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“Dad, I understand. Sergio let out a sigh of relief. He then calmed himself down and replied in a low voice.”

“No, Sergio. Listen. Yadiel was worried that he would do something rash. So, he said in a hurry, ““You are from a family of officials. So, you can’t get involved in such things. I have already sent Edgar to lurk in Harvey Manor. He will solve everything, and you don’t have to worry about it. You can go on as you like.”””

Sergio was stunned for a moment before understanding Yadiel’s intentions.

“Sergio, up to this point, the Harvey Group is the biggest threat to our Xanthe family. The reason I didn’t tell you some of this is that it’s not a big problem. So, I don’t want to divert your attention. Also, it’s because I want you to put all your energy into dealing with the Harvey Group. We can’t afford to be sloppy for even a moment. Right now, Hudson and Calvin are the ultimate targets we have to handle, and we must not let them join hands with Luqman. As you’re in charge of the matter of the Harvey Group’s unauthorized disclosure, you have to grasp the situation well and not let them dismiss the verdict. Otherwise, we can’t threaten them anymore. Yadiel warned him seriously. Afterwards, he said in an extremely worried voice, ““Sergio, we’ve encountered an extremely dangerous matter right now. That is, someone has already made his way into the Middle East, and that person has grabbed hold of many pieces of evidence regarding us. This is the most dangerous matter.”””

“Yadiel said those words with great strain, which sent a chill down Sergio’s spine. Even though it was hot that day, he still felt cold all over.”

“Dad, could that person be Hudson’s man? Sergio’s subordinates had already told him about that matter. Immediately, he frowned and asked in a low voice, ““I’ve already ordered someone to find a way to get rid of that person.”””

“No, Sergio. We can’t kill this person for the time being. You shouldn’t think that this matter is simple. This man is capable and won’t be killed that easily. He’s Otis Wallace, a famous detective, an astute person, and he has been involved in such activities for a lifetime. Therefore, he was already aware of the various dangers of that job. So, we won’t be able to get rid of him that easily. Moreover, he has already placed the collected evidence in several locations. So, we won’t be able to find it no matter what. He’s also an experienced detective and has a strong sense of self-preservation. As long as his life is in danger, not only will Hudson be able to obtain those pieces of evidence, our superiors in Capital City and some other people with ulterior motives will also be able to obtain them as well. If so, we’re doomed in no time. Hence, we can only afford to catch this man alive and not kill him that easily. Yadiel shook his head and said in a sad and helpless manner.”

“When Sergio heard that, he was shocked, and his face was full of rage.”

“Sergio, it is impossible for Otis to be sent by Hudson. He does not have such foresight. After experiencing the challenges of life, that old guy has stopped being so aggressive. If he isn’t forced to do so, then he definitely won’t turn against us and take part in such a dangerous matter. Yadiel continued to analyze the situation on the phone with a serious face.”

Sergio's gaze became gloomy. His face darkened as he asked in confusion.

"So, Dad, who is the one who sent this guy? Could it be Calvin?"

"No. Yadriel took a long puff on his cigarette. He then slowly exhaled and said mysteriously, ""According to my speculation, Sophia should be the one who sent that guy.""

"As soon as Yadriel finished talking, Sergio was enlightened in an instant, but he shook his head and denied it almost immediately."

"Dad, stop joking. Old Madam Harvey' mind is not clear right now. How can it be possible for her to make such wise decisions? Sergio felt that it was even more impossible upon saying that."

"Sergio. Yadriel increased the pressure in his tone. He was very dissatisfied with Sergio's contempt for Sophia. ""It's because you don't understand this old lady. Back then, the reason that Old Master Harvey was able to build up the Harvey Group was because of this old lady's countless shrewd decisions. Her foresight is superb. Of course, she didn't decide all these right now. She must've foreseen it a few months ago and had long made preparations for it. Hence, the following battles will only intensify, and you won't be able to return to Capital City for now. You'll have to use the Harvey Group's case as a reason to move into Harvey Manor and closely monitor the Harvey family's every movement. As for my side, I've already finished the preparations for winning the people over. There is no need for you to help. Remember, the Harvey family now is our number one enemy. As long as I'm successfully elected, I will think of a way to deal with them using the power in my hands.""

Sergio was stunned for a long time. He didn't expect that Harvey Manor would be so extraordinary. Even all the women in it were so terrifying.

"When he was in the army for many years, he had never been this nervous when facing all kinds of dangerous training and actual combat. Nevertheless, he felt danger looming onto him at that time, and the heavy pressure made him feel as if he was unable to breathe."

"If the Harvey family grabbed hold of the evidence of them smuggling firearms into the war-torn country, then the incident in Wullen Town would also be revealed. That would definitely be a devastating blow to the Xanthe family. It was very likely that the Xanthe family would never be able to rise and prosper again after that."

"Sophia, that old woman, was too shrewd."

"Even though she was about to die, she still managed to give the Xanthe family a heavy blow."

"He clenched his fists, and his gaze turned cold. No, he must not lose. At such a critical moment, he couldn't let anything go wrong. Fortunately, he learnt about it at that moment. So, he still had time to make up for it."

Beneath the magnificent stage.

The guests were all sitting while watching the wedding without a groom with great interest.

Each of them had excited expressions on their faces as they watched the fun of how the show would come to an end.

“It was the first time they had encountered a case where the groom didn’t attend the wedding. Their lives were too ordinary and boring in recent days. So, it was not bad for them to encounter such a rare case like that.”

Under an rare and precious cedar tree.

“There was a white round table as well as white chairs, which looked noble, clean, and solemn.”

“Zoella and Octavia were sitting on the white chairs while leaning their backs against them. With an elusive smile on their faces, they looked at Liya, who was standing on the stage in a white wedding dress. It could be seen that Liya’s eyes were full of unwillingness and grievance.”

“After all, for women, even if one were to become the second wife, one still didn’t want the groom not to attend their wedding.”

“Miss Yates, do you think that Calvin will attend the wedding? Or is he just toying with her? Octavia looked at the dramatic scene in front of her very comfortably and asked.”

“Zoella had an evasive smile on her face, but her gaze was very vicious.”

“Miss Yates, if that’s the case, do we still need to do that? Octavia leaned over and asked in a low voice.”

“Zoella shifted her gaze away from Liya, and it slowly fell on Sergio, who was not far away.”

“At that moment, he looked anxious, and he was obviously worried about something. He seemed to be very uneasy.”

That piqued Zoella’s interest.

He wanted Liya to become Calvin’s second wife. She knew all about his plans.

How could Zoella let Sergio use her so easily?

“However, Sergio’s words made sense as well. Zoella thought about it carefully in those two days. So, she did not intend to act rashly. She decided to wait and see.”

“Let’s gauge the situation first. Today’s wedding won’t be that simple, Zoella replied in a low voice.”

“In fact, her so-called plan was to expose Liya’s crime. The videos of Liya stealing Belle’s fingerprints for her and being toyed with by Oscar were all in her hands. Those videos were enough to ruin Liya.”

“She initially decided to do that, but after listening to Sergio’s analysis, although she was not resigned to it, she hesitated and decided to keep the videos to herself for now. When the wedding song was played just then, she held back the impulse to expose Liya.”

“It was true that if she showed the audience the videos that day, then it might have an unexpected effect. Liya would definitely be ruined, but she, herself, had also come to the end of her streak.”

“That day, Sergio’s behavior was abnormal. She realized that something big was going to happen.”

“Since it had nothing to do with her, she might as well watch the show and see what she could do next.”

“Mr. Harvey, Reid’s men have already entered Harvey Manor, but Evan is nowhere to be seen. Calvin’s cell phone rang, and he accepted the call. Then, Luca’s somewhat excited but disappointed voice sounded.”

Don’t worry. Let’s wait a little longer. Calvin knitted his brows. He cast a deep and piercing glance towards the direction of the front gate.

“According to the surveillance footage, not all of Reid’s men entered through the front door, as some of them came in through the back door.”

Very well. He deliberately left a loop at the back door. It seemed that Reid had indeed fallen into his trap.

“A hint of a playful smile flashed across Calvin’s face. That cunning fox, if he didn’t witness his wedding with Liya himself, then he would definitely not bring Evan over.”

“At that time, he was using psychological tactics.”

“Therefore, he was just leisurely sitting down on a small stone on the Central Island with a fishing rod. Then, he just slowly threw the rod into the water.”

“After a while, his cell phone rang again.”

“Calvin, my niece’s husband, what kind of dirty trick are you playing? It’s almost time for you to tie the knot, but you’re not there yet. If you do this, then how can Liya face life in the future? Reid’s voice finally rang out on the phone, and he asked in a very dissatisfied tone.”

“Obviously, Reid was hiding somewhere and observing what was happening there.”

“However, Calvin gave an evil smile and said faintly, ““Uncle Reid, the same goes for you. It’s almost time, but you’re not here yet. How can I attend the wedding ceremony before you even appear? It looks like you don’t have any sincerity at all.”””

“Reid was not a fool. Of course, he understood Calvin’s intentions. It was evident that Calvin wanted to meet with Evan. He wanted to use Evan in exchange for his and Liya’s wedding.”

“Alright, I promise you that as long as you’re done with the wedding, I’ll send Evan to the place of your liking. Reid gritted his teeth as he made up his mind.”

“I see. Calvin chuckled. ““Then, I think I’ll have to continue fishing for a while. You don’t have the slightest bit of credibility. I’ve already held the wedding in such a grand manner according to your request, and I’ve also publicized it to the media. Now, there’s only one step left. But what about you? You haven’t even shown up once yet. If I really do as you say, who knows what the result will be. All in all, I won’t believe you anymore if I can’t see you in person.”””

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“Calvin, I’m in your territory today. Also, my niece will have to rely on you to give her happiness in the future. Do you think I can afford to go back on my word? If that’s the case, then I would have already handed Evan over to the terrorists the night before yesterday. Why would I wait until today? Reid gritted his teeth and said some fair arguments.”

“In that case, you’re worried that I’ll harm you, aren’t you? Or are you worried that Harvey Manor won’t let you off? Calvin quickly understood his intentions and asked calmly.”

“I’m not worried as it is the truth. Reid said bluntly, ““Today, a lot of unidentified people appeared in Harvey Manor. I can’t confirm whether you had sent them to deal with me or not. So, of course, I won’t dare show my face.”””

“Reid spoke frankly, and at the same time, Calvin was shocked. Could it be that Reid had already detected his men? That was impossible.”

“What do you mean? As the hook on the fishing rod went into the water, Calvin asked coldly.”

“My niece’s wedding today isn’t that simple. In my opinion, at least three different factions have snuck in. Also, I am now the most wanted criminal in the world. Do you think I dare come in? Reid’s eyes were cold as he said that.”

Reid was indeed someone from the underground. He really was something.

“Calvin understood that his men were not the only ones who were present that day. There were also Albie Williamson’s police officers, but they were all very secretive. So, it was impossible for Reid to find out.”

“The factions he was talking about were probably Sergio’s and Zoella’s men. As for the other factions, Calvin was very shocked because he did not even notice it himself.”

“He had always been used to controlling the whole situation and doing things in detail, but he didn’t even notice that right then. Then, who would be the other factions Reid was talking about?”

It’s good that you realize that there are a few factions out there. Let me tell you that Sergio’s men from the Ministry of State Security and Zoella’s men are here today. Do you know what they are here for? Calvin’s tone was dark and even sarcastic.

“What are they here for? Seeing that Calvin had taken the initiative to mention those people, Reid felt a little less uneasy. He immediately asked.”

