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"In the picturesque Ink Garden, ancient vines wrapped around the wall and extended to the side of the window."

"Belle was sitting in the office, feeling restless, and looking at the greenery outside in a daze."

"Right then, Calvin should've gone out with Liya to buy their wedding outfits!"

"Her eyes were dry, and her heart ached. She couldn't hold it in anymore. So, she stood up and walked towards the small room at the side."

Madam. The security guard in the room greeted her respectfully when he saw her coming in.

"Show me the surveillance camera at the entrance of Harvey Manor. Unexpectedly, Belle gave an order to the security guard."

Harvey Manor had a lot of outdoor spaces that were installed with security cameras. There were also guards monitoring the surveillance cameras at all times to ensure the safety of the manor.

"Alright, please wait for a moment. After the security guard heard the order, he immediately shifted to the surveillance camera at the entrance of Harvey Manor. There was a thin woman standing at the gate. The breeze made her dress flutter with the wind, looking romantic and beautiful."

"As soon as she saw the scene, Belle's heart stopped. Her eyes felt as if they were swollen and in pain."

The present Belle felt very uncomfortable from just seeing her figure.

"You can leave first. She told the security guard to leave, sat on the stool, and looked at the screen in a daze."

"On the screen, Calvin's Hummer approached Liya in no time. Calvin was sitting in the driver's seat, wearing a pair of sunglasses. So, she couldn't see his expression clearly."

"Liya's eyes lit up when she saw the Hummer. As swift as the wind, she opened the door of the car and got in the car, and then, the Hummer slowly drove out."

"Just like that, the entrance of Harvey Manor became empty again."

Belle sat there in a daze with a numb expression.

Why did she go there to spy on them through the surveillance camera?

She was acting like a thief right then. She simply couldn't let go of Calvin in her heart.

"She knew that they were about to get married, yet she took the responsibility of hosting the wedding for them in person. By right, she should've been open about it and could face it properly. However, why would she come and peek at the surveillance camera in secret? Wasn't she just asking for trouble?"

"If it went on like that, how could she go through life in the future?"

"She closed her eyes, and tears soaked her eyelashes. She had the sudden urge to cry."

She really couldn't believe that Calvin would really marry Liya. Blake said that it was just a gimmick. Was it really the case?

Calvin must have had some difficulties that he could not tell her.

"Belle could see the haggardness and pain in Calvin's eyes when they were making love in recent days. Just from that, she could feel that Calvin still loved her."

"Belle, what are you doing here? Sergio's voice came from behind and startled Belle."

"When Sergio walked in, he did not expect to meet Belle there. That surveillance room was the heart of Harvey Manor's security system. So, as the head of the Security Department, he naturally had the responsibility to go there to investigate."

"When Belle turned her head around, her eyes happened to meet Sergio's caring gaze that had quite a bit of heat in them. Then, his eyes fell on the monitoring screen."

"The scene was paused just as Liya entered Calvin's Hummer. Sergio instantly understood what Belle was looking at. Pursing his lips, he looked at her meaningfully."

Belle quickly stood up.

"Mr. Grote, you can return the surveillance camera now, Belle said to the security guard behind her, lowered her head, and was about to leave."

Belle. Sergio followed after her and stopped her.

"Mr. Xanthe, if you are on duty, then feel free to attend to your business. I have other things to take care of. Belle's face was cold, and she treated him indifferently."

"The sun shone through the leaves, shining on Belle's sickly and pale face. Upon looking at it, Sergio was frightened. He felt sorry for her because he hadn't seen her for only a few days, and yet she had become very fragile and ruined."

"Belle, I have long advised you to leave Calvin. Why won't you listen to me? Sergio looked at Belle's red eyes and determined gaze. Calvin was going to take a second wife, but Belle couldn't do anything about it. So, she just observed the surveillance footage, shed some tears, and grieved in secret, instead of fighting back. What a fool she was. Sergio wondered why he couldn't win Belle's heart. From his point of view, he was more or less just as good as Calvin. If he was to steal her heart, he would definitely not let all those things happen, and would love and treasure her with his entire being."

"Sergio, this is my home. Why would I need to leave? She pretended not to understand what he was saying and asked in response while looking at him in confusion. The persistence and determination in her eyes surprised and devastated Sergio."

"You actually want to host a wedding for your husband and his mistress in person? he asked her in disbelief. If there wasn't something wrong with Belle's mind, then she would be one of the best women out there. Surely enough, the woman he liked really was different. She was so different that her way of treating that matter was unique too, which shocked Sergio."

“Yes, I love Calvin, and I’m willing to do anything for him, Belle said bitterly, but what she said could choke Sergio to death.”

She would be willing to face all the challenges head on.

That was her personality.

“To host the wedding personally for her own husband and his mistress, how tragic it was!”

“Belle, you’re really generous. A grey glint flashed across Sergio’s eyes. He then shook his head and said with pity, ““It seems that you won’t even give me a second look even if I were to die for you.”””

“Sergio’s words were bitter, and his eyes darkened as he spoke.”

“Yes, Sergio. You should pursue your own happiness. Belle recalled how Sergio felt about her and immediately tried to persuade him.”

“That was Harvey Manor, and she was the Young Madam. It was against the rules for her to stay with a man like that and talk about such questionable things.”

“The manor had a lot of people everywhere. She did not want unpleasant rumors to spread, and she did not want to entangle herself with other men either. Her way of life was very simple. She would love the ones she chose to love, and hate the ones she chose to hate.”

“Since she chose to return with Calvin, then she would continue the path she had chosen, no matter what.”

“Therefore, after saying that, she did not hesitate to leave.”

“Belle, you can file for divorce. Sergio’s words soon sounded from behind, which made her eardrums ache. Then, she pursed her lips and sped up her pace.”

Sergio fell silent as he looked at her back.

How could that woman be so patient? He really couldn’t believe it.

“After that, he went into the surveillance room. As soon as he found some recordings and was about to look at them, he received a phone call and walked out immediately.”

“Mr. Xanthe, is it convenient for you to talk now? A man’s voice came from the other side of the line. Sergio quickly went under the shade of a remote tree.”

What’s the matter? he asked in a low voice.

“Mr. Xanthe, some people had already snuck into the war-torn country, and due to that, some pieces of news might reach other people’s grasps, which is a dangerous thing. Although the man’s extremely mysterious voice was low, Sergio could still hear him clearly.”

Beads of sweat appeared on Sergio’s forehead.

What did you say? Who? Have you found out who it was? He blurted out several questions in shock.

“Mr. Xanthe, according to our investigation, this person is probably from Harvey Manor, and he has been in that country for a long time. I think he went there to get some evidence of our affairs.”

“As if a bolt of lightning had struck Sergio, he felt as if his insides had been burned, and sparks appeared in his eyes.”

Someone from Harvey Manor had snuck into the war-torn country. Who could it've been?

How did he and his Dad not know about it?

He became more and more confused. He then lifted his head to gaze at Harvey Manor in front of him. It was no wonder Yadriel had told him to move in. That manor really had something going on inside.

“But, Mr. Xanthe, from the looks of it, this person doesn't seem to have been sent by either Calvin or Hudson. That person has been in that war-torn country for quite some time, and there's some connection between him and our opposition. He didn't leave any traces. That's why we didn't notice him at first. We only found out about it after capturing someone from the opposition. The man continued to analyze the situation on the other side.”

“Sweat started to appear on Sergio's hand, which was clutching the phone.”

What happened in the war-torn country had something to do with the petrochemical factory in Wullen Town. Could it be that Calvin and Hudson had learnt about the Xanthe family's secret in Wullen Town? Sergio thought that it was quite unlikely to be so.

He had been monitoring the Harvey family throughout the entire process. The things they did in secret back in Wullen Town had no reason to fall into Calvin's and Hudson's hands.

“At that time, Hudson and Calvin had quietly retreated because they didn't want to confront the Xanthe family. Sergio could still sense that.”

“Nevertheless, they definitely had their own suspicions about the petrochemical factory.”

“However, their suspicions weren't of any use if they couldn't find any useful evidence. Moreover, in the war-torn country, their interactions with all the sects were done in secret. It was impossible for outsiders to know about it.”

“Contact Edgar. If there really is such a thing, try your best to get rid of this person. He immediately issued a hit job after pondering for a short moment.”

“He was not afraid that Calvin would investigate Sancher and the others, but what he was most worried about was the matter regarding the war-torn country, as it could sabotage the lifeline of the Xanthe family with ease. That was what he was most frightened and worried about.”

“Yes, Mr. Xanthe, the man on the other end of the line answered.”

“Sergio stood there in a daze for a moment before putting away his phone. After pondering for a while, he left.”

“In a secluded café in the city center, Sergio slowly walked into one of the private rooms after parking his car.”

“Mr. Xanthe, the matter of Calvin marrying Liya is fake. It’s just an act. It is actually Calvin’s and Hudson’s plan. They want to provoke Zoella and Liya into fighting each other, so that they can deal with these two without putting in much effort. As soon as Sergio entered and sat down, a man dressed in black, who was inside, approached him and spoke in a very low voice.”

“Sergio’s legs froze, and his face tensed up.”

Calvin marrying Liya was just a gimmick!

He really didn’t expect that.

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“Mr. Xanthe, how can a shrewd person like Calvin marry a woman like Liya? He won’t be that foolish. Let’s not talk about any other factors first. As long as Liya registers with him, she will be able to obtain a portion of the shares of the Harvey Group in the future. This is not a small sum. As a businessman, how can he not understand this? Furthermore, he will never fall for a vulgar woman like Liya. The one he loves is Belle. Everyone can see the consequences of him marrying Liya. He would definitely end up losing both his wife and money. Unless it is absolutely necessary, he wouldn’t do such a foolish thing. The man’s voice was as soft as a mosquito’s buzz. However, Sergio could hear each and every word clearly. It seemed as if his ears were hurting from those words too.”

“Calvin Harvey, how bold of him to have used such a sinister method!”

He had actually finessed and fooled those two women.

“Thinking that he even actively spread the news of his wedding to the public, it seemed that he deliberately did so to make the public believe it. In fact, it really deceived everyone, including him.”

Sergio’s face darkened.

“At that moment, he still needed Zoella to stir up trouble. He couldn’t let Calvin destroy Zoella like that.”

“Furthermore, Liya must become Calvin’s second wife. Otherwise, Belle wouldn’t make up her mind to leave Calvin. Furthermore, it would be unlikely to bungle up Calvin’s harem into shambles either.”

“Thinking of that, a sinister smile appeared on Sergio’s face.”

“Calvin Harvey, what a great plan he had! Nevertheless, the only flaw was that he never thought that he would see through it!”

He wiped off the fine sweat on his forehead and sighed.

He was blinded and almost fell into Calvin’s trap.

That was close!

“Since Calvin didn’t want to marry Liya, Sergio wanted him to marry her even more so. It was so that he could place her by Calvin’s side to disgust him.”

Sergio didn’t believe that Belle would still love Calvin like before after enduring it for so long.

“Find out Zoella’s true intentions as soon as possible and report to me. After giving instructions, Sergio walked out quickly.”

“Outside, the sun was shining brightly. What a wonderful view!”

“Nevertheless, an invisible battle had just begun.”

“At that time, he couldn’t afford to relax.”

“Belle was sitting in the office dealing with family affairs, and she felt uneasy the whole morning.”

“At first, she thought of the scene with Calvin holding Liya in his arms while picking out her wedding dress. Then, she thought of Jerry’s crying face. After that, she thought of Sergio’s advice, which made her feel uneasy and irritated.”

Filing for divorce! She would be shocked whenever she thought of that.

“Throughout the whole morning, the servants had brought in all sorts of bills and got her to sign them. They were all the bills for Liya’s and Calvin’s wedding.”

