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“Oh. Evidently, Madam Lilian was surprised and puzzled at the same time. “”Then, don’t you have any thoughts on it? Are you really willing to share your husband with another woman?”””

“If other women were to encounter such a problem, things would’ve turned ugly, but Belle, whom she had seen in recent days, looked happy and relaxed. It was as if no such thing was happening, which made her very confused.”

“Seeing that Belle had come to ask for help so anxiously, Madam Lilian thought that Calvin and Belle were a loving couple, no matter how she looked at it. She got curious, and she really wanted to know what sort of mentality Belle had.”

“Therefore, after mentioning the said topic, she looked straight into Belle’s eyes with great interest, trying to guess what she was thinking.”

“Those words directly struck Belle’s heart, and her expression changed due to the pain she felt. The pain hidden at the bottom of her heart was like a vine that was growing at the speed of light, and dulled the forced smile that she had on her face.”

“She lowered her head as her eyes turned red, and her long eyelashes covered all her thoughts.”

“Grandma, I believe in my husband. I think he has a reason to do so. He is a responsible man. Right now, in order to save his own uncle, he has fallen into trouble. No matter what, I will still ask for your help. She finally raised her red eyes and summoned the courage to plead with Madam Lilian again.”

“Belle’s sad expression did not escape Madam Lilian’s eyes. She guessed that Belle must have been sorrowful, as she saw her eyes turning red and fell into deep thought. Nevertheless, it was difficult to tell if she was sad because she was worried about her husband’s safety or due to her husband’s betRhysal at the moment?”

“In order to prevent Belle from getting more anxious, Madam Lilian quickly nodded and said kindly, “”Belle, those terrorists are indeed hateful. Don’t worry, right now, governments all over the world are proactively joining in anti-terrorism efforts. Since your request is quite reasonable, I believe that they will help you. How about this? Belle, go home first, and you will be able to see your husband coming back tomorrow safely.”””

“After saying that, Madam Lilian even deliberately patted the back of Belle’s hand to comfort her.”

“Is that true? Belle’s beautiful eyes shone brightly as she asked, so bright that Madam Lilian couldn’t take her eyes off them.”

“Madam Lilian felt shocked in her heart, as she thought that Belle’s beautiful eyes and gaze looked very similar, which confirmed her guess that she and Belle indeed were connected by something unusual. Her intuition told her so.”

“The more she thought about it, the deeper her gaze became.”

“Of course, you have to believe in me. Madam Lilian smiled in an elegant and relaxed manner, looking extremely confident.”

“After noticing Madam Lilian’s confident behaviour, Belle was convinced that she would definitely help Calvin. She immediately jumped for joy and knelt down. ““Thank you, Grandma.”””

Go back and have a good rest. Justice will always prevail. Everything will definitely get better. Madam Lilian nodded and comforted her again.

“Alright, I understand, Belle said happily as she continuously nodded. She thanked her sincerely once more before she left.”

“As soon as Belle left, Quina walked in.”

“Madam, did you promise her? Quina asked softly as she entered.”

There was a look of dissatisfaction on Madam Lilian’s face. “What? Do I have to be controlled by you even if I want to agree to my little granddaughter’s trivial request?”

“Seeing that Madam Lilian was getting angry, Quina did not dare say anything more. With a smile plastered on her face, she whispered, ““Madam, you know that I’ve always been a straightforward person. Right now, the global situation is quite complicated, and the demands made by Tamaland some time ago were really too much. If you want them to mobilize their military, I’m afraid that...”””

“Enough. Madam Lilian interrupted Quina before she could finish, saying in a righteous manner, ““Right now, the terrorists’ power is expanding globally, and the damage they caused is getting bigger as well, which will impact the people’s lives greatly. The United Nations is preparing to establish a global anti-terrorist organization. Tamaland is also a member of the United Nations. So, it’s an appropriate thing for Tamaland to do, as it is the correct thing. How about you call the foreign affairs director of Tamaland immediately and ask them to mobilize their military to deal with the terrorists in their territory in the United Nations’ name? Deal with the specifics as you see fit, go and do it now.”””

“Madam Lilian’s eyes sparkled with wisdom, and they were as sharp as an eagle’s.”

“Upon hearing that, Quina immediately understood Madam Lilian’s intention and praised her in her heart.”

“Using the United Nations’ name that way was indeed a good idea. With that, she wouldn’t need to owe Tamaland a favor, and they were using an appropriate reason as well.”

“Quina, who had always been straightforward, was able to stay by Madam Lilian’s side because her loyalty and straightforwardness had earned Madam Lilian’s trust.”

“However, that time, she became quite anxious when she saw that her straightforwardness didn’t have any effect, but then, Madam Lilian came up with that brilliant idea, which made her feel relieved.”

“She instantly called the foreign affairs director of Tamaland. After receiving the call, the foreign affairs director quickly asked his superiors for instructions and mobilized the army near the border.”

“The next day, Quina called the relevant staff of the United Nations. Then, the news of the formation of an international anti-terrorism organization showed up in the newspaper. Due to the fact that it was a just act, it received a lot of support internationally and many countries participated in it.”

“That was, to a certain degree, a blow to the terrorists’ unpredictability. They all went into hiding and did not dare to act rashly anymore.”

“When the sky began to become brighter, Belle received a call from Blake stating that Tamaland’s military had ambushed the terrorists, and they had been dealt with.”

Belle finally felt reassured and fell asleep with her pillow in her arms.

“In the dense forest, Calvin was covered in mud, including his face. Albie Williamson’s police uniform was also covered in bloodstains and mud.”

“Fortunately, the Tamaland military took action. Otherwise, the consequences would be unimaginable. Albie Williamson was still frightened at the thought of the fierce battle just then.”

Calvin’s eyes were bright. He wiped away the dirt on his face with his hand and raised his head to look at the sky. The sun had already risen from the east.

“That night, he had once suspected that he could not go back anymore and that he couldn’t see Belle and Jerry again. It was not until the Tamaland military had ambushed the terrorists that he managed to get through that crisis.”

“Albie Williamson, thank you for your cooperation. That was the first time he had thanked Albie Williamson. Albie Williamson was slightly stunned before bursting into laughter.”

“Mr. Harvey, you’ve finally learnt how to respect others. Forget it, Uncle Evan is also considered my relative. So, it’s my duty to save him. To put it bluntly, I’m not doing this just for you either.”

“Although Albie Williamson had accepted Calvin’s gratitude, he did not miss out on the opportunity to tease him.”

“Of course, Calvin was too lazy to refute him. He was no longer the young man who was competitive and stubborn. The current Calvin was facing life with more rationality and maturity.”

“Next, the first thing they had to do was to coordinate with each other.”

“Not far away, the police were still in a state of fear from the fierce fight just then. They were all secretly glad that they could escape with their lives. After taking a rest and calming down, they began to pack up their things.”

“Albie Williamson, I want to discuss something with you, Calvin said with a solemn face as he looked at the policemen, who were packing up their things and were preparing to leave.”

What’s the matter? Albie Williamson pulled a piece of grass with his hand and threw it away after playing with it.

I’m going to meet with Reid right now. Calvin went straight to the point after thinking for a while.

“Meet with Reid? Albie Williamson looked at the rising sun in the east and rejected him without a second thought. ““Calvin, please don’t be so naive. I know you want to find Reid directly, wipe him out, and rescue Uncle Evan, but is this plausible? This forest is so big. Do you know where Reid is hiding? Will he hand over Evan so easily?”””

“So, that’s why I said at that time that we will take action when the terrorists find him and force him to hand Evan over. In this way, we can annihilate them and rescue Evan at the same time. When Calvin said that, blue veins appeared on his forehead.”

“Indeed, they could not find where Reid was hiding Evan, but the terrorists would definitely be able to find Reid and force him to hand Evan over. It would be better to take action at that time than to take action at the border.”

“Nonetheless, Albie Williamson did not listen to his advice at all. He directly gave a strict order that they mustn’t let the terrorists get into the country, and they had to annihilate them there.”

“At that time, Calvin really wanted to beat him up, but the situation was very dire. So, he could only endure it. However, he would get furious every time he mentioned it right then.”

“If he could resolve everything there and save Evan, then he would no longer need to marry Liya the day after, and everything would finally come to an end.”

Albie Williamson shook his head upon seeing Calvin’s fury.

“Calvin, do you really think that Reid will stay here and wait for the terrorists to come and eliminate him? For your information, he has already changed locations. I received the news when I came here. When Reid learnt that the terrorists wanted to find him to have him hand Evan over, he immediately left with his men and Evan. They should have already snuck into A City. He would rather risk his life not to hand over Evan, solely for the sake of his niece, Liya. Surely you understand this, right? Albie Williamson’s tone was serious.”

“In fact, Albie Williamson had received an order from his superiors to prevent those terrorists from sneaking into the country. That was why he led the police to block them at the border. Fortunately, with the help of Tamaland’s military, they didn’t lose anyone. Otherwise, the consequences would have been awful.”

Calvin stood there like a wooden statue.

“Don’t worry, Calvin. Reid doesn’t have many men. Besides, we already have a detailed plan. You’re not afraid of these terrorists, let alone Reid. If you really want to go in forcefully and hunt Reid now, he will think that you’re not sincere, and it’s possible that he might kill Evan if he knows about it. We are now on the side of justice, and Reid is in the dark. Fugitives like him are willing to do anything. Besides, our men are very tired after a night of fighting. They’re not in the right state to take action either.”

“Speaking of that, Albie Williamson patted Calvin’s shoulder. ““Think about it carefully. Isn’t what I said reasonable? Even if we go and look for them now, we still have to fight them. If so, there will be unexpected casualties. Our condition is to avoid casualties and not to disrupt the citizens’ life as much as possible. You’re a smart person. So, you should understand that. Moreover, we already have a thorough plan. With that plan, our losses will be reduced to the minimum, to the point that we don’t even have to

pay any price. Right now, we should just go back as soon as possible to rest and prepare ourselves. Tomorrow, we will wait for Reid and his men to fall into the trap, and wipe them out in one stroke.””””

“It turned out that Albie Williamson had already known that Reid had left that place, but he still called him over to suppress the terrorists together. Who in the world was using who in the end?”

“As expected, the officials were all cunning people. Seeing that Albie Williamson was so proactive in suppressing the terrorists, Calvin guessed that he must’ve received orders from his superiors. He probably didn’t do all that just to save Evan. It was just that the order he received was coincidentally entangled with the Harvey family’s affairs.”

“Calvin had really seen such coincidences too many times, and they all happened to the Harvey family to boot. It seemed like it was true that greatness would invite challenge.”

A bitter smile appeared at the corner of his mouth.

“Thinking of Reid’s warning to him that day, he gave up on the idea.”

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“Calvin, I know what you’re thinking right now, but I want to tell you that if we don’t deal with the terrorists today, at your wedding tomorrow, the one who will suffer the most will be Harvey Manor. After these terrorists enter the country, they will definitely follow after Reid and lurk into Harvey Manor. At that time, the battlefield will be at Harvey Manor, not here. Imagine how serious the consequences will be if that happens. Albie Williamson saw through Calvin’s mind and threw a punch at him while explaining fiercely.”

“Calvin leaned to one side and dodged his fist. Then, he grasped Albie Williamson’s collar and clenched his teeth, saying angrily, ““You’d better do a good job tomorrow. I will not tolerate any failure. Otherwise, I will make you suffer.””””