“Let me tell you that Zoella and Sergio are here to deal with Liya and me. If you don’t want to see anything bad happening to Liya and want the wedding to proceed smoothly, then it’s best to hand over Evan, so that everyone will be fine. Calvin immediately threatened him. ““I know that it’ll be hard for you to show your face today. So, I won’t force you. Nevertheless, you have already seen today’s chaotic situation. If something happens to Liya, then I won’t be responsible for it. Also, the media has already arrived. So, everyone will get to see what truly unfolds.”””

“For Calvin, his main objective that day was to save Evan. After all, life was a matter of utmost importance. The sooner the matter was resolved, the better it was.”

“At that time, Reid’s emotions were like a big dyeing tank with all kinds of colours. Elsie’s face kept flashing in his mind. When he was a child, he was so hungry that he was dying of hunger while lying on the bed. In order to prevent him from starving, Elsie had no choice but to walk into the nightclub on that stormy night to sell her innocence. Only then did she finally get the money to afford fresh and hot food.”

“That year, she was only fifteen. Just to stop her brother from dying of hunger, she was trampled by other men.”

“Every morning when she came back, he would always see her crying in the corner with bruises all over her body. At that time, he secretly vowed that he would make money to let his sister live a good life when he grew up.”

“Therefore, he studied hard and worked hard to strive for a good life one day.”

“However, everything changed. That year, Elsie got pregnant.”

“On a night where the moon was hung high while Elsie was en route to the nightclub, he was kidnapped by Fadison, who was lurking in the dark. Then, his older sister disappeared for half a year, and he had to drop out of school since he had no source of income.”

“In those six months, he searched for his sister like mad, but he couldn’t find her no matter what, and his eyes almost went blind from all the crying.”

“Half a year later, Elsie appeared in front of him with a pale face. By that time, Elsie was already pregnant for three months.”

“Right then, the siblings embraced each other and broke into tears.”

“Since they were still young and had no one to rely on, Elsie had no choice but to marry Fadison in the end. Soon after, she gave birth to Liya.”

“At the age of fifteen, Reid began to do odd jobs on the street. At that time, he loved Liya very much and played with her almost everyday. He even used his own hard-earned money to buy her food. Although life was hard, Elsie and Reid still lived a wonderful life for two years with Liya.”

“However, it was a pity that Fadison became addicted to gambling. After getting married, he lost the only property he had due to gambling and would beat Elsie up everyday. With no choice left, Elsie was forced to return to the nightclub, where she met Evan. After being kept as a mistress, she lived a good life for a period of time. It was not until she got pregnant and moved to Harvey Manor that the following incident happened.”

“Thus, Reid treated Liya like a treasure and doted on her.”

“Even after he joined a terrorist organization, Reid still never told Liya about his actual circumstances.”

“Right then, he definitely wouldn’t allow Liya to be unhappy. Even if it meant losing his life, he had to ensure Liya’s happiness.”

“In that current situation, he was clearly at a disadvantage. That was Calvin’s territory. In other words, even if Calvin wanted to go back on his word, Reid couldn’t do anything about it. His only request was for him to complete his wedding with Liya in front of the media. In that case, even if Liya did not register with Calvin in the future, it would not be easy for Calvin to get rid of Liya. After all, he had already held his wedding with her.”

“It could be said that Reid had bet everything in exchange for Liya’s happiness. Since things had already come to that point, there was no turning back.”

“Hence, he gritted his teeth and made up his mind. ““Fine, Calvin, I will instruct someone to bring Evan in. However, you must ensure my safety. Otherwise, I will not let you off, even when I turn into a malicious ghost.”””

“I can only guarantee that my people will not hurt you, and I will use all means to ensure your safety. But now, you must hand over Evan. He thought of Albie Williamson’s police force that was there, and he didn’t plan to take his life, to begin with. Besides, what Reid did should be judged by the law, which had nothing to do with him. He just wanted to save Evan and capture Reid alive. So, he had promised at the moment.”

“Very well. Then, go and complete your wedding with Liya right now. Once you’re done, I’ll get someone to send Evan in.”

Calvin then picked up the fishing rod in his hand again.

“Don’t worry. I’ll come to witness your wedding with Liya right now. You don’t need to be afraid if I’m in your hands, right? Reid finally compromised.”

Only then did Calvin smile and stand up.

The two came into an agreement and headed towards the stage at the same time.

Belle was standing next to Paige while constantly clenching and unclenching her fist.

“Liya was wearing a white wedding dress, and her fingers were on Fadison’s hand. With his help, she walked towards her step by step.”

“When she got closer, Belle saw that she was wearing a high cut wedding dress with the white silk cloth covering her neck all the way. A circle of gold string was wrapped around her thin and slender neck. She had good facial features, and with that layer of gold string, she looked indescribably charming and beautiful.”

Time seemed to have stopped for a few seconds.

“After Fadison helped Liya over, Calvin still did not appear.”

“Liya stood on the stage, and the place next to her was still empty.”

“She couldn’t just stand there and hold on to her father’s hand forever, right?”

“The moment she walked up on stage, she saw that Belle was standing next to Paige, looking elegant and beautiful.”

“At that moment, her heart was tumbling with jealousy.”

“That woman’s wedding cost five hundred million dollars, which attracted the attention of the whole world. Calvin even confessed his deep love for her, hugged her, and escorted her the whole time. What about her? Her wedding was so bleak and cold, and she couldn’t even see any sight of Calvin.”

“The money they spent on her wedding didn’t even cost a thousandth of Calvin’s and Belle’s wedding, right? It was so cold and cheerless to boot.”

“They were both women. So, why were the differences so big?”

It was just because she was the second wife!

“One day, she would definitely turn the tables onto them. She would stand on that gorgeous stage and conquer Harvey Manor to become the head of the household.”

She gritted her teeth and swore in secret.

“At that time, the emcees on the side were also racking their brains to think about how they should mediate the situation in the face of such an unusual wedding.”

“Hudson then stood up and took out a gift box that he had prepared beforehand. He walked over calmly and said in a dignified elder’s tone, ““Liya, thank you for marrying my son. Today, on behalf of Calvin, I will present this gift to you.”””

“As he spoke, he unhurriedly opened the gift box in his hand. The box was wrapped in red silk. As he slowly opened it, a green light emanated from the inside.”

The crowd soon fell silent.

“That move by Hudson successfully attracted everyone’s attention. Everyone was attracted by the gift in Hudson’s hands. They all wanted to see what kind of gift Hudson would prepare for the second wife. After all, the Harvey family was a prestigious family. Anything they took out in such a scenario must be extraordinarily expensive.”

“Hudson gradually opened the box and took out a green jade bracelet. Belle was standing close to him. So, she could see the bracelet. It was emerald green, and its texture was exquisite. Not only that, it was shiny and had a gentle and moist colour. From that, she could tell that it was a fine product.”

“Belle knew what it was. That should be a jade from a foreign country, which was worth a lot. However, for Harvey Group, giving Liya such a precious jade was neither too flamboyant nor cheap. Hudson must’ve spent some time thinking about that gift.”

“Since there were many treasures in Harvey Manor, it was nothing special to give a piece of precious jade like that. In recent years, the price of that kind of jade had risen a lot. Although it was expensive, it still could be used as a facade for Harvey Manor. Nonetheless, the popular nature of jade ornaments could serve as a foil to Liya’s identity as the second wife or have a deeper meaning.”

The audience below the stage fell into a hush.

Such a precious jade was worth a lot even for the famed and influential figures.

“Liya was just the second wife of a prestigious family, and any gift she got would be priceless. It seemed that it was really understandable for women to fight over getting married into a prestigious family.”

Liya’s face turned red as she felt joyful and shy at the same time.

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“Thank you, Dad, she said sweetly, took it with both hands, and bowed.”

Fadison's eyes widened as he watched from the side.

Such a treasure would be enough for him to pay for his medical expenses and living expenses for the rest of his life.

"Surely enough, Harvey Group Manor really was wealthy. He thought that if they could give his daughter several more treasures, he would have no objections, even if the groom didn't show up."

"Hudson's actions temporarily dissolved the awkwardness of Calvin not showing up. The emcee also used the opportunity to announce that the groom would only arrive after a few minutes, as he had something important to attend to."

"That way, the atmosphere of the venue calmed down. Everyone felt that such a wedding was too boring. After all, it was the wedding of a second wife. Thus, many began to concentrate less and started to talk to each other."

The atmosphere became slightly odd and depressing.

"For some reason, Belle felt an inexplicable sense of joy in her heart at that moment."

"Was Calvin not there because he went to save Evan? She wasn't sure about it, but she was worried about his safety in her heart."

"She looked around and saw that Blake was standing in a place that was not far away from her. Evidently, he was ready to protect her at any time."

She really wanted to order Blake to protect Calvin.

"Suddenly, the door behind the stage opened, and everyone turned their heads."

"Calvin's tall and slender figure passed through the back door of the stage, through layers of flower-shaped arches, and walked on the aisle towards the stage."

"He was wearing a suit and leather shoes, with a pair of bright eyes and a faint smile on his handsome face."

He calmly walked towards the stage like a noble king.

"The moment Belle saw him, she felt relieved, but in an instant, she felt disappointed once again."

"He was there to marry another woman, and he wasn't walking towards her. Right then, he was her husband as well as the husband of another woman. That feeling sent a chill down her spine."

"He still came in the end, and he even wore a charming and refreshing smile on his face."

Belle could not help but to put her hand on her stomach.

"All of a sudden, she felt so disgusted that she wanted to vomit."

"She twisted her fingers together. In order not to drive herself crazy, she pinched her fingers with all her strength."

Liya's face lit up the moment she saw Calvin.

“Calvin. Seeing that Calvin was walking towards her, Liya cried out in surprise.”

“The emcee also began to cheer up. Even the guests who were talking beneath the stage fell silent because of Calvin’s appearance, and they all shifted their gaze towards the stage.”

“As Calvin walked over, his deep gaze landed on Belle’s somewhat pale face. A trace of guilt flashed across his eyes as he quickly shifted his gaze away.”

Calvin. Liya took a step forward and reached out her hand to take his arm.

“Liya, I’m sorry to keep you waiting. He smiled as he said gently.”

“It’s okay. Liya shook her head with a smile and said considerately, ““Calvin, I know that you’re busy. It’s okay. I’ll always be waiting for you.”””

“As Liya spoke, she leaned her head against Calvin’s shoulder.”

What a lovey-dovey couple.

Someone beneath the stage spoke.

Liya’s face glowed with a red light in an instant.

“Liya, your uncle is here to see you. A rough male voice sounded from behind after Calvin arrived.”

“It was only then that the people on the stage saw that a man was following behind Calvin. The man was bald and dressed in a suit, as his two small eyes were shining with a sinister light. One could even see the arrogance that ordinary people did not have on their faces.”

“Reid and Calvin came out, one after the other, but everyone’s eyes fell on the handsome Calvin in front of him and directly ignored his existence.”

“Due to the fact that they didn’t match, it was totally a contrast between heaven and earth.”

“Reid, you’re here too. Fadison saw Reid and greeted him.”

“When Reid saw him, his face darkened, and he let out a snort from his nose.”

“Uncle, you’re here. When Liya saw Reid, she felt extra intimate, and the smile on her face became excited. He was the only family member in her life who treated her well. Reid always bought her all kinds of things she wanted. That kind of love really made her feel the value of a family member. Compared to her father, her relationship with her uncle was even stronger.”

“Liya, I’m here to witness your wedding. I want to witness my niece get married to her beloved man in person. Reid smiled amiably. He then inspected Liya and said approvingly as he nodded his head, ““Not bad. You look amazing.”””

“In an instant, Liya’s eyes were brimming with tears. She stepped forward, hugged Reid and said excitedly, ““Thank you, Uncle Reid. Thank you so much. I’m so touched.”””