“The Harvey Group’s expenses that month were already high, not to mention that Zoella had caused their fixed assets and traditional manufacturing to be held up. Plus, the Harvey Group’s automobile business was yet to be redeveloped, causing them to have insufficient funds to balance off the expenses. Furthermore, Calvin told her that the Harvey Group would bear all the municipal construction fees for A City the day before, which was another huge sum of expenses.”

Belle had finally realized the difficulty of being the head of the household right then.

“Then, her cell phone rang, and she picked it up.”

“Belle, is Calvin, that b*stard, really going to marry Liya? On the other end of the line was Martin’s straightforward question, which was filled with extreme anger.”

“Belle was stunned for a moment before comforting him. “”Martin, this is between me and Calvin. Don’t get yourself involved. By the way, how is the company’s situation over there?”””

“Belle quickly changed the subject, as she was afraid that Martin would get angry.”

“Belle, if Calvin dares to marry Liya, I won’t let him off the hook. Nevertheless, Martin continued to stay on that topic. Martin’s image of Belle was that of a saint right then. Thus, he would not allow Calvin to sully her. That was why he was gritting his teeth in anger as he said that.”

“In recent days, he had been paying attention to the news and the profligate news of Calvin’s marriage made him furious. He wanted nothing more than to come back and settle the score with Calvin.”

“Martin, don’t worry about it. Just continue with your work. You really don’t need to worry about my matters. As for Martin’s feelings for her and his transformation, Belle was really satisfied. She had already called Jersey before that and learnt that Martin was working really hard there, and that he really had a talent for doing business, which made her happy.”

“Belle, don’t worry. I’ve already registered with the company. It’ll be on the market next week, and there shouldn’t be any big trouble. If we move according to your plan, then everything will go well, and

we'll start to make profits next month. He sensed Belle's painstaking efforts over there. So, he said it in time."

"Belle breathed a sigh of relief and nodded with a smile. ""Martin, then you should continue to do your best. As long as you perform well and produce excellent results, you will make others regard you with a fresh outlook.""

"Actually, Belle was also telling him that as long as he could succeed, there was hope that Rosa might accept him again."

"Martin was delighted. With Belle's support, his career was very close to achieving success."

He had the confidence to win back Rosa's heart.

On the highway.

"The fierce Hummer was like an elephant that was charging forward. The vehicles on either side had to make way for it, which was very intimidating."

That was the first time Liya had sat in Calvin's Hummer.

"She was extremely excited, and her heart was beating wildly."

"Sitting in the driver's seat, Calvin was gripping the steering wheel with one hand and gently tapping on his knees with the other. He was driving the car calmly while wearing a pair of sunglasses, and it made people feel as if he was a bachelor."

The Hummer stopped in front of a bridalwear boutique.

"How about this, Liya? Miss Kemp is inside. She's Harvey Manor's assigned makeup artist and designer. Go in and look for her. She'll arrange everything for you. With his face facing outside and his hand on the steering wheel, Calvin had no intention of getting off the car at all. He spoke calmly to Liya, who was seated in the back row."

Liya looked at him and blinked her eyes.

"Calvin, aren't you coming with me to try on our wedding attire? Her almond-shaped eyes were full of emotions. There was a hint of hope and disappointment in her eyes as she stared expectantly at Calvin."

"Calvin's expression turned cold. ""I had already gotten married two times. So, I already have my own wedding suit. Besides, I still have some matters to attend to. Just go in and try the dresses on. I've already instructed someone to accompany you.""

"He deliberately emphasized the words. 'I had already gotten married two times.', which made Liya feel uncomfortable upon hearing it."

"Liya was still reluctant to get out of the car. She wished that Calvin would accompany her to buy and try on the clothes as he did in the past. After all, that was her wedding dress. For women, it was a once in a lifetime even. So, she was upset that she had to try on the wedding gowns alone. When she was very young, she dreamed that a man she loved would accompany her to pick out those pure and white wedding dresses."

“Seeing that Liya had yet to get out of the car, Calvin frowned and shot her a cold glance.”

Liya instantly felt a chill down her spine. She immediately lowered her gaze and got out of the car.

Calvin’s car immediately turned around and drove towards another street.

“Liya stood there and fell into a daze for a moment. Then, she turned around and walked into the bridalwear boutique, feeling displeased.”

“Calvin quickly went to the office and immediately convened a meeting, preparing to start the municipal construction project.”

“Mr. Harvey, there’s news from the southern part of the city. The higher-ups have already approved it.”

“Mr. Harvey, the malls in the western and eastern parts of the city had signed a ten-year contract. It is based on the market price, which is a good offer.”

“Mr. Harvey, after Zoella acquired the electronic city, they didn’t manage it well. So, we can consider acquiring it back.”

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“When Calvin returned to his office, he heard a lot of good news from the following meetings that were very beneficial for the Harvey Group.”

“The corner of his lips curled up. Only he knew that all those were the benefits Sadiva had given him, as he was about to invest a large amount of money in the future.”

“Nonetheless, with that, it could bring the Harvey Group unseen benefits, which was also something he was glad to see. A businessman mustn’t be short-sighted.”

“At that meeting, Calvin had specially summoned a group of talents whom he had secretly sent to study in a foreign country a few years back. NTristany half of the upper echelons of the enterprise had been replaced by young blood.”

“To Calvin, the fact that internal members of the company were actually Zoella’s people was completely humiliating.”

That was the first time such a ridiculous thing had happened in his life.

“Mr. Harvey, according to our investigation during this period of time, the person who snuck into Ms. Morris’s room and installed a listening device was confirmed to be Yaris White. We visited his hometown and took out his files from the Public Security Department. After checking his real background, we found that he was Zoella’s university classmate, and it is likely that he had a crush on Zoella. Hence, capturing him is quite a crucial thing. At the very least, he can prove that Zoella was the one who directed him to frame Ms. Morris. There’s also the possibility of using him to prove that Zoella is the mastermind behind the Harvey Group’s automobile industry’s matters of leaking secrets. As long as we clear the Harvey Group’s involvement in this, we can clear the charges. As soon as Calvin returned to his office, Luca rushed there. The other trusted confidant, Timon, also went there immediately, and reported the results of the investigation during that period to him.”

“Mr. Harvey, we had already interrogated the manager of A City’s Sales Department covertly. According to his confession, what he did was all under Yaris’ orders. Although he was involved, he did not know anything behind the scenes. Timon immediately reported the information he got from the interrogation.”

Calvin sat there silently as his eyes narrowed.

“Mr. Harvey, we have also investigated a few more people. They are all related to Yaris, but we didn’t get anything useful from them, as they were just following Yaris’ instructions. It seems that Yaris was the reason Zoella’s people were able to sneak into the Harvey Group. Yaris is also indeed a skilful individual. He has bribed a lot of people and is most likely also involved in using the Harvey Group’s automobile industry to leak secrets. Aron’s face was very grave, and he also appeared very furious.”

“D*mn it. Calvin’s face darkened, and he had a cold, mocking smile.”

“It seemed that he was extraordinarily skilful, to have been able to gain his trust!”

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“Calvin was the one who personally recruited and appointed Yaris, but it turned out that he was a spy. That was such a great humiliation!”

“How did he end up placing Yaris in such an important position? Calvin couldn’t even remember it clearly. It was apparent that he had been too careless at that time, which also meant that he was too satisfied with himself.”

“He, who had always been invincible in the business world, never thought that he would personally recruit a snake.”

“Are we really unable to find Yaris’ whereabouts? Calvin vented the hatred in his heart by exhaling a deep breath. He then lifted the glass in front of him and took a large gulp. Finally, he felt a little better.”

“That day, everyone whom Yaris had appointed had all been replaced. Even those who usually had a good relationship with Yaris were all replaced. Taking advantage of that opportunity, Calvin replaced most of the low-skilled and mid-level leaders with new talents.”

He was sure that there wouldn’t be any more problems with the company anymore.

“Mr. Harvey, ever since you transferred Yaris to the Public Relations Department, it was most likely that Zoella withdrew him instantly because she felt that something was amiss. We’re a step too late, and we can’t find him at all. Luca had been pursuing him for the past few days, but he had yet to find him. On the other hand, Yaris seemed to have disappeared, ever since he left the Harvey Group. Luca was very discouraged at the fact that he couldn’t find Yaris’ whereabouts, as he felt that Yaris was a crucial key to that case.”

“Calvin’s head started to ache. The longer that matter dragged on, the more impetuous he would become. Fortunately, that matter had nothing to do with Belle anymore.”

“Mr. Harvey, don’t worry. Now that we have this piece of evidence, we can sue Yaris in court. I also reported him to the police. This way, the police would call for a nation-wide search for him. I believe that he won’t be able to hide for long. Luca comforted him.”

“Calvin nodded, but he understood that even if they reported Yaris to the police, everything would still be the same, and there wouldn’t be any progress if they weren’t able to catch Yaris. Therefore, Yaris was a very important factor.”

“Nevertheless, there was something more important for Calvin to handle at the moment. After thinking for some time, he instructed Timon. ““Mr. Clark, go and deal with the Regional Games’ municipal construction and hand in the report for each aspect as soon as possible.”””

“Upon hearing that, Timon asked uneasily, ““Mr. Harvey, what about Yaris?”””

“You don’t have to worry about that. Hold it off for a bit. At present, we can’t delay the Regional Games’ project. Just focus on this for now, Calvin said calmly.”

“Timon knew that since Calvin had replaced most of the senior executives with new blood, the company’s atmosphere would be more energetic, and there wouldn’t be any spies anymore.”

“Moreover, the matter of capturing Yaris was not something he could control. Thinking about that, he accepted Calvin’s order and left.”

“Calvin’s face turned towards the window. Outside, there were numerous white clouds. There were also many skyscrapers that were very striking due to the custom-made glass that covered them.”

“That was the most prosperous business district in A City. Those who could set up their company there were all members of the elite, and Calvin’s company occupied the center of the business district. That piece of land was bought by Hudson strategically many years ago. At first, they only had a small piece of land on that street that had been passed down by their ancestors. At that time, after taking an interest in that location, he bought almost half of that street and laid a solid foundation for the Harvey Group’s expansion.”

“After the Harvey Group expanded to the international market, that business district started to develop at a fast pace. In just a few years, all businesses started to operate with that center as the focus. Along with the government’s vigorous development, that business district gradually condensed into a high-end business district and became the economic lifeblood of A City. People who owned land in that area were either rich or noble.”

“Using the government’s sovereign funds, Calvin built skyscrapers in the nearby lands that covered business areas. Those lands soon became the power and political center of the Harvey Group. As for Calvin’s company, the International Triumphal Court that occupied more than a dozen floors was the core of the Harvey Group.”

“If he didn’t clear the Harvey Group’s accusation of leaking secrets, the authorities could use that as an excuse to seal off the Harvey Group’s business district, for as long as the case was closed. Even though he had already set up many daughter companies over the years to diversify the economy and not depend too much on that piece of land, he still couldn’t let anything happen to it. Otherwise, the Harvey Group would suffer a great loss, or perhaps, become bankrupt. The economy was always influenced by chain reactions.”

Calvin couldn’t afford to spread the panic from there.

“As for the construction project for the Regional Games, with Sadiva’s support, he could temporarily alleviate the crisis. Nevertheless, if Yadriel won the election for the Capital City’s governor post, then he couldn’t guarantee the Harvey Group’s safety. This was something that gave Calvin a headache.”

“If he didn’t have anything to do with those people, then they wouldn’t harm the Harvey Group either, but he had already participated in the battle right then.”

He thought along those lines.

Luqman’s voice and his smile flashed across his mind.

“Young man, I believe you will still come to look for me. That day, when he rushed straight out of the room, he heard Luqman saying those words from behind. When he thought of that, Calvin’s heart started to palpitate. Did he really have to go and look for Luqman?”

“Nevertheless, he also realized that the concentrated power of the Harvey Group needed to be decentralized.”