“After saying those words in a vicious manner, he let go of him and walked forward.”

“Hey, brat, your luck in love affairs really is good. Albie Williamson caught up with him and said sarcastically, ““By the way, I heard that you keep having love affairs, but why can’t I experience it even once? It’s too unfair.””””

Calvin’s face was as dark as charcoal.

“However, Albie Williamson’s words were right. If he didn’t deal with those terrorists there that day, Harvey Manor would definitely encounter a disaster the day after. He understood that point, but he still felt extremely irritated!”

“The midsummer night was hot and dry. Nevertheless, Harvey Manor, which was surrounded by greenery, was quite cool.”

Liya sat on the bed without a hint of drowsiness at all.

Oscar had returned to B City and had finally let her go.

“Perhaps, Oscar knew that she was going to marry Calvin. So, he didn’t dare to touch her anymore. Therefore, she didn’t receive a phone call from Oscar that night.”

“The pure white wedding dress was hung in the wardrobe, looking clean and beautiful.”

“In the past, Liya had dreamed of putting on a beautiful wedding dress countless times. Then, she would imagine holding onto her handsome beloved man, like Calvin, and walk into the church together.”

Those were scenes that could only be seen in her dreams.

“Nevertheless, that day, she was finally going to achieve it.”

That was true. She was going to marry the man of her dreams.

She didn’t care even if he already had a wife.

“As long as Calvin loved her and cared for her, she did not care at all.”

“However, right then, her heart felt as if it had been stuffed with sand, which made her feel very uncomfortable, and she didn’t feel any trace of happiness at all.”

“Calvin did not love her, and it would be impossible for him to fall for her in the future as well.”

“Right then, no one in the entire Harvey Manor loved her and thought highly of her. Just like when she was young, she and her mother had suffered all kinds of humiliation and disdain there. Then, they were chased away like dogs, and her mother suffered a terrible death due to it.”

“She curled up into a ball as she felt cold all over. She tried her best to hold herself tightly, but she still couldn’t stop herself from trembling.”

“Why, why was her life so miserable?”

She could not accept it.

“Gradually, flames of fury burned in her eyes. She stared straight outside, as she bit her lips till it bled.”

“She then stood up and wandered outside aimlessly, without any destination in mind.”

“It was already dark outside and the majority of the lamp posts in the garden had been turned off. As the cool and refreshing night breeze blew, cricket sounds could be heard coming from the bushes.”

“Under the hazy moonlight, the stars were shining brightly. There were some clouds in the night sky. It revealed a bit of deep blue color as it extended into the distance.”

“Liya walked aimlessly, as if she was a wandering ghost.”

“For her, every place there was familiar yet strange to her at the same time. She was left with a dignified and gorgeous impression along with the chilling coldness of it when she was young, not allowing her to look down on it.”

Was she going to marry Calvin the day after?

That felt unreal.

Where was he right then?

“Liya didn’t see him that day. She recalled that at dinner that day, Belle was hesitating and was reluctant to say something. She felt bitter as she looked at it, and it was evident that she was hiding something, but she wouldn’t say it, or perhaps she didn’t want to tell it to her.”

“At that moment, she had reason to believe that Belle had hidden Calvin and disallowed him to attend the wedding with her the day after.”

“The anger in her eyes grew thicker and stronger, and her footsteps became even more unsteady.”

“An old-fashioned villa, made of black bricks and green tiles, appeared in front of Liya. It was dignified and luxurious beyond words.”

“When she was a child, she remembered that the villa was called the ‘Green-Tiled Building’. The Ink Garden was just its formal name.”

“She stood there, dumbfounded. She was surprised that she had unknowingly come to that place, the Ink Garden, the center of authority in Harvey Manor.”

She thought that she must have been possessed by the devil to have even come to that place where everybody revered.

Her pair of black eyes stared at the crimson gate motionlessly.

There was no one at the door. Liya didn’t know where the security guards had gone.

“That day, due to the fact that they had to prepare for her and Calvin’s wedding the day after, all the servants of Harvey Manor had been busy the entire day, and all of them had gone to bed. At that moment, Harvey Manor was like a garden in the center of the big city. It was quiet and peaceful, as if it was isolated from the rest of the world.”

That night was bound to be unusual.

A sense of anxiety and unease that she had never felt before weighed in her mind.

“As if someone was holding her hand, Liya lifted her foot and walked towards the Ink Garden, step by step.”

She arrived at Sophia’s bedroom without being obstructed by anyone.

“At that moment, Sophia was lying on her side on the bed with a blanket covering her body. Her silver hair was scattered on the pillow at the head of the bed. Her face looked thin and pale, and a pair of withered hands were placed on her chest.”

“Liya walked closer and stared at her. No matter how one looked at her, the old woman in front of her seemed like an old woman in her declining years. Her life was slowly being exhausted.”

“Liya respected that old woman when she was a child. After she grew up, she hated her until Belle told her that Sophia was the one who helped her through college. She had once felt conflicted. In fact, she neither had any love nor hatred for that old woman who was dying.”

She didn't know why she went there. She just went there without thinking.

It was just a coincidence.

"Sophia lay on the bed motionlessly. After a while, Liya heard Sophia gasping for breath. She was shocked, and she bent down to have a look."

The only light in the room was the wall lamp.

"She saw that Sophia's throat seemed to have been blocked by something. Her face was purplish, and she was panting heavily. It was as if she would die if it continued that way."

Liya was a little scared.

She was about to retreat.

"The moment Liya lifted her head, she saw that Sophia's five fingers were twisting forcefully. It was obvious that they were cramping."

"Sophia's five fingers were like skeletons, and they looked terrifying under the dim yellow light. Seeing that, Liya trembled with fear, but her eyes were attracted to the black case in Sophia's hand."

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"Sophia was holding onto the bag tightly. Even if her fingers were not within her control, she would still subconsciously grasp on the bag tightly. Was it something important? What was it then?"

"As if the soles of Liya's feet were rooted to the ground, she couldn't move any further."

It must be something valuable or something precious to her. She thought for a while before reaching out to touch Sophia's clenched fingers.

"Sophia's fingers were still cramping. The moment her fingers let go of it, Liya swiftly took the black bag away."

"The fabric of the bag was old, but the texture wasn't bad. It was soft to the touch. It was light as well. Thus, it was evident that it wasn't something precious, which disappointed Liya."

"She touched it and felt a few papers inside the bag. Just as she was about to toss it away, a sense of unwillingness rose in her heart. She really wanted to see what Sophia cherished so much."

"When she opened the bag, she did find a few pages inside. She slowly opened them and looked at them through the dim light."

"After a while, she opened her eyes wide."

"It turned out to be a will. Looking at the date of the signature, it was actually written two months ago."

"She was stunned. It seemed that Sophia had long known that she couldn't make it. So, she prepared the will in advance."

"A will? When Liya thought of that, a sinister smile crept up at the corners of her mouth."

“That was a great secret. It was likely that not many people in Harvey Manor knew about that will, as it was related to everyone’s personal interests.”

She hastily laid it out and looked at it carefully under the dim lighting.

“It turned out that the inheritance that belonged to Sophia was a lot, which made Liya feel dizzy for a moment.”

“To summarize, Sophia divided all the assets into several parts, except for Calvin’s and Martin’s inheritance. Liya didn’t understand much of the contents, but she could tell that the property given to Calvin, the eldest grandson of the Harvey family, was astonishing. It was simply impossible to estimate.”

“The file contained a few pages, and the top two pages were the properties left behind by Harvey Manor and Old Master Harvey, including banks and trust funds. They were the assets of the family, and most of them were inherited by Calvin. Martin received a lot too, but the explanation on the paper for giving Calvin more was because he had expanded the Harvey Group. The assets were all distributed fair and square.”

“The assets Hudson and Evan would get were listed as well, but Liya was not interested in them and was not in the mood to look at it carefully. She was worried that someone would bump into her. So, she quickly flipped to the last few pages.”

“She scanned the pages, and when she saw the name ‘Liya’ at the end, she was so shocked that her heart almost jumped out of her chest.”

“She widened her eyes, and after looking at it carefully, her face immediately darkened.”

“Sophia added a few words at the end of the line, stating that since she felt bad for Elsie in those days, she had already specially assigned an account to fund Liya to finish her college education. Since she had done what she needed to do, the other members of the Harvey family didn’t need to feel guilty anymore.”

“At the bottom of the page, there was a sentence that almost made Liya faint on the spot. It was followed by a row of black words, which was clearly emphasized.”

“Calvin mustn’t take Liya as his second wife! Otherwise, he wouldn’t be able to get a single dime of the inheritance!”

“That line exploded in her mind like muffled thunder, causing her to feel as if her world had turned upside down.”

“Heaven knew how such words could be written in a will. From the looks of it, the will was written two months ago. Obviously, Sophia was not too alert right then. So, it was impossible for her to have recently written such a will. Thus, there was only one explanation, which was that Sophia had already predicted everything. Sophia had already known about it when she was ordered to infiltrate the Harvey Group by Zoella. She also knew what would have happened. Therefore, she had made that will in advance to prevent her and Calvin’s wedding from taking place.”

“Calvin mustn’t take Liya as his second wife. Otherwise, he wouldn’t be able to get a single dime of the inheritance.’ If such words were to be announced someday, then everything would go to waste if they hadn’t registered yet, even though she and Calvin had already held their wedding.”

“That was undoubtedly sentencing her to death. She would never be able to marry Calvin, as Sophia had already written it down in the will.”

“Oh, God. This was so scary!”

Sophia was indeed a cunning old fox.

That d*mn old thing!

“Liya cursed in her heart angrily, with her heart bursting with rage.”

“Sophia didn’t want Calvin to marry her, and none of the members of the Harvey family wanted her to move in either. If so, she would definitely marry Calvin, to anger them all to death.”

“Not only did Liya want to marry Calvin, she also wanted to drive Belle out of Harvey Manor. She wanted them to live a miserable life, as punishment for looking down on her.”

The anger in her eyes grew more and more fierce.

Above the cabinet was a pen holder.

“Gnashing her teeth, she reached out and took the black fountain pen from the pen holder. She then gently changed the contents of the will, took a closer look, and read it out loud. ““Calvin must marry Liya. Otherwise, he wouldn’t be able to get a single dime of the inheritance.”””

“Liya felt more at ease after seeing that, and a treacherous smile appeared on her face.”

“Just as she was trying to figure out if there was still anything she could change, the light sound of footsteps could be heard from the door, and it sounded as if it was coming straight for Sophia’s bedroom.”

“Liya was so startled that she froze. She hastily tidied the papers and put them back into the bag. She then hurried to the bed and stuffed it back into Sophia’s hands. Then, she looked around. The sound came from the door. So, it was evident that she couldn’t leave through the door.”

What should she do?

“She looked around and saw that the French windows were still open. Thus, she ran quickly to the French windows, climbed out of the window, and quickly hid herself near the windowsill behind the window. Then, she pulled up the curtains on one side to cover the window.”

“As soon as she finished all those things, the footsteps entered the room.”

“Liya observed the landscape. The windowsill was quite a distance from the ground. So, she didn’t dare to jump down. She just quietly stayed behind the windowsill and stretched out half of her head to observe the situation in the room.”

“Cadrez, please take a look. Grandma has been very uncomfortable from just now, and she was breathing heavily. Her complexion was terrifying as well, Ruth said anxiously, facing Cadrez.”

