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“As soon as Belle returned to the Ink Garden’s office, she saw Maud hurriedly coming in with a panicked look on his face. It was obvious that he had something important to ask her.”

“Madam, I have something to tell you. As soon as Maud entered the room, he respectfully reported to Belle.”

“What’s the matter? Belle asked with a smile, prompting him not to be so anxious.”

“It’s like this, Madam. Maud wiped the sweat off his forehead. ““Yesterday, Liya came to find me and said that she’s moving into Harvey Manor. Since she insisted that it was Mr. Harvey’ orders, I had no choice but to arrange accommodation for her.”””

“Maud spoke cautiously, as if he was afraid that Belle would be provoked.”

“Belle just replied a faint ‘oh’, as a hint of imperceptible pain flashed in her eyes, saying flatly, ““I already know about this matter. Just follow Mr. Harvey’ orders.”””

“Yes, Madam. I’ve already arranged accommodation for her according to the rules of Harvey Manor. Seeing that Belle did not have any obvious reactions, Maud relaxed a lot. ““There’s one more matter.”””

“Speaking of that, Maud’s face became very uneasy. He had never imagined that Sergio would come to Harvey Manor that day as well and ask him to arrange a place for him to stay.”

He truly was making things difficult for him.

That was why he hastily ran over and met Belle for instructions when he saw that she had returned.

“Mr. Xanthe from Capital City is here as well. He also said that he would be staying in Harvey Manor, Maud said with great strain.”

“Sergio was an official who was investigating the Harvey Group right then, and it was clear why he wanted to stay at Harvey Manor. That really put Maud in a dilemma and made him worried. So, he came to consult the head of the household in a hurry.”

“Upon hearing that, Belle was surprised as well. What was going on? Sergio was going to stay in Harvey Manor too? What was that all about?”

“Just as she was caught by surprise, she heard Ruth’s voice drifting in from the outside. ““Mr. Xanthe, thank you for coming to visit Old Madam. I would like to thank you on her behalf.”””

“Then, Sergio’s faint voice rang, ““It’s alright. I need to stay here for a while because of official matters. Where is the head of the household? Tell her to come and meet me.”””

“Upon hearing that, Belle grew impatient and walked out of the office.”

“Sergio, why have you come to Harvey Manor? she asked Sergio as she walked out with a serious expression.”

A charming smile appeared on Sergio’s face when he heard her voice.

“Belle, I happen to have something to discuss with you. Why don’t you choose a suitable place for us to talk?”

“Well then, come to my office. Belle couldn’t understand Sergio’s behaviour at that moment. If the Harvey Group was guilty of leaking trade secrets, then no one would say anything if he went to the Harvey Group to investigate, but how could he move into Harvey Manor so blatantly?”

“Belle, it seems that your life in Harvey Manor is quite good, huh? You’re living quite a luxurious life I see. Sergio inspected her office when he went in, sat down on the couch elegantly and crossed his legs with a vivid smile on his face.”

Belle’s face had quite an unpleasant look.

“Sergio, for private reasons, I’m grateful to you because you saved me. But thinking from the business perspective, I don’t think you moving into Harvey Manor is the correct thing to do. No matter how guilty the Harvey family is, it shouldn’t be to the point of confiscating Harvey Manor, right?”

“When she returned that day, her traditional husband demanded her not to talk to Sergio anymore.”

“For the sake of her husband’s dignity, she planned not to meet Sergio again in the future, but she didn’t expect him to move into Harvey Manor. Great, now they would meet each other often. Wouldn’t things be very difficult for her?”

Sergio leaned his back against the couch and looked up at her with his eyebrows lifted. She had a serious expression on her small face. It was obvious that she was critical from the way she looked at him. Sergio could not help but to sigh softly.

“Belle, Calvin’s going to take a second wife soon, but you’re still trying to protect him. It’s really rare to have a woman act like this. It’s also because of this that I cherish you even more. I can’t bear to hurt you, and I’ll even take risks protecting you, even if it means that I’ll die. However, the fact that I can’t get even the slightest bit of pity from you makes me feel quite sad. Sergio sighed and looked into Belle’s cold eyes, feeling very complicated.”

Belle’s face changed slightly.

“Belle, you also know the Harvey Group is suspected to be guilty of a serious crime. Even until now, we have yet to find any substantial evidence. In addition to that, I have also received a report saying that the matter had something to do with Harvey Manor in recent days, which caused my senior executives to press on this issue even more. I have no choice but to move into Harvey Manor to investigate the matter, and try to find the actual culprit as soon as possible, Sergio said with a helpless expression.”

“Belle felt stuffy and uncomfortable upon hearing that. She said coldly, “”Sergio, I know very well whether the Harvey Group is guilty or not. You coming to Harvey Manor to investigate is too bizarre, and everyone knows that you’re doing it on purpose. The fact that the culprit hasn’t been identified yet only shows how incompetent the Public Security Department is. So, do you really think it’s appropriate for you to move into someone else’s house like this?”””

Sergio lit up a cigarette and took a deep breath.

“Belle, why do I have the feeling that you think I had deliberately come to disturb Harvey Manor? Am I really so unbearable?”

“As he said that, a trace of pain flashed across his eyes, and his gaze became a little peculiar. Belle couldn’t see through his intentions in the midst of all the smoke, and it made her feel extremely complicated.”

“Cough, cough. Belle was choked by the cigarette smoke and began to cough. She covered her mouth, as her face turned red and purple because of the coughing.”

“I’m sorry. Sergio suddenly realized that Belle didn’t like the smell of cigarettes. So, he immediately put out the cigarette, stood up, and walked towards her, saying, ““Belle, are you okay? You know I’m moving in for your own good, right?”””

“As he spoke, he reached out his hand and was about to pat her back to relieve the coughing.”

“Stop. A loud shout came from behind. In an instant, Sergio’s arm was grabbed by a large and strong hand. Due to the fact that it was his left hand, he couldn’t muster any strength and could only let the strong hand grasp onto it. Nevertheless, Sergio remained calm, as he knew who it was without even thinking.”

“He was not worried at all. In fact, he even had a faint smile on his face as he teased him. ““Mr. Harvey, is there a need to be so angry?”””

“Sergio Xanthe, you’re shameless and despicable! Anger was written all over Calvin’s face. If he came just a little later, that vile hand would have caressed Belle’s back. It was something he couldn’t accept.”

“Hey, Mr. Harvey. You sure have a good memory. Didn’t I say that I’ll be moving in yesterday? Have you already forgotten? he said casually.”

“I didn’t forget. I just happened to come looking for you today. Calvin’s expression was cold, as he said chillingly, ““Sergio, I know exactly what tricks you have in mind. You’re using the excuse of investigating the Harvey Group’s crime to move shamelessly into Harvey Manor. Let me tell you, I won’t let things go your way.”””

“Applying a little strength to his hand, Sergio was in so much pain that his expression changed.”

“Calvin, you actually dare to harm a government official. Aren’t you afraid of adding more charges to yourself? Sergio was a soldier. So, of course, he wouldn’t lose when it comes to their auras. He went to Harvey Manor that day in his official uniform. Government officials usually never wore uniforms unless they were handling cases. Therefore, he was trying to show the kind of authority that entitled him to be there. Since the wounds on his right arm hadn’t healed yet, he couldn’t do anything to fight back. So, he used his authority as a public official right then to scold Calvin in a low voice.”

“Belle’s expression changed. Of course, she understood what he meant.”

“Calvin’s face was as cold as ice, and his hand was still gripping Sergio’s hand tightly. The stern glint in his eyes could make anyone shiver in fear.”

“Calvin, we’ll talk it out. Belle was worried that Calvin would really hurt Sergio in a fit of anger. After all, Sergio went there as a government official, and to bear the crime of interfering with official affairs wasn’t a good thing either. She hurriedly persuaded Calvin, hoping that he could calm down.”

Calvin then loosened his grip.

“Sergio smiled faintly as he slowly stretched out his hand and rubbed the area that was gripped by Calvin, saying sarcastically, ““Mr. Harvey, why are you as easily offended as a three-year-old? I told you that I’m going to move into Harvey Manor. You agreed to it, did you not? Now that I’m here, not only is the head of household not aware of this matter, you still treated me with such an attitude.””

“Hmph! Calvin snorted coldly. His face was expressionless, and his gaze was sharp.”

“Belle, go to the Fragrance Garden to take care of Jerry. He didn’t even turn around to face her and simply ordered her in a very dominating manner.”

“Belle understood his intention. He was trying to get her out of the way. So, she immediately agreed and went out obediently.”

“When she walked out of the door, she looked back at Calvin, and the worry in her eyes was obvious.”

“Tell me, what’s the matter? Sergio asked coldly. After Belle left, the atmosphere between those two men immensely tensed up again. ”

“Sergio saw that the sharpness in Calvin’s eyes had dissipated slightly, and it was impossible to tell the changes in his emotions, but what Calvin said shocked Sergio.”

“Mr. Xanthe, look carefully. We now have sufficient evidence to prove that the matter regarding the Harvey Group leaking trade secrets has nothing to do with Belle. Zoella is the one behind everything, as she had schemed and framed Belle. I think Mr. Xanthe should have a good look at it now. It’s time to put an end to it. After Belle left, Calvin went straight to the point. He placed the evidence on the table and looked at Sergio with his sharp eyes.”

Sergio glanced at him suspiciously.

Is this the evidence showing that Belle was framed? he asked in disbelief.

“You can see it for yourself. Calvin said disdainfully, ““How can my wife be so silly as to do these things?””

“Sergio came back to his senses after a moment of shock. With a smile on his face, he took the wooden box, opened it, and took a look inside.”

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“Look carefully. This is Belle’s fingerprint, obtained by someone Zoella sent to the Harvey Group, and she used the workshop Belle established to achieve her own goal. What do you think? Can this prove that Belle is innocent? Calvin stared at him with his stern eyes in a calm manner.”

“Sergio looked at it for a while, took a breath and said with a smile, ““Mr. Harvey, this evidence can indeed prove that our investigation is wrong and Belle is innocent. But right now, the problem is that it

only proves that the matter has nothing to do with Belle, but it can't prove that the Harvey Group is innocent as well. You need to know that the information we got at the beginning was that Harvey Group's automobile industry had leaked the nation's secrets. It happened to the Harvey Group's automobile industry. It's a fact, and we have clear evidence. Right now, not only are you unable to find the culprit, you aren't able to justify yourself either. There is no way to deny the accusation unless there's evidence.'""

"His expression was quite calm, but he was still secretly shocked by the fact that Calvin could prove Belle's innocence. It seemed that Zoella was still not a match for the renowned Calvin. "

"But all these showed that Zoella deliberately tried to frame the Harvey Group. Isn't the truth clear enough? Calvin asked furiously. Nevertheless, since the matter had nothing to do with Belle anymore, he felt much more at ease."

"Mr. Harvey, look at the evidence. It doesn't point towards the fact that Zoella was directing all of this, right? It only showed how Belle's fingerprints ended up in the leaked software on the computer. As for who had done this, no matter how you look at it, the suspect is still Yaris. It has nothing to do with Zoella. Sergio showed a calm and forced smile."

"After listening to Sergio's words, Calvin basically understood everything. Zoella really was a conniving woman, and her methods were indeed clever, as she could put all the blame on Mr. White. "

"Back then, after the incident happened, he replaced some of the company's executives because he realized that Zoella had sent her people into the Harvey Group's management. Yaris was very suspicious. So, he deliberately demoted him with Liya's help and also placed her in that position as a pawn. He did all that to send a message to Zoella, and he successfully killed two birds with one stone."

"So, it's not over yet?"

"Yaris White, the director of the Global Sales and Marketing Department of Harvey Group, was personally promoted by Calvin. He resigned after he was transferred to be the supervisor of the Public Relations Department, and Calvin had never heard from him since then."

Calvin had no choice but to admit that it was his mistake to use his men!

"After obtaining the evidence the day before, Calvin had already sent Luca to look for him. If Luca could find him, he might be able to persuade him into exposing Zoella."

"Mr. Harvey, how can a smart person like you be such a fool? Evidence is really important in the face of the law. I can only do things according to the law for now. If your evidence is not solid enough, I will deny your counter-evidence. You understand this, don't you? Sergio said very calmly. His logic and voice were very clear. It could be said that he was stating his impartial opinion."

"Okay, Mr. Xanthe. Then, do you know where I got this evidence from? Calvin continued to ask. He turned around and sat down on a chair next to him expressionlessly."