“Silly girl, as long as you can be happy, anything is worth it. Reid sighed. Liya would never know that he was the one who fought for her wedding. As long as it was for her happiness, he would have no regrets.”

He could not afford to waste too much time.

“Let’s start the wedding. As he thought that, Reid turned around and said to the emcee next to him.”

“As a result, the wedding music became more exciting. In order to arouse the crowd’s emotions, the two emcees began to express dramatic words.”

“Belle tried her best to endure the negative emotions that were surging wildly in her heart, but no matter how she tried to pretend, the muscles on her face still became stiff, and a layer of dim light started to cover her eyes.”

“Calvin looked very calm, and no one could tell what he was thinking from his dark eyes. He then slowly stretched out his hand and held onto Liya’s hand as he said gently.”

“Liya, I’ve wronged you by marrying me. It’s not easy to be a daughter-in-law of the Harvey family. Take care of yourself in the future.”

“As he said that, he put one hand into the pocket of his suit and took out a delicate red gift bag with gold threads. He then placed the dark red gift bag on his palm as the gold threads shone.”

A ring. That must have been a ring!

Liya blushed as she widened her eyes.

“Calvin opened the small pouch with his pale fingers and slowly dragged out a long, heart-shaped necklace from within.”

“It was a round diamond necklace made of fine platinum. In the middle of the necklace, the large diamond was particularly eye-catching. Moreover, the cut of the diamond was very smooth, and it looked heavy when placed on Calvin’s finger. Under the stage light, it emitted a pure and shining light.”

“As Belle stood behind, the familiar scent of Calvin’s body drifted into her nostrils along with the cool breeze. Her cold gaze fell on the side of his face, which was mesmerizing and perfect.”

“That year, at their wedding on Bali Island, he also stood onstage like that. Those affectionate words he said at that time excited her so much that she teared up, and she could never forget them.”

“Nonetheless, right then, they were also standing on the stage. She was still his wife, but he was marrying another woman.”

“Such a scene, even if it was his careful arrangement, even if it was just for show, made her feel sad, and she thought that it was unforgivable.”

“She watched as Calvin unfastened the necklace before personally putting it on Liya’s neck. He then hugged her and kissed her on the forehead. After that, they held each other’s hands tightly and stood in front of her, with their backs facing her.”

Belle suddenly reached out her hand and covered her mouth. She felt very disgusted.

“Liya, from now on, you must properly act as the daughter-in-law of the Harvey family and lead a happy life. If anyone dares to bully you, feel free to tell me. I’ll help you. Reid was satisfied to see such a scene. He then laughed and told Liya loudly.”

“Liya’s face blushed red, and she said bashfully, ““Uncle Reid, don’t worry. Calvin treats me very well. He definitely won’t bear to bully me. Don’t worry.”””

“The corner of Calvin’s mouth twitched, and it seemed as if he was laughing.”

That’s good then. That’s for the best. Reid chuckled happily.

“He couldn’t bear to bully her? Such words were extremely harsh in Belle’s ears. She wanted to regard everything as air and shut off her ears, but those affectionate words were still extremely harsh to her eardrums, making her want to leave the place as soon as possible.”

“However, her legs were as if they had been nailed to the ground, and she couldn’t move her feet at all.”

“At that moment, Hudson was seated majestically. His deep and sharp eyes were unruffled, but Paige was in a bad mood from hearing those words, and she snorted.”

Even such an expensive necklace didn’t dispel Liya’s expectations.

“Where was the ring? Where was the ring? She shouted in her heart like crazy, and her eyes were looking forward to the appearance of the unique diamond ring.”

“Nevertheless, after Calvin put on the necklace for her, he didn’t make any further movements.”

“Liya’s heart slowly sank, and the expression on her face became somewhat dejected.”

“A wedding without a wedding ring, could it still be considered a wedding?”

Calvin was constantly staring at a certain spot with a heavy gaze. He finally heaved a sigh of relief when a bright circle of light lit up in that direction.

Reid’s cell phone rang.

“The wedding ceremony begins. The emcees, who were at the side, didn’t know how far the wedding had gone on. So, they had to announce as per the procedure they were told.”

“The emcees thought that maybe it was a unique wedding process. Although the emcees neither saw the bride and groom exchanging rings, nor said any oaths, they didn’t say anything against it.”

“After all, Calvin was only taking a second wife.”

There had been a huge gap between the status of the second wife and the legal wife since ancient times. It was an undisputed fact!

“Belle didn’t know how she managed to get through that moment, but she just stood motionlessly, and her legs were so sore and numb to the point that they were going to cramp.”

“Belle, please have some tea. She didn’t come back to her senses until Liya brought a cup of tea to her and called her. When she opened her eyes, she saw Calvin looking at her with guilt and deep affection.”

“She faintly parted her lips, but she couldn’t get herself to speak. She wanted to reach out, but she couldn’t raise her arm no matter how hard she tried.”

“Seeing that, Calvin picked up the teacup for her and walked to her side. He then held her cold hand with one hand and stood in front of Liya.”

“Have a cup of hot tea. He put the hot teacup to her mouth and leaned over to whisper in her ear, ““Belle, calm down. Send all the guests to the Ink Garden’s conference hall later, and never come out again.”””

“As Calvin spoke in such a soft voice, he firmly grasped her hand.”

“Belle was so shocked that she lifted her gaze to look at him. She saw that his eyes were clear and honest, but there was a trace of heaviness and anxiety in them.”

“For some reason, she agreed obediently.”

“The wedding process for marrying a second wife was simple, but it still had its procedures.”

“It was already eleven o’clock in the morning. If nothing went wrong, the guests should have been seated, as the wedding banquet was about to begin. Therefore, why did he want her to bring the guests to the Ink Garden?”

That was completely out of the norm.

“The venue of the banquet has been changed to the Ink Garden’s conference hall Calvin explained softly in her ear when he saw her puzzled eyes, as he was worried that she would not listen to him.”

“However, his voice died away.”

“Then, a loud gunshot rang out.”

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“Calvin’s muscles tensed up, and he instinctively pulled Belle into his arms.”

What was going on?

“With a scream on the stage, a muffled voice sounded as if something had fallen heavily to the ground.”

The air was dead silent for a second. It was as if a pot had exploded.

“Oh, God. Someone’s been murdered.”

Let’s run. There’s a gangster.

Blood!

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“All of a sudden, all sorts of horrible screams echoed throughout the place, and the scene soon turned chaotic.”

Aron. Calvin was the first to react as he roared anxiously.

Aron quickly jumped onto the stage.

“Mr. Harvey, someone assassinated Reid, Aron informed Calvin quickly.”

“Hudson also seemed to be stunned by the gunshot. He, who had experienced many significant events, quickly reacted and immediately ordered Lomen, who was standing next to him. ““Lomen, go and catch the murderer. We can’t let him escape.”””

“Lomen had long reacted. Without waiting for Hudson to finish speaking, he sprung off the stage and ran towards the direction of where the bullet came from.”

Hudson picked up the microphone.

“Everyone, don’t panic. A gangster has snuck into the wedding. Don’t worry. There are policemen in Harvey Manor. Nothing bad will happen. Please calm down.”

“Uncle Reid, Uncle Reid. Liya’s heart was torn apart. After the crowd fell silent for a short period of time, her piercing voice reverberated throughout the entire place.”

“Belle was in Calvin’s arms from beginning to end. She did not see the bullet tearing through Reid’s body, but when she heard Liya’s sorrowful scream, she was shocked and immediately realized what had happened. She then shivered and covered her stomach with her hands involuntarily.”

“Aron, escort Madam Paige, Madam Belle, and the guests to the Ink Garden immediately. By that time, Calvin had already understood what had happened. He then immediately ordered Aron with a calm expression. Glancing at Belle, he walked towards Reid.”

“Paige’s face had already turned pale, and her lips were trembling. She had even forgotten to shout.”

She would never have imagined that such a bloody scene would happen in Harvey Manor.

“Madam, hurry up and bring Madam Paige and the guests away from this place. Out of nowhere, Blake had already arrived at Belle’s side. While Aron was supporting the trembling Paige, he calmly reminded her.”

“When Belle heard Blake’s voice, she realized that the big event she had imagined was here.”

“After that, a strong smell of blood drifted into her nose, and she looked around.”

“On one side of the magnificent stage, Reid was covering his left chest with one hand, and scarlet blood was constantly seeping out from his fingertips. More and more blood flowed out. He then bent down and fell on the stage with his body curled up. His face was terribly pale, and his eyes were full of despair and anger.”

“Everyone, don’t worry. Quickly, go to the Ink Garden with the electric vehicles. Belle’s mind quickly calmed down. She rushed down the stage and saw several electric vehicles parked at the exit of Central Island. They were the electric vehicles Calvin had prepared to evacuate guests.”

“After a burst of panic, when they heard Belle’s calm voice as she walked towards them in a commanding manner without a trace of fear, the guests calmed down a lot. Then, all of them scrambled to get onto the electric vehicles.”

Don’t worry. Nothing will happen. We are now in the midst of catching the murderer. She comforted the guests with Aron standing closely by her side while Blake’s eagle-like eyes swept across the surroundings to pay attention to unexpected events that might occur.

“After a while, the guests evacuated one after another.”

“Madam, please go to the Ink Garden as well in case of any emergency. After Belle evacuated the guests, she did not rush back to the Ink Garden. Instead, she walked towards the stage, which made Aron anxious, and he hurriedly tried to persuade her. It was time for Belle to leave that dangerous place according to the plan.”

“Relax, I have Blake protecting me. It will be fine. Belle merely smiled faintly and continued to walk towards the middle of the stage.”

She was the host of the wedding. How could she not be present?

“Mr. Harvey, bad news. Evan was held hostage by Reid’s men, heading here, Luca shouted anxiously at Calvin on the other side of the phone.”

“According to the plan, when Evan was escorted into Harvey Group Manor, he would lead the men he had prepared in advance to surround them before the police took action. He wanted to catch the turtle in the urn before the wedding was held and save Evan quickly. Then, he could then announce to the public that the wedding was invalid. However, everything was disrupted by a gunshot.”

Luca was surprised.

This gunshot was not something they had accounted for. Calvin gave them the order to try their best to capture Reid’s men alive and rescue Evan.

“At that time, Reid was still attending the wedding. It was really not right for such a gunshot to ring out at that moment.”

What the h*ll went wrong?

“There was no time to think about it carefully. Reid’s subordinates soon learnt that Reid had been shot. They then turned hostile in an instant and didn’t want to hand Evan over anymore. Right then, they were all nervous as they realized that something big was about to happen. In order to protect themselves, they hurriedly pushed Evan in front of them and pointed a gun towards his head.”

“Don’t move. If anyone dares to move, then I’ll kill him immediately, One of Reid’s subordinates roared fiercely.”

Luca was at a loss at what to do.

“Don’t panic. Go and flank them immediately. Calvin’s face was gloomy. After glancing at the scene, his deep and stern eyes fell on Reid, and he immediately ordered Luca.”

“Warm, red liquid was constantly gushing out of Reid’s chest, and the blood quickly dyed the carpet next to him red.”

The whole atmosphere was gloomy and horrible to the extreme.

Call the family doctor over at once. Calvin approached Reid and ordered Maud loudly.

“Uncle Reid, Uncle Reid. Liya quickly pounced onto Reid’s body and cried miserably. That heart-wrenching pain made her feel like dying. Reid was the person who treated her the best in her life. How could he be shot?”

“Liya, don’t cry. I’m about to leave. In the future, you have to learn to protect yourself. Knowing that his life was about to come to an end, Reid tried to give Liya his last piece of advice while trembling.”