“Only then did he think of why Belle appointed Martin to start another company in a foreign land and registered the company to develop the Harvey Group’s automobile industry, as she wanted to prevent such a risk.”

“Not only was she helping Martin turn over a new leaf, she was also minimizing the Harvey Group’s risks with that method. Also, the economic effects would only improve with that.”

“An important task such as decentralizing the company could only be handled by the Harvey family members. It was appropriate to hand such a task over to someone like Martin, and it could also be said that Belle was killing two birds with one stone. As long as Martin successfully developed the Harvey Group’s automobile industry in a foreign land, even if the Harvey Groups was threatened by Yadriel with criminal charges, the Harvey Groups would also face a much smaller blow.”

“That woman was really smart. Her business mind was indeed unique. He could now resonate more with how Sophia had the wisdom to arrange a marriage for him in the past. Yet, he acted like a b*stard, and he deeply hurt her.”

“He thought, if it weren’t for Sophia’s unrelenting efforts behind the scenes, Belle would have long left the Harvey family and him! Back then, she wouldn’t have moved back into Harvey Manor as well.”

“Over the years, he had been feeling sorry for her all the time and had been loving her deeply to the core. How could he not even distinguish that?”

He was secretly glad that he finally cleared up her accusations.

“Even if the Harvey Group was eternally doomed and even if he were to have a bad reputation, he still wouldn’t let his beloved woman get hurt. That was his duty as a man, as her husband.”

“Mr. Harvey. Luca waited at the side for a while and still hadn’t received Calvin’s orders. So, he could only call out softly.”

“Calvin was brought back to his senses by Luca, but he was still smiling.”

“How about this? We both know that Yaris is a person we must find. If we can’t find him, then we won’t be able to prove the Harvey Group’s innocence. Right now, Zoella already knows that we’re suspicious of Yaris and that we will definitely look for him. So, it will not be easy for us to find him. We must not be too hasty with this matter. You should instruct some of your men to follow her in secret. We have other important things to do first. He withdrew the smile on his face, and his expression turned serious once again.”

“Alright, Mr. Harvey. This is exactly what I had in mind too. Luca, of course, knew the severity of the situation. He quickly nodded his head in response.”

“Mr. Harvey, Sergio obviously has a purpose to moved into Harvey Manor. Will this affect our plan? After Timon left, Aron and Luca were the only ones left in the office. They thought about that matter at the same time and also understood why Calvin had sent Timon away first. Therefore, Aron spoke up.”

“Calvin snorted. “Of course, I know that. He must’ve realized this matter. That’s why he moved in. Don’t worry. It’s useless even if he moved in. Harvey Manor is my home. I know it better than anyone else.””

“According to the security guard, he went to the surveillance room today. He’s obviously investigating us. Luca told them about the report that he had received from Harvey Manor’s security guard.”

“It’s fine. I’ve already long expected him to move in. I know all the places in Harvey Manor that have their surveillance cameras installed clearly. It’s impossible for him to find out anything from the surveillance cameras. On the contrary, you guys have to speed up. We can’t afford to fail this time. Once Reid’s men arrive, immediately shrink the encirclement. Do everything according to my instructions. Calvin’s gaze was still fixed outside the window, as the slightly yellowish and gaunt face flashed across his mind.”

That sallow face which was devoid of spirit. When had he ever seen such a face before?

“That feeling was very similar to a point in the past. Gradually, it began to penetrate his mind little by little, and memories began to revive.”

“Rest assured, Mr. Harvey. We have already made all the necessary arrangements. As long as he’s willing to come, we are confident. Aron and Luca nodded their heads in a confident manner.”

“However, Calvin stood up all of a sudden.”

“In that case, go down, make some preparations, and carefully check everything again, so that Sergio doesn’t find out. Calvin briefly instructed him in an erratic manner.”

Aron and Luca glanced at each other and left.

“At that moment, Belle’s figure was flashing in Calvin’s mind.”

He pulled the drawer open. The shell that had been polished brightly by him was still lying quietly inside the drawer.

“As time went by, stories of the past slowly came to mind.”

“In the past, they had fought and fought. At that time, he had been jealous of Rhys and had lost his mind. Then, they argued, and she fainted...”

Could it be...

“Belle’s face had turned sallow once again, and she had lost a lot of weight...”

That strange feeling rose from the bottom of his heart. He then thought of something and ran outside.

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“On the highway, Sergio’s car was slowly driving towards the Harvey Group.”

His phone rang.

Sergio picked up the phone.

“Mr. Xanthe, Zoella has indeed fallen into Calvin’s trap. She hates Liya to the core right now and doesn’t want Liya to become Calvin’s second wife. She has already planned to stir up trouble at their wedding and point out that Liya was the one who had stolen Belle’s fingerprints, so that Liya will be charged with a crime, and Calvin will not marry her. The news from the other side of the line made Sergio’s heart turn cold.”

That foolish woman!

“Zoella was indeed driven by emotions, and it didn’t matter how smart she was. Zoella couldn’t move on from the emotional stage, and if things went on like that, Zoella and Liya would only get themselves killed.”

“It was not that he pitied Zoella’s prospects, but he was actually thinking about his own future.”

“The election was about to enter the second round next month. That was the crucial moment. If they won, the election wouldn’t need to go on, since they had won two rounds in a row. At that moment, he still had to suppress the Harvey Group. He can’t give them any leeway and cause them to panic, so that they wouldn’t be able to pay attention to other people’s businesses.”

“Besides, if Calvin didn’t marry Liya, how could Belle be willing to divorce him?”

Those two things weren’t what he wanted.

Sergio then turned the steering wheel lightly and drove towards the Sky Sword Group.

“The temperature in the room was slightly warm. Although the air conditioner was still running at full speed, Zoella still felt stuffy all over, and she was very anxious and annoyed.”

“She was restless. She would sometimes stand up and sit back down, but there wasn’t anything she could do.”

“Her carefully laid out plans for the Harvey Group seemed to be disintegrating recently, one by one. She had already received news that Sadiva was the one behind it all.”

“After all, the Harvey Group was wealthy and resourceful. The Regional Games were about to start, and Sadiva had to rely on Calvin.”

“At first, she could have caused great harm to the Harvey Group. However, from the looks of it, the difficulty of doing that had increased dramatically.”

“Nevertheless, Sergio was still suppressing the Harvey Group. As long as Sergio was on the Harvey Group’s case, Calvin would find it suffocating, no matter how capable he was. Although Calvin had Sadiva’s support, he couldn’t compete with the Xanthe family.”

“Of course, she knew that the Harvey Group also had strong backing in Capital City.”

“She could not put it off for too long. The longer she put it off, the more dangerous it would become.”

She had to get rid of Oscar at all costs.

“She wanted to win, to live a happy life, to have her loved ones by her side, and to be at the top.”

Her phone rang.

“She glanced at it, and an enigmatic sneer appeared on the corner of her mouth.”

“Zoella, it’s me. The man on the phone sounded a little discouraged, but there was still a trace of affection in his deep voice.”

“Yaris, what’s the matter? Zoella asked indifferently as she knitted her brows together.”

“Zoella, when can I come back to see you? Yaris asked impatiently on the phone.”

“Do you really think you can come back now? Zoella sneered. ““Let me tell you. Things have turned worse. That seductress, Liya, had stolen the evidence that can prove that Belle had been framed, and all the current evidence is pointed towards you. You understand what will happen if you come back, right?”””

Yaris fell silent for a while.

“Zoella, you understand my feelings for you. I just want to be with you. After a while, he whimpered desperately.”

“Both his desperate words and feelings rushed towards Zoella. She felt a trace of a chill in her heart. At that moment, she suddenly regretted it. She couldn’t even understand what she was doing and what she would accomplish by doing all that!”

“After she had fallen into a daze for a moment, her gaze turned sharp again.”

“Her hand, that was clutching the phone, trembled slightly. ““No. Yaris, it’s impossible between you and me. If you want to live and not go to jail, just stay there, and you can even build a family.”””

“Both Oscar’s and Calvin’s faces appeared on Zoella’s mind from time to time. Suddenly, she burst into laughter, until tears welled up in her eyes.”

Yaris’ hairs stood on end as he heard Zoella’s abnormal laughter.

“Zoella, I’ve advised you not to take this path before. With your intellect, you can still live a comfortable life. Although you won’t be living the life like the wealthy women in prestigious families, I can still give you a humble and great life, Yaris shouted in sorrow through the phone.”

“He did not know if Zoella had heard his words, as he didn’t hear any reply. He could only vaguely hear her sobbing at the other end. Even though the sound was very low to the point that he could not hear it clearly, he still could distinguish her sadness, which caused his heart to tremble.”

“After graduating from college, he entered the Harvey Group for her and gradually acquired Calvin’s trust. Later on, he was appointed as the international director. Then, for the sake of her revenge, he gave up his bright future in the Harvey Group and devoted himself to helping her, just because he loved her.”

“However, Zoella had always been indifferent towards him. He knew that she was using him, but he didn’t care as he loved her.”

“Nonetheless, he somewhat regretted helping her, as it came to the point that he couldn’t even go back home, but what worried him the most was Zoella.”

“No matter what, Zoella was still a woman. How could she be a match for Calvin?”

“There was a clear disparity between her and Calvin. What more, she had lost his help!”

“In addition to feeling sorry for her, Yaris also felt as if he was being tortured, as he could only hide there, and listen to her voice from far away while hoping for the best for her.”

“Zoella was lying on the desk. At that moment, she was as vulnerable as a candle in the wind, and she only felt despair and mortification right then. She had never experienced that kind of complicated feeling before.”

“As for Yaris, Zoella felt that she had a complicated relationship with him. She did not love him, but he was someone she could rely on. Yaris was a gentleman, and she did not dislike him, but he lacked the aura of a domineering man. That was why it was difficult for her to fall in love with him.”

“She liked men who were as intimidating as Calvin. His way of alternating between kindness with severity would easily conquer a woman’s heart. Of course, Calvin possessed traits that all women longed for, which were wealth and power. That was also one of the factors that made her yearn for him.”

“In fact, after suffering Oscar’s torment, there were some subtle changes in Zoella’s heart, but she did not realize it herself.”

There was a soft knock on the door.

“Zoella wiped away her tears, collected herself, and sat straight, saying, ““Come in.”””

The door opened.

A tall and slender figure entered.

Her eyes were wide open as she was shocked to see him.

“Sergio, why are you here? She looked at him in surprise. That was the first time Sergio had come to her office.”

“That man, who was involved in politics, had always thought that he was superior and looked down upon businesspeople like her. No woman could catch his eye except Belle.”

“Zoella, it seems that you really are in peril. Sergio directly approached her. He put his hands on the desk as he looked at Zoella’s red eyes and sneered.”

“What do you mean? Zoella asked with her eyes widened. As her gaze met Sergio’s eyes, it was the first time she thought that his eyes looked unfathomable, and she knew that he was a man who couldn’t be offended.”

A scornful smile appeared at the corner of Sergio’s mouth.

“You dare take on the Harvey Group with your little tricks? The contempt in his tone intensified, and Sergio was almost ridiculing her.”

Zoella’s face gradually turned pale.

“Sergio, what in the world do you want to convey? Do you really think that laughing at a woman like this will show how capable a man is? Zoella said coldly with dissatisfaction.”

Sergio looked at her and sat down on the couch next to her.

Who was the one who said that she wanted to destroy the Harvey Group? Who was the one who said that she wanted to take revenge on Calvin? Do you think you’re qualified to say such a thing in your current state? Sergio continued to mock her after sitting down.

“After a moment of shock, Zoella came back to her senses. She finally understood the purpose of Sergio’s visit.”

“Sergio, is there something you’re unhappy with? If there is any, then please say so. Mocking me like that won’t do you any good. She sat up straight and restored her aura as a strong woman.”