"Sergio didn't say anything, as he just looked at him with a deep gaze."

Let me tell you. Liya found this evidence in Zoella's house. Can you still tell me that all this has nothing to do with Zoella?

“As he said that, there was already disgust in his eyes and he looked at him even more fiercely.”

“Sergio was stunned for a moment. It indeed was the case. After his suspicions were confirmed, his mind became much clearer.”

“I’ll repeat myself, Mr. Harvey. You can say you found this evidence yourself. You can also say that this evidence had fallen from the sky, but that’s not important. What’s important is that the evidence must prove that the leak has nothing to do with the people of Harvey Manor. If you prove that you’ve been framed, or have nothing to do with the Harvey Group, then everything will be alright. With that, we’ll have a reason to arrest the suspect and further investigate to find out the truth. After that, we’ll definitely let the Harvey Group off.”

The atmosphere was truly depressing!

The grim expression on Calvin’s face became even more terrifying.

“Mr. Xanthe, I’d like to ask you now. So, what if we really found that someone had framed the Harvey Group or that someone deliberately wanted to harm us? Can we get compensation for the losses incurred by the Harvey Group’s automobile business? Who will take responsibility for the negative consequences and financial losses that have occurred?”

Such aggressive questioning was met with Sergio’s lack of concern.

“The Harvey Group’s automobile industry did indeed leak the secrets and it is an indisputable fact. The cars should indeed be recalled, for the country’s interests. As for the losses that had occurred, even if it was not done by the Harvey Group, you guys should also reflect on yourselves. The fact that the Harvey Group’s loose security being detrimental to our country’s interests can already be considered a crime. Right now, the senior executives are trying to protect the Harvey Group’s interests. That’s why they sent us from the Public Security Department to investigate this matter so that we can find out the actual culprit and prove your innocence. Once we find the real culprit, then the culprit will also be punished severely by the law. At that time, the punishment the culprit gets will be decided by the law itself. Therefore, you’d better cooperate with us to find out who the real culprit is. You also know that I’ve already given you a chance to protect Belle. Since you’re able to prove that Belle has nothing to do with it, then I’ll congratulate you.”

“Even though Sergio’s long speech sounded selfless and reasonable, it subdued Calvin in every way. Calvin had long been in the business field. So, he knew that Sergio would always talk reasonably, but since he was able to prove Belle’s innocence that day, he had already achieved his goal.”

“Alright, since you said that Liya obtained the evidence from Zoella’s house, then can Liya prove that the evidence she obtained is Zoella’s handiwork? If she can, then that’s fine. But she obviously can’t do that. Moreover, Liya is now your fiancée. Even if she accuses Zoella of framing the Harvey Group, it won’t be that convincing anymore. You must find more evidence to prove your company’s innocence. Do you understand?”

“After saying that, Sergio smiled and slowly put away the evidence while breathing a sigh of relief.”

“Calvin was silent. When his tall and huge frame stood up and leaned towards Sergio, he was so shocked that he took a step back.”

“I’ll definitely provide you with enough evidence. Calvin glanced at Sergio from the corner of his eyes, withdrew the sneer at the corner of his mouth, and marched out after saying that indifferently.”

“Just as he walked out, he turned around and his eyes met Sergio’s, and he spoke coldly.”

“I’ll get Maud to arrange a place for you to stay, Mr. Xanthe.”

“Sergio showed a smug smile, but his expression darkened as he watched Calvin leave.”

Belle was feeling very uneasy as she walked towards Fragrance Garden.

“Ma’am, you’re finally back? Aunt Ella came up to her as soon as she stepped into the Fragrance Garden’s living room.”

“What’s wrong? Belle was surprised. The night before, Calvin took her to Grand Hyatt Apartments. So, they did not come back. Did something happen?”

“Ma’am, Jerry had a fever last night and constantly called for you while he cried.”

Aunt Ella’s face was full of heartache and anxiety.

What? Jerry? Belle’s face turned pale in an instant.

“After Jerry was pushed into the swimming pool by Liya the day before, Belle consulted the doctor at the health center, and he said that Jerry should be fine. That was why she had gone back to her mother’s home feeling relieved. However, she didn’t expect to find Jerry falling ill after returning that day.”

“Madam Belle, I think Jerry fell sick because he was traumatized after being pushed into the pool by that woman yesterday. Children usually can’t stand being scared.”

“Aunt Ella was indignant. In reality, she hated Liya a lot. In fact, all the servants in Fragrance Garden were on Belle’s side, and they all hated Liya. That was something Belle knew.”

How’s Jerry? Belle was very worried. Did Calvin tell her to come and take a look at Jerry just because he was sick? Did he know that Jerry had been pushed into the pool by Liya?

“Don’t worry. Madam Paige was so nervous that she asked the doctor to look after Jerry all night. She also accompanied Jerry in person and took care of him. Right now, Jerry’s fever has subsided, and he should be fine. Seeing that Belle had become anxious, Aunt Ella immediately comforted her.”

“Nonetheless, Belle was not in the mood to listen to Aunt Ella’s words, as she just turned around and ran upstairs.”

“Jerry, how do you feel? Do you feel any better? When Belle entered Jerry’s room, he was holding his beloved toy car in his arms and was lying on the bed in a sickly manner with his eyes slightly closed.”

“Hearing his Mom’s voice, he immediately opened his eyes and called out weakly, “”Mom.”””

“Belle noticed his pale face in just one glance and there was also a layer of dark circles under his long eyelashes and even his eyelids. He became even thinner too. Seeing that, Belle’s heart ached for him.

She reached out, felt his forehead, and realized that it was still warm. Although Jerry no longer had a high fever, it was still somewhat hot. He must have still had a slight fever."

"Jerry, I'm sorry that Mom and Dad weren't able to keep you company last night. She then bent down to pick him up. With her eyes red, she apologized softly."

"Mom, have you punished the bad woman who pushed me down the pool yesterday? I don't like her at all, and I don't want to see her anymore. Jerry's lips shrivelled. The feeling of being pushed into the pool by Liya the day before was so terrible that it would even wake him up at night."

He believed that Belle would chase that evil woman away and never allow her to appear in Harvey Manor again.

"Hearing that, Belle's heart ached, and her hand that was holding Jerry stiffened. She didn't know what to say and had the sudden urge to cry. She only held him tightly in her arms, gently patting and comforting him."

"If Jerry were to know that she had already arranged a place for Liya to stay in Harvey Manor and even had agreed personally to host a wedding for her and Calvin, how sad would he be?"

There was no doubt that Jerry's mental and spiritual health and even his daily life would be affected heavily by letting Liya move into Harvey Manor. It was also something such a young child couldn't bear.

"Poor child. Belle felt sorry for Jerry, but she couldn't do anything!"

She could only hug him tightly and kiss his little face to comfort him.

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The sound of footsteps came from the corridor.

"Paige walked in and couldn't help but to tell Belle off when she saw her. ""Belle, you guys really are too much. How could both of you not be at home when Jerry was sick. Do you know how much Jerry wanted to see you yesterday? It was so heart-wrenching to see."""

"The rims of Belle's eyes turned red. ""I'm sorry, Mom."""

"Forget it. Paige shook her head. ""I know that you're in a bad mood, but I heard that you have arranged for Liya to move in. Is that true?"""

Belle lowered her head and said nothing.

"At that moment, Jerry understood what was going on. He burst into tears and cried out, ""Mom, why didn't you defend me and even let her move in? I don't want to see that wicked woman at all. She hurt me. I'm scared of her."""

Jerry's cries and shouts made Belle's heart shrink into a ball.

"Paige became nervous when she heard Jerry's cries, and she asked anxiously, ""Belle, what's going on? I've heard from the servants that Liya had deliberately pushed Jerry into the pool. Is that true?"""

“This... Belle didn’t know what to do. Harvey Manor was indeed too crowded, which made it hard for her to hide the truth. Furthermore, the victim was Jerry, Calvin’s child. Those who wanted to be on Paige’s good side would, of course, rat Liya out to Paige, and it meant that Belle couldn’t hide the matter, no matter what. She could only nod her head before adding, “”Mom, perhaps she did it by accident. I saw that she looked lost and dazed yesterday, and she didn’t seem to be in a great mental state.”””

“Paige was furious when she heard that, and she shouted at once. “”This is too much. Since she harmed my grandson before she even got married into the family, wouldn’t she act more terribly once she married Calvin? As an elder, I can’t ignore such a thing. Look at how sick Jerry is because of this. That woman really is too vicious.”””

“As she spoke, she coaxed Jerry gently. “”Baby, don’t be afraid. Grandma will help you take revenge.”””

“After saying that, Paige went downstairs. Belle, who was still in Jerry’s bedroom, heard her shouted, “”Larry, call Maud and ask him to bring Liya over.”””

“Yes. As soon as Larry heard that, he understood what was going on and immediately agreed happily.”

“Nonetheless, Belle only remained silent.”

“For the sake of Sophia’s regret, she had already forgiven Liya the day before.”

“Then, was the reason that Paige had asked Liya to come over, was to hold her accountable for that matter, or to punish her according to the family rules?”

She really couldn’t tell.

“Harvey Manor, like all the other prestigious families, had a lot of rules and regulations, some of which could be considered to be very harsh.”

“She could still recall when she had just married Calvin. Paige and Hudson didn’t like her, and Calvin also treated her very coldly. At that time, she was the wife of Harvey Manor’s eldest grandson. Logically speaking, her position was not something that could be compared to an ordinary person, but in reality, her situation was worse than that of a servant.”

“All of the Harvey Group’s jewelry, finances, and belongings were all supervised by one person. The financial system was the same as that of a large company. Everyone had their own wages, and every item had its origin. For example, for a granddaughter-in-law like her, except for the fact that she didn’t need to pay for food, she only obtained a meagre amount of wages.”

“If a married woman had no private property or dowry, it would still be acceptable if her parents-in-law and her husband cared for her. At the very least, they would give her jewelry for special occasions and allowances. These would not belong to her in-laws but they would be her very own instead, or if her own family had power and money, she would have felt more at ease and had the right to speak up in the family. ”

“However, at that time, Ethan was a clean and honest official. So, their family didn’t have much savings. In addition to that, she didn’t like things like jewelry either. Except for her wedding ring, she had nothing valuable. At that time, she was despised and ignored by Calvin. Being in that situation, she was even more unwilling to wear the wedding ring and could only dress plainly. She was more like their

neighbour, because the servants were even better dressed than her, and as a result, they looked down on her.”

“Recalling those past events, she sighed. After Calvin had fallen in love with her, he and Sophia gave her a lot of jewelry. Thus, she was no longer who she used to be and could be considered a wealthy woman right then.”

“Nevertheless, she was naturally not fond of dressing up and did not like how tiring it was to wear them around. However, in order to uphold Harvey Manor’s reputation, she now wore more expensive clothes but only wore a few pieces of jewelry that she really liked.”

“While she was still lost in her thoughts, she heard Larry’s voice coming from below. “”Madam Paige, Liya is here.”””

“Shocked, Belle walked to the stairs and looked down.”

“Soon after, Liya’s thin figure came into view, as she reached the living room and approached Paige, who was sitting on the couch.”

“After thinking for a while, Belle put Jerry back in his room and ordered a servant to take care of him before heading downstairs.”

“Mom, why were you looking for me? Liya wore a long-sleeved silk dress. The outfit and her short hair made her look weak and pitiful.”

“She had her head lowered, and her temperament was outstanding, which could really attract men to pity her.”

“Even though they were both women wearing dresses, Belle admitted that she couldn’t emit the same aura as Liya.”

“Belle didn’t know why, but she felt uncomfortable whenever she saw Liya, as she would feel an unpleasant pain in her heart. Sometimes, when she thought of Liya, she would not even have the appetite to eat. She knew that the emotions she was feeling were negative and that she shouldn’t let those emotions run wild in such a situation, but she couldn’t suppress it no matter what.”

“Liya, let me ask you. Why did you push Jerry into the swimming pool yesterday? Paige sat up straight and had a serious expression on her face as she asked in a strict tone.”

“Liya seemed to have long known the reason Paige called her over. Her eyes reddened as she defended herself in a guilty manner. “”Mom, I really didn’t do it on purpose yesterday. Jerry was playing by the pool. It seemed that he really wanted to go for a swim, and he accidentally fell into the pool later on. I know that it’s my fault for not saving him, even though I was just standing by the pool. But right now, it’s summer and Jerry was wearing swimwear. So, I thought that he really wanted to go for a swim, but I didn’t know that he couldn’t swim. Please forgive me. Of course, if there’s a next time, I’ll be sure to pay more attention to it.”””