It turned out that Ruth had gone to look for a specialist in a hurry. Only then did she understand why there was no one else in Sophia’s room.

That really was divine intervention!

She saw the will by chance and successfully changed the contents. It seemed that God pitied her and wanted to give her the glory she deserved.

“When Liya thought of that, she felt at ease, and a wild smile appeared on her face.”

“Her initially uneasy heart had also calmed down at that moment. It was as if she had taken a tranquilizer pill, as she felt extremely calm.”

“Hmph, as long as she had that will, it would be hard for Calvin not to marry her!”

She was destined to become Mrs. Harvey.

“Just as she was thinking happily, she heard Ruth’s anxious voice in the room. “”Oh no, Cadrez, Grandma passed out.”””

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“Hurry up. It’s an emergency. Cadrez ordered solemnly, “”Ask the health center to send all medical equipment here.”””

Cadrez ordered as he started to revive Sophia.

“Alright. Ruth was so anxious that her face had turned pale, and she immediately made a phone call.”

“After a while, the whole medical team rushed over and initiated the emergency rescue procedure.”

“Even Ruth, who had always been calm, was so anxious that she didn’t know what to do. For the past two months, Sophia would alternate between alertness and absent-mindedness. She was basically in a state where her consciousness wasn’t that clear. However, it was the first time she had fainted, and that wasn’t a good sign.”

“The room was in a state of chaos. As Liya knelt by the window and saw the mess in the room, a sinister smile appeared on her face. She then jumped off the window and ran away in a flurry.”

“In the dressing room, Liya wore the wedding dress and twirled about in front of the mirror with a smile on her face. The smile that blossomed on her face gradually widened, and she was ecstatic.”

“With Vivan’s will, it would be hard for Calvin not to marry her. What was there to be afraid of?”

She was in a beautiful wedding dress and makeup.

Shouldn’t she attain happiness?

It was in spite of her being only the second wife right then!

“Nevertheless, it was only a matter of time before she would obtain happiness. One day, she would step on Belle’s head and let her taste the pain of being the second wife.”

“Belle’s pale, sallow face flashed across her mind, and a victorious smile spread across Liya’s face.”

That woman was about to age greatly!

She was so pleased with herself that she burst into laughter.

How could a faded old woman win the love of a man?

“There was an elevated stage on the Central Island, and it was well-decorated. There were tables all over the island, and wines of the best quality were laid on top of them. Everything there demonstrated the financial might of the Harvey family.”

Calvin’s and Liya’s wedding was about to begin.

“In A City, such a thing was very conventional. When it came to marrying the second wife, the prestigious families in the past would always hold such a banquet whenever they married a mistress. Generally, as long as such a banquet was held, everyone would recognize their marriage.”

“Nevertheless, at that time, Calvin’s and Liya’s blatant wedding was a little too high-profile.”

“Therefore, the guests who received the invitation all arrived in advance, expecting to watch the fun.”

“The romantic and beautiful music echoed all over the venue, which was soul-stirring.”

Belle was wearing a deep red gown. She had a high bun on and was wearing a few pieces of beautiful jewelry. She had a cold look on her face with her mouth slightly open. The gracefulness and nobility she was emitting made people avoid looking her straight in the eye.

“She sat in front of the dressing mirror as she drew on her eyebrows, but no matter how she looked at it, her face seemed particularly pale.”

“That day, she was going to hold a wedding for her husband and his mistress in person. How ridiculous, right?”

“She didn’t know if it was ridiculous or not. Anyway, she wanted to laugh.”

“It was clear that she could have filed a divorce, but why was she submitting to Calvin like that? Was it because she heard Blake say that the wedding was just a trap Calvin had set to save Evan?”

“Nonetheless, the wedding was taking place, so what if it was a trap? Could it change the fact that she had suffered humiliation for that?”

“She was weak and her parents were powerless. That was why they could all bully her that easily. It wasn’t that it wasn’t easy to marry into a wealthy family, but it was in fact, impossible, unless she had a good family background.”

“She blinked her eyelashes as tears streamed down her face, leaving a mark on her face that had light makeup on.”

Belle sniffed and put the makeup on again.

She couldn't help but to have tears rolling down her face again and put on more makeup.

She repeated the action again and again until she heard crying sounds. She turned her head around and saw Jerry standing at the door of her bedroom with his mouth agape as he cried in pain.

"Jerry. Belle's tears froze for a moment, and her chest felt as if it had been stabbed by a blunt weapon. She hurriedly stood up, rushed over and bent down to hug him."

"I don't want you to hug me. You're just like Dad. You're all bad people. That wicked woman wanted to harm me, but you guys didn't help me and welcomed her into the family instead, and you even helped her. I hate you all. Jerry's tears were like beads of pearls on a broken necklace. The tears streamed down his face as he cried out in a loud voice. Then, he turned around and ran away."

Belle was shocked and just stood there at a loss.

"Jerry, a three-year-old, was able to understand that principle, but as his mother, she couldn't even distinguish right from wrong. Not only did she not stop her husband from marrying a mistress, she even helped him marry her. Was she still herself? Was she still her lofty and unsullied self? Where had her aspiration gone?"

Was it because of things that had happened in life that made her compromise to such a thing?

Shouldn't she have fought to the end? Shouldn't she have taken Jerry away from that place and distance herself from all that hideous stuff? Why couldn't she do anything about it?

Tears flowed down her cheeks.

Jerry. She let out a cry of pain as she stumbled out of the room.

"He was still a child. How could a child's heart accept such torture? Didn't she ask Aunt Ella to take care of him and not let him come out? So, why was he out!"

"As soon as he ran out, she saw Aunt Ella and Larry anxiously looking for Jerry."

"Madam, Jerry was still there just now, but he disappeared in a blink of an eye. Aunt Ella was so anxious that her forehead was covered with sweat. When she saw Belle coming out, she spoke in a hurry."

Don't be afraid. He just ran out of my room. He should be outside. A child as young as Jerry couldn't have run too far. Belle ran outside after comforting them.

The place they were at was not too far from Central Island.

"As soon as Belle ran out, she saw Jerry's small figure running towards the small path to Central Island."

What was that child trying to do?

"In a rush, she hurriedly followed him."

"As soon as she walked out a few steps, she saw Liya, who was wearing a white wedding dress, flanked by two servants while walking towards the path. Obviously, she was going to the dressing room at Central Island to prepare for the wedding."

They quickly caught up to Jerry.

“It was a forked road, and one had to pass through that place to enter Central Island.”

“Jerry, get out of the way. Let me go over first. When Liya saw that Jerry was blocking the way, she thought that Jerry would soil her wedding dress, as the child walked clumsily. Upon thinking of that, she couldn’t help but to frown and shout out loud.”

“When Jerry turned his head and saw that it was her, he became furious.”

“He turned around, rushed towards her, and spat at her.”

“You shameless and wicked woman. How dare you steal my Dad. I’ll beat you to death. After spitting on her, Jerry still felt very angry. He then picked up a small stone by the side of the road and threw it at Liya.”

“With a thud, the stone hit Liya’s stomach.”

“Alas, you little brat, you don’t have any manners at all. Just as Liya was worried that Jerry would stain her dress, she found that Jerry had spat on her and her dress was dirtied by the stone Jerry had thrown at her. With that, her dress had a black spot covered with dust. Liya was so furious that her expression changed, but in consideration of Jerry’s status, she just simply scolded him and didn’t intend to continue on.”

“I don’t need to be polite to a wicked woman like you. Jerry put his hands on his hips and pursed his lips as he scolded in disdain. After saying that, he even ran over and stomped on the edge of the wedding dress that was on the ground. Then, he took the opportunity to pick up the corner of the dress with his bare hands and pulled it with all his might.”

“When Belle reached the scene, Jerry was tugging onto Liya’s wedding dress with force. It was evident that he had used all his strength, as his face was completely red.”

“Although the little guy was small, he was abnormally strong. He actually managed to make Liya take a few steps back.”

“Quick, drive him away. Liya was pissed that she started to yell at the servants by her side.”

“The two servants next to her were veterans at Harvey Manor. Alas, who was Jerry? He was the Young Master of Harvey Manor!”

“How could they dare follow Liya’s orders? Furthermore, Liya was just the second wife-to-be. They weren’t stupid enough to go and teach Jerry a lesson because of Liya’s reprimands unless they didn’t want to stay there anymore.”

“What was more, they felt happy upon hearing Jerry’s words and seeing his actions. They all just stood at one side and looked at him delightedly until Belle came over. They were startled and hurriedly greeted her respectfully in unison, “Greetings, Madam.””

“Yes. Belle nodded. Her eyes were dim, her face was calm, and her eyes had a natural coldness and prestige in them.”

“Even when she was still far away, she saw everything.”

“At that moment, the little guy was keeping his head low and insisting on pulling Liya’s dress with a stubborn face, trying to pull her away.”

“Parents’ and children’s minds were often connected. Thus, Belle knew that he wanted to pull that wicked woman out of Harvey Manor with his own strength.”

“Belle had the sudden urge to cry, and her eyes were covered with a layer of mist.”

“She could not just see him do that and do nothing, right? After all, it was not appropriate. Moreover, how much strength did he have? What effect could it have?”

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“Jerry. Belle cleared her throat as a warm smile appeared on her face. However, she called out to Jerry with a serious and majestic tone.”

“Jerry was pulling with all his might, which was why his face was flushed red. He held the wedding dress tightly with his clenched hands. He seemed as if he wanted to vent all of his anger towards Liya. So, he couldn’t hear Belle’s voice at all.”

“Due to the fact that the hemline of the wedding dress was too big and heavy, Liya fell another step back.”

“Belle, look. How can I still wear this wedding dress with Jerry acting like that? Liya had long seen Belle coming over. So, she immediately complained to her with grievance on her face.”

“The pain in Belle’s eyes grew more and more obvious, and she turned more and more gloomy. However, she also knew that she had to stop Jerry and not allow him to continue causing trouble.”

“Jerry, stop, she shouted while suppressing the pain in her heart.”

Jerry’s persistent appearance caused Belle’s heart to ache so much that it was unbearable. She could definitely empathize with Jerry’s pain since they were both mother and son. She could only stop him right then.

It wasn’t until Belle’s voice became harsh did Jerry realize that his mother had become angry. Only then did he stop out of fear.

“What should I do? The wedding dress has already become like this. How can I wear this to the wedding? This child is really uneducated, Liya said with a tensed face, and it seemed as if she was about to cry.”

Uneducated? That sentence was extremely dissonant to Belle no matter how she heard it.

“Shut up. She stepped forward to hug Jerry. Then, she turned around to face Liya and shouted.”

Liya glared at her with wide eyes.

“Liya, he’s only a three-year-old child. You’re not allowed to say that he’s uneducated, and you’re not qualified to either. In a child’s heart, love and hate are clearly divided. That’s why they express it clearly if they don’t like something. This is the nature of a child, and it’s not wrong. As for you, as an adult, you pushed him into the water that day, and he’d definitely bear a grudge against you because of it. So,

what right do you have to say that he's uneducated? If I hear anything about this again, I'll never forgive you. Belle frowned. Her eyes were as bright as the moon, and her face was as cold as frost. She then looked at Liya's wedding dress and spoke."

"Alright, if you think this wedding dress is already soiled, then I'll ask someone to change a new one for you immediately. What do you think?"

