin had gone insane, as he hugged and kissed her in an affectionate and domineering manner at the same time. They continued that way in the water with endless passion, to the point that even Rosa forgot to get mad.”

“Rosa, I love you. After he had enough of kissing her, Martin held onto Rosa and swam on his back. She lay on his chest and heard him murmuring softly in her ear.”

Rosa felt that she must’ve misheard it.

“Her first kiss was with Martin. So, she had no experience with other men at all. Due to that, Martin’s forceful actions and confession caused her heart to beat faster and make a mess in her mind, to the point that she couldn’t even react properly, as she didn’t know how to deal with it at all.”

“Rosa, I’m leaving for Los Angeles tomorrow. You’re not allowed to have a boyfriend for one year. Just wait for me. I’ll definitely have a successful career, and I’ll go to Capital City to meet General Perry to propose to marry you. You can’t escape, and you belong to me in this lifetime. Martin turned over to hold her up and allowed her to lean against the left side of his chest, to listen to his heartbeat, saying clearly in her ear, “”I’ll definitely make your father accept me. Also, you must stay in the Harvey Group during your whole summer vacation. I’ll come back to be by your side if I have the time.”””

“After saying those words, Martin stroked her slightly bewildered face with his hand and kissed her eyes that held a dazed gaze. Then, he smiled at her gently and let her go, turning around and plunging into the water. Soon, Rosa, who was in a stupor, saw Martin’s slender figure climbing up the ladder at the other side of the pool, turned around, waved towards her dashing, and left.”

“After Martin left, he put on his coat and headed straight for the airport.”

“Rosa was dumbfounded, and she merely stood in the water.”

“Even after Martin disappeared from her sight, she still couldn’t believe what had happened just then.”

She shook her head.

“She then pinched her thigh. From the pain she felt, she was sure that she wasn’t dreaming!”

Martin whispered his decision in her ear with his gentle and magnetic voice sweetly.

Did she agree to it?

“No, he didn’t even ask for her opinion. Furthermore, when he said that, he was charming, confident, and she couldn’t even see a fraction of the man he used to be.”

That made Rosa feel like she was dreaming.

“D\*mn it, how dare he force a kiss on her?”

“Just when Rosa was thinking about Martin’s breath, which still lingered in her mouth, she came back to her senses in an instant and hurriedly spat out her saliva, rinsing her mouth with the water in the swimming pool.”

“She didn’t know if the water felt sugary or it was because she had eaten one of Jerry’s candies just then. All in all, sweetness filled up her mouth at that moment.”

“Her face was blushing like a ripe plum, and her heart was pounding violently, as if it was going to jump out of her body. Moreover, she couldn’t even bear to get angry at him.”

She stood dumbstruck in the water for a long time.

Jerry was very bored after waiting at the edge of the pool for a long while. He picked up a lifebuoy that was on the ground and played with it.

“Auntie Fairy is really disloyal. I’m sure she was still swimming just now, but in a blink of an eye, she disappeared and abandoned me just like that! Jerry pursed his lips and snorted discontentedly.”

“A figure slowly approached him from behind. Jerry, who was engaged in playing with the lifebuoy, didn’t notice that someone was closing in behind him.”

“Liya’s eyes were drifting, and her face was pale. It was such a hot day, but she was wearing something with long sleeves, as if she was a wandering ghost.”

“The night before, she was almost crippled by Oscar. She really couldn’t stand such a blow. After leaving the private lounge in the Sky Blue Restaurant, she neither dared to go home, nor did she dare go to the Harvey Group for work. Therefore, she chose to stay in a hotel. After a night’s sleep, it was already afternoon when she woke up. She really didn’t want to see Oscar anymore, as she kept recalling how Oscar tortured her.”

“Whenever she thought of Zoella’s words, she would tremble all over, but she knew that she must obey Oscar’s orders.”

She could be humiliated by him at any time.

What should she do?

“She had been staying in the hotel for half a day. Upon realizing how terrifying Zoella was, she knew that she couldn’t let things go on that way. Otherwise, she would be done for.”

She had to speed up the plan.

“At present, the only one who could save her was probably Calvin.”

“Taking advantage of the fact that Calvin knew nothing about the truth, she had to pick up speed. The only effective plan, for now, was to get the evidence Zoella used to frame Belle, so that Calvin would marry her.”