“Lies. You’re the one who pushed him down. Paige lifted her eyebrows and glared at Liya. “”Everyone here can prove that you pushed him and they even saw it with their own eyes. So, what’s the point of quibbling? It seems that you really are an immoral and unruly woman. And the fact that you wouldn’t

spare a three-year-old child, even when you're not married into the family yet proves that. If no one was there yesterday, then Jerry would be in real trouble. I'll let you know that he's the current heir to Harvey Manor."""

"When Paige mentioned Jerry, she became even more furious. She didn't like Liya to begin with, but right then, she was even more disgusted with her, after knowing that she even dared to harm Jerry."

"If she didn't teach Liya a lesson that time, or use that opportunity to drive her out, Paige was sure that Liya would harm Harvey Manor and Jerry in the future. The more she thought about it, the angrier she became."

"Liya also sensed her future mother-in-law's hatred towards her. She bit her lips, held back her tears, and defended herself. ""Mom, I really didn't mean to push Jerry into the pool yesterday. It really was a misunderstanding. I'm going to marry Calvin soon. So, how can I do such a thing?"""

"So, you're still not willing to admit it, huh? When Paige heard that, her mind burned with anger. ""Even Jerry said that you were the one who pushed him into the water. He's so young, yet you did such a thing to him and frightened him. He even had a high fever last night from the trauma. Yet, you keep on spouting nonsense and shaking off your blame. It's evident that you don't even feel the slightest bit of guilt. Your behavior and actions are intolerable. In fact, a person like you who says empty words and has a vicious heart is the type of person I hate the most. You'll definitely be held accountable for this matter. Since you're still not married into our family yet, I can't punish you with Harvey Manor's house rules, but I can still send you to the police and let the law punish you. What you did was an attempted murder. I'll definitely send you to jail."""

"Paige was emitting the aura of a dignified elder. She felt extreme anger at the thought of her grandson being harmed. The descendants of Harvey Manor had always been high above the masses. Therefore, how could she bear to see Jerry being harmed by Liya like that?"

"Please don't, Mom. Please let me go. When Liya heard that she was going to be sent to jail, her legs went weak in an instant. She immediately knelt down and pleaded."

"Don't address me as Mom. I'm not your Mom. It's fine if you don't want to go to jail. I'll give you another chance. If you leave Harvey Manor and my son right now, then I'll be willing to let you go, Paige shouted in a low voice. After thinking for a while, she gave her another choice."

"Of course, Liya wasn't willing to make such a choice!"

"She knew that Paige was very strong-willed and hated people who lied. Nevertheless, she couldn't admit it. If she really admitted it, Paige might use that reason to drive her out. The day before, she was so jealous that she lost her mind, and she pushed Jerry. She also regretted it a lot after coming back to her senses."

"Liya was a smart person. Calvin had clearly promised to marry her in a week's time. So, how could she do such a silly thing at that time?"

"That was why she cried and insisted that she didn't push Jerry, and refused to leave Harvey Manor, no matter what."

“Belle stood by the side. When she heard Liya’s pretentious cry and that she refused to admit it was her who had pushed Jerry, her heart froze. If Liya took the initiative to admit her mistake, even if Paige wasn’t willing to forgive her, she would still come forward and speak up for her. After all, for the sake of Sophia’s wish, she had already personally promised to host a wedding for her.”

“However, Liya’s personality and character made her feel a chill in her heart.”

Did it mean that she had to live with such a woman in the future?

Belle could imagine how bad that kind of a life would be.

Her face turned even paler.

“Aunt Paige, she was the one who pushed Jerry. Yesterday, I took Jerry to the pool, and this woman actually pushed Jerry into the swimming pool from behind. I saw it with my own eyes. But right now, she doesn’t even want to admit it and shows no signs of repentance. Aunt Paige, you can’t let such a woman marry into the family. Rosa had just returned. When she saw that scene, she immediately stepped forward and accused loudly.”

“Paige was completely certain that Liya was indeed the one who pushed Jerry into the pool the day before, after hearing her words. She trembled upon thinking how terrible Liya’s action was.”

“Liya, how dare you hurt my grandson and still refuse to admit it? Your character is too terrible. Harvey Manor won’t tolerate such an evil woman. How about this? Considering that you have followed my son for quite some time, I won’t force you to take responsibility, but Harvey Manor can no longer accommodate you, and you don’t have a say in it. Hurry up and leave this place. The further you distance yourself from us, the better. We don’t want to see you again. Paige pointed at the door with her finger and bellowed.”

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Liya made up her mind and lifted her head.

“She had already handed the evidence that could prove that Belle had been framed to Calvin. Therefore, she would never accept being driven away like that.”

“No, Mom. Calvin and I are about to get married. He has already promised to marry me in a week’s time. You can’t drive me away like this. If you really want me to leave, you have to ask Calvin first. Liya prostrated herself on the floor and cried. She refused to leave no matter what, to the point that she even brought up Calvin.”

“Seeing that Liya was making a scene and she even brought up Calvin, the rage in Paige’s heart surged, and she was about to order the security guards to drive her out.”

“Then, the sound of footsteps could be heard.”

What happened? Why is everyone gathered around here? Calvin’s voice rang along with the sound of footsteps.

“Calvin, Mom wants to drive me away. After hearing Calvin’s voice, Liya’s eyes sparkled. She lifted her eyes that were brimming with tears and asked Calvin for help. “”We’re about to get married. You promised to marry me. I can’t be driven away just like that.”””

“Calvin’s brows knitted together as his eyes were shrouded with a complicated light. He swept his gaze across the surroundings, and his gaze lingered on Belle’s sallow face for a while, before shifting away.”

“Mom, what happened? he asked Paige impatiently. At that time, he really didn’t want trouble to arise at home.”

“Calvin, you can’t marry this woman. She’s evil. Yesterday, she pushed Jerry into the swimming pool. If it wasn’t for Rosa, the consequences would have been unimaginable. She had already done such vicious acts even before she got married into the family. So, can you imagine what kind of harm she’ll bring to Harvey Manor in the future if you really were to marry her? Calvin, please listen to me and drive her away. Harvey Manor really doesn’t need such a woman. Seeing Calvin’s impatience, Paige explained what had happened the day before in detail, hoping that Calvin could rectify the issue and drive her away.”

“Yes, Calvin. I saw it with my own eyes yesterday. This woman did indeed push your son into the pool. You should drive such a vicious person out as soon as possible. Rosa supported Paige and persuaded Calvin along with her.”

Did such a thing really happen? Calvin asked in a stern voice as his face darkened.

“No, Calvin. I really didn’t push him. I know Jerry’s your son, and he’ll be my son in the future too. So, how can I possibly harm him? Calvin, they’re all slandering me. You have to trust me. Liya’s face was streaked with tears as she sobbed pitifully.”

Calvin glanced at her in a condescending manner. No one could tell how he was feeling right then.

“Liya, do you know that no matter who you pushed yesterday, it is still an illegal act, let alone a child. What you did was truly vile. I cannot forgive you, Calvin said flatly, but his tone was very dignified.”

“Upon hearing that, Liya cried even harder.”

“Calvin, I’ve finally understood. Now that you’ve obtained what you wanted from me, you want to use this as an excuse to drive me away. Let me tell you. I’d rather die than leave this place. Liya gritted her teeth and she made up her mind. She looked as if she wasn’t afraid of dying.”

“Calvin frowned and said in a deep voice, “”Nonsense. When did I say that I was going to take this opportunity to drive you away?”” After saying that, he took a deep breath and walked to Paige’s side, saying loudly, “”Mom, this matter is definitely Liya’s fault. I know it’s unforgivable, but please forgive her this time for my sake. After all, our wedding will be held next week. It’s not very appropriate to drive her away at this time.”””

“As soon as he said that, everyone in the living room was stunned.”

Belle’s whole body turned ice-cold.

“A week later, Calvin really was going to marry Liya.”

“That was definitely not a dream, nor was it a rumor. It was something that Calvin had announced in front of everyone. So, it could not be fake.”

The living room was so quiet that one could even hear a pin drop.

“All of a sudden, Belle felt disgusted. She was so disgusted that her whole stomach tensed up.”

“When Calvin, Jerry’s father, knew that his only son had been pushed into the water by that woman, not only did he absolve her of blame, but he even pleaded on her behalf and asked Paige to let her off the hook. Moreover, he even announced their wedding right then.”

Was there anything more chilling than that in the world?

Belle’s heart ached so much that she closed her eyes. There was something burning in her eyes that was causing her immense pain.

“Although I won’t drive you away, you did indeed make a mistake. This time, I’ll let you go, but you still need to pay the price for making a mistake. How about this? Maud, how should we deal with Liya according to the family rules if she made such a mistake? Calvin turned his head to Maud who was next to him.”

“After coming back to his senses, Maud pondered if Calvin really wanted to punish her or if he was trying to protect her. Before he could figure out Calvin’s intention, he carefully replied.”

“Mr. Harvey, according to the family rules, Liya will have to be disciplined domestically. Maud looked at Calvin’s face, cleared his throat, and continued. ““You can choose to deduct her wages or punish her by kneeling down in the punishment room for an entire day.”””

“If an ordinary servant committed such a crime, he or she would have been directly driven away. However, if it was one of the masters that couldn’t be driven away, they needed to be punished or disciplined domestically.”

“Anyone could see the difference between the two, as one was specifically designed for people who were special. As for how Liya was going to be punished, Maud could only listen to Calvin’s orders and act accordingly.”

“Everyone at the scene fell silent, as they all wanted to see how Calvin would deal with that matter.”

“Calvin looked at Liya, who was kneeling on the ground and sobbing. If she was to be disciplined domestically, her body would definitely not be able to withstand it. Moreover, their wedding preparations were about to begin. That would not do. It seemed that he could only choose the latter.”

“He immediately ordered Maud. ““Since Liya has made a mistake, she should be punished. Maud, take her to the punishment room and make her kneel while facing the wall. Teach her about the family rules too. There won’t be a next time.”””

“Since Calvin had spoken in such a manner, it meant that he had the intention to protect Liya. Therefore, Maud could only agree immediately.”

“He immediately brought Liya, who was still sobbing, away to carry out the punishment.”

“Hearing that Calvin had announced their marriage in public, Liya was overjoyed. Her punishment was very light as well. Calvin really was a man of his word, as he fulfilled his promise and even did his best to protect her. There was nothing that made her happier than that. She got up from the floor almost immediately and obediently followed Maud. Before she left, she looked at Belle’s pale face at the corner of her eyes, which made her feel extremely smug.”

“Belle was much older than her, and she was not as young and talented as her. Liya thought that she would have the opportunity to turn the tables in the future.”

“Looking at her, Liya estimated that Belle would soon turn into a faded old woman. In that case, Calvin’s interest in her would surely diminish day by day. By then, her chance would come.”

Liya had always been confident in dealing with men.

“The moonlight fell onto the golden roof of Harvey Manor. The mottled shadows of the trees waved around along the wind, adding a touch of nobility and mystery to the large residence.”

A crescent moon could be seen through the window.

“Meanwhile, in Hudson’s study.”

“The aroma of tea had spread throughout the room, and it was very fragrant.”

“Next to the coffee table, Hudson and Calvin were talking while enjoying the tea.”

Hudson’s taste for fine tea was absolutely unique and outstanding. Calvin’s love for tea originated from Hudson’s cultivation.

“From childhood, the father and son duo would first enjoy tea with each other at the coffee table before they needed to make a big decision. After drinking a cup of fine tea, and smelling the refreshing aroma of the tea, they could think more clearly, and naturally, come up with a solution for the problem they wanted to solve in no time.”

“After the water was boiled, Hudson picked up the purple clay teapot and put some Tristan Grey tea leaves into it. Hudson was very fond of any fine tea, but Calvin particularly liked Tristan Grey.”

“Thus, the father’s and son’s conversation topic would usually revolve around Tristan Grey, which was mainly for the sake of Calvin’s love for it.”

“As the water became dark from the Tristan Grey tea, it started to emit a faint aroma of tea too. The dark brown tea was boiling hot. If one inhaled gently near the cup, the hot aroma would slowly enter one’s nostrils. Then, if one closed one’s eyes, one would be able to enjoy the aroma of tea entering their lungs. After one opened one’s eyes and gently took a small sip, the aroma would have already reached one’s lungs and made one’s mind extraordinarily clear and relaxed.”