"Belle inspected Liya with suspicion. On such a hot day, that woman actually picked a high neck wedding dress that did not reveal anything at all. Moreover, she covered her arms with long white gloves. Although the cleavage on her chest still could be faintly seen, it seemed too conservative no matter how she looked at it, which was completely inconsistent with her flamboyant character."

"Nonetheless, she looked frail and slim, showing a clingy and lovable behaviour. So, such a wedding dress did not affect her beauty, and it even accentuated her slim figure and gorgeous face."

"Liya indeed was really young and beautiful, especially the white wedding dress she was wearing, which covered up the evil in her face. She even became a little dignified as she was influenced by that heavenly wedding dress. In that way, she didn't look wicked, and it gave her another kind of beautiful temperament."

Belle's heart felt sour. She had to admit that she was jealous.

That woman was there to steal her husband. That really was a terrible feeling.

"Belle hugged Jerry tighter. In that world, only Jerry truly belonged to her. He was her son, and she wouldn't allow anyone to hurt him. That was the same for the child in her womb."

"Even right then, Calvin still did not know that she already was carrying his child in her womb."

"Her nose twitched. She caressed Jerry's swollen red face with her hand and placed his head on her shoulder, hiding her emotions."

"That's why a person must accumulate good deeds in daily life in order to obtain the respect of others, since children don't know how to put on an act. Belle quickly lifted her eyebrows and taught Liya a lesson coldly."

The color of Liya's face alternated between red and white.

"Belle, you can't spoil a child like that. If you don't teach him how to behave properly and politely, then it won't be good for him in the future. Liya's chest was stuffed with anger, and she felt extremely uncomfortable. She immediately lectured Belle in an unceremonious manner. After tampering with Sophia's will, she did not have to fear anything anymore. Furthermore, that beautiful wedding dress was something that she had bought after spending an entire morning choosing it, as she did not like the rest of the dresses. A wedding for a woman might only happen once in her entire life. So, of course, she was dissatisfied with Jerry destroying her wedding dress."

"If it was in the past, then she would still feel slightly guilty and scared, as she was afraid that Belle would oppose her marrying Calvin, but right then, as she had tampered with Sophia's will, her confidence had increased greatly to the point that she was convinced she would succeed."

"Belle looked at her coldly. Her gaze was freezing, and her eyebrows were raised high."

What do you mean by not teaching him how to behave properly? What sinister words. What's wrong with a three-year-old doing such a thing to a woman who stole his father and tried to harm him before? Isn't it even more shameful for an adult like you to act like this?

"Belle stepped forward and rebuked harshly. ""Liya, there are rules in Harvey Manor. If you can't abide by them and are dissatisfied with it, then you can cancel this wedding. No one will force you to get married. Calvin is already a man with a family. You should know this very well. It's useless for you to pester him like that.""

"Belle's voice was powerful and dignified, as if she didn't allow anyone to object to her opinion. With that, she was able to firmly suppress Liya's delicate aura."

"Liya was instantly forced to take a step back by her imposing manner. She was actually a bit scared on the inside. How could she cancel the wedding at that moment? However, after only a moment of retreat, she lifted her head and didn't act weakly anymore. She raised her head and puffed out her chest as she said loudly, ""Belle, are you going to send me away now that Calvin has obtained benefits from me? No way. Let me tell you, not only will I marry him, but I will also obtain a lot more things.""

"At that point, she lifted her chin high as her face brimmed with confidence."

That stance of hers made Belle instantly feel a chill. She wondered where Liya's confidence came from.

"In the past, no matter how she looked at her, she would see the slightest lack of confidence and timidity in her. However, right then, she felt as if Liya had been injected with new energy. Her entire body was filled with a sinister aura that couldn't be ignored, and she could even see evil in her face."

That made her feel cold as a bad feeling enveloped her. It made her heart sink.

"Outrageous. How can you say such impolite words to Madam? You should know that you're just the second wife. Right now, Madam is educating you, and you should listen to her. What kind of attitude is this! Aunt Ella, who followed over, couldn't stand Liya's arrogant attitude anymore and shouted at her immediately."

"In A City, there was a huge gap between the status of a wife and the second wife. Who the h*ll was Liya? How could she dare be so impolite to Belle? Aunt Ella couldn't stand it anymore."

"Yes, Madam is the head of the household. We all respect her. The fact that she could tolerate you marrying into the family was already a great gift to you. Don't be so ungrateful. Seeing that, the two servants standing next to her immediately went along with the situation and quickly agreed."

"Liya wanted to continue to argue at first, but that day was her big day. Moreover, she was alone, and she would not get any advantage if she continued to argue with them. Upon realizing that, she could only bite her lower lip and swallow the anger, as her eyes flashed with a hint of obscenity."

She had to endure it for now and would surely deal with them in the future!

"Madam, if the second wife doesn't listen to the head of the household, then you're allowed to punish her according to the manor's rules. Aunt Ella has been living in Harvey Manor her whole life and had the experience of dealing with such mistresses who wanted to climb up to the top. At the moment, she respectfully reminded Belle in a very solemn tone."

“Of course, she knew that at that time, the more imposing people by the masters’ side like her acted, the more they could emphasize their master’s noble aura. Therefore, her face was quite solemn right then.”

“Belle did not speak. She locked her gaze onto Liya’s face and wanted to see where Liya’s wickedness came from. Faintly, she seemed to be able to see a sharp sneer on her face.”

Her brows knitted into a tight frown.

“Mom, I don’t want to see this wicked woman again. Hurry up and chase her out. Don’t let her enter our house again. Jerry wrapped his arms around Belle’s neck as he shouted.”

“At that time, the atmosphere was quite tense, and the air was filled with restlessness.”

“Not far away, a man came in a hurry and solved the issue.”

“Belle was sure that she didn’t know that man, and she had never even seen him before.”

“When the man saw that Belle was there, he was stunned. It seemed that he knew her. After looking at her with a mocking smile, he walked towards Liya and whispered something in her ear.”

“Soon after, there was a hint of color in Liya’s dark eyes. She blinked her bright eyes and nodded with a smile on her face. The man then turned around and left.”

Liya let out a sigh of relief.

“When she lifted her head, she saw Belle holding Jerry in her arms. Belle’s eyes were filled with vigilance as she stared at her. Jerry’s face was filled with anger towards her, and his two eyes were surging with flames of anger, as if he wanted to swallow her whole.”

She curled up the corners of her mouth slightly and narrowed her eyes. She wasn’t angry anymore.

Forget it. I can’t be bothered to argue with you all. Let’s go.

“She looked down at the dirty wedding dress Jerry had stepped on, and a cold smile appeared on her face. She lifted the hem of her dress with both hands, swayed her slim waist, and slowly moved forward.”

Everyone’s eyes fell on her.

The eyes of the two servants turned to Belle at the same time.

“What in the world did that man say to Liya? Why did she suddenly have a big twist in her attitude? That puzzled Belle very much. Nonetheless, at the same time, the feeling of unease made her feel more and more frightened.”

She had no choice but to nod at the two servants and motioned them to follow after Liya.

“After the two servants received the order, they immediately walked forward, holding onto Liya as they staggered away.”

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“Mom, why aren’t you driving this wicked woman away? Is she going to marry Dad? Jerry was extremely disappointed right then, as he asked in a tearful and angry tone.”

“Belle breathed a sigh before saying solemnly, “”Jerry, go home with Aunt Ella first and don’t come out again. Stay at home obediently.”””

“After that, she handed Jerry over to Aunt Ella.”

“Aunt Ella also knew that it wasn’t suitable for Jerry to show up on such an occasion. So, she took his hand and was about to leave immediately.”

“Belle heaved a sigh of relief. Her whole face was tense, and she felt very uneasy.”

What kind of tricks did Liya have up her sleeve? Who was that man? What exactly did he say to her?

It seemed that that day was destined to be an eventful day.

“Jerry, Jerry, come back. When Belle was about to head to Central Island, Aunt Ella’s scream of panic came from behind.”

Belle was shocked and turned around.

“She saw that Jerry was running towards the electric vehicle and was stunned for a moment, but she quickly understood what was happening.”

It turned out that the little guy wanted to leave home in desperation.

“She felt a stab of pain in her heart. Just as she was rushing over, Jerry was wiggling his butt as he tried to get up the electric vehicle.”

“It seemed that if she didn’t try to talk some sense into him that day, she really couldn’t get away. Jerry really was stubborn!”

“Jerry, be good. Mom wants to talk to you for a bit, alright? She stepped forward to embrace him and coaxed him.”

No. I don’t want to listen to you. I don’t trust you anymore. Jerry swung his hands and legs at Belle. “I don’t want that kind of woman to be my stepmother. No.”

“Jerry cried out in despair, as he spoke with his face covered in tears.”

Belle’s heart felt as if it was torn apart by a sharp knife. She had no choice but to lift Jerry up forcefully and turn around. Her tears started to fall without her realizing it.

“Haha. The struggle between the first wife and the second wife, and the pain between mother and son. It really is enjoyable and sad to watch. Crisp and loud laughter sounded from the side, and the words were said in a joyful tone. Belle and Aunt Ella were shocked to hear that and turned around at the same time.”

“A woman with exquisite makeup, dressed in a fashionable, noble, European-style dress, came out from under the shade of a tree on the side, followed by a smart and capable woman in professional attire.”

Zoella Yates?

She actually came!

“Belle’s face changed drastically, as she was shocked.”

Did she invite her? She frowned as she recalled that her name wasn’t on the invitation letters she had sent the day before.

It seemed that she really was there to watch the fun. She should have also seen what had happened just then. That woman definitely came with bad intentions.

“Aunt Ella did not know her. So, she inspected her with curious and vigilant eyes.”

The aura that the woman emitted wasn’t friendly. Her intuition told her so.

Belle clenched her fist with no expression on her face.

Why are you here?

“Zoella slowly approached her, and her fragrant but not particularly strong perfume quickly drifted into her nose.”

“How can I miss such a big event? Won’t it be a pity if I miss it? Zoella’s crisp voice sounded like a gloat. Her astute eyes were full of sarcasm, disdain, and even incitement. She lifted her chin slightly and didn’t seem friendly at all even though she was smiling. The aura that was emitted from her body seemed to be mixed with sharp thorns that could pierce through one’s skin.”

“Belle clenched her fists even tighter, and her face tensed up. Her white skin was glowing with a layer of red light due to her desperately trying to suppress her anger. Her face was cold and expressionless.”

It seemed that she didn’t like Zoella any more.

“There were many times where she would wonder if it was her marriage with Calvin that had attracted so many enemies, or because of her reputation as Mrs. Harvey, or because of the wealth, power, and status she possessed that had brought her a lot of trouble.”

“If it was said that Liya only wanted money, then Zoella’s intention wasn’t as simple as just wanting money. Her thoughts were unpredictable.”

“Mrs. Harvey, I still remember that you once said that a woman who only compromises is cheap. Aren’t you very cheap then for letting your husband marry a mistress generously and even hosting their wedding in person? Zoella saw Belle’s red eyes as she approached her. The pain she was feeling could not be hidden in the depths of her eyes. She then smiled quietly and asked in a low voice with contempt.”

“Belle’s face instantly turned pale. As if she had lost her balance, Zoella’s words caused her to take a step back, and she even almost let go of Jerry.”

“Endure, she had to endure no matter what! She tried to cheer herself up in her heart, so as not to lose confidence.”