“No. Uncle Reid, I want you to protect me for the rest of my life, Liya cried in agony as her entire body was on the verge of collapse.”

Calvin stood with a dark expression as he fixed his gaze on Reid. His mind was spinning rapidly. Just what was going on?

Who was the one who fired the gun?

“He had been waiting for Luca to rescue Evan and capture Reid’s men alive. Then, he could start to take action. In order to buy some time, he and Hudson both prepared gifts for Liya, so that they could delay the wedding procedures. Halfway through the wedding, he finally saw the signal and learnt that Reid’s men had already brought Evan to the designated location.”

“However, something unexpected happened at that moment!”

“Calvin, you’ve betrayed your promise and turned against me. Reid pointed at Calvin with rage building in his eyes.”

“Calvin took a step forward and bent down. He lowered his head and said sincerely, ““Reid, I didn’t lie to you. My men aren’t the ones who shot you. I’ve already given the order to go after that person. Right now, the police have already surrounded Harvey Manor. You must believe that we’re all trying our best to find the murderer. We only wanted to catch you alive and had no intention of killing you.”””

“Reid’s face was distorted. Blood spewed out of his mouth, dyeing his teeth red. His mouth was then dyed in a bloody red, making him look horrifying.”

“Calvin, if it wasn’t for my niece, and if it wasn’t for her happiness’ sake, then I would’ve killed Evan a long time ago. Today, I took the initiative to send him to Harvey Manor and fell into your trap. I admit my defeat, but let me tell you, if you don’t treat Liya well in the future, then I won’t let you off even if I’m in the netherworld, he said, word for word, gritting his teeth. ”

“His words sounded tragic, and it reeked of blood, soaking into Calvin’s heart, bit by bit, as well as Belle’s, who was slowly approaching them.”

Belle’s vision began to darken.

What kind of debt was that? Was it a romantic debt or plain revenge? Why did it fall onto Calvin’s head?

“Reid, Reid. A rough and angry voice came straight from below the stage. Belle slowly turned around upon hearing that, and she saw a few vicious men holding onto Evan and coming up the stage.”

“Reid, they failed to keep their promise and killed you. We’re going to avenge you. The eyes of the man at the front were bloodshot, and he had already lost his mind.”

Don't be in such a hurry. We didn't shoot Reid. Let's have a proper discussion and save Reid's life first. Hudson clenched the rosary beads in his hand as he felt extremely pained by that bloody scene.

"Bah, who are you fooling? Who will believe you? The eyes of the man in the lead were red as he angrily rebuked, ""Right now, we are surrounded by police, and you still say that you hadn't planned this. It's obvious that you guys are behind this. We fell into your hands as soon as we entered Harvey Manor. How dare you commit such a hateful act like going back on your word?"""

Each of them raised the guns in their hands.

"Today, either you let us go, or we'll die together. The leading man pushed Evan closer to Reid step by step."

"Reid. When they saw that Reid was lying on the ground and dying, they growled angrily."

Everyone was forced to take a few steps back due to their guns.

"The black muzzle was aimed at everyone present, and the situation had become extremely dangerous."

"You have all been surrounded. Put down your guns quickly, so that you guys can have more lenient punishments. Albie Williamson, who was outside, was even more anxious. Initially, after rescuing Evan, he had planned to capture all of them alive, but the current situation had changed for the worse."

"Right then, they were holding Evan hostage. It was very likely that they would hurt everyone on the stage. After all, they all had real guns in their hands."

Who in the world was the d*mned guy who fired the shot?

Albie Williamson cursed.

"If he didn't handle the matter properly that day, blood would spill onto the grounds of Harvey Manor."

"There were a lot of lives. If he didn't handle the case well, then he would bring shame to Mr. Matthews' name, and it was very likely that he would lose his career."

Why are you still here? When Calvin turned his head and saw that Belle was still behind him. His expression immediately changed drastically.

"Belle's face was pale, and her expression was slightly blank, but her face remained calm."

There wasn't a single woman on the scene other than her and Liya.

Blake and Aron had always been by her side.

"She knew that Blake was protecting her, but she didn't know that even Aron had received Calvin's order to protect her."

"During the whole process, she got to understand Calvin's scheme."

"Surely enough, Calvin really used that wedding as a trap to save Evan."

He didn't really want to marry Liya. That was a fact.

"Calvin, it's fine. I'm not afraid. She forced a smile at Calvin."

Have you gone mad? Calvin frantically pulled Belle to the side when he saw her. “Do you really not know what danger is? How can you stay in such a place at a time like this? How do you want me to be at ease and fight with them? Why do you constantly make me worry?”

“Calvin gnashed his teeth, and the blue veins on his forehead bulged as he said that. He really wanted to give her a good beating on the spot.”

How could that d*mned woman be so calm when facing such a terrible and bloody scene? Was she not afraid of death?

“Nevertheless, Belle smiled fTristanessly and said half-jokingly, ““Calvin, since I had to host this wedding personally, it’s my obligation to stay here from the start to the end. I’m not afraid of anything. I’m just afraid that you will change your mind.”””

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“You... Calvin looked at his frail wife. Her face was still sallow and pale, but her eyes were calm and composed. So what if she wasn’t afraid of that situation? Calvin was terrified.”

He was terrified that something might happen to her.

“He looked at her with a deep gaze. When he saw her standing there just then, he felt uneasy. However, her calmness affected him. In an instant, his heart calmed down as if a new energy had been injected into him. It was a kind of energy that could only be found when he stayed with her. He then reached out and held her hand. Her hand was chilly.”

That day was one of the hottest days ever. It seemed that Belle was really scared.

“He sighed slightly and said in a soft and gentle voice, ““Belle, don’t leave me. I will definitely protect you.”””

Belle pushed his hand away in silence.

“At that time, the family doctor finally arrived.”

“After checking up frantically, the doctor said with sweat all over his head, ““Mr. Harvey, the bullet is in his left chest, and the situation is very critical. He needs to be sent to the hospital immediately for emergency treatment.”””

What do you guys think? Do you want to watch Reid die or hand Evan over and cooperate with us obediently? Calvin had no choice but to let go of Belle’s hand and take a few steps forward. He bellowed at the terrorists who were pointing at them with their pistols.

“Right then, it was their turn to hesitate.”

“After looking around for a while, one of them walked towards Reid and asked hurriedly.”

“Reid, saving you is the most important thing. Let them take you to the hospital first. Is that alright?”

“Reid panted slightly, but his voice was calm. ““There’s no need. I can’t be saved anymore. Don’t waste your energy.”””

Reid. "Uncle Reid."

His words soon drew the pained shouts of Liya and his subordinates.

There were cries and shouts all over the place.

"Reid, on the other hand, looked at Calvin."

Is that really the case? Calvin looked at the doctor.

"Mr. Harvey, to tell you the truth, the bullet shot into his left chest. Even if he's sent to the hospital for emergency treatment now, the chance of survival is still low. The doctor told the truth helplessly."

"Then, carry out some rescue measures immediately to extend his life as much as possible, Calvin quickly said."

"Someone actually had the audacity to come to Harvey Manor to fire a gunshot without him knowing. So, what did it mean? It meant that Reid knew something valuable. After thinking for a while, he squatted down."

"Reid, do you have something to tell me?"

The doctor applied direct pressure on his aorta to prevent him from bleeding and helped him put on an oxygen tube.

"Reid's breathing calmed down a little, but blood was still flowing out of his mouth."

"Reid felt cold from head to toe. Through the roof of the stage, he looked at the blue sky and white clouds in the sky with a slight smile on his face."

"Calvin, I want you to swear in front of me today that you'll treat Liya well in the future and not let her suffer any grievances. Also, three days later, you must bring Liya to register your marriage in England. Otherwise, as long as I give an order, my men will die together with you all. Since I'm going to die, I'm willing to do anything. He braced himself up and said clearly, word for word."

"After he finished speaking, he fixed his gaze on Calvin's face as if he wanted to swallow him whole."

"The whole venue was silent, and even the birds were frightened away."

"Although Reid's words were not loud, they penetrated everyone's ears, including Belle. Even Zoella and Octavia were hiding behind."

"Belle felt that the words seemed to have come from hell. With a chill, they drilled into her internal organs, making her shiver all over."

"The dark clouds began to cover the sun, and the sky darkened."

"Calvin's face was expressionless, as he clenched his fists tightly. He tried his best to control his emotions, which were on the verge of collapsing. Dark clouds were rolling in his eyes as he glanced at the black muzzle that was pointing at him with his puzzled and cold eyes."

The corners of his mouth twitched slightly as his eyes were filled with a Tristaness light.

“Reid, I’ll say it again that I didn’t cheat you as my men didn’t shoot you. If you don’t want to believe me, then there’s nothing I can do either, but I still have to tell you that I, Calvin, have always been straightforward and never liked to do such despicable things. Also, listen carefully, from the beginning to the end, I have never loved Liya. I’m a man who already has a family. So, I can’t make any promises to you. You’re obviously making it difficult for me to demand something like that.”

“Even when he was facing the threat of death, he did not choose to give in, nor did he intend to marry Liya, let alone loving her.”

“All of a sudden, Reid’s face turned pale, and his eyes blazed with angry flames.”

“Calvin, Liya has been deeply in love with you since she was young. How can you still say such things to this day? If it weren’t for Liya, Evan would have died long ago. Since you’re so ruthless today, then I will fight against you till my last breath.”

“When he said that, his chest rose and fell violently, and he spat out a large mouthful of blood.”

“Reid. Reid’s subordinate immediately cried out nervously. He then pointed his gun at Calvin’s chest and roared furiously, ““Calvin Harvey, don’t be so f*cking ungrateful. Do you want me to shoot you right now?”””

“A playful smile appeared at the corner of Calvin’s mouth. He flicked his sleeves calmly and said, ““Reid, are you sure that your men will be able to hurt me? If you’re smart, then you should cooperate with me at this time instead of struggling to death. I can guarantee your men’s safety. They faced many difficulties with you. Even if you aren’t thinking for yourself, you should think for them. Right now, the situation is that the police have surrounded this place. It’s impossible for them to escape. Unless you cooperate with me, you know the consequences. What do you think?”””

“Reid, you terrorist. You’re still struggling even when you’re on the verge of death. Don’t think that your people can threaten us. You and your men have already been surrounded, and it’s time for your death. Somehow, Sergio had already arrived at Calvin’s side. He said coldly to Reid, ““Right now, the Department of Public Security and the police have joined hands and have already surrounded the entire Harvey Manor. The encirclement is shrinking as time goes by. So, don’t even think about surviving.”””

“Sergio’s words were cold and ruthless, and his gaze looked very gloomy.”

“At that moment, Liya had already woken up from her grief. When she heard Calvin telling Reid that he had never loved her before in such a heartless and cold manner, she felt as if she was being stabbed by knives. It was also until then that she learnt of the secret trade between Reid and Calvin. She realized that the wedding was not in exchange for the evidence used to prove Belle’s innocence she got for Calvin, but it was due to her uncle’s deal instead.”

“If Reid didn’t threaten Calvin behind her back, then she would not have obtained that wedding, but Reid had fallen into Calvin’s trap at the same time.”

“That day, when that man came to tell her in a hurry that her uncle, who had been missing for almost a year, would come to her wedding, she was so excited that she even forgot her identity as the second wife at that moment.”

“When she was young, Reid, who had always been poor, would buy her all kinds of delicious food and new clothes. She vaguely knew that her uncle must have done something great as there were several times she saw a few men in black beside Reid.”