After drinking a cup of tea.

“Calvin, the wedding will be held next Saturday. After Hudson drank a cup of tea, his face was flushed, and he talked in good spirits.”

“That’s right, Dad. Calvin’s expression darkened as he nodded in acknowledgment.”

“Are you ready? He put down his teacup, looked at Calvin, and asked in a deep voice, ““You have to spread this information to the public in these few days. This time, you must take this opportunity to get rid of the evils which are pestering Harvey Manor. I won’t allow any failure.”””

“Dad, I’ve already made a thorough plan. Calvin nodded. He couldn’t relax, no matter how hard he tried.”

“Are you confident that Zoella will show up and expose Liya’s crime? Hudson’s eyes narrowed, and his pupils emitted a dark glint.”

“Calvin took another sip of tea and said thoughtfully, ““Through this period of time of observation and analysis, I believe that she’ll definitely not let Liya marry me smoothly. Also, I have also shown a lot of love for Liya, to the point that Zoella believes that I had already fallen for Liya, and she will definitely do something about it, according to her usual behaviour. Hence, on the day of the wedding, she’ll definitely come forward and expose the matter of Liya stealing Belle’s fingerprints. Just like that, Liya will also point out the matter of Zoella framing the Harvey Group. After that, they will fight with each other and expose more evidence. With that, I believe that the Harvey Group can be proved innocent very soon. After that, we can leave everything to the police.”””

Hudson listened carefully and nodded.

“For that day, Calvin had made many preparations to let Zoella believe that he had fallen in love with Liya. His plan had always been to let Zoella and Liya fight with each other, as he believed that Zoella wouldn’t just let him marry Liya.”

“Yes, Reid is a very scheming person. So, we can only save Evan through this risky move. But, do you think that Reid will bring Evan to the wedding? Hudson’s brows furrowed. ““Calvin, we must make necessary preparations for this.”””

“He’ll definitely participate. Calvin was very confident. Reid cared about Liya a lot. So, Calvin wasn’t scared that he wouldn’t show up. ““I have already discussed the conditions with him. I will hold the wedding first, and once Evan returns safely, I will register for marriage with Liya in England. He will have no choice but to come and see the wedding for himself.”””

“Hudson held the cup with both hands and drank the tea, but he did not say anything.”

“Dad, we can’t afford to fail this time. I’ll definitely not marry Liya, and I’ll only be using this wedding to get rid of these problems. Calvin’s tone was firm, as he tightened his grip on the teacup in his hand.”

“Calvin, follow me. Hudson stood up and walked outside.”

Calvin did not know what Hudson was trying to do. He was taken aback for a moment before he followed him out.

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In the chapel of Harvey Manor.

Hudson and Calvin both knelt in front of the altar.

“Calvin, we can’t sit by and do nothing when Yadiel is smuggling weapons and harming the interests of the country. The following battle will be the most intense one so far, but we have to rescue Evan before that. We must not let them get hold of the Harvey family’s weakness. After bowing a few times to the Virgin Mary effigy, Hudson spoke in a loud and clear tone in front of the altar.”

“Dad, I will not bet Rhys Belle by marrying Liya. Besides, how can I let such a woman marry into the family? Therefore, we must win this time. Otherwise, I can’t bear to face Belle, Jerry, and God.”

Calvin bowed three times devoutly before closing his eyes.

“Due to the fact that he had spread the news of him marrying Liya, Jerry would pout and pull a long face whenever he saw him. That kid’s prejudice against him was deep right then, as he was certain that Calvin didn’t want him and his mother anymore.”

Calvin couldn’t help but to smile as he thought of Jerry’s adorable face and what he had whispered to him.

“He just wanted to live a happy and blissful life with Jerry and Belle. In fact, he didn’t ask for much. Any ordinary man would be able to achieve it, but it was too difficult for him.”

“Blessed Virgin Mary, please bless me and Calvin, so that our plan will succeed. This relates to the well-being of generations of our family as well as the interests of our country. We can’t afford to fail. Hudson’s face was very serious and heavy.”

“If they couldn’t save Evan and deal with Zoella, they could not get away, let alone fight with Yadiel. Those were all the essential premises that they had to sort out, and Hudson knew it clearly.”

“After returning to the study, the father and son duo spread out a map of the Harvey Manor.”

“Dad, once Reid’s group sneaks into Harvey Manor with Evan, our people will catch them all at once. Then, the police will make use of this opportunity to obtain evidence of Yadiel smuggling firearms. After that, they will definitely find out the truth about the petrochemical factory in Wullen Town, and they might even deal with Yadiel entirely. Calvin pointed at several points on the map. “”My people will set up a trap in these places, and Albie Williamson will also send his people to be stationed around here and wait for them to fall into the trap.”””

“Calvin’s expression was very solemn, and it seemed as if he had given that plan quite some thought. He didn’t believe that something unexpected would happen with his meticulous arrangements.”

It was just that he couldn’t be too hasty. He had to do things steadily.

“Hudson’s pupils were dark and endless, and he didn’t show any emotions on his face as he just frowned and was in deep thought.”

“If it was that easy to deal with Yadiel, then he would not be able to claim his position as the Capital City’s governor with such ease. It was a position ordinary people wouldn’t even imagine competing for.”

“Moreover, that old schemer probably had already done a lot of preparations for that matter.”

“No matter what, we must make this matter a success. We can’t afford to fail! Hudson’s voice was wise and steady, carrying a hint of sadness and determination.”

“If they really failed, then it was very likely that Calvin would have no choice but to marry Liya. That was something he didn’t want to see, and the path ahead...”

Calvin exchanged glances with Hudson and understood what he meant. He also nodded his head in a very solemn manner.

The atmosphere was incredibly heavy.

“As soon as they finished their words, the light in the room suddenly flickered.”

“The father and son duo were puzzled, and they looked up at the same time.”

“With a loud crack, sparks appeared on the ceiling. Soon after, the entire room went dark.”

“The moonlight was quietly pouring in from the window. In the moonlight, Calvin looked up and saw that the bulb of the ceiling lamp in the study had burnt out.”

“What’s going on, Calvin? Hudson’s expression changed, as he asked in a trembling voice. He was in shock.”

“Calvin narrowed his eyes. He had a feeling that something bad would happen and immediately replied in a deep voice, ““Dad, it’s fine. It’s just that the light bulb has burnt out. I’ll get an electrician to come over and change it.”””

“In the moonlight, he turned on the wall lamp.”

“The room was lit up again, but the light was much dimmer than before.”

Calvin immediately pulled out the landline and made a phone call to Maud.

“Soon, Maud came in a hurry with an electrician.”

“Until the ceiling lamp was fixed, Hudson was still in a state of shock and uncertainty. He thought that the situation was too much of a coincidence.”

He gasped slightly and sat down on the couch with his hand rubbing his temple.

“Dad, take a sip of tea. Don’t worry. Both father and son understood each other very well. So, of course, Calvin knew how Hudson was feeling. He then poured a cup of hot tea for Hudson and comforted him softly.”

“Hudson heaved a sigh of relief, took the cup of tea, and sipped the tea before he was able to calm down.”

“After that minor incident, he was obviously more worried.”

He then sat down and looked at the map with Calvin. They inspected the terrain over and over again and analyzed the map even more carefully. It wasn’t until the latter half of the night that they came up with an effective plan.

“As night fell, Belle and Rosa had gone to take a stroll in the garden. Belle felt exhausted after that. So, she went to the second floor quite Tristany to get ready to go to bed.”

“The moonlight shone on the light red quilt embroidered with peony, and Belle’s pinkish arms were outside the quilt. She looked at her arms and saw that they were very pale, while the quilt cast a red glow, as if it was scarlet red. She felt nauseous all of a sudden, but the exhaustion and listlessness were more intense than the nauseous feeling.”

“Seeing how red it looked, she became terrified. So, she got up and drew the curtains to block the faint moonlight, immersing herself in darkness. It was so that she didn’t have to think about anything. It was too tiring!”

“Soon, she fell into a deep sleep.”

“She didn’t know when it happened when a familiar chest started to stick against her, and her skin was caressed by a pair of big hands. However, she was very sleepy, or perhaps she was subconsciously unwilling to wake up. She slept really soundly.”

“When she woke up Tristany the next morning, she saw Calvin walking out of the bathroom. He had just finished showering, as drops of water could be seen dripping from his hair on his forehead. His face, after he had just woken up, was as handsome as ever.”

“Seeing that Belle was looking at him blankly, he smiled and approached her. “”Belle, go and wash up first. I have something to tell you today.”””

“Then, tell me right now. Belle frowned as she only wanted to hear what he was going to say.”

“No, I will only tell you after you wash up and finish breakfast. He bent over and looked at her face carefully, saying pitifully, “”Look at your face. It’s so sallow. Could it be that you’re going to turn into a faded old woman very soon?”””

He was joking when he said the latter half of the sentence.

“His large hand stroked her face. He thought that her listless, sallow face looked kind of familiar. It was as if it was déjà vu.”

“Nonetheless, he had been too busy in recent days, and he would be even busier in the next few days. He really couldn’t afford to care for her too much.”

“Thinking about the current situation, he fell silent.”

“Isn’t it just as you wished if I turn into a faded old woman? You have a younger and more beautiful second wife waiting for you. Belle pushed his hand away, feeling the sorrow in her heart.”

“Are you angry? I’m just kidding. I will never despise my wife. Even if she turns into an old woman, she will still be my treasure. Calvin sat down next to the bed and hugged her shoulder as he spoke gently and sweetly.”

Belle lowered her head and fell silent. She didn’t care about such sweet words.

“If the words of a man could be believed, then pigs would fly!”

“Of course, she knew that he was joking, but she was in a bad mood and was very annoyed!”

“Belle, please wait patiently for some more time. Once the crisis is over, I will take you and Jerry out to have fun. At that time, I will satisfy each and every demand of yours. Calvin continued gently. “”In this period of time, if you feel uncomfortable, remember to go and see a doctor. We have doctors at home, and you can consult them. It’s fine if you want some family members to accompany you to the hospital too. However, you must eat more. I don’t like thin women. Don’t worry. You don’t have to worry about anything as long as I’m here.”””

“As he said that, he caressed her body with his hand, and said in surprise, “”Alas, you really have lost a lot of weight.”””

Belle pushed him.

“Calvin took that opportunity to pick her up and carried her to the bathroom, forcing her to wash up.”

“Feeling helpless, Belle had no choice but to follow his intentions and wash herself up.”

“Belle, I have to tell you something. I think you might have some idea of what I want to tell you. After breakfast, Calvin took Belle’s hand and came to the second floor. As they sat on the couch, Calvin finally began to talk to her. “”Next Saturday, I will have my wedding with Liya in Harvey Manor. You have to be mentally prepared for it.”””

“His voice was flat, and he looked very calm, as if he was talking about something that had nothing to do with him. Belle didn’t even have to look at his face to know how indifferent his attitude was right then.”

“The fact that Calvin could say such things with a normal attitude, as if he was talking about something insignificant, was probably because he was afraid that Belle would be angry.”

Belle knew that.

“As a result, she forced a smile on her face.”

Congratulations on finally getting to marry a beauty.

“Belle, can you not mock me like that? Calvin said as he showed a pained expression.”

“D*mn, such a joyous and lucky thing had happened to him, yet he still showed such a pained expression, as if she was forcing him to take a second wife.”

Belle felt irritated just thinking about it.

“Do you mind? Calvin observed her. Seeing her expressionless face, he couldn’t help but to ask curiously.”

“Alas. Belle took a long breath. “”My husband is handsome and rich. So, I should be happy that a lot of girls like him. Isn’t that right?”””

“The corners of Calvin’s mouth twitched slightly, and his lips curved into a beautiful arc. There was a glint of clear light in his eyes, as he placed his arm across Belle’s waist. With just a slight force, he drew closer to Belle and made her fall into his embrace.”

“Belle tried to push him away, but Calvin tightened his grip on her waist.”

“Don’t talk about me like that. Be good. Next Saturday, I’ll take you and Jerry out somewhere to relax, Calvin said in a soft and seductive voice. Nevertheless, in Belle’s ears, it sounded very shrill.”