“Sergio’s sarcastic words had indeed gotten on Zoella’s nerves and made her feel uncomfortable, as if she had thorns all over her body, which also made her annoyed with Sergio’s attitude.”

“Alright then. Let me ask you. Calvin is going to marry Liya. Do you know that? he asked, as he looked straight into her eyes.”

“Zoella’s entire body trembled. Her eyes emitted a horrifying light, as if it was producing poison.”

Of course I know. She gritted her teeth and answered with great strain.

“Then, what are you going to do? Sergio stared at her face, not letting go of any changes in her expression.”

“Zoella looked at Sergio. She tried to analyze the meaning behind his words and guessed his intention of saying those words. Obviously, he had come that day for that matter! Then, what was he thinking about?”

“Since he finally took the initiative to meet her instead of standing at the sidelines, he must be offering her some help. Zoella understood that quickly, as she was smart.”

“Then, what do you want me to do? She pursed the corners of her mouth and asked in return.”

“Sergio looked at the woman in front of him, who was almost going insane, with eyes that were filled with contempt.”

“What’s your plan then? You don’t want Calvin to marry Liya, right? He cast a sideways glance at her and asked calmly.”

“Zoella was stunned for a moment as she immediately replied, “”How can a woman like Liya be worthy of Calvin? She’s a wicked person. I won’t let her have her happy ending.”””

“Her answer was not vague at all, and she stated her standpoint firmly.”

“What a stupid woman. Sergio secretly cursed. He frowned and said, “”Do you really think that Liya will have a good life after becoming Calvin’s second wife? Do you really think that she will lead a happy life?”””

What do you mean? Zoella was vaguely surprised by his words. She lifted her eyebrows and asked in response.

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“It’s very simple. Liya will just be the second wife. Even if she were to marry Calvin for real, she won’t be greatly respected in Harvey Manor. From Liya’s current mental state, she’s very likely to seek revenge against Harvey Manor. So, why don’t you just sit back and take advantage of her? There are so many benefits to this. Sergio’s eyes were filled with a smug smile. He was giving her pointers at the right time.”

Zoella’s eyebrows twitched. “What are the benefits?”

“It turns out that you’re always smart but sometimes a fool, huh? The sarcastic smile at the corner of Sergio’s lips grew apparent. “”Don’t you want to take revenge on the Harvey Group? At present, Liya is the best pawn to do so, but you want to abandon such a good pawn. I really feel sorry for you.”””

“Right then, Zoella’s started to twitch as well, as she looked at him with a blank and helpless expression.”

“Think about it. Don’t you want Calvin to suffer? Don’t you want to take revenge against the Harvey Group? Think about all the schemes you’ve used, and how they’ve ended up. The evidence against Belle has been stolen by Liya, and right now, Calvin has broken free of his one and only weak spot. Although he doesn’t have any evidence to prove it, he knows that you’re the mastermind, and he definitely won’t let you go. Please use more of your wits, Zoella. You can’t take down the Harvey Group like that. Calvin can do things as he likes, now that you can’t threaten him anymore. As long as he fights back a little, you will definitely be destroyed miserably. Don’t even expect to get the revenge you want. I’m afraid that you can’t even escape from him. You should’ve known by now that the Harvey Group is starting to break through your encirclement, and they will definitely recover their strength soon. Besides, Sadiva wants to make use of Calvin’s finances to finish the construction for the Regional Games. So, what’s the use of you using Honold? Can he beat his own father? Will he be willing to fight his father for you? You’ll know that it’s impossible if you think about it. It’s obvious if you analyze what has happened in these few days.”

Sergio’s long speech made Zoella break out in cold sweat.

“Zoella slowly came back to her senses when Sergio illuminated the situation. If she had gone to the wedding to expose Liya that day, then Liya would’ve exposed her too, and then they would fight each other. At that point, only Calvin would gain the upper hand. It was very likely that she and Liya would both lose due to infighting. Why hadn’t she thought of that before?”

The unease and annoyance inexplicably disappeared.

It turned out that she felt that way because she knew that method wasn’t a good move. That was why she had such negative reactions. It was just that she didn’t notice it.

“Then, do you mean to let Liya become Calvin’s second wife for real? Zoella asked with her eyes wide as she clenched her fist.”

“On the other hand, Sergio looked calm and composed, nodding his head, as if it was the absolute right thing to do.”

“Mr. Xanthe, I feel that you’re sacrificing me because you aren’t able to get Belle. You want Calvin to marry Liya as his second wife for real, so that Belle will file a divorce. Since she can’t bear it anymore, then you’ll gain a chance at courting her, right? Zoella wasn’t stupid. Sergio was a man who only did things for his own interests. She was certain that Sergio came there that day wasn’t because he cared about her.”

“She was not a person to be taken advantage of with such ease. So, she asked that question in return at once.”

“I don’t care how you think, but I guess you can’t rule out the possibility that I have this thought, Sergio admitted it loudly. “”But the reason I came here this time is mostly for your own good. Think about it. If you expose Liya, then it will be equivalent to shooting yourself in the foot. The two of you will suffer a lot from the infighting, and then you’ll never find the chance to take revenge against Calvin anymore. You should really think about this matter carefully, and weigh the gains and losses.”” He stood up and reminded her in a condescending manner. “”I’m doing this for your own good, and also for everyone’s interests. Think about it. If you lose the pawn that can keep Calvin in check, then you’ll lose. It will be difficult for you to find another opportunity to find another weakness of Calvin’s. Then, you’ll never be able to achieve your goal. However, if Liya stays with Calvin and causes trouble, even if she does not grab hold of his weakness, it will still have an unexpected effect. If a man with a prestigious background has a woman like Liya by his side, isn’t trouble bound to happen? With that, your opportunity will surely come.”” Sergio saw through Zoella’s mind, and he explained carefully.”

Zoella gradually became sober.

Wasn’t that the truth?

“Then, don’t you think that Liya will betRhyus us if Calvin recruits her to his side? she asked gingerly.”

“Not at all. Sergio inserted his hands into the pockets of his trousers, looking elegant and calm. He answered with certainty, “”It is a tragedy for a woman like Liya to marry into the Harvey family. As long as Calvin is no longer threatened, I can guarantee that he won’t even take a second look at Liya, let alone touch her. The only person he loves is Belle. For her, he is willing to sacrifice everything, including his own life. He will only give his love to Belle, and he won’t ever love Liya. In that case, Liya’s mental

state will surely crumble, and she won't be resigned to it and would find a way to seek revenge. At that time, we can just stand aside and watch them make a fool of themselves. We will be able to see how Liya ruins Calvin's married life, and how the Harvey Group will be destroyed."""

Zoella was lost in thought.

"Also, for Calvin, aside from his family and Belle, no one else will be able to make him feel threatened. And if you want to achieve this goal and make him uncomfortable, the most effective way is to let Liya disturb his family and make his life miserable. This way, you can achieve your goal, and opportunities may even appear. You are a smart person. So, surely, you understand this point, right? Seeing that Zoella was hesitating, Sergio continued to advise her."

"Sergio's advice was effective. Although Zoella was sitting, lost in her thoughts, she seemed much calmer than before."

"Nevertheless, no matter how Zoella looked at it, she felt uncomfortable letting Liya become Calvin's woman, his second wife."

"In her eyes, a woman like Liya only deserved to be toyed with by Oscar and abandoned, after he lost interest in her. So, how could she let her become Calvin's, everyone's dream man, second wife? Even if it was just becoming Calvin's second wife, many women were more than willing to do so. Not to mention that Calvin was young and handsome, the inheritance they would get was already a great sum of money. That was the life that many women dreamed of. Could it be that she really had to watch Liya simply achieve the dreams of many women?"

Zoella thought that she really needed to think carefully.

"How could Sergio be so kind to help her? In the end, it was still for his own benefit."

"As she thought about it, a warm smile appeared on her face."

"I know what you're thinking. Sergio approached her, put his elbow on the table, and stared at Zoella's face again."

"Others may not know how you're thinking of Calvin, but I know it very well. Why don't you think about it, and see if I'm wrong? Only when you adhere to my advice will you have the chance to get Calvin. Liya will only be the second wife at best, and it's impossible for her to become Calvin's proper wife. However, she might be able to do even more things for you if she is by Calvin's side, and you can take advantage of that. Think about it carefully, isn't it logical? If you're too hasty, you might end up with nothing. Sergio gave a dry laugh and asked, ""Do you know what's Calvin's biggest weakness?""

What is it? Zoella's curiosity was piqued by Sergio's eloquent words.

"Calvin is shrewd and competent when it comes to business. If you fight with him in the business field, then you will only end up in the losing end, not to mention that the Harvey Group has such a strong family background. What do you have to fight with him? During this period of time, isn't it because you had seized his weakness that you were able to make a mess out of the Harvey Group, as he didn't want to hurt Belle? But even so, it's useless. He will be able to recover soon, and you won't be able to take advantage of his weakness anymore in the future. If you want to conquer him and destroy the Harvey Group just with your own strength, then dream on. It's impossible. Besides, the fact that you framed the

Harvey Group for unauthorized disclosure will soon be exposed by Calvin, who has gotten rid of his threat. His people will sooner or later find Yaris and the other pieces of evidence. Then, you will be destroyed, to the point that you can't recover anymore. On the contrary, Calvin is much more childish when it comes to relationships. His biggest weaknesses are Belle and his family. So, think about it. shouldn't you let Liya stay by his side as the second wife for the time being? Also, she's just going to be the second wife. I believe that you're not interested in such a lowly position."

"As he said that, Sergio laughed and said, ""Zoella, look out for yourself."""

"After that, he strode out of the office."

The room became terribly quiet all of a sudden.

"As if the air had spikes grown on it, they rushed towards Zoella and surrounded her."

"She began to tremble, feeling bursts of chills."

"Sergio was right. If she couldn't stand being wronged at that moment, then the consequences might be even worse."

"She had Liya's recording in hand. So, she could definitely threaten to do things for her. At present, since Calvin had lost his one and only threat, the Harvey Group would soon return to its former glory. After experiencing that incident, he would definitely pay more attention to the Harvey Group, and the Harvey Group would definitely become invincible. As for Belle, after experiencing that incident, he would definitely use better ways to protect her. It was impossible for Zoella to hurt her again."

Zoella continued to think about it more carefully.

"How could a woman of Liya's status be respected after she entered Harvey Manor? Therefore, it would be a perfect opportunity for Zoella to place a pawn by Calvin's side."

"How could Liya, who had suffered all sorts of humiliations in Harvey Manor, be willing to accept that?"

If she made a fuss and caused Belle to leave...

"An evil and excited smile flashed across her face, but she was afraid that Sergio would get all the benefits. It caused her to hesitate and have her own suspicions, but her mind had already been shaken."

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"The Ink Garden was surrounded by greenery. There were lush trees, chirping birds, and fragrant flowers, which made the surrounding air particularly pleasant."

"When Belle finished her work in the office, she slowly walked out of the Ink Garden after visiting Sophia."

"As soon as she stepped out of the gate, she could see a long and quiet corridor in front of her."

"Greetings, Madam. Belle lifted her head and saw that Blake was greeting her while bowing to her."

Blake? Belle was a bit surprised. She didn't expect to meet Blake in the Ink Garden at that point in time.

"Madam, I'm here to visit Sophia. So, I thought I'd visit you as well. Blake smiled as he explained."

Oh. Belle gave a faint smile after hearing his explanation.

“Madam, in another two days, Mr. Harvey will be marrying Liya. You won’t have any other thoughts, right? Blake looked at her and asked worriedly.”

“Belle clenched her fists for a moment and loosened them. She smiled bitterly in her heart, but her face remained calm.”

It’s no use even if I have any other thoughts. Don’t worry. I won’t do anything stupid. Haven’t you heard that I’ll be personally hosting the wedding for them?