“Mom, this woman isn’t a good person either. I don’t want to see her. Drive her out. Jerry also clearly sensed the unfriendly aura emanating from Zoella. He hugged Belle’s neck tightly in fear and shouted.”

“Miss Yates, if you’re here to attend the wedding ceremony, please go to Central Island and take your seat. If you’re just here to watch the fun, I’m sorry, but you’re not welcome here. Belle was worried that Jerry would be triggered, and she was even more unwilling to talk with Zoella. Thus, she spoke coldly in the face of Zoella’s piercing gaze.”

“With Jerry present, she didn’t want to argue with her. That woman was smart and capable, so she probably couldn’t get the upper hand. Moreover, she would leave a bad impression on Jerry’s heart if she did so. That was why she coldly refused to talk to her. She only wanted to send her away as soon as possible.”

“Zoella smiled coldly. “”Belle, I thought you were different, but I didn’t expect you to be so unrefined. You can even compromise in front of a man for fame and fortune. Not only can you accept your husband cheating, but you can also accept a second wife openly. It seems that I’ve really misjudged you. Surely enough, all women can’t live without a man. Even if they lose their self-esteem and dignity, they will not hesitate to do anything not to leave one.”””

“At that moment, Zoella truly felt the sorrow and pain Belle and Jerry were feeling, and at the same time, she also looked down on Belle from the bottom of her heart. The reason a woman personally held the wedding of her husband and his mistress was that she wanted to please him and not be abandoned by him, right? Zoella looked down on such women, and she thought that Belle couldn’t even be her opponent.”

She was relieved!

“One day, if she succeeded, then she would never be the second Belle.”

She firmly believed that it was useless to please a man by using any means necessary. She always believed that one could never rely on flattery to capture a man’s heart.

To have the fortune of bumping into two disgusting women in succession.

“A terrible feeling started to spread from the bottom of Belle’s heart, along with acid welling up from the bottom of her stomach and surging straight into her throat. Belle was so uncomfortable that she could not even speak.”

“Who are you to come here to mock Madam? Aunt Ella felt that something was wrong with what she had heard. Seeing Belle’s uncomfortable look, she immediately questioned Zoella angrily.”

“Zoella curled up the corners of her mouth and looked at Belle’s flushed face and haggard gaze. It was evident that she was in pain upon looking at her eyes. She felt very joyful. She then looked at Aunt Ella coldly, snorted, and then turned to walk towards Central Island with Octavia.”

Belle could no longer bear the pain in her heart. She then ran straight towards the Fragrance Garden with Jerry in her arms.

“She ran straight to the second floor to put Jerry into the nursery. Then, she covered her mouth with her hands, ran back to her bedroom and into the bathroom, and threw up.”

“Zoella’s words were like thorns that pricked her heart, which made her feel very uncomfortable. She vomited so much that she even vomited the acid in her stomach.”

“Her whole body was sore, and her forehead was covered with cold sweat.”

It took her quite a while to get to her feet while holding onto the sink.

Belle lifted her gaze to look in the mirror in which her face was reflected.

“Her face was pale and sallow, while her hair was tied up in a high bun. She looked dignified and calm, but she still seemed to have aged greatly.”

Had she grown old?

That was true. She had gotten old. She was already 29 years old!

Shouldn't a woman at that age be staying at home peacefully while serving her husband and raising her child? What about her?

What would happen to her in the future?

She could not breathe upon thinking of that and just slumped limply on the sink.

Liya was still young. She was someone who had just graduated from college. She was only 22 and had the upper hand when compared to Belle.

“Every time Liya smiled shyly, she would be able to shake men's hearts. Even a woman like her would be moved, let alone a man.”

“She didn't think that Calvin had absolutely no feelings for her at all. Otherwise, why would he hold such a wedding? Even if he wanted to set up a trap, he didn't need to use marriage as bait!”

Was it fun to hold such a wedding?!

He must have wanted to marry her to begin with.

“Ever since he took her to the hospital that day, she hadn't seen him for two whole days. Calvin didn't even call her during that period of time.”

It was he who had said that he would call her.

“Nonetheless, that wasn't the case.”

“She thought that no matter how busy Calvin was, he couldn't have been busy to the point that he didn't have the time to make a call, right?!”

“After she begged Madam Lilian for help, Calvin was not in danger anymore. However, she didn't get a call from him, and he didn't even report to her that he was safe either.”

Didn't it mean that he had stood her up from the way he acted?

He didn't love her at all.

She picked up a paper towel and wiped the sweat and tears away.

“Then, she put on some light makeup again before walking out slowly.”

“Jerry, you have to believe in Mom and Dad. They all love you. That woman is just a second wife. She won’t get anything. Aunt Ella was still in the nursery, comforting Jerry.”

I don’t want to listen. I don’t want to listen. Jerry was still throwing a tantrum as he threw a pillow onto the ground.

“Madam. When Belle came in, Aunt Ella was picking up the pillow, and her face was full of helplessness and sadness. How distressing it was to see such a young child suffering from such a thing.”

“Aunt Ella, let me do it. Can you go out first? I have something to tell Jerry. Belle smiled and nodded to Aunt Ella, signalling her to relax with her eyes.”

“Aunty Ella knew that Belle had a way to calm Jerry’s emotions. So, she went out with peace in mind.”

“Jerry, be good. Let me talk to you for a bit. Belle walked over to Jerry, who was sitting on the bed, and said in a soft voice.”

“I don’t want to listen. I don’t want to listen. You’re all liars. Jerry covered his ears and shook his head, sulking.”

“Jerry. Belle’s voice grew solemn, and she raised her voice by a few decibels. “”If you don’t listen to me, then I will spank you in the a*s.”””

“Time was running out as the wedding was about to begin. So, she couldn’t afford to waste any more time. If she didn’t comfort Jerry before the wedding, then she wouldn’t be at ease.”

“In the end, Jerry was still afraid of Belle. Once her voice became stern, he wouldn’t dare resist.”

He didn’t dare to throw anything anymore. He just lowered his head and shed tears as he twitched his nose.

“Belle’s heart ached upon seeing that. Then, she went ahead and held him in her arms.”

“After pulling him into her arms, she gently wiped away the tears on his face and asked him kindly, “”Jerry, If Mom tells you that Dad’s purpose of doing this is to get rid of the bad guys and save Grandpa Evan, will you believe it?”””

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“Jerry was intelligent even though he was only three years old. Just as Belle finished speaking, he seemed to have understood something. He looked up at her with his eyes that were filled with tears, and a look of joy appeared on his face. “”Mom, are you serious? Dad didn’t abandon us, right? He just wanted to chase that wicked woman away, right?”””

“Tears were glistening on his childish face, but his eyes were full of anticipation.”

“Of course it’s true. You have to trust me. How can Dad not want you anymore? Belle was afraid that he wouldn’t believe her. So, she nodded her head with absolute certainty. With a solemn expression, she said, “”Jerry, you have to remember that no matter what, Mom and Dad are the ones who love you the most. You are our pride and joy, and we will always love you.”””

“As she said that, Belle kissed his little face and patted him on the back.”

“After all, Jerry was only a three-year-old child. So, he was quickly convinced by Belle’s words, and a satisfied smile began to appear on his face.”

Belle picked him up and stood up.

“Jerry, Mom is going to Central Island right now. Stay in the room with Aunt Ella and don’t go out, no matter what happens outside. Otherwise, Mom and Dad won’t be able to catch bad guys at ease. Do you understand?”

“Yes, alright. Jerry wiped away his tears and solemnly nodded his head in agreement. “”Mom, catch that bad woman in peace. I promise I’ll stay at home and play games obediently. I won’t disturb you, and I won’t wander around.”””

Jerry acted as if he was an adult.

That’s good. Let’s make a pinkie promise. Belle finally showed a grateful smile on her face and hurriedly stretched out her pinkie.

“Jerry was overjoyed. He stretched out his chubby little pinkie, and the mother and son locked their pinkies in a serious manner. Jerry wrapped his arms around Belle’s neck and praised her. “”Mom, I really admire you as you can even chase away that evil woman. I’m really happy.”””

“His little face was filled with happiness, as if that wicked woman had already been driven away by them. His smile was bright and brilliant.”

“Belle’s eyes were bloodshot, and her heart became sore and extremely heavy. She hugged him, kissed his little face, and then left reluctantly.”

“Aunt Ella, you must take good care of Jerry at home. No matter what happens outside, you can’t allow him to come out. I entrust this important task to you. You must remember it. Belle repeatedly reminded Aunt Ella when she came out.”

“Until that moment, she still didn’t believe that Calvin would marry Liya. She seemed to know him well. If he didn’t like a woman, then no one could force him to marry her. If that was the case, then she was sure that that day’s wedding would not be so simple.”

“Blake had already told her that the wedding was to save Evan. Even though she did not know why it was arranged like that, she still chose to believe in him and insisted on going on and holding the wedding for them.”

She wanted to see all that with her own eyes.

“Even if Calvin personally held Liya’s hand and came up to her, she would still have to face it. If he really betRhyised her, then she would completely give up.”

“She wanted all the cruelty to become a knife and cut her flesh one by one, so that she could see everything clearly. Then, her heart might be able to make a choice after that.”

“She was not afraid of facing the most terrifying things, but she was afraid that she might not be brave enough to face them.”

“She had to see her own life clearly, and examine the choices and persistences she had made before.”

“Since Calvin didn’t want to tell her, there must be a reason for him to do so. That was why she didn’t ask any further.”

“Nonetheless, she still had to face it in person.”

“If it was all true, then she wanted to see how Calvin still had the audacity to show up in front of her. If it was just a trap, then she would be able to help him.”

“Step by step, she walked towards the Central Island with firm steps.”

“Miss Yates, it seems that Belle can do nothing with Calvin marrying Liya. Otherwise, she would not be so sad. Octavia followed after Zoella and sighed as they walked.”

The sinister smile on Zoella’s face gradually rose.

“This is the result I want. I have always been unable to see through Belle. So, I thought that she could not tolerate Calvin taking a second wife. I also thought that she was very scheming. But now, it seems that I can defeat her with ease by just using Liya. This is so much fun. It’s a good thing for me as it saves me a lot of trouble. Zoella was deep in thought, and she seemed to have a delighted tone no matter how one looked at it.”

“If it was said that Octavia didn’t understand Zoella’s intentions for doing all of that, then after being through so much, she gradually understood the fact that Zoella had complicated feelings for Calvin.”

“Her feelings for him were quite distorted, and perhaps Zoella had those feelings for him ever since she was young. Octavia had reason to believe that when Zoella had a fever the last time, she was calling out for Calvin in her sleep right then.”

“It was just that Zoella was murmuring, and she couldn’t hear it that clearly!”

“She hadn’t been with Zoella for long. So, there were things she didn’t quite understand, but she might have understood something by then.”

“Miss Yates, are you really going to watch Calvin marry Liya? Octavia wondered. She was not very clear about Zoella’s plans at the moment. So, she could only ask carefully.”

Zoella’s eyes were shining with a gloomy light as Sergio’s warning rang in her ear.

“Miss Yates, I’ve always felt that Liya isn’t that simple. We shouldn’t look down on her as she may become our biggest enemy one day. After all, she already knows that you’re the one who sent her to be toyed with by Oscar. She must hate you to the core. If you don’t take this opportunity to get rid of her, when she really marries Calvin and becomes Mrs. Harvey, then she will have enough money and power. Moreover, she will live in Harvey Manor, which is heavily guarded, and I’m afraid it will be difficult to deal with her by then. If she gains power and authority, then I believe that she will never let you go. Therefore, I think that she will pose a greater threat to you than Belle.”