“You didn’t even discuss such an important matter with me and simply informed me. You really are patriarchal. Since you’ve already decided, why are you still pretending to be a good person right here? I don’t need you to bring me and Jerry out somewhere to relax. I think you’d better go on a honeymoon with your beautiful newlywed wife, Belle said coldly. Since she couldn’t escape from his embrace, she had no choice but to stay put. “

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“Calvin held her waist with one hand and her small hand with his other. He exerted more strength to stop her from getting up, as he knew that Belle had a grudge against him. However, he didn’t explain anything. He just held her, and the two continued to nestle like that.”

“Seeing him trying to soothe her, Belle said bitterly, ““Don’t worry. I’ll fulfil my duty as the legal wife that day. I’ll prepare the wedding for you, and make it grand and glorious, so that you won’t be embarrassed. Since I’ve promised you, I’ll definitely do it.”””

“Calvin caressed her sallow face as gently as the spring breeze. After a while, he asked softly, ““Belle, are you really personally going to host the wedding for me? You can choose not to participate.”””

“No, I want to participate. I want others to see how virtuous and generous I am as a wife. I want people to know that you already have a very virtuous wife, and then let all the men in A City admire you and set a precedent, so that they can take a second wife the right way. Belle mocked Calvin in a sorrowful and stubborn manner.”

Calvin’s gaze turned solemn as the muscles on his face stiffened. He then fixed his gaze on her face.

“Belle, if you’re gonna hate me because of this, then hate me, he said in a low voice. There was a trace of sorrow and helplessness in his voice.”

“Belle wanted to laugh. He would gain fame and benefit from it. So, how could he still act as if he was in pain?”

He should continue to put on an act!

“From beginning to end, he was the one who had the final say. He had never discussed anything with her and had never prioritized her presence at all. The day before, he had even made a decision in a domineering manner in front of everyone, without discussing it with her beforehand. Belle wouldn’t even be surprised if she was the last one to learn about it. Furthermore, Jerry was his own son, and that woman had harmed his own son. How could he endure it? It appeared as if that man was really a jerk and a very big jerk at that!”

Did he care about Jerry’s and her feelings when he was doing those things?

What about you? Do you have something to say to me? He felt her sadness and asked softly in her ear with his lips against her ear.

“Madam Lilian came back to A City. I saw her at the auction yesterday and wanted to treat her to a special meal. Belle briefly expressed her thoughts. At that time, she really didn’t want to say any unnecessary words to him.”

Did Madam Lilian attend the auction too? Calvin was surprised when he heard that.

“Yes, she attended the auction and even competed with me for the jade fan. Belle was also very confused about it, as she answered softly.”

I see. Calvin was very surprised. “It’s an honor to be able to treat her to a meal. Are you sure she will be coming?”

“He was very interested in that matter. At the last banquet, Madam Lilian had shown a special interest in Belle. Therefore, it would be a good thing if Belle could treat Madam Lilian to a meal. He would support her with all his might.”

“Of course. It was Madam Lilian who proposed to have a meal with me. She initially wanted to eat street food but was stopped by her staff. So, I suggested treating her to a special meal. Belle thought about Madam Lilian’s behavior the day before, and she really thought that Madam Lilian was a very cordial and kind old woman. She didn’t put on airs at all. Sometimes, she even showed great interest in some trivial things like a child.”

That was why she didn’t find it difficult to treat Madam Lilian to a meal and didn’t understand why the outside world would view her that way.

“As she thought about that, a knowing smile appeared on her face.”

“Oh. So, that’s it. Calvin seemed to be deep in thought as he replied. Then, he looked at his wife. She finally had a smile on her face.”

“Indeed, Madam Lilian was very interested in his wife and was a very thoughtful person. He immediately teased her. “”Belle, it seems like you’re so charming that people of all genders have a good impression of you, as now even an old woman likes you. It makes me feel moved.”””

“Upon hearing that, Belle rolled her eyes at him. “”Alright, then. No matter how charming I am, I can’t marry two husbands. Compared to you, it’s a long shot for me. In terms of this, I still have to acknowledge you as someone who’s in a better position than me.”””

“Calvin’s face darkened, and he tightened his grip on her hand. “”Honey, can you not ridicule me?”””

Belle snorted and turned her face away.

“Honey, so when do you plan to treat Madam Lilian to a meal? he asked a bit meaningfully.”

“Today at noon. I’m going to get ready soon, Belle said as she stood up.”

“Then, I’ll go with you. Calvin immediately stood up as well.”

“You’d better not come. When Belle thought of the time he had left her alone and had run away, as soon as Liya had called him at the auction the day before, it made her uncomfortable and sad. So, she immediately rejected him. “”Dining with Madam Lilian isn’t like going to the auction. If some other

woman calls you during the meal, then you can't just leave. It'll be rude. You'd better go and prepare for your wedding.'""

"As she spoke, Belle walked in front of the mirror and put on some light makeup. She then packed up and was ready to go out. She never liked to put on heavy makeup, and she believed that Madam Lilian wouldn't mind either, because sometimes they would really be able to understand each other. Belle thought that it was her instinct at work, or rather, fate."

"No, I must go with you. Otherwise, if you make any mistakes, I will lose respect. Moreover, I know more about the manners of treating big shots than you do. After all, you haven't experienced it much. Calvin was worried about her, and he began to tidy up his clothes."

"Calvin, I'm telling you this because I'm afraid you'll think that I'm going to seduce another man. I'm going to the kitchen of a five-star restaurant to cook this meal, and I'm going to pick some unique street food that A City has to offer and have the chefs cook and serve them on the spot. Therefore, for this meal, I'm personally going to participate in the selection of ingredients, the process of cooking, and even the meal itself. It's very likely that I'll be busy the whole day. Do you really think that you have that time for that? Belle held her purse. She wore a neat, shoulder-length dress, had a high bun, and had some elegant yet simple makeup, which showed off her exquisite figure. She looked very neat and pretty."

"Calvin's gaze lingered on her body, constantly drifting up and down. All of a sudden, his throat felt very dry, and he wanted nothing more than to hug her and make out with her."

"In fact, his wife had become more and more mature and charming ever since she had given birth. Every time he saw her, especially her pretty *derrière*, it would always make him very excited. However, her complexion didn't look good recently, and it was most likely because she was still upset about Liya's matters."

"Calvin stared blankly after hearing Belle's words, and he turned his eyes away from her body with great strain."

"It turned out that Belle wanted to cook personally for Madam Lilian. It required technical skills. He knew that she was good at cooking, but wouldn't it be too tiring for her to do so?"

"Belle, shall I pick a few chefs for you? It'll be too hard on you to do this by yourself. He advised her tenderly. He truly did not wish to see her working so hard, and he was afraid that it would take up her whole day. If that was the case, he really wouldn't be able to stay by her side, and that would only make him even more worried, especially for her safety, as something bad had happened to her just a few days ago. Moreover, Aron has to go along with his plans and couldn't protect her in secret. So, how could he not be worried?"

"No. Since it's something unique, it must be distinctive. What's so special about the meal if it had been cooked by chefs that can be found all over the streets? Also, I can only show my sincerity by cooking myself. It's decided. Just focus on your wedding. Belle announced in a haughty manner before he could refute her. After that, she turned around proudly and left."

"Calvin looked at her back and was stunned for a long time. He then recalled his plan. So, he could only let her do as she liked. At the moment, he called Maud, and asked him to take several people with him to protect Belle, and left in a hurry."

“As soon as Belle went out, she met Sergio.”

“Belle, good morning. Sergio sized her up with a burning gaze and finally looked at her face. There was a look of approval in his eyes as he smiled warmly.”

“Belle didn’t expect that she would meet him in Fragrance Garden. After a moment of shock, she could only force a smile when facing his enthusiasm.”

“She was sure that Calvin would follow her out soon. Recalling his warning not to have any interactions with Sergio, she simply nodded with a smile and walked away from him. However, when she passed Sergio, he grabbed her arm.”

“Belle, where are you going? Should I go with you? Seeing how Belle was dressed, Sergio knew that she was going out. So, he hurriedly pulled her. ““How can you go out alone? I’m worried about you.””

“Belle had never thought that Sergio would dare to pull her arm even at her doorstep. She was a married woman, and her husband who was following behind her would arrive anytime soon. His action caused Belle to be at a loss for a moment. After a while, she regained her senses and immediately shook his hands off, saying coldly, ““It’s alright. Mr. Xanthe, please mind your own business.””

“Belle, have you forgotten that you were almost murdered the last time? Are you really not worried about your own safety by going out alone? Sergio asked worriedly.”

“Sergio was very worried if Belle were to go out alone. At the moment, his heart was constantly thinking of her, worrying about her safety, and he didn’t want anything to happen to her. He was being sincere, without the slightest hint of hypocrisy.”

“Evidently, Belle was aware of that as well. Nevertheless, after a moment of pondering, she replied in an indifferent tone, ““Don’t worry, I’ll pay more attention to my safety.””

“After saying that, she seemed to have heard footsteps coming from behind. She was not sure if those were Calvin’s, but she didn’t want him to misunderstand the situation. So, she lowered her head and hurried off.”

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“In a luxurious limousine, Belle was sitting in the middle of the back row, whereas Maud was sitting in the front while indicating the directions. The driver was concentrating on driving Belle to the most hygienic and top-grade vegetable market in the city.”

“Belle personally selected the ingredients, from meat to vegetables, all of which were the freshest and of the finest grade. She did not prepare too many ingredients as she wanted the meal to be light. Instead, she prepared two seasonal dishes, soup, and invited two chefs, who specialized in street food. She personally cooked the dishes and soup, and monitored how the two chefs made the unique street food dishes in the kitchen of the five-star hotel. Then, she went down and personally invited Madam Lilian into the guest room.”

“When Madam Lilian saw Belle, she was all smiles. Also, when she learnt that Belle personally made that meal for her, she was so excited that she couldn’t speak, and her eyes were filled with grateful tears.”

Belle's face was slightly blushing. She held onto Madam Lilian's arm as she smiled with her sparkling eyes.

"Madam Lilian, it's my honor to treat you to a meal. I hope you'll like it, she whispered in a soft tone. Upon hearing that, Madam Lilian replied happily, ""Child, I'm so happy that you've personally cooked the meal for me. It's really my blessing to meet you.""

"Belle smiled sweetly and held Madam Lilian's arm as they walked carefully. Then, a staff member next to Madam Lilian said with a smile, ""Mrs. Harvey, when Ma'am heard that you're going to treat her to a meal and that you'll be personally cooking the meal for her, she was so happy that she couldn't even close her mouth. I have never seen Madam Lilian being so happy before. It seems that you and Madam Lilian are really destined to meet. You two look similar too.""

"Madam Lilian became happier when she heard her staff member's words. At the same time, she also re-examined Belle. She always felt that Belle was familiar and that they got along with each other a lot. That kind of feeling was really something she had never felt before. So, when she heard the secretary's words, she couldn't help but to think about it."

"The beautiful crystal chandelier shone brightly, and the pink wallpaper gave warmth to the atmosphere of the room."

Belle chose a small private room.

"Apart from Belle and Madam Lilian, there was only Madam Lilian's secretary accompanying them."

"The chefs and waiters were personally chosen by Belle. In order to ensure their safety, Belle also called Blake and Otis over to guard them in secret."

"Madam Lilian, try this honey-coated profiteroles. Belle remembered that during the last banquet, she and Madam Lilian both liked to eat those kinds of sticky cream puffs and seemed to have a soft spot for them. Therefore, Belle used a spoon to scoop one and put it in Madam Lilian's bowl."

"Thank you. Madam Lilian put the honey-coated profiterole into her mouth and chewed it. Her mouth was then filled with the fragrance of flowers, and she couldn't help but to keep praising it."

"Madam Lilian, I used some fresh flowers as the filling. Although it is not much, I can guarantee that it will be very fragrant. My mother once said that if one matches the original food with the fragrance of fresh flowers, the fragrance will leave a deep impression, and the person who eats it will never forget that feeling, Belle said proudly, chuckling."

"Yeah. It's really like this. As Madam Lilian chewed gently, she could feel the fragrant scent from the flower wafting down her throat into her stomach. Then, the lingering scent in her mouth made her feel as if her entire body had been laced with the fragrance of flowers, making her feel very comfortable. ""Your mother's words are so true. It looks like your mother is also an exquisite woman.""

"Madam Lilian praised her from the bottom of her heart, and Belle smiled proudly."

"Ma'am, try this. This is a famous snack in A city, mugwort biscuits. It is made with carefully selected mugworts. It has the effect of nourishing the spleen and refreshing the liver. The taste is excellent as well. Belle picked up the round, green biscuit on the lotus leaves and put it in Madam Lilian's bowl."