“He always came and went in a hurry. Moreover, he would always come when it was dark outside, along with all kinds of good stuff for her, and then he would look at her lovingly, but he never told her what he was doing outside.”

“In the past few years, she had occasionally heard people saying that Reid was one of the top individuals in the underworld, but she had never believed it. Nevertheless, when she heard Sergio calling Reid a terrorist just then, she knew that her uncle had joined a terrorist organization from the underworld, as others had said.”

“However, no matter what Reid’s profession was, he was still the closest family member to her in the world, and she looked up to him.”

He was her closest kin.

“With tears all over her face, she took Reid’s hand and kept crying.”

“For people like us who work in this field, it’s just a matter of time before we die. If Calvin can’t fulfil my wish today, then my brothers will definitely avenge me. Reid chuckled as he opened his mouth wide with bloody teeth. The light in his eyes was extremely evil.”

“Mr. Hudson, the one who shot Reid, has escaped from Harvey Manor, but I can confirm that he isn’t one of our men. As for who sent him here, we still have no idea. There are too many who came here today, and it’s just like finding a fish among the vast sea. After finding out that the one who shot Reid had escaped, Lomen had no choice but to rush back in a hurry.”

“Hudson just stood there silently. He did not make any noise, but his heart was in a mess.”

The current situation was perilous.

“If he wasn’t careful, then people would lose their lives. He had experienced ups and downs, the complexity of the business field, and the grievances of the human world throughout his life. Therefore, he knew that those outlaws were willing to do anything right then.”

“He wasn’t afraid of the terrorists, but the terrorists weren’t afraid of death. That wasn’t the time to confront them with emotions, nor was it a time to judge who was right or wrong. The correct thing to do right then was to suppress their emotions and solve the problem. Calvin was obviously too arrogant. He, who had always been arrogant, would never lower his head towards them, and he might not even be willing to compromise.”

“He whispered some instructions to Lomen and slowly approached Reid. He then said in a friendly manner, “Reid, I know that you love your niece. This is human nature. It is very normal. No matter what, I must thank you for risking your life to send Evan over for your loved one’s sake. Also, from that, I can see that you are a person of virtue. Similarly, Evan is my younger brother, and that’s why I’m able to understand you. Therefore, why don’t we talk about it now? Although you have men here, my side still has more people. Furthermore, Liya is still here. You can obviously judge the advantages and

disadvantages of the situation. Since you can capture Evan and threaten us, we can also catch Liya and threaten you. If we were really to fight to the death, then it's hard to say who will win.'''''

"Hudson's words were gentle and polite while his tone was sincere. Reid felt as if his life was leaving bit by bit, as he began to feel a sharp pain in his head."

He couldn't afford to delay any longer.

"Then, tell me if you agree or not. If you agree to it, then I'll immediately get my men to let Evan go. If you don't agree to it, then we'll shoot him at once. There's nothing to talk about. Reid was very straightforward."

Hudson looked at his pale face and saw that his pupils had started to dilate. Reid really did not have much time left.

"What do you think? Will you agree? Reid placed the last bit of hope on Hudson. At that moment, he still hoped that Liya would be able to achieve happiness. If something really happened, just like what Hudson had said, then Liya would probably not be able to leave unscathed. After all, they had a disadvantage in the number of people."

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"Although the expression on Hudson's face was peaceful, the glow in his eyes was getting more and more tense. If he promised Reid, then it meant that Calvin and Liya would become a real couple. He really couldn't repent for something like that as he was the head of the family."

"Reid, give up. I won't agree to it. Even if my father agrees, I won't. Calvin's face was ice-cold, but his words were even colder than his expression."

"Reid, don't waste your time talking to these people. They definitely won't promise you. Just let me avenge you. The man in the lead was extremely ferocious, and he guessed what would happen."

He then loaded his pistol and pointed at Evan's head while the other men pointed their guns at the people surrounding them.

"At that moment, Luca, who led the members of Grand Eagle, as well as Albie Williamson's police force were all quietly approaching them from behind."

"Within such a close distance, the guns of the people from both sides were pointed at their enemies."

The air was filled with the smell of gunpowder. A war was about to break out.

That kind of atmosphere would drive anyone crazy.

"Once Reid gave the order, the gunfight would start."

"Even if they were to capture Reid's men, the consequences would be..."

"I promise you. Just as Reid's eyes were filled with hopelessness, he was about to give the order."

"A crisp and gentle, as well as a simple and quiet voice spoke."

Everyone looked towards the direction of the voice.

“They waited, only to see Belle walking out from behind in a calm manner. She soon stood in front of Reid.”

It was not until that moment that she understood the real meaning behind her personally hosting that wedding.

“To protect Harvey Manor and shield everything from harm, she was responsible for protecting everyone there. Constantly thinking of the overall situation and knowing when to give in were skills she had to possess as the head of the household of Harvey Manor.”

“At that moment, it was impossible for Calvin to agree to Reid’s request.”

“In the beginning, all of that was a trap that had been set by Calvin and Hudson. So, how could he promise Reid that he would marry Liya for real? It was evident that Hudson didn’t want to agree to it either. Even if he had no choice but to agree to it, it didn’t mean that Calvin would abide by it. Therefore, it was most appropriate for her to show up at that time. After all, she was Calvin’s wife and the head of the household of Harvey Manor.”

The fact that Calvin truly loved her and that Hudson had always treated her like his own daughter was enough for her!

“Reid, on behalf of Calvin, I promise you that three days later, Calvin will go to England with Liya to register their marriage, but on the premise that you have to ask your men to release Evan and tell them to put their guns down and not harm anyone. Belle walked up to Reid and announced seriously.”

“Belle, Calvin screamed. At that point, she actually dared to walk out from behind him. Was she courting death? She even agreed to such a request by Reid. Had she gone insane?”

“Calvin, I’m just helping you marry another woman who loves you. It’s really nothing. Belle turned her head slightly over and smiled at him. At that time, the sun shone directly on her face through the roof and on her eyelashes and hair, casting her with a layer of gold light.”

Calvin’s eyes were filled with pain and worry as he looked at her intently.

“That was the most beautiful and moving Belle he had ever seen. She looked saintly and beautiful, bathing in the sunlight like that.”

“Calvin knew that Belle had shed tears many times over Liya’s matter in recent days, and he knew how painful she felt.”

“He knew everything, but in order to succeed that day and completely remove all the obstacles to make them happy, he made up his mind not to tell her the truth just because he was afraid that she would reveal something if she looked happy and put all his efforts to waste.”

“Seeing her in pain, Calvin’s heart felt a thousand times, ten thousand times more pain than hers. How could he marry a woman like Liya? It was absolutely impossible.”

“Even if he were to have a dagger placed on his neck or have a gun pointed at him, he would still not agree to it.”

He had already prepared to fight to the end.

“However, Belle stood up and promised Reid at that moment.”

Did that woman go crazy?

“Calvin had always known that Belle was a woman who took the big picture into consideration, and she would rather sacrifice herself than see others get hurt. Therefore, when she was charged with all the accusations before, he didn’t tell her and was secretly glad that he did so. Otherwise, she would definitely sacrifice herself and go to jail. That day, he even deliberately ordered Aron to take her away to keep her safe and not let her witness such a bloody scene, but she insisted on coming back. So, how could he feel at ease?”

Belle knelt down gracefully with a refreshing smile on her face.

“Reid, don’t you believe me? I’m now the head of the household of Harvey Manor. Even Calvin has to listen to me. Everything is decided once I agree to it, but can you do as I stated?”

Reid looked at her. That woman was as beautiful as a fairy but was Liya’s natural enemy. Could he believe her words?

“You know the outcome of the two sides fighting. Everyone here might even die from it, but Liya will be in the most danger because you have too few people. You don’t understand Calvin at all. He is a man full of wisdom, and all of this is under his control. The fact that you’re able to enter means that you won’t be able to leave. He has always been a person who doesn’t use despicable means. So, the person who shot you isn’t really someone from the Harvey family. You should know that before this, Sophia had set up an account to provide Liya food and shelter until she graduated college. To put it bluntly, Liya is actually someone Harvey Manor had raised. After all, as long as she can behave properly and live a peaceful life here, I won’t make things difficult for her.”

“Belle’s words were neither fast nor slow, but they were logical and reasonable, and Reid couldn’t help but to be convinced.”

“He looked at Liya and reached out his bloody hand to hold hers. He then smiled gently and said, ““Liya, promise me, no matter what, you have to live on happily. I even sacrificed my life for you. So, please don’t let me down. I will look after you in Heaven.”””

Liya’s tears fell onto Reid’s bloodied hand and then fell onto the floor along with the blood on his hand.

“Uncle Reid, don’t leave me, she cried in grief.”

“At that moment, Reid suddenly made a decision. ““Let Evan go,”” he shouted at his subordinates.”

Reid! A few men cried and shouted at the same time.

“Let him go. Put your guns down as well. Reid said with a trembling voice, ““I have something else to tell you guys.”””

“The men behind also realized that it was impossible for them to win the battle. So, after a while trying to assess the situation, they all put down the guns in their hands.”

“No, Reid, they’re the ones who killed you. I want to avenge you. I want to kill them. The men leading them glared with bloodshot eyes. He had already lost his mind and wouldn’t listen to Reid’s command. Then, he was about to pull the trigger and shoot Evan.”

“As swift as lightning, Lomen shot him from behind, and the bullet hit the back of the man’s hand with a bang. The man then cried as the gun fell to the ground. He screamed as he held his hand in pain.”

“Belle. Before the gunshot rang, Calvin took a step forward and suddenly pulled Belle into his arms at supersonic speed, and he wrapped his whole body around her tightly.”

“If those desperate outlaws were to shoot Evan for real, then they definitely wouldn’t stop with just that and would continue to fire gunshots. At that moment, Calvin only thought of Belle, the woman who was more important than his life. He wanted to protect her with his own body. Even if the bulletproof vest he was wearing might not be able to block those ruthless bullets, he could not let any harm come to the woman he loved.”

Don’t move. Kneel down with your hands on your head. Luca’s men and the policemen behind poured in and immediately took control of the situation.

Everyone felt relieved as the crisis was finally resolved.

“At that time, Hudson’s mind was clearer than anyone else. Before the police took Reid’s men away, he came to Reid and squatted down in front of him.”

“Reid, do you have anything else to tell me? He asked gently, ““When a man is near death, he speaks from his heart. You should also tell us what you know. Don’t worry, your men didn’t cause much harm today and the law will definitely give them a fair verdict. You have to have faith in me. Tell me the things you know, and I’ll do my best to take care of your men in the future.”””

“That day’s situation went completely beyond Hudson’s expectations. Since someone wanted to assassinate Reid, Reid must have known something important. He did not want to miss that chance.”

“Reid’s face turned purple as he opened his mouth. Just as he was about to say something, the oxygen tube was suddenly pulled out. Sergio’s voice then boomed from above Hudson’s head. ““Uncle Hudson, what good words does an outlaw like him have to say? He doesn’t know what he’s capable of even when he’s on the brink of death. He even threatened us and almost caused bloodshed. What a vile person.”””

“As soon as Hudson put his ears by Reid’s mouth, he heard a series of gasps, and after a while, no sound was heard anymore. When he looked up, Reid was already dead.”

Uncle Reid. “Reid.” Liya and the other men began to cry at the same time.

“Hudson stood up in shock only to see Sergio’s relaxed smile. Sergio smiled at him and said, ““Uncle Hudson, we finally got through this crisis without anything bad happening to us. Now that we’re finally safe, I can finally rest assured.”””

His expression was very relaxed and casual.

“Sergio, are you the one who pulled his oxygen tube out? Hudson’s expression changed drastically as he asked in shock.”