The smile on Belle’s face was very bleak as she said bitterly.

“Blake looked at her particularly pale face and sighed, not saying anything in the end.”

“Belle read something from Blake’s eyes at that moment. ““Blake, could it be that you know something and hadn’t told me about it?”” Thinking back to that day when she brought Liya to visit Sophia, even though she didn’t say anything, she still sent Blake and Otis to Africa two months prior, as if it had something to do with Evan. Sophia seemed to have predicted something, could it be...”

“Blake, tell me, was it Grandma who wanted Calvin to marry Liya? Did she have the intention to set this scheme up long ago?”

“Thinking of those strange things, she couldn’t help but to ask again.”

“Blake’s gaze was calm. ““Madam, if it’s possible, Sophia isn’t even willing to see Liya. So, why would she expect her favorite grandson to marry her?”””

“At that point, he laughed again. ““Madam, in fact, we don’t know much about Mr. Harvey’ arrangement, but I do know he has his reasons for doing this. Madam, Mr. Harvey’ and Liya’s wedding is only a wedding ceremony, and they won’t be going to register,”” Blake said, after thinking for a while.”

“That was the inside story Blake had learnt of. In order to prevent Belle from concerning too much about it, he chose to tell her that after some careful consideration.”

“Actually, Otis had always been active in the war-torn country. From there, he received a piece of news that Evan would be escorted back to A City on the day of Liya’s wedding. However, the terrorist organization was dissatisfied with that matter. Whether Evan could safely return to A City was still unconfirmed, and he couldn’t predict if something else would happen after Evan returned to A City either. Right then, he was very worried about the matter. Hence, he had reason to believe that Reid bringing Evan back to A City definitely had something to do with Calvin’s and Liya’s wedding. Due to that, he also went to investigate and found that Calvin and Liya hadn’t registered yet. Only then did he seem to understand Calvin’s intentions.”

“When Belle heard Blake’s words, she was immediately stunned. Only then did she recall the problem regarding their registration. It was obviously impossible to carry it out locally, and Calvin had never mentioned going abroad to her either. It was because Calvin kept the whole matter a secret to her, and did not tell her anything that she assumed that they had already registered.”

“So, he’s doing this for a purpose, right? In any case, Belle was happy to hear that Calvin didn’t register their marriage with Liya. However, in the traditional sense, holding such a grand wedding ceremony and

inviting guests to the banquet would already be accepted by everyone as a fact due to A city's tradition, even if they didn't go through the legal procedures. Therefore, it was still totally possible for Liya to still remain in Harvey Manor. After asking that question, Belle felt overjoyed for a moment but she turned sad in an instant."

"She lowered her head, and there was still a flash of pain in her eyes."

"Evan Harvey. You know him, right? Blake suddenly changed the topic and asked softly."

Evan? Belle widened her eyes in shock. What did he mean?

"Madam, Liya's uncle, Reid, had kidnapped Evan, and he belongs to a terrorist organization in the war-torn country. Hence, this wedding is most likely just a trap set by Mr. Harvey, so that he can lure Reid out and make him give Evan back. After all, life is the most important thing. Nevertheless, this is only my own speculation. Madam, no matter what happens in the end, you must be mentally prepared to accept reality. Of course, on the day of the wedding, I will always follow you to protect your safety. Blake was unable to confirm the entirety of Calvin's plan. Nonetheless, from the information he received, it was likely that the terrorist organization would take action. They probably wouldn't allow Reid to hand Evan over just because of Liya's wedding. Hence, the matter would have many vLexiebles. From Sophia's orders to him, he had to ensure Evan's safety as well as Belle's."

"Madam, you can rest assured that I will give you an update if I learn of something new. You shouldn't worry too much. Let's meet one step at a time. After saying that, Blake left in a hurry, as if he had something urgent to do."

"After Blake left, Belle's heart actually calmed down a lot. Surely enough, there were many factors in Calvin's wedding. Although she had long guessed it, she still felt slightly comforted after hearing Blake's words that day."

She stood there for a while before slowly walking towards the Fragrance Garden.

"After walking for a short distance, she felt dizzy. She also had a faint uncomfortable feeling in her stomach and had the urge to vomit. So, she leaned against the tree and rested for a while."

"Belle went back to the second floor of the Fragrance Garden with much difficulty. She lay on the couch and thought of the scene of Liya running towards Calvin's Hummer, which made her feel even more uncomfortable."

"Ever since she knew how Liya thought of Calvin, whenever she thought of her or saw her, she would feel disgusted. If things continued on, how would she continue to live her life in the future?"

"She then lay on her side and closed her eyes, as she felt somewhat sleepy."

Calvin's car directly drove into the underground parking lot of Harvey Manor.

"When he was still in the car, his mind was filled with Belle's pale and sallow face. He had seen such a face before, and it made him feel devastated and nervous."

He felt very tense.

That feeling made the blood in his body flow quicker.

“Due to how busy he was, he did not pay much attention to Belle during that period of time. Even if they slept together, he did not think much about it.”

He got on the electric vehicle and stopped at the gate of Fragrance Garden.

“All of a sudden, he understood what that feeling was.”

It was the feeling of guilt.

Why did he feel that way?

“In the past, he had always been staying by Belle’s side, but he did not notice that she was pregnant.”

“Belle was pregnant with Jerry, but she didn’t tell him. Instead, she resolutely left him.”

That kind of heart-wrenching feeling was deeply engraved in his heart.

He couldn’t forget it in his lifetime.

“Although it was long ago in the past, he still felt very uneasy when he saw how yellow Belle’s face was that morning. Yet, he still left in a hurry as he had important matters to attend to.”

“Nevertheless, that feeling seemed to have connected all the senses of the past, and he gradually recalled all the memories.”

That was why he rushed home.

“When he reached the second floor, the corridor was so quiet that even the air seemed to have stopped flowing, but his heart was pounding wildly.”

He pushed the door open.

“Belle’s delicate figure was lying on the couch, with her hair all over the back of her head. Her soft, silk-woven, padded jacket was clinging to her body. Calvin could see her chest heaving slightly, and he could even smell her fragrant breath.”

She was sleeping soundly.

Calvin slowly approached her and knelt down to study her face.

He gently touched her beautiful hair.

Belle woke up with a start due to his actions.

“She opened her bright eyes and met with Calvin’s clear and spirited eyes. Those eyes were filled with concern and consideration, as well as a hint of guilt.”

“Calvin, why are you back? Belle found it strange that she was able to see Calvin at that moment, but it also made her feel delighted as well. She stared at him with her bright, black eyes, and since she had just woken up, her gaze was slightly drifting.”

“Belle, I’ve missed you. So, I came back to see you. He smiled, stretched out his strong arms, and pulled her into his embrace. Then, he sat on the couch with her in his arms.”

Belle's face flushed when she heard his corny words.

"Belle, you don't look good lately. Is there anywhere you feel unwell? Calvin asked in a soft and gentle manner."

Belle thought for a while and shook her head.

"Could she say that whenever she saw Liya, she would feel disgusted, to the point that she wanted to puke?"

"However, Calvin's large hand caressed her jaundiced face and forced her to look straight into his eyes."

"You've been in poor spirits these few days, and your complexion is even worse. That's why I came back to bring you to the hospital to have a check-up. With that, Calvin picked Belle up and prepared to go out."

"Calvin, I'm really fine. You don't need to bring me to the doctor. Belle did not think that she was sick in any way. She only felt tired and was a little sleepy. In terms of her complexion, how good would a woman's complexion be when her husband was about to take a second wife?"

"No, this time, I must take you to the hospital for a check-up. Otherwise, I won't be at ease. Calvin ignored her protests and carried her out, without giving her a chance to speak."

"Before that, it was due to her opposition that he did not insist on bringing her to the hospital. Therefore, Belle's pregnancy and Jerry's birth became very sorrowful. That was what Calvin felt most guilty about."

"The most painful thing for Calvin was that even though his wife was by his side, he still didn't know that she was pregnant, and was even malnourished. The fact that his own child didn't have the best care and even had dystrophy was what Calvin was most upset about."

"That time, he couldn't be careless. Besides, they didn't use any contraceptives when they made love. So, it was totally possible for her to get pregnant."

"His child deserved the best care. Otherwise, what was the point of him working so hard?"

"With the previous experience, he did not dare to be careless at that time."

"Regardless of whether she was pregnant or not, he had to follow through to the end."

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"Feeling extremely helpless, Belle could only allow Calvin to carry her out of the living room of Fragrance Garden."

Calvin's embrace was broad and strong. Lying in his embrace that way was very comfortable.

"Coincidentally, Paige walked in from the outside and met them, but she pretended not to see their intimate actions. Right then, she was very eager to see them getting along peacefully."

Paige stood there until she watched them leave in the electric vehicle and felt very bewildered.

It was clear that his son loved Belle a lot. Was he out of his mind? Why would he take a second wife? What in the world was going on?

She shook her head and sighed.

“Just then, Hudson walked out of the elevator and saw Paige lamenting and sighing. Puzzled, he asked, ““Who provoked you to make you shake your head and sigh with a pained expression?””

“Paige looked up and saw that Hudson was walking towards her steadily. She then felt depressed and said unhappily, ““What else could it be? It’s all the father’s and son’s faults.””

“In the past few days, Hudson was also acting secretly. Putting aside the fact that he was acting in a weird manner, he even supported Calvin in marrying Liya. Paige couldn’t understand his actions no matter what, which made her ridicule him.”

“After taking a look at her, Hudson understood why she was feeling that way. He pulled her to the couch and sat down, saying seriously, ““Paige, you must attend Calvin’s wedding. You’re going to be Liya’s mother-in-law. So, you must accept Liya having tea with me by then. You must show up no matter how much you dislike it. This is an order.””

“Why? You’re already so old, yet you’re still so overbearing. Calvin is exactly the same as you. Only Belle can bear him. If it were other women, they would have fought with each other every day. Can’t you be more sensible and not fool around with Calvin anymore? Paige didn’t know about the matter regarding Harvey Group and Evan. Therefore, she thought that Hudson was only doing that to grow the family. She thought that he wanted Calvin to take a second wife so that he would have more grandchildren, but it wasn’t that Belle couldn’t give birth either. Also, Liya was obviously not a good woman. In Paige’s eyes, even if Liya were to get married into the family and give birth to a child, the child wouldn’t be any better either, not to mention that it would ruin the Harvey family’s reputation.”

“All in all, Paige was completely opposed to that matter.”

“She was also a smart person. Even if Hudson wanted Calvin to marry another woman, that wasn’t the way to do it. That matter was a complete joke.”

“You have to listen to me. There isn’t any other reason. Go and prepare your outfits during these two days. Also, you have to stay by my side all day and not move around randomly. Otherwise, don’t blame me for being impolite. Hudson’s tone was very harsh. It was quite rare for him to talk to Paige in such a stern manner.”

A moment went by.

Paige choked on her words and could not utter a word.

Hudson looked at her again with a serious face and left.

“Paige thought for a long time with her mouth open. From how Hudson was acting, it seemed that she was the troublemaker, which puzzled her.”

The Hummer sped towards the government hospital.

Belle lay lazily in the back row. She neither opposed nor insisted and just allowed Calvin do as he liked.

“She felt that it was somewhat odd as well. She would feel exhausted and sleepy in recent days, and she didn’t have a good appetite either.”

Was she pregnant?

“After thinking about it, she sat up in shock.”

It seemed that she hadn’t had her period in a long time!

“Nevertheless, the morning sickness she felt wasn’t as bad as the last time.”

“As she thought so, she sat in the back and fell into a daze.”

“Till the car stopped at the entrance of the government hospital, she was still in a stupor.”

“Seeing that Belle hadn’t gone down from the car for a long time, Calvin bent his body, only to see that Belle was sitting there blankly.”