“Madam, this is known as molten lava cake. It is most popular with for women. There are many delicious things stuffed in the cake.”

“This is beef with cumin sauce. It was made with beef that came from the savannah. So, the taste is very exquisite.”

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“Belle introduced all kinds of snacks to Madam Lilian, one by one, and Madam Lilian placed each of them aside after taking just one bite. She ate all of them happily and even ate a lot more than she expected.”

“Child, you can call me Grandma from now on. I’ll also call you by your first name, Belle. What do you think? The more Madam Lilian looked at Belle, the more she liked her, to the point that she really wanted to stay with her everyday. As for Belle, she also felt that Madam Lilian was kind and gentle. It was rare for an elderly woman to have that kind of character. Therefore, when Madam Lilian said that, Belle immediately called her ‘Grandma’.”

Madam Lilian was pleasantly surprised and agreed happily at once.

She then removed the jade bracelet from her hand and gave it to Belle.

“Belle looked at it carefully. It was carved from jade with the finest quality, and its texture was very exquisite. Therefore, Belle knew that it was extremely valuable with a glance. So, she rejected it. Nevertheless, she saw that Madam Lilian, who deliberately put on a long face, said pitifully, ““Belle, if you don’t want it, then it means that you’re looking down on me. If that’s the case, you might make me think that you’re not sincere.”””

“Belle was stunned, and she had no choice but to accept it.”

“Madam Lilian put it on for her in person and smiled with satisfaction, when she saw how good it matched Belle.”

“After that meal, the two acted like a kind and amiable pair of grandmother and granddaughter, and their behaviors were affectionate. Even the secretary by the side sighed with emotion, when she saw how close they were.”

“On the other side, in another luxurious private room of the five-star hotel, Calvin was also drinking and laughing merrily.”

“At that moment, the mayor of A City, Sadiva Bennett and Calvin were sitting across each other and enjoying their meal.”

Sadiva was treating Calvin to that meal.

“Calvin had already known Sadiva’s purpose of doing so, and he agreed, as he also had his own intentions. Right then, A City’s economy was in a recession. Their revenue wasn’t that good, and even all the taxes he collected from the citizens were about to be used up. What troubled Sadiva most was that since A City was a provincial capital with a great reputation, the Regional Games was planned to be held at A City.”

“Such a wonderful thing would only make A City’s reputation flourish. Although it might seem like a good thing, only he, Calvin, knew its mystery. To hold such a big event like the Regional Games would require a lot of money. It was not as fun as one would think.”

Calvin knew what Sadiva was thinking about.

“The whole world was paying attention to the Regional Games. If Sadiva held it in a low-key manner, not only would it bring shame upon A City, it would also cause the country to be humiliated. Sadiva was someone involved in the political world. So, naturally, he knew that point.”

“Besides, that year was the third year since he had been appointed the mayor. How successful Sadiva would hold the Regional Games was the factor to whether he could continue his term as the mayor, and was a way to gauge how capable he was.”

“So, if he had financial difficulties, what should he do? Of course, he should seek help from other businesses and taxpayers.”

“A City was huge. If one wanted to hold the Regional Games in a way that would leave a lasting impression on the entire world, then the municipal government would have to up their game. This meant that they were in need of a large amount of money.”

“The Harvey Group in A City was a well-known corporation. In addition to that, Calvin was one of the richest individuals in the world, which was why Sadiva thought of him first.”

“Calvin knew Sadiva’s purpose for treating him to a meal very well, but his company had been turned upside down by Zoella. Not only that, but some of his land titles were also in imminent danger.”

“At that time, the Regional Games was a test for the government, as well as a business opportunity for him at the same time.”

“Mr. Bennett, several restaurants and commercial lands owned by the Harvey Group were initially operating smoothly, but recently, incidents have happened, one after another. I wonder if Mr. Bennett knows about it? Calvin mentioned it casually before Sadiva could even speak.”

“He had to bring up the problem first, so that Sadiva could understand his current situation.”

“Sadiva knew more or less about the Harvey Group’s matters, especially the incident of the Harvey Group leaking state secrets, which used to cause him a lot of trouble. However, he had his own intentions in meeting Calvin. Firstly, he needed Calvin’s financial resources. Secondly, such a large enterprise was the instrument of governmental support. Plus, after hundreds of years, in terms of business, paid taxes, and social capital, the Harvey Group had indeed become an important part of A City. It was the time to use such a good resource. In fact, Sadiva really couldn’t afford the Harvey Group to collapse at that time. Otherwise, the impact of it would seriously affect the economy of A City, which was something that Sadiva didn’t want to happen, just as they were about to hold the Regional Games.”

“Therefore, he, Sadiva, had already long thought of a plan.”

“Mr. Harvey, I’ve heard little about the Harvey Group. Don’t worry. All previous party committees, including me, have attached great importance to big enterprises, especially to a person as talented as you are. Our party committee pays a lot of attention to matters like these. Now that something like this

has happened to your company, I've already ordered the relevant departments to observe it publicly and investigate it privately. Sadiva smiled and spoke in a very considerate manner."

"Those words made Calvin feel like laughing. Of course, he knew that if the Harvey Group collapsed at that time, the taxes that A City would get would be cut by more than half. It wasn't an ideal situation for Sadiva at all."

"At that time, the reason the mayor of A City and one of the world's richest businessmen were sitting together was that they were all doing their best for their own interests."

"Two years ago, Calvin had helped Sadiva bring down Tristan, which allowed Sadiva, who initially had no hope, to become the mayor. Therefore, Sadiva still had a favorable impression of the Harvey Group. Moreover, the taxes the Harvey Group paid every year was very lucrative."

"Mr. Bennett, I heard that this year's Regional Games will be held in A City. Congratulations to you, Mr. Bennett. Calvin picked up a glass of red wine and stood up to propose a toast to Sadiva."

"Sadiva had a medium build, and was dressed in delicate and casual black attire. His well-maintained face looked very energetic, and his forehead was rAl Diarnt. His eyes were bright and full of wisdom. Yet, there was a hint of craftiness in them, which was why no one could guess what he was thinking."

"When Calvin proposed a toast with him, he appeared very sincere as he was also half-kneeling."

"Sadiva knew that although he was the mayor right then, once he was removed from his position, he would be a nobody. However, Calvin was different. He was the permanent president of a company with endless potential. So, it was hard to say who would have the upper hand in the future. In addition to that, the next election was drawing near."

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"Thank you. After Sadiva thanked him, he gulped down the glass of wine and sighed faintly. ""Alas, you guys won't know how hard it is to be the mayor. Only someone who had been a mayor before knows the hardships of being one."""

Calvin blinked his eyes and smiled faintly when he heard that.

"Mr. Bennett, we are all people of A City. If there is anything that I can help you with, then feel free to speak up, Calvin said sincerely."

"Alright. Sadiva was waiting for him to say that. Thus, he immediately agreed. ""To be honest, the Regional Games is a great opportunity, due to the fact that the whole world's attention will be focused here. And people from around the world will come to A City as well. This is a very good thing for A City, especially the economy of A City. But no matter how amazing it is, I still have to invest in it and make the event glamorous, so that the outside world will be confident and have a good impression on A City. Only through this way can we attract people to invest in A City and further expand its economy. Therefore, the municipal government will also need to start making necessary preparations for the construction."""

"Calvin understood Sadiva's intentions upon hearing that. Sadiva was asking the Harvey Group to take on a large portion of the construction for free. To put it bluntly, Sadiva wanted them to pay for it."

“He smiled slightly. He could pay for it. After all, it was a matter that would benefit the country and its citizens, but he wanted something in return.”

“Yes, Mr. Bennett, you’re right. First impressions are, of course, the most important thing. Also, A City is a reputable metropolis. Otherwise, the country would not have entrusted this big responsibility to us. Since we have been given the responsibility to do so, we should do it properly and solemnly. Calvin nodded in agreement. He only stated that it was a good thing, but he hadn’t mentioned that he would accept it.”

“Of course, Sadiva knew what he was thinking too.”

“Mr. Harvey, I’ve already sent my men to investigate thoroughly the Harvey Group’s few commercial lands and some other practical problems. I think I’ll be able to give you justice soon. As for the matter of the Harvey Group’s automobile industry leaking secrets, I can only help you make sure that you’ll be able to start manufacturing again. However, I don’t have the ability to pardon your charges. Sadiva spoke out in a timely manner, looking a little embarrassed.”

“Of course, Calvin understood that he was being put in a difficult position. Nevertheless, if Sadiva was willing to make a move, Zoella’s plan of making things difficult for the Harvey Group would be ruined. With that, they would at least be able to stabilize and protect their traditional industries. As for the Harvey Group’s automobile industry, Belle was in charge of it, and that the newly re-established company was under Martin’s control. So, it would not be difficult for them to re-establish their business.”

Calvin seemed to have seen a fresh glimmer of hope.

“Nevertheless, the Harvey Group had to spend a large amount of financial resources for that. Although Calvin was a little reluctant to do so, it was quite a common thing for money to come and go. What was more, it was beneficial to the citizen’s livelihoods. So, it didn’t matter if he was required to spend a lot of money. Therefore, at the moment, he spoke in a generous manner.”

“Don’t worry, Mr. Bennett. The Harvey Group will be in charge of the municipal government’s construction of all the roads in A City. I will do my best to accomplish these things.”

“As soon as he said that, Sadiva’s eyes lit up. He estimated that the construction would at least need a few tens of billions of dollars. If the Harvey Group was willing to bear those expenses, he didn’t have to worry about it anymore.”

“Thinking of that, he praised him joyfully. ““The Harvey Group really is rich and generous, to be able to accept such a big project. It is a blessing for us and the people of A City to have such a wealthy entrepreneur like you in A city. On behalf of all the people, I thank you.”””

“As Sadiva said that, he stood up and bowed down. He then picked up the bottle of red wine on the table and poured some for Calvin and himself. Then, he drank a toast to Calvin respectfully and chugged it all down in one go.”

Calvin also stood up and drank the red wine.

That was the first time Calvin had to compromise in front of a big shot for the company's business. He was no longer the arrogant person he was in the past. It was more appropriate to describe him as mature and steady right then.

"Right then, for the sake of his family, his wife and child, he would be willing to act humble at the appropriate time. Wasn't that the so-called adapting to one's circumstances?"

"After that, they chatted about trivial stuff as they drank the wine happily."

Belle and Madam Lilian finally parted ways reluctantly.

"By the time she bid farewell to Madam Lilian, the night was already very dark."

"She felt the cool summer breeze blowing at her. Not knowing why, Belle was in a fantastic mood."

"She hummed and held her delicate leather bag in her hand. She then looked up at the stars in the sky and walked in an unsteady manner. That day, she was so happy that she drank three glasses of red wine."

"Her wine palate wasn't good, and her alcohol tolerance was no better either. With just three glasses, she was almost drunk and was only semi-conscious!"

"She usually sang and laughed loudly when she was drunk. However, when she was sad, she would cry and laugh by the river. If someone was close to her, she would even observe that person and touch their face. Nevertheless, she rarely got drunk."

"The garden of the five-star hotel was huge. After Belle walked out of the dining room, she went to the rock garden."

"She went to the side of the pond beneath the rock garden with shaky steps. When she saw that the water in the pond was very clear, she tilted her head and inspected the face in the pool's reflection."

"Hey, who are you? You're so beautiful. She giggled and flattered her own reflection in the pool."

"Belle was then annoyed at the inverted reflection as it would mimic her every action, like smiling and making faces. Due to that, she became slightly unhappy. ""Hey, you must be a succubus. A succubus like Liya. I think I'd better beat you to death."""

"After that, she bent over and was about to kick the face of her reflection with her foot."

"As soon as Calvin walked out of the dining room, he couldn't help but to frown. It was due to the fact that he saw Belle stepping on the pond's fence beside the rock pile. She had her head tilted, and would curse and shout at the pond from time to time."

That d*mned woman must've been drinking.

"She had one of her legs very high up, which exposed her underwear. She also had one of her hands at her waist and pointed the other at the pond while saying something."

The muscles on Calvin's face twitched.

“Knowing that she was going to treat Madam Lilian to a meal that day and remembering the incident of her being stabbed the last time, Calvin was very worried about her. That was why he decided to have a meal with Sadiva there.”