“Octavia’s words were not unreasonable, and Zoella also understood her point. At first, she wanted to use Liya to punish the Harvey Group, but in the end, Liya was used by Calvin to steal the evidence that

could prove that Belle was framed. As a result, Liya succeeded in letting Calvin marry her, and as for herself, she gained nothing.”

“Right then, Calvin was no longer threatened. Zoella believed that it would not be long before the Harvey Group recovered their strength. With that, the Sky Sword Group would never have the chance to catch up and be on par with them.”

That could be described as going out for wool and coming home shorn. She groomed an ungrateful person for no reason.

“From that, one could tell that Liya was not a good person, and her character was particularly bad. So, she should be on guard against her.”

“Nevertheless, Sergio had a point as well. If she were to get rid of Liya right then, then what could she use to fight against Calvin? It would only accelerate her downfall.”

“At the thought of that, Zoella felt that Calvin was indeed an expert in the business world. She and Liya might have fallen into his trap from the beginning.”

“Calvin had successfully persuaded Liya, and without losing anything, he had easily achieved his goal.”

“Right then, Zoella got nothing, and she was in a dilemma, as she didn’t know what to do!”

“Zoella had little interest in dealing with Liya right then, as it was something of little value.”

“To add insult to injury, she had lost her chastity as she had been ravaged by Oscar.”

She was utterly defeated!

“Realizing that, Zoella’s eyes reddened. She clenched her fists tightly, and the complicated emotion at the bottom of her heart intensified.”

“Calvin Harvey, just wait and see. I definitely won’t let you go that easily. When I was young, I had already decided to do so. The fact that Lexie couldn’t destroy you doesn’t mean Liya can’t do so. I don’t believe that you will always win in the end.

I don’t believe that you can live with a dazzling halo forever. What right do you have to live like a king when I can only live like a pauper? She thought to herself.”

“There were already a lot of people on Central Island. It seemed that Calvin had invited a lot of guests. The wedding stage on the Central Island was splendid and luxurious, and those were all prepared for such a cheap woman like Liya. Zoella’s head began to heat up as she thought about it. A great amount of acid welled up in her stomach with her eyes turning red, and even her fists were producing cracking sounds from her clenching them too hard.”

“Miss Yates. Just as she felt hot-headed and was about to lose her sense of reason, a low and deep male voice quietly rang in her ears, shocking her to the point that she lifted her head.”

Sergio was standing by her side and looking at her with sharp eyes.

“You, why... She took a step back in surprise.”

“Sergio looked at her coldly and repeatedly cursed in his heart, “” A stupid woman who thinks she’s smart. How can she achieve great things when she can’t even bear that level of provocation?”””

“Just as Zoella reached Harvey Manor, Sergio had already noticed her.”

“Everything she did, including what she had thought, he knew it all like the back of his hand.”

“It was said that women were emotional beings. Surely enough, no matter how smart a woman was, they couldn’t escape from love. Zoella had obviously fallen into Calvin’s trap as she became hot-headed.”

Do you still plan to expose Liya and stop her from becoming Calvin’s woman today? He pulled her aside and asked in a deep voice.

“There was still confusion on Zoella’s face, and she hadn’t come back to her senses. Her expression was blank.”

“Sergio sneered. “”Zoella, think about it carefully. If you expose Liya later, then you and Liya would fall into Calvin’s trap and be defeated in one fell swoop. Think about it. Although Liya is guilty of stealing Belle’s evidence, she still managed to steal evidence from you, in which she had offset the mistake by doing that. With that, she will be able to leave the police station in no time, but what about you? Have you thought of the consequences?”””

“His words were like bombs, blowing Zoella’s mind. She just stood there with a pale face and didn’t say a word.”

“If it weren’t for myself, then I won’t have to remind you, who are stubborn and stupid, so many times. Do you want to take advantage of them in the future, or do you want to be chipped away by Calvin from now on? It’s up to you.”

“After saying that, Sergio sneered and left in a hurry.”

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The Fragrance Garden’s top floor was very secluded due to the terrain.

“From there, one could see every single corner of Harvey Manor. When Old Master Harvey hired experts to design that place, he considered the design from the military’s perspective and had that place specially designed. It was something that outsiders did not know of.”

“Calvin was dressed in bulletproof clothing on the inside, and he was dressed in a suit and leather shoes on the outside. He looked elegant and refined as he stood there gracefully.”

“With a sarcastic smile at the corner of his mouth, he looked down from that spot, taking everything in his eyes.”

“As the breeze blew, the suit clung to his body tightly. The fabric pressed against his tall and strong frame, and with the refined side of his face, he seemed perfect no matter how one looked at it.”

It was no wonder there were so many women flocking him.

“Aron stood at the side, staring at everyone below with his sharp gaze.”

“Mr. Harvey, that woman is already here.”

“Hmph. Calvin snorted. He picked up his binoculars and looked down at the woman below. At that moment, the heavy burden on his shoulder weighed a thousand pounds, but he still wore a faint and scornful smile on his face, as if he was very confident.”

There was nothing in his life that he couldn't control except for Belle.

“When he saw Belle holding onto Jerry as she confronted Zoella and Liya, his heart trembled.”

“He felt guilty and blameful right then, as he couldn't stand in front of Belle and Jerry to protect them from others' insults. Even if he couldn't hear what they were saying, he could still guess it without having a second thought.”

“Aron, your main task today is to bring two people with you to protect Belle and Jerry. This is the most important thing. You're not allowed to make the slightest mistake. Otherwise, you don't need to see me ever again. After Belle brought Jerry into the Fragrance Garden, Calvin ordered Aron next to him in a deep voice.”

“Mr. Harvey, it's more appropriate for me to stay by your side at this point in time. Hearing that, Aron thought that capturing Reid was the utmost priority at that moment. So, how could he leave? That was why he made an objection immediately.”

No. You have to follow my orders. Calvin's face darkened as he immediately bellowed.

“But, Mr. Harvey, I found an important person today. He is the famous detective, Blake Wallace. Although he is very low-profile, he has always shown up in Harvey Manor and has always been following Madam from a distance. If I'm correct, then he must be here to protect her. Aron quickly explained what he saw. If Belle had Blake's protection, then he would not need to be by her side anymore.”

Blake? Calvin frowned slightly. He had also seen that person.

“Yes, Mr. Harvey. There has always been a rumor saying that Blake and Otis are Sophia's subordinates, and it seems that it is true. Sophia must've ordered them to protect you and Madam. Aron continued analyzing.”

“After hearing Aron's words, Calvin remembered that someone was always following him and helping him solve numerous crises when he fought with the terrorists in the jungle. After thinking about it, he indeed seemed like Blake, but Calvin was in a critical situation at that time. So, he had no time to think about it carefully.”

“But it's not very likely. Calvin shook his head and immediately denied it. Sophia's condition was serious, and she didn't have the ability to think anymore. Therefore, it was impossible for her to assign Blake to protect them. Moreover, she had never mentioned those two brothers before.”

“Alas, Mr. Harvey. Aron sighed. ““You should trust Madam Sophia. I know that to you, she's just an old woman who stays in the Ink Garden all year round and basically doesn't care about what's going on outside, but she has done a lot of unexpected things in the past few years, which proves that she has an expert by her side. Madam Sophia is a heroine, and she might have predicted things and gave orders in advance. After all, she realized that she was already dying.”””

“Aron’s words shocked Calvin, and then he realized that it was totally possible. Wasn’t Grandma always helping him in secret? Moreover, she knew a lot of stuff. So, Calvin nodded in agreement.”

“No matter what, you have to protect Belle and Jerry. This is an order. You can only accept it. At that time, even though Calvin understood that it was possible that Blake was protecting Belle, he still gave an order to Aron. He couldn’t let the slightest things happen to his beloved wife and child. He didn’t even want the slightest chance of that to happen. Otherwise, he would feel worse than dying.”

“Since things had already turned out that way, Aron had no choice but to nod in acceptance.”

“Mr. Harvey, Sergio’s men have also entered the banquet. This is not a good thing. Luca walked up from the stairs in a hurry.”

The corners of Calvin’s mouth twitched slightly. He then picked up his binoculars and fixed his gaze on Sergio.

“This is my home. So, it’s useless for Sergio to send his men in. The reason he could tolerate Sergio up till then was not only because of his identity as an official but also because it was not time to deal with him. Nevertheless, he knew Harvey Manor very well. Ever since Sergio had moved into Harvey Manor, every move of his never escaped Calvin’s eyes. It was almost impossible for Sergio to make something out of that, which was something Calvin was confident in. Otherwise, he would not have allowed him to live in Harvey Manor. “”Nonetheless, you can rest assured that until now, he doesn’t know that we’ll take this opportunity to deal with Reid and rescue Evan.”””

“If he didn’t even know that, then what was the point of him moving into Harvey Manor? The corner of Calvin’s mouth curled into a cold smile.”

“It was also a good thing that he moved in, as Calvin wanted Sergio to see how he would deal with that situation while teaching him a lesson at the same time.”

“That despicable man had always been gawking at his wife, causing him to fly into a rage from head to toe. Calvin wanted nothing more than to throw him to h*ll.”

“He clearly knew that Belle was his wife, but he still wanted to take advantage of the troubled times to try to win her heart and cause trouble for him along the way. If it weren’t for the fact that Calvin’s plan would be messed up without him putting up with Sergio, then he would have long taken action to deal with him.”

“Has Reid’s men arrived yet? The moment he knitted his brows, he glanced at the surroundings through the binoculars. The wedding banquet would start in an hour, but Reid’s figure was still nowhere to be seen. That was what worried him the most.”

“Mr. Harvey, Reid is also a cunning man. I don’t think he will show up until the wedding begins. Luca frowned.”

“Mr. Harvey, our people learnt that Reid and Evan had already snuck into A City long ago, but they had hid in a residential house the whole time. That’s why Albie Williamson didn’t dare to take any action as he was worried about the people’s safety.”

“Where is Albie Williamson now? Calvin’s ears twitched, and he asked calmly. Although Albie Williamson was there to help him, he only thought about his own interests all the time. So, Calvin didn’t want to rely too much on him.”

He is chatting with Mr. Hudson in the reception room.

“Alright. Calvin nodded and said in a low voice, ““Listen to my instructions later on. Once Reid’s men enter Harvey Manor, especially when we see Evan, then we’ll seal the Manor. Then, according to the plan, I’ll send someone to evacuate the guests into the Ink Garden’s meeting room and close the gates. We will then quickly deal with Reid and save Evan by then. After that, we’ll hand this matter over to the police. Remember, we must not frighten the guests, let alone letting them get hurt. Our goal is to deal with Reid and rescue Evan. We must surround them to a certain extent, and it would be best if we could solve that matter without using any weapons.”””

“He, Calvin, was a businessman. No matter what problem he had to resolve, he had to tabulate and minimize the losses. That was what he was most willing to do. He wanted to use trickery and wisdom and not brute force.”

“Albie Williamson’s police have gone into hiding. They have a lot of people with them. So, it probably won’t pose a problem. Albie Williamson has also said that they’re going to catch Reid alive. Aron also added.”

Capturing Reid alive was exactly what Calvin wished for.