“As long as Calvin married her, she wouldn’t need to be scared of Zoella and Oscar anymore. She thought, as long as Calvin wasn’t threatened anymore, he could destroy Zoella in an instant.”

She really believed that Calvin had the ability to do so.

“She didn’t care whether the recording would be exposed or not, as it was better than being tortured to death by Oscar.”

“Sometimes, people had to find a way to save themselves.”

“Just like that, she made up her mind to get the evidence Zoella used to frame Belle as soon as possible.”

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“Liya was the one who gave Zoella, Belle’s fingerprints, and she was also the one who tried to frame Belle when she was working on the online workshop. Although she didn’t do it alone, she was still the one who personally gave it to Zoella. That day at Zoella’s house, she accidentally turned around when she was about to leave and coincidentally saw where Zoella had put it.”

“After making up her mind just like that, she left. She walked aimlessly and arrived at Harvey Manor.”

“The gatekeeper of Harvey Manor knew that she was Calvin’s future second wife. So, he let her in.”

“Liya then got on the electric vehicle, and made her way to the pool when she heard laughter coming from its direction.”

“When she looked up, she saw Jerry playing alone by the pool.”

The dark side of her heart broke out at once.

“Why should she be tortured while Belle could live happily as the head of the household of Harvey Manor, be doted on by Calvin, and have everyone’s respect?”

“As for Liya, she had been treated with contempt ever since she was a child, seen many sides of humanity, and been through poverty.”

“In a frenzy, she wanted to push Jerry.”

“Jerry was absorbed in playing with the lifebuoy, and he didn’t notice that someone was trying to push him from behind. It wasn’t until the pair of hands from behind had pushed him, did he realize that he had lost his balance and was about to fall into the pool. He was shocked.”

“Auntie Fairy, Mom, save me. Jerry was very smart. At such a young age, he already knew that someone had set him up. Just as he was about to fall into the swimming pool, he let out a miserable cry desperately.”

“Rosa was lost in her thoughts just then, but when she heard Jerry’s cry all of a sudden, she was shocked and knew that a bad thing had happened. Next, she heard a loud splash and when she looked up, she saw that someone was standing by the pool.”

“As soon as she saw who that person was, her face turned pale with fear.”

Liya was standing there and staring at the surface of the water with a devilish expression.

“Following waves of splashes, Jerry began to struggle in the water.”

Jerry had fallen into the water! He had been pushed by that vicious woman!

“That thought only remained in Rosa’s mind for a second, as she immediately shrieked and swam towards Jerry, who was drowning.”

“Fortunately, he was in an area where the water wasn’t too deep. Rosa found Jerry in no time and picked him up.”

“At that time, Jerry had already swallowed a few mouthfuls of water, and his face turned pale.”

“Jerry, Jerry! Rosa cried out in a panic. She leaned Jerry forward and rubbed his back. After throwing up a lot of water, he recovered from his shock and began to cry.”

“At that moment, the few people by the swimming pool and the workers nearby hurriedly ran over when they heard Jerry’s crying.”

“That was the sound of Jerry’s cries, the heir to the Harvey Group. So, everyone was nervous.”

“Auntie Fairy, this wicked woman pushed me into the water. Jerry clung onto Rosa and cried miserably.”

“Grab hold of that wicked woman for me. Rosa had long come to that conclusion. The rage in her chest rose rapidly, as she ordered the surrounding workers.”

The workers soon surrounded her.

Rosa carried Jerry up the pool ladder and moved him to the ground quickly.

“You b\*tch! You’re asking for death! How dare you do such a wicked thing! After Rosa got out of the pool, she rushed forward and slapped Liya on the face while cursing in anger.”

“Liya’s eyes were lifeless, and it seemed that she hadn’t come back to her senses as she merely stood still in a daze.”

“Rosa slapped her so hard that she suddenly blacked out, and almost fell down.”

“Ah, isn’t this the other woman whom Mr. Harvey is going to marry?”

“Yes, it turns out that she really isn’t a good woman, as she tried to harm Jerry even before she got married.”

“This is Elsie’s illegitimate daughter, who used to work in a nightclub. So, how good is she going to be?”

Isn’t this woman trying to hook up with Mr. Harvey just for status? How can she do such a thing even before getting married? I think that there’ll be one more Lexie in Harvey Manor from now on.