Sergio paused for a moment before shaking his head.

“No. He denied and then looked down. As if he suddenly understood something, he said, ““The oxygen tube should’ve fallen out by itself. After all, it was very chaotic just now, and Liya was also crying while lying on top of him.”””

“Hudson’s eyes shone brightly. When he bent down just then, the oxygen tube was still properly placed inside Reid’s nose. Would it fall off in just a split second?”

“Hudson, who had never gotten mad easily, suddenly had his chest filled with anger. However, since he was experienced and mature, he soon calmed down and didn’t show any expression, so that people couldn’t judge what he was thinking.”

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“Miss Yates, today’s wedding really is full of surprises. It was not until the police had arrested all the terrorists did Octavia, who was hiding at the side, feel relieved and muttered to Zoella.”

There was a sinister smile on Zoella’s face.

“No, someone must have disrupted the wedding from within. The outcome today shouldn’t have ended up like this, she said with a cold gaze as her voice turned chilly.”

“According to her conjecture, it was impossible for Calvin to marry Liya that day. However, the outcome was way beyond her expectations. Under Reid’s threat, Belle actually bravely stood up and agreed to let Calvin register with Liya for the sake of everyone involved.”

She clutched the footage in her hand tightly.

“The registration was way more terrifying than the wedding. Once they had registered, Liya would become stronger in no time, which Zoella was afraid of.”

“That day, she almost pressed the switch of the controller in her hand to play that video, but after thinking about it a few more times, she hesitated. Then, what happened next was above her expectations. It made her feel uncomfortable, and she couldn’t find a better opportunity anymore.”

It was hard for her to describe how she felt about such an ending.

“She had never known that Liya had an uncle, Reid, who loved her so much and was also a terrorist. That both shocked and scared her. She was shocked that she actually dared to frame Liya without even knowing her whole background. If Reid didn’t die that day, and if Liya really wanted to take revenge on her, then she would’ve definitely died a miserable death. What was scarier was that although Reid was dead, he still managed to let Belle agree to let Calvin and Liya register in England, which was very different from her plan.”

“Miss Yates, do you think that Calvin and Liya will really go to England to register their marriage in three days? Octavia was very curious about that. She blinked her smart eyes and asked carefully.”

“The corners of Zoella’s small, cherry-like mouth curled up slightly as she showed an enigmatic smile.”

She didn’t answer her directly.

“Octavia, let’s leave first and see what happens next.”

“In fact, she also couldn’t confirm how things would develop from then on, but she was confident that Calvin wouldn’t register with Liya. After all, it was Calvin who had to marry Liya in the end, not Belle. So, what was the use of Belle’s promise?”

“If Belle really could order Calvin around and decided on big decisions, then the situation that day would not happen at all. Hence, Zoella only said those few words softly and left with Octavia.”

“After the police contained the scene, Belle breathed a sigh of relief, held her forehead, and wiped the fine beads of sweat that appeared due to being scared and nervous.”

“Follow me. Before her heart could settle down, a big pair of hands reached out to grab her arm and lifted her up like he was holding a chick. Then, he walked towards the exit of the Central Island.”

“Belle lifted her head, only to see that Calvin’s gloomy face had appeared in front of her.”

“What are you doing? It hurts. Belle felt uncomfortable being carried by Calvin like that. At that moment, she could feel anger radiating from Calvin’s body, and she couldn’t help but to cry out loud.”

“Calvin carried her with one hand, and his face was as black as charcoal. With his thin lips pursed together, he emitted scorching flame from his body.”

“Belle felt as if Calvin’s body was covered with burning gasoline right then. If she threw a lit match on him, they would be burned to ashes.”

“Hey, don’t be so ungrateful. I helped you marry a mistress and enriched your s*x life. What right do you have to boss me around and ignore me? What do you take me for? Belle also became angry, and she kept shouting.”

“What the h*ll was that? As the first wife, she took the initiative to help him solve the crisis, marry a mistress, and personally hosted their wedding. Was there anyone more miserable than her in the world?”

“However, right then, he didn’t take her feelings into account at all and looked furious, as if he had been forced to become a prostitute instead. Where was justice? How could she stand that?”

Calvin didn’t say a word. He just reached out his hand and picked her up as he walked towards the electric vehicle.

Belle heard his heart was pounding violently in his arms.

“She then lifted her head to look at him, but he was expressionless, and it seemed like he was planning to say something.”

“D*mn, what the h*ll was that?”

Shouldn’t she be the one who was angry?

“At that moment, the anger she had endured for so many days was beginning to surge up in her heart.”

“F*ck, he didn’t even tell her anything, and he still acted like that in front of her!”

“As soon as the electric vehicle stopped, she slipped out of his arms and walked towards the Fragrance Garden’s living room alone.”

“At that time, Calvin did not bother her anymore. Instead, he lowered his head and followed behind her silently.”

Belle walked briskly to the second floor.

“Bang! As soon as Belle reached her bedroom on the second floor, she closed the door without mercy. Then, she gently locked the door from inside.”

“Hey, Belle, what the h*ll is this? In an instant, Calvin was shut outside the door and was snubbed.”

“After walking into the room, Belle sat down on the couch. She then walked towards the bathroom after catching a breath. She didn’t pay attention to Calvin’s yells outside at all.”

Was he still angry? Shouldn’t she be the one who was angry?

Calvin was too spoiled.

“Belle washed up in the bathroom and wiped off her lipstick. After she removed her makeup, she saw that her face was sallow and devoid of energy. She touched her belly and remembered what she had promised Reid that day, making her feel a sudden pain in her heart.”

“She suddenly recalled Reid’s body that was covered in blood, his bleeding mouth, and his glazed fish-like eyes. Then, the bloody stench attacked her nostrils like a devil’s claw, filling her up with that smell that caused spasms in her stomach. She slumped on the sink and began to vomit until she felt weak and dizzy, with cold sweat all over her forehead.”

“Belle, what’s wrong with you? While Belle put her hands on the sink and slowly held herself up, she suddenly felt a powerful arm carrying her as she heard his concerned and anxious voice.”

She lifted her head in surprise and saw the worry and concern in Calvin’s eyes. He was holding her in his arms with deep pity on his face.

She closed her eyes and let Calvin carry her to the bed.

“How did you get in here? Belle questioned angrily while lying on the bed powerlessly. Then, she fiercely said, ““Get out of here.”””

“Calvin lowered his head and showed a sly smile. After their previous clashes, he had long prepared for such a situation by creating a master key. Moreover, he was the one who sent someone to change that door’s locks. So, how could Belle stop him?”

“Belle, tell me. What was the result of the test that day? he asked in a deep voice.”

“D*mn, he only remembered to ask her right then!”

“Nothing much. It’s better for me to die, so that I won’t get angry. She felt extremely uncomfortable. So, she turned around and said coldly, ““I don’t need your care. Get out of here.”””

“This is also my room. Where can I go? He smiled softly, leaned over, and gently touched her belly with his big palm. He then put his lips close to her ear and asked in a very moving and gentle voice, ““Honey, are you pregnant again?””

“Belle’s expression changed as she heard that. She opened her eyes and asked in surprise, ““How did you know that?””

The smile on Calvin’s lips deepened when he heard that.

“My wife is pregnant. As a husband, how can I not know? he answered with a bright smile.”

“Hearing that, Belle’s face became even gloomier. That guy must have called the hospital secretly to ask, but so what? Even though he knew that she was pregnant, after so many days, he never even asked about her wellbeing nor called her. What was the meaning of that? Plus, just then, his face was still very gloomy, as if she owed him a debt.”

“If that could be tolerated, then what couldn’t? Belle couldn’t tolerate it anymore”

“She turned over, sat up, and gave him a hard push.”

“Calvin wasn’t prepared for it. So, he was pushed back a few steps by her.”

“Get lost. I don’t want to see you. Belle’s eyes reddened. She then gritted her teeth, picked up the pillow on the bed, and threw it at him.”

She threw the pillows at him one after another!

“Calvin steadied himself, picked up the pillows that she had thrown one by one, and placed them back onto the bed. After that, he approached her, sat beside her, and reached out to pick her up by her waist.”

“Belle was enraged. So, she bit him hard on the arm. She didn’t loosen her bite until she was sure that he felt the pain. In fact, she couldn’t bear to bite him until he bled.”

“Honey, I know that you’ve been wronged during this period of time. Today, I’m here to apologize to you and fulfil my promise. From today onwards, I will put everything aside and bring you and Jerry out. Calvin’s voice was gentle and considerate. ““I know that you feel very unwell during this period of time. I didn’t discuss some things with you, and I even kept them a secret from you, but I did so to ensure today’s success, to ensure our family’s happiness in the future, and to ensure that I will be able to solve the Harvey Group’s crisis and save Evan. I’m the head of the family. So, I had no choice.””

“Speaking of that, he gave a slight sigh and hugged her even tighter.”

“He was furious just then as not only did Belle not follow his arrangements and remained at such a dangerous place, she even promised Reid on his behalf that he would register with Liya!”

That woman’s mind must’ve gone dumb.

How could she be so generous?

Do you feel better now? Calvin held Belle tightly and asked in a distressed manner.

Belle pouted and ignored him.

“Belle, we’re having a baby again. This time, I will definitely give you and the child the best nutrition and the best care. I won’t let you suffer like the last time. Happily, he held her in his arms and did not allow her to resist as he spoke affectionately.”

Belle looked up at him.

“His eyes were bright, and his face was flushed with happiness.”

“For a moment, she became really confused.”

“Belle, this time, after our child is born, I will hold a huge party for the child to make Harvey Manor livelier. I will definitely make you guys the happiest woman and child in the world, just because you guys are my wife and my child. He continued to hold her while saying that, as if he looked forward to the future, with his words sweeter than honey.”

Belle felt even dizzier.

“If it weren’t for Liya, if those things hadn’t happened, then she would have been so excited and happy that she would cry when she heard such sweet words. However, right then, she didn’t have any reason to be happy.”

“Then, what about Liya? What are you going to do about her? She lifted her head and looked at him with cold eyes while saying sharp words, “”During this period of time, you kept everything in the dark and were not willing to tell me anything. Am I really that unimportant to you?”””

There were tears brimming in her eyes. Calvin could see traces of sadness and grievance from them.

Calvin was stunned. He had actually forgotten that there was still someone called Liya.

“Nevertheless, he soon broke into laughter and pinched her nose with his hand.”

“It seems that you get jealous quite easily. Well, that’s good. It shows that you care about me.”

“No matter how Belle listened to what he had said, she could feel a sense of pride and delight in his tone.”

Is it fun to make fun of me? Belle rolled her eyes and slapped his hand away.

“It’s actually not fun. I feel distressed whenever I see you looking upset. Calvin gritted his teeth and smiled. He then suddenly kissed her Tristanobe, and gradually, his breathing became rapid.”

“Hey... Belle quickly noticed something, but she was stopped by his hot lips as soon as she opened her mouth. His tongue easily reached into her mouth, plundering everything inside it.”

Belle’s breathing became rapid in an instant.

“Calvin’s large hands caressed her belly as he kissed her. His hands were as gentle as the spring breeze, carrying along a strong sense of love.”

“Knowing that she was pregnant, he did not do much. After a while, he left her lips and buried his head in her hair.”

“Belle, the media in A City will soon report the news of today’s wedding, and it will clear everything up. I have already personally explained that the wedding is just a gimmick to defeat the terrorists and save Evan, Calvin said, word for word, in Belle’s ears.”

“As soon as he said that, Belle instantly understood his intentions and his entire plan.”

It turned out that he had such a thorough plan.

The wedding was indeed just a gimmick.