“As long as the police could crack something from Reid and take advantage of that information, they might be able to know something about the petrochemical factory in Wullen Town. That would also be the outcome Calvin wanted to see the most.”

“Therefore, his cooperation with Albie Williamson at that time was most in line with his heart.”

“Calvin checked the other places again and made sure that everything was set before heading down the stairs. After all, the wedding was about to begin.”

“If he didn’t appear at the wedding scene, then that cunning Reid wouldn’t appear as well.”

“Remember, you must protect Belle no matter what. Those who are keeping an eye on Sergio’s men must immediately report if something happens. Don’t let him mess up the whole plan. Before leaving, Calvin turned back to order his favorite general of the Grand Eagle.”

“When Belle appeared on Central Island in a deep red gown, almost everyone’s eyes were on her. At that moment, her attractive appearance didn’t lose out to the bride, Liya.”

“She had light makeup on and a perfect smile on her face. She was calm and composed, and her entire body exuded a sense of generosity and calmness.”

“She was not like what the outside world had said. She wasn’t sad and sorrowful, nor did she create trouble and resist when her husband was marrying a second wife.”

“She looked gentle and kind. Her face was calm, and one knew that she wasn’t a scheming person from a glance. The smile on her face was quiet and peaceful. Although there was a trace of pain in the depths of her eyes, it only flashed through and could not be seen at all.”

“In the public’s words, she was a person who knew when to retreat. Even if she knew that her husband was marrying a second wife, she didn’t make a fuss like other women, as it would push her husband further away from her. If she couldn’t change reality, then that was undoubtedly the wisest thing to do.”

“Everyone knew that Calvin loved his wife very much from the rumors. When they just got married, there were even rumors that he was afraid of his wife. That was once a topic of gossip in high society.”

“In fact, in a place like A City, it was common for a man to have more than a few women by his side. Even if they neither registered, married, nor held a banquet, people have already acquiesced to that custom. So, they were very used to it.”

“Prestigious families were all rich and powerful. So, they could do anything they wanted. Even if they had no status or fame, in front of a massive amount of wealth, a lot of women would still be willing to get involved with them, including movie stars and celebrities.”

“Even if a woman became a second wife, it was not easy for the man’s family to hold their wedding so openly. Not all wealthy people were generous and were willing to spend so much money on women. Furthermore, that was not a matter of money. In the past, Sophia had driven Lexie away with the reason that second wives couldn’t move into Harvey Manor, but right then, Liya’s wedding banquet was held publicly in Harvey Manor. How could it be so different?”

“For a moment, everyone guessed that Liya was very scheming and capable. Otherwise, the astute Calvin wouldn’t have done such a shocking thing for her.”

“The Harvey family weren’t a normal prestigious family. If one could become a member of the Harvey family and successfully register their marriage, then one would gain the family’s fortune everyone yearned for. Back then, the gambling kingpin of A City married three wives due to certain circumstances. When he was almost eighty, he married a fourth woman, which devastated the whole world. After that, everyone estimated that even if he was ninety, there would still be women who were willing to marry him, as the money and power that he had was too tempting.”

“It was just that when all his mistresses fought over the distribution of the inheritance, the news was published in various newspapers and became the public’s laughing stock.”

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“Belle stood there calmly and faced all the different gazes from other people indifferently. She was relaxed and could even talk and laugh freely. It seemed that she was smiling at everyone, but in fact, her gaze did not fall on anyone.”

“While she was noble and kind, she also kept a distance from everyone else. Others couldn’t figure her out. They felt as if they were researching a fine product, analyzing her with different perspectives and methods. The more they guessed, the more mysterious Belle was to them. In the end, she was even worshipped as a saint. That point was even more prominent among men.”

“Belle accepting her husband taking a second wife meant that other people could use it as a reason to seek love affairs in the future. Therefore, they all praised Belle highly.”

“Belle knew all of that in her heart, but she acted as if she didn’t hear anything and was very calm.”

She didn't believe that Calvin would bet Rhys her. She still wasn't willing to believe that Calvin really wanted to marry Liya even up till that moment.

She wanted to see that Saturday with her own eyes and decide if she still had the chance to go out with Jerry and Calvin.

"She had to be cruel to herself. No matter how painful it was, she still had to stand under the spotlight. Even if there was a mountain of swords and a sea of flames in front of her, she was still willing to bear with the pain as she believed that she would find the answer."

The deciding moment was approaching little by little.

"Hudson and Albie Williamson were sitting in the reception room, talking and laughing. Hudson's face was flushed red, and he seemed happy. Albie Williamson also was in high spirits as he kept smiling."

"When Belle entered, Albie Williamson's eyes fell on her. Then, he looked at her face as if he was sizing her up and trying to see through her."

Belle then showed a faint and smooth smile. Her smile was dignified and beautiful. Others couldn't bear to shift their eyes away from it.

"Albie Williamson's eyes darkened, and an imperceptible sense of disappointment flashed across his pitch-black eyes."

"That woman was once a woman he wanted to pursue when he was in college, but he gave up after comparing himself with Calvin."

He was sure that he couldn't gain the upper hand.

"Surely enough, after that woman married Calvin, she created legends one after another, and people had to look at her with new perspectives."

"Dad, the crucial moment has arrived. Belle walked in and said flatly to Hudson. Her expression was calm, and her tone was respectful."

"Oh. Hudson smiled gently. His somewhat dark eyes were filled with a hidden light. They seemed calm and gentle, but a trace of unease flashed across them for a moment, and it didn't escape Belle's sharp eyes."

Where's Paige? he asked.

"They had already agreed that Paige needed to be by his side on that day's wedding. She had to follow the process of getting the wedding bouquet handed to her by Liya and Calvin. Even if she didn't like it, she still had to put on an act."

"I'm here, I'm here. Before Hudson's voice had even faded, Paige's voice drifted from behind. Belle lifted her head and looked over, only to see that Paige was dressed in an exquisitely crafted gown with royal blue Sadiel patterns on its white base. Her makeup was exquisite. Even though she was already ageing, she still retained her charm and her every movement was very elegant and noble."

Didn't we agree to come here on time? Hudson frowned again after looking at her attire. "Why aren't you wearing something more festive?"

"I'm here, aren't I? Paige came over and muttered, ""What's the point of coming here Tristany? To be laughed at by others?""

"You... Hudson glanced at her, and there was a hint of an insinuation in his eyes, but it faded away helplessly. ""You're really something. You're not even as sensible as Belle. Right now, it's your son who's getting married.""

"There was a disdainful expression on Paige's face. She pouted, but she didn't reply to Hudson. Instead, she turned to Belle and smiled kindly. ""Belle, I'm sorry for making it difficult for you.""

Belle showed a slight smile.

"Paige took her arm and walked to the lounge, leaving Hudson aside."

"With a helpless smile, Hudson could only beckon Albie Williamson towards the lounge as well."

"Madam, the wedding is about to begin, but the groom hasn't arrived yet. Where has Mr. Harvey gone? Just as Belle followed Hudson and Paige into the lounge behind the stage, Maud rushed in and said, ""The emcee has already started to call for us.""

Was that so?

"Belle's heart skipped a beat. For some reason, when she heard that Calvin had yet to appear on time, she actually felt a sense of joy in her heart. It was as if she was looking forward to such a situation happening. Although she felt that her thought wasn't virtuous, she could not help but to glance at the crowd with her beautiful eyes. Indeed, she saw no sign of Calvin's tall and majestic figure."

"His figure was so familiar that she could recognize it as long as she glanced towards the crowd. In the past, she had laid in his arms, and he had embraced her. Then, he would laugh loudly as they cuddled with each other intimately. They used to have a sweet and lovely relationship."

"However, right then, was he going to marry another woman? Would he not belong to her fully anymore?"

"Her heart ached, and tears almost rolled down her cheeks upon thinking of that."

"Didn't you call him? Hudson was lost in thought. When Paige heard that her son was missing, she became anxious and blurted out."

"Madam, I've made countless phone calls, but no one answered them, Maud explained hastily."

"Paige became even more anxious, but she seemed to have thought of something and stopped pressing on."

The wedding music was played on time.

The melodious voice of the emcee echoed on the stage.

“What’s going on? Where’s Calvin? While they were lost in their thoughts, they heard a rough male voice shouting in that direction. “”Where has Calvin gone?””””

Paige frowned and looked at him coldly.

Her face soon darkened.

“He had a dark face, triangular eyes, a medium-sized frame, and a thin chin. His sick face was full of arrogance.”

“The man stood in the corridor, shouting loudly as if that was a vegetable market.”

Hudson’s face changed as well.

“Belle didn’t know who that man was, but she heard Maud whispering, “”Madam, this is Liya’s father, Fadison Luther. He has had a serious kidney disease and a heart attack. He’s also a gambling addict. When Elsie used to live in Harvey Manor, he often came here to extort and create trouble. Due to that, Sophia was so heartbroken that she drove Elsie and her daughter out.””””

“After Maud’s explanation, Belle immediately understood.”

It was likely that Fadison would act as he pleased as his daughter had married into the Harvey family right then.

She looked at him coldly.

“Look, you guys summoned such a man into Harvey Manor again. Surely you’ll get angry more often in the future. Paige sighed as her voice was laced with grief and indignation.”

The light in Hudson’s eyes burst forth and was slowly withdrawn.

“Hudson, where’s your son? My daughter is now married to your son as the second wife even though she’s still young, but the groom hasn’t appeared yet, even when the time has come. Are you guys trying to bring shame to our Luther family? How will Liya be able to continue living in Harvey Manor in the future? No matter what, you have to give me an explanation. The wedding must begin on time. Fadison’s eyes were sharp. When he heard the commotion, he immediately saw Hudson and the others walking out. He then approached them and questioned Hudson with a dissatisfied tone, who stood right in the middle.”

Hudson used to be a figure who once controlled A City and had a lot of power. What kind of a scene hadn’t he seen before? Would he care about such a hooligan?

“At that time, he was against Evan. So, he didn’t want to get involved in that matter. After all, Fadison was just a punk. So, he allowed him to mess around as he liked, but it was impossible for Hudson to accept Fadison acting like before right then.”

“Why are you panicking? He bellowed in a deep voice, “”The wedding hasn’t even started yet. It’s just the second wife. What’s the big deal? Even if the groom doesn’t come, it’s not too much to take the bride in through the back door.””””

His tone was stern and full of authority with a dignified manner.

Fadison was stunned.

“At that time, Maud also immediately shouted, ““Fadison, take a good look. This is Mr. Hudson Harvey. It’s not up to you to judge him. The fact that today’s wedding is held is all in consideration towards your family. No matter how dissatisfied you are, the marriage can still be cancelled at any time. Harvey Manor doesn’t value second wives as such at all. Right now, it’s your daughter who’s forcefully pestering Mr. Harvey. She’s not someone whom Mr. Harvey has to marry no matter what.”””

“Fadison had always coveted the Harvey family’s wealth. Since he was seriously ill right then, the only reason he came over was to try to get some money out of them.”

“In his eyes, everything was good as long as he got to earn some quick cash. As for how his daughter’s wedding turned out or whether she would be able to attain happiness, that was something he didn’t care about at all. Since he managed to get involved with Harvey Manor, the benefits he could get would allow him to enjoy the rest of his life.”

“After being reprimanded by Hudson, he started to feel guilty and stopped acting arrogant.”