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“The surrounding workers pointed at Liya, as they talked among themselves.”

“Jerry cried in an aggrieved manner at the side, and Rosa was so angry that her face flushed red as she hugged and comforted him.”

“What’s going on? Just as everyone was chatting amongst themselves, they heard a cold and majestic voice.”

Everyone was shocked and they hurriedly turned around.

“Belle was standing behind them, with Larry and another nanny next to her. She was calm and dignified. Although she heard Jerry crying, she didn’t panic. Belle knew that something must’ve happened when she saw that there were so many people there.”

“She was the head of the household. That was why she couldn’t panic, no matter what. Even if she was in the face of her crying son, she still had to keep calm.”

“The crowd suddenly quieted down, and everyone moved out of the way.”

“Greetings, Madam. They all greeted Belle respectfully.”

Belle nodded.

“Belle, you came just at the right time. This woman actually dared to come to Harvey Manor, and just now, she wanted to harm Jerry by pushing him into the pool. This is too much. When Rosa saw Belle, she hurried over with Jerry in her arms and chided Liya angrily.”

That woman was too evil and vicious!

Mom. Jerry cried even harder when he saw Belle. He cried loudly and stretched his arms out to her.

“Jerry’s entire body was drenched, and no one could tell whether he was wet from the water or tears. His face was covered in tears, and his lips pouted, as he cried in fear and sadness. When he saw Belle, his cries turned worse.”

“Upon seeing that, Belle’s heart sank and her expression changed. She reached out to take Jerry, examined his body, and brushed against his facial features and his forehead. Seeing that he was crying loudly and clearly, she knew that he must have been unharmed. Therefore, she ordered Larry, who was by her side, to bring him back quickly, change his clothes, and then send him to Ink Garden’s infirmary for a check-up after she had comforted him.”

“Seeing Jerry in such a sorry state, Larry had long been anxious. Upon receiving the order, he held on to Jerry and hurried off.”

“Alright, you guys can go back to work. After Jerry left, Belle instructed the surrounding workers.”

“When everyone saw that Jerry was fine and that Belle was ordering them to leave, the crowd could only scatter away.”

“Belle, we definitely can’t let this girl marry into the family. She’s so terrible to the point that she even holds grudges towards children. We must tell Calvin about this matter. Rosa was furious. She pointed at Liya and urged Belle.”

“Belle’s face darkened, and she looked at Liya with her bright eyes.”

“At the time, Liya’s face was pale, and the slap mark Rosa gave her was clearly imprinted on her face. Her hair was tousled, and she was not wearing any revealing clothes. The main thing she noticed was that her eyes were dull, and her expression was very numb. She looked traumatized, as though her soul had left her body.”

Her current behavior was far different from her usual cunning and coquettish behavior.

“At that time, she looked completely lost and distracted, as if she had no idea what she was doing.”

“Belle was surprised, and there was a trace of suspicion in her eyes.”

“However, she only looked at her coldly.”

“Liya, why did you push my son into the water? What was your purpose? Belle’s face turned cold, and she asked in a dignified tone.”

“At that time, she was the head of the household of Harvey Manor, the one with the highest authority. As long as she gave the order, guards would immediately come forward to drive Liya, who had harmed

Jerry, out of Harvey Manor, or take her to the security room to be interrogated, or even hand her over to the police.”

“After all, the person she harmed was Jerry, the sole heir to Harvey Manor for now. No one could tolerate such behaviour.”

“No, I didn’t push him. It wasn’t me. When Liya’s eyes met Belle’s dignified and calm gaze, she panicked and hurriedly waved her hand, speaking incoherently.”

“Although Belle’s expression was grim, she was secretly astonished.”

“Liya’s behaviour that day was abnormal. At that moment, she was neither eloquent, nor was she as cunning as she looked. In fact, she could even be considered extremely flustered. Belle could vaguely feel that she was acting a little strange, but she couldn’t tell why.”

“You’re lying. I saw it with my own eyes. There’s no one else here except you, Rosa shouted angrily.”

Liya curled her body up and lowered her head. Her fringe was covering her nervous eyes.

“Belle pondered for a while before saying, “”Rosa, go and help me see how Jerry is doing. I still have something to discuss with her.”””

“Rosa was hesitant. “”Belle, I know you’re kind-hearted, but you shouldn’t let this woman go so easily. You should use this opportunity to convince Calvin to give up on marrying her.”””