The corner of Calvin’s mouth twitched.

“Opening the car door, he reached out and held her in his arms.”

“It wasn’t until she was pulled into Calvin’s arms like a doll did she feel that many people were looking at her. So, she came back to her senses with her face slightly turning red.”

“Calvin, put me down. She struggled in his embrace with a flushed face.”

“No, who told you to be absent-minded when you’re with me? Calvin’s eyes carried a hint of a smile. He didn’t care about other people’s gazes and just said in a doting yet domineering manner.”

Do you think it’s a good idea to be looked at like a monkey by others? Belle rolled her eyes at him.

I never care about other people’s opinions. I just do what I want to do. Calvin held her in his arms and whispered in her ear.

“Lying in his arms, Calvin’s unique scent was all over Belle’s nose. As she listened to his words and felt his breath, she felt really weak. She really wanted to rely on him and become the only woman he would love forever. Belle’s yearning for Calvin was particularly strong at that moment.”

She stopped talking and just let him do as he pleased.

“Belle thought that she was only a woman who wanted peace and contentment. Seeing that her husband had cheated on her, she didn’t even have the courage to resist, and she even wanted to compete for him.”

That was probably because she was only human.

“Calvin carried her into a VIP ward, placed her on a soft bed, and went out to look for the experts. During that period of time, Belle was obediently lying on the bed like a docile kitten.”

“It didn’t take long for Calvin to find a female specialist doctor. Belle had never seen that female doctor before. She seemed to be quite old. So, she should be very experienced.”

“Dr. Parker, my wife’s complexion hasn’t been looking well recently. Please take a look at her and see if there’s anything wrong with her. Calvin told Dr. Parker as they walked in.”

“Calvin didn’t go to a maternal and child health hospital because he was afraid of making a fool out of himself. Generally, pregnancy tests could be done anywhere, as it was something that didn’t require professional knowledge.”

“Alright, Mr. Harvey, Dr. Parker replied respectfully. Then, she turned to Belle with a smile on her face and asked politely, ““Mrs. Harvey, do you feel uncomfortable anywhere?””

“Belle smiled slightly and said, ““Dr. Parker, actually, I’m fine...”” As she said so, she sensed a dissatisfied gaze fixed on her. So, she pouted her lips and immediately switched her words. ““I feel exhausted and sleepy every day. My appetite is not that good either. Other than that, nothing bad had happened.””

“Hmm. Dr. Parker looked at her, nodded, and said with a smile, ““Mrs. Harvey, your complexion really isn’t that good. Now that the weather has gotten warmer, the fact that you don’t have much appetite is normal. Alright, let me take your pulse first.””

“Alright, thank you. Dr. Parker sat at opposite her and pulled up the deck of the bed. Belle then put her hand on it, and Dr. Parker carefully felt her pulse.”

“After a while, Dr. Parker nodded and asked softly, ““Mrs. Harvey, may I ask, when was your last menstruation?”” Belle’s heart pounded faster when she heard her question. As if she had guessed something, her expression changed slightly.”

“When she was about to speak, she saw that Calvin was nervously looking at her. He seemed to want to know the answer too. For a moment, she understood why Calvin insisted on bringing her to the hospital. It turned out that he was concerned if she had a child or not. In fact, he didn’t care about her body at all, did he?”

“As soon as she thought about it, she felt somewhat upset and replied casually, ““I forgot.””

“She forgot? Calvin frowned. He lowered his head and thought about it. Recently, they have slept together quite a number of times. In the past, didn’t she... Just as Calvin was thinking about it, Dr. Parker said, ““It doesn’t matter even if you’ve forgotten. Let’s have a urine test first.””

“After saying that, she took out the test sheets.”

Calvin took the test sheets and supported Belle into the bathroom.

“Belle glanced at him from the side. Was there a need for him to do that? She could still walk anyway, and she was certain that she could walk quickly. Nevertheless, seeing how nervous Calvin was, he was obviously worried if she was pregnant.”

“Belle didn’t expect that when she had come out with the urine specimen, Calvin had taken the specimen from her and had sent it to the laboratory outside in person.”

“Calvin had mysophobia, but he didn’t even care about that right then. If she hadn’t seen it with her own eyes, she really wouldn’t have come to believe it.”

“However, since he was willing to do that, Belle was also okay with it. As her husband, it was precisely that point of time that he had to present his good side!”

“Belle, how do you feel now? Do you feel uncomfortable? After Calvin returned from the lab, he saw that Belle was lying on the bed and looking at the HDTV in the room absent-mindedly.”

“We still have to wait for a while for the result. Come, drink some water first. As he spoke, Calvin took out Belle’s bottle and handed it to her. Belle stretched out her hand and took a sip. It tasted sweet and refreshing, but after swallowing it, she felt uncomfortable and wanted to vomit. Perhaps it was because she thought it was normal water and didn’t expect the taste to have changed.”

“Calvin, what is this? she asked him, frowning.”

“It’s to replenish your stamina. I added some herbs, red dates, and some rock sugar in it. Your face is too sallow. You need to nourish yourself properly, Calvin said nonchalantly.”

“You... It was no wonder there was a fishy smell. When Belle thought about it, she immediately felt that her entire mouth was filled with that stench. She felt uncomfortable and ran to the bathroom with her hands covering her mouth.”

She immediately bent forward on the marble top and began to vomit in the sink.

“Belle, what’s wrong? Calvin was flustered. He hurried over to support her, stroking her back with one hand, and holding her forehead with the other. It seemed as if he didn’t care how bad the smell of vomit was as he just asked her anxiously.”

“After vomiting for a long time, Belle stopped.”

“Calvin held her in his arms pitifully. Seeing that her face was red and pale because of the vomiting and that her forehead was also covered in sweat, she looked weak. Calvin took out a paper towel and gently wiped the vomit off her mouth. Then, he took out a towel and wiped her sweat. Only then did he pick her up and walk towards the room.”

“Belle, do you feel any better? he asked in her ear after pouring her a glass of water. Then, he sat on the edge of the bed and held her in his arms.”

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Put me down. I’ll be okay after lying in bed. Belle pushed him. The doctor was going to come in soon. It wasn’t appropriate to let others see them acting that way.

What’s there to be afraid of? We’re already husband and wife. Why are you still being shy? Calvin tightened his embrace while saying with an anxious expression. “Why did you vomit so much?”

“He was really distressed. ““Fortunately, I brought you here, so that you can be properly examined by an experienced doctor.”””

“Calvin, I’m fine. It’s just that I’m not used to the drink you made. When facing Calvin’s good intentions, Belle felt like weeping but had no tears.”

“Your little face is so pale and yellow. So, you have to be properly nourished, he said in an overbearing manner.”

It’s not as serious as you said. You don’t have to treat me as someone who’s severely sick or a pregnant lady. Belle couldn’t help but show a sweet smile at the corner of her mouth and spoke reproachfully.

Calvin opened his mouth and was about to speak.

“The situation in the war-torn country is taking a turn for the worse. The terrorist organization there has launched another attack, and some of their violent members have attacked a civilian’s house and kidnapped innocent citizens. A reporter was discussing the latest global news on the television. When Calvin heard that, his facial expression changed drastically. His sword-like brows were slightly furrowed. Just as he was about to speak again, his phone rang.”

“He had no choice but to put Belle on the bed, picked up a towel to cover her, and then stood up to answer the phone.”

“Calvin, where are you? At that time, Albie Williamson’s melodious voice came from the other end of the line with an anxious aura.”

“Albie Williamson, I’m in the hospital. What’s wrong? When Calvin heard the change in Albie Williamson’s voice, he hurried over to the side and asked quietly.”

“Calvin, come over immediately. We’ve just received a report that the terrorist leader knows that Reid is going to send Evan back to A City. I’m afraid that he won’t let Reid and Evan go. Some of them have already begun to gather at the border of Tamaland today. We have to rush over to stop them immediately. Albie Williamson’s tone was unprecedentedly serious, and his voice on the phone even changed.”

“Even Albie Williamson, who had always been accustomed to joking with him, had become serious. So, Calvin immediately realized the brevity of the problem. His furrowed his brows, and the chill in his eyes burst out.”

“Alright, wait for me. I’ll be right there. He picked up the phone in a hurry.”

“He turned around and saw that Belle was looking at him with her bright eyes. The light in her eyes was misty, which made his heart skip a beat. He then approached her and smiled gently. ““Belle, I’ll see if the test results have come out or not, alright?”””

“There was a specialized screen in the hospital’s VIP rooms, and the test results could be seen by swiping a card.”

“Calvin went forward and swiped his card. It was still blank. It seemed that there were a lot of people that day, and that was why it was so slow. From the looks of it, the results would probably come out after half an hour.”

What should he do? Albie Williamson was waiting for him over there.

The situation was urgent.

“Belle, I have something urgent to do and have to go first. I have already called Aron and asked him to come quickly to take care of you. Please obediently stay in the room to wait for the results. Also, listen to the doctor and conduct a proper examination. I’ll call you later.”

Calvin only left in a hurry after he repeated his orders again.

Belle gazed at his hastily departing figure as she suddenly felt a wave of discomfort in her heart.

“Looking at the situation when he just picked up the phone, he could have said it in front of her, but he walked to the side to hide. So, it was obvious that he didn’t want her to know about it.”

There was a bitter sorrow in her heart.

“Calvin had already said that they were husband and wife just then, but he was still hiding things from her, and it made her feel uncomfortable. She looked at his hurried footsteps. It seemed that it was something really urgent, and she became nervous and was worried. Nothing would happen to him, right?”

“Mrs. Harvey, the results are out. After a while, Dr. Parker came in with a smile and congratulated her. “”Congratulations, you are pregnant!”””

“She was really pregnant! Belle’s eyes widened, and she was at a loss for a moment.”

Would it be good for her to be pregnant with the current circumstances?

“Having experienced that before, she was quite calm at that time, but she couldn’t bring herself to be happy under such a situation.”

“Obviously, Calvin also felt it. Otherwise, he would not have taken her to the hospital in such a hurry.”

“She sat quietly on the bed, and it was hard for one to tell whether she was happy or sad, but her expression was very calm.”

“Thank you, Dr. Parker.”

“Mrs. Harvey, you’ve been pregnant for more than a month. So, it’s normal for you to have these symptoms. Please rest assured. I hope that you can persevere, and come for the checkups and listen more to the lessons meant for pregnant women. If you’re constantly in a good mood, it’s more likely that you will give birth to a healthy and lively baby when the time comes. Dr. Parker’s words were very sweet, and she also gave her a set of supplements.”

“As soon as Belle went over to get the medicine, she saw Aron arriving in a hurry.”

“Madam, Mr. Harvey has asked me to take care of you and send you home, Aron said politely when he saw her.”

Thank you. Belle showed a faint smile. “Then let’s go.”

“Aron was stunned. “”Madam, have you finished checking up on your body? Just now, Mr. Harvey repeatedly told me to make sure you do a proper physical examination and listen to the doctor’s words.”””

"I'm fine. The image of Calvin's departing figure flashed across Belle's mind. She shook her head, feeling a little lost."

She took the lead and walked outside.

"The pink lotus bloomed on the surface of the water on the Central island. There were a lot of them, which looked very beautiful."

"Belle sat on the stone bench on the island, feeling slightly uneasy."

"Ever since Calvin had left, she hadn't received any of his calls."

"He had clearly said that he would call and ask her about it, but in fact, after he had left, he had never called again. She was very disappointed but was even more worried."

"Was it a good or bad thing for her to be pregnant at that time? She really couldn't tell. She didn't even know if she should tell Calvin and the family. With a drifting mind, she simply sat there, as she couldn't make up her mind."

"The residual sunset was blood-red. It landed on the roof of Harvey Manor, on the trees, on each flower, and grass, dyeing the manor with a crimson hue."