“Nevertheless, he was not willing to give up. He mustered up his courage to say, ““My dear in-laws, no matter what, the wedding is about to begin. It’s wrong not to have a groom. If Calvin doesn’t come over soon, then I will tell the media that your prestigious family has gone back on your word and bullied us.”””

“He knew that those reporters, who were able to enter Harvey Manor at that time, were all bought off by the Harvey family. So, they wouldn’t post any negative news and would only spread positive news with any means necessary.”

“In reality, before the wedding, Hudson and Calvin had indeed made a big deal about it, as if they were afraid that the world didn’t know about it. However, when the wedding was held, they rejected some other media outlets with ulterior motives for the sake of not wanting others to smear their reputation. Therefore, they only invited a few media reporters they trusted.”

“Their plan was to capture Reid alive and rescue Evan. After that, they would immediately announce through the media that they would cancel Calvin’s and Liya’s wedding and the fact that Reid had kidnapped Evan, forcing Calvin to marry Liya. Of course, if Zoella was willing to take advantage to the situation and accuse Liya, then they would hand everything over to the police. In that case, they only needed to explain to the media, and everything would be fine.”

“In that way, Harvey Manor would have nothing to do with everything anymore. Then, Liya and Zoella would fight each other, and they would then be able to use all their efforts in dealing with Yadriel.”

“With that, at the very least, they would be able to achieve their purpose by doing that.”

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“Then, why don’t you try and see if the media will believe you? I can ultimately order people to arrest you right now for the evil deeds you’ve done in the past. Would you like to have a try? Albie Williamson said lightly, smiling coldly while taking a step forward.”

“In the end, Fadison only wanted to obtain some quick cash. Not to mention that he was seriously ill, he was currently alone right then. Even if what he said made sense, he still did not dare to do anything in the face of Hudson’s dignified look. What was more, his daughter was the one pestering Calvin.”

“Seeing that Hudson was slightly enraged and Albie Williamson, who was also dressed in his police uniform, was looking at him coldly, Fadison had long been afraid. Nevertheless, he was really thick-skinned. He immediately softened and smiled apologetically. “”I’m not trying to make things difficult for you, but I only have one daughter. Now that the wedding ceremony is about to begin, the groom still hasn’t shown up yet. Of course, I’m going to be worried.”””

“Belle felt a wave of disgust when she saw Fadison, who had acted arrogantly at first, slowly turning to act like a slave. She also couldn’t help but to feel sorrowful when she saw his sickly face.”

How could a rascal like him manage to pester Harvey Manor for so many years? It was really pathetic and ridiculous.

“Dad, don’t worry. Calvin has never crossed the line when doing things. He must have been delayed by something. Belle thought about it and stepped forward to explain for Calvin’s sake.”

“She sounded steady and flat, but the gaze she shot at Fadison was incomparably cold and fierce.”

“When Fadison heard the way Belle addressed Hudson, he immediately understood who Belle was. It seemed that Belle was his daughter’s groom’s first wife, and right then, she was Harvey Manor’s head of the household. Fadison thought for a moment and understood that his daughter would still have to confront Belle in the future. He forced a smile and said, “”Hehe, it’s good if it’s like that. However, the wedding is about to begin. We mustn’t miss the joyous moment.”””

“Belle looked at his lowly yet strange self and shifted her gaze away from him. She then said respectfully to Hudson and Paige, “”Dad, Mom, let’s go and take a seat first.”””

“Alright. Hudson nodded in agreement. “”Let’s go. Calvin will definitely come after everything is settled. Just as I said, our family is just taking in a second wife. There’s nothing to make a fuss about.”””

“At that time, of course, Hudson knew the heavy responsibility on Calvin’s shoulders. Right then, even if he did not come, as long as they, the elders, were present, that wedding could still be held smoothly. At least the atmosphere at the scene was evident, and it could be used as a cover to avoid people gossiping about it. That was the reason Hudson had asked Paige to show up at the wedding.”

“Then, Hudson led them towards the emcee on the stage.”

“At that moment, the two emcees, who were on the stage, were so anxious that they were sweating profusely. The opportune moment had almost arrived, and it was their first time holding a wedding with the groom absent. They really didn’t know how they were able to start the ceremony. It was not until Hudson, Paige, and the others were heading towards them did they feel somewhat relieved.”

“The guests beneath the stage were all seated, and they locked their gazes on them as soon as they appeared.”

“Hudson took the lead and sat down on the big, red, wooden chair in the middle of the stage.”

“One shouldn’t dismiss the fact that this was no ordinary chair, as it was made of fine rosewood. Usually, it was never brought out and was stored away, but it was moved out for the sake of making sure that the event that day was grand and respectable. Moreover, in order to protect the chair, they sent two security guards to move each particular chair.”

“Paige also sat down on a smaller, expensive chair that was made of ebony.”

“Those two chairs would usually not be moved out. Nonetheless, they were placed on that luxurious stage that day, and it made the ceremony seem noble and solemn.”

“Belle stood close to Paige. Although she looked calm and peaceful on the outside, her heart was pounding wildly. She felt very uncomfortable, as if there was something in her heart that was broken.”

“At that moment, she only wanted to see her husband, Calvin, but at the same time, she was afraid to see him. After that day, he would not belong to her alone. She felt as if someone had used a stick to twist her flesh at the bottom of her heart, which made her particularly uncomfortable.”

The wedding song played in an impassioned manner.

The hopeful moment had finally arrived.

“Liya had been waiting behind the beaded curtains in the corridor which led to the stage, waiting eagerly for Calvin to come up and hold her hand and walk along the aisle, through the arched doors made of flowers, and go onto the stage to accept everyone’s blessings.”

“However, things didn’t go as she expected. It was already time, but she had yet to see Calvin’s figure.”

“Her heart sank, and she tasted bitterness at the corner of her mouth.”

“Now, we would like to welcome the bride. As soon as the joyous hour arrived, the emcee’s voice rang out.”

“At that time, Fadison, who was wearing a suit, stood in front of her and stretched out his hand. Liya extended hers, which were covered with white gloves. The duo walked out hand in hand, serenaded by the melodious wedding music.”

“All of a sudden, the whole venue went silent.”

“With Fadison’s help, Liya walked down the aisle and towards the center of the stage. At first, she would have to stop in the middle of the pavilion while Fadison would hand Liya to his son-in-law, Calvin. However, due to the fact that Calvin hadn’t arrived yet, they had to omit that step. In the end, Fadison brought Liya directly to the stage.”

“Liya’s face began to flush, and her eyes were welled up with tears.”

“She had participated in other second wives’ weddings in A City several times, and they all had a joyful atmosphere. Moreover, the bride and groom would happily participate in the wedding together, but she had never seen any wedding ending up like hers.”

“Nonetheless, she couldn’t just come to a conclusion that the Harvey family didn’t attach any importance to her, as the wedding was held in a grand manner, to the point that it was even better than others marrying their first and legal wife. ”

“The moment she stepped onto the stage, she saw it.”

“Hudson was sitting in the main seat while emitting a majestic aura while Paige sat next to him elegantly. Paige’s aura was no less than any madam of other prestigious families. Belle stood elegantly and virtuously on the side. No matter how one looked at it, it was a very formal occasion. If one could ignore the groom’s absence, then it would be a wonderful ceremony. However, the point was that everyone there could be neglected, except for the groom. After all, it was their wedding.”

Liya stepped onto the stage.

The crowd began to kick up a fuss.

What were they doing?

“It was obviously a wedding. So, how could the groom not be there? How did they expect the bride to face all that? Even if she was only the second wife, they still had to see the groom!”

“In the main seat near the stage, Sergio sat there calmly and elegantly. His burning and quiet gaze had been fixed on Belle the whole time. He was constantly observing her face and her every expression, trying to see through that woman.”

“What kind of spirit did she have to make her stand on the stage in such a calm manner? Even when facing the mistress, who was trying to rob her of her husband, she still could act so calmly and elegantly. Was she a saint?”

It wasn’t until Calvin hadn’t shown up when the momentous hour had arrived that he became alert and was slightly shocked. He thought that something was amiss.

A sense of unease began to rise in his heart.

“Surely enough, his phone soon rang.”

“He quickly stood up, walked aside, and picked up the phone.”

“Mr. Xanthe, we have bad news. The situation has changed. Reid actually came here with Evan. As soon as the man’s voice sounded on the phone, Sergio’s face changed drastically, and he almost roared out, ““What? How didn’t we learn about this until now? What is Edgar doing?”””

“Mr. Xanthe, we’ve been fooled around by Hudson and Calvin this time. Their main goal is to use this wedding to save Evan. It’s very likely that they want to capture us all in one fell swoop. They successfully diverted everyone’s attention with this wedding, and right now, no one there knows about this.”

What?

“The voice of his subordinate made Sergio feel a chill all over his body, and his hands began to tremble.”

D*mn it. He naively thought that Calvin was using the wedding to let Zoella and Liya fight each other. He did not think that Calvin had such an advanced motive behind his back.

“Calvin was killing three birds with one stone with that plan, even he was kept in the dark.”

“However, the problem right then was, why didn’t his father, Yadriel, know about such an important matter?”

“Although Reid did not know about what the Xanthe family had done in the petrochemical factory in Wullen Town, nor did he get hold of the Xanthe family’s secrets, he should be aware of their actions. What about Evan? At the thought of that, his heart pounded with fear.”

He quickly hung up the phone and dialed Yadriel’s number.

“Dad, things are not looking good. Reid has already brought Evan back to Harvey Manor today. Do you know anything about this?”

“Yadriel was sitting in a spacious office, watching the wedding at Harvey Manor from the screen. His son’s call made his eyebrows twitch, and after a while, he answered in a deep voice, “I get it. For Liya’s happiness, now Reid isn’t controlled by the terrorists at all. The night before yesterday, the terrorists had already sent more people to stop what he was doing, but it’s a pity that the Tamaland military took action and disrupted all the plans.””

“Yadriel’s voice sounded desolate and helpless, but it could be considered calm and composed at the same time.”

“Dad, why didn’t you tell me about this earlier? Sergio sounded mad and puzzled at the same time.”

“Sergio, calm down. I’ve already sent Edgar over. Yadriel said in a sinister and definite voice, “This thing happened the night before yesterday, and my men only learnt about it not long ago. After learning about it, I went ahead and notified the terrorists. Besides, it’s useless to tell you this. I’m more afraid that you may act rashly and alert the enemy.””

“He took a sip of water and adjusted his glasses as he controlled his voice to be as calm as possible. “Even if Reid knows something, he’s just a small leader, and he won’t know that much. Moreover, he and his men are just a bunch of outlaws. It’s not enough to pose a fatal threat to our family.””

What about Evan? Sergio asked anxiously.

“Yadriel, who was on the other side, pondered for a while before saying, “Sergio, let’s put it this way. Evan is just a weakling. As he has been living in Africa all year round, he has come into contact with many people and is familiar with people from both sides. So, he probably knows something. However, it is not easy for him to get hold of our actual evidence. I didn’t want to deal with people like him at that time, but even if I did, I would’ve killed him quickly. However, that d*mn Reid took action, in order to avenge his sister and disrupted my plan at the same time. But if Reid was caught, the police might find some breakthroughs from him and find out secrets. Now that we are at this point, we can’t afford to fail. So, we can’t keep him alive.””

“At the other end, Yadriel’s voice, who was initially speaking slowly and gently, suddenly turned cold at the end.”