“Don’t worry, I know how to deal with this. Belle comforted her with a smile.”

Alas. Rosa couldn’t resist Belle’s persuasion and had no choice but to shake her head and leave first. Belle actually comforted her when it was her son who was the victim!

“Remember, don’t let her go so easily. Rosa felt very helpless. Before she left, she reminded Belle in a low voice.”

Belle smiled slightly and nodded.

“Once Rosa left, Belle and Liya were the only people left by the swimming pool.”

They looked at each other with their eyes full of hostility.

Liya calmed down quite a bit when she saw that everyone had left.

“She looked at Belle. She was wearing a dignified and posh dress, which was simple and graceful, with a fashionable hairstyle of a rich woman. Her bright and smooth forehead was shining with wisdom. In addition to that, she was emitting a calm, elegant aura, and the blissfulness on her face could be seen with a glance.”

The jealousy in her heart grew stronger and stronger.

“Both of them were women. Belle was respected and honored, but she was the opposite of her. Not only that, she had no self-respect and ended up being toyed with by a man like Oscar but couldn’t speak up even when she was furious.”

It was too unfair.

“As she thought about that, her eyes were filled with provocation and malice.”

“Why did you come to Harvey Manor? Seeing that Liya’s gaze gradually became sharp, Belle asked in a dignified manner.”

“What a joke. I’m about to marry into the family. So, why can’t I come to Harvey Manor? Calvin promised me that he’ll marry me soon. She lifted her chin slightly and answered in a proud manner.”

“Her words tugged at Belle’s heart, and a trace of pain flashed across Belle’s eyes.”

“Then, why did you push Jerry into the water? Did you want to use this opportunity to kill him? Upon mentioning Jerry and seeing how malicious Liya looked, the inexplicable feelings she had for her just then completely disappeared. Her eyes were stern. She was not going to let go of anyone who dared to hurt Jerry.”

“At that moment, Liya didn’t panic at all. She only smiled in a simpering manner.”

“Belle, I really didn’t push Jerry. I was just watching him play by the side, and he accidentally fell into the pool by himself. Besides, isn’t this a swimming pool? Isn’t it good to let him play in the pool? Look at how hot the weather is.”

“Liya said lightly as if she cared about nothing. As a result, Belle’s eyes grew colder and colder.”

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“No matter where we are, Jerry is just a three-year-old boy. You pushed him into the water because you wanted to kill him. This is completely different from him voluntarily wanting to play in the water. Say, if you have any opinions against me, then come straight at me. If you dare to do such a thing to Jerry again, I’ll definitely chase you out. Also, I certainly won’t let this matter slide just like that. I’ll absolutely tell Calvin, Belle said sternly with a grim face.”

“To think that a woman would lay her hands on a child, one could only imagine how vicious her heart was.”

“It was only then, did Liya come back to her senses. Belle was still in charge of this family. Not to mention that she was only a second wife Calvin had yet married, even if she married into the family in the future, she still had to be very careful, especially around Belle.”

“If Belle complained about such a matter, she wouldn’t even need to think of getting married to this family anymore.”

“Hudson’s warning from that day was still ringing in her ears. Especially in such a situation, it was terrible and unwise for her to have done such a thing. Just then, she was in a daze and her mind was a mess, and she regretted it after coming back to her senses right then.”

“At that moment, her anger diminished, and she lowered her head. She was alone in that house for now, as she had no one to rely on and speak up for her, including Calvin.”

“Understanding her disadvantage, the anger in her eyes completely subsided at once.”

“Belle, I really didn’t push Jerry. You have to trust me. He’s just a child. How can I bear to push him? Please forgive me. She pleaded in fear. Upon thinking about how Oscar tortured her, she was so afraid that she started to tremble. Her plan couldn’t be ruined just because of that one mistake.”

No.

Belle looked at her coldly and stepped forward.

Tell me. What’s your purpose in approaching Calvin? What exactly do you want? Why don’t you tell me today and let me hear it out?

“The changes in Liya’s expression did not escape Belle’s eyes. She was able to see through all the changes in Liya’s mind, as she then smiled coldly.”

“No, Belle, I have loved Calvin ever since I was young. I really don’t have any other ulterior motives. Hearing Belle’s question, Liya raised her fake expression, blinked her almond-shaped eyes and said innocently.”