Belle walked on the path with a good deal of greenery and looked at the scenery in the garden. She felt a bit confused.

"The round and red setting sun was hanging in the sky, adding a lot of colors to the Fragrance Garden. All the scenery was covered with a golden light, and there were a few pieces of white clouds in the sky, that were dyed with bright and dazzling colours by the setting sun. Standing in the golden light, she had a feeling that she belonged there, as if she had been there a long time ago."

That sense of belonging made her heart tremble and her eyes wet.

"Not too far away, Liya was slowly walking towards her under the setting sun."

"To complement her short hair, she wore a lotus-colored long dress. Her thin and slim figure danced around the wind, which made her look like a fairy that was dancing gracefully, looking from a distance."

She was walking towards the Fragrance Garden.

"Belle knew that she came to the Fragrance Garden to have a meal. Ever since she moved in, she was considered a member of the Fragrance Garden. So, they would have meals together."

They met under the large oak tree.

"Hello, Belle. Liya took the initiative to greet her with a good attitude."

"Belle looked at her, and her hands involuntarily touched her stomach. The woman in front of her looked soft and gentle, but in Belle's eyes, she was like a fierce beast."

"Others couldn't see her scheme, but Belle could see it clearly. Every time she saw her, she would feel an indescribable bitterness. She nodded solemnly. She then turned and walked to the living room of Fragrance Garden."

Liya followed closely behind her.

“A rectangular and large mahogany table was placed in the dining hall, on top of which was a sumptuous dinner.”

Why hasn't Calvin returned yet? Paige turned to Hudson and asked. She was nervous and uneasy when she saw that it was time for dinner.

“Seated at the head of the table, Hudson wore a gloomy expression and a dark gaze. No one could understand what he was thinking about from his expression.”

“Dinner in the Fragrance Garden had always been rather sumptuous, and it was even more so, ever since Hudson and Paige had returned.”

“All the servants would gather together, but they were seated at the dining table behind the kitchen.”

“Meanwhile, the masters of the Harvey family in the main dining hall would try their best to get together for dinner. Especially during the weekends, it would get even livelier.”

“After dinner, when they were free, they would even drink tea and chat in the living room, creating a warm and homely atmosphere.”

“Usually, at that moment, Jerry would be the happiest of them all. Everyone would fix their attention on him while he ran back and forth in the living room. Sometimes, he would lean on Hudson and on Belle at times. Also, the others would strive to hug him and kiss him. This was something that made him feel satisfied and blissful.”

“Calvin didn't often come back for dinner. He would usually call in advance and notify if he would come back or not. For example, that day, when he took Belle out in the morning, he told the kitchen that he would eat at home that night and ask the kitchen to cook a lot of Belle's favourite dishes.”

“In fact, for more than a year after Belle and Calvin had remarried, he would always return home and eat the dishes Belle had personally cooked for him, but recently, he returned to his past routine, as he seldom returned home to eat.”

“After the meal, Paige was perturbed when she saw that Calvin still hadn't returned.”

“Seeing that Calvin hadn't returned, Belle felt very uneasy as well.”

“He was the one who brought her to the hospital, but he hadn't even called to ask about her results yet. Could it be that he didn't want to know? It shouldn't be that case.”

“Didn't he bring her to the hospital in such a hurry because he wanted to know about her body's condition? He had clearly said that he would call her to ask her the results, but he had not called her at all. Would he be so busy that he didn't even have the time to make a call?”

“Belle took out her phone and dialed Calvin's number, only to hear that Calvin had his phone turned off.”

“Belle, Calvin went out with you this morning. Where did he go? Paige could no longer hold herself back. She knew that Calvin had gone out with Belle in his arms that morning. So, she turned her gaze towards her.”

“Belle’s face turned somewhat red. She shook her head. “”Mom, I really don’t know where he went. He just said that he had something urgent to attend to and left.”””

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The light in Hudson’s eyes flickered.

“Belle, where did you guys go today? He turned towards Belle. Although he looked calm, his anxiety still couldn’t be concealed.”

“Belle looked up and saw that everyone’s eyes were looking at her, including Liya.”

“After lowering her head and thinking about it, she said politely, “”Dad, Calvin took me out to buy something today, and then he left because he said that he had something urgent to deal with.”””

“Belle didn’t tell the truth. She didn’t know why, but when she saw Liya’s eyes, she didn’t want to mention anything about it. Her intuition told her to do so.”

“After receiving Belle’s reply, Hudson nodded his head and said, “”Since it’s an urgent matter, then we don’t have to wait for him. Let’s have dinner first. He’s a man. So, it’s plausible that he won’t be eating at home when he has to handle a lot of things.”””

“As soon as he said that, everyone lowered their heads and began to eat.”

“Belle, this is the soup Calvin asked the kitchen to prepare for you. You should drink more of it. Paige put a bowl of soup in front of Belle and spoke with concern.”

“Thank you, Mom. Belle accepted the bowl and thanked her with a smile. She was sitting to the right of Paige and was closer to her than anyone else. So, Paige cared for her even more.”

“As for Liya, since she was to be just the second wife, who had not even gotten married yet, she was sitting at the left end of the table. All the dishes were pushed to the end after people in front received their portions. Therefore, Liya didn’t even dare to imagine getting Paige’s concern. Moreover, Belle’s position in the family was beyond Liya’s reach.”

“After all, she was simply the second wife-to-be!”

“Belle, you have to eat more. Look at you. You’re too thin, and your complexion doesn’t look good either. This can’t be done. The reason Calvin specially ordered the kitchen to cook delicious food for you everyday is that he’s worried about your health. You shouldn’t let his concern go to waste. Seeing that Belle had stopped eating after only having a measly amount, Paige became anxious and persuaded her hastily.”

Belle really didn’t have much appetite. She just wanted to sleep and also felt that her body was incredibly heavy.

“Thank you, Mom. I understand. She forced herself to finish another bowl of soup and then got up to leave.”

“Belle doesn’t have any appetite these days, and she doesn’t look well either. As her mother-in-law, shouldn’t you take care of her more in ordinary times? She’s a good and sensible daughter-in-law. Hudson sighed when he saw Belle leaving. He then turned around and said to Paige solemnly.”

“I understand. As she said that, Paige glanced coldly towards Liya, who was eating with her head lowered.”

“Hudson also left after only eating a little. Just like that, dinner ended in no time, and everyone returned to their rooms. Even Jerry was listless and looked unhappy.”

“After Belle returned to her bedroom, she lay in bed, but after only resting for a while, her eyelids started to twitch, and she felt very uneasy. She thought about it, sat up, and dialed Calvin’s phone a few more times. Upon realizing that Calvin’s phone was still turned off, she became even more anxious.”

“Blake, do you know where Mr. Harvey went today? She thought that since Blake had always been concerned about Harvey Manor’s affairs, then he would definitely pay attention to Calvin’s matters too. With that way of thinking, she called him with a glimmer of hope.”

It took a long time before someone answered the phone.

“Blake seemed to be doing something in a rush. He sounded very anxious, and his voice was low, which was evident that he was worried.”

“Madam, things have become urgent. The terrorist organization already knows that Reid is going to bring Evan back to Harvey Manor tomorrow, and they’re dissatisfied with it. Therefore, they want to stop Reid’s actions, and they’re already heading here. Right now, Mr. Harvey and Albie Williamson have brought the police to stop them at the border, but things are not that easy. Those guys have guns in their hands, and they’re not easy to deal with.”

“Belle was astounded, and she was shocked, while holding her cell phone in her hand.”

“It was no wonder that Calvin wouldn’t tell her what he was doing. Of course, he wouldn’t let her know about something like that!”

“Blake, you should rush over now. You must ensure Mr. Harvey’s safety, do you understand? she said in a trembling voice.”

“Madam, I’ve long trailed after them. Don’t worry. Blake sounded hasty, but it could still be considered calm. He sounded as though he was running.”

“Blake, report to me immediately if something happens. After she anxiously warned him, she hung up the phone.”

“After putting down the phone, Belle couldn’t fall asleep, no matter how hard she tried.”

“Calvin had his own people whom he had trained, including Aron and the others. Nevertheless, they were dealing with terrorists right then, and there were quite a few of them. Even if Albie Williamson and the police were there, she was still not at ease.”

“She paced around anxiously in the bedroom, but she had no idea what to do.”

“She placed her hand on her belly. She was already pregnant with Calvin’s second child. So, she could not allow anything to happen to Calvin.”

“After walking around the room several times, Belle’s heart was still pounding violently, and she couldn’t fall asleep at all. After thinking about it, she left the room and walked towards Hudson’s study on the third floor.”

“Since the matter had become so urgent and dangerous, she did not believe that Hudson didn’t know anything about it.”

The lights in Hudson’s study were on.

Belle approached and gently knocked on the door.

Who’s there? Hudson’s slightly tired voice sounded from within.

“Dad, it’s me. Belle cleared her throat and tried to remain as calm as possible.”

“It was evident that Hudson was vaguely surprised when he heard her voice, but after a while, he said, ““Come in.”””

Alright. Belle gently pushed the door open.

“Hudson was standing in front of the desk, looking at the map of Harvey Manor, deep in thought, with a serious expression on his face.”

Dad. Belle walked in and greeted softly.

“Hudson lifted his head and smiled faintly. ““Belle, it’s already so late. What’s the matter?”””

“Dad, Calvin hasn’t returned yet, Belle replied clearly after a short moment of thought.”

“Hudson’s face was instantly shrouded in a shadow. However, he still said calmly, ““Belle, Calvin might have some other matters to attend to. Have some rest first. He will return once he’s done with it.”””

“No, Dad. Calvin is in big trouble today. I just want to ask if you know about it? Since Belle had come, she would not leave that easily. She knew that such a thing could not be left unattended. So, she simply went straight to the point.”

“Surely enough, Hudson’s face was filled with shock.”

“Belle, how do you know? What happened to him? Hudson lifted his head and looked at her face with his fine eyes. As soon as he lifted his head, Belle’s heart trembled for a bit when she saw his grey hair.”

“Dad, Calvin has followed Albie Williamson’s men to deal with the terrorists. The situation is not good now. The terrorists have guns and weapons in their hands. I’m worried about Calvin... Belle did not go on. She just bit her lips, as her eyes shone with bright light.”

“At that point, Hudson didn’t hide it from her anymore. His expression changed in an instant, and he slightly bent his knees as if he was about to kneel down. He seemed to have aged in an instant.”

“Child, what else do you know? he asked in a trembling voice.”

“Surely enough, Hudson knew that matter. After Belle confirmed her suspicions, she shook her head and said, ““Dad, this is what I only know. Please don’t hide the matter from me anymore, since it concerns Calvin’s safety right now.”””

“Tears welled up in Hudson’s eyes. He took off his glasses, wiped them, and put them on again. Then, he looked at her with gentle eyes.”

“Belle, Calvin didn’t tell you these things because he was afraid that you’d be worried. Look at you. You’re still fine before discovering it, but now, since you’ve learnt about it, you’ve started to worry, right?”

“But I’m not afraid, Dad. I have the responsibility to know all this. Calvin is in danger now, and I am his wife. I have the responsibility to help him. Belle raised her head and stared at Hudson with courage as she declared in a firm tone.”

“Hudson nodded his head, and a look of approval shone in his eyes.”

“Belle, my men also told me that Calvin’s and Albie Williamson’s police force are now dealing with the terrorists. You have to believe in Calvin and the police. After all, for such a thing, evil will never triumph over good. You should go back to sleep first and not worry about it too much. I have been paying attention to it and am trying to figure out a method as well. After all, Calvin is my only son. He sighed and tried to persuade Belle, but his tone was extremely heavy.”

“Belle stood still. At that time, it was very late, but she didn’t feel sleepy at all.”

“She only lifted her gaze to look at Hudson and said stubbornly, ““Dad, actually, you also have to believe in me. I’ve also experienced some things in my life. So, I’m not a weak and fragile woman. I know what to do.”””