Chapter 558

You silly woman. You’re the one I love. Why should I marry Liya? He softly chuckled next to her ear with a hint of seduction in his voice.

“Belle’s slightly sallow face was flushed as he kissed her and looked adorable, but she still informed him very seriously. “”But, I’ve promised Reid that three days later, you’ll bring Liya for the registration.”””

Calvin’s expression turned cold as he gave a disdainful smile.

Who asked you to do so? That’s what you promised. It’s none of my business.

Belle’s eyes widened.

“Remember, I’m the head of the family, and I’m in charge of the family affairs. You shouldn’t be the one making decisions for such a serious matter. Calvin warned as he pinched her delicate little nose, with his expression slightly serious.”

“Belle looked at him with sparkling eyes, and they were like the glistening water of a clear river.”

She was well aware of how overbearing he could be.

“However, this was the only time she was deeply moved and comforted by him.”

“Do you know why I was angry at first? It’s because you made your own decision without seeking my opinion. You disregarded your happiness and safety, and only thought of others’ interests. There won’t be a next time. However, I’ll let it slide this time as you’re pregnant. Remember, there’s no other woman except you in this world whom I’m determined to be married to. You’re the only woman I want to cherish for the rest of my life. Do you get it, my silly woman? Calvin’s gaze was attracted by her bright, glistening eyes, as he brushed her little nose tenderly with ultimate affection.”

“Belle instantly blushed, and sweetness welled up in her heart.”

“One had to say, these words of flattery were not only pleasant to the ear but very moving as well.”

“But I’ve already promised Reid. If we don’t do it, will it be... Belle questioned without much confidence.”

“Calvin snorted and replied disdainfully, “”What promise? I made it very clear that I’ll definitely not marry Liya. Everyone at the scene heard me. Furthermore, the wedding was not completed, and I did not register the marriage with her at all. Those were all merely acting. Even if I had used her to capture Reid and rescue Evan, our Harvey family has already given her two pieces of priceless jewelry as

compensation. This is a fact. I'm a businessman, and I'm known to be scheming. I couldn't care less about how the outsiders would comment about me. Moreover, I didn't promise anything. So, how can I fulfil it?"

It seemed that his words were true.

"Liya had been threatening him from the beginning, and he had never promised Reid anything as well."

Only then did Calvin's heart finally calm down.

"Evan had been successfully rescued, and the evidence that was used to frame Belle had been obtained. The initial purpose of this arrangement could be said to have been reached. Although there were unforeseen circumstances, it was still considerably manageable for him."

"Then, what about the charges Zoella had against the Harvey Group? Belle felt more confident after listening to Calvin's words, and as long as he wouldn't marry the seductress, Liya, she would be content. However, she still couldn't help but to ask about it anxiously."

Calvin laughed out loud.

"Silly woman, you're underestimating your husband. Don't you know who I am? As the president of the Richard Groups, why should I be afraid of that woman? Those accusations were all made up by Zoella, in an attempt to frame our company. Don't worry about it. In three days, I'll get rid of her company from A City. Since she is so conniving, I'll make her lose more than what she'll gain, and she'll suffer from a more terrible fate than her father."

"When Calvin said this, there was a terrifying and vicious light in his eyes. Previously, he didn't dare retaliate, as Zoella threatened him and held onto his weakness. As he was worried that Belle would get hurt, he endured the humiliation and allowed her to stir up trouble."

"Now that Zoella couldn't use his weakness against him anymore, there was no need for him to continue resisting her!"

Just a simple order or gesture from him could kick the insignificant Sky Sword Group out of A City.

"Belle, it's my fault that I didn't notice her scheme. Otherwise, you wouldn't have suffered so much. Nevertheless, please rest assured that it won't happen again. Calvin murmured to himself, as it was obvious from his eyes that he felt guilty about it."

"I'm really sorry for making you feel wronged all this while. In order to carry out the plan smoothly, I left you in the dark. Please, don't take it to heart, as I did it all for your own sake. He stroked her face and uttered in a low and mellow voice."

"Up to this point, Belle was still unaware that Zoella had framed her. It would be better if she knew nothing about it, as the accusation had already been dismissed. As such, Belle could live happily without worry. She might feel miserable if she knew more."

"Honey, have a good rest. I'll bring you and Jerry to the Seaside Resort tomorrow, and we can enjoy ourselves for the next few days. Calvin whispered in her ear and let her go. He gently helped her onto the bed and added, "I still have something to deal with outside. I'll return for dinner later."

“As he spoke, he strode out.”

Belle pursed her red lips and watched as he walked away.

“When his stalwart figure reached the door, he turned around and gave her a big smile.”

They looked at each other and smiled knowingly.

“Aron, did you find any evidence of Zoella wanting to push Belle into the water at the last banquet? In the office, Calvin could not afford to be careless even for a moment. He quickly summoned Aron and Luca to question them.”

“According to his intuition, if he simply drove Zoella out of A City, she would definitely not let it go. The Harvey Group’s charges had yet to be cleared, and the accusation had been going on for too long. He was already impatient.”

“Mr. Harvey, there’s no concrete proof of that incident. Unless she admits it, it’ll be difficult to find evidence. Aron shook his head helplessly.”

Where’s Yaris? Are we still unable to locate him? Calvin’s expression was extremely unsightly.

“Mr. Harvey, our people discovered that Zoella arranged for Yaris to live in a small city in Morocco. She must have utilized Matteo Jones’ connection, and Yaris won’t be allowed to return for the time being. Nonetheless, we have also found out that Yaris is the only son in his family. His parents are old, especially his mother, who is in the advanced stages of stomach cancer. She is currently warded in A City’s government hospital. Yaris and his mother are very close. He should visit his mother soon, and the day of his return is just around the corner, Luca quickly answered.”

“The government hospital? Calvin’s eyes narrowed, and a scornful smile appeared at the corner of his mouth.”

“Mr. Harvey, please rest assured. Our people are closely monitoring Yaris’ mother 24 hours a day. As soon as he appears in the hospital, we will arrest him immediately. Luca continued to report.”

Calvin nodded in satisfaction.

“How about this, Aron? Follow me to Capital City in three days. He tapped the table lightly with his fingers and spat out these words from his thin red lips. His sword-like eyebrows were furrowed into a tight line.”

“Pressed by the current situation, he had to take action soon. The following battles would be most thrilling. Now that he had no restrictions, he would not hesitate to act against them anymore.”

“The sea breeze was blowing, and the waves were surging.”

The villa they booked at the Seaside Resort in L City was built overlooking the sea. The place was rather imposing. The smell of seawater and the fresh night breeze drifted in through the window from time to time.

“Inside the lavishly decorated living room, Jerry was happily rolling about on the floor, playing with his beloved toy car.”

Belle was personally cooking some dishes and stewing soup in the kitchen.

“Calvin stayed by her side like a lackey. In fact, he was clumsy and couldn’t be of much help at all. Sometimes, his attempt to help Belle made the situation worse. She didn’t know whether to laugh or to cry.”

“Belle wanted to dismiss him from the kitchen, but he argued that she should not cook since she was pregnant. He wanted to take them out for a meal.”

“However, it has been a long time since he and Jerry had eaten the dishes she cooked.”

“In her opinion, the food sold outside was unhygienic. So, Belle showed an incredible display of motherly love and insisted on cooking by herself. In fact, such a chore was really nothing to her.”

“Hence, not only was Calvin beside her when she went grocery shopping or cooked, but he even accompanied her when she was at the toilet, as he was afraid that she would be tired. It was rare for Jerry to see his parents being so intimate with each other. So, he behaved sensibly and did not bother them as he enjoyed himself in the living room. The family of three was happy and harmonious.”

“Dinner was served, and the three of them sat around the table, talking joyfully. This was the first time they had gotten together and eaten happily ever since the incident at the Harvey Group.”

The news was playing on the large HDTV screen in the living room.

“It turned out that the gunshot at Harvey Manor yesterday came from the police who shot down terrorists. The police joined forces with the resident of the Harvey Group, Mr. Calvin Harvey, to stage a fake wedding. They successfully lured out Liya Luther’s uncle, Reid Anson, and his gang. With this staged wedding, they managed to wipe out the terrorists that had committed many heinous crimes. Mr. Harvey announced that the wedding with Liya was annulled, as they did not register their marriage, and it was only held as bait. The widely spread rumor that Mr. Harvey is taking a second wife has now been debunked. Through this, we can’t help but to admire Mr. and Mrs. Harvey’ flawless performance for such a scene, successfully wiping out terrorists and eliminating harm, for the people.”

“The news on the TV was very detailed, and they were certain that such news would bring clarity to those who watched it.”

“On the other hand, the series of reports in A City’s evening newspaper were also very detailed. Some parts even vividly described how Belle pretended to agree to Reid’s request.”

“After dinner, Belle snuggled up to Calvin on the couch. Jerry was already fast asleep at the side.”

“Belle’s heart was beating wildly. Although she was in Calvin’s warm embrace and was well aware that he was her trusted support system, she still felt very uneasy.”

“Whether it was the TV news or the newspapers, they were all reporting the fake marriage. All of them regarded it as Calvin’s elaborate plan, but there were two parts that couldn’t be ignored.”

“The first was that Calvin did not send the gunman who shot Reid. As for who it was, it was still unclear. The second was that Belle had negotiated with Reid with sincerity at that time. She neither knew of Calvin’s plan, nor was she pretending to agree to Reid’s request.”

“It made her uneasy, as there was no one who could testify to both these two parts, and there was no way to explain them.”

“Even so, it was rare for the three of them to have so much free time and to be able to relax at the resort. They had really enjoyed themselves these three days.”

“Although Calvin had kept them company in the past three days, everything in the Harvey Group was undergoing qualitative changes.”

Chapter 559

Calvin had long since made detailed arrangements.

A reshuffle was taking place in the market.

“It turned out that the Harvey Group’s businesses that had been seized by Zoella were swiftly won back by the Harvey Group. Moreover, they had launched a new round of attacks against the Sky Sword Group.”

“As a result, the newly listed Sky Sword Group was severely afflicted by the Harvey Group, until it was left shaken, and was on the verge of collapsing with its shares index dropping. If there were no new resources put in, it could only be bought over or reorganized.”

“The market was cruel, and there could only be one winner. What was more, Zoella offended Calvin of the Harvey Group, who was ruthless. For the first time, Zoella could feel how obliterated to the ground.”

Everything seemed to have returned to square one.

“Only the latest ‘online shopping mode’ she created was barely holding on. Fortunately, she had relied on the ‘Miss Universe’ beauty pageant to push the Sky Sword Group’s online shopping feature towards global attention. Hence, the company was able to hang on. In terms of its financial situation, it had been utterly defeated. The moment Zoella announced the company’s bankruptcy, she would have to move the company back to C City.”

“Miss Yates, don’t worry. Let’s take it slow. Although we have temporarily failed, we still have our chances in the future. Octavia had been by Zoella’s side all the time, comforting her.”

“Calvin was indeed a business prodigy, and his skills were really peculiar. With no one holding onto his weakness and threatening him in the last three days, it was rumored that he was with Belle and their child at the Seaside Resort for a holiday. Yet, he still almost managed to destroy the Sky Sword Group.”

“Zoella leaned against the back of the couch, as she stroked the scattered black hair in front of her forehead with her delicate hand. There was starlight shining in her cold eyes.”

“Being suppressed by the Harvey Group, she had to retreat in defeat, but she was not as beaten down as she had imagined. Even though the light in her eyes was dim, the expression on her face was still quite calm.”

“Octavia, thank you for being with me all the way. I can count on you to be there through thick or thin. She lifted her delicate eyebrows and expressed her gratitude softly.”