That d*mned woman had her phone turned off for the entire day. It seemed like she had devoted her entire heart and soul into treating Madam Lilian to a meal.

“As her husband, of course, he was happy that Madam Lilian had a good impression of his own wife.”

“However, he did not expect to see her standing by the rock garden in an extremely indecent manner after receiving a call from Maud. It was really shameful, and it would be bad if the media got hold of that sight.”

“At that moment, he took a step forward and rushed over, grabbing her by the waist, and pulling her away from the pond.”

Don't touch me. You bad person. How can you get rid of the succubus like that? she shouted while flailing about.

Calvin did not know whether to laugh or to cry when he heard that.

“It turned out that she was still thinking about Liya, even when she was drunk. It seemed that Liya had really affected her a lot. Thinking of that, he felt distressed for her.”

“Belle, don't joke around anymore. I'll bring you home, Calvin said patiently and gently.”

“That night, Calvin was in a good mood and felt much more relieved because he had made a deal with Sadiva.”

“Ha! So, it's a handsome man. You're so handsome. Belle escaped from his arms and stepped back, only to see the handsome face that she could never get tired of. She reached out her soft little hands and pinched his face with a giggle, continuing to caress his face gently.”

“As Calvin's face was gently stroked by her, he looked at her grinning. Her face was slightly red because of alcohol and her bright eyes were like the stars in the sky.”

He was stunned.

“In a blink of an eye, Belle started touching his body with her small hands. Her touch made him feel a little numb and ticklish, causing Calvin's heart to race.”

“Hey, handsome. Can you stay with me for one night? I'm so lonely. Belle was very drunk. She asked while chuckling with glazed eyes.”

“That time, Calvin's face darkened.”

“It turned out that Belle didn't even recognize him. She thought of him as a stranger, and she even asked a stranger to keep her company for the night. What was that!”

“At the thought of that, his face became extremely gloomy.”

“Belle looked at him with her head tilted and clicked her tongue. ““Hey, why is your face so gloomy? I’m just asking you to sleep with me, and you won’t lose anything from it. I’m really lonely. My husband doesn’t want me and my son anymore. He’s going to marry a succubus. Seeing that I’m so pitiful, please just keep me company for the night, alright?””””

“Belle’s hands were still on his body, but then she felt that the man’s muscles had tensed up, and his face was getting more and more unpleasant. Thus, she thought that it wasn’t fun anymore.”

“Forget it. I don’t need you anymore. I’m going to sleep first. She stretched out, put her hands behind her head, tilted her head and smiled cutely. Then, she fell straight down to the ground with her arms stretched and legs crossed, looking very comfortable and relaxed.”

“D*mn woman! If she slept like that, wasn’t she asking to get hurt?”

“However, Calvin reached out in time to hold Belle, who still hasn’t fallen to the ground and picked her up.”

“Handsome, what are you doing? I want to sleep now. Upon smelling the familiar scent, she asked in a silly way. Then, she sighed with satisfaction and fell asleep soundly.”

“She had initially been very exhausted in that period of time. In addition to how busy she was that day and the fact that she had drunk alcohol, she quickly fell asleep in the arms of Calvin, like a baby.”

“Maud then rushed over and said to Calvin with a smile, ““Mr. Harvey, the driver has already driven the car over. Please get in.”””

Calvin said nothing more and got in the car with Belle in his arms.

“Maud, how many glasses of wine did Madam drink today? Calvin asked Maud, with Belle in his arms, while sitting on the soft cushions at the back of the car.”

“Mr. Harvey, Madam didn’t drink much, she only drank three glasses of wine, Maud answered carefully in the front seat. At that moment, Calvin’s face didn’t look good. He let Belle get drunk despite him escorting her. Thus, he was scared that Calvin would berate him.”

“It was only three glasses of red wine, and she was already so drunk. Belle was really born to have low tolerance for alcohol.”

Calvin looked down at the woman sleeping comfortably in his embrace. He couldn’t help but to shake his head and smile bitterly.

“However, just then, she touched all over him as she liked. It made him very uncomfortable!”

“The car slowly drove into Harvey Manor. Then, Calvin carefully carried her onto the electric vehicle.”

How did that woman dare ask a man to sleep with her after getting drunk?

What kind of behavior was that?

Did she really feel that lonely?

“In those days, although he was very tired, he would try his best to come back to be by her side and satisfy her every night. Despite that, she still dared ask another man to sleep with her. Thinking of that, Calvin was furious.”

“After washing her up, Calvin put her on the soft bed and watched her as she slept soundly. Her skin was as smooth as jade. Although her face had a tinge of yellowness in recent days, it was covered by the effects of alcohol. Her face was slightly red, and her breathing was very seductive, which made his heart sting.”

“If it weren’t for her saying that she wanted a random man to keep her company for the night, he would let her go that night. Nevertheless, Calvin got angry whenever he thought of that. His wife was next to him, but she was desperately looking for another partner to sleep with. He was really hurt.”

He went to bed.

He bent over slowly and approached her.

“No. As soon as his face was close to hers, Belle extended an arm to gently put it on his neck. She said it in a coy manner, which was very rare for her to do so. Usually, Belle would never talk to him like that, but that day, he got to see another side of her due to the fact that she had drunk some wine.”

An electric current quickly flowed from her arm and through Calvin’s entire body.

“In an instant, his whole body had gone soft.”

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“Handsome lad, you really want to be with me for the night? It was as if Belle was talking in her sleep. Then, she reached out her other hand, placed it softly on his neck, and mumbled coquettishly.”

A dark flame quickly and violently spread throughout Calvin’s body.

“When Belle’s mind was clear, she would always be prim and proper. She would never make advances to seduce him like that. However, right then, she had her arms wrapped tightly around his neck, and she latched her soft body directly onto his. Then, she rubbed her body against him in his embrace, which made his blood boil.”

D*mned woman. How thirsty was she!?

“It seemed that he needed to restrict her from consuming alcohol in the future. If he hadn’t met her that day, then the consequences...”

“Calvin’s heart sank, but his thoughts became more and more messy, and he couldn’t think properly anymore. At that time, Belle, who was in his embrace, was touching every part of his body without any restraint. She even nibbles his chest with her small mouth.”

His breathing became more and more rapid. He then took off her clothes in a hurry and kissed her with his hot lips.

“Belle responded to him passionately and took the lead. That intoxicating and numbing feeling made both of them moan joyfully. As if there was a fire in the air, she held his neck, and the two of them were entangled with each other.”

The moon and stars could be clearly seen in the quiet and peaceful night sky.

“The man and woman on the bed hurriedly hugged and entangled with each other. They did not even have the patience to unbutton their clothes and straight up tore the pyjamas instead. Then, Belle wrapped her legs around Calvin’s waist, and the two of them began to do their deed.”

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“After a night of loving each other, Calvin felt that an alluring Belle would kill him and devour his bones for the first time.”

“Her tightness and softness made him so excited that he couldn’t bear to let her go. The rarest thing that night was her advances, her gentleness, and her yearning for him, which made him have the illusion that he was being seduced.”

Calvin thought that the illusion was f*cking refreshing and stimulating!

“However, that d*mned woman didn’t know who he was from beginning to end. She must have regarded him as a stranger.”

“D*mn, she was very alluring at that. How unruly!”

“She usually never made the first move and was never that gentle. Thus, it was evident that Belle wasn’t thinking about him, which hurt Calvin’s proud heart a lot.”

It seemed that he had to interrogate her carefully the day after!

“In fact, Belle had already recognized that familiar body subconsciously. It was due to the fact that Calvin was the only man in her life. Therefore, even if she had been drunk and didn’t know who he was, her subconscious mind had still recognized that body. That was why she just let everything flow naturally.”

It was only because of the alcohol that she became bolder and more active.

“The next day, both of them woke up later than usual.”

“When Belle opened her eyes and got up, she went to pull open the thick curtains. The bright light from outside shone in and blinded her eyes, which caused her to rub her eyes with her hands.”

“As she opened the window, a gust of fresh air blew into the room. Summer had already arrived.”

“She turned around, and Calvin had already woken up too.”

She stared at him in a daze.

“Her head still ached a little, but how did she get home the night before?”

“Furthermore, the night before, she seemed to...”

She blushed upon thinking about that.

Calvin's heart pounded rapidly upon seeing her.

"Belle, come over here. He waved his hand at her, and spoke gently and softly with some mystery in his voice."

Belle had no choice but to go over to him.

"Calvin stretched out his hand and grabbed her arm. With a gentle pull, Belle fell onto his chest and lay flat on it."

"Who were you with last night? He put his elbow on the bed, with his palm supporting his head, and caressed her face with his other hand. His tone sounded as if he was interrogating her."

"Wasn't I with you? Belle rolled her eyes at him. It was still Tristany in the morning, and he was already speaking in a very unfriendly manner. What was wrong with him?"

"So, you're aware that the man with you was me last night? A satisfied smile appeared on Calvin's face, as he stared into her eyes."

"Belle was stunned for a moment, and her face reddened."

"She probably aroused his suspicion by being too wild the night before, but she didn't have any intention to cheat to begin with!"

"What do you want? Don't touch me then if you can, she said while blushing, as she felt shy, but she didn't want to give in."

The corners of Calvin's lips curled up slightly.

"You're the one who harassed me, but now you don't want me to touch you. What logic is that? Calvin understood what she was thinking. Thus, he asked proudly, with satisfaction. As long as she knew that he was with her, he was okay with it!"

"At this point, Belle finally understood that he was jealous."

"Did she blurt out a man's name after drinking too much the night before that made him so jealous? Belle had already experienced how jealous Calvin could get, and it wasn't a good thing."

"Surely enough, he said domineeringly, ""Listen, you're not allowed to drink in the future. You can only drink with me by your side."""

Belle widened her eyes.

"Of course, we can frequently drink some wine together in the future. It feels good. Soon, Belle heard his words again, and the hateful guy had a smug on his face."

Belle's face instantly turned red.

Dream on. Go and drink with your second wife in the future. She reached out to push him and got up from his chest.

“Calvin looked at her meaningfully with his dark eyes, and said in a hoarse voice, ““Belle, in the future, I want you to behave like how you did last night. You did great.”””

“Up to this point, even Belle’s ears turned red. ““How can you be so indecent and senseless? I don’t want to talk to you anymore.”””

“She turned her back against him, but an irrepressible smile appeared at the corner of her mouth. It was very gentle and moving.”

Calvin laughed heartily.

The phone rang at an inappropriate time.

Calvin picked up the call.

“Calvin, have you woken up? We’re going to have a look at my wedding dress today, right? Liya’s voice was gentle and soft, with a hint of sweetness in it.”

“The smile on Calvin’s face froze in an instant. The warm and lingering feelings in his mind, as well as his and Belle’s alone time, completely disappeared, leaving only Liya’s smiling face.”

He had already forgotten that he was going to ‘marry’ Liya!

That woman was still waiting to become his wife.

“What the h*ll was that! For a moment, he found it absurd as he was already married!”

“However, he soon came back to his senses and quickly agreed to her. When he looked up, he saw Belle standing by the bed. Although her back was turned to him, it was obvious that her back had turned stiff, and she was also listening to their conversation.”

Calvin sighed in his heart as his gaze darkened.

“Alright, wait for me at the entrance after an hour, Calvin answered her briefly and hung up the phone in no time.”

“The harmony in the air had just then disappeared, leaving only a suffocating and awkward atmosphere.”

“Belle strode towards the bathroom. She squeezed the toothpaste, brushed her teeth, and washed her face. Although she didn’t stop moving, she felt that her hands were trembling.”

“From her intuition, she guessed that the phone call was from Liya.”

“Calvin told her to wait for him at the entrance of Harvey Manor, probably because he wanted to avoid her.”

“That was it. Their wedding was about to take place, and they had to do a lot of things. Then, between them...”

“She brushed her teeth with her hand, which was moving up and down mechanically.”

“Calvin had once said that even if he married Liya, he would never touch her. He had also said that he would only touch her and love her in his lifetime. Could she believe his words?”

“Belle, what are you thinking about? When Calvin walked in, he saw Belle standing in a daze while brushing her teeth mechanically, and he could not help but to shake his head slightly.”

Women were always paranoid!

“Nonetheless, he couldn’t blame her. He was indeed going to ‘marry’ Liya. So, how could she not overthink?”

“He then caressed her head with his hand and said gently, “”You’re already bleeding. If you keep on brushing, your gums will split open.”””