That woman was fantastic at acting.

“Then, do you know what kind of fate and treatment you’ll be getting for being a second wife in such a prestigious family? Belle stared at her and continued to ask in a cold voice.”

“Liya’s shoulders trembled. She had a deeper understanding of that more than anyone else. Who could understand better than her about her mother’s death, the indifference and mistreatment both her mother and she had suffered through?”

“However, she was scared of poverty and understood that she needed much skill to get into modern prestigious families. After all, life was ever-changing. The statuses right then were all only temporary. No one could predict who Calvin was going to love after she married into the family. The main factor was that the glory and inheritance right was something that no other people could give her. It was also something that her family couldn’t obtain even after struggling for three generations. Therefore, she could not miss that opportunity. Compared with it, that slight grievance with the reputation was nothing!”

“I love Calvin, and I only want to be by his side. I don’t want anything else. Liya lifted her eyebrows and spoke firmly.”

“Since she was being toyed with by Oscar right then, she only wanted to get together with Calvin as fast as possible.”

“Belle’s heart seemed to have been cut by a sharp knife, and it was so painful that she frowned.”

There was a woman who wanted to be together with her husband at all costs. Should she be happy or sad?!

“That meant that her husband was excellent, wasn’t it?”

She stood there motionlessly with her eyes fixed on Liya.

“Liya stared at Belle. She saw the pain, struggle, worries, determination, and coldness in Belle’s eyes. It seemed as if Belle was overcoming the last struggle. Then, Belle said with a dignified, calm, and determined voice.”

“Since you’re so keen on wanting to be Calvin’s woman, I’ll grant your wish. Come, follow me.”

“After Belle made that decision, she turned around and walked outside.”

“After being surprised for a moment, Liya immediately understood what was going on. A hint of joy and anticipation welled up in her heart as she followed after Belle.”

Belle walked ahead in silence.

“The hot air, which was heavy and stuffy, blew at her.”

She could also hear the rumbling sound of thunder.

It looked like it was going to rain.

“Although it was summer, the old-fashioned buildings in the Ink Garden were surrounded by green and towering trees. The roof of the buildings was high and north-facing. Upon entering the Ink Garden, Liya and Belle were welcomed by the cool breeze.”

“That old-fashioned villa was designed by a famous architect from the past. In addition to its unique environment and geographical location, the villa was warm in the winter and cool in the summer. It was a very comfortable place.”

“When Liya was brought into that old-fashioned and gorgeous villa by Belle, her heart was pounding, and her eyes were filled with fear.”

“When she was very young, that villa was the centre of the political power of Harvey Manor. Behind its closed doors, it looked like a palace. As a child, she could only look up to it, as she did not have the chance to enter at all.”

“She remembered that her mother had been there once, and it was Evan who brought her in. Her mother was able to enter at that time due to the fact that she was pregnant with Evan’s child. She only went there once as she never had the right to go there anymore in the future.”

“Every time there was an event in the Ink Garden, she could only secretly hide outside and spectate. Liya had never dreamed that she would be able to enter that place.”

“Back then, Calvin was already very handsome and noble. He was the most precious treasure in the hearts of everyone in the Ink Garden and they would dote on him, especially the Harvey family’s Old Master Harvey and Old Madam. There was nothing Calvin couldn’t get, that Liya couldn’t ever dream of getting, be it his daily supplies or daily expenses.”

“At that time, he was the one and only idol she envied and couldn’t reach.”

“That day, Belle brought her into the Ink Garden while Calvin had already announced in the news that he was going to marry her. That made her feel flattered and overjoyed.”

“You’re here, Madam. When Ruth saw Belle, she welcomed her with a bright smile, but when she saw Liya behind her, her face darkened instantly, and she looked at Belle in confusion.”

Belle smiled gently.

Has Grandma eaten anything today? Belle asked softly.

“Yes. Grandma had a bowl of herbal soup today. It’s a good sign. Ruth smiled and replied, but she couldn’t stop sizing Liya up.”

Liya’s head was lowered in an obedient manner. She was behaving extremely careful and humble.

There was coldness and mockery in Ruth’s eyes. How could she bear to be Calvin’s second wife when her Mom had been chased out of Harvey Manor? She really was shameless.

What made her even more puzzled was that Belle took her to the Ink Garden to visit Sophia. This made Ruth very confused.