“Miss Yates, it’s my honor to be appreciated and valued by you. Without any hesitation, I’m willing to go through any difficulty and challenge for you. Hearing this, Octavia hurriedly expressed her loyalty.”

Thank you. I’ll give you an important position in the future. Zoella was also very grateful to have such a loyal person standing by her side.

“Octavia’s face blushed, and she replied sincerely, ““Miss Yates, I used to be an insignificant figure in a small company. I’ve learnt many business experiences and skills from you in these years, and you trusted me so much. I really have no regrets.”””

“Excellent, Octavia. As long as you continue following me in the future, I’ll never mistreat you when I stand firm one day. Zoella shifted her gaze to the mango tree outside the window and asked, ““Where’s Liya now? How’s she?”””

“Thank you for your trust, Miss Yates. Octavia’s face was all smiles. She bowed and carefully uttered, ““Miss Yates, Calvin has announced that the wedding’s just a show. I don’t think Liya has the guts to stay any longer. She left Harvey Manor and concentrated on preparing for her Uncle Reid’s funeral. Yesterday, our people saw her at the cemetery. Her eyes were dull, her gaze was desolate, and her face was pale. She had long lost her glory.”” ”

“When Octavia said this, there was a hint of delight in her eyes.”

“What about Oscar, that stupid pig? How has he been during this period of time? At the thought of that nightmare, Oscar, anger surfaced in Zoella’s eyes.”

“Miss Yates, after Old Master Jones called Oscar back, he received a good scolding. It was said that several women came looking for him at his manor. So, Old Master Jones was furious and punished him by ordering him to ponder over his misdeeds. He should not be allowed to leave these days. Thinking of Oscar’s lecherous appearance, Octavia was overjoyed.”

“Hmm. Well done. Zoella nodded her head. Upon knowing that Liya was going to hold a wedding with Calvin, Oscar did not have the courage to fight against Calvin. Without Liya as her replacement, Zoella was afraid that she would be further ruined by Oscar. So, she came up with that idea.”

“Surely enough, Oscar had just been dealt with by Matteo. He would not be leaving his house for the next few days.”

“Octavia, we can’t afford to offend Matteo now. We must make use of him. So, we can’t deal with Oscar for the time being. We can only keep him aside and utilize him when the time comes. Zoella’s gaze showed pain and bewilderment as she mumbled to herself.”

“Octavia understood what she meant and nodded in agreement. Even though she saw that Zoella was slightly downcast, she could not think of anything to comfort her.”

Where’s Sergio? Zoella asked again.

“Miss Yates, Sergio has been back in Capital City for several days now after Calvin’s wedding. I wonder if he’ll come back? Octavia could not track Sergio’s movements in Capital City. She could only figure out his actions in A City.”

Sergio Xanthe.

“A sinister smile began to appear on Zoella’s face. That man was brave and resourceful. It was right for him to stop her that day. As expected, Calvin began to use his powerful means when she was no longer a threat to him and defeated her in an instant. What right did she have to fight with him?”

“At present, Liya could still be regarded as a pawn.”

“If she was not mistaken, Liya should be hating Calvin to the core right now.”

“Calvin had used her. Her beloved uncle, Reid, had died at Harvey Manor, and it was during her wedding. She understood the pain of losing a loved one very well.”

“Liya would never let the matter slide. For now, she was still immersed in grief and hadn’t yet armed herself. Zoella had reason to believe that Liya would cause more trouble to Harvey Manor once again.”

“Octavia, don’t worry. Sergio will definitely return, and he will become even more terrifying. Zoella suddenly laughed out loud in pleasure. ““The charges against the Harvey Group have not been dismissed. How can he, Sergio, let it go just like that? Besides, the crucial moment for Yadriel’s election is coming up.”””

Octavia was stunned for a moment before she understood everything and laughed along with her.

“Since we can’t destroy Calvin in terms of strength, then let’s watch from the sidelines as they fight and reap the benefits after. Zoella’s smile was creepy, whereas Octavia could roughly figure out what she said.”

Time flew as they were having fun.

“Belle and Calvin lovingly spent three days in the Seaside Resort’s villa, enjoying their vacation. On the evening of the third day, the phone rang.”

“Calvin picked up the phone, and Hudson’s serious voice came from the other end of the line.”

“Calvin, your grandmother is on her deathbed. Hurry up, bring Belle and Jerry back. Hudson’s voice was calm, but it couldn’t conceal his anxiety.”

Grandma!

Calvin instantly scrambled from the bed as his expression changed drastically.

“In this period of time, in order to save Evan, he did not visit Sophia everyday as he used to. When he heard what Hudson had said, a trace of pain and guilt surged in his heart.”

“Alright, Dad. We’ll be right back.”

He hung up the phone as he spoke.

“Calvin, what’s wrong? When Belle noticed that Calvin seemed to become an entirely different person after picking up the call, she was anxious and immediately asked.”

“Belle, Grandma is dying. We must go back immediately. Calvin spoke in a hurried and rapid tone. As he spoke, he had already started packing up his things. While he was doing that in a hurry, he called Aron and ordered him to drive the car over to the seaside to pick them up.”

“Belle knew how important Sophia was to Calvin as she rarely saw him so flustered. Right then, she quietly packed her things up.”

The family of three boarded the cruise ship and returned to Harvey Manor that night.

“The night at Harvey Manor was dark, and there weren’t even any stars. It seemed as if it was going to rain the next day.”

In the hall of the Ink Garden.

“Hudson’s whole family, Evan and his second wife, as well as Old Master Harvey’s two sons-in-law and children, were all present. Even Rosa was present.”

“When Calvin walked in with Belle, Hudson was having a conversation with the doctor, Cadrez.”

“Mr. Hudson, to be honest, Old Madam has fainted several times in recent days, and she has not been eating much. If there’s no incident, then she will only have three days left. It’s time to prepare for the funeral. Although Cadrez’s words were somewhat heavy, he had to tell the truth.”

The faces of everyone in the hall turned gloomy as they felt sorrowful.

“Is there any other medication that can be used? Please do your best. Hudson’s heart was heavy, as he nodded solemnly while asking.”

“Mr. Hudson, all the drugs used by Old Madam are imported and most advanced. Many state-of-the-art hospitals in the country can’t even get hold of those drugs. Our team of experts is also on duty round the clock. Therefore, we have tried our best. With Old Madam’s condition, it is commendable to have been delayed until now, Cadrez explained in a serious manner.”

“With that said, everyone could understand that Old Madam was already in her advanced years, and even miracles couldn’t save her.”

The two daughters began to cry when they heard the doctor’s words.

“Hudson and Evan discussed for a while. In the end, Hudson issued the final announcement with a heavy heart.”

“From today onwards, all of the descendants will have to live in the Ink Garden and prepare for the vigil.”

Everyone understood that it was time to pay their final respects.

“Belle couldn’t look too overwhelmed with sadness. She immediately notified Maud to begin tidying up the guest rooms in Ink Garden, as she was the head of the household. So, she had to be clear-headed.”

“Quick, tell Martin to hurry back. Hudson immediately instructed Belle when he thought of Martin.”

“Alright, Dad. Belle instantly dialed a foreign number.”

Martin set off as soon as he received the call.

“The Ink Garden was crowded. Half of the manor’s servants were transferred over. Belle knew that from that day onwards, the Ink Garden would be busy until Sophia’s funeral. However, she did not know how long they would be busy.”

“Belle, let me help you. As soon as Belle sat down in the office of the Ink Garden, Rosa came over.”

“Rosa, thank you for looking out for the Harvey Group these days. Calvin was busy with the wedding, and we couldn’t have attended to the company’s affairs without you, Belle held Rosa’s hand and thanked her sincerely.”

“Belle, don’t mention it. I didn’t have anything else to do either. I just regard it as a summer job. What’s more, I gained a lot of knowledge while working at Harvey Manor, especially the recent days when we taught Sky Sword Group and Zoella a lesson. It felt amazing. Now I know that Calvin is powerful. Rosa commented earnestly, ““I also learnt some dirty tricks to deal with people.”””

“Belle wanted to laugh when she heard Rosa’s words, but she couldn’t.”

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“However, Belle, I didn’t attend the wedding of Calvin and that disgusting woman, Liya. I heard that the scene was terrible. I really wanted to know why you personally hosted a wedding for them. What if it turns out to be true? Moreover, did you know that it was just a set up all this while, which was why you were not worried about it at all? Rosa sat opposite Belle. She leaned on the table and asked with her cheeks puffed.”

“Rosa was really curious about Belle’s thoughts. According to her observation, Belle loved Calvin a lot. So, what was she thinking when she wanted to host the wedding personally for Calvin and Liya?”

“What was she thinking? Belle stared at the Boston Ivy’s green leaves that had already crept over the window, and a trace of pain flashed across her eyes. She could only say that other than pain, her heart was also aching.”

“Nevertheless, she later understood that she had always been unwilling to believe that Calvin would betRhys her and followed her own intuitions all along.”

It finally proved that her belief was right.

“Rosa, you should ask me this question again after you have fallen in love with a man. I’ll give you the answer then, she replied melodiously, showing her pTristany white teeth.”

Rosa listened and seemed to be lost in thought.

“Would a woman unconditionally forgive a man when she really loved him, even when she was hurt or betRhysed?”

Rosa was deep in thought.

“Mom, Dad, I want to tell you a piece of good news today. Calvin invited Hudson and Paige out alone in the lounge and announced in high spirits, ““Belle is pregnant.”””

“The news was like extraordinarily bright fireworks in the dark sky, lighting up all the darkness in the room.”

“Is it true? After a moment of stupefaction, Paige asked in surprise as her eyes widened.”

“Hudson was stunned for a moment and immediately understood. His eyes instantly surged with joy, and even his face was cast with a layer of light. However, the solemn expression on his face didn’t relax for even a moment.”

“It’s no wonder Belle is not energetic these days. She has no appetite to eat, and her complexion is not that great either. It turns out that she’s pregnant. I should have thought of this earlier, Paige uttered with a sudden realization, and there was a hint of regret in her voice.”

“Therefore, as a mother-in-law, you should take good care of Belle during this period of time and pay more attention to her health. Mother’s condition is dire right now, and she might leave us anytime. There will be a lot of things to do when she does. You have to help Belle more. She’s the head of the household, and she has to shoulder a lot of burdens. Hudson thought of the complicated situation they were in at that moment, and started to remind Paige in a solemn manner.”

“Of course, I know that. On the other hand, why won’t you both let us know in advance? By keeping the pregnancy in the dark, Belle must have felt distressed all this time. Paige snorted and commented discontentedly.”

“Mom, there’s nothing we can do about it. Don’t worry. Such a thing will never happen again. Calvin thought of the pain on Belle’s face and felt a wave of sadness and guilt in his heart. ”

“How about this, Paige? You can go outside first and help Belle out. Ask her to rest earlier. I still have something to say to Calvin. Hudson gave a gentle order to Paige.”

Paige’s face darkened as she pouted. “Both of you have been trying to send me away all day long. You guys have been acting so secretively all this while.”

“Even though she was complaining, Paige still walked out knowingly.”

“Calvin, the current situation is far from being settled, and it has turned even more complicated. You do understand this, right? After Paige left, Hudson lowered his voice and whispered. His expression was solemn and grave, and his mood was heavy.”

“Calvin’s face turned slightly pale, and his heart skipped a beat.”

“Those who killed Reid must have been sent by Yadriel. Reid must have known some of their illegal dealings. So, Yadriel took the opportunity to kill them. Hudson thought of the last moments of Reid’s life, and then his nasal cannula suddenly fell off. At that time, Hudson just wanted to ask Reid about what he knew.”