“Hudson’s mouth opened as his face tensed up. ““Belle, I’ve always trusted you the most. I’ve never doubted your intelligence and kindness. You’re my good daughter-in-law. That’s why Calvin and I wish to protect you and give you happiness. I believe that no one in Harvey Manor wants to hurt you either. There are some things that shouldn’t be disclosed to you, or should I say, it’s still not the time for you to learn about it. Please wait patiently. You’ll understand everything one day.”””

“His tone was like that of an elder speaking to a younger person, which sounded warm and gentle. It warmed Belle’s heart on such a cold night, and she didn’t speak anymore.”

The phone suddenly rang at that moment.

“Perhaps it was due to his old age, Hudson was using an old phone. Its speakers were loud, and even the ringtone was a song from the sixties. It sounded completely out of touch with the modern world in Belle’s ears.”

“Hudson lowered his head to rummage for his phone and picked it up. Then, he looked at Belle.”

“Belle knew that he was asking her to leave, but she simply stood there and didn’t make a move. She clearly knew it was impolite and that Hudson had the authority to ask her to do so, but she didn’t have any intention to leave and just stood right there.”

What? Hudson's expression changed in an instant. "Another batch came?"

"He was basically growling in anger, but his mind was still clear. It was obvious that he had considered the fact that Belle was still in the room. That was why he didn't shout out the word 'terrorists'. Under the ceiling lamp, his whole face had collapsed and turned into a mask, the outline of which was hard and heavy, as if it didn't have any vigor at all. Belle could even see the desperate and disheartened light in his angry eyes."

She felt that her heart was in her mouth.

"The heavy atmosphere in the room suffocated Belle. Hudson didn't say anything, but from his expression, she could already guess what had happened."

"Moreover, her phone rang almost at the same time."

She had already answered the call before the phone would ring the second time.

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"Madam, Mr. Harvey has encountered some trouble. At first, Mr. Harvey and the police were moments away from getting rid of the terrorists, but it is obvious that they had made up their minds to get Evan. Therefore, they sent another group of reinforcements to come here. This time, we're at Tamaland's borders. The terrain here is very complex, and they also have a lot of new weapons in hand. Blake's voice came hard and heavy on the other side, and it sounded as horrible as the sound of a hurricane."

"Belle put one hand on her left chest where her heart was, and the other that held onto the cell phone was trembling slightly. Her face was pale, and it seemed that she didn't even have the energy to hold the phone tightly."

"Madam, right now, we can only use the army to drive them away, but it is almost impossible to get the local army to take action. Blake continued on the phone. The situation was critical, and he did not care if she could accept it or not. At that time, he was extremely anxious. After all, Calvin was the head of Harvey Manor, and Sophia's favourite grandchild. So, how could he not be anxious?"

"The sound of gunshots came from the phone from time to time, and it hurt Belle's eardrums."

"She bit her lips. Feeling very unsteady, she held onto the wall with one hand."

"Madam, right now, you can only ask a person for help. She might be able to help Mr. Harvey. It was evident that Blake was desperate at the other end of the line. He could not calm down at all."

"When another gunshot boomed close to the phone again, Belle shouted out loud."

Who? Tell me who can help Calvin? Tell me now.

"Her voice was cold and harsh with a hint of a sob, but it still sounded calm and clear."

"Madam, don't be too anxious. They're still on their way here. Our people are still in control of the situation right now, but it's hard to say when their reinforcements will arrive. Therefore, don't worry too much. Madam, you can ask Madam Lilian for help right now. She definitely has the ability to mobilize the Tamaland military to intervene with this matter. She might agree to it if you're the one asking."

Blake's voice on the phone was intermittent. He was interrupted by some chaotic voices from time to time, but it did not hinder Belle from hearing the name 'Madam Lilian'. She was stunned for a moment."

"Madam Lilian? Would that kind, old woman help Calvin, her husband, out?"

She really didn't have the confidence that she would accomplish that.

"Nevertheless, immediately after, she roared at Blake, ""Quick, send your exact location to my phone.""

"After saying that, she hung up the phone resolutely."

She then raised her head and saw that Hudson was looking at her.

The two exchanged glances.

"Belle clenched her teeth. Without saying anything, she turned around, opened the door of the study and ran outside."

"Hudson shouted from behind, but she didn't have enough time to answer him."

"After grabbing the car keys, she rushed downstairs. Her footsteps were somewhat weak, and she almost fell several times."

She knew where Madam Lilian's secret residence was located.

"She didn't care about her image and dignity anymore. As long as Calvin, her husband, the father of her children, could come back safely, even if she only had a glimmer of hope, even if Madam Lilian might refuse her, she would still ask her for help."

"In an inconspicuous suite of a five-star hotel, Madam Lilian was wearing a nightgown, while her secretary was reading the newspaper with her."

"The older Madam Lilian got, the less she slept."

"In the past, she should've fallen asleep at that time, but that day, she couldn't fall asleep at all. She didn't know what was going on, but she felt slightly uneasy."

The phone rang.

The secretary answered it.

It was a call from the reception.

"What's the matter? the secretary asked in an angry tone. She had already informed the receptionist that Madam Lilian shouldn't receive any calls at that hour. After all, she was old."

"The assistant manager of the hotel said while trembling with fear, ""I'm sorry. Madam Belle Morris, the wife of the president of the Harvey Group, Mr. Calvin Harvey, has requested to meet Madam Lilian. She said that she won't leave unless she meets her, and she has already been here for quite some time.""

Mrs. Harvey? The secretary was stunned and did not speak for a long time.

“Can we let her in? Hearing that the secretary’s voice gradually went from angry to falling silent, the assistant manager seemed to have seen a glimmer of hope. After all, he couldn’t afford to provoke Mrs. Harvey at all. If things went smooth, then everyone would be fine. Otherwise, with Belle’s perseverance, it might also cost him his life.”

“Quina, what’s the matter? Seeing that Quina looked hesitant and was on the phone for a long time, Madam Lilian couldn’t help but to ask.”

“Quina’s gaze was heavy, and her face sank.”

“Quina seemed to know the reason Belle wanted to meet Madam Lilian at that moment, but it was not that easy for Madam Lilian to intervene in such a matter. After all, it was something to do with international relations. If Madam Lilian owed another country a favor, then she wouldn’t be able to deal with things easily in the upcoming meeting.”

She was hesitant.

“What’s the matter? Seeing that Quina was silent, Madam Lilian guessed that she must have encountered something abnormal. Upon thinking that she had rarely felt uneasy that night, Madam Lilian knew that something was going to happen, based on her intuition. However, seeing Quina hesitating, it was evident that she was taking things into consideration, which made Madam Lilian frown slightly and ask in a somewhat unhappy voice.”

“Madam, it’s Mrs. Harvey who wants to see you. Quina understood Madam Lilian’s character. If she were to keep that matter from her, then she would definitely scold her once she learnt about it, which was something she couldn’t bear. Therefore, Quina immediately covered the microphone with her hand and turned around to speak to Madam Lilian softly.”

“Belle, my granddaughter. When Madam Lilian heard that, her face suddenly became gentle, and her eyes turned tender. “”Good, please invite her in right now.”””

“But, Madam Lilian, it’s so late... Quina still wanted to say something, but Madam Lilian’s face immediately sank.”

“Feeling helpless, Quina had no choice but to change her words and order the receptionist, “”Please invite Mrs. Harvey up then.”””

Alright. The staff on the other side of the phone answered in a crisp voice and breathed a sigh of relief.

“After getting Madam Lilian’s permission, Belle felt energetic in an instant, and the steps she took felt as if she was flying. The elevator reached the floor where Madam Lilian was, and she rang the doorbell.”

“Quina opened the door for her with a smile, and Belle walked in.”

“Quina, leave us alone. We want to talk with each other. As soon as Belle’s figure came in, Madam Lilian sent Quina out in a hurry.”

“Quina smiled wryly. Madam Lilian had begun to act like a child again. Thinking about it, Quina felt very strange as Madam Lilian would only act so willful when it came to Belle. The both of them had only met each other twice, but they were able to get along so well that Madam Lilian recognized Belle as her

granddaughter, which was really rare. In usual times, many high-ranking officials and politicians wanted to visit Madam Lilian, but they were all rejected by her. So, Belle was definitely a special case.”

“It was a case so special that Quina was puzzled. Belle and Madam Lilian had no prior relationship and hadn’t been associated with each other in the first place, but the relationship between them was so harmonious right then. That wasn’t how Madam Lilian acted in the past at all.”

“Strange things happened every year, but that matter was the icing on the cake!”

That was the conclusion Quina had reached from staying by Madam Lilian’s side for so long.

“Since Belle was neither a relative nor a friend, it was unusual for her to be valued by Madam Lilian. That night, Quina believed that no matter what Belle would request, Madam Lilian would definitely agree to it. She had been with Madam Lilian for a long time. So, she didn’t even need to think to arrive at that guess. Therefore, she just stood by the door and waited for Madam Lilian to call for her at any time.”

“Belle, why do you want to meet me when it’s so late? Madam Lilian smiled at Belle and asked amiably.”

“Grandma. There was still sweat on Belle’s forehead. Her face was flushed, and she was panting.”

“Come, child, drink a glass of water and calm down. Don’t be in such a hurry. If there’s anything you need, tell me slowly. I’ll see if I can help you. Madam Lilian stood up and poured a glass of water for Belle with loving eyes.”

“Belle’s uneasy heart finally settled down after meeting Madam Lilian. After drinking a glass of water, she calmed down a little.”

“Thank you, Grandma. I’m sorry to disturb your rest at such a late hour. She was a little shy, but her expression still looked very anxious.”

Madam Lilian sat down calmly on the couch and looked at her with a smile.

“Don’t worry, child. She smiled, put her hand on the back of Belle’s hand on the couch, and patted it gently.”

“Grandma, I would like to ask you to save my husband. She lowered her head and blinked. Belle seldom asked people for help. So, she was quite nervous, not to mention that she was requesting aid from Madam Lilian right then. Nonetheless, she still brought it up bravely.”

“Oh. Madam Lilian adjusted her glasses with her hand and looked at her with a smile. “”Belle, are you referring to Mr. Calvin?”””

“Yes, Grandma, my husband, Mr. Calvin, has encountered some trouble right now. He is now fighting against the terrorists from the war-torn country at Tamaland’s border. He could take control of the situation at first, but now, the had terrorists sent many reinforcements over, and they have advanced weapons to boot. Calvin and the others are in danger now. I want Grandma to ask the government of Tamaland to mobilize their army and help them deal with the terrorists.”

“Belle repeated Blake’s words again clearly. At that time, she had completely calmed down. After finishing her words, she looked at Madam Lilian expectantly without blinking.”

Madam Lilian's face was as calm as ever. The smile on her face was very kind and amiable.

"Child, you love your husband a lot, don't you? She still looked at Belle with a smile."

"I... Belle's face was red. ""Yes, Grandma. I chose to marry him because I love him. Since he's in trouble right now, I can't sit by and do nothing about it.""

"Madam Lilian looked at her, took her hand, and asked kindly, ""My child, can I ask you a question?""

"Yes. Belle raised her head and looked at the kind old woman in front of her with bright eyes. She did not know what she was going to ask, but she immediately nodded and agreed."

"Madam Lilian held Belle's hand tightly with one hand, touched the back of her hand with the other, and realized that Belle's was icy. She then asked Belle in a dignified manner, ""Belle, in the past few days when I was in A City, I saw the news and learnt that your husband, Mr. Calvin, was going to marry a second wife. Can you tell me, is this true?""

"The light in Belle's eyes dimmed at once, and the smile on her face stiffened."

"It's true, Grandma. After a while, she answered softly. Her voice was extremely soft, as if she was talking to mosquitoes."