“Belle naturally understood Ruth’s thoughts. She merely smiled and said, ““Ruth, I’m bringing Liya to visit Grandma. Stay outside and look out for us.”””

“Ruth felt helpless, but she could only smile in reply, ““Alright, Madam, please go in.”””

“Just like that, Belle walked into Sophia’s bedroom with Liya.”

“What surprised Liya was that Sophia, who was highly respected in Harvey Manor, didn’t have a luxurious bedroom. Even though the furniture inside was still very expensive, they were all old-fashioned furniture. The bedroom was tidy and neat. The floor-to-ceiling windows were wide open and there was a cold breeze blowing in from the outside. The navy blue curtains in the room were also lifted slightly, making the room appear solemn.”

“Sophia was lying on the bed, resting with her eyes closed. Perhaps it was because somehow she was able to eat recently, her complexion looked slightly better.”

“Kneel down. Belle brought Liya to the front of Sophia’s bed. As soon as Liya approached and observed Sophia carefully, Belle immediately shouted at her in a low voice.”

“When she heard Belle’s shout, her initially anxious mind thought of the fact that she was toyed with by Oscar before, and she felt very guilty. So, she kneeled down almost immediately as she looked at Sophia.”

“Grandma, Belle whispered in Sophia’s ear.”

“Didn’t Sophia say that she had a regret? She told Belle before, and she remembered it. Sophia said that she would know how to deal with it when she met her in the future. Right then, Belle finally understood her words, and she knew what to do. Therefore, the reason she brought Liya there that day was to resolve Sophia’s regret.”

“After calling her a few times, Sophia opened her eyes. It took her a long time to realize that it was Belle and her eyes gleamed with starlight.”

“Sophia’s face was full of wrinkles and spots, with a head of grey hair. They were gifts that were left behind by the passage of time and also represented the last moments of her life.”

“Belle. She struggled to reach out her hand to grab Belle’s and cried out in a trembling voice, “”My good granddaughter.”””

“In her heart, Belle was no longer her granddaughter-in-law. She was even closer to her than to Calvin.”

“Grandma. Belle smiled as she squatted down and whispered in her ear, “”Grandma, do you know who I’ve brought with me?”””

It seemed that Sophia didn’t hear her clearly as she looked straight at her with her eyes wide open.

“Grandma, I’m going to help you fulfil your wish. You don’t have to feel regretful anymore. Belle whispered in Sophia’s ear as she gripped her hand, “”That woman’s daughter is all grown up now, and she’s kneeling in front of you right now.”””

“Belle thought Sophia must have already understood because she saw her gaze shifting towards Liya, who was kneeling in front of her.”

“Liya, bow three times to Grandma. This is to show respect to your elders. Belle stood up and instructed Liya.”

Liya seemed to have thought of something as she obediently bowed three times to Sophia and greeted her as ‘Grandma’.

Come over here. Sophia waved towards Liya. Liya stood up and took a few steps forward.

“Grandma, take a good look at her, Belle said loudly to her, pulling Liya to Sophia’s front.”

Sophia stared at Liya for a long time without moving her gaze away.

“Liya, greet her. Seeing that Liya was looking at Sophia with a terrified expression, Belle reminded her from the side.”

Grandma. Liya called out in a timid manner as she revealed a faint smile.

“Liya, do you know? Back then, when you and your mom were driven out from Harvey Manor, Grandma felt guilty and sent people to find you and your father. At that time, your mother had already died of illness. So, Grandma gave you guys a large sum of money and set up a special account, so that she can pay for your school fees. For all these years, Grandmother had paid attention to that account in person. She’d even asked people to transfer money to that account periodically until you’ve graduated from college. In recent days, Belle studied carefully the records of the family history of Harvey Manor, given by Otis and Blake. With that, she learnt about things Sophia did not mention to the others. The reason she made such a plan was also that she didn’t want Sophia to leave the world in regret.”

“Hearing that, Liya was stunned.”

“She knew that her father had received a sum of money, but wasn’t that money from Zoella? How did it turn out to be from Sophia? Moreover, what puzzled her most was how could her father, who loved

money as much as his life, be willing to spend money to get her to finish college? It turned out that Sophia had set up a special fund for her, which her father wasn't able to get hold of."

"When she thought about it, her expression gradually changed from surprise to unease."