“Belle was shocked, and only then did she come back to her senses, only to see that the foam in her mouth indeed had traces of blood, from the reflection in the mirror. After hastily spitting it out and gargling her mouth, she went downstairs as if she was fleeing.”

“After waking up from her dreams, she really didn’t want to face Calvin, what more Liya. Whenever she thought about that, it would upset her and make her uncomfortable. She didn’t know when that kind of life would come to an end. Perhaps, all of that would coil around her like a nightmare, making her unable to breathe. Or, she might even be entangled in such a dilemma for the rest of her life, making her feel uneasy everyday. Moreover, as her relationship with Calvin got deeper and deeper, she really didn’t have the courage to leave him.”

“Ever since Calvin had personally announced that he would marry Liya as his second wife next Saturday, the entire Harvey Manor was very busy. Not only that, the media had spread the piece of news wildly and caused everyone to turn their attention to Harvey Manor.”

That was because Calvin had already announced it to the public.

His wedding with Liya would be held at the Harvey Group Manor.

All kinds of comments began to pour in again.

“Belle could still barely manage to calm herself down, but what she was most worried about was Jerry.”

“Even though Jerry was still young, he was still sensitive to that matter and opposed to it.”

He thought that Calvin wouldn’t want him and Belle anymore after taking a second wife. That was why he was very sad.

“When Belle went downstairs, she saw Jerry sitting on the couch in a sickly manner. His face was pale, and his eyes had no signs of life in it.”

Jerry’s current appearance made Belle’s heart throb with pain.

“Baby, are you feeling better today? She went towards him, picked him up, put him on her knees, and touched his forehead, as she asked softly.”

“Jerry’s forehead was a little cold, which was evident that the fever had subsided, but he looked very downcast.”

“When Belle picked him up, he slumped in her arms limply and seemed to be very depressed. ”

“Mom, where is Dad? Is he with that wicked woman? he asked disappointedly in her arms.”

“Belle’s heart skipped a beat, and intense pain followed after.”

It turned out that Jerry was in such low spirits because there was a thorn in his heart.

“After Calvin announced that he would marry Liya, the entire Harvey Manor became very busy in every aspect. In addition to that, everyone was talking behind their backs. Jerry was a smart kid, and since the matter was about his own father, his young and sensitive mind was naturally able to understand the situation.”

Belle could see pain and unease in his eyes.

Belle was in so much pain that it was as if her heart was taken away when she saw that Jerry had to endure such pain at such a young age.

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“Belle could only hold Jerry tightly in her arms and console him. “”Jerry, be good. Even if Dad marries another woman, Dad will still love you, and Mom will only love you even more. Grandpa and Grandma also love you a lot. So, be happy, alright?”””

“It’s not the same. It’s completely different. Jerry shook his head and cried out loudly, saying, “”That wicked woman will steal Dad’s heart and harm me. That way, Dad won’t like Mom anymore.”””

“As he spoke, he sobbed while he was in Belle’s arms, looking heartbroken.”

“Belle was at a loss for words. For a moment, she did not know how to comfort him. Her eyes turned red too.”

“All of a sudden, a deep voice sounded beside her. She lifted her head, only to see that Calvin was looking at both mother and son with a complicated expression. clearly, he had overheard their entire conversation just then.”

Belle was heartbroken. She then picked up Jerry and was about to walk outside.

“Belle, let me hold Jerry. Calvin blocked Belle and stopped her. Then, he stretched out his hand, wanting to hug Jerry.”

“Jerry eyes, while in Belle’s arms, lit up when he heard Calvin’s voice, but it soon dimmed again.”

“No, I don’t want Dad to hold me. He grabbed onto Belle’s clothes and expressed his strong rejection towards Calvin.”

“Calvin was stunned, as pain flashed across his eyes.”

“Right then, Jerry at least didn’t need to worry about losing Belle, as she had been deemed innocent. Calvin would be satisfied, as long as Belle and Jerry would be able to live by his side comfortably.”

“Jerry, be good. Let me hold you. Knowing that Jerry had a lot of prejudice against him right then, he spoke in a more dignified tone.”

“I don’t want you to hold me. Jerry wasn’t afraid of him, and he buried his face in Belle’s arms, shouting, ““You’re a liar. You’ve gone back on your word. You’ve promised me that you wouldn’t marry that bad woman, but you still did so in the end. I hate you, and I won’t talk to you anymore. I don’t want you to be my Dad anymore, and I’ll ask Mom to find another father for me.”””

“Calvin’s face darkened, and he shouted, ““Brat, come over. I have something to say to you.”””

“I don’t want to come over. I don’t want to talk to you. Calvin’s voice was very imposing, and Jerry had never heard him talking to him in such a stern tone before. So, he got a little scared. However, he still held on like a man, at the thought of Calvin lying to a child like him.”

“Calvin stretched out his arms and wanted to hold onto him forcefully. On the other side, Belle could feel Jerry desperately clinging onto her clothes in her arms while trembling. Upon realizing he was afraid, her heart ached, and she hugged him tightly. She then turned her face to Calvin and said coldly, ““Since he doesn’t want you to hold him, why do you have to force him? He’s still a child!”””

“Could one blame Jerry for having such a reaction? That day, when Liya pushed Jerry into the pool, Calvin didn’t even care about Jerry, as he stood by Liya’s side. With that, even a child as young as Jerry would realize that his own Dad didn’t care for him anymore.”

“Belle pressed her face against Jerry’s head and left Calvin with Jerry in her arms. Calvin’s hands froze in the air, and after a while, his hands dropped down, feeling disappointed.”

“He stood in the living room in a daze, and he looked defeated.”

Paige was also in a bad mood in recent days!

“In her eyes, that family was going to be turned upside down.”

“How could her son be so silly as to hold a grand wedding and marry Liya, a woman she didn’t like! What the h*ll!?! Moreover, Hudson also supported the wedding from behind the scenes, with all his might. It looked like an unrealistic farce.”

There was really no need for the Harvey family to act like that and become other people’s laughing stock.

“Just when she arrived in the living room, she saw the scene of Calvin wanting to hold Jerry, and she became even more frustrated.”

“Calvin, you’re not going to take my words seriously now, huh? Paige walked over. Her flawless face, surprisingly, had some wrinkles on it. No one could stand such events, one after another, to happen in an initially peaceful family, right? All those events made Paige very worried. If Liya really were to marry into the family, could the family still live in peace?”

“Calvin’s eyes were filled with a conflicting pain. He then parted his lips, but he realized that he couldn’t speak a single word.”

“Calvin, I really didn’t expect your way of looking at things to be this shallow. You’re really asking for trouble by marrying a woman like Liya. The day before yesterday, she almost killed your own son. Can’t you use your brain to think for once? Paige felt very irritated, as Calvin had never informed her of his

wedding with Liya. Not to mention that Jerry didn't like Liya, as Calvin's Mom, she couldn't bear to see things develop like that either."

"Mom, you don't have to worry so much about this matter. I know how to deal with it. Calvin neither dared to face Paige's aggressive interrogation, nor could he answer her at all. After saying that, he walked towards the dining room."

"Paige couldn't help but to let out a sigh when she saw Calvin escaping from her, helpless."

Belle carried Jerry to the dining room and carefully served Jerry breakfast.

"Jerry was sick. So, he only ate a few mouthfuls of porridge."

"Calvin walked over, sat next to him, and tried to get closer to him, but he twisted his small body to lean towards Belle and only faced Calvin with his behind."

"Feeling helpless, Calvin had no choice but to lower his head and eat his breakfast."

Belle grabbed a bun and ate it before heading upstairs with Jerry in her arms.

"Calvin felt very uncomfortable. So, he got up and left in a hurry after quickly eating a bowl of porridge."

"He could not explain anything to his family, as he knew that the burden on his shoulders was heavy. The heavier the burden was, the more he couldn't tell them."

"He could only succeed. If he told them about it, he would be treating them irresponsibly. That was why he buried his bitterness in his heart."

"At that time, he had to win at all costs and couldn't bear to lose!"

He wanted to be responsible for the people he loved!

"In the spacious and bright office, Zoella was standing in front of the floor-to-ceiling windows and was looking outside. Opposite her office was a bustling commercial street, and not far away, stood the International Triumphal Court's skyscraper. It was magnificent and majestic."

"That was the famous Harvey Group's building, occupying almost half of the street. Furthermore, the Harvey Group's businesses had already occupied almost the entirety of A City."

"Her company couldn't be located on the street that was home to a business empire. Therefore, she could only set up the Sky Sword Group in the building diagonally opposite to it, but it didn't affect her confidence to achieve success."

"It was just that what happened next exceeded her expectations. She was being toyed with and threatened by Oscar, the pervert!"

That was something she would never have thought of.

"Fortunately, Liya had replaced her during that period of time, allowing her to avoid being ravaged by Oscar's perverted attacks. Also, her body's tender and white skin had finally recovered a bit. So, there was no need for her to hide it anymore."

"She stood there blankly, feeling extremely depressed."

Octavia opened the door and walked in softly.

“Miss Yates, I’m afraid that it’s impossible to suppress the Harvey Group’s several commercial lands. In these few days, Sadiva began to send someone to intervene with the matter, and Honold will never dare to offend his dad. It seems that our plan will fail.”

“Zoella just stood still, as if she did not hear what Octavia had said.”

“The morning sun shone in through the window, as it got hotter and hotter. The summer sun was indeed scorching.”

“Is he really going to marry Liya? After a long time, she murmured.”

“Octavia was stunned for a moment and immediately understood what she meant. She then nodded with a solemn look on her face and said in a low voice, ““That’s right, Miss Yates. Calvin has already decided to marry Liya next Saturday. It has already become a fact. The media has already found out about it and is publishing reports and articles about it. Moreover, the Harvey Manor has started to make preparations. The atmosphere there is certainly joyful.”””

“Zoella bit her lips, and she said with bloodshot eyes, ““Will Belle really accept Liya? Won’t she think of a way to stop it?”””

“Alas, Miss Yates, I’ve already inquired about it. Belle not only accepted it, but she will also personally host their wedding. Octavia shook her head very helplessly as she sighed. She was confused about Belle’s behavior and even thought that something was wrong with her.”

She’s even going to host their wedding personally? Zoella was shocked. How could that be possible? How could a woman be so generous?

“It’s true. Belle personally admitted it to the media. Octavia found it hard to accept it as well, and she said in a puzzled tone.”

Zoella suddenly burst into laughter.

“This is truly unbelievable. It looks like Belle’s a weak woman, to be able to be weighed down by only Liya.”

The smile on Zoella’s face became somewhat ugly. How could a woman like Liya marry Calvin? It was impossible.

“Belle was easy to deal with, but with Liya’s presence, wouldn’t things be too troublesome?”

“Zoella sneered coldly. Her voice was like that of a devil from h*ll and was extremely terrifying. ““Let me tell you. Calvin will never be able to marry Liya. I won’t let him do so. Liya will never become Mrs. Harvey. She isn’t worthy of it. I won’t let her escape from my control. As for a person like her, she isn’t even qualified to serve Oscar.”””

“Yes, not only did Zoella want to use Liya to help her serve Oscar, but she also wanted Liya to be her pawn. Therefore, if Zoella let Liya get all the glory and happiness, then what about herself? Thinking of that, Zoella’s eyes flickered with a sinister light.”

“That’s correct, Miss Yates. We can’t let Liya marry Calvin. Who does she think she is to marry Calvin? It disgusts me. Octavia added fuel to fire by the sidelines.”

“Right then, almost everyone was talking about the news of Calvin’s and Liya’s wedding, and everyone’s attention was on that matter.”

“Even as a regular person, Liya’s current fame was even greater than that of a popular celebrity. That was probably the domino effect of marrying into a wealthy family!”

Zoella heaved a heavy sigh and slowly sat back down on her chair.

“That woman, Belle, not only stayed by Calvin’s side, even if he took a second wife, she even accepted it obediently. Moreover, she even planned to host their wedding in person. Had she gone insane?”

Zoella was lost in thought.

“If Belle was just a weak person that couldn’t deal with Calvin, then her current actions could easily be explained. However, with Zoella’s understanding of Belle’s personality, she didn’t think she was the kind of person who would easily compromise to such a thing. Therefore, in Zoella’s eyes, it seemed that Belle deliberately promised Calvin to let him marry Liya, in order to please her in-laws, and build a virtuous image to the outside world.”

“Hmph, Belle. I’ll take care of Liya first. One day, I’ll definitely make you leave Harvey Manor on your own! Zoella